



Mission: The NKC's mission is to improve the health and well-being of newborns with or at risk for kidney disease through multidisciplinary collaborative research, advocacy, and education.

Proposed Study Title:	
Reviewer Name:	

Study Protocol Evaluation Matrix

Please return this evaluation within 10 days of receipt ; Scoring scheme: 1= excellent 5= poor/unacceptable

1. Are the **hypothesis** and **specific aims** clearly stated? Do the investigators **clearly define their question**?

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

2. Is the **background** information relevant, up to date, and sufficient to justify the proposal?

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

3. If appropriate, are the **preliminary data** supportive of the proposal?

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

4. Is this proposal **feasible**? Is the sample size estimated to be adequate to answer the question? Are there sufficient subject data available for analysis within the PENuT/REPaired study?

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

5. Are the **methods** clear and are they **appropriate to test the hypothesis** proposed?

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

6. After **statistical analysis plan** is developed, please rate the overall methods and analysis plan.

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

7. Are the proposed **tables/figures** appropriate for the study?

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

8. Will the study **contribute to our understanding** of neonatal renal function and/or injury? Include the likelihood of publication.

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

9. Rate the **investigators**. Is there representation from nephrology and neonatology (ideal)?

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

10. Is there any **overlap** with other studies (if yes, please elaborate in comments)?

yes no

Comments:

11. Are there any **ethical concerns** (if yes, please elaborate in comments)?

yes no

Comments:

12. Rate the **novelty** of this study

1 2 3 4 5 NA

Comments:

Recommendation:

accept with no/minor changes and move to statistical plan development

revise and resubmit

reject

Summary of strengths and weaknesses: