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**SHORT TITLE / ACRONYM FOR THE PROJECT**

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**TOPIC SELECTION**

*Please select one option from the following two*

PREVENT RARE2COMMON

**DESCRIPTION**

***A total of 10 pages including illustrations and references*** *are available for the project description.*

*Please note the specifics of each program line / topic when describing your project:*

***PREVENT****: Applicants must demonstrate that the project can enable the establishment of a diagnostic procedure for the early detection of a rare disease or decisively advance the development of a gene-based therapy for a rare disease.*

***RARE2COMMON****: Research projects on mechanisms that simultaneously affect rare diseases and common disease patterns and can provide concrete approaches for prevention or therapy are eligible to apply.*

**BACKGROUND** (approx. 1 page)

*Please introduce the topic with a state of knowledge and a detailed description of the problem.*

**OBJECTIVES** (approx. 1-2 page)

*In this field, please state the hypothesis(es) underlying your project as well as your objectives and describe the innovative nature of the research project.*

**METHODS** (approx. 2-4 pages)

*Please describe in this field the planned activities and methods of your project. If you are working with cooperation partners, please also describe which methods are brought into the project by which partner and how the cooperation works.*

**RISKS AND CHALLENGES** (approx. ½ page)

*Please describe any potential risks and challenges to project realization and how you plan to address them.*

**RELEVANCE FOR PATIENTS** (approx. ½ page)

*Please describe in this field how your research project is focused on patient benefit. This can be, for example, a contribution to the short-, medium- or long-term improvement of patient’s health, the health prospects or quality of the patient’s life.*