



## **Checklist for Assessing the Feasibility of a Study within the National Network for Acute Infectious Disease Research: ACTION Sweden**

1. The investigator identifies the study they wish to conduct or participate in as an investigator. This could involve:
  - Interventional/treatment studies
  - Sampling studies
  - Other studies on diagnostics and/or clinical management (should concern acute infectious diseases)
2. The investigator drafts a study protocol outline that includes:
  - Background with a brief literature review
  - Proposed study design
  - Planned scope (number of patients), including a basic power calculation if relevant
  - Appropriate patient population
  - Potential intervention(s)
  - Proposed measurable endpoint (outcome variable)
  - Timeline
  - Clinical significance of conducting the study and potential implications of the expected results

*Studies with a finalized protocol may also be reviewed by the steering group.*

3. The investigator sends the protocol outline to [actionsweden@sls.se](mailto:actionsweden@sls.se) and requests feedback on the protocol draft before proceeding.
4. ACTION Sweden's steering group reviews the protocol outline, discusses it, and provides feedback including:
  - Comments on the study design
  - Possible suggestions for changes
  - Assessment of whether the study is appropriate to conduct within the network(A response is provided within one month.)
5. The steering group also contacts site representatives at each clinic to inquire about their interest in participating in the study. A list of interested sites is included in the response to the investigator.
6. The investigator seeks funding for the study. The network does not provide financial support but can offer guidance on suitable funding sources and assistance with

applications to the Swedish Medical Products Agency and the Swedish Ethical Review Authority. The steering group's assessment can be used to support the study protocol and serve as evidence of feasibility when applying for funding. If desired, a steering group member can be assigned as a contact person or mentor for the study. This person can take an active role in supporting both the practical and scientific aspects of the study's implementation.

7. If relevant, a plan is developed for who will be listed as co-authors in a future publication and/or who will be included in a "working group" and how they will be acknowledged in any potential publication.
8. The investigator informs the steering group once funding is secured, and the study planning continues.
9. The steering group assists with recruitment and contacts with clinics where the study can be conducted through the network's contact list.