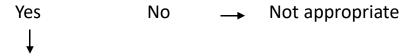# Validation Animal/Cell-Based Model RFA Decision Tree
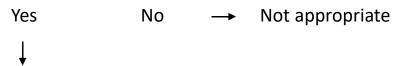
Is the proposal a hypothesis driven and/or a mechanistic study?

No   Yes   →   Consider other RFAs

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Are you proposing to Validate a disease model that if true, will significantly advance understanding of Veteran health condition, or accelerate development of their treatments?
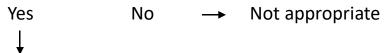
Yes   No   →   Not appropriate

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Is the validation proposal evaluating a model based on published finding(s)?

Yes   No   →   Not appropriate

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Is the Validation of the model essential for its acceptance by the scientific community?

Yes   No   →   Not appropriate

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Have you identified the issues that must be addressed in this Validation study to enhance the utility and acceptance of the model by the scientific community?

Yes   No   →   Not appropriate

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Appropriate for BXxx-042

Consideration for this RFA:

Animal model must:
- Address lack of appropriate model
- Recapitulates human condition
- Superior to current model(s)
- Developed for use by scientific field
- Not developed for a specific project

Cell/Tissue model must:
- Recapitulates human condition
- Reduce the use of animal models