**Impact Rating Scale:**

In evaluating each application, panel members are required to use the following scale to assess the potential impact of the project. Each level has a number of characteristics, which are intended to help distinguish between levels of impact. A project does not need to have all the characteristics listed to be considered impactful, but the more characteristics a project has the higher score an application should receive.

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| 4.2 – 5.0 | Transformational | Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
- Transformative, paradigm-shifting research seeking to alter current research or clinical practice approaches  
- High potential to address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field  
- Potential for outcome of this research to make a significant impact beyond the specific field of the researcher  
- High potential to contribute to the understanding of cancer and how to prevent it, treat it, or improve patient outcomes  
- High potential of the work to change cancer research and/or cancer control | High |
| 3.6 – 4.1 | Substantial | Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
- Moderate potential to address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field  
- Potential for outcome of this research to make a significant impact within the specific field of the researcher  
- Moderate potential to contribute to the understanding of cancer and how to prevent it, treat it, or improve patient outcomes  
- Moderate potential of the work to change cancer research and/or cancer control | Medium |
| 3.0 – 3.5 | Limited | Project exhibits at least one of the following:  
- Low potential to address an important problem or a critical barrier to progress in the field  
- Low potential of the work to change cancer research and/or cancer control | Low |
| Below 3.0 | Research project is not considered impactful as it represents the next logical step or continuation of a previous project and an incremental advance upon published data and/or existing knowledge. The proposal is in need of further development before being competitive in this competition. | None |
| Unscored (mark as 0.01) | The application was triaged by the panel and not discussed. The weaknesses of the proposed research far outweigh the strengths and therefore there is low expectation of success. | None |