Case Example

Dr. Brennon submits a grant for funding. His prior research has produced valid findings and although the current proposal is more novel in its approach, he sincerely believes that this approach will elicit the best possible outcomes for subjects with this diagnosis. The reviewers give him a low score indicating disagreement with his novel approach to the science.

Case Example Questions

* Should Dr. Brennen change the approach in his grant and then turn around and conduct the study as he wants?
* Should he resubmit the grant with an explanation about the proposed approach hoping that the next set of reviewers are more open-minded?

Case Example

Dr. Vulonovich is a junior researcher in a highly specified area. She submits a grant that includes a significant amount of work performed by her over several years. The grant was not funded. However, she has a small amount of money and is able to conduct the research anyway. Upon writing her article about her research she discovers that a competitor has recently published work and used her exact study design and theoretical model.

Case Example Questions

* Should Dr. Vulonovich confront the faculty member?
* Should Dr. Vulonovich report the faculty member to her Department Head?
* Should Dr. Vulonovich contact the journal and report it to the editor?