VSSO Research Proposal Submission Format

I. Title

II. VSSO member submitting the proposal, stating institutional affiliation.

III. Aims and objectives of the study

IV. Background and significance

V. Detail of pilot work or preliminary results

VI. Experimental Design
   a. Brief description
   b. Patient eligibility
      i. Disease criteria
         1. species
         2. histologic type
         3. grade
         4. stage
         5. other
      ii. Health criteria
         1. cardiac function
         2. renal function
         3. blood counts
         4. other
   c. Patient ineligibility criteria
      i. intercurrent diseases
      ii. pregnancy
      iii. recurrent tumor
      iv. previous treatments
         1. radiation therapy
         2. chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy
         3. other
   d. Patient resources
      i. Case accrual rate estimate
      ii. Incentives/funding
   e. Treatment schedule for any medications/chemotherapy or other.
   f. Treatment endpoints
      i. Local recurrence (histologically confirmed or imaging end point)
      ii. Survival from date of excision to death
      iii. Censoring indicators (lost to follow-up, death for other reasons that disease or treatment, onset of ineligibility criterion)
   g. Anticipated toxicities
   h. Criteria for stopping treatment
i. Patient follow-up schedule and parameters to be measured at follow-up
j. Duration of study
k. Statistical design and power of the study