**CHECKLIST FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

* The research proposal summary is written in plain English and describes the objectives and the benefits for patients without technical language and medical jargon.
* The statistical analysis plan provides a sufficient description of the statistical methods that will be used.
* The publication plan is included.
* A qualified researcher with expertise in the proposed statistical analyses is part of the research team.
* All researchers (up to five per research project) that will need access to the data are listed in the research proposal.