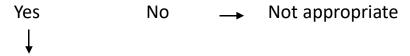
Validation Animal/Cell-Based Model RFA Decision Tree

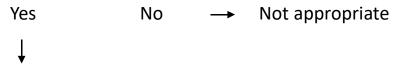
Is the proposal a hypothesis driven and/or a mechanistic study?

No Yes → Consider other RFAs ↓

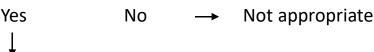
Are you proposing to Validate a disease model that if true, will significantly advance understanding of Veteran health condition, or accelerate development of their treatments?



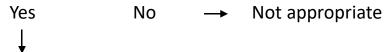
Is the validation proposal evaluating a model based on published finding(s)?



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



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?



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