

GENDER CODE:
First character = G

Second character:
1 = Both Genders
2 = Only Women
3 = Only Men
4 = Gender Unknown

Third character:
A = Scientifically acceptable
U = Scientifically unacceptable

MINORITY CODE:
First character = M

Second character:
1 = Minority & Non-minority
2 = Only Minority
3 = Only Non-minority
4 = Minority Representation
Unknown

Third character:
A = Scientifically acceptable
U = Scientifically unacceptable

CHILDREN CODE:**
First character = C

Second character:
1 = Both children & adults
2 = Only children
3 = No children included
4 = Representation of Children is
unknown

Third character:
A = Scientifically acceptable
U = Scientifically unacceptable

Examples:

C1A Both children and adults are included; scientifically acceptable
G2A Only women, scientifically acceptable
M3U Only non-minorities, scientifically unacceptable
** Codes Effective for Applications received after October 1, 1998

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ADJECTIVAL MERIT DESCRIPTORS

REMINDER: It is important that initial review groups utilize the full range of priority score ratings. All NIH initial review groups are asked to utilize the following adjectival scale in terms of scores that are assigned:

- 1.0 - 1.5 OUTSTANDING**
- 1.5 - 2.0 EXCELLENT**
- 2.0 - 2.5 VERY GOOD**
- 2.5 - 3.5 GOOD**
- 3.5 - 5.0 ACCEPTABLE**