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Dear Victor,

This is a good application, and there ~~should be~~ is no doubt about the quality of Bodmer and Kevlin. The subject of the study ~~is~~ has more than academic interest because of the possible association between resistance to viruses, especially tumour viruses, and the immune response genes. The linkage of these ~~genes~~ genes to the histocompatibility locus has been proven in mice and is likely to be true in Man as well. Israel is a good country to study these and other problems in human genetics because of the peculiar structure of the Jewish population. I also think that the collaborative style is worth supporting ~~and also~~ even ~~although~~ though there is an additional ~~travel~~ requirement for travel money. I am however worried about taking on technicians for a short time and feel that ~~you ought to have a certain amount~~ there ought to be a defined arrangement for ~~them~~ them on grant completion. Similarly no student or post doctoral fellow should be taken on at a time when his expected tenure might overrun the termination date.

I hope this is what you want. £

Yours
Sydney