Overall Impact:
The likelihood for a project to exert a **sustained, powerful** influence on research field(s) involved

### Evaluating Overall Impact:
Consider the 5 criteria: significance, investigator, innovation, approach, environment (weighted based on reviewer's judgment) and other score influences (e.g. human subjects)

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5 is a good medium-impact application, and the entire scale (1-9) should always be considered.

- **High Impact**
  - Successful completion of the aims will make a contribution of **high importance** to the field. May have some or no weaknesses.
  - Successful completion of the aims may make a contribution of **high importance** to the field, but weaknesses bring down the overall impact to medium.
  - Successful completion of the aims may make a contribution of **low or no importance** to the field, with some or no weaknesses.

- **Medium Impact**
  - Successful completion of the aims may make a contribution of **moderate/high importance** to the field, but weaknesses bring down the overall impact to low.
  - Successful completion of the aims may make a contribution of **moderate importance** to the field, with some or no weaknesses.

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