# AREAS OF CLINICAL RESEARCH INTEREST

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## Introduction, Importance and Clinical Significance

I supervise a clinic for XXX disease with 150 patients monthly.

XXX disease is a little studied chronic dibilitating disease which affects various organ systems causing...

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## The Problem

XXX disease is thought to be an autoimmune disease, but the natural history of the serological and cellular components have not been defined

## Rationale

More effective treatment could be devised if specific auto antibodies or cytotoxic T cells in tissues or blood could be demonstrated ……

## Proposed plan of study

Samples can be drawn from the blood and tissues of approximately 30 patients at diagnosis and after treatment monthly for assays measuring antibodies and cellular immunity.

## Other relevant information

## Possible funding sources

NHLBI, NIAID