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Human Research Program Risks:	(1) BMed :Risk of Adverse Cognitive or Behavioral Conditions and Psychiatric Disorders (2) Team :Risk of Performance and Behavioral Health Decrements Due to Inadequate Cooperation, Coordination, Communication, and Psychosocial Adaptation within a Team		
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Basner, Mathias M.D. (University of Pennsylvania) Mollicone, Daniel Ph.D. (Pulsar Informatics, Inc.) Stuster, Jack Ph.D. (Anacapa Sciences, Inc.) **COI** Name (Institution): Strangman, Gary Ph.D. (Harvard Medical School) Stahn, Alexander Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania) Gur, Ruben Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania) **Grant/Contract No.:** NNX15AK76A Performance Goal No.: **Performance Goal Text:** The success of long-duration spaceflight missions depends on astronauts' abilities to appropriately respond to and cope with a variety of behavioral and psychosocial stressors throughout the mission, including prolonged confinement, isolation, and threat to life (Slack KJ, Williams TJ, Schneiderman JS, et al. Risk of adverse cognitive or behavioral conditions and psychiatric disorders: Evidence report. 2016.). NASA simulates these stressors in spaceflight analog environments to examine individual behavioral responses with the ultimate goal of predicting, preventing, and mitigating the consequences of these stressors during spaceflight. The space exploration analog missions we and others have studied for NASA have varied in duration (i.e., from 1 month to 14 months) and in the severity of stressors (e.g., magnitude of confinement, social isolation). To evaluate astronaut behavioral health and performance, NASA developed **Task Description:** "Standardized Behavioral Measures," (SBM) which is a battery of neurobehavioral assessments that probe astronaut neurocognitive and operational performance, as well as astronaut behavioral health and team cohesion. Upon the completion of the original "Standardized Behavioral Measures for Detecting Behavioral Health Risks during Exploration Missions" project, we initiated two supplemental studies: (1) Data harmonization of the SBM across long duration spaceflight analogs; (2) Continued collection of the Robotic On-Board Trainer for Research (ROBoT-r) from

astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS).

Rationale for HRP Directed Research:

This project will deliver a suite of Standardized Behavioral Measures (SBM) that will be tested for feasibility, flexibility, and acceptability in research studies in both short and long duration space analog environments and on the International Space Station (ISS). With the SBM, it will be possible for NASA's HFBP (Human Factors & Behavioral Performance) program to much better assess and quantify the Risk of Adverse Cognitive or Behavioral Conditions and Psychiatric Outcomes for exploration class missions.

Research Impact/Earth Benefits:

With the proposed work we will relevantly contribute to Human Research Program's (HRP) goal to provide human health and performance countermeasures, knowledge, technologies, and tools to enable safe, reliable, and productive human space exploration. More specifically, the SBM will constitute an important technology to provide mission planners and system developers with strategies for monitoring and mitigating crew health and performance risks.

Additionally, Standardized Behavioral Measures could be beneficial for monitoring behavioral health during Earth-based operations, especially those involving isolated, confined, and extreme environments (e.g., Antarctic research expeditions).

Task Progress:

(1) The data to be harmonized from the original sites and the 2018 and 2019 14-month missions in the Antarctic Neumayer Station III (Neumayer) are currently in the process of being compiled and the meta data is being generated. We are meeting regularly with our statistician, to discuss the dimensionality reduction technique and potential issues of combining the outcomes of the Standardized Behavioral Measures (SBM) into a single long-form database. These issues and their solutions have been recorded and will be included in the final report. We gained approval to use data collected from astronauts who participated in the Reaction SelfTest study on the International Space Station (ISS) through presentation of the project to the Lifetime Surveillance of Astronaut Health (LSAH) Advisory Board. We are in the process of submitting the Institutional Review Board (IRB) application for approval to use astronaut data.

(2) The task is proceeding smoothly with NASA Research Operations and Integration (ROI) and Dynamic Skills Trainer (DST) support. Subjects are being scheduled and run, while data is being processed, and preliminary analyses are being conducted. We were delayed by COVID-19 overall but are reasonably on schedule. We have planned data collection, and developed the initial version of the code for conducting group analysis on subjects.

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