Penultimate year FR Evaluation

Title of the Project	Human Life, Aging and Disease in High-Altitude Environments:
	Physio-medical, Ecological and Cultural Adaptation in "Highland
	Civilizations"
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General advice and comments of PEC

The progress obtained so far is great with publication of high number of papers and books. The results will also be helpful for improvement of health condition of the people living in the high altitude areas. This project has produced impressive medical findings, but the linkage between anthropogenic drivers of environmental change/degradation and increase of lifestyle diseases is weak. Each team of the project achieved its own goal. Yet, how to integrate the outcome of each research study, such as the co-relationship between environment and health in Ladakh, local medical knowledge among the aged and the case study in Bhutan, still remains as the main task toward the finalization of the project.