Final Evaluation at the end of FR

Title of the Project	Effects of Environmental Change on the Interactions between Pathogens
	and Humans
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General advice and comments of PEC

This project is highly compatible with founding missions and research of RIHN. It has always been indicated that one of the impacts of human activity on environment was spread of contagious infections and this project indeed provided a clear evidence for this with its focus on interaction between humans and pathogens. The objectives were clear and research model was well implemented and as a result, successfully achieved most of the targets. Simplicity of the research model can be used in other researches on infectious diseases. Cross-disciplinary research has also been well practiced with members from various backgrounds. These experiences can well be utilized for future RIHN research activities. How the project members' and leader's experiences could be integrated with RIHN's future research efforts should be discussed more progressively.

There also seems to be various ways that the results and findings of the project have been revealed to public. Ethical considerations and other aspects of KHV disease could also be rather underlined in future dissemination activities.