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NCCR SYNAPSY: Project François Ansermet

Dear Board members of the OAK Foundation,

We are pleased to inform you that the external review panel of the *NCCR Synapsy – The synaptic bases of mental diseases* delivered an extremely positive evaluation of the project. A short excerpt mentioning in particular the sub-project “Stress and developmental psychopathology” which you generously sponsored is added below.

The panel was pleased with the advances and accomplishments in all projects. Most of the sub-parts are of excellent quality, which is also confirmed by a considerable publication activity, often in top quality outlets. **An outstanding example of studies with strong translational aspects is the project analyzing “Early life stress and psychopathology”.**

...The panel considers this NCCR to be a clear and obvious example of what can be achieved in a collaborative endeavor that could not be attained by a sum of smaller projects, as most of the research greatly benefits from these interactions. The exemplary level of interaction between the clinical researchers and basic scientists is a wonderful accomplishment after only four years.... The panel members do not know any other consortium or centre, where this level of integration between basic and clinical neuroscience researchers or such a high degree of translational work has been reached.



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