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Title of project:

*Outcomes evaluation of the use of Amazonian Traditional medicines and ayahuasca in the treatment of addictions and other mental health disorders.*

Abstract: Anne's PhD project is yet under development and has the support of three French scientific institutions: the French Ethnopharmacology Association, the Public Health School at the Nancy University and the APEMAC research Laboratory at Metz. The project is based on her previous field research at Takiwasi Centre where she identified a set of key experiences during participation in indigenous healing practices along the treatment, claimed by clients and therapists as relevant and associated with recovery from severe alcohol and drug addiction. The research project aims at: i) correlate the occurrence of key experiences with treatment outcomes measured in terms of psychiatric symptoms, drugs and alcohol use and quality of life; ii) correlate qualitative evaluations of the therapeutic processes with quantitative results two years after discharge; iii) identify client's characteristics and personality traits better adapted to Takiwasi's programme and predictors of successful outcomes.