

**Question for written answer E-015607/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Over-use of antibiotics in Europe

Although a European Antibiotic Awareness Day is held on 17 November every year, over-consumption of antibiotics continues to be a major concern.

Over-use of antibiotics is a major public health threat, as it results in the development of drug-resistant 'superbugs'. The situation has become so bad that doctors treating serious conditions such as tuberculosis or dealing with transplant patients are increasingly being obliged to make use of very old antibiotics that have major side-effects.

Can the Commission produce a report on inappropriate prescribing of antibiotics, in order to show that the possible benefits are outweighed by the potentially disastrous effects of over-use?