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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on hantavirus infections

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on hantavirus infections

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas hantaviruses belong to the *Bunyaviridae* family and are primarily transmitted by rodents of the genus *Clethrionomys*, such as *C. glareolus*, and whereas, in humans, symptoms of hantavirus infection are a high fever and vomiting alongside renal complications in 57% of cases, with a fatality rate of 1-12%, and, where the pulmonary syndrome is concerned, a fatality rate of 40%;
- B. whereas there is no vaccine or treatment for the Puumala and Dobrava-Belgrade strains of hantavirus, which are present in Europe, but whereas a vaccine is currently the subject of stage I clinical trials in research spearheaded by the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in Maryland, and whereas other research projects are also ongoing;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to support research into a hantavirus vaccine, specifically against the strains referred to in recital B.



