

**Question for written answer E-006876/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Prevention of Alzheimer's disease

There are currently 25 million people worldwide suffering from Alzheimer's disease, and estimates suggest that this figure will increase dramatically by 2050. The journal, *Neurology*, has published a University of California study indicating that it might be possible to achieve early diagnosis, before the onset of initial symptoms, using a simple blood test. Long awaited, this discovery might make it possible to offer people at risk at least some preventive treatment, which would improve their chances of responding to later treatment, though a real cure has yet to be found.

In the light of these recent discoveries, which could substantially improve the quality of life and future of people suffering from Alzheimer's, is the Commission going to provide any special support for further research? If so, what form will this support take?