

**Question for written answer P-010663/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Laboratory rat diets

A study of the diets of rats to be used in animal testing carried out by the French researcher Gilles-Eric Séralini and his team has called into question the reliability of experiments involving vivisection as performed by certain industrial groups for many years.

The study's findings are alarming: all the food pellets tested were contaminated with pesticides, GMOs, dioxins and heavy metals. A diet of contaminated food would distort the results of experiments by obscuring the real effects of the tested products. On 18 June 2015 Gilles-Eric Séralini stated the following on French public television: 'We realised that the food was contaminated to an extent that the level of risk had reached 40 on a scale where 1 was worrying'. If the findings were to be proved correct, it would expose a health scandal involving industrial giants and lobbying designed to subvert the governing principle of transparency towards the consumer.

Will the Commission take the products concerned off the EU market until the French researchers' findings have been verified?