

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3878/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Research into the effects of medicinal products on children

1. Is the Commission aware that the majority - possibly 70% - of medicinal products prescribed for children have not undergone any research to ascertain their effects on patients of this age group?
2. What percentage of medicinal products evaluated by the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products (EMA) have also been found to be suitable for use by children?
3. What efforts is the Commission making to encourage manufacturers to perform more research into the effects of medicinal products on children?
4. Is Community funding made available for such research, and if so, what are the relevant appropriations and how are they being used?