

**Question for written answer E-001332/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Possible cure for AIDS

Research carried out by scientists at the German Research Centre for Environmental Health in Munich has shown that root extracts of the geranium plant *Pelargonium sidoides* inactivate the HIV-1 virus and prevent it from infecting cells.

Experts believe that this substance could be used in a new class of anti-HIV-1 medicines for the treatment of AIDS. Several clinical trials have already shown that geranium extracts are beneficial for human health, and in Germany *Pelargonium sidoides* extracts are licensed as a herbal medicine.

Bearing in mind that AIDS is one of the 10 leading causes of death worldwide:

1. Will the Commission look into this recent study and issue an opinion on this topic?
2. Will the Commission launch a fresh awareness-raising campaign on the fight against HIV/AIDS?