

**Priority question for written answer P-003576/2022  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Alarm raised by EMA about a new pandemic wave

During a press conference held on 26 October 2022<sup>1</sup>, the EMA warned that another COVID-19 wave, driven by new variants, was beginning. While the agency said that it was not yet clear whether the variants would be more contagious or have more severe consequences, it warned that they would have 'an increased ability to escape immunity conferred by vaccination' and immunity from 'natural infection including from Omicron and resistance to currently available monoclonal antibodies'. Yet the EMA also said that vaccination 'is one of our most effective tools to protect [ourselves]'.

Those official statements on the effectiveness of vaccination are at odds with the claims made by the Commission's spokesperson at the hearing with the Court of Auditors and with the claims made by the EU's main vaccine supplier during a meeting of the Special Committee on the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the light of the above:

1. Is it possible to provide data on at least three viruses (better still, coronaviruses) that have become more aggressive as the epidemic has gone on?
2. If data of that kind is not available, why do the official structures in charge keep sounding unfounded alarms about the latest 'more dangerous' variants that are not biologically possible?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5f8V\\_0\\_mew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5f8V_0_mew)