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Dear Mr Meier,

Thank you for your letter from 17 March 2020. We fully agree with you that this is an unexpected and critical time for the healthcare sector involved in the fight against the COVID-19 outbreak in Europe. Your concern is also our concern.

Nevertheless, the Commission has committed to delivering the assessment on hazardous medicinal products, as requested by the European Parliament.

The respect of this commitment is very important because it concerns the protection of workers of such a crucial sector, and in this regard we, in our role as Commission services, will ensure that the study will provide an outcome based on comprehensive and objective data collection. We are and will continue to monitor closely the respect of impartiality and inclusion of multiple stakeholders' perspectives.

Given the circumstances, we will ensure the methodology yields objective and robust findings, therefore we are exchanging with the contractor regarding adapting the plans and the timing to ensure all the stakeholders can express their views and expertise. Your contribution as ESOP is in our mutual interest.

I like to thank you for the interest you have showed in this field and I look forward to your valuable input.

Yours sincerely,

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