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Subject: Legal Proposal on Information to Patients

Dear Ulla

I have read this document and would like to make the following points:

- 1) There is no mention of the phrase accredited information so obviously no plan to set up some form of accreditation! This would provide assurance to patients.
- 2) The limit seems to be on prescription medicines! Over the counter medicines ought to have the same guidelines since so many more are now available over the counter. Why differentiate?
- 3) Monitoring apparently would only be on a complaints basis potentially very dangerous! It should all be monitored, otherwise new medicines will be used until such time as there is a complaint about the information possibly too late for some!
- 4) How about some rules about stating side-effects possibilities with percentage likelihoods so that patients can make informed judgements?

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