

The genetically engineered BASF potato poses a serious threat to public health:

IT CONTAINS A GENE WHICH CONFERS RESISTANCE TO ANTIBIOTICS

"The biotechnology industry threatens to set an extremely worrying example if it wins approval for this potato. [...] We should keep trying to prevent dissemination of antibiotic resistance rather than to allow products into the food chain"

Prof. Patrice Courvalin, Institut Pasteur medical research centre
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So let's put the record straight:



Decisions affecting the health of EU citizens and their environment should be based on facts

- Experts warn that the BASF GM potato could spread antibiotic-resistance, making drugs used to treat serious diseases such as tuberculosis ineffective
- The World Health Organisation, the European Medicines Agency and the Institut Pasteur say that antibiotics affected by the GM potato are "highly important" for human and veterinary medicine
- BASF has not carried out a full environmental risk assessment for its GM potato
- BASF only states that the GM potato would be used to produce industrial starch. In fact they have also applied to use it as food and animal feed

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