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Overview of comments received on Community herbal monograph on *Olea europaea* L., folium

Table 1: Organisations and/or individuals that commented on the draft Community herbal monograph on *Olea europaea* L., folium as released for public consultation on 11 February 2011 until 15 August 2011

	Organisations and/or individuals
1	The Association of the European Self-Medication Industry (AESGP)



Table 2: Discussion of comments

GENERAL COMMENTS		
Interested party	Comment and Rationale	Outcome
AESGP	Evidence of positive effects of an 80% ethanolic extract (as well as of some phenolic constituents thereof) on inhibitory effects on xanthin oxidase have been shown in a recent publication [1]. These findings may support the traditional use of olive leaves against gout in folk medicine. [1] Fleming J, Kuchta K, Arnhold J, Rauwald HW. Olea europaea leaf (Ph.Eur.) extract as well as several of its isolated phenolics inhibit the gout-related enzyme xanthine oxidase. Phytomedicine 2011;18:561-566.	The proposed reference has been added in the assessment report and and list of references for Olea folium, while as in this study there are only <i>in vitro</i> results of an ethanolic (80%) extract, any further traditional use cannot be supported