Mutual recognition of medical prescriptions in the EU
An empirical exercise

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Conclusions and recommendations

- Having an enforceable law in place is not sufficient to change dispensers’ behaviour
- Pharmacists are ready to dispense easy to identify, uncomplicated products
- The authentication of the prescription and prescriber does not seem to be an important issue
- There is a need for guidelines on when and how to dispense such prescriptions
- Encouraging INN prescribing could facilitate global product recognition.