

Austrian experts have named the most effective drugs for COVID-19

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The world is considering different treatment options for coronavirus. 155 drugs and 79 vaccines are under development. 155 drugs are already approved for other infections. The situation with vaccines is more complicated. According to specialists from the Austrian Institute for Health Technology Assessment (AIHTA), all 155 drugs being tested for activity against SARS-CoV-2 are based on one or more antiviral agents. Among them lopinavir and ritonavir (trade name Kaletra), favipirvir (Avigan), darunavir (Prezista), chloroquine, plus hydroxychloroquine (Plakenil), mesylate (Foiipan) camostat, APN01 (rhACE2), tocilizumab (Roactemra) and interferon beta 1a (SNG001).

"Since most of these active ingredients are drugs that are already approved for other indications, international experts emphasize the need for reliable evidence of their effectiveness against COVID-19," said AIHTA Director.

time, eleven drugs and eight vaccines are considered particularly advanced and promising. For them, descriptions with additional information.

Candidate vaccines identified by the AIHTA are live vaccines, that is, attenuated virus strains, dead vaccines, proteins, or gene-based vaccines with special DNA or mRNA. Most of these projects are still under development.

Meanwhile, a resolution calling for preventing speculation on a future coronavirus vaccine was supported. The General Assembly called for immediate measures to legislatively ensure universal access to medical protective equipment, and medical equipment necessary in the context of the spread of COVID-19, re

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