

Austria identifies 155 drugs and 79 potential vaccines against COVID-19 – Burgeron Report

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The Austrian health authorities, one of the European countries that has best managed the coronavirus pandemic so far, have identified 155 potential drugs and 79 promising substances globally for a vaccine against COVID-19. [19659002] As highlighted on Monday by the Austrian Institute for Health Technology Analysis (Aihta), most of these drugs that are in development

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against the coronavirus have already been approved against other types of infections. [19659002] “That is why they need special evidence to be approved against COVID-19,” the Austrian Institute said in a statement. el Aihata.

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The institute recalls the importance that political and health officials have “an overview” on the offer, especially when at any given time “very costly decisions will be required at the latest when the first prophylactics or therapies are available.”

Therefore, the Austrian Government has commissioned this list of possible substances and medicines against COVID-19 in order to make scientific evidence-based decisions in the future.

Within the framework of this study, the Institute has identified 11 drugs and eight possible “advanced” and “promising” vaccines against COVID-19.

Projects collected by the Aihata (http://eprints.aihta.at/1234/1/Policy_Brief_002.pdf) were made in twenty countries around the world, such as China, the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Spain, among others .

DRUGS WITH SUBSTANCES ALREADY APPLIED

According to the Austrian experts, the 155 drugs are based on one or more of the following substances:

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Claudia Wild, director of Aihta, recalls in the note that most of these drugs have already been approved for other infectious and viral diseases.

Therefore, the specialist highlights , international regulators need “decisive studies with robust evidence” for their subsequent application against COVID-19.

The European Medicines Agency (EMA), based in Amsterdam, founded a group on April 9 this working group for COVID-19.

WAITING FOR THE VACCINE

On the other hand, the 79 possible vaccines identified are divided into three different types: live vaccines (with attenuated strains), dead vaccines (with virus proteins) and vaccine s based on genes (with DNA and specific mRNA).

However, most of these projects are still under development and have not been approved, the Institute concludes, without offering a time horizon for their launch. [19659002] Austria, which has been in the 'unconfinement' phase since last week, has so far

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