

Cuban anti-viral drugs are effective in treating COVID-19

The anti-corona virus, called Interferon Alfa 2B, produced by Cuba has proven effective in treating patients with acute respiratory infections COVID-19 caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus strain.

Citing status on Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel's Twitter, Granma newspaper of the Communist Party reported that China had used the Cuban drug in the treatment of COVID-19 patients. The drug has shown positive signs when helping to help over 1,500 patients recover.

According to the above information, before the effective use of the drug Interferon Alfa 2B in treating patients with **COVID-19** in China, many countries such as Spain, Italy . have ordered this drug.

A product of the research team at the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB) since 1986, Interferon Alfa 2B is a drug previously included in the treatment of infectious diseases, such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C, Herpes zoster (also known as shingles), HIV-AIDS and dengue fever.

In an interview with Granma newspaper, Dr. Eulogio Pimentel, General Director of CIGB, explained that this drug has the ability to inhibit the replication of viruses in cells so it is also used in the treatment of other types of cancer. together.

According to the expert, Chinese health officials chose Interferon Alfa 2B to treat COVID-19 because SARS-CoV-2 virus prevented the body from producing interferon (a group of natural proteins produced by cells of the immune system in order to fight foreign agents such as viruses, bacteria .), but Interferon Alfa 2B drug has the ability to replenish that substance, strengthen the immune system of patients who are infected.

Interferon Alfa 2B is currently being produced at the Cuban-China joint venture factory ChangHeber located in Changchun City, Jilin Province (China).

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