TecSalud begins clinical trial of COVID antibody treatment



The pharmaceutical company <u>Inosan Biopharma</u>, a world leader in antibody-based treatments, and <u>TecSalud's</u> Clinical Research department have formed a partnership in order to carry out clinical trials of a new alternative for COVID-19 patients.

The aim of these clinical trials is to examine whether **polyclonal antibodies** have the ability to **neutralize the virus and gradually eliminate it from the body** before the occurrence of complications that require hospitalization.

Polyclonal antibodies are a complex mixture of several antibodies produced from copies of B lymphocytes.

The clinical trial included in this partnership consists of an **antibody (immunoglobulin) therapy**, which goes through a process of fractioning and purification for later conversion into a pharmaceutical.

This drug will be administered to patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in order to prevent as many hospitalizations as possible.



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A polyclonal antibody alternative to tackle the pandemic

For **Guillermo Torre**, Rector of TecSalud and Vice President for Research at <u>Tecnológico de</u> <u>Monterrey</u>, it is important to continue searching for **effective alternatives against this virus** to tackle the pandemic that we continue to face.

"In addition to continuing the evolution of existing vaccines, TecSalud is preparing a new alternative for patients suffering from this disease.

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This new treatment is based on an **antibody technology platform**, which has also been used for the development of several medicines.

These include the world famous **antivenoms** for snake bites and scorpion stings, which have saved many lives around the world.

This will be the first time it has been used in order to neutralize a virus.

As Juan López, CEO of Inosan Biopharma, explained:

"We're proud to be able to contribute through the Inosan Biopharma technology platform. We see this new treatment as one of the best options there are to **neutralize the virus in the early stages** of a disease that has infected millions of people worldwide."



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A Mexican collaboration to benefit society

This protocol is the result of the combined efforts of **TecSalud** and **Inosan Biopharma**, said Torre. It will also be a **100% Mexican collaboration** that benefits society and will boost Mexico's medical and scientific ecosystem.

These clinical trials can begin now that **Cofepris** has approved **clinical trials of polyclonal antibodies** to treat COVID-19 patients in Mexico.

Inosan Biopharma has a proven track record of providing **safety and efficacy** in the products it has launched around the world. As a result, it has set a global benchmark for high production standards.

TecSalud provides **innovation and excellence** by conducting research aimed at transforming Mexican healthcare. It is currently participating in **several clinical research protocols** to tackle **COVID-19**.

Watch the presentation about the clinical trial here (in Spanish):

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