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An Israeli pharmaceutical company with a history of questionable claims regarding its potential HIV-turned-coronavirus treatment plans to apply for permission to conduct human trials in Israel and elsewhere, after saying that its drug has shown promise in stopping the virus from infecting cells in the lab.

Zion Medical's Codivir, a peptide-based treatment, can purportedly stop the virus once a person is infected and prevent the onslaught of white blood cells that can lead to the rapid demise of previously mildly ill patients.

The drug is a rebranded version of Gamorra, which it previously claimed had been proven effective against the coronavirus during a human trial in the Republic of the Congo. The same drug, originally designed to fight HIV, is only approved for use by Brazzaville. In 2018 it claimed Gamorra could completely cure HIV, a claim widely criticized by AIDS groups as false.

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Medical Center in Ashkelon, as a consultant and admitting that its earlier claims were overreach.

The rebranded drug was tested using in vitro insertion of SARS-CoV-2 into monkey cells at an

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