

Alter Pharma donates 36,000 doses of paracetamol to treat corona patients

During times when COVID 19 is hitting the Belgian population the hardest, the hospital demand for paracetamol IV (intravenous use) keeps on rising. Alter Pharma has therefore offered to donate 36,000 doses of paracetamol IV to the Federal Government for immediate distribution to Belgian hospitals. This donation of Paracetamol IV will cover the treatment of 3,000 – 4,500 hospitalized Belgian patients, suffering from the virus.

On Monday, 36,000 doses of paracetamol IV were delivered by truck to a central warehouse, from where this much-needed medicine will be further distributed to Belgian hospitals, covering the needs of all current COVID 19 patients for two to three days. Paracetamol is one of the key drugs to help alleviate the symptoms of the virus and the reduced global availability of it over the past two weeks has been distressing.

In order to prepare hospitals for this critical challenge, several companies have been helping the authorities to look for a plausible solution. Among these companies was Alter Pharma, a Belgian group of pharmaceutical companies with headquarters in Anderlecht (Belgium) that managed to make stock of Paracetamol IV available and arranged for express shipment.

“As a pharmaceutical group we are highly touched by this medical crisis”, says Alter Pharma’s CEO Filip Van de Vliet. “From the very start of the outbreak our teams have been looking into options to support the government and the patients in their fight against the coronavirus. When the FAMHP (Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products) reached out to us highlighting a big need of drugs like Paracetamol IV, one of the generic drugs in our portfolio, we did not hesitate a single moment. Together with our business partners, our operational teams came up with a short-term solution enabling the availability and immediate supply of a substantial amount of Paracetamol IV for Belgian hospitals. This wasn’t an easy exercise, but our employees are very proud to contribute to society during the critical situation we are in today. Personally, I am happy that together with a lot of other companies and individuals we can support the government and bring relief to patients suffering from the coronavirus”.

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Note to editors:

Alter Pharma is a Belgian group of pharmaceutical companies with headquarters in Anderlecht (Belgium) and offices in Ireland and the United States. Employing in total over 165 employees, the

group distributes a wide range of pharmaceutical products to pharmacies, wholesalers, hospitals and retirement homes. At the same time, Alter Pharma is a global player on the generics market, with around 15 molecules on the European and US market and a fully stocked pipeline of niche, complex and added value products.

