

# *Scientists denounce stealing of ideas on COVID-19 vaccines*

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Moscow, September 2 (RHC)-- The general director of Cuba's Finlay Vaccine Institute, Vicente Vérez, denounced the theft of ideas on anti-Covid-19 vaccines created by the scientific community of the Caribbean country, Russia Today reported.

'Discrimination in indexed journals on the findings is a barrier that tends to marginalize scientific results that generally come from poor countries,' stressed Vérez.

He explained that the editors of the most important scientific publications in the world rejected articles by Cuban experts and then published similar topics elaborated by authors from other nations.

However, discrimination is not only based on place of origin, but also on gender, Vérez clarified in an interview granted to Russia Today.

Faced with these limitations, the countries with fewer resources had to disseminate their studies on public platforms, which in some cases led to their ideas being stolen, said the general director of the Finlay Vaccine Institute.

We have felt that our results are not quoted and that they appear later published by multinationals, without even citing our publication', emphasized Vérez.

Such a stance against the scientific community of Cuba also brought with it the dissemination of false information, which cast doubt on the effectiveness of the antigens produced on the island.

Cuba developed five vaccine candidates against Covid-19, of which three (Abdala, Soberana 02, and Soberana Plus) were approved for emergency use by the authorities of the Caribbean country.

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