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**Body:** Background. Acute respiratory viral infections (ARVI) are aetiological triggers of exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Aim: To study the efficacy and safety of complex medicine with antiviral and anti-inflammatory activity containing ultralow doses of antibodies (ULD AB) against interferon- $\gamma$  (IFN- $\gamma$ ), CD-4 and histamine molecules (ergoferon) in treatment and prevention of ARVI in COPD patients. Patients and methods: The open comparative prospective clinical trial in parallel groups involving 48 adult patients was performed. The 1st group (25 patients) received the investigated medicine (ergoferon) in preventive regimen (1 pill 1 time in a day for 1 month), and with the appearance of ARVI - in treatment regimen (1pill 3 times in a day for 5 days, in 1st day additionally 5 pills). The 2nd group (23 patients) didn't receive antiviral prevention/treatment. All patients obtained also treatment of COPD. The number and duration of the ARVI, and number of COPD exacerbations during 4 month follow-up period in groups were estimated. Results: The mean number and duration of ARVI episodes in the 1st group ( $0,6 \pm 0,3$ ;  $8,9 \pm 1,2$  days) was less than in control group ( $1,1 \pm 0,4$ ;  $12,5 \pm 2,1$  days). The number of moderate and severe COPD exacerbations during the follow-up period was decreased in the 1st group compared with the 2nd group. There were not registered any adverse effects in a patients taking investigated medicine. Conclusion: The administration of medicine containing ULD AB to IFN- $\gamma$ , CD4 and histamine (ergoferon) in COPD patients leads to reduction in the frequency of COPD exacerbations caused by ARVI.