CLAIMS

1. Use of a composition in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a viral infection, wherein said composition comprises

(i) lactoferrin; and, optionally,

(ii) at least one acceptable pharmaceutical grade additive and/or excipient; and

wherein said use is through oral route.

2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the viral infection is a viral infection of the respiratory system and of symptoms and/or disorders deriving from or relating to said viral infection; preferably viral infections of the upper respiratory tract and/or of the lower respiratory tract.

3. The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said viral infection is caused by a virus of the family *Coronaviridae*, subfamily: *Coronavirinae*, genus: *Betacoronavirus*, species: severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus, selected from strains: severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV), severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2 or 2019-nCoV) and responsible for COVID-19 disease, and severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-like (SARS-CoV-like or SL-CoV); preferably SARS-CoV-2.

4. The use according to claim 2 or 3, wherein said symptoms and/or disorders deriving from or relating to said viral infection of the respiratory system are selected from: severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), respiratory complications, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis, emphysema, cystic fibrosis, cough, pertussis, pneumonia, pleurisy, bronchiolitis, cold, sinusitis, rhinitis, tracheitis, pharyngitis, laryngitis, acute laryngotracheobronchitis, epiglottitis, bronchiectasis, difficulty breathing, dyspnoea, breathlessness, shortness of breath, fever, fatigue, muscle aches, muscle pain, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, gastrointestinal symptoms, nausea, diarrhoea, kidney failure, loss of appetite, general feeling unwell.

5. The use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the composition is in solid form selected from: tablets, chewable tablets, oral soluble tablets, granules, powder, flakes, soluble powder or granules, oral soluble powder or granules, capsules; or, alternatively, in liquid form selected from: solutions, suspensions, dispersions, emulsions, liquid which can be dispensed in the form of spray, syrups; or, alternatively, in semi-liquid form selected from: soft-gel, gel; preferably in solid form.

6. The use according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein lactoferrin is in a liposomal form; preferably in a phospholipid-based liposomal form.