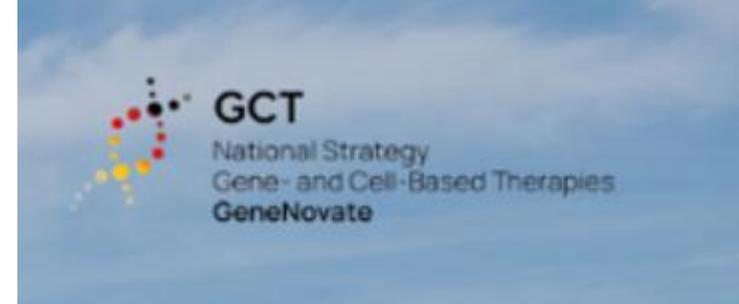




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Cell and Gene Therapy, society and patients:
Believing in the promise ...

Miguel Forte, MD PhD
President ISCT
ARM Board and Executive Committee Member
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Berlin – 27th June 2025



Topics

- **Status of biotech ...**
- **Update on C>**
- **The Investor attitude**
- **Political and Regulatory environment**
- **Alternative models: business and others...**
- **One example: autoimmunity**
- **Ethics**
- **Take home**



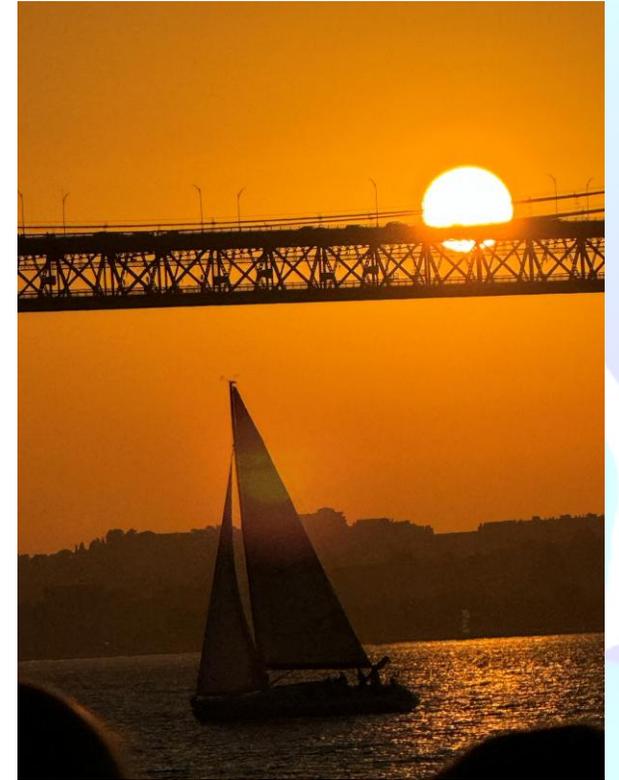
The urgency of bringing value to stakeholders and patients !

“My dear, here we must run as fast as we can, just to stay in place. And if you wish to go anywhere you must run twice as fast as that.”

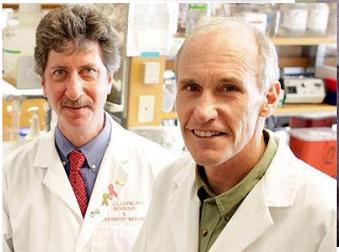
— Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland



C>: where are we ...



Fantastic value C>: long term benefit / cure



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Racing to Alter Patients' Cells To Kill Cancer
Shrinking Tumors Seen as the Next Frontier

TRUMP, IN SWITCH, SEEMS TO ACCEPT

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Because
 I want to empower my own immune system to fight cancer.
 I have a CAR-T treatment with proven efficacy and manageable safety profile.
 I refuse to give up hope.

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 I have lots of living left to do.

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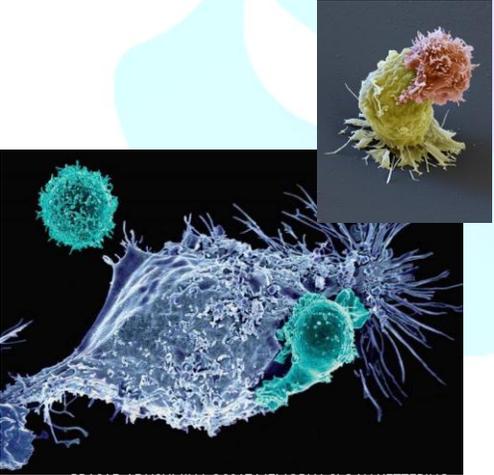
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Any new development with extraordinary impact and promise ...
 is always overestimated in the short term and underestimated in the long run...

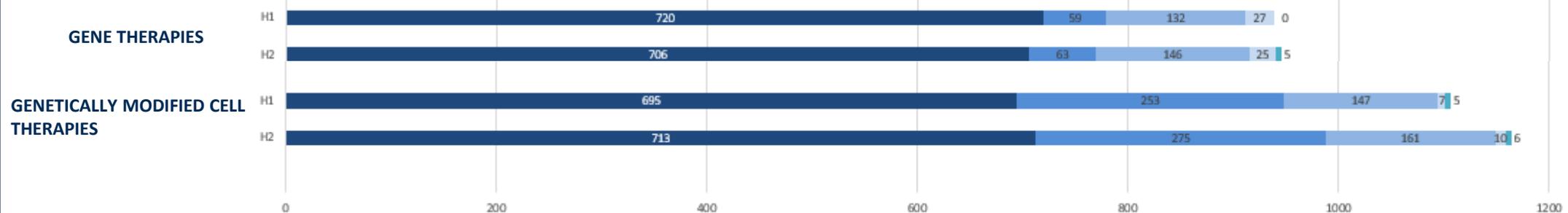


Global Regulatory CGT Pipeline – EOY 2024

	H2 2024 Report (December 2024)	H1 2024 Report (June 2024)
Global Pipeline	3063 therapies in pipeline (+7.5%)	2848 therapies in pipeline
	<i>1165 genetically modified 945 gene therapies 953 non-genetically modified</i>	
Approved Products	106 approved products globally (+6.0%) 18 genetically-modified cell therapies 17 gene therapies	100 approved products globally
Products Under Regulatory Review	91 CGT products are under regulatory review (+7.1%) of which 78 products are in Phase III clinical trials (+1.3%)	85 products are Under Regulatory Review of which 77 products are in Phase III Clinical Trials

Growing CGT Pipeline with Potential Approvals on Horizon

■ Preclinical ■ Phase I ■ Phase II ■ Phase III ■ Pre-registration



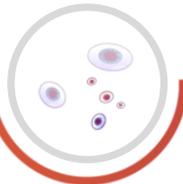
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Gene therapy approvals are accelerating

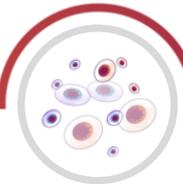
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5 gene therapies for rare genetic diseases were approved in the US

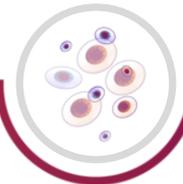
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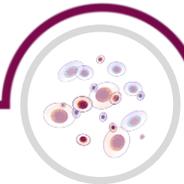
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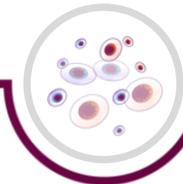
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Beta thalassemia



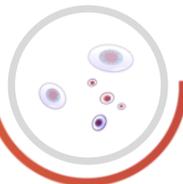
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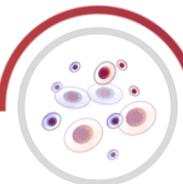
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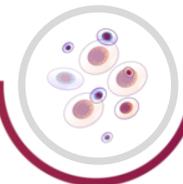
5 such therapies were approved in 2023 alone



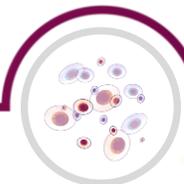
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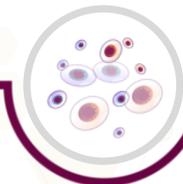
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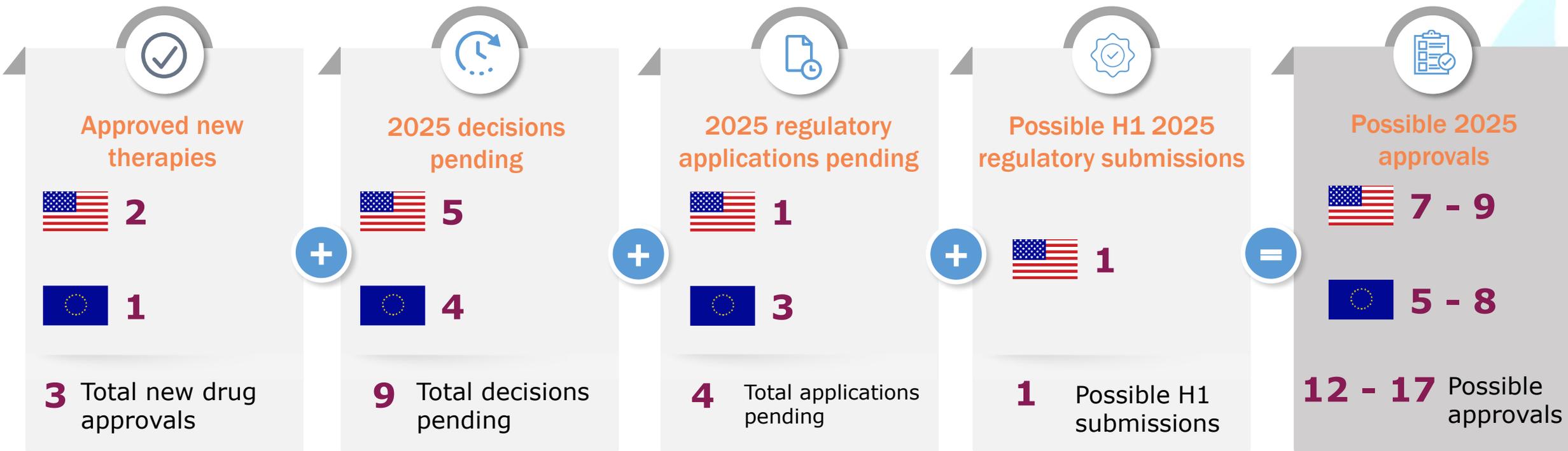


Sickle cell disease



Sickle cell disease

2025 Regulatory Outlook



After only seeing 3 new product approvals from 2023-2024, Europe is poised to see a rebound, with 5-8 approvals possible in 2025



CELL AND GENE THERAPY GLOBAL REGULATORY REPORT

H2 2024

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Developments of note ...

- **Decentralized** manufacturing
- **Rapid** manufacturing; Complex CAR design
- **Gene delivery**, the virus vs Lipid Nano Particles (LNP)
- **Gene editing** approaches

- In vivo engineering
- N-of-1

- Antigen specific and antigen boosted **TIL**
- Optimization of cell sourcing (**iPSC**) and targeting/potency (multiple gene engineering)

- Expansion to **new areas** – Autoimmune; Expansion to **new cell types** !

- **Cell and Gene: Engineer cells for a purpose: the professionalization of cell as a therapeutic product!**



Challenges to address ...

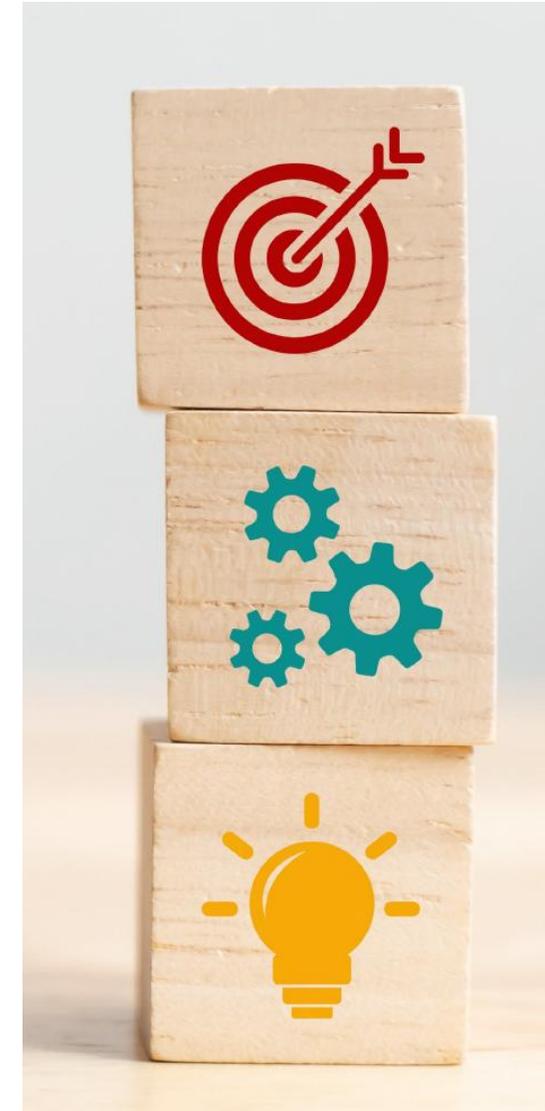
- **Regulatory** approaches and risk assessment: further flexibility
- **Global development and local delivery**
- Technology developments – efficiency and CoG

- Training and talent availability

- **Funding:** Perception on the field and expectation management

- **Patient access – Local and Global**
- Need for new models

- **Ethics:** Reactively and proactively



Status of the Field: The weather conditions for Biotech

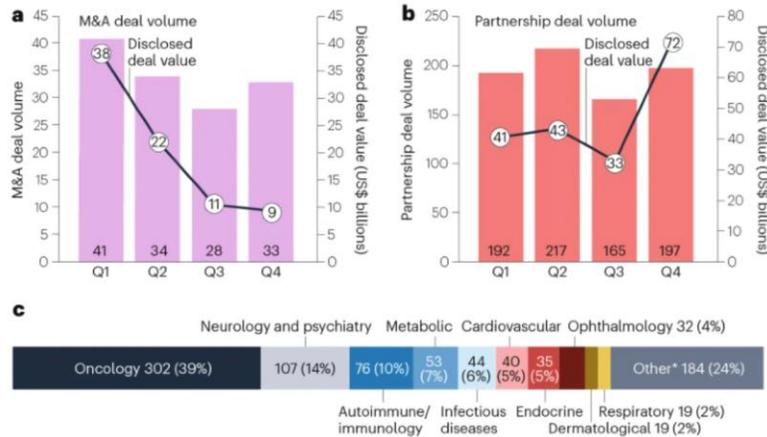


Status of the biopharmaceutical field

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Biopharma dealmaking in 2024

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Impatient about cell and gene therapy? Progress in biotech is not always linear

The data suggests great cause for optimism



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- High level of **uncertainty**
- The **winter of biotech** has continued into 2025
- Deals are taking place but are slower, with lower valuations
- Fewer deals with bigger values
- Investors look for **less risk**: the desire/value of **clinical data**
- The **challenges to public funding**
- The search for **alternative geographies** (Asia) and **modalities** (BD; M&A)

Biotech CEO's sentiment in 2025 !...

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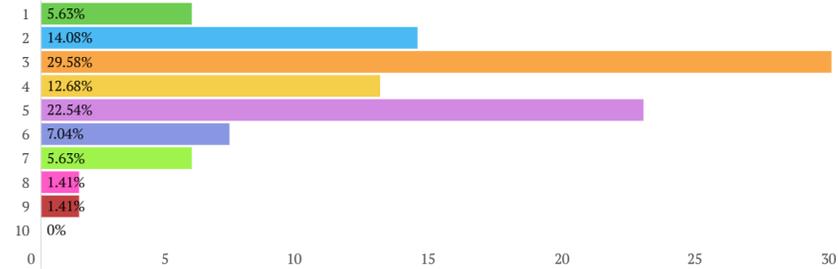
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Endpoints 100 biotech survey: Welcome to the summer of biotech's discontent

John Carroll
Editor & Founder

Overall confidence in 2025

What's your confidence level in the performance of the biotech industry in 2025? (10 is excellent, 1 is poor)

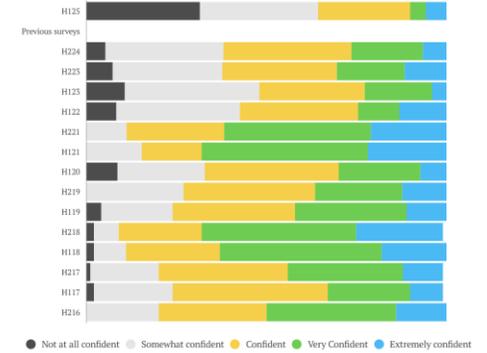


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Confidence in raising in 2025

How confident are you in accessing capital for your company?

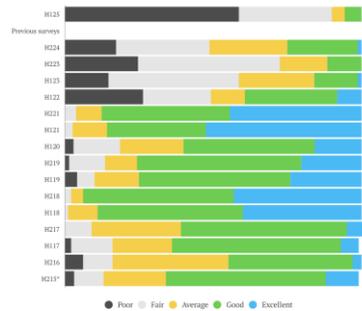


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Flow of investment

Overall, how would you rate the flow of investments from venture groups today?

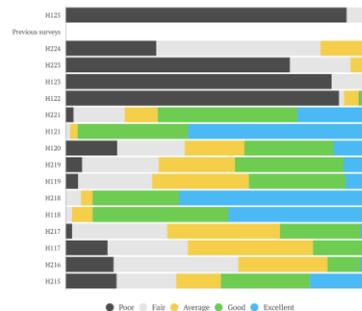


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How would you rate the state of biotech IPOs and public follow-on markets today?

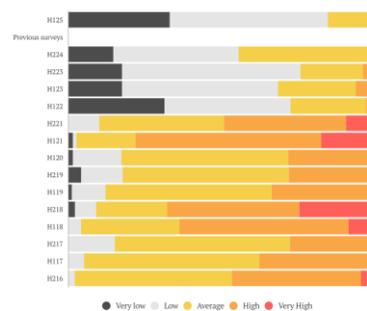


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Valuations

Overall, how would you assess biotech valuations at this point in 2025?

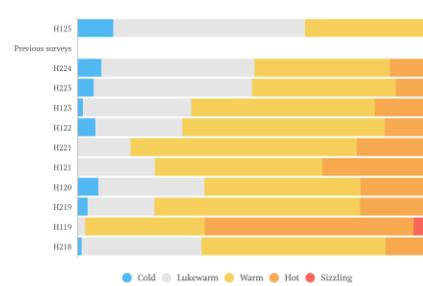


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How do you think the M&A arena in the industry will look in the rest of 2025?

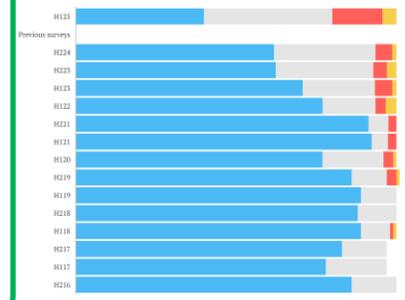


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Investment in staff

Expanding/Hiring: Are you hiring additional staff in Q2 2025?



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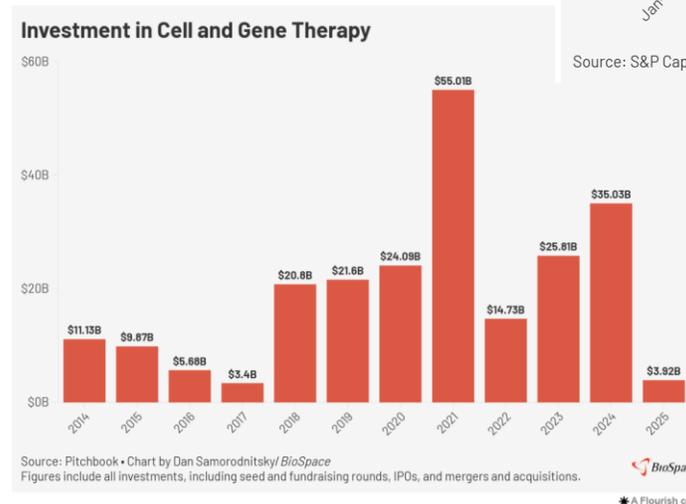
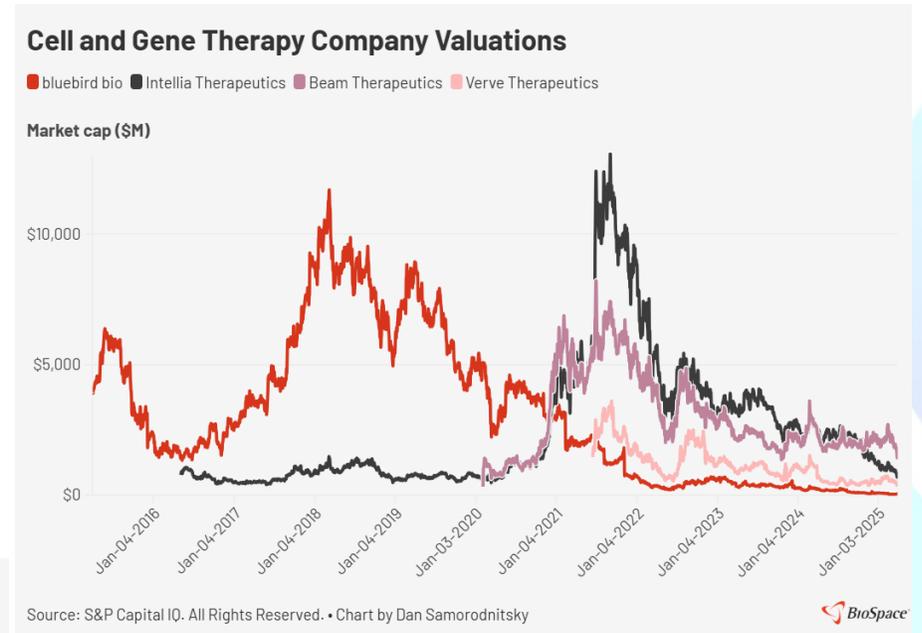
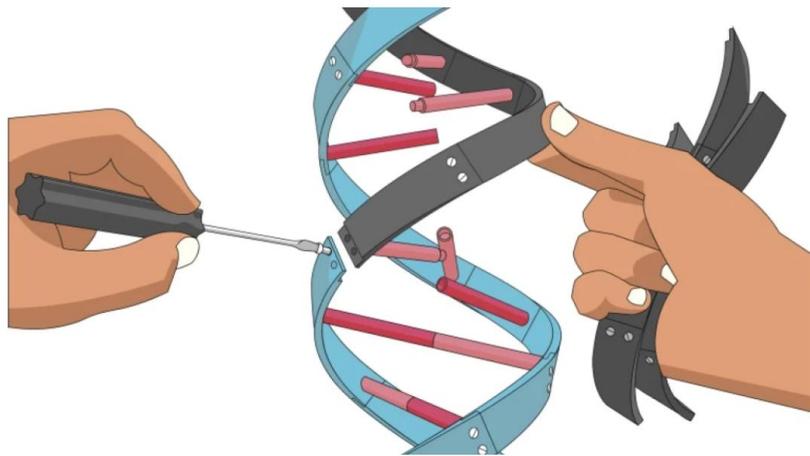
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2025 expectations for C> - valuations

News > Business

As Gene Therapy Endures 'Cold Winter,' FDA Leaders Promise Support

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Challenges for C> funding – Reduction of interest in C> ?

- **Uncertainty:** Political / Geo-political instability; Public funding at risk
- **Very challenging to raise** despite good science; Low equity prices, down rounds
- Limited valuation of platform approach and pre-clinical assets;
- Company closures, reduction of staff, talent attrition
- Early science still being funded but more selectively

- Generalists abandoning sector, herd mentality
- Specialists looking for clinical stage or rapid return companies, large indications

- **Low appetite for high costs therapies:** cost of development and CoG
- Difficult to identify leads; **Need to have blockbuster products**
- Need to have ROI and adoption plus commercial traction of C> products

- Big pharma focused on large indications; Low appetite for small markets

- Alternative geographies; Alternative financing: M&A; BD

- **Critical to launch successfully: Launch is more than efficacy**



C> reasons to believe

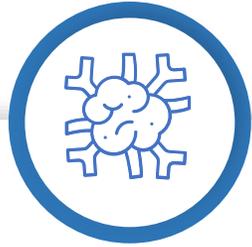


Challenges for C> funding – Reasons to believe

- **Political environment in US; EU and Asia favorable to C>** product development: flexibility and focus
- Regulatory and HTA addressing the specificities of C> (accelerated; platform)
- Policies to improve competitiveness of biotech through funding; bio-hubs; regulatory agility
- **Clinical success with cure and long-term therapeutic value**
- Developments addressing the **reduction of CoG** and increase in capacity
- Move to **larger and more prevalent indications**
- **Expected commercial success**
- Market expansion to over **50 billion USD by 2030**
- Target of over **10 blockbuster** products by 2030 with 5 already in 2025
- **Success of the field – restore confidence and willingness to invest**
- Lower CoG; adequate launches and patient adoption; return on investment
- BD through licensing and M&A as **funding alternatives: Pharma exits!**
- Opportunity to **train and educate** those inside and outside C> field!!!!



Top Pipeline Trends Driving CGT Advancement



Progress in Solid Tumor

Strong early-stage pipeline: 657 active trials

Prevalence: Account for 90% of new adult cancer cases globally (GCO)

2024 Milestones: first FDA approvals for cell therapies to treat solid tumors



CAR-T Advances

Earlier treatment options: CAR-Ts for MM advance as earlier lines of treatment; CAR-T in testing to be 1st line treatment for first time

Autoimmune promise:

Several trials advancing in early/mid-stage clinical trials



Milestones for In-Vivo

CRISPR in late-stages: Second-ever in-vivo CRISPR gene editing therapy enters phase III trials

In-vivo CARs enter the scene: Groundbreaking in-vivo CAR-T and CAR-Gene therapy concepts enter clinical trials

CGTs Are More Likely to be Approved

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Clinical development success rates for durable cell and gene therapies

Durable orphan gene therapies

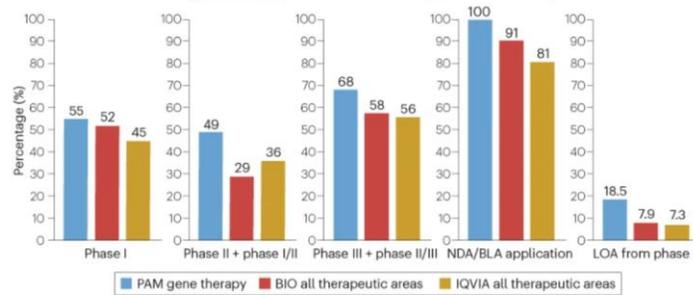
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overall likelihood of FDA approval once entering Phase 1 clinical trials

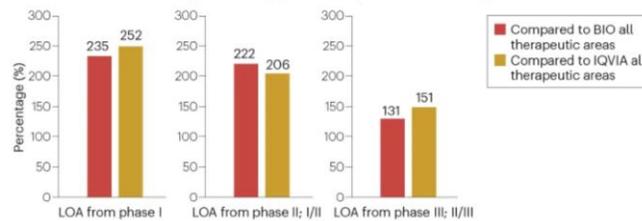
2.5 times

more likely to receive FDA approval than all drugs once entering Phase 1 trials (IQVIA)

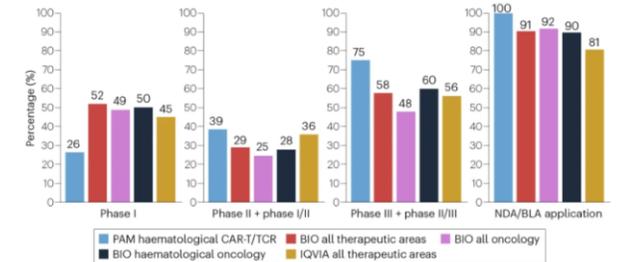
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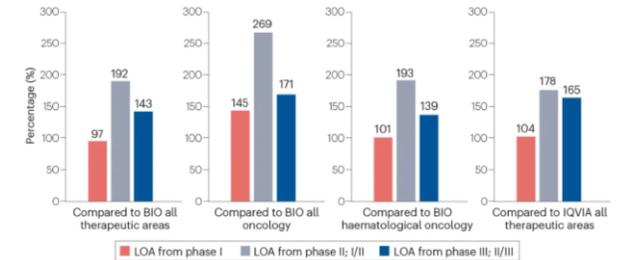
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a Haematological CAR-T/TCR success rates compared to all therapeutic areas and oncology



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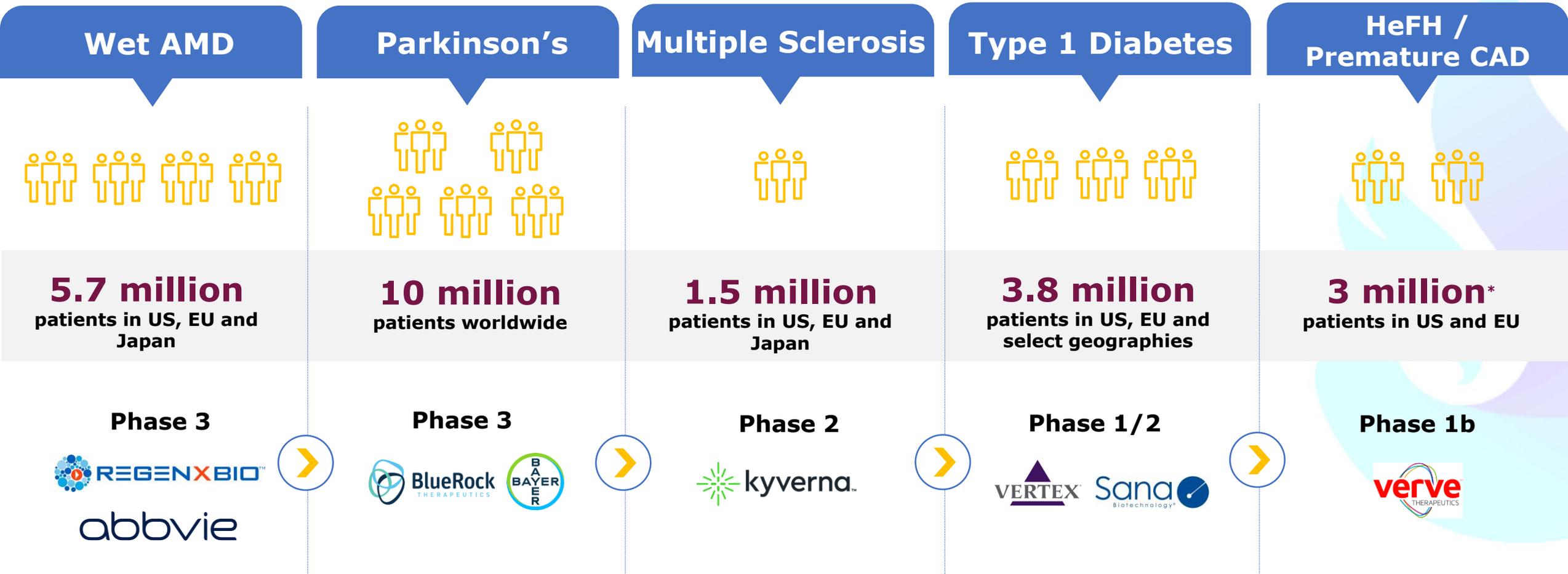


Hematological CAR-T/TCRs

40%

more likely to receive FDA approval than other oncology drugs (BIO 2011-2020)

Prevalent Disease Breakthroughs Are Coming

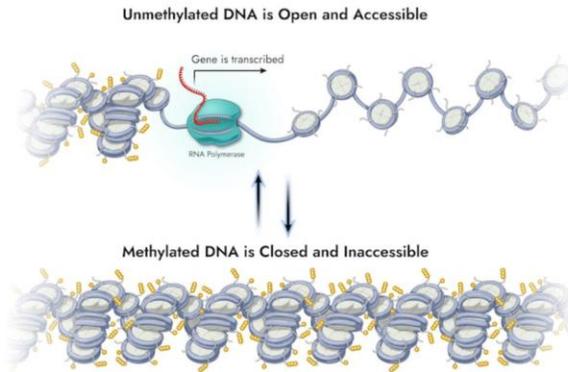


Source: Company estimates from Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Kyverna Therapeutics, REGENXBIO, BlueRock Therapeutics and Verve Therapeutics

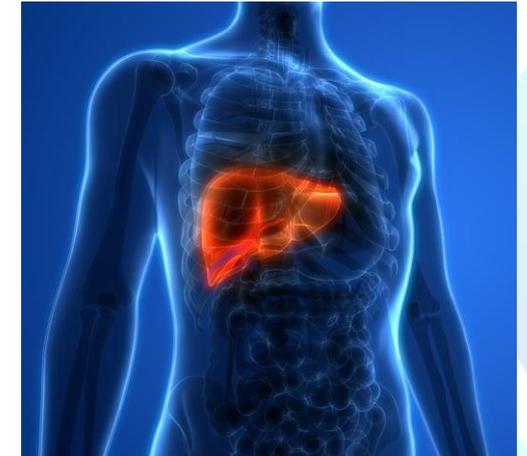
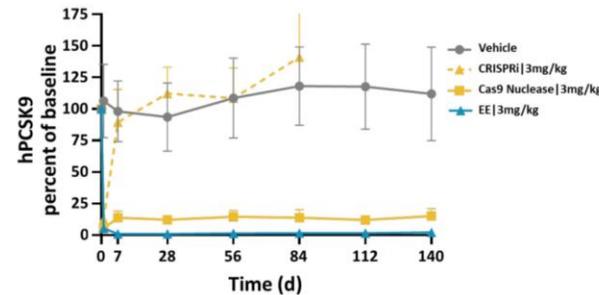
* Patient figure is Heterozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) only

Epigenetic editing and large population gene therapy!

Editing “above the level of DNA”



99% PCSK9 Silencing Achieved
140 Days Post-dose



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PCSK9 is a proprotein convertase which is involved in the degradation of LDL receptors in the liver. Blocking the activity of PCSK9 reduces the degradation of LDL receptors and increases the clearance of LDL-cholesterol.

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Lilly to bolster gene editing pipeline, buying Verve for up to \$1.3B



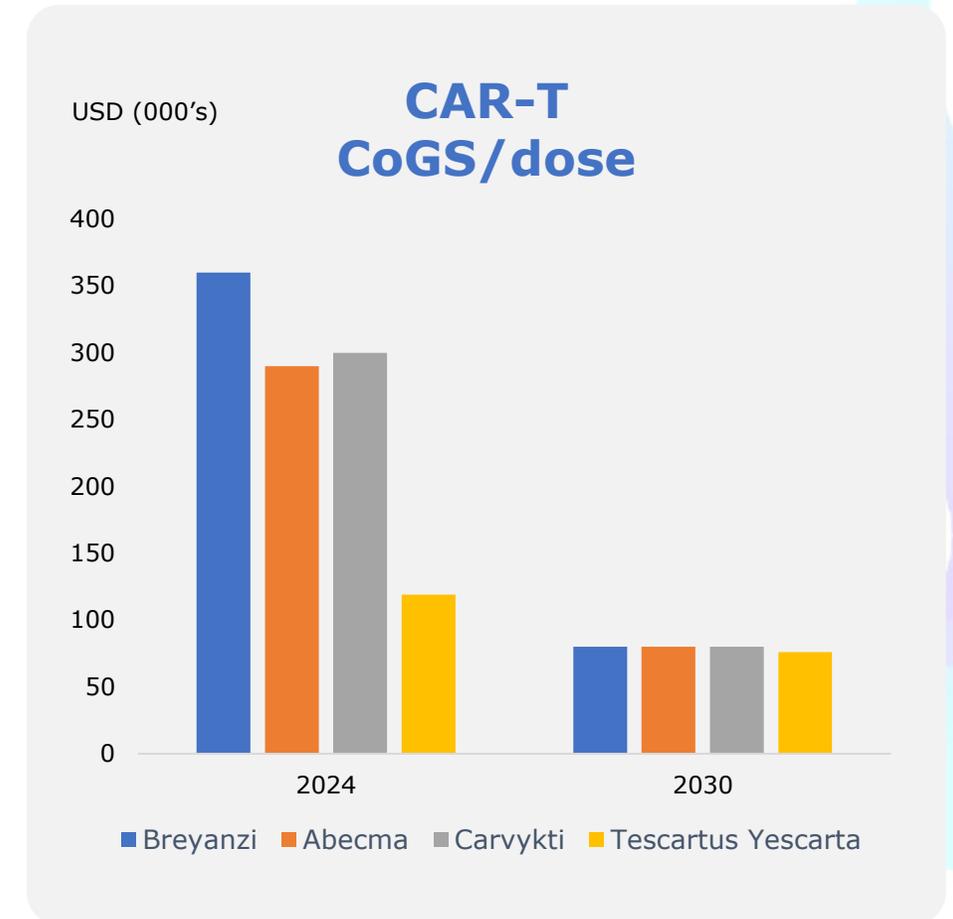
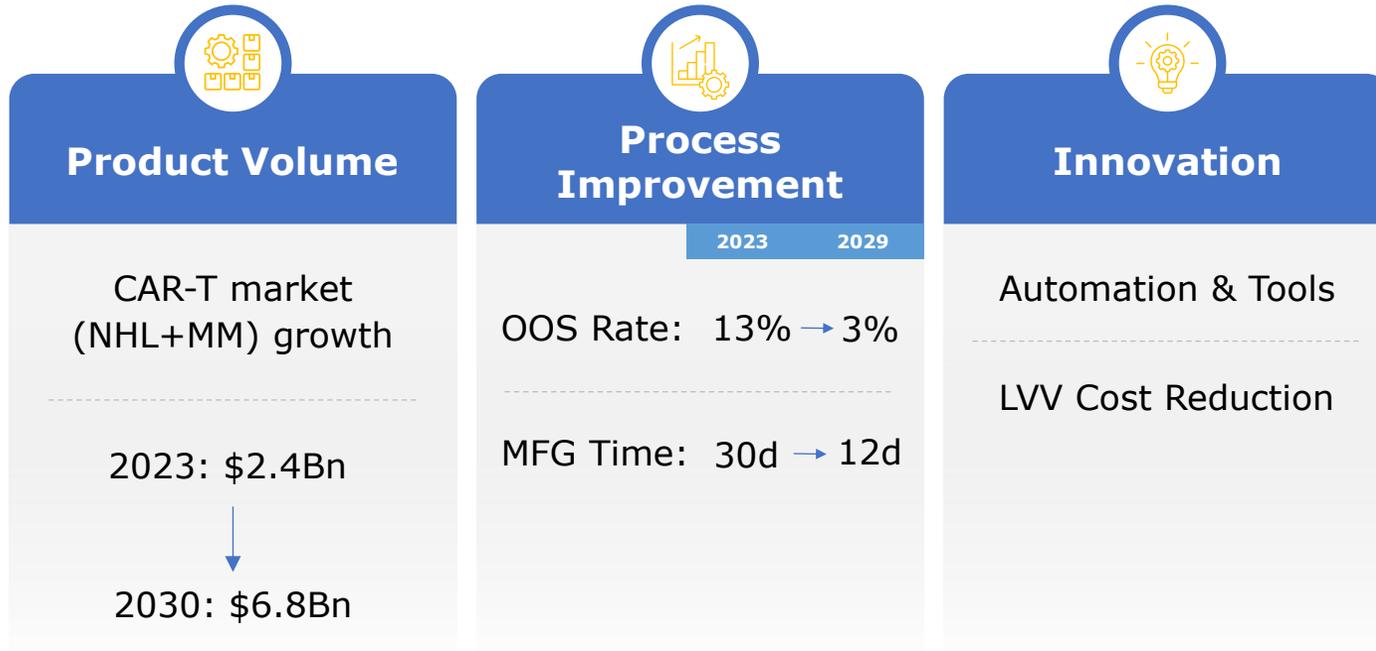
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It appears that Eli Lilly couldn't wait to get its hands on Verve Therapeutics' PCSK9 program.

CoG for autologous cell therapies poised to decline

Leerink estimates gross margins improving to ~80% by 2030, driven by:



The Promise of In Vivo Gene Therapy



Advantages

- **Direct delivery** of genetic material
- Avoids ex vivo manipulation, reducing complexity
- Potential for widespread tissue targeting (e.g., liver, CNS, etc.)



Therapeutic Potential

- Monogenic disorders (e.g., hemophilia, muscular dystrophy)
- Neurodegenerative diseases (e.g., SMA, Huntington's)
- Cardiac and metabolic disorders (e.g., Danon)



Key Modalities

- **Viral vectors** (AAV, lentivirus, adenovirus) – high transduction efficiency, tissue tropism
- **Non-viral approaches** (LNPs, polymeric nanoparticles, electroporation) – lower immunogenicity



Challenges to Overcome

- **Immune responses** against vectors (pre-existing antibodies to AAV)
- **Scalability** and manufacturing bottlenecks

The individual gene editing therapy – “N-of-1”

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BRIEF REPORT

Patient-Specific In Vivo Gene Editing to Treat a Rare Genetic Disease

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Progress in the Development of N-of-1 Therapy

Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D.¹



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The inside story of the six-month sprint to create the first custom CRISPR therapy for one infant's rare disease



Ryan Cross
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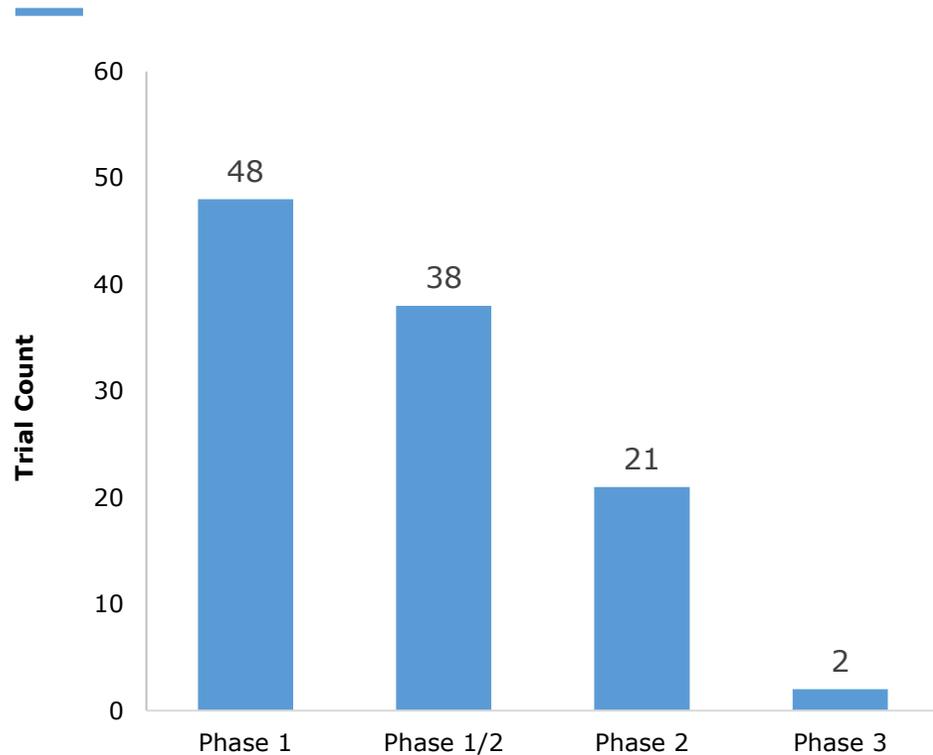
Baby Kyle Patrick “KJ” Muldoon, Jr., shortly after his birth (left); KJ and his parents soon after receiving treatment, at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (courtesy of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and the Muldoon family)



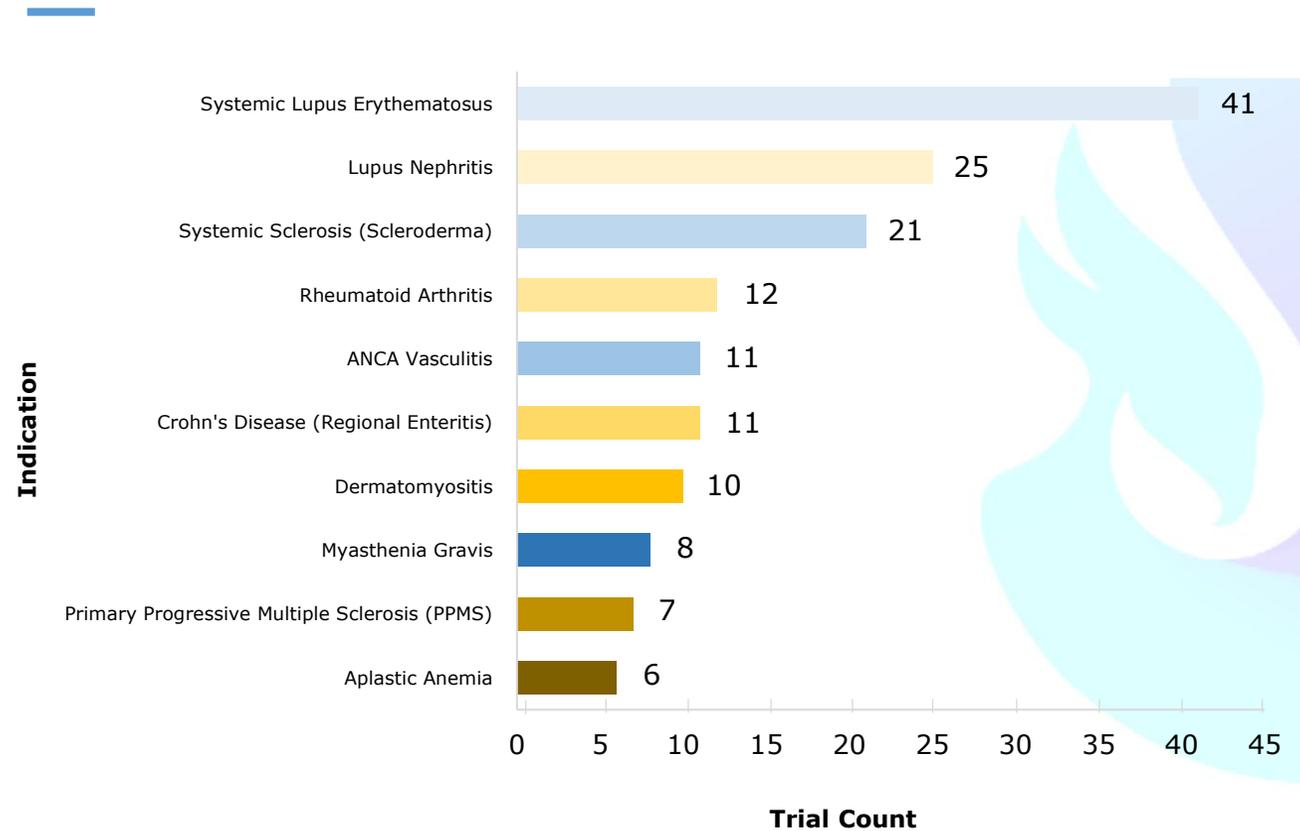
- KJ, born with severe **carbamoyl-phosphatase synthetase 1 deficiency**
- Treated with a customized **lipid nanoparticle-delivered base-editing therapy**
- Collaborative effort between the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, the Innovative Genomics Institute, Berkeley, Danaher, and others
- The first patient to receive a **patient specific gene editing therapy**

Promise in Autoimmune Diseases: 107 Ongoing Trials

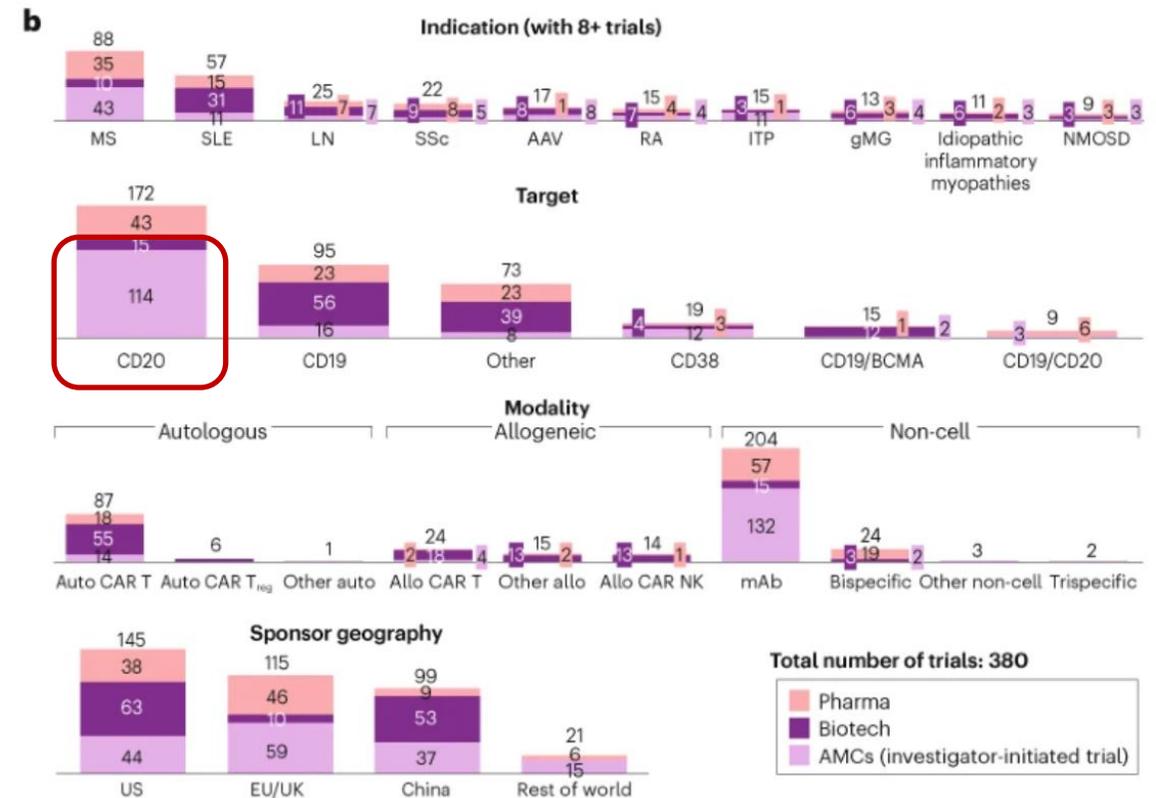
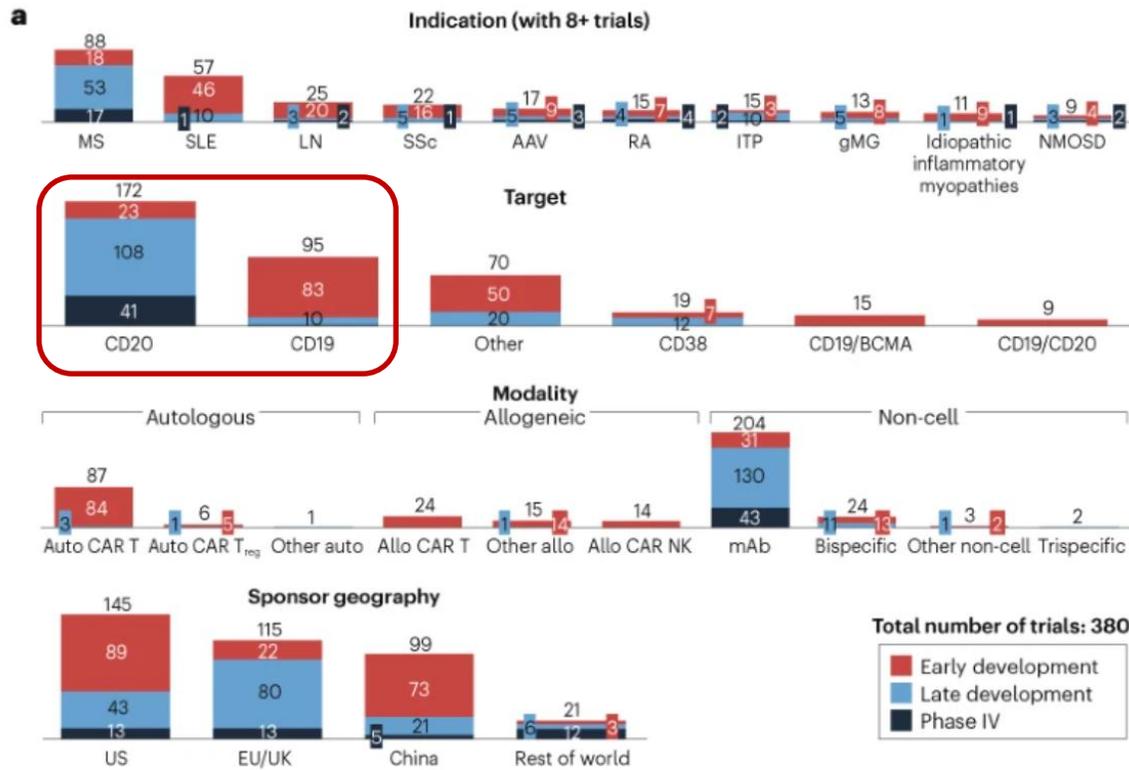
Autoimmune Trials by Phase



Top 10 Most Explored Autoimmune Indications



The race to reset the immune system - Autoimmunity



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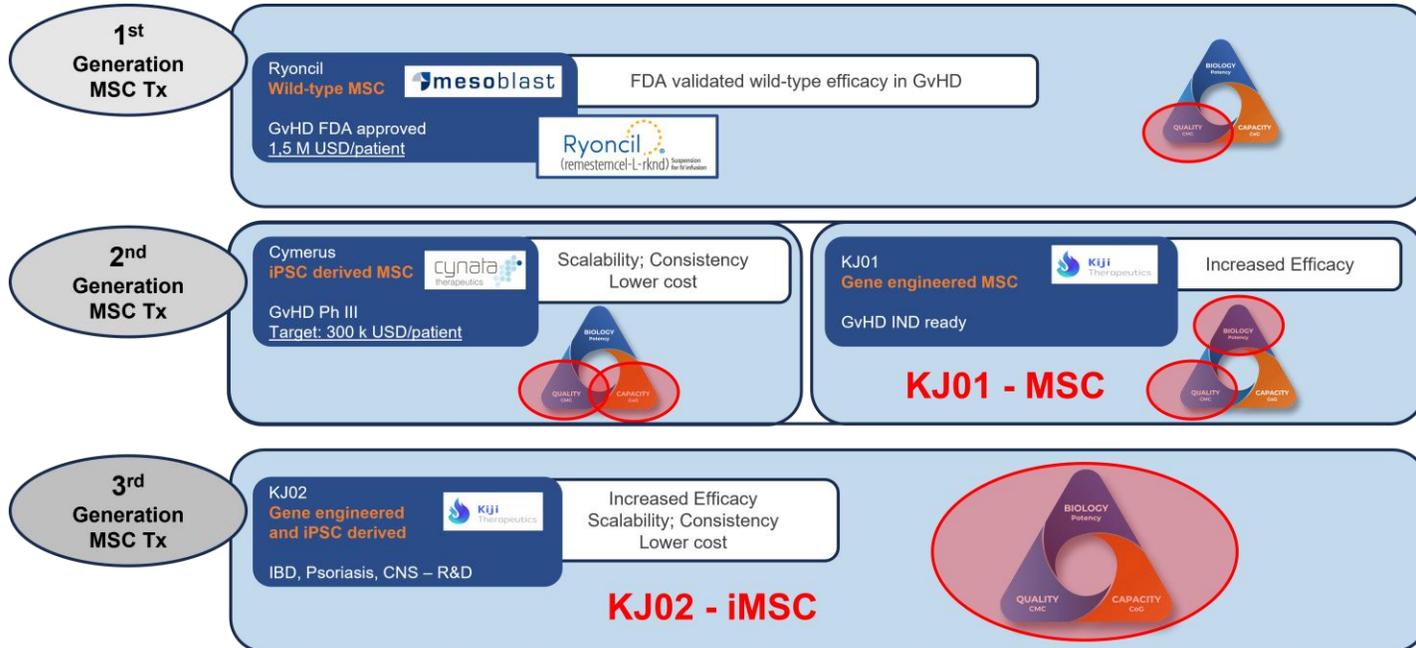
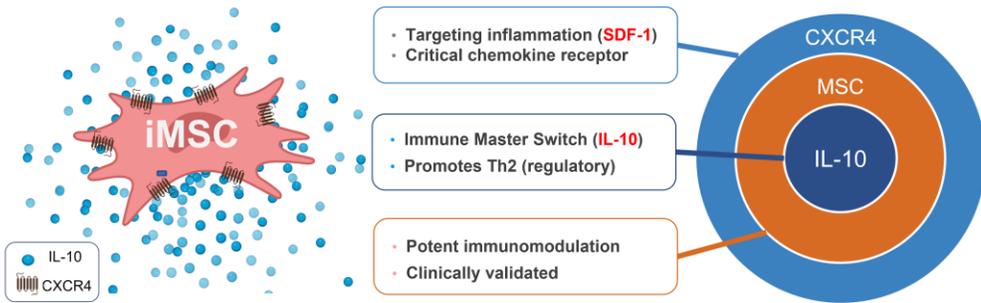
The race to reset autoimmune diseases

By [Mayank Bhandari](#), [Jeffrey F. Smith](#), [Emily Capra](#) & [Guang Yang](#)



High number of IIS – Public/Private opportunity
 Insistence in CAR-T: B Lymphocyte focus
 Large unmet medical need; Huge market opportunity

Resetting autoimmune diseases with gene engineered iMSCs - Kiji Therapeutics



- Proprietary multi-gene engineered cell therapy, lentiviral IL10/CXCR4, for improved clinical benefit in autoimmune diseases – **GvHD, IBD and Psoriasis**
- Resetting the innate immune system** for long term clinical benefit with extensive pre-clinical MoA data in multiple positive animal models
- Milestones:**
 - Clinical data in GvHD in 2026/27
 - iPSC derived MSC platform in 2027
 - Initiate clinical development for IBD, Psoriasis in 2027/2028

Pipeline

	Technology (Allogeneic; Off-the Shelf)	Indication	Stage				
			Discovery/ Pre-clinical	IND/CTA enabling studies	Clinical		
					IND/CTA	FPFV	Data
KJ01	Donor Ad-MSC (IL10/CXCR4) GMP grade	SR-aGvHD	IND package available		2H25	1H26	1H27
KJ02	iPSC - iMSC (IL10/CXCR4) R&D grade	IBD	IND package in development		1H27	1H27	2028
		Psoriasis	R&D; Pre-clinical		1H27	2H27	2028
		CNS (collaboration R&D / option)	R&D		2H27	1H28	2029

Multiple clinical indications within the next 3 to 4 years;

The market ...



Commercial success needed....

Drug	Company	2024 Revenue (\$M)	Cost (\$)	Modality	Disease
Yescarta	Kite Pharma (a Gilead company)	1,600	424K	Ex-vivo autologous CAR-T (CD19)	Relapsed/Refractory Large B cell lymphoma
Zolgensma	Novartis	952 (Q1-Q3)	2.1M	AAV9-SMN	Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)
Carvykti	Legend Bio, J&J	963	465K	Ex-vivo autologous CAR-T (BCMA)	Relapsed/Refractory Multiple myeloma
Elevidys	Sarapeta Therapeutics	820	3.2M	AAVrh74 - <i>micro-dystrophin</i>	Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD)
Breyanzi	Juno Therapeutics, (a BMS company)	747	500K	Ex-vivo autologous CAR-T (CD19)	Relapsed/refractory NHL and CLL
Kymriah	Novartis	443	475K	Ex-vivo autologous CAR-T (CD19)	Relapsed/Refractory ALL in children and young adults, and DLBCL and FL in adults
Tecartus	Kite Pharma (a Gilead company)	403	373K	Ex-vivo autologous CAR-T (CD19)	Relapsed/Refractory Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) or ALL
Vyjuvek	Krystal Biotech	290	24K/ vial \$631K/annually	HSV-1-COL7A1 (topical)	Dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (DEB)
Abecma	Celgene Corporation (a BMS company)	242	420K	Ex-vivo autologous CAR-T (BCMA)	Relapsed/Refractory Multiple myeloma
Amtagvi	Iovance Biotherapeutics	103.6	515K	TILs	Unresectable or metastatic melanoma

The ZOLGENSMA™ Success Story



Approved in over 50 countries



Access established in over 45 countries
(68% of revenue comes from ex-US)



Over 4,000 young children treated
worldwide; recent Phase III data
supports use in children up to age 18



**Blockbuster status since 2021 and
projected to grow to \$2B by 2028**



Establishing access capabilities early is
critical for commercialization

The ELEVIDYS™ Success Story



Approved in **eight countries**



ELEVIDYS broad coverage is progressing and not a single patient has been permanently denied coverage as of February 2025



Over 800 patients treated worldwide

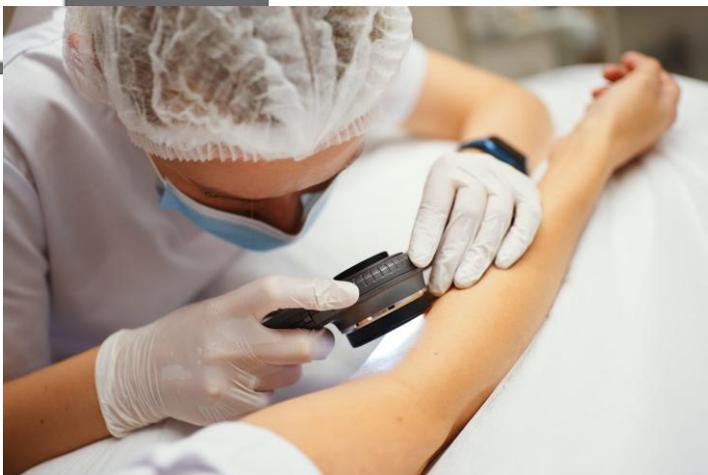


On track for blockbuster status in 2025



Expansion of label in 2024 improves growth prospects; possible additional expansion to toddlers

The VYJUVEK™ Success Story



USA Approval in 2023 (first redosable gene therapy)



Robust nationwide coverage in US and achieved positive policies or coverage decisions from plans covering 97% of commercial and Medicaid lives



Approved in the EU (2025); seeking approval in Japan



In 2024, Vyjuvek generated \$290 million in revenue



Reached **gross margin** of 95% in Q4 2024

The YESCARTA™ Success Story



Approved in **over 30 countries**



Access established in over 21 countries (58% of revenue came from ex-US in 2024)



Over 20,000 patients treated worldwide

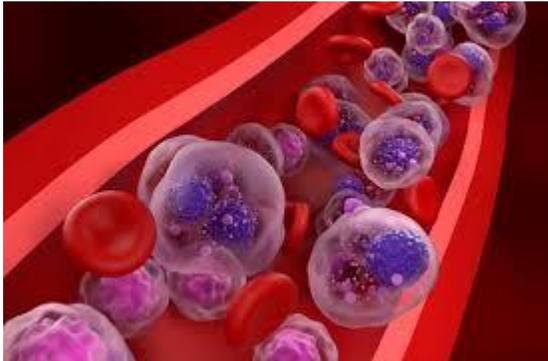


Blockbuster status since 2023 and projected to grow to over \$2B in global sales by 2030



Captured 92% of US academic ATCs, covering over 97% of the serviceable population. Expanding into the second-line relapsed or refractory DLBCL setting in Europe.

The CARVYKTI™ Success Story



Approved in over 5 countries



Only approved CAR-T in MM that has significant use in **outpatient settings** (50%), with 100+ authorized treatment centers



Over 5,000 patients treated worldwide



On track for blockbuster status in 2025 and projected to exceed \$6B in peak annual sales



60% of usage comes from 2nd to 4th line setting

The Ryoncil™ Success Story



FDA approved in December 2024



First and only MSC C> approved in the US.
Significant milestone in cell therapy



Targeting the unmet medical need of GvHD



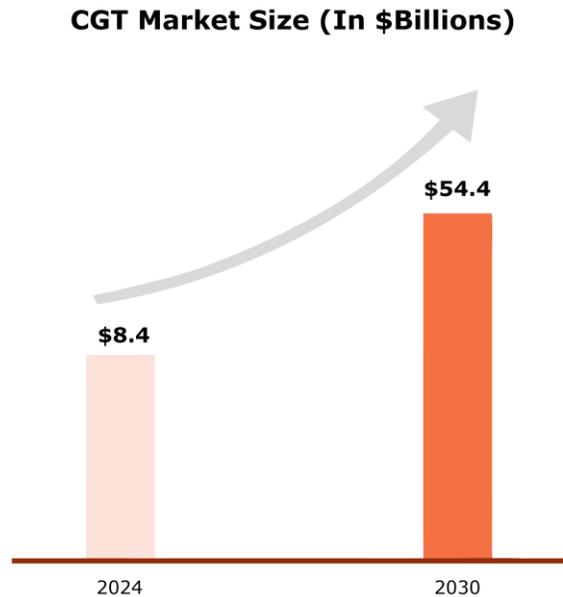
Towards good market penetration and willingness to use



Intention for **label-extension to other autoimmune** diseases

Scientific Breakthroughs Become Commercial Successes

From 2 blockbusters in the last 6 years (2018-2024) to 10 by 2030



Source: EvaluatePharma Analyst Consensus Estimates (May 2025), Deloitte Analysis

Commercial Blockbusters (with estimated >\$1B annual worldwide sales)

- 1

2018 Global CGT revenue totals ~500 million

- 2

2021 **zolgensma**

- 5

2022 **YESCARTA**

- 10

2025 **CARVYKTI**
(ciltacabtagene autoleucl) Suspension for IV infusion

Elevidys

Breyanzi
(lisocabtagene maraleucl) SUSPENSION FOR IV INFUSION

- 10

2030 *Driven by currently launched and late-stage pipeline therapies (analyst Consensus Data)*

Source: EvaluatePharma Analyst Consensus Estimates (May 2025), Deloitte Analysis

Significant C> Financings and Partnerships in 2025

Public Financings



\$500M



\$200M



\$200M

Venture Capital



\$175M



\$150M



\$135M

Partnerships (Upfront Payments)



\$425m



\$200M



\$110M

Big Biopharma is Committed to Partnering with Emerging Biotech to Accelerate Early Efforts

Since 2020, 20 largest biopharma companies have entered into:¹

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partnerships with CGT-focused biotechs

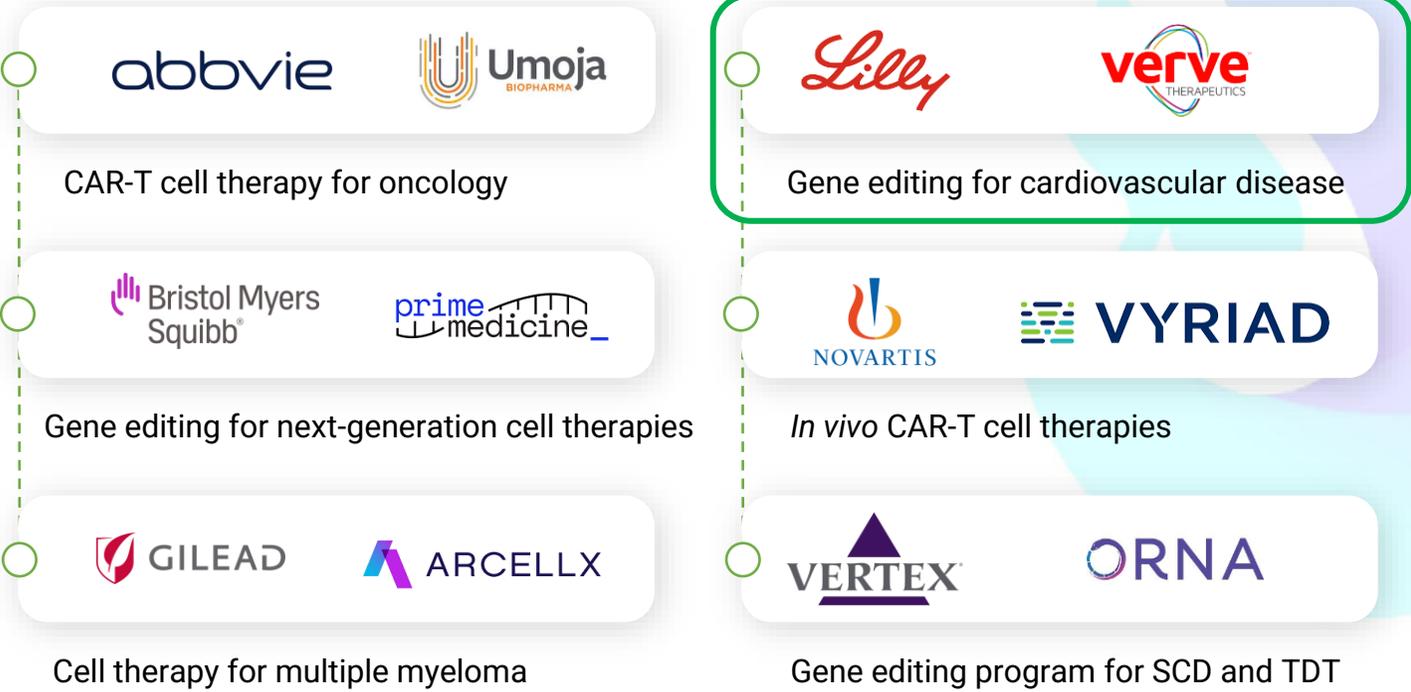
\$5B+

In aggregate up-front cash

\$73B+

in aggregate deal value

COLLABORATIONS ALLOW BIOTECHS TO EXPAND OR ACCELERATE THEIR PIPELINES, BROADEN THEIR GEOGRAPHIC REACH, AND/OR ACCESS ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES²



¹ Data per BioCentury database; ²deals shown here are representative sample

Politics, regulation and society...



Cell and Gene Therapy Sector Data: Q4 2024

The US Continues to Lead, but the Sector is Globalizing Fast Interim 2024 Data

2024	 Developers (Snapshot value)	 Clinical Trials (Snapshot value)	 Investment (2024 Total)
North America 	1,230	981	\$11.8B
Asia Pacific 	1,029	879	\$1.5B
Europe 	581	384	\$2.0B
Total (y/y growth)	2,936* ↑6%	1,975* ↑3%	\$15.2B* ↑30%

The evolving political landscape in US and EU

FDA Cell and Gene Therapy Roundtable
Hosted by the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research
Thurs. June 5, 9 a.m. - noon ET

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Today, the most senior U.S. health agency leaders met with leading scientists and physicians, patient advocates, and company leaders to explore how we can accelerate the development of, and patient access to, cell and gene therapies – what FDA Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary described as “one of the most cutting-edge areas of all clinical medicine.”

Cell and Gene Therapy Leaders Tell FDA: “Believe in American Solutions”
FDA Cell and Gene Therapy Roundtable →



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Today, ARM brought together leaders from the advanced therapy sector in Brussels for high-level dialogue with EU Health Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi.

The EU Biotech Act: Europe's answer to global biotech competition



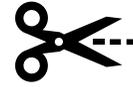
The EU is preparing a Biotech Act to strengthen Europe's position in the global life sciences race.

The aims in a nutshell:

- **Cut regulatory red tape**
- **Attract capital**
- **AI/digital first**
- **Compete against US & China.**

The EU Biotech Act

Prosperity, resilience and leadership for the European Union



Regulatory simplifications

- **Streamlining HTA approval processes**
- Reducing **regulatory fragmentation** for multi-country clinical trials
- Establishing regulatory sandboxes to accelerate market introduction



Creation of an EU Biotech Hub

- Dedicated operational tool to help biotech companies navigate regulations and access support



Integration of AI and supercomputing

- AI to enhance pharmaceutical advancements and drug discovery
- Quantum technology to improve medical diagnostics and personalized treatments

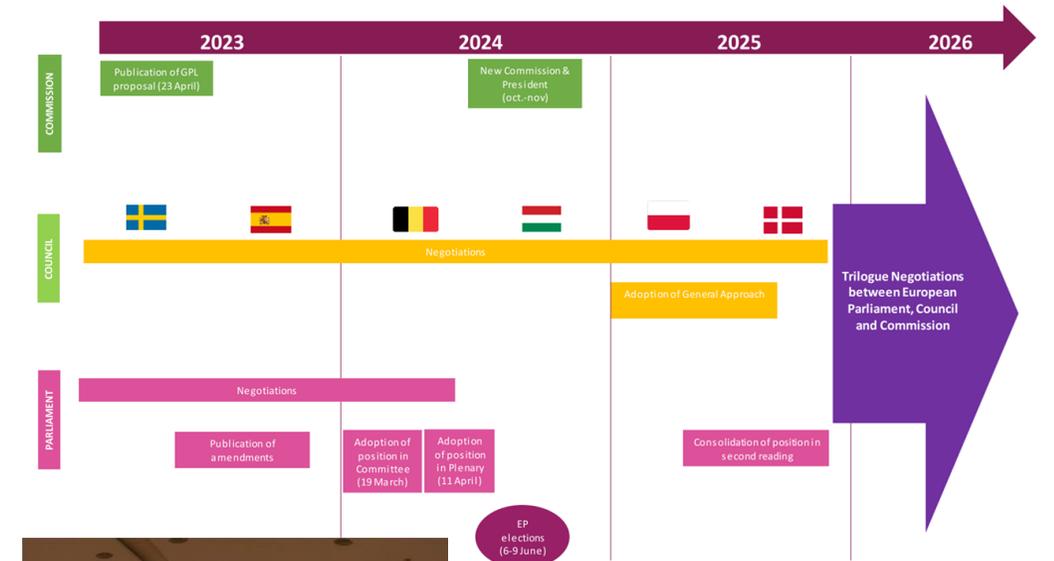


Investment and funding support

- **Public and private investments** through existing (EU4Health, Horizon Europe, HERA Invest) and potential new programs (European Innovation Council Accelerator, European Investment Bank)

Reform of the EU pharmaceutical legislation

- Removal of **CAT**
 - Concern to lose the knowledge, expertise and the focus
 - Maturity of the system?
- **BWP** not fully representative of EU MS
- Classification of MP and ATMP
 - Article 61 gives the mandate to the Agency to recommend classification - MS disagreement is possible
- **GMO in CT**
 - Centralized assessment of GMO according to Directive 2001/18 on deliberate release by CHMP
- **Hospital Exemption**
 - Article 2 confirms HE
- Additional **master files**
 - Article 26 makes it more flexible
- **SoHO** regulation
 - No significant change (import/export starting materials: potential challenge)



HTAR: a value system under construction

Opportunity:

- Single system; Evolution as the Centralized Regulatory System
- Joint expertise
- Integration with the regulatory process
- Speed

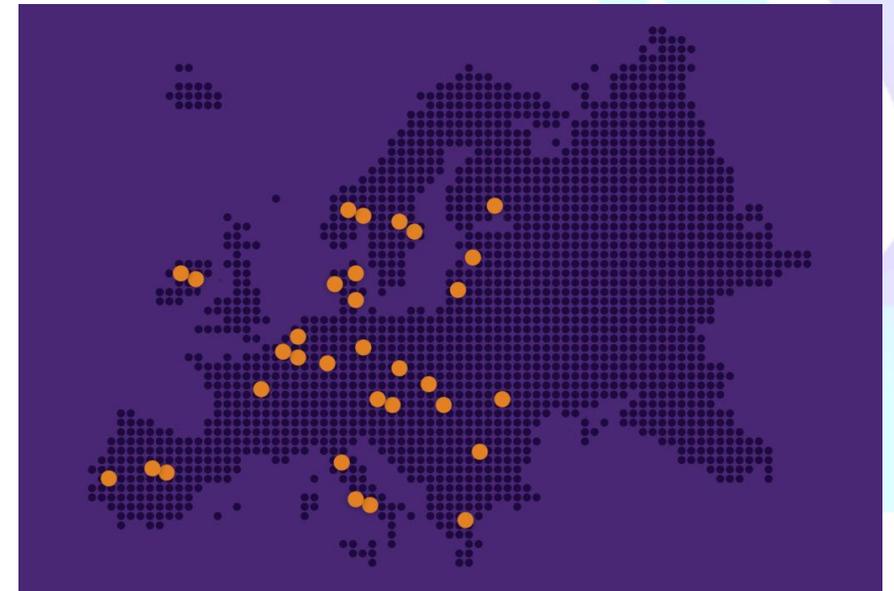
Challenges:

- Growing pains through implementation
- Need to be suited to purpose - Pragmatism
- Methodologies for the JCA
- Transposition to MS actions

Clearly a positive move aligned with EU vision reflecting the challenges of EU implementation



32 different HTA Bodies
all over Europe



Europe: stakeholder collaboration: Public/Private

- **Increase EU competitiveness**
- Research and development
- **Company creation** – Academia; Public Institutions
- **Flexible funding:** small faster vs large slower: **The Public as LPs and the hubs as VCs**
- Public / Private partnerships: IIS and Private Sponsors
- Clinical development; **Clinical trials**
- **Faster, adaptable and flexible regulatory, including HTA**
- Patient associations; NGO and non-for-profit; Academic and Professional organizations
- **Commercial success:** Patient access; Commercialization alternatives; return on investment



Ethics



Ethics: Tackling the field issues proactively

C>, Ethics and society

- Cell and Gene therapy value and pricing – innovation, access and sustainability
 - Industrialization for global access
 - Low patient numbers and orphan/rare diseases versus large indications
 - The frontiers of technology and innovation
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- **Evidence; Cost; Value; Access; Global view**



Guardrails of HHGE: Heritable Human Genome Editing

COMMENT



Don't edit the human germ line

Heritable human genetic modifications pose serious risks, and the therapeutic benefits are tenuous, warn **Edward Lanphier**, **Fyodor Urnov** and colleagues.



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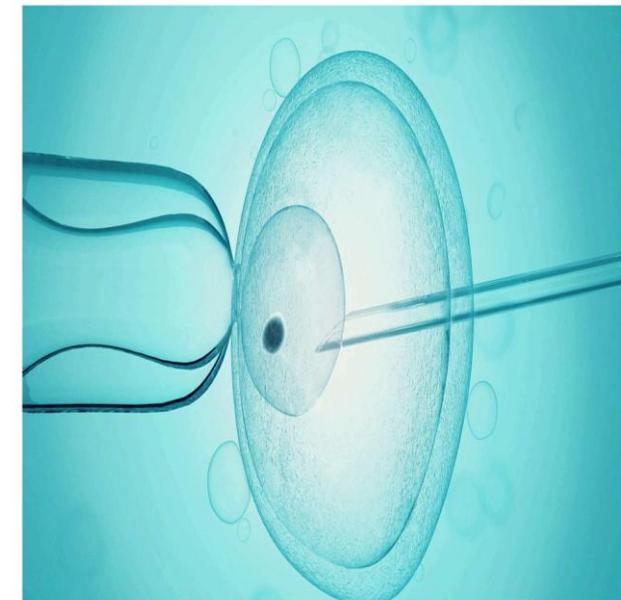
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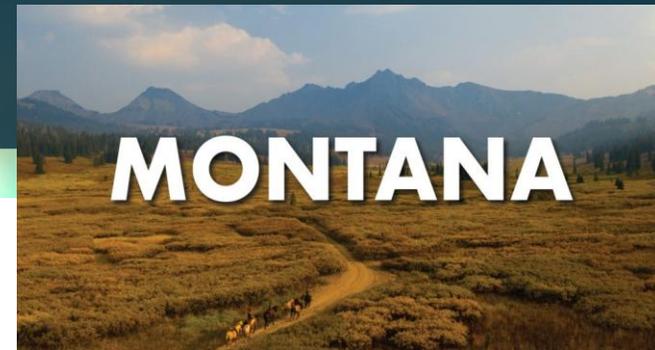
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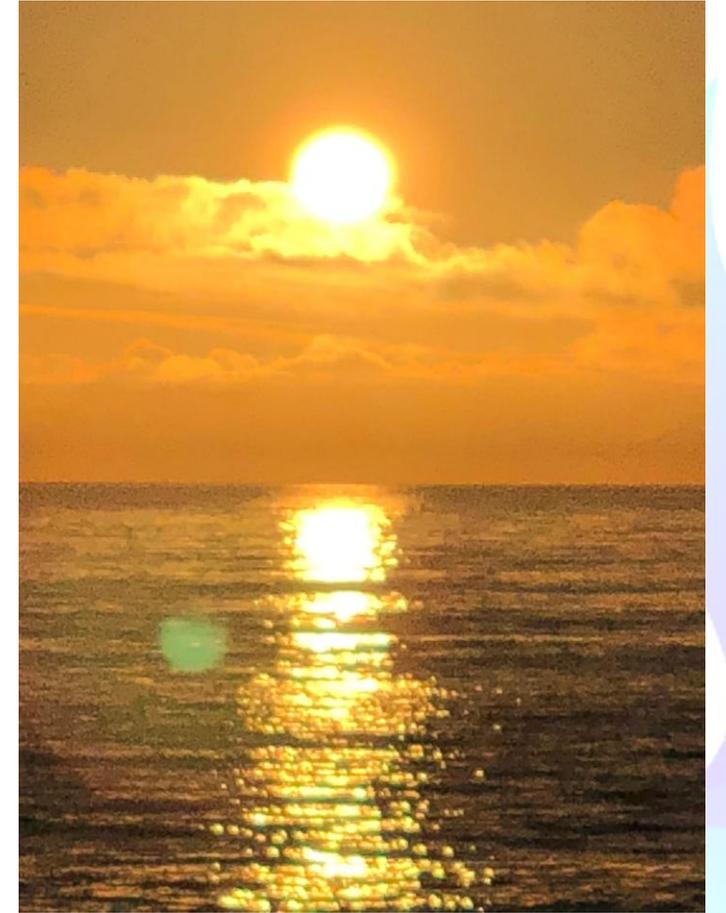
ISCT Committee Paper

Patient access to and ethical considerations of the application of the European Union hospital exemption rule for advanced therapy medicinal products



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Alternative business models



The need for new models / approaches

Models for Academic and Institutional R&D
Translational models – Company creation
Funding; Public and Private
Private / Public partnership

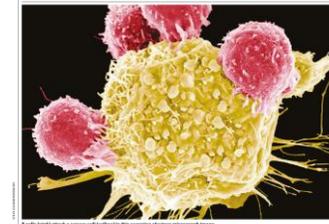
Regulatory approach

Models for clinical development
Models for HTA assessment

Approach to launch – Efficacy is not all; the market needs to be educated – product launch
Models for payment

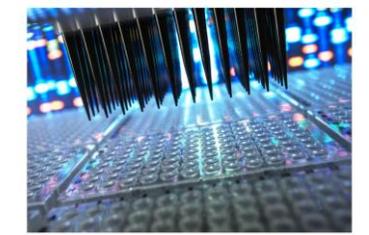
Regional models for **global access**
ATMP and **Hospital Exemption**

Make sure not to alienate the out of CGT fields;
Comply with the real world. Not special just sometimes different



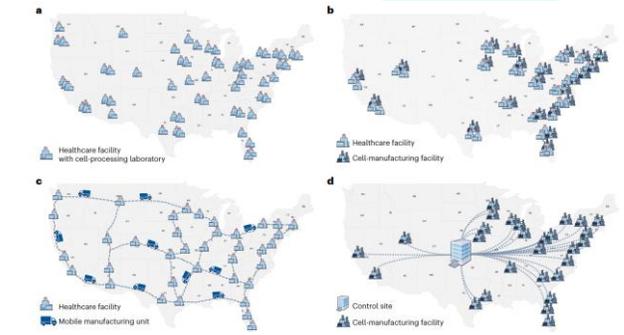
CUTTING-EDGE CANCER THERAPY IS MADE IN INDIA — AT ONE-TENTH THE COST
The treatment, called NeoCARIS, raises hopes that a transformative class of medicine will become more readily available in low- and middle-income countries.
By Brent Mallapaty
A single treatment of NeoCARIS, made in India, is expected to cost between \$100,000 and \$400,000, compared with the \$1 million to \$2 million for CARIS currently used in the U.S. NeoCARIS is made in India by Immunocore, a biotech company that has been approved for use in India in October 2023.

NEWS | 04 October 2023
Rescue of an orphan drug points to a new model for therapies for rare diseases
In a world first, the Italian research charity Telethon will manufacture and distribute a gene therapy for an inherited immunodeficiency that was dropped by the industry.
By Maria Cristina Venochi

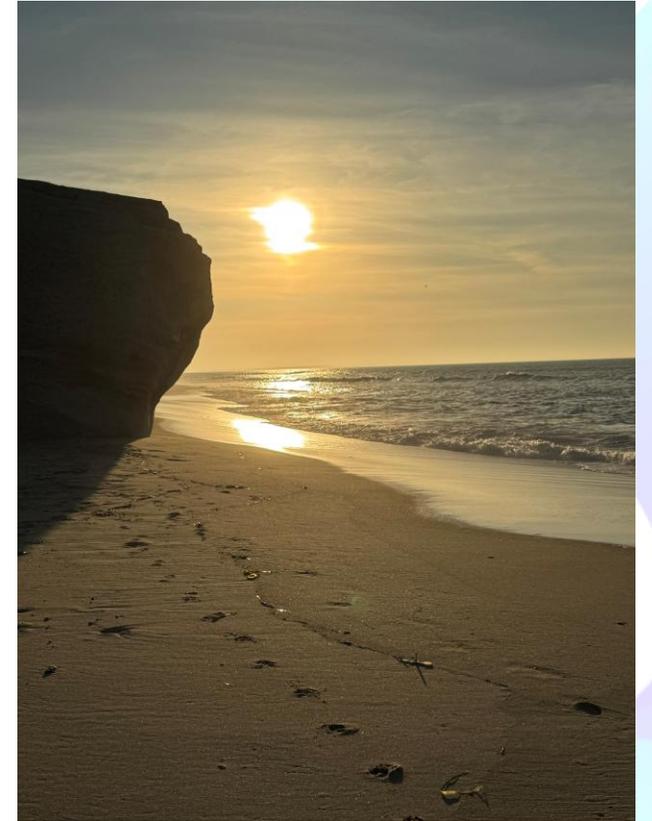


Several gene therapy or stem cell products have been dropped by commercial manufacturers because of high production costs. Credit: 50/Andrew Brinken/Getty Images
Telethon Foundation has decided to take over the licence to produce and distribute Scintivis, a gene therapy product that is the only available cure for a rare condition called ADA-SCID, and that the biopharma company Orchard Therapeutics had discontinued in 2022. It's the first time in the world that a non-profit organisation takes on such a role.

Bloomberg
Newsletters Health
Brazil Finds a Way Around Gene Therapy's High Price
The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, or Fiocruz, building in Rio de Janeiro. Photographer: Yousaphi Chibac/Getty Images
By Gabriel Tavares
10 April 2024 at 12:00 CEST



Take home message !



Europe, ATMPs, innovation, competition, patient access

C>, Ethics and society

- **Evidence** supporting C> products benefit; Challenges with unproven C> products
- **Value**, cost and payment; **Manufacturing**
- **Global patient access**
- **Gene therapy**; Germ line editing

Global access

- **Workforce development**: R&D, production, assessment, administration
- Global and **point of care** manufacturing
- Financing, HTA, fair price,
- Alternative models: Public – Private partnerships; **Patient access**

Winter to or Summer for C>

- The value for patients; Patient access; Manage and deliver to stakeholder expectations
- **Foster innovation; develop alternative models for funding and collaborations**
- **Resilience and optimism**



R²D²

Risk square/ Decision square

Transforming – and often saving -- lives

Jimi Olaghere



After receiving a gene therapy treatment for his sickle cell disease, Jimi reports that he **no longer requires regular care for his condition** other than clinical follow-up.

Emily Whitehead



Diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia at age 5. Emily was the first pediatric patient globally to receive a CAR-T cell therapy. **Over 13 years later, she is still cancer-free.**

Weston Cook

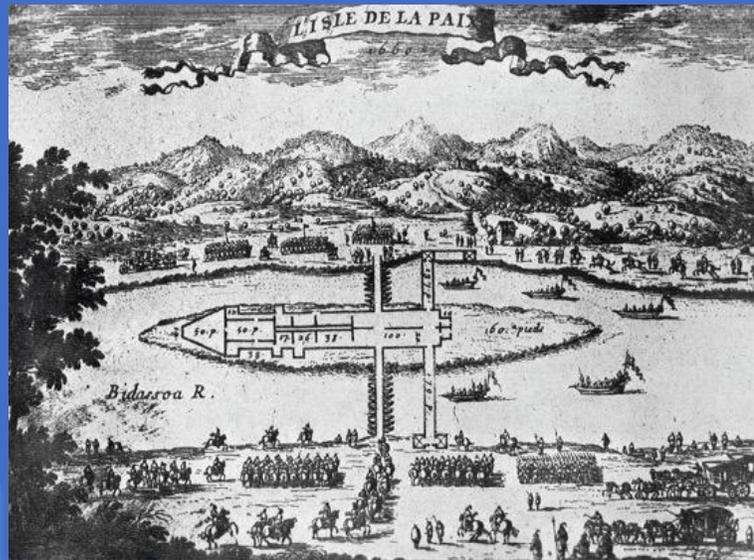


Weston was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy type 1, which kills many patients by age 2. Weston received gene therapy, which gave him **a shot at a normal life.**

KJ



KJ was born with a rare disease that put his life at risk. Thanks to a collaborative effort between CHOP, Danaher, and many others, he became the first patient to receive a **custom gene editing therapy and is now growing well and thriving.**



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Thank you!

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