



# L'esperienza di un ricercatore nello sviluppo e nella *litigation*



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# ***“My” places***

Università di Padova (IT)

The University of Alabama in Huntsville (USA)

Weizmann Institute of Science (IL)

Integrated Technology Corp (IT)

Mount Sinai Medical School (USA)

Università di Padova (IT)

ANANAS Nanotech (IT)

Start Cup (2006)

PNI – Premio Nazionale Innovazione (2006)

Nanochallenge (2008)

Expo 2010 Shanghai (2010)



# Universities and Biotech companies are where most of the innovative drugs come from

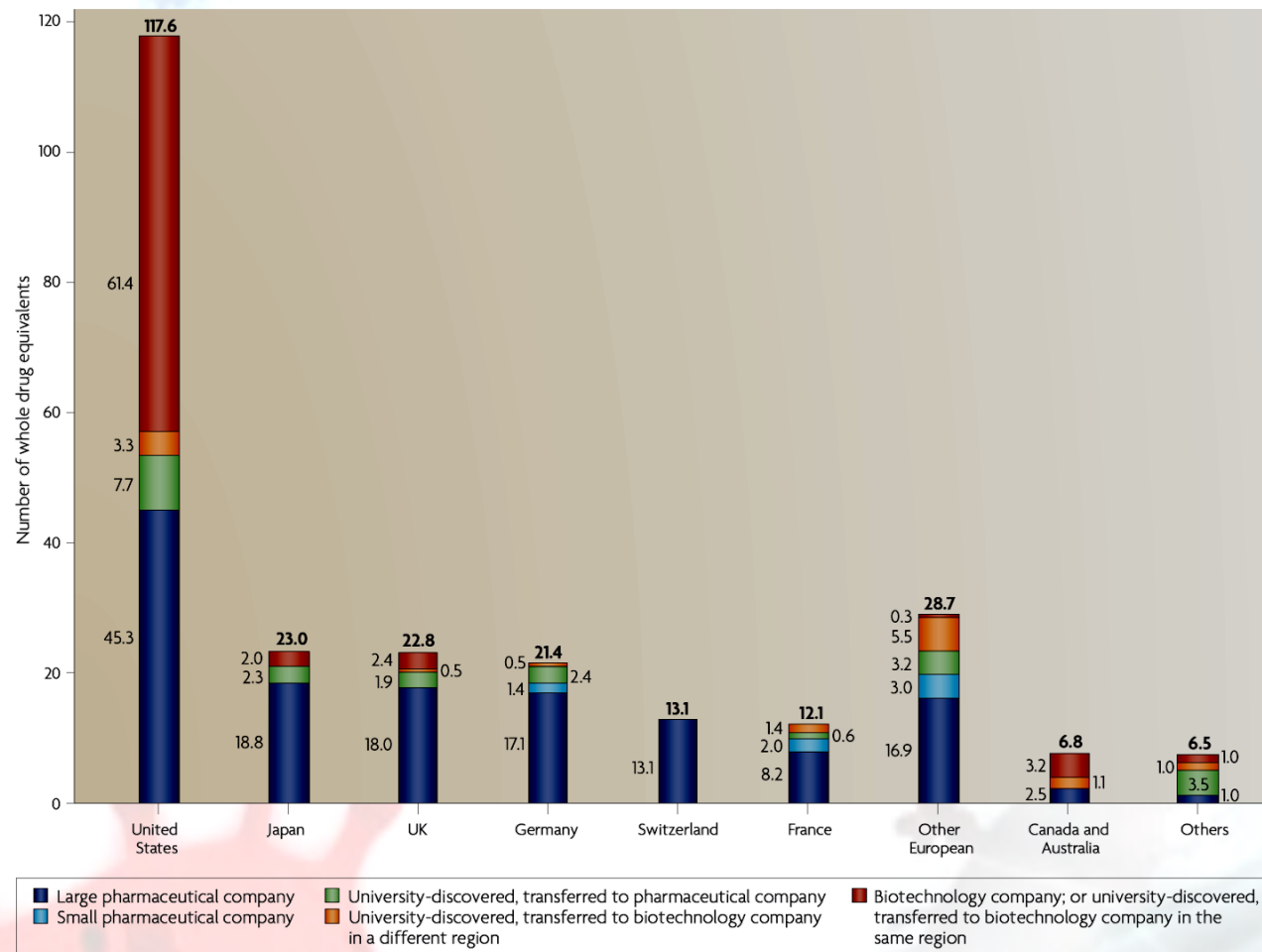


Figure 1 | **Allocation of the 252 new drugs approved by the US Food and Drug Administration between 1998 and 2007.** The distribution of the discovery of all 252 drugs according to the type of the discovering organization (see key) among the six leading drug-discovering countries (United States, Japan, UK, Germany, Switzerland and France), other countries in continental Europe (principally Italy, Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Spain), Canada and Australia combined and other countries (principally Israel). The numbers represent whole drug equivalents; for details,



# 1.

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«Science is certainty, **research is uncertainty**. Science is supposed to be cold, straight, and detached; research is warm, involving, and risky. Science puts an end to the vagaries of human disputes; **research creates controversies**»

*Latour, B. (1998). From the world of science to the world of research? Science, 280(5361), 208-209.*



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**Low reproducibility rates** within life science research undermine cumulative knowledge production

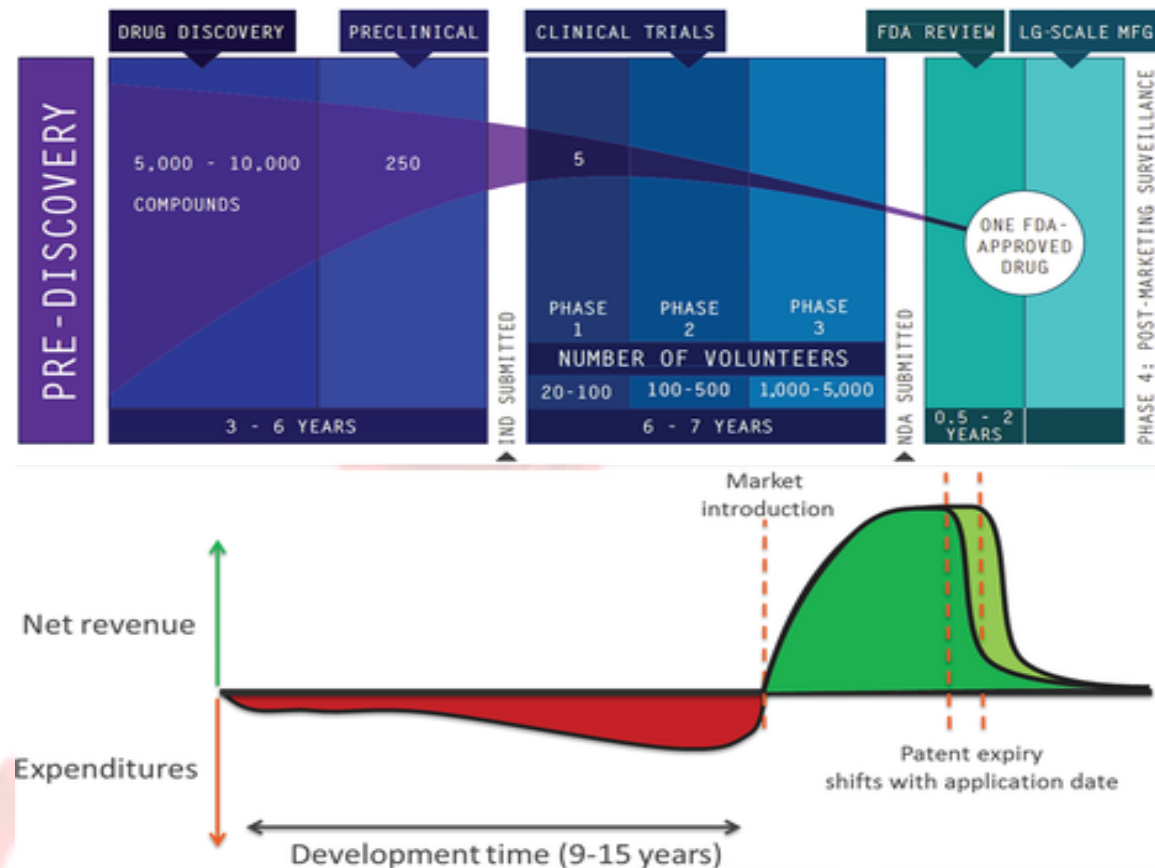
Freedman, L. P., Cockburn, I. M., & Simcoe, T. S. (2015). The economics of reproducibility in preclinical research. PLoS Biol, 13(6), e1002165



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Developing a new prescription medicine that gains marketing approval, a process often lasting *longer than a decade*, is estimated to cost **\$2,558 million**

(Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development 2014)



***A scientist normally gets scared by these numbers***





# Why Tech Transfer in Life Science *is different*

## Top sellers 2014

	2014	2013	2012			
#	Product	2014 (\$m)	2013 (\$m)	Growth (\$m)	Growth (%)	
1	Humira	13021	11105	1916	17	
2	Sovaldi/Harvoni	12410	139	12271	8828	
3	Remicade	10151	9900	251	3	
4	Enbrel	9120	8894	226	3	
5	Lantus	8152	7343	809	11	
6	MabThera/Rituxan	7356	7410	-54	-1	
7	Avastin	6841	6667	174	3	
8	Seretide/Advair	6700	8356	-1656	-20	
9	Herceptin	6690	6481	209	3	
10	Crestor	6617	6960	-343	-5	
11	Abilify	6416	9502	-3086	-32	
12	Lyrice	5435	4838	597	12	
13	Revlimid	4980	4280	700	16	
14	Gleevec/Glivec	4746	4693	53	1	
15	Spiriva	4722	4564	158	3	
16	Neulasta	4596	4392	204	5	

***A scientist normally doesn't know these numbers***





# 1. *So what?*

- University/Research Institution laboratories **make the difference!**
- Research creates **controversies**, not certainties but a market product must give **certainties**
- Life Science results have Low reproducibility rates: **risk**
- Drug development is very **costly** but can be **extremely rewarding**



# 2.

## **Which Business Model in Life Science ?**



***“Life sciences” is not only DRUGS***



# Experiences that changed my life



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- PEG-INTRON® (peginterferon alfa-2b) by Schering-Plough
- Definity® (perflutren lipid microspheres) by Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Macugen® (pegabtanib) by Eyetech & Pfizer
- DuraSeal™ (PEG hydrogel) by Confluent Surgical



**Lesson 1. The road from bench to market can also be faster...**

The screenshot shows the Gentaur website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'File', 'Modifica', 'Visualizza', 'Cronologia', 'Segnalibri', 'Strumenti', and 'Aiuto'. The browser address bar shows the URL 'https://gentaur.com/search/poly-avidin?sort\_col=sku&sort\_dir=asc&page=1'. The main content area displays a search result for 'ANANAS poly-avidin' with a table of products. A pop-up window titled 'More info about product: ANANAS poly-avidin nanoparticles soluble' provides additional details about the product, including its catalog number (571-N\_0101\_01MG) and delivery information.

SKU	Product name	Size	Price
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01013629536	ANANAS poly-avidin	01MG 1 EA	166

**More info about product:**  
**ANANAS poly-avidin nanoparticles soluble**

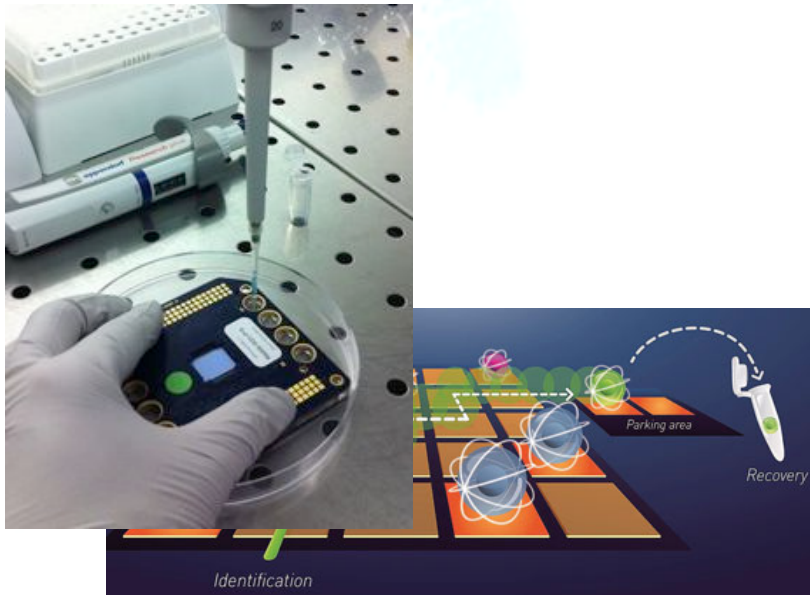
The catalog number at Gentaur for this research reagent is 571-N\_0101\_01MG. It is a frequent ordered item.

The ANANAS poly-avidin nanoparticles soluble can be delivered to your laboratory the next week after your order if you order before Friday 15:00.

Contact us for laboratory references of researchers that recently used this product in Europe or the United States.



# Experiences that changed my vision



**2. A manager with experience in the business is fundamental**

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## 2. *So what?*

- There are **different business models** applicable towards innovation in LS:
  - trade-off between **Radical Innovation** and **Incremental Innovation**
  - A (LS) **scientist is not a manager** → A **manager is mandatory** → the **TEAM**
- **Networking, networking networking!**
- Accelerator programs
- Financial Resources and Financial Institutions
  - Family Offices
  - Business Angels
  - Government Grants
  - National and International VCs



# 3.

**What does a Life  
Scientist expect  
when approaching  
TTOs**





# What does a Life Scientist expect when approaching TTOs

- *Someone that understands his/her invention*
- *A long lasting relationship*
- *A relationship between equals, which complements his/her skills*
- *IP strategy,*
- *Money for valorization*
- *Legal, business models and competences*

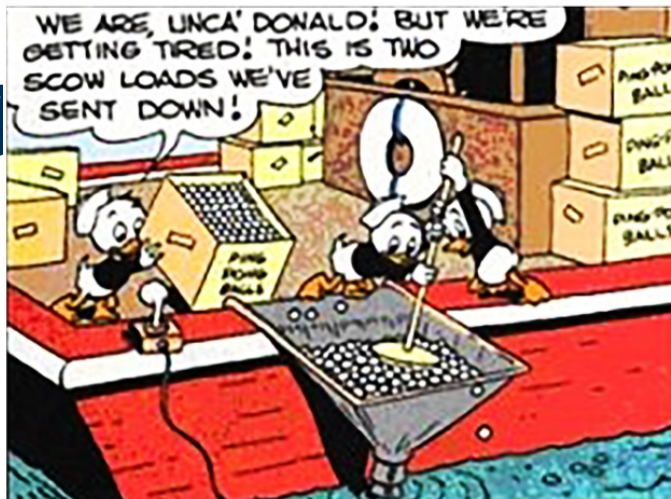
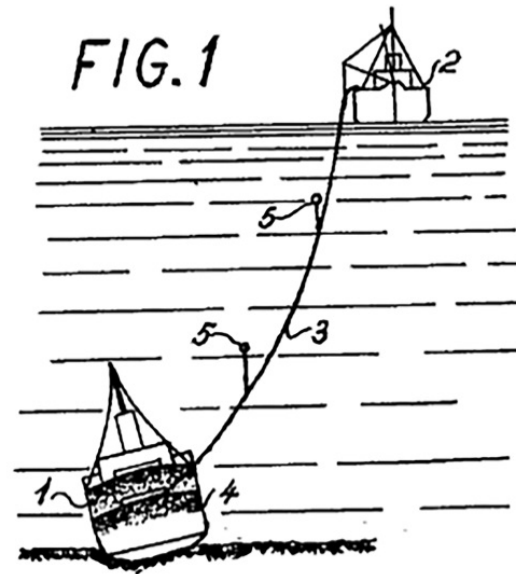
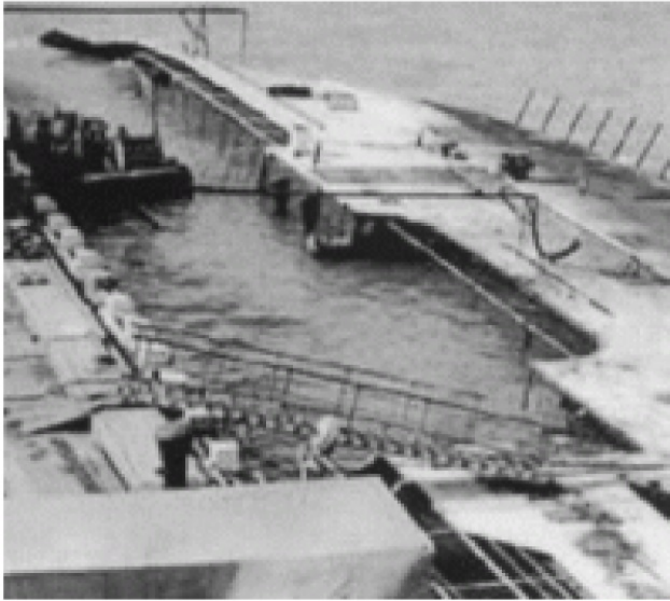


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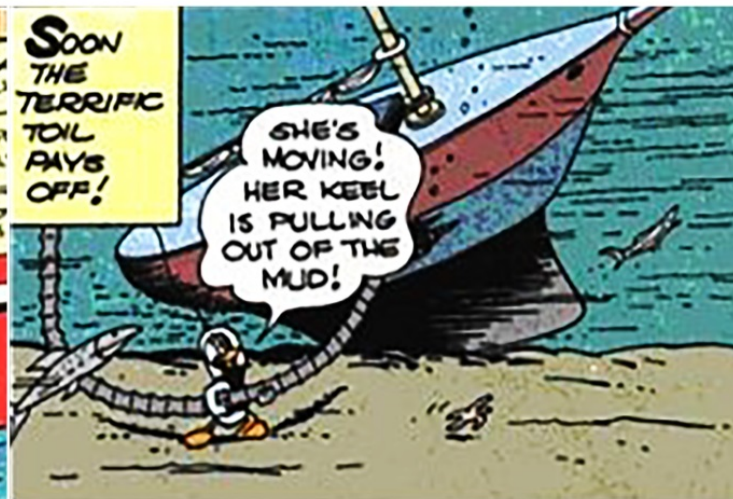
## **My involvement in a pharmaceutical lawsuit**



# Patentability...



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**...and freedom to operate ?**



## 4. *So what?*

- The **way data are recorded** can make the difference
- Knowledge based **Value is not only IP**
- Legal: **how to be prepared?...**



**Happy birthday NETVAL!**