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REPORT

BIOPHARMA

IN 2024

A MIDYEAR CHECK-IN

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BioPharma in 2024

Biotech & Pharma

The biopharma sector is showing strength in 2024, driven by emerging therapeutics and innovations in technologies such as CRISPR. Featured here are key highlights.



M&A

440+

Deals

Strategic Mergers & Acquisitions

\$115B

Median Deal Size

Over Q1, Q2 & Q3 2024



Novel Drug Approvals

30

5 | Cancer
4 | Endocrine
3 | Neurology



Venture Funding

2200+

Companies

\$30B

Capital Raised

2400+

Deals



Sector Themes

- Gene Editing
- AI Drug Discovery
- AntiObesity
- Gene Therapies
- Personalized Medicine
- Regenerative Medicine



Innovation

- CRISPR Targeted Therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Oncolytic Therapy
- Drug Discovery Platforms
- Tissue Engineering



BIOTECH IN 2024

The biopharma sector is demonstrating significant strength in 2024. Driven by advancements in technology, increased research and development efforts, and a growing global demand for healthcare solutions, the sector has experienced a surge in activity.

Technological Breakthroughs

- **AI and Machine Learning:** Artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms are enabling researchers to analyze vast datasets, identify potential drug targets, and optimize drug candidates more efficiently.
- **CRISPR Gene Editing:** CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology continued to make significant strides, offering promising solutions for a wide range of genetic diseases. Clinical trials for CRISPR-based therapies were initiated and showed progress in several areas, including sickle cell anemia (with an approval for CASGEVY in 2023) and cystic fibrosis.
- **Personalized Medicine:** Advancements in genomics and other technologies enabling tailored treatments based on individual genetic profiles holds the potential to transform options for patients.

M&A Activity

- **Increased Deal Volume:** The sector witnessed a surge in mergers and acquisitions, with over 440 deals completed. As companies sought to expand their product pipelines, gain access to new technologies, and strengthen their market positions, large-scale deals involving multinational pharmaceutical companies and smaller biotech startups were in great numbers.
- **Large Deal Sizes:** The median deal size reached \$115 billion, indicating a strong appetite for strategic partnerships and acquisitions.

Novel Drug Approvals

- **Diverse Therapeutic Areas:** A total of 30 novel drugs were approved (as of September 2024), covering a wide range of therapeutic areas, including cancer, endocrine disorders, and neurological conditions.

Challenges and Opportunities

Despite the significant progress made in 2024, the biopharmaceutical industry also faced several challenges:

- **Rising Drug Costs:** Concerns over rising drug prices continued to be a major issue, with discussions on affordability and accessibility of medications taking center stage.
- **Regulatory Hurdles:** Navigating complex regulatory landscapes can be time-consuming and costly. Streamlining regulatory processes and encouraging collaboration between regulatory agencies and industry stakeholders is essential for accelerating drug development.
- **Intellectual Property Challenges:** Protecting intellectual property rights is crucial for innovation in the biopharmaceutical industry. Addressing issues related to patent infringement and generic competition is an ongoing challenge.

The increasing number of M&A deals, novel drug approvals, and venture funding highlights the strong momentum and innovation within the industry. As research and development continue to advance, we can expect even greater breakthroughs and improved patient outcomes in the next few years.

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