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I punti di forza di Trieste: il sistema della ricerca e dell'innovazione



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In a Quiet Corner of Italy ... Trieste



Late afternoon soccer in the Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia, Trieste's central square. More Photos >

By ADAM BREGLEY
Published: April 29, 2011

A MEDIUM-SIZE seaport teetering on the edge of what we recognize as Italy, Trieste is a mysterious and puzzling place. Its iconic central square, the Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia, bounded on three sides by comically pompous 18th- and 19th-century buildings, most of them decorated like big, boxy wedding cakes, is wide open to the Adriatic, as though the ever-changing seascape were an entertainment staged for the city's benefit. This vast, glorious piazza promises all sorts of civic delights, but in fact it's one of the few immediately gratifying spots in Trieste. The rest takes time — exactly what most of us are unwilling to give up.

Trieste Travel Guide

Where to Stay
Where to Eat
What to Do

With a convoluted history of serial conquest, culminating in a century-long tug-of-war between Italy and Austria, a melting-pot population, a street plan that ranges from serenely rational to bewilderingly crooked and steep, and a forbidding

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Late-summer sun

By Jan Morris and Joanne O'Connor

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I love Trieste, and I love it largely because of its innate melancholy. It has its bathing beaches and its boulevards but it has never been a holiday resort, and most of its summer visitors spend only a day or two on their way to the coast of Croatia. In its great 19th-century days it was a powerful international seaport — in effect the port of Vienna and central Europe — and when the Habsburgs faded into history, they left behind, in a wistful kind of way, many memories of their presence. Autumn is the time to enjoy them! Autumn, season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, when you can idle away the hours in the old Viennese cafes of Trieste, drinking some of the best coffee in Europe, chatting with some of the most amiable people, contemplating the great figures of European literature who have idled here before you.

Contemplating history too, for in Trieste the past is always alive. For me one of the great pleasures of travel, especially when summer is over, is to sit over my coffee (fairly well wrapped up) at the Caffè degli Specchi in the great Piazza Unità on the waterfront at Trieste. All around the square, children (also well wrapped up) are running around, playing football, pushing toy prams, laughing among the pompous civic architecture of the place, while their proud mamas keep careful eyes upon them from the café terrace. Then I can imagine, all too clearly, the great old steamships tied up at the quay, and the military band playing waltzes or strutting marches in the bandstand outside the governor's palace, and James Joyce writing a poem at the next table, and some bo-feathered imperial general, his sword propped up beside him, treating his aide-de-camp to a grappoli while they prepare the order of the day's parade.

Hardly a holiday, you may think? Not a holiday in the tabloid, travel agent, cut-rate airline sense, but a holiday out of the summer, a holiday in the maturing sun. And with any luck a

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Trieste raccontata su "Life&Arts", supplemento del "Financial Times".



Un'affascinante descrizione dell'atmosfera di Trieste, nell'articolo di Jan Morris e Joanne O'Connor pubblicato sul supplemento mensile del "Financial Times" di agosto.

Lo riportò qui integralmente. Credo sia motivo di soddisfazione per tutti noi il fatto che Trieste trovi spazio, per la prima volta in chiave "turistica", su una testata così autorevole e diffusa.

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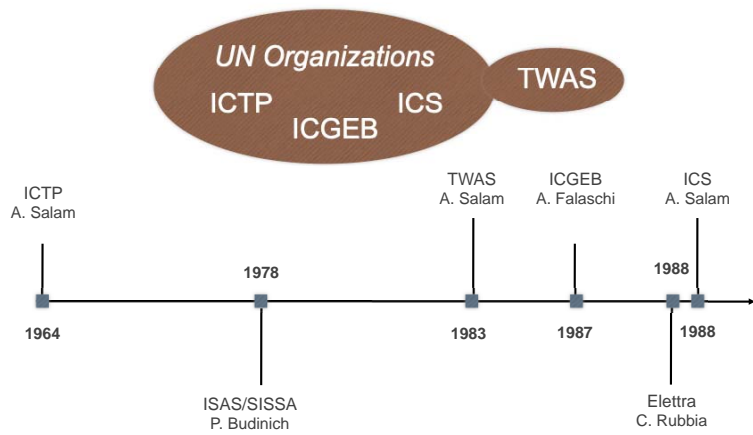
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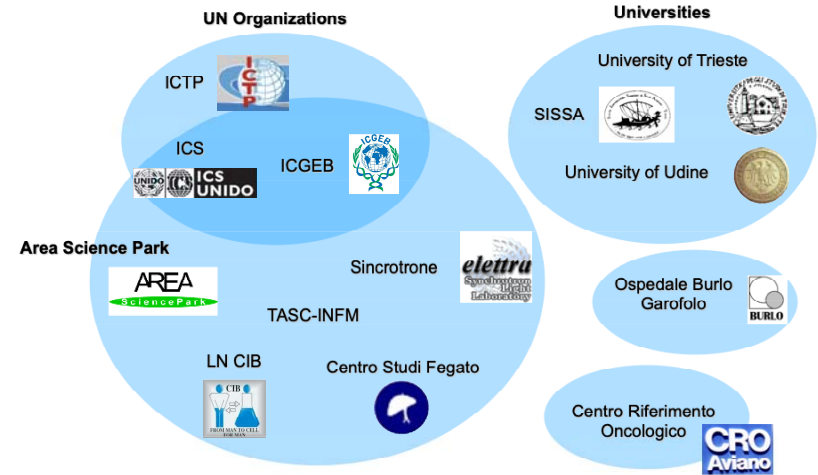
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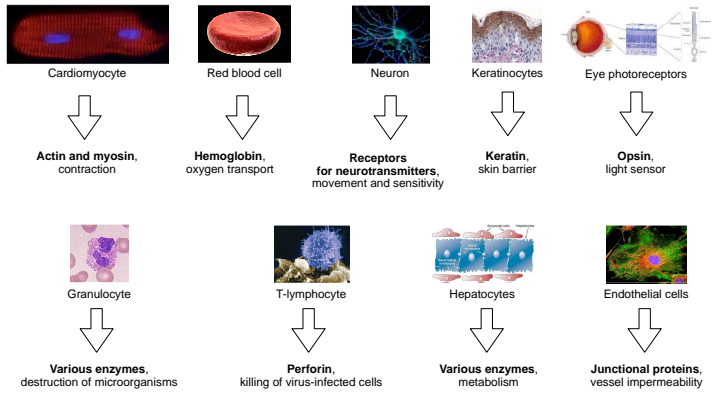
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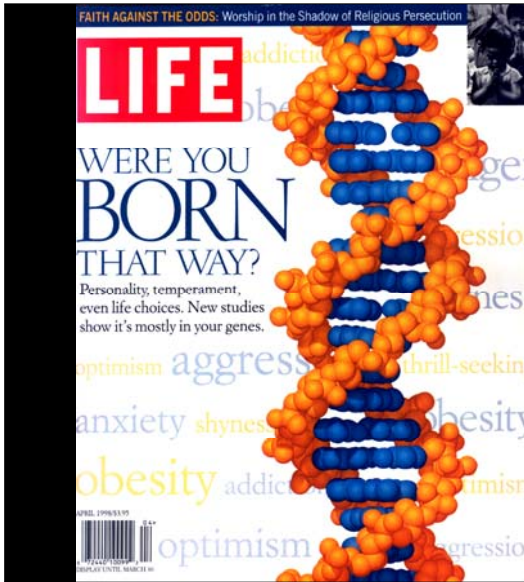
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Gene Therapy That Works

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The concept of gene therapy is disarmingly simple: Introduce a healthy gene in a patient and its product should alleviate the defect caused by a faulty gene or slow the progression of disease (1). Why, then, over the past three decades, have there been so few clinical successes in treating patients with this approach? A major obstacle has been the delivery of genes to the appropriate cell, tissue, and organ. How does one introduce a gene into the brain with trillions of cells, or the liver with billions of cells, or the rare hematopoietic adult stem cell that has the potential to populate all lineages of lymphoid and myeloid cells? Much effort has been devoted to finding ways to efficiently deliver a therapeutic gene to the desired cell type, resulting in sustained production of the gene product, ideally through the entire life of the recipient, without unwanted side effects like genotoxicity or unsettling the immune balance (2). On pages 864 and 865 in this issue, Biffi *et al.* (3) and Aiuti *et al.* (4) report encouraging results using lentivirus-mediated gene therapy to treat children with rare genetic defects.

For scientists in the field of gene therapy, good news, tinged with occasional setbacks, has been trickling in over the past decade, starting with the successful clinical trials of children with X-linked severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID) (5). Currently, more than 1700 clinical trials are under way worldwide, drawing on a wide array of gene therapy approaches for both acquired and inherited diseases (6). The approach involves genetically engineering a virus so that it infects a target cell to deliver a gene, but does not cause disease. Retroviruses (such as lentiviruses) integrate their genetic material, including the new gene, into the host cell genome. Such transduced host cells are transplanted back into the patient and proliferate with the correct gene, producing healthy cells (see the figure). Biffi *et al.* and Aiuti *et al.* provide new hope to children with metachromatic leu-

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Normal gene (ARSA or WASP) → Lentiviral vector → Hematopoietic stem cell (bone marrow) → Transduced cell → 18 to 24 months after therapy → Child

Metachromatic leukodystrophy (ARSA gene)

- Halted disease manifestation or progression

Both conditions

- No clonal dominance
- Hematopoietic stem cell self-renewal and multilineage potential

Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome (WASP gene)

- Pretreatment eczema resolved
- Frequency of infections decreased
- Platelet counts improved

Fighting Invasion. When viruses (green) attack bacteria, the bacteria respond with DNA-targeting defenses that biologists have learned to exploit for genetic engineering.

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Biopharmaceutical Products

Product	Year
Insulin	1982
Human Growth Hormone (hGH)	1985
α-Interferon	1986
Hepatitis B Vaccine	1986
Tissue Plasminogen Activator (TPA)	1987
Erythropoietin-α	1989
γ-Interferon	1990
Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factor (G-CSF)	1991
Granulocyte-Macrophage Colony Stimulating Factor (GM-CSF)	1991
Interleukin 2	1992
Factor VIII	1992
β-Interferon	1993
DNase (Pulmozyme®)	1993
Glucocerebrosidase (Cerezyme®)	1994
ReoPro®	1994
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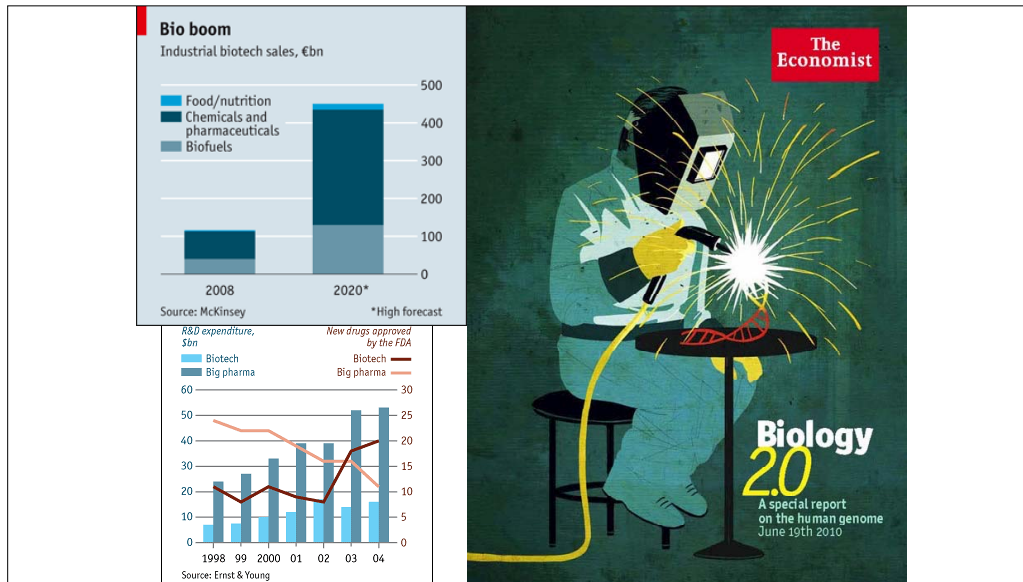
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Cancer therapy using monoclonal antibodies

Table 1 US and EU therapeutic mAb approvals to date					
Generic	Company/location	Trade	Description	Therapeutic category	Approval date
Murimab-CD3	Johnson & Johnson New Brunswick, New Jersey	Oritrione OKT3	Murine, IgG2a, anti-CD3	Immunological	06/19/86 (US)
Abciximab	Centocor	ReoPro	Chimeric, IgG1, anti-GPIIb/IIIa, Fab	Hemostasis	12/22/94 (US)
Rituximab	Genentech	Rituxan	Chimeric, IgG1κ, anti-CD20	Oncological	11/26/97 (US) 06/02/98 (EU)
Daclizumab	Hoffmann-La Roche Basel	Zenapax	Humanized, IgG1κ, anti-CD25	Immunological	12/10/97 (US) 02/26/99 (EU)
Basiliximab	Novartis Basel	Simulect	Chimeric, IgG1κ, anti-CD25	Immunological	05/12/98 (US) 10/09/98 (EU)
Palivizumab	Medimmune Gaithersburg, Maryland	Synagis	Humanized, IgG1κ, anti-respiratory syncytial virus	Anti-infective	06/19/98 (US) 08/13/99 (EU)
Infliximab	Centocor	Remicade	Chimeric, IgG1κ, anti-tumor necrosis factor (TNFα)	Immunological	08/24/98 (US) 08/13/99 (EU)
Trastuzumab	Genentech	Herceptin	Humanized, IgG1κ, anti-HER2	Oncological	09/25/98 (US) 08/28/00 (EU)
Gentuzumab ozogamicin	Wyeth Mansion, New Jersey	Mylotarg	Humanized, IgG4κ, anti-CD33, immunotoxin	Oncological	05/17/00 (US)
Alemtuzumab-131	Genzyme Cambridge, Massachusetts	Campath-1H	Humanized, IgG1κ, anti-CD52	Oncological	09/07/01 (US) 07/06/01 (EU)
Ibritumomab tiuxetan	Biogen Idec	Zevalin	Murine, IgG1κ, anti-CD20, radiolabeled (Itrium 90)	Oncological	02/19/02 (US) 01/15/04 (EU)
Adalimumab	Abbott Deerfield Park, Illinois	Humira	Human, IgG1κ, anti-TNFα	Immunological	12/31/02 (US) 09/1/03 (EU)
Omalizumab	Genentech	Xolair	Humanized, IgG1κ, anti-IgE	Immunological	06/20/03 (US)
Tositumomab-131	Corning Seattle	Bexar	Murine, IgG2aκ, anti-CD20, radiolabeled (Iodine 131)	Oncological	06/27/03 (US)
Eflizumab	Genentech	Repliva	Humanized, IgG1κ, anti-CD11a	Immunological	10/27/03 (US) 09/20/04 (EU)
Cetuximab	Inclone Systems New York	Erlotinib	Chimeric, IgG1κ, anti-Epidermal growth factor receptor	Oncological	02/12/04 (US) 06/29/04 (EU)
Bevacizumab	Genentech	Avastin	Humanized, IgG1, anti-vascular endothelial growth factor	Oncological	02/26/04 (US) 01/12/05 (EU)
Natalizumab ^a	Biogen Idec	Tysabri	Humanized, IgG4κ, anti-α4-integrin	Immunological	11/23/04 (US)

See Box 1 for methodology.
^aVoluntary suspension of natalizumab marketing announced February 28, 2005.





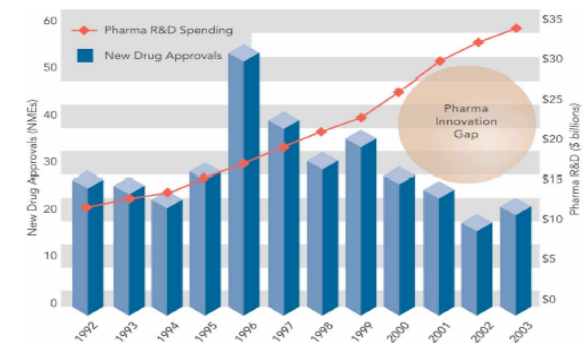
History of Biotechnology

- ✓ 1953 - double helical structure of DNA published in *Nature* by Watson and Crick*
- ✓ 1980 - the U.S. patent for cloning genes is awarded to Cohen and Boyer**
- ✓ First biotech companies formed:
 - 1976 - Genentech
 - 1978 - Biogen
 - 1980 - Amgen
 - 1981 - Immunex
 - 1981 - Chiron
 - 1981 - Genzyme

The Health Bioeconomy

- Over **350 biotechnological drugs** have now gained clinical approval and over 400 have entered clinical trials
- Biotechnology products are expected to account for **48% of the top 100 drugs** of 2016 (S&P)
- Monoclonal antibody market estimated to be worth no less than **75 billion USD**
- Global In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) market forecast to reach **75 billion** by 2020
- **Biogenerics market** expanding rapidly for recombinant gene products and with enormous prospects for monoclonal antibodies

Innovation gap for traditional drugs



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World's 10 bestselling prescription drugs made \$75bn last year

Majority of bestsellers are created by biological processes rather than chemically synthesised and several are used as cancer medicines

Rank in 2013 (in 2012)	Product	Company	Therapeutic category	2013 sales (\$US m)	2012 sales (\$US m)
1 (1)	Humira	AbbVie	Other anti-rheumatics	10,659	9,616
2 (2)	Enbrel	Pfizer/Amgen	Other anti-rheumatics	8,776	8,496
3 (4)	Remicade	Johnson & Johnson/ Merck & Co	Other anti-rheumatics	8,386	7,990
4 (3)	Seretide/Advair	GlaxoSmithKline	Other bronchodilators	8,251	7,634
5 (6)	Lantus	Sanofi	Anti-diabetics	7,592	7,155
6 (5)	Rituxan	Roche	Anti-neoplastic MABs	7,503	6,377
7 (9)	Avastin	Roche	Anti-neoplastic MABs	6,751	6,282
8 (7)	Herceptin	Roche	Anti-neoplastic MABs	6,562	6,253
9 (8)	Crestor	AstraZeneca	Anti-hyperlipidaemics	5,622	6,149
10 (10)	Ablify	Otsuka Holdings	Anti-psychotics	5,500	5,304

Humira (adalimumab) – Monoclonal antibody against TNF α

Enbrel (etanercept) – Fusion between the p75 TNF α receptor and an Ig

Remicade (infliximab) – Monoclonal antibody against TNF α

Seretide/Advair – Salmeterol and fluticasone

Lantus – insulin glargine

Rituxan (rituximab) – monoclonal antibody against B cell CD20

Avastin - monoclonal antibody against VEGF-A

Herceptin (trastuzumab) – monoclonal antibody against HER2/neu

Crestor (rosuvastatin) - statin

Ablify (aripiprazole) – schizophrenia and bipolar disorders



Drug Development-Critical Path



Myocardial infarction



by Frank H. Netter

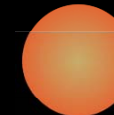


Loss of contractile tissue after acute myocardial infarction

Myocardial infarction



Repair by scarring



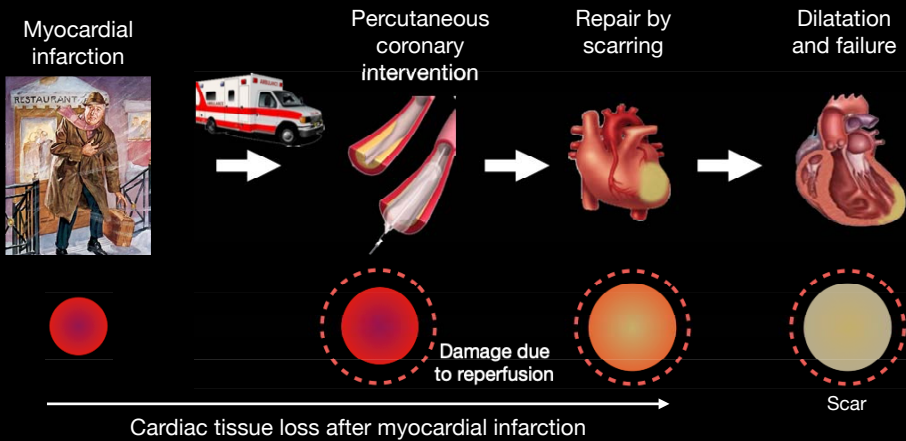
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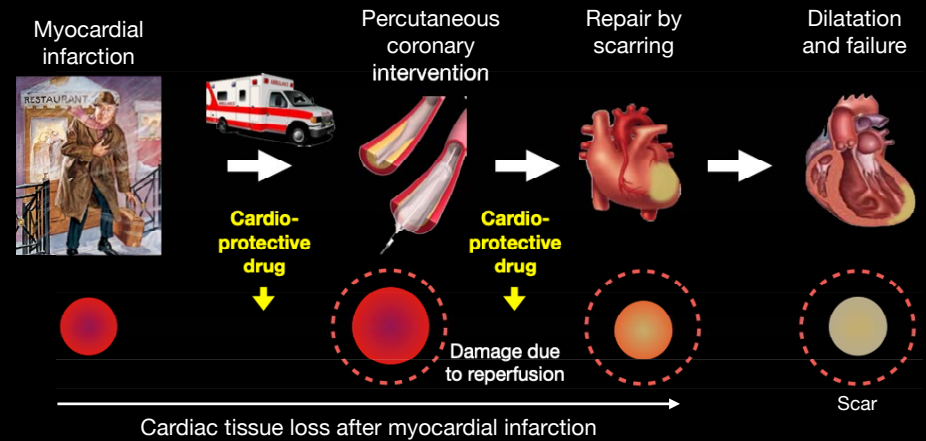
Cardiac tissue loss after myocardial infarction

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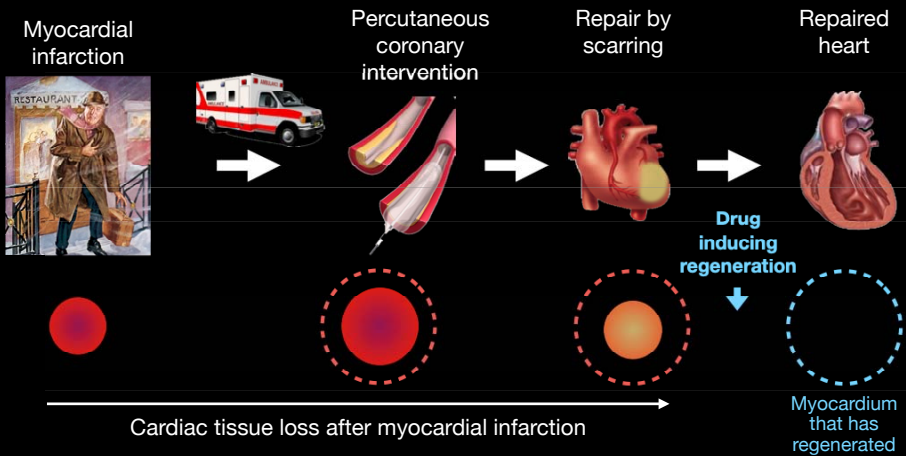
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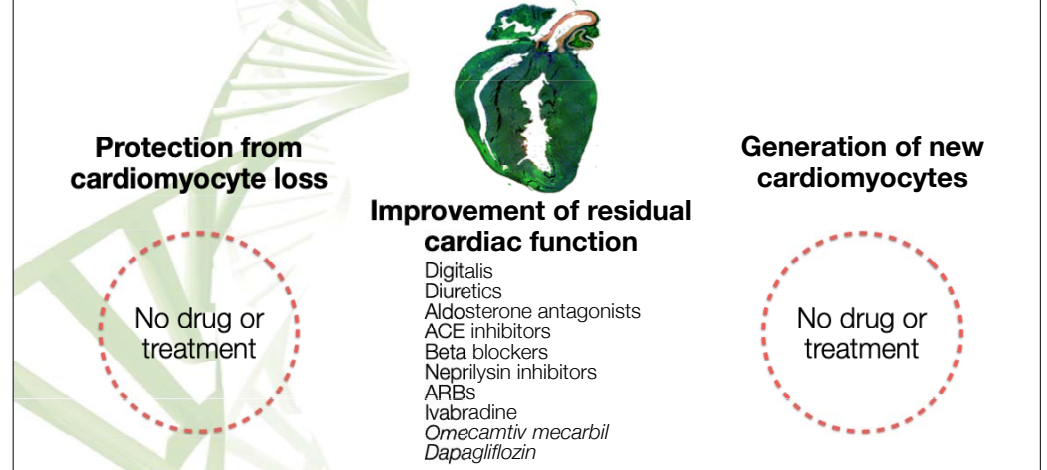
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Venture capital investment in CAR-T companies 2011-2016.

Company	Venture capital (\$ in millions)	Date	CAR-T approach
Kite Pharma	15	Mar 2011	Autologous
Kite Pharma	20	May 2013	Autologous
Kite Pharma	50	Apr 2014	Autologous
Juno	176	Apr 2014	Autologous
Juno	134	Aug 2014	Autologous
Bellicum	55	Aug 2014	Autologous
Autolus	45	Jan 2015	Autologous
Poseida	23	Dec 2015	Allogeneic
CARsgen	30	Jan 2016	Autologous
Autolus	57	Mar 2016	Autologous
Total	605		

Includes only venture capital funding for companies involved in CAR-T program(s) at the time of investment. For example, venture capital funding of Bluebird Bio occurred prior to their CAR-T programs, while the company had only a gene therapy focus. These investments are not included.
Source: Company press releases.

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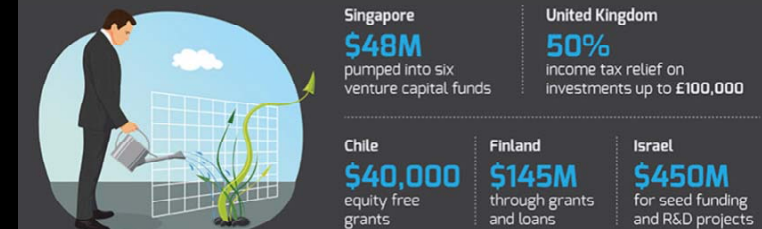
Financing: a Critical Path



Capital Financing Needs

Company Stage	Private investment
Proof of Concept	\$25,000 – \$100,000
Pre-seed	\$50,000 – \$500,000
Seed	\$150,000 – \$2 million
Early-stage	\$1 million – \$5 million
Expansion-stage	Up to \$10 million

COUNTRIES WITH ATTRACTIVE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR STARTUPS



Source: Coupofy Infographic 2015

WHAT COUNTRIES ARE THE MOST AND LEAST ENTREPRENEURIAL IN THE WORLD?

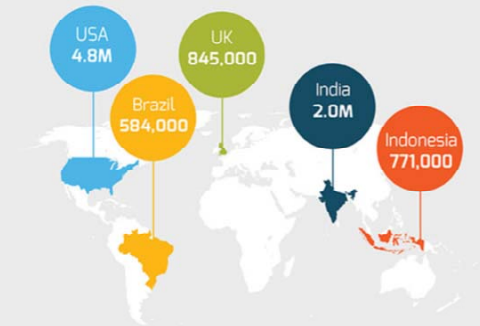
Based on a number of entrepreneurs as % of adult population

■ MOST ■ LEAST



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THE COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF STARTUPS



There are as many startups in Nigeria as in Germany.

Canada has **10%** of the US startups.

Indonesia has twice as many startups as Italy.

Source: Coupofy Infographic 2015

Basic science vs. intentional discovery

If I had asked my clients what they wanted, they would have asked for faster horses.

Henry Ford

Products and technologies discovered by enlightened serendipity

Penicillin
X-Rays
Genetic engineering
Magnetic resonance imaging
Lasers in surgery
Fax machine

An enabling environment for start-up development

- IP consultancy (freedom to operate)
- Patent office
- Business development
- Initial economic support to startups
(*public support essential*)
- Bridge to Angels and VCs
- Bridge to large pharmacompanies

