





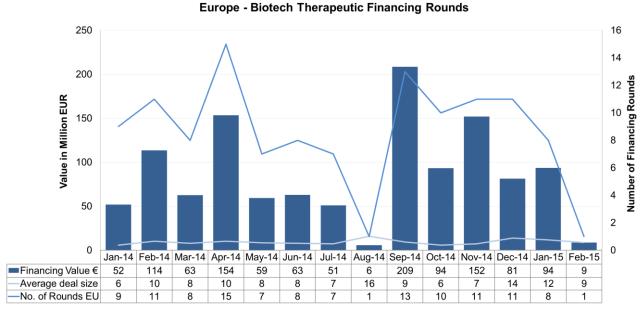
## Life Sciences Financing Summary Europe

**April 2015** 

After a strong start of the year in January 2015, with EUR 94m collected by 8 private European Biotech companies (Therapeutics & Diagnostics), there was only one private round raised by a European company in the sector in February, the EUR 9m series A from Swiss Prexton Therapeutics.

The largest European IPO in Life Sciences in the period was also the only one in January, by Danish Ascendis Pharma A/S, at EUR 92.6m, with the most advanced product in Phase II clinical trials, and only one month after completing a USD 60m (EUR 49m) series D financing. In February, three more companies went public: Karessa Pharma Holding AB (EUR 37.9m, preclinical), Bone Therapeutics SA (EUR 32.2m, Phase III) and Poxel SA (EUR 3.6m, Phase II).

The largest private financing round for European Therapeutics & Diagnostics companies in January and February 2015 was raised in February UCL spin-out Autolus, with USD 45m (EUR 39m) investment by Syncona. Continue reading below to learn more about the financing highlights of January and February 2015 in the European Life Science industry.



Source: BiotechgateBiotechgate.com



<sup>\*</sup>The graph contains only financing rounds of private & independent biotech therapeutic and diagnostic companies. Financing amounts and number of rounds from previous months may alter as new information on financing rounds is received and/or new tranches to existing financing rounds are added.







## Selected financing highlights: companies raising funds

#### February 2015

#### Prexton Therapeutics Raises USD 10m (EUR 8.7m) in a Series A Round

Geneva, Switzerland,-Prexton Therapeutics, a biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutic compounds for the treatment of CNS conditions including Parkinson's disease, completed a Series A financing UDS 10m (EUR 8.7m) on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2015 co-led by Sunstone Capital and Ysios Capital. MS Ventures, the company's founding investor, will also participate.

This first funding will help Prexton Therapeutics to develop novel small molecules that target the metabotropic Glutamate Receptor 4 (mGluR4) up to completion of Phase I. This has the potential to improve motor complications in Parkinson's disease patients. (Source: press release).

#### January 2015

#### Autolus, launches with USD 45m (EUR 39m) investment

A new University College London (UK) spin-out company – Autolus – was launched on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2015 to develop and commercialise a new generation of engineered T-cell therapies for haematological and solid tumours, with the backing of USD 45m (EUR 39m) in investment from healthcare investment company Syncona.

The biopharmaceutical company is founded upon the work of Dr Martin Pule, an academic clinical haematologist and thought-leader in T-cell engineering based at UCL, and has been spun-out of UCL by UCL Business, the university's technology transfer company.

Recent clinical trials of engineered T-cell treatments for haematological malignancies performed by various groups suggest that chimeric antigen receptor ("CAR") T-cells have the potential to transform cancer therapy. (Source: press release)







## Selected financing highlights – investors in January, February 2015

The following investors have made investments into European Life Science companies through January, February 2015:

- Aescap Venture
- BB Biotech Ventures
- BioMedInvest
- Consort Medical plc
- Idinvest Partners
- Johnson & Johnson Innovation JJDC, Inc.
- Kurma Partners
- LSP
- MS Ventures
- Novartis Venture Funds
- Novo A/S
- RMI Partners
- South West Ventures Fund
- Sunstone Capital
- Syncona Partners
- Ysios Capital
- VI Partners



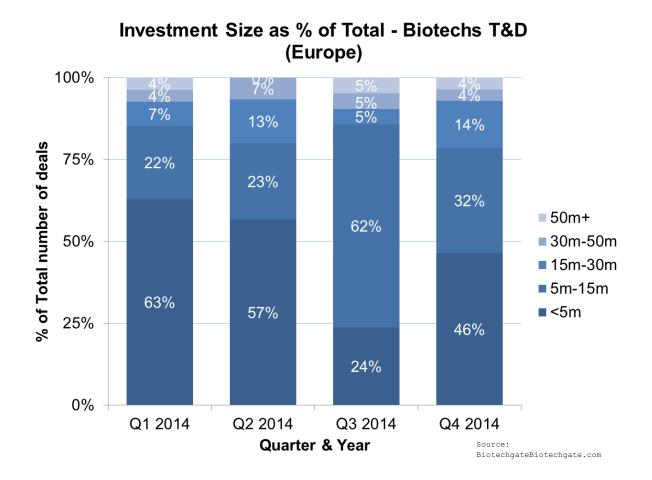




# Quarterly Biotech Equity Financing Breakdown by Size of Investment (Therapeutics & Diagnostics)

The last quarter of 2014 was dominated by private investments smaller than EUR 5m in Biotech companies (Therapeutics and Diagnostics), in a trend only broken in the third quarter of the year, where the majority of investments were between EUR 5m and EUR 15m. Nonetheless, Q4 2014 was the second in the proportion of investments between EUR 5m and EUR 15m that made 32% of the total, compared to 23% in Q2 and 22% in Q1.

Overall, in 2014 just under half of investments (48%) were in the smallest category, with 30% between EUR 5m and EUR 15m, 13% between EUR 15m and EUR 30m, and 9% over EUR 30m



<sup>\*</sup>The graph above shows the proportion of financing rounds by most advanced project phase in the therapeutics and diagnostics category per quarter. All units are in EUR and include only private companies









## January, February 2015 financing rounds summary

Source: Biotechgate – www.biotechgate.com

Company Name	Sector	Amount (in Million EUR)	Ownership	Country
Cardio3 BioSciences	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	31.7	Public	Belgium
Prexton Therapeutics	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	8.7	Private / independent	Switzerland
Quantum Genomics	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	33.2	Public	France
NeuroVive Pharmaceutical AB	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	3.0	Public	Sweden
Cortendo AB	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	24.3	Public	Sweden
Karessa Pharma Holding AB	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	37.9	Public	Sweden
Poxel SA	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	23.3	Public	France
Poxel SA	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	3.6	Public	France
ThromboGenics NV	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	1.1	Public	Belgium
Bone Therapeutics S. A.	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	32.2	Public	Belgium
ZEDIRA GmbH	Biotechnology / R&D Services	5.0	Private / independent	Germany
Medyria	Medical Technology	2.0	Private / independent	Switzerland
Atlas Genetics	Biotechnology / R&D Services	17.1	Private / independent	United Kingdom
Inoviem scientific	Biotechnology / R&D Services	0.5	Private / independent	France
Ascendis Pharma A/S	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	92.6	Public	Denmark
TxCell	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	1.7	Public	France
ProteoMediX AG	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	0.9	Private / independent	Switzerland
Genenta Science	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	6.2	Private / independent	Italy
Galapagos NV	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	2.5	Public	Belgium
Autolus Limited	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	39.0	Private / independent	United Kingdom







Ultimovacs AS	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	5.0	Private / independent	Norway
Gecko Biomedical	Medical Technology	1.3	Private / independent	France
Sensorion SAS	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	2.0	Private / independent	France
NovaBiotics Ltd	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	6.5	Private / independent	United Kingdom
IO Biotech ApS	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	3.0	Private / independent	Denmark
Cortendo AB	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	23.5	Public	Sweden
EffRx Pharmaceuticals SA	Pharma	2.1	Private / independent	Switzerland
UroSens Ltd	Medical Technology	2.6	Private / independent	United Kingdom
Orphazyme ApS	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	20.0	Private / independent	Denmark
Genkyotex SA	Therapeutics and Diagnostics	18.0	Private / independent	Switzerland







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