

Supplementary Online Content

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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

	Overall	Orphan	Oncology	CNS	Small-molecule	Biologic OR gene/cell therapy	Single-indication	Multi-indication
Phase 1 to 2	75.8%	96.1%	78.7%	75.0%	74.5%	84.4%	75.8%	66.4%
Phase 2 to 3	55.6%	86.1%	53.9%	54.5%	52.5%	60.1%	55.6%	58.3%
Phase 3 to FDA Approval	67.7%	63.5%	48.5%	63.0%	71.0%	80.4%	67.7%	59.0%
Phase 1 to FDA Approval	28.5%	52.5%	20.6%	25.8%	27.8%	40.8%	28.5%	22.8%

Table e1 Drug development success rates by subgroups

Data extracted from Wong et al. [1]. For the purposes of our analyses, success rates for orphan, small-molecule, and biologic drugs were adjusted to lead drugs only [1, 2]. *CNS* central nervous system, *FDA* US Food and Drug Administration.

	N	Mean	Median	SD	Min.	Max.	Sum
A) Valuation							
Up-front payment	303	958	257	2,270	0	22,434	290,417
Milestone payment	290	159	0	330	0	2,945	46,144
Total deal value	300	1,119	458	2,285	12	22,434	335,662
B) Lead drug							
Development stage							
Pre-Clinic	311	0.15	0.00	0.36	0	1	46
Phase 1	311	0.13	0.00	0.34	0	1	40
Phase 2	311	0.33	0.00	0.47	0	1	103
Phase 3	311	0.19	0.00	0.39	0	1	59
Approved	311	0.20	0.00	0.40	0	1	63
No. of indications	311	1.83	1.00	1.88	1	16	569
Biologic OR gene/cell therapy	311	0.21	0.00	0.41	0	1	66
Disease area							
Oncology	311	0.30	0.00	0.46	0	1	93
CNS	311	0.16	0.00	0.37	0	1	51
Others	311	0.53	0.00	0.50	0	1	167
FDA orphan designation	311	0.16	0.00	0.37	0	1	51
C) Other products							
Total no. of drugs	311	2.96	2.00	2.19	1	10	921
Average no. of indications	311	1.46	1.00	1.09	1	12	455
D) Acquisition characteristics							
Target headquarter US	311	0.76	1.00	0.43	0	1	235
Spin-off / single drug deal	311	0.11	0.00	0.31	0	1	34

Table e2 Descriptive statistics for the entire sample of Biopharma acquisitions

All valuation metrics are inflation adjusted to 2020. *CNS* central nervous system, *FDA* US Food and Drug Administration, *SD* standard deviation.

	Pre-Clinic		Phase 1		Phase 2		Phase 3		Approved	
	Mean	<i>P</i> Value	Mean	<i>P</i> Value	Mean	<i>P</i> Value	Mean	<i>P</i> Value	Mean	<i>P</i> Value
FDA orphan designation status										
Orphan	NA ^a	NA ^a	227	<i>p</i> =0.257	744	<i>p</i> =0.373	2,166	<i>p</i> =0.317	3,703	<i>p</i> <0.05
Non-orphan	88		370		673		1,648		1,964	
No. of indications										
Multi-indication	87	<i>p</i> =0.484	594	<i>p</i> <0.05	1,058	<i>p</i> <0.05	2,249	<i>p</i> =0.208	3,438	<i>p</i> <0.01
Single-indication	88		230		522		1,578		1,670	
Molecule type										
Small-molecule	71	<i>p</i> <0.05	325	<i>p</i> =0.139	517	<i>p</i> <0.05	1,536	<i>p</i> =0.103	2,105	<i>p</i> =0.161
Biologic OR gene/cell therapy	109		341		811		3,759		2,088	
Disease area										
Oncology	70	<i>p</i> =0.176	403	<i>p</i> =0.242	1,068	<i>p</i> <0.05	1,747	<i>p</i> =0.490	4,561	<i>p</i> <0.01
CNS	67	<i>p</i> =0.346	233	<i>p</i> =0.204	314	<i>p</i> <0.001	1,740	<i>p</i> =0.490	2,066	<i>p</i> =0.372
Other ^b	104		343		607		1,775		1,747	
Mean	99		479		856		2,255		1,964	

Table e3 Stage-specific Biopharma company valuation (in million US dollars) by FDA orphan status, number of indications, molecule type, and disease area

All valuation metrics are inflation adjusted to 2020. *P* Values calculated based on nonparametric bootstrapped *t* tests (resampling of 1,000 iterations with replacement). *CNS* central nervous system, *FDA* US Food and Drug Administration, *NA* not applicable.

^a No valuation data exists for the Pre-Clinic orphan category given that the FDA only issues the orphan designation status after IND approval.

^b The disease category “other” includes immunology, infectious disease, cardiovascular, dermatology, internal medicine, ophthalmology.

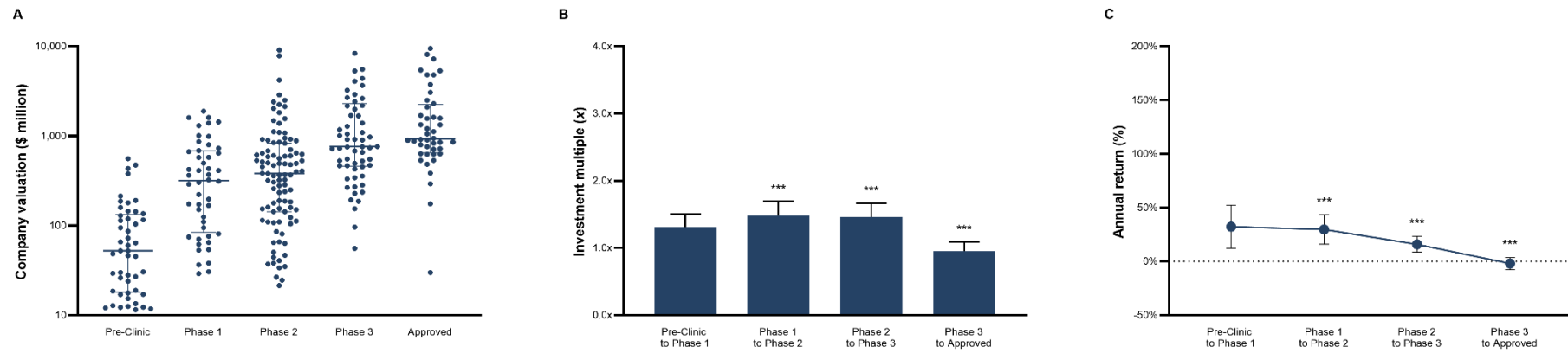


Figure e1 Company valuation (A), investment multiples (B), and annual returns (C) by development stage for the entire sample

All valuation metrics are inflation adjusted to 2020. *P* Values calculated based on ANOVA with Dunnett's test compared to Pre-Clinic to Phase 1: **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001.