

Lo sviluppo di terapie mediche innovative: i casi di Vivabiocell e Transactiva

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Impiego di piante trasformate nella produzione industriale di farmaci

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Biotech SME

Academic spin-off of the University of Udine



<i>Year of establishment</i>	2001
<i>Capital stock</i>	10 ⁵ €
<i>Registered office</i>	PST Udine
<i>Employees</i>	5
<i>Active members</i>	3



Facilities

Molecular biology laboratory	150	sq. mt.
Biochemistry laboratory	100	sq. mt.
<i>In vitro</i> laboratory	60	sq. mt.
Growth chambers	50	sq. mt.
Greenhouses	2750	sq. mt.





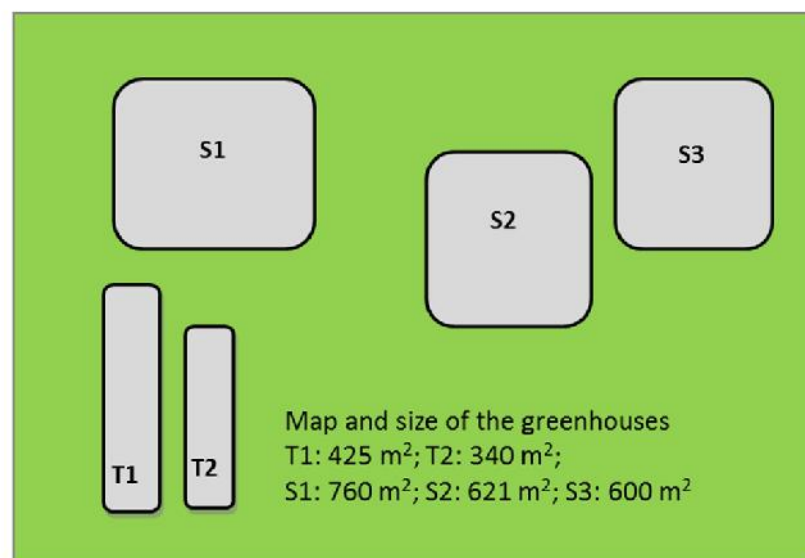
Growth chamber for *in vitro* culture

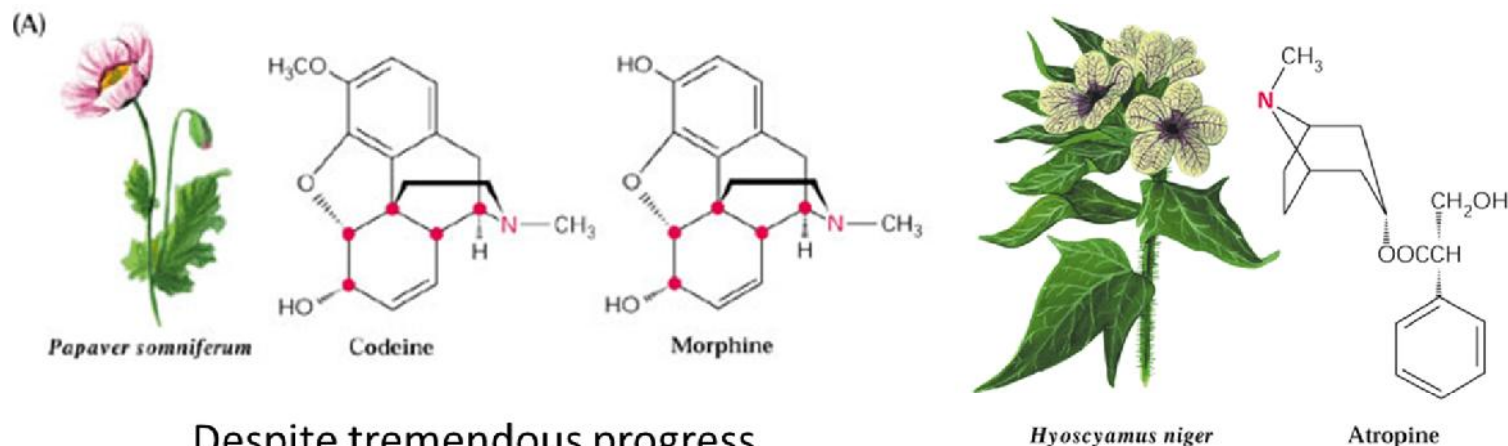


Hydroponic culture systems

Greenhouses

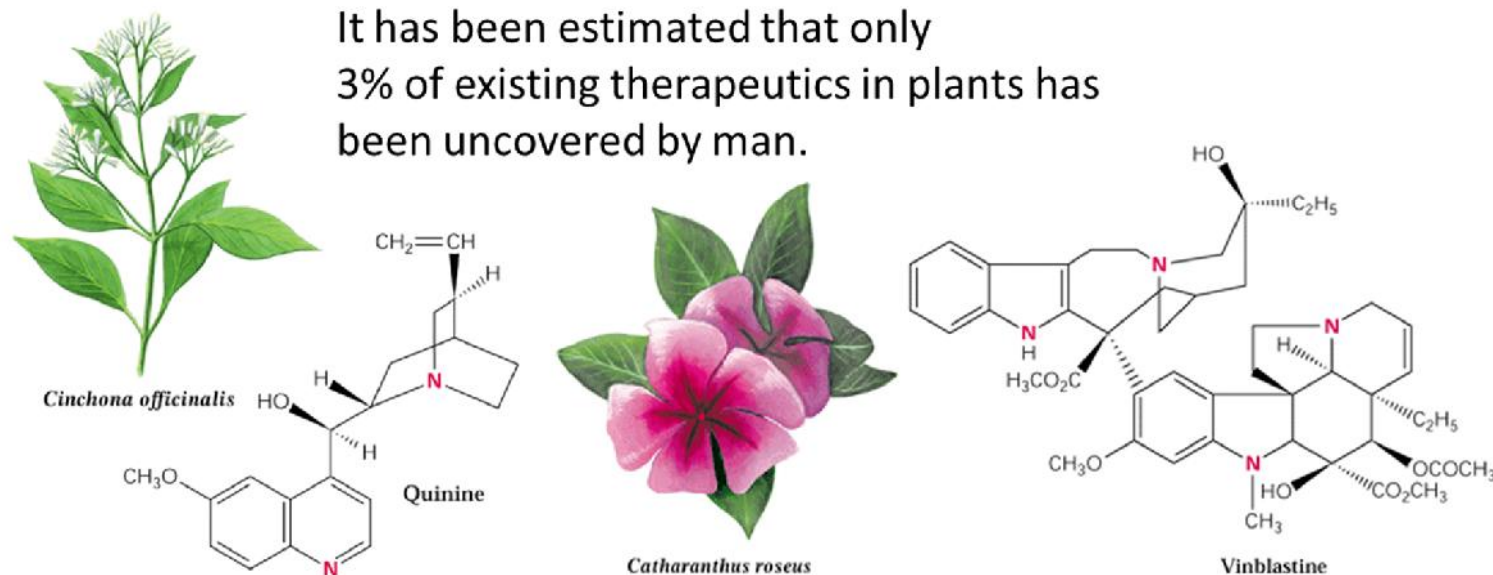
Yield of paddy rice: 1.4 t/cycle





Despite tremendous progress in synthetic chemistry, still more than 28% of prescription drugs has an active ingredient of plant origin.

It has been estimated that only 3% of existing therapeutics in plants has been uncovered by man.



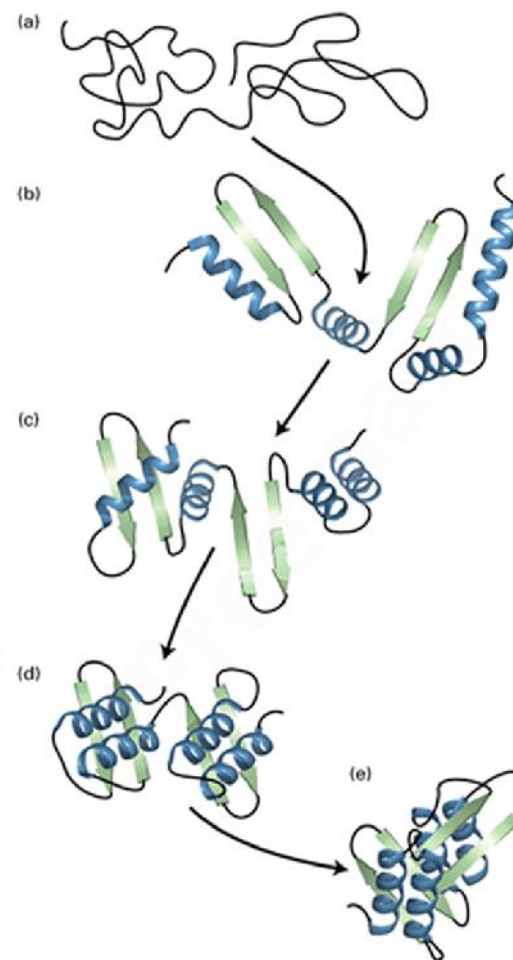


Molecular Farming

is the use of innovative expression systems for the production of *non-food, non-feed, non-fibre* commodities like therapeutic molecules, fuels, biodegradable plastics, industrial and commercial proteins.

R&D activities in Transactiva are primarily aimed at devising novel industrial platforms for the production of pharmaceuticals in plants.

Molecular Pharming



Transgenic plants as an industrial system for pharma production

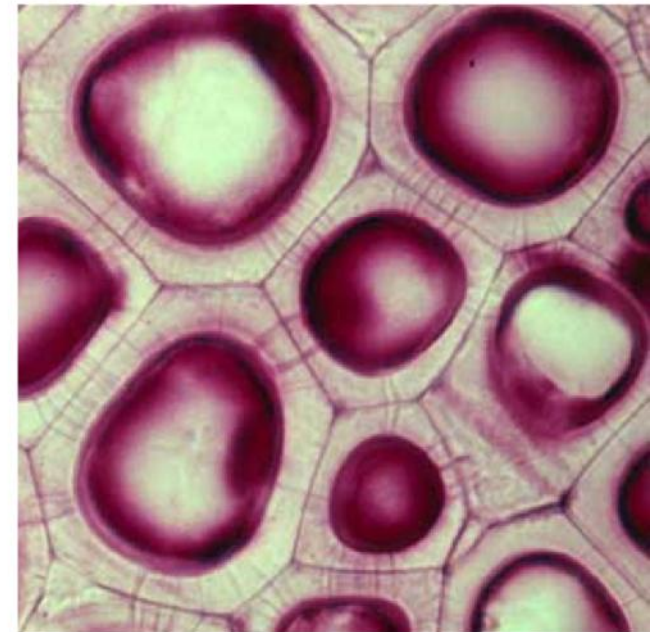
The use of plants as green bioreactors has many advantages:

- ✓ high transformation efficiency as compared to other cell-based production methods;
- ✓ low capital investments and running costs compared to other platforms such as animal or plant cell cultures, bacteria, yeast or transgenic animals;
- ✓ rapid scale-up of production;
- ✓ remarkable safety (cancellation of the contamination risk by human pathogens such as viruses and micoplasma).



Transgenic plants as an industrial system for pharma production

Depending on the amounts requested, target molecules are synthesised in tobacco or rice; these species are engineered in compliance with human safety issues and environmental protection to accumulate the recombinant protein respectively in the leaf or in the seed. Both system are suitable for the production of pharmacologically active proteins with a high level of bioequivalence as compared to their native counterparts.



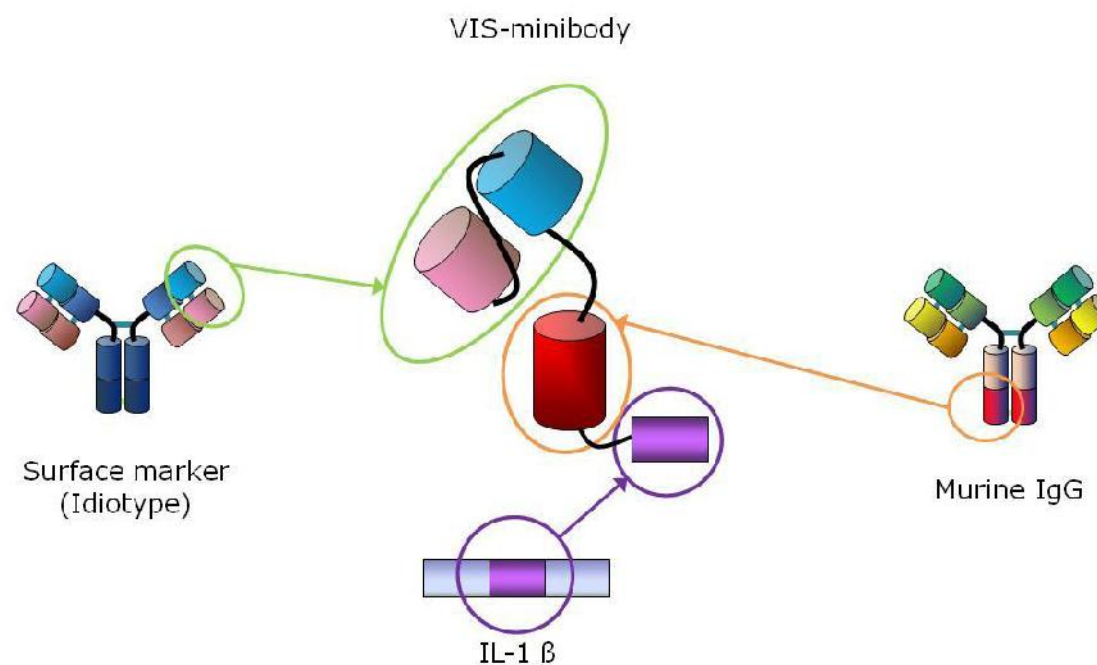
The tobacco-leaf system

It has the advantage of allowing rapid production of relatively small quantities of high-quality pharmaceutical proteins; this feature is desirable in the case of patient-specific medications, which must be tailored to the patient and produced in the shortest time possible (usually few months). This method naturally adapts to the needs of traceability and containment of transgenic biomass, and allows easy modular expansion, also making it suitable for different production scales.





Anti-idiotypic vaccines for the patient-specific therapy of NHL



The rice-seed system

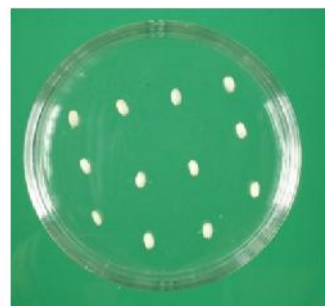
It allows the production and storage of large quantities of high quality recombinant proteins in a natural storage organ where the target protein is preserved by degradation for long periods of time. We gained the exclusive use of the CR W3 variety as the genetic background provider since 2007. Different expression vectors were developed to rule the synthesis and the site-specific accumulation of recombinant proteins in CR W3 endosperm.



The expression system: rice transformation technique



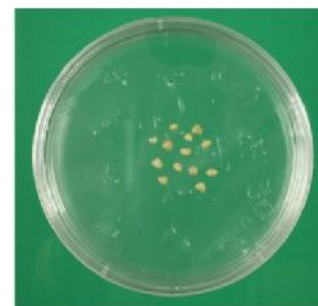
dehulling



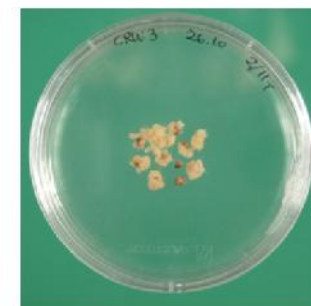
disinfection



germination



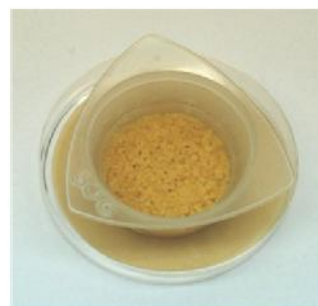
isolation of scutella



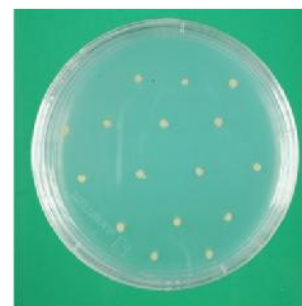
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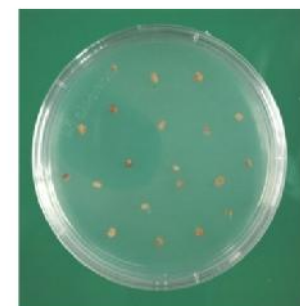
embryoids selection



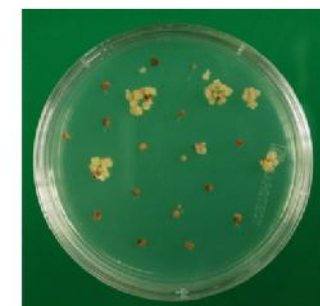
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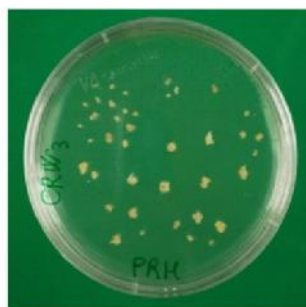
culture on CCM



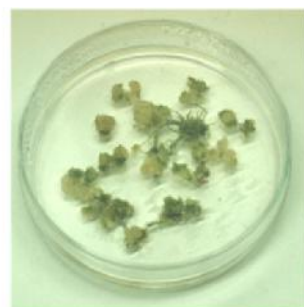
culture on SMI



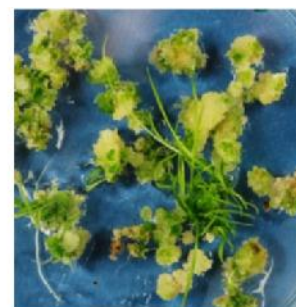
culture on SMII



culture on PRM



regeneration



shoot differentiation



rooting



hardening and growth

Molecular farming: a touch of green

Gaucher disease

Treatment with *rhGCase* at a dose of 60 U/kg/month

$60 \text{ U} \times 75 \text{ kg} = 4.500 \text{ U/month} \times 12 = 54.000 \text{ U/year}$

Cost of 1 U = 5,48 €

Drug cost/patient/year = 296.055,00 €

rhGCase content in 1 kg polished GM rice = 600 mg

Following extraction and purification = 360 mg

1 mg rhGCase = 40 U

360 mg rhGCase = 14.400 U

3,75 kg of GM rice/patient/year

1 hectar of greenhouse = rhGCase amounts sufficient for 1.066 patients





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Storia Imprenditoriale di VivaBioCell

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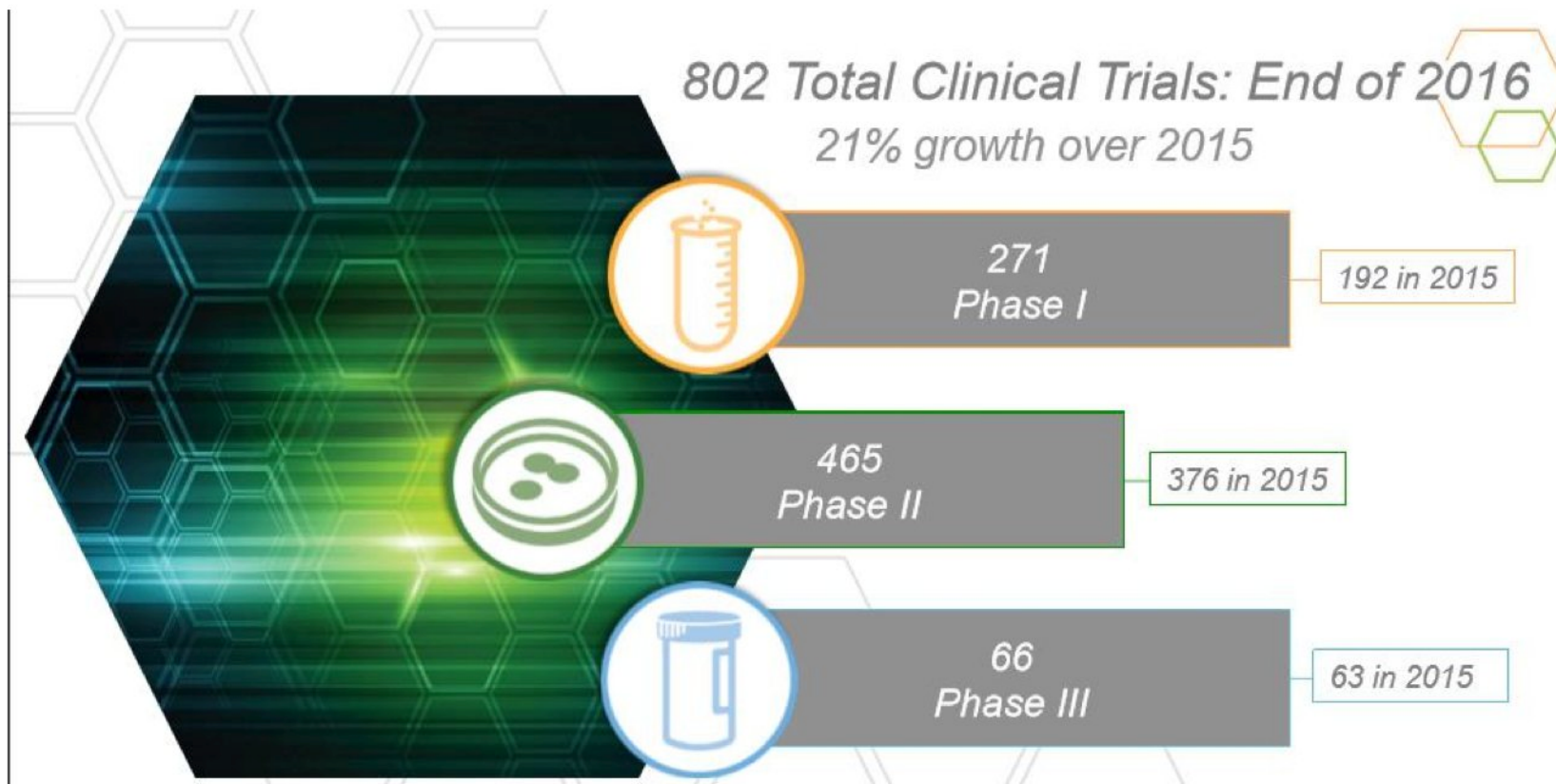
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Medicina rigenerativa

- > Def. il processo di rimpiazzamento e rigenerazione delle cellule, tessuti e organi umani per ripristinarne le normali funzioni.
- > rigenerare tessuti e organi danneggiati nel corpo rimpiazzando il tessuto danneggiato e/o stimolando i meccanismi di riparazione del corpo per guarire i tessuti precedentemente irreparabili o organi.
- > Uso di cellule staminali mesenchimali MSC Autologhe derivate da Midollo / Grasso / Cordone Ombelicale

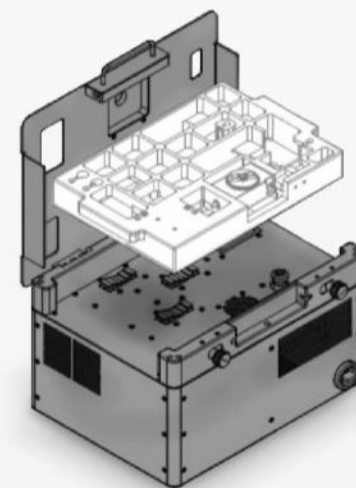
Medicina rigenerativa: Forte aumento di Studi Clinici



Mercato Importante e in crescita : 12 Miliardi USD
crescita annua 28 %

Barriera: Terapie Costose / Alti costi produzione farmaci cellulari

Idea VivaBioCell : Automatizzare il processo produttivo, assicurandone sterilità /qualità per ridurre i costi e migliorare la sicurezza e standardizzazione

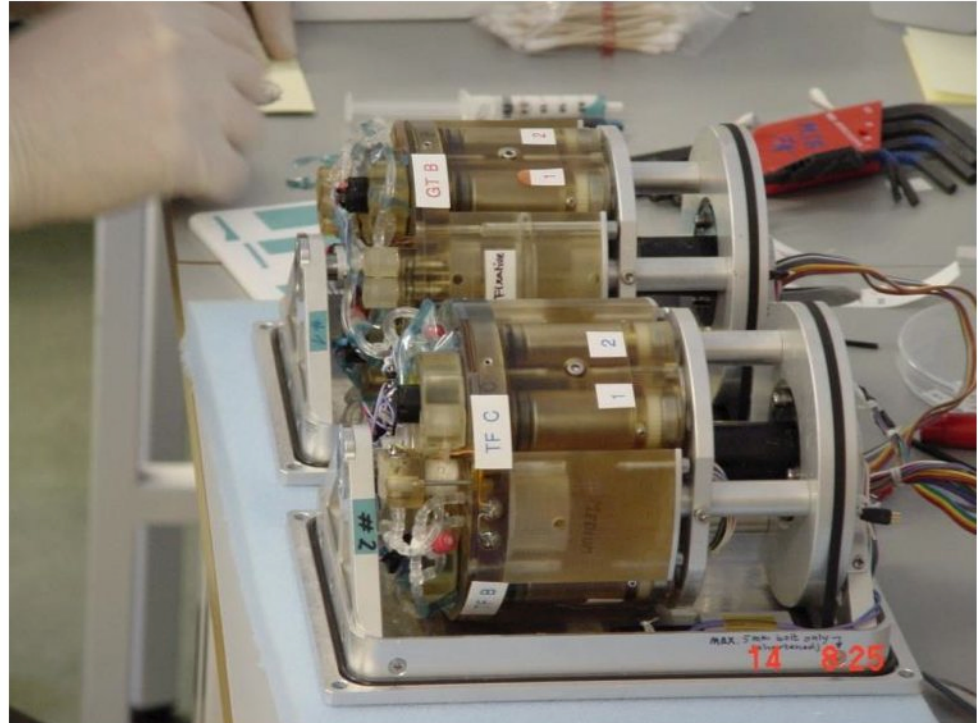


GMP in a Box

Origine dell'Idea: Partecipazione a progetti spaziali ASI



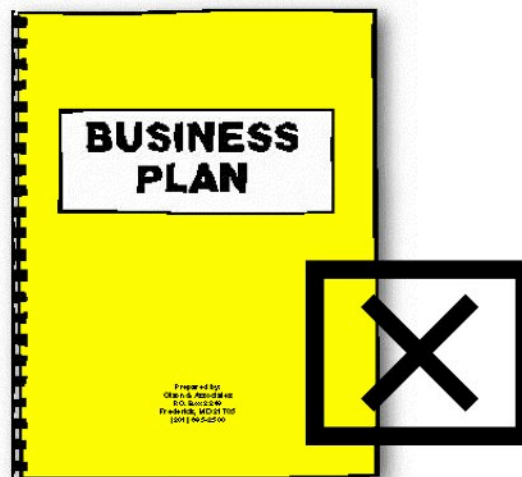
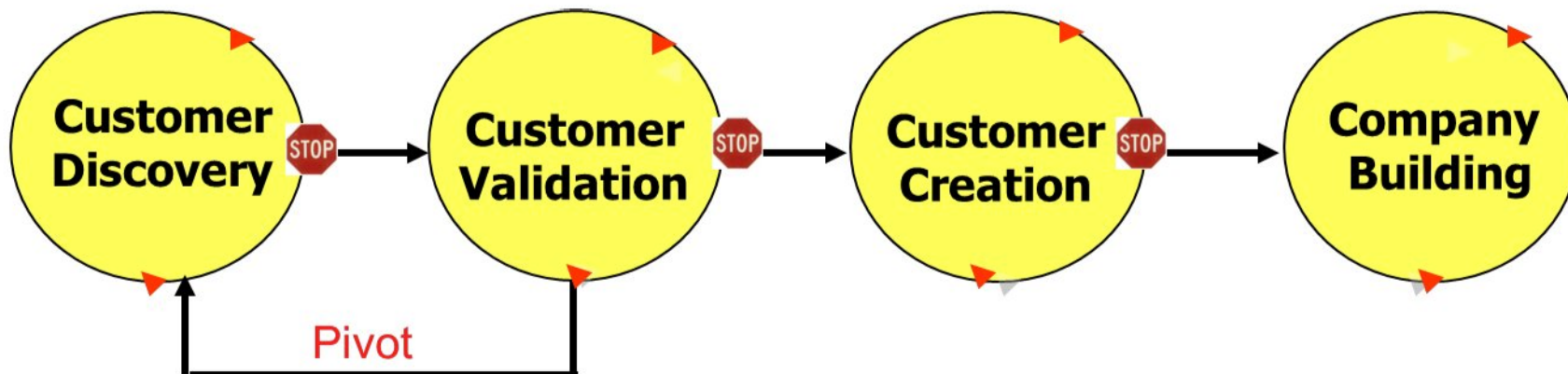
MASER and TEXUS
microgravity ESA programs
(2002-2008)



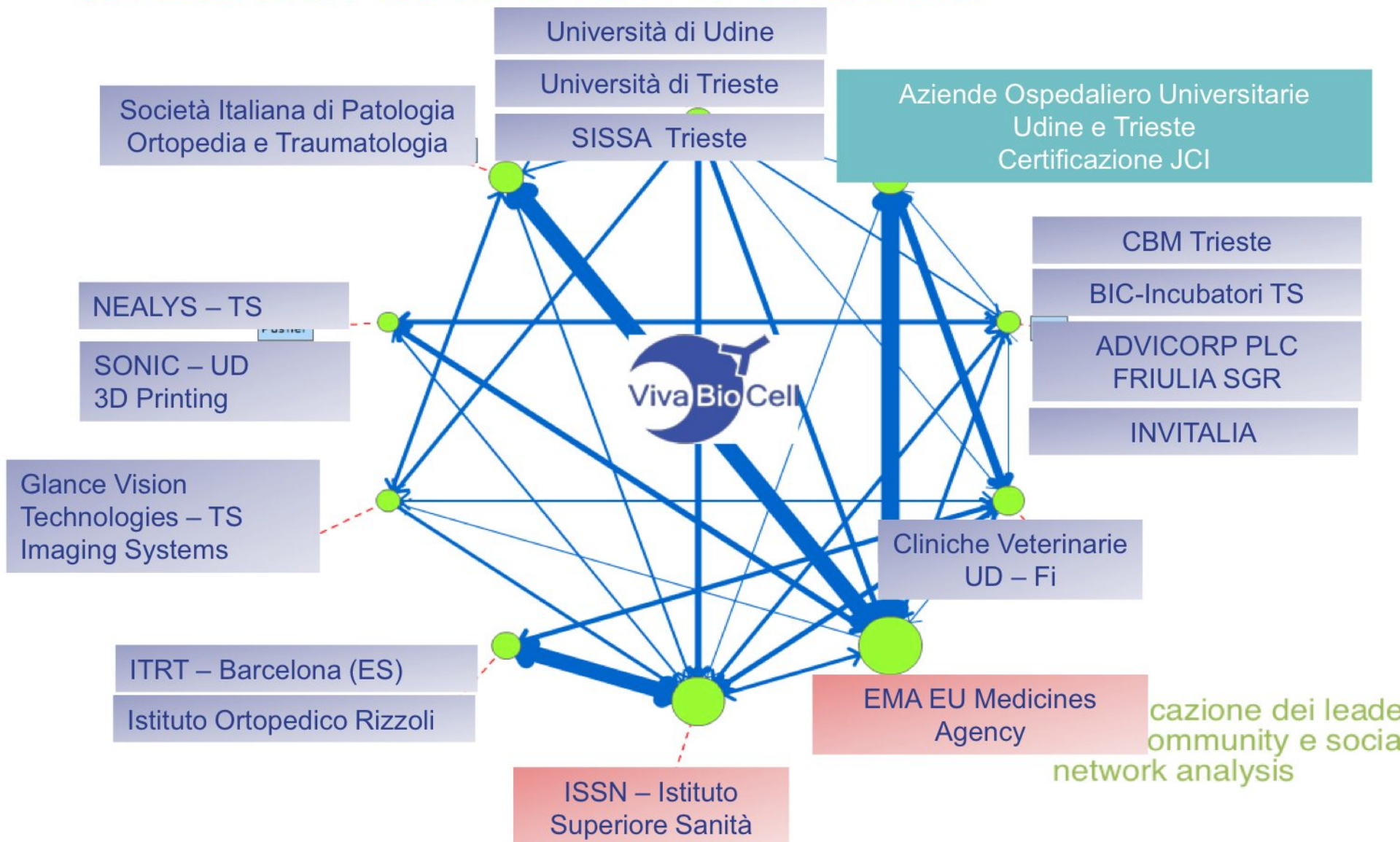
Principali Tappe dello Sviluppo Aziendale

- > 2005 - Start-cup nazionale; (Start-Cup Università di Udine)
- > 2007 - Costituzione della società a partire da TOR , spin-off UniUd e veicolo dei Fondatori. Soci : Friulia SGR (Fondo Alladin Ventures), Allegro SrL , Banca Popolare di Cividale e ZIP;
- > 2012 – inizia la ricerca di investitori internazionali. Investment Forum: Primo premio all'ESA di Tolouse (spin-off di progetti di Ricerca Spaziale) e Healthcare venture contest, Aarhus (DK) (imprese innovative del settore biotech);
- > 2015 – Acquisizione da parte di VBC Holdings LLC /Nantworks gruppo guidato da Patrick Soon-Shiong, impegnato nello sviluppo di terapie avanzate.

Dal Business Plan al Processo di Sviluppo dei Clienti

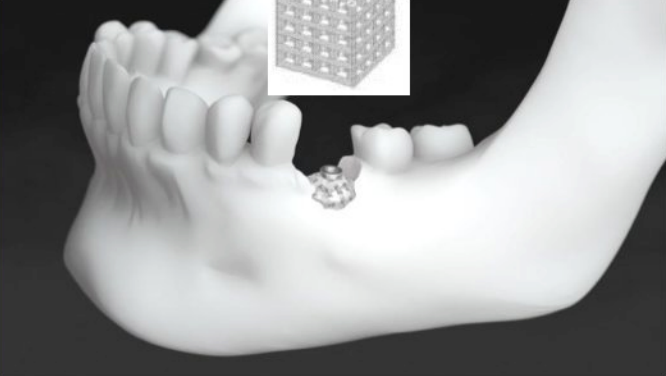


L'Ecosistema di riferimento di VivaBioCell

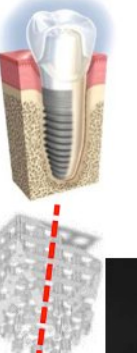
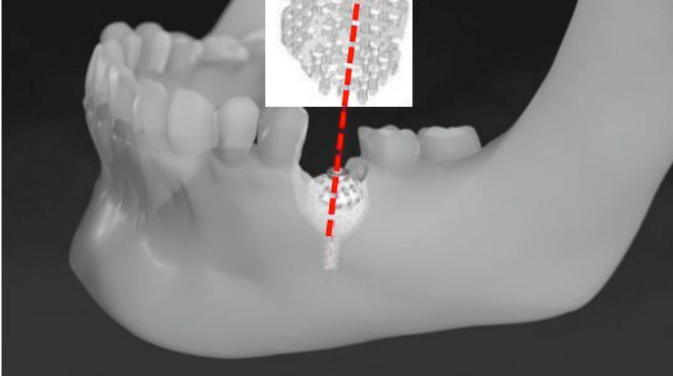


Primo Prodotto : Scaffold VIVOST

ACELLULAR BONE REGENERATION: VIVOST

Phase 1

Phase 2

CE Mark
June 2016

“VIVOST” resorbable Biopolymer
manually shaped
+
New Generation Dental implants

3D printed personalized
scaffold
Guided Implant surgery



Secondo Prodotto: Terapia Rigenerativa Osteoartrosi Cane



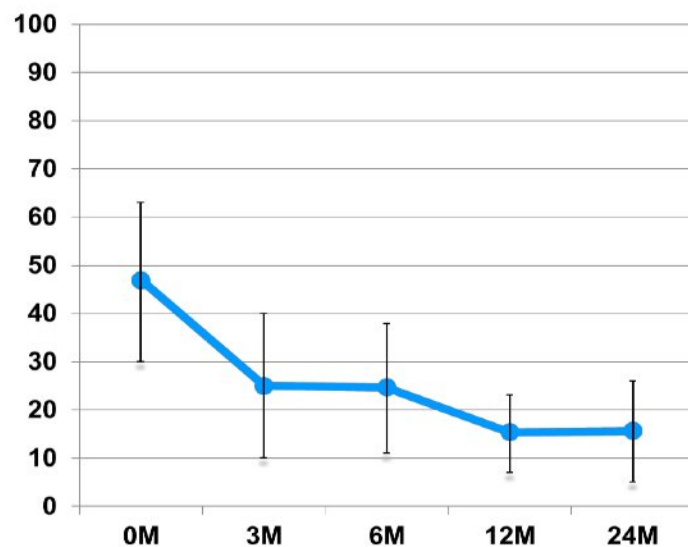
VIDEO

(Scaricabile tra i materiali della scheda)

Risultati nell'Uomo



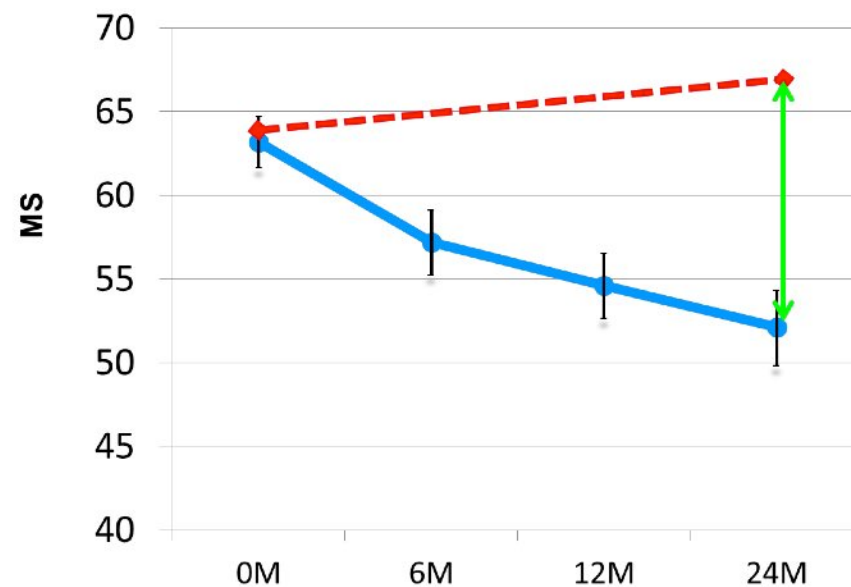
Daily VAS n=12



T2 MAPPING

50-99 ms

CI 95%



Approccio Agile Prototyping and Engineering



- Agile Development
- Continuous Learning
- Self Organizing Teams
- MVP – Minimum Viable Product
- Regulatory Approvals / Pivots

Terzo Prodotto: Bioreattore Automatico



Conclusione: un lungo percorso...un nuovo inizio !

