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- ▶ **[Sanofi Announces \\$2.2-Bn Cost-Savings Plan and Growth Strategy](#)**
Sanofi has announced a cost-efficiency initiative of EUR 2 billion (\$2.2 billion), a strategic growth plan, and a reorganization to support this strategy. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Merck & Co. to Acquire Pharma Company ArQule for \\$2.7 Billion](#)**
Merck & Co. has agreed to acquire ArQule, a developer of kinase inhibitors for treating cancer and other diseases, for \$2.7 billion. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Roche Extends Offer Period in \\$4.3-Billion Spark Acquisition Again](#)**
Roche has again extended its tender offer period relating to its \$4.3-billion acquisition of Spark Therapeutics, a gene-therapy company, to December 16, 2019. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Sanofi to Acquire Cancer Therapy Company Synthorx for \\$2.5 Bn](#)**
Sanofi has agreed to acquire Synthorx, a clinical-stage biotechnology company for cancer and autoimmune disorders, for \$2.5 billion. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Amgen In Outcomes-Based Contract for Blockbuster Enbrel](#)**
Amgen has formed an outcomes-based contract with Abarca, a pharmacy benefit manager, for its blockbuster, drug, Enbrel (etanercept), an anti-inflammatory drug. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Janssen to Acquire Monoclonal Antibody from XBiotech for \\$750 M](#)**
Janssen Biotech has agreed to acquire all rights to bermekimab for inflammation from XBiotech, a therapeutic antibodies company, for \$750 million. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[Amgen Selects Location for R&D Facility in San Francisco](#)**
Amgen has signed a lease for a new 240,000-square-foot research facility in South San Francisco, California. [Read More >](#)
- ▶ **[FDA Investigates Nitrosamine Impurities in Diabetes Drug Metformin](#)**
The FDA is investigating nitrosamine impurities in the diabetes drug, metformin, following select product recalls from regulatory agencies outside the US. [Read More >](#)
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A roundup of news from India (Aurobindo, Biocon), Japan (Kyowa Kirin), Singapore (HSA), and the US (AstraZeneca, Recro Pharma, Horizon Pharma). [Read More >](#)



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