

DCAT TOP Industry NEWS

*BUSY WEEK? Here are the
TOP INDUSTRY NEWS stories
you might have missed, as
selected by DCAT Editorial
Director Patricia Van Arnum.*



1. [Medivation, Sanofi Move Closer to Showdown in Takeover Bid](#)

In response to a request by Sanofi, the biopharmaceutical company, Medivation, set a record date of June 1, 2016, for the shareholders of the company to give their written consent to remove and replace each member of the Medivation Board of Directors. Sanofi is seeking to replace the board as part of its \$9.3 billion takeover bid of Medivation. [Read More](#)

2. [Biogen Gets EU OK for Biosimilar of J&J's Remicade](#)

The European Commission has granted marketing authorization in the European Union for Flixabi, an infliximab biosimilar referencing Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) Remicade. Flixabi was developed by Samsung Bioepis, the joint venture between Samsung BioLogics and Biogen. Remicade was one of J&J's top-selling pharmaceuticals with global 2015 sales of \$6.56 billion. [Read More](#)

3. [AstraZeneca Receives Complete Response Letter for Manufacturing Issues](#)

The FDA issued a Complete Response Letter (CRL) for AstraZeneca's new drug application for sodium zirconium cyclosilicate, an investigational medicine being developed for the treatment of hyperkalaemia (high potassium level in the blood serum) by ZS Pharma, a wholly owned subsidiary of AstraZeneca. The CRL refers to observations arising from a pre-approval manufacturing inspection. [Read More](#)

4. [Jazz Pharmaceuticals To Acquire Celator for \\$1.5 Billion](#)

Jazz Pharmaceuticals, a Dublin, Ireland-based biopharmaceutical company, has agreed to acquire Celator Pharmaceuticals, an Ewing, New Jersey-based biopharmaceutical company, for \$1.5 billion. Celator is currently preparing a regulatory submission in the US for the cancer drug, Vyxeos (cytarabine:daunorubicin) liposome for injection. [Read More](#)

5. [Patheon Names President](#)

Michel Lagarde has been appointed as president of Patheon. In this newly created role, Lagarde will lead global corporate and cross-enterprise operations and report to Patheon CEO James Mullen, who will continue to direct the company's global growth strategy, as well as oversee Patheon's business segments, sales and marketing, talent, and quality functions. [Read More](#)

6. [Sanofi Begins Operations at New Vaccine Manufacturing Facility](#)

Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines operations of Sanofi, began commercial manufacturing at the new vaccines' production facility of its affiliate, Shantha Biotechnics Private Limited. This new facility is located in the Special Economic Zone Muppireddipalli near Hyderabad, India. [Read More](#)

7. [FDA OKs Abbvie's and Biogen's MS Drug](#)

The FDA has approved Biogen's and AbbVie's Zinbryta (daclizumab), a new once-monthly, self-administered, subcutaneous treatment for relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis. [Read More](#)

8. [FDA OKs Diabetes Combo Therapy from Lilly and BI](#)

The FDA has approved Eli Lilly's and Boehringer Ingelheim's Jentadueto XR (linagliptin and metformin hydrochloride extended-release) tablets for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes in adults. Jentadueto XR is the seventh new treatment from the Boehringer Ingelheim-Lilly Diabetes alliance to be approved by the FDA in the last five years. [Read More](#)

9. [Italian Pharma Company Recordati Acquires Italcimici](#)

Recordati, a Milan, Italy-based pharmaceutical company, has acquired Italcimici S.p.A., also an Italian pharmaceutical company with operational headquarters in Milan, for EUR 130 million (\$145 million). Recordati has operations in the main European countries, in Russia, in other Central and Eastern European countries, in Turkey, in North Africa and in the United States. It recorded 2015 revenues of EUR 1.048 billion (\$1.169 billion). [Read More](#)

10. [EMA Seeks to Improve Regulatory Process for Advanced Therapy Medicines](#)

The European Medicines Agency has published a report from a multi-stakeholder expert meeting held on May 27, 2016 to explore possible ways to foster the development of advanced therapy medicines (ATMPs) in Europe and expand patients' access to these new treatments. ATMPs comprise gene therapies, tissue engineered products and somatic cell therapies. [Read More](#)

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