

NEWS & COMMENTARIES

Pitching to Saudi Investors?

Stop leading with your data.
Start leading with your impact.



Wrong question:
How do I raise money
from Saudi?



Right question:
How does my company
contribute to Saudi
Arabia's healthcare
and economic future?

- Clinical trials in the Kingdom
- Innovative medicines for Saudi patients
- Training a young scientific workforce
- Building biotech infrastructure
- Economic diversification

Those who understand the shift will win.

How can I secure funding from Saudi investors?

By James Powell

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Proper Question

“What can you offer Saudi?”

“Our data looks promising.”

“How does that promising data benefit the people of Saudi Arabia?”

Saudi investors are thinking about:

- Running clinical trials in the Kingdom
- Bringing innovative medicines to their population
- Training and developing a young scientific workforce
- Building long-term biotech infrastructure

If your pitch is only about your assets...

You're missing the point.

The real question isn't “How do I raise money from Saudi?”

It's: “How does my company contribute to Saudi Arabia's long-term healthcare and economic ambitions?”

The founders who understand that will have the edge.



GSK pays US\$2 billion for prophylactic food allergen antibody

By Asher Mullard, 2026

GSK is buying RAPT Therapeutics for US\$2 billion, for access to the company's anti-immunoglobulin E (IgE) antibody ozureprubart. The antibody, a phase II candidate, could offer a long-acting option for food allergen prophylaxis.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41573-026-00024-6>

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS



The science of psychedelic medicine

Joshua S. Siegel et al., 2026

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-025-04194-5>

Classic psychedelics interact with the 5-HT_{2A} receptor, influencing brain function. Research reveals acute neural desynchronization and subacute neuroplasticity, highlighting therapeutic potential and associated challenges.



The theory of epidemics with altruism

Mark P. Lynch et al., 2026

DOI:10.1073/pnas.2518893123

Social distancing reduces disease spread; altruism encourages self-isolation, benefiting both individuals and communities.



Academic journals' AI policies fail to curb the surge in AI-assisted academic writing

Yongyuan He and Yi Bu , 2026

DOI: /10.1073/pnas.2526734123

Despite 70% of journals adopting AI policies, actual transparency and impact remain low, with only 0.1% disclosing AI use, necessitating policy reevaluation.



Humans 40,000 y ago developed a system of conventional signs

Christian Bentz and Ewa Dutkiewicz , 2026

DOI:10.1073/pnas.2520385123

Aurignacian artifacts show early complex sign sequences, suggesting intentional communication before true writing developed in Europe.

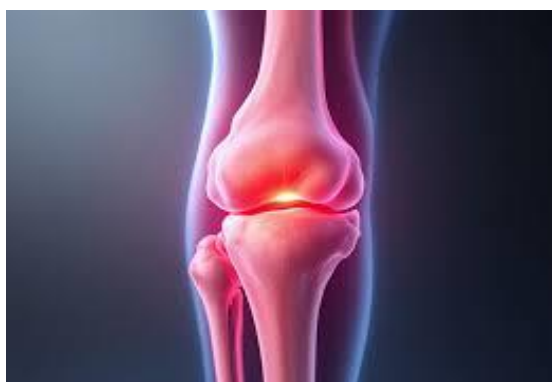


Discovery and development of a new oxazolidinone with reduced toxicity for the treatment of tuberculosis

Brendan M. Crowley et al., 2026

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-025-04164-x>

MK-7762, a new oxazolidinone, effectively treats drug-resistant tuberculosis with reduced toxicity compared to linezolid, demonstrating significant bacterial burden reduction in mouse models and favorable preclinical safety.



MEK inhibitor Mirdametinib promotes fracture healing in osteofibrous dysplasia RASopathy

Aysha Khalid et al., 2026

<https://doi.org/10.1172/JCI199048>

Osteofibrous dysplasia involves bone lesions and fractures due to MET gene mutations. Met Δ JMD impairs progenitor differentiation and bone development; MEK inhibitors enhance differentiation and promote fracture healing in patients.



T cell receptor–engineered T cells targeting the TP53R248Q neoantigen elicit antitumor effects in human cancer models

Lianghua Shen et al., 2026

<https://doi.org/10.1172/JCI196613>

TP53 mutations lead to poor outcomes. We identified an immunogenic neoantigen from TP53R248Q and isolated a specific TCR-T cell, demonstrating potent anti-tumor effects.



Human genetics guides the discovery of CARD9 inhibitors with anti-inflammatory activity

Jason S. Rush et al., 2026

DOI: [10.1016/j.cell.2025.12.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2025.12.013)

Human genetic studies reveal CARD9 variants linked to Crohn's disease; we identified inhibitors that modulate inflammation by preventing CARD9 scaffold assembly and NF- κ B induction.

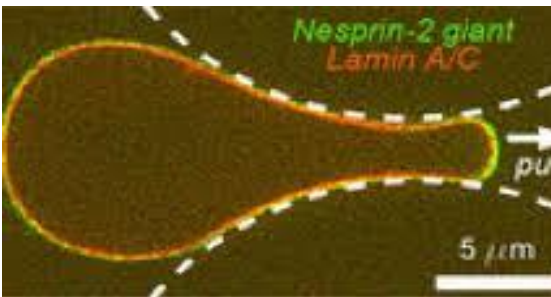


Mechanistic insights into fatty acid odor detection mediated by class II olfactory receptors

Xiang Han et al., 2026

DOI: [10.1016/j.cell.2025.12.018](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2025.12.018)

Cryo-EM structures of class II OR Olfr110 reveal a large hydrophobic pocket for ligand binding and activation, providing insights for drug development targeting these receptors.

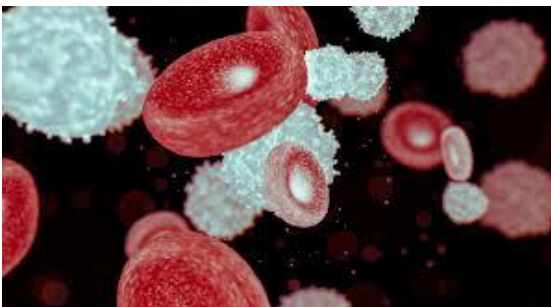


The Nemp1–Nesprin complex mediates cellular responses to matrix mechanics

Abira Ganguly , Hannah Zmuda, Javier Abello , and Helen McNeill , 2026

DOI: [10.1073/pnas.2521253123](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2521253123)

NEMP1 is vital for fertility; its loss causes oocyte death. Softening the ovary rescues fertility by enhancing YAP nuclear translocation and actin organization.



Shared and specific blood biomarkers for multimorbidity

Alice Margherita Ornago et al., 2026

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-025-04038-2>

Aging leads to biological deficits increasing multimorbidity risk. Analysis of 54 biomarkers revealed associations with disease patterns, emphasizing metabolic disturbances as critical drivers for potential intervention targets.

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