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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is majorly disrupting life sciences and healthcare. Meanwhile, we also witnessed a rising number of acquisitions across the industry. This month's newsletter brings you the latest developments in AI and digital technologies, along with a roundup of the largest and most recent acquisitions in the industry and COVID-19 trial updates.

How AI is shaping the pharma industry

AI is helping the pharma industry improve efficiencies and optimize overall costs. Big pharma companies are forming partnerships with AI firms and tech firms to leverage this technology. While initially, they may have focused on just R&D, AI is now rapidly penetrating various segments across the value chain.

Top pharma partnerships for AI applications

		← Top pharma companies →									
		Pfizer	Astra Zeneca	Novartis	Bayer	Glaxo SmithKline	Sanofi	Merck	Boehringer Ingelheim	Astellas	Takeda
Partnership for AI											

Application Areas

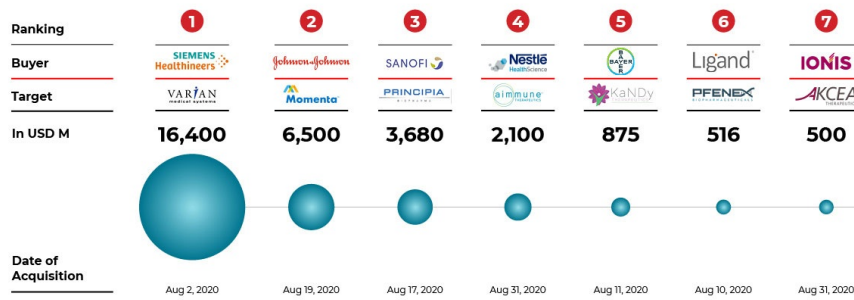
- Drug Discovery
- Drug Development
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Patient Monitoring, Support and Diagnostics

Key M&As in August 2020

The past month has witnessed a sudden surge in M&As across the life sciences and digital health industries. Despite pandemic slowdowns, there were five acquisitions which crossed the billion mark.

In the life sciences industry, deals are mainly focused in the fields of autoimmune, chronic and rare disease treatments. Pharma and healthcare companies have been on the lookout for acquiring biotech and medical devices companies.

Top M&A in Lifescience - August 2020



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In the digital health sector, the record-breaking Teladoc-Livongo merger has acted as a starter gun, for the rise in acquisitions from companies eager to stay ahead of their competitors.



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In the news

COVID-19 trials

J&J to start 60K person phase 3 vaccine trial ([fiercepharma](#))

AstraZeneca began phase 1 of antibody trial ([fiercebiotech](#))

Sanofi and GSK began trial of protein-based vaccine ([fiercebiotech](#))

AI focus

Atomwise raised USD 123M to expand AI drug design ([fiercebiotech](#))

Biofurmis raised USD 100M for AI remote medical tools ([venturebeat](#))

GSK opened a USD 13M AI research hub in London ([pharmalive](#))

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