



New Blood is Rising

A selection of biotech and medical engineering companies around Milan, mostly under five years old.

Alltox, a spin-off of Science Park Raf (Milan), was founded in 2003. Alltox provides testing on the *in vitro* prediction of allergic sensitisation, maintaining to provide the only test which is validated for the prediction of sensitisation.

Bio3 Research (Milan), founded in 2001, develops drugs for cardiovascular disorders as well as skin and renal diseases. In addition, the company works with research institutions and early-stage companies to identify, patent and merchandise commercially promising projects. *Lab Times* featured the company's founder and president, Francesco Paolo Pilato, in issue 2-2007.

Bioxell (Milan), founded in 2002, develops drugs to treat urological and inflammatory disorders. The company is a spin-off from Roche and employs 58 people. Bioxell's lead compound is in Phase

II clinical trials. In 2006, Bioxell listed its shares on the Swiss Exchange.

Cell Therapeutics (Seattle/USA and Bresso/ITA), founded in 1998, is one of the rare examples of a successful Italian biotech company. The Italian subsidiary was originally named **Novuspharma** and was taken over by Cell Therapeutics in 2003 for about €180 million in stock. The company develops oncology products.

Clonit (Milan), founded in 1987, produces molecular biology diagnostics.

CTG Pharma (Milano), founded in 2004, is an early-stage pharmaceutical company that discovers new chemical entities derived from established drugs.

Ktedogen (Milan) discovers novel microorganisms and the bioactive molecules they produce, with a focus on

anti-infectives with novel structures and unprecedented mechanisms of actions.

Leaf Bioscience (Milan), founded in 2003, provides IT support, bioinformatic software development and consultancy to life science companies.

Need Pharma (Milan), founded in 2004, is engaged in the discovery and development of novel anti-infective drugs.

Sekmed (Milan), founded in 2002, operates on immune system related disorders.

Sulfidris (Milan), founded in 2005, is a spin-off of Milan University focused on the R&D of new drugs for cancer.

Tethis (Milan), founded in 2004, is a nano-biotechnology company that designs and sells nanoparticles.