



Welcome to the Bionow monthly update!



Bionow News and Events
The latest Bionow news and upcoming events

bionow  **GlueUp** Register for and activate your Glue Up account

Bionow have migrated their website and CRM system to Glue Up, which is a significant upgrade and is great news for Bionow members.

The new website makes it much easier for members to post news and jobs and register for events.

Once you have activated your account, you can access all the Bionow membership services available for your membership type. **You will need a Glue Up account to access these.**

[Register here](#)



Event speakers: We need you!

Interested in sharing your expertise with the life sciences and biotech community? We are always looking for passionate speakers for upcoming Bionow events.

If you would like to be considered as a speaker, please contact our Events Manager, [Matt Daly](#).



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MEMBER

Bionow is delighted to welcome five new members!

We look forward to working with:

Sanber Limited | Inventus Group Ltd | Vortex Liquid Biopsy Solutions | VECTOR Labs
Technologies UK | Lutèo Medical

Our members are at the heart of what we do and by joining Bionow and working together we can achieve more. Bionow members have access to a fantastic range of benefits and services to assist with being globally competitive, delivering world class innovation and inspiring the next generation. Become part of our community!

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Partner Snapshot: Chubb

Chubb is a Bionow Preferred Partner for life science insurance.

Chubb Life Science insurance offering includes bespoke unique packages, combined liability and mono-line products.

Chubb standard cover includes:

- Property i.e. buildings, tenants' improvements, stock, computer equipment and machinery and development operations
- Research & development property i.e. cultures, lab books, trial samples
- Research & development expenditure i.e. monthly burn
- Research & development income i.e. milestone payments
- Committed costs to Product Development Operations and other support organisations
- Business interruption including income from contract research activities
- Public Liability
- Products & Services liability
- Human Clinical Trials
- Employer's liability
- Errors & omissions liability

Chubb offers Bionow Members the following additional extensions at no extra charge:

- Change in Controlled Environments: Perishable Property - £100,000: All Other Property - £500,000
- Contamination/Radioactive Contamination - £100,000
- Condemnation of Undamaged Stock - £250,000
- Machinery Breakdown - £100,000

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Meet the Member: Kadans Science Partner

Kadans Science Partner is the European leader investing in the development of ecosystems and real estate with a dedicated focus on knowledge-intensive sectors. They focus on bringing people together to overcome global challenges. Therefore, they invest, develop and operate specialised assets to complement science clusters. Across Europe, Kadans have built a network of clients, partner organisations, and innovative minds, active in Life Sciences & Health, Food, Energy & Digital Economy. All determined to find solutions to the global challenges we face today.

Currently already active in 25+ science clusters, including Manchester, Glasgow, London and Cambridge, their network continues to grow as they develop more locations and support more clusters across Europe.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 2025 Bionow Awards shortlist!



Bionow is delighted to reveal the shortlist for the 2025 Bionow Awards, celebrating excellence, innovation and impact across the life sciences sector.

This year saw an exceptionally strong response, with a diverse range of high-quality nominations submitted across all categories and in record-breaking numbers. A total of **149 applications** were received, representing a **50% increase on last year** and reflecting growing engagement from across the life sciences community.

Entries were submitted by **86 organisations from across the UK and Europe**, highlighting the breadth of companies, teams and individuals keen to showcase their work through the Bionow Awards.

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York and North Yorkshire Life Sciences sector increases mobilisation and engagement

A new initiative to strengthen York and North Yorkshire's health and life sciences sector has officially launched with the York and North Yorkshire Health and Life Sciences Cluster Mobilisation Project. The programme aims to position the region as a leading hub for health and life sciences, fostering collaboration, visibility and strategic focus across industry, academia and the public sector.

Throughout 2026, the mobilisation project will deliver a programme of engagement to ensure the priorities and needs of the local life sciences community are identified. The [York and North Yorkshire Life Sciences Forum](#) is scheduled for Wednesday 25th February 2026 at York Biotech Campus, offering a platform for stakeholders to explore priorities, share insights and discuss how regional organisations can best support business growth and innovation.

As a first step, leaders from across the local life sciences community came together for a roundtable discussion in York, hosted by Bionow. The session provided insight into opportunities and challenges facing the sector and will help mobilise and showcase the network going forward.

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BioInfect
Apiary Conference Centre, Alderley Park

Thursday 5th February



Turning Insight into Impact

Join us at BioInfect to connect, collaborate, and shape the next generation of solutions that will preserve the effectiveness of antimicrobial treatments worldwide.

Bionow's BioInfect conference brings together experts from across research, clinical practice, biotech, pharma, and policy to confront this escalating threat through innovation, collaboration and action.

Key themes include:

- Translating discovery into delivery – accelerating R&D and bringing new antimicrobials, diagnostics, and vaccines to market.
- Antimicrobial stewardship and One Health integration – aligning strategies across all sectors.
- Investment and sustainability – ensuring viable business models and ROI for AMR innovation.
- Data and intelligence – leveraging surveillance and analytics to drive coordinated, evidence-based responses.

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Biotech & Beers
The Brewdog DogHouse, Edinburgh

Thursday 12th February



Biotech & Beers Returns to Edinburgh!

Join Bionow from 5:30pm at the Brewdog Doghouse Edinburgh, for an agenda-free networking evening.

This event provides opportunities for key people from companies working in or with the life sciences sector to network and socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two. Biotech and Beer events contribute to a community of like-minded leaders who are focused upon real company growth in life sciences and offer opportunities for peer group support (even if it's just a chance to let off some steam!).

Members and non-members are all welcome.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

If you would like to sponsor this Biotech and Beers event, please contact clara.borg@bionow.co.uk

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York and North Yorkshire Life Sciences Forum York Biotech Campus

Wednesday 25th February

Connecting Innovation, Talent and Opportunity in the Heart of the North

Join us for the inaugural York and North Yorkshire Life Sciences Forum, a new event bringing together leading health and life sciences businesses, academic innovators, investors and policymakers to shape the future of the sector in one of the UK's most promising emerging clusters, as part of the York and North Yorkshire Health and Life Sciences Cluster Mobilisation Project.

York and North Yorkshire has a diverse wealth of life sciences capabilities, from pharma manufacturers and contract research organisations providing services for international clients, to exciting world leading research at Universities and cutting edge start-ups developing new diagnostics and therapeutics. This one-day, free-to-attend conference will showcase the depth and diversity of innovation taking place across the region and provide a platform for meaningful connections between businesses, researchers and support organisations.

Whether you're a scaling life sciences company, academic researcher or service provider, this conference will offer insights, investment pathways and opportunities to network and collaborate.

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Awards 2025

2025 Bionow Awards Dinner Concorde Conference Centre

Thursday 5th March



Celebrating Success

Experience the pinnacle of life sciences celebration at the 2025 Bionow Awards Dinner: a true highlight of the industry calendar! This evening of recognition, celebration and inspiration will showcase the sector's finest achievements.

Dine with your colleagues and clients beneath the wings of the legendary Concorde, the star attraction in the magnificent super hangar.

And for that extra touch of glamour, your company logo can be projected onto the Concorde for the night, complete with a commemorative team photo taken by our professional photographer to capture the moment.

Be part of this unforgettable event! Tickets and table packages are available to book via the link below.

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**Bionow Life Sciences Careers Fair
Online**

Tuesday 10th March

Connecting talent and industry since 2020, the annual Bionow Life Sciences Careers Fair returns to introduce students to exciting career opportunities amongst Bionow member companies.

The careers fair is designed to help inform university under-graduates, graduates and postgraduates about the vast array of career paths available in Life Sciences. This event is free to attend for all students of academic institutions who are a part of Bionow, as well as recent graduates and post graduates, as we bring companies from different sections of the Bionow community together to highlight the opportunities and career paths available in the sector.

All Bionow Member organisations are invited to take part and promote awareness of the companies and talent pathways that make a career in Life Sciences so exciting.

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**Biotech & Beers
The Town Wall, Newcastle**

Wednesday 11th March



Biotech & Beers is back in Newcastle!

Join Bionow for an agenda-free networking evening which provides opportunities for key people from companies working in or with the life sciences sector to network and socialise with their peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

There is no need to register but if you would like to please do so below so we know who to expect. Unfortunately there is no free beer, but fortunately, there are no delegate fees so you have more money to spend buying yourself a few beers on the evening!

Members and non-members are all welcome.

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**PRECISION
MEDICINE
CONFERENCE 2026**

**Precision Medicine Conference
Nexus, University of Leeds**

Monday 23rd March



Innovating Healthcare Through Personalisation

Discover how precision medicine is transforming the healthcare landscape at the 2026 Bionow Precision Medicine Conference. This event brings together thought leaders, innovators, and healthcare professionals to explore advancements in personalised treatment approaches and their impact on patients.

The conference will showcase keynote speeches, engaging panel discussions, interactive exhibitions, and exceptional networking opportunities.

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BioAI Summit 2026

BioAI Summit
Apiary Conference Centre, Alderley Park

Wednesday 29th April



Bridging Life Sciences and Artificial Intelligence

AI is rapidly reshaping the life sciences sector, from accelerating drug discovery to transforming diagnostics and personalising treatment pathways. The 2026 Bionow BioAI Summit brings together experts from industry, academia and healthcare to explore how AI is being applied across the sector and where it can deliver the most impact. Join us to connect and share insight around the future of AI.

The event will highlight practical case studies, emerging technologies and the key challenges facing organisations integrating AI into research, development and clinical practice.

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**Pharma
Manufacturing
Conference 2026**

**Pharma Manufacturing Conference
Hilton Liverpool City Centre Hotel**

Thursday 21st May



Celebrating the North's Manufacturing Powerhouse

Hosted by Bionow, the 2026 Pharma Manufacturing conference returns to bring together industry leaders, academic innovators and regulatory experts, all united by a shared commitment to shape the future of pharma manufacturing in the North. Through thought-provoking talks, panel discussions and high-impact networking, attendees will explore both the obstacles and the opportunities ahead.

Pharma Manufacturing is a unique opportunity to connect with leading voices and influencers, from international pharma companies and cutting-edge CDMOs, to academic researchers and regulators.

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Climb26[®]

Climb26
Leeds Dock, Leeds

1st - 2nd July

Bionow is once again proud to be supporting Climb26 in its fourth year: the UK's festival of innovation, industry and investment.

As the festival of business growth, Climb brings together founders, innovators, investors and world-class speakers to share insights, spark collaboration and drive growth.

Join us at Climb26 for impactful talks, immersive workshops and unmatched networking opportunities.

Discounted tickets available - please check out the link below.

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If you would like to be involved with Bionow Events we would love to hear from you - contact info@bionow.co.uk

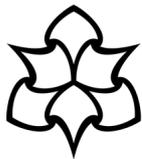
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Member News

Keep up to date with Bionow Member, Partner and Sponsor News

Shape the Future of Digital Biomedicine: A call for Industry Support



**Manchester
Metropolitan
University**

Bionow member Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), in partnership with the University of Hull, is seeking industry collaborators to join the **HuMan DigBio consortium** – a new Doctoral Training Programme focused on chronic disease, multimorbidity and digital innovation.

As the life sciences sector faces a growing digital skills gap, this programme is designed to train the next generation of R&D leaders in translational and computational biology, ensuring future talent is equipped with both laboratory expertise and advanced digital capability.

Alongside HuMan DigBio, MMU is also leading the **Cellular Perception: Decoding and Modelling Cellular Responses to Environmental Complexity** Doctoral Training Programme.

This 4-year PhD programme focuses on curiosity-driven, interdisciplinary research exploring how cells sense, interpret and respond to environmental complexity. Projects combine experimental cell biology with advanced manufacturing, fluid dynamics, computational modelling and AI-driven analytics, creating a distinctive training environment where students develop deep scientific expertise alongside cross-disciplinary skills.

Deadline for expression of interest for both: 24th February 2026[Read More](#)**Strengthening the UK IVD Ecosystem - Driving Resilience Through Innovation and Collaboration**

We are reaching out across the UK IVD sector to understand the real supply-chain gaps you are facing, and to identify where additional capability or support is needed.

This is part of a government-supported initiative with High Value Manufacturing Catapult (HVMC) to strengthen the resilience of UK's In-Vitro Diagnostics ecosystem. Your insights will help us build an accurate, evidence-based picture of supply-chain fragilities and the interventions that would make the biggest difference.

By engaging with us, you will help shape:

- A clear understanding of the **supply-chain challenges** affecting UK IVD Sector
- Developing a list of **UK SMEs with capabilities in filling the key gaps in supply chain**
- **Policy recommendations** that will be shared across the High Value Manufacturing Catapult network and used to influence government support in the UK IVD Sector
- Opportunities for **collaboration and increased visibility** within a growing national network of SMEs, companies and investors

[Read More](#)**Vortex Liquid Biopsy Solutions Opens New State-of-the-Art Laboratory at Manchester Science Park**

Vortex Biotech Holdings Limited has announced the opening of its advanced laboratory facilities at Manchester Science Park. The new site significantly enhances the company's R&D and commercial delivery capacity and strengthens its position as a leader in liquid biopsy technologies for precision oncology.

The laboratories are designed to GLP-ready specifications, allowing future expansion into clinical

trial support and commercial product and services development. The site also serves as the company's European hub for research partnerships, with planned collaborations in single-cell analysis, molecular profiling, and AI-driven data integration.

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QV Bioelectronics secures £4.5m funding to take 'world-first' implantable treatment for brain cancer to clinics



A Cheshire biotech firm that's aiming to revolutionise treatment for brain cancers has secured £4.5m in funding to bring its world-first technology to clinics. Alderley Park-based QV Bioelectronics has created what it calls a "world-first implantable device" for treating the most common type of primary brain cancer in adults.

Cancer Research UK says hard-to-treat glioblastoma (GBM) accounted for some 32% of all brain tumours diagnosed in England between 1995 and 2017. QV Bioelectronics says its technology could help extend the lives of thousands of GBM patients each year.

The funding round was led by PXN Ventures, the group formed by the merger between Praetura Ventures and Par Equity. PXN invested via the GMC Life Sciences Fund by PXN Ventures, which it manages on behalf of the fund's partners Bruntwood SciTech, Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington and Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

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Blacksheep Sciences and Rapid Fluidics Announce Strategic Collaboration to Advance 3D-Printed Microfluidic Solutions



Blacksheep Sciences Limited and Rapid Fluidics Limited have announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing a collaborative framework to accelerate the development and commercialization of advanced life science tools and 3D-printed fluidic components.

The partnership combines Blacksheep Sciences' expertise in life science product development and commercialization with Rapid Fluidics' specialization in additive manufacturing, microfluidic prototyping, and

transfer to various manufacturing options. Together, the two companies aim to support research organizations and biotech firms in bringing innovative lab tools and fluidic systems to market faster.

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Upcoming Courses at National Horizons Centre, Darlington



National Horizons Centre is proud to be a delivery partner of the [RESILIENCE Centre of Excellence for UK Medicines Manufacturing Skills](#). The centre brings together an academic consortium of UK universities led by the University of Birmingham alongside UCL, Teesside University, and Heriot-Watt University as well as Britest Ltd.

Together we are delivering training to address current and future skills demands for the medicines manufacturing community, including industry, NHS and education providers. Through this approach, we will ensure talent is attracted and retained in this important and growing sector. Detail on individual courses can be found on our [website](#).

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The Business of Science Innovation Awards are now open!



The Business of Science conference announces an exciting competition for schools and colleges: the Innovation Awards!

Science holds future answers, it is ours to create, plan... and dream

Can you create an imaginative solution to a problem?
Can you make a difference to how people live their lives?

Solving problems with innovative solutions

This may be a big issue like water shortages or plastic use, or a small local one such as how to make recycling easier in your home. With £250 to be won for all shortlisted entries, and £1000 for the winners, get started with the first step and dare to dream! The only limit is your imagination!

The award is designed to encourage submissions from people who want to solve problems through science, or who want science to solve problems.

Submission deadline: Friday 20th March 2026

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Applications to LYVA Labs Incubator are open until Wednesday 4th February



LYVA Labs Incubator supports early-stage Liverpool City Region businesses, or those looking to relocate to the region, working in Clean Tech for Health, Health & Life Sciences and Deep Tech. The programme provides:

- £10,000 day-one initial investment
- 1:1 commercial and investment readiness mentoring
- Support to identify and apply for innovation grant funding
- Educational workshops covering investor readiness, finance, sales, marketing, and more
- Connections to mentors, potential NEDs, R&D, and industry partners
- Investor Demo Day with opportunities for follow-on investment

Deadline: Wednesday 4th February 2026

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Guardtech Group welcome new 'cleanroom chameleon' mascot into the mix to celebrate company's role as enablers of change



THE GUARDTECH GROUP are welcoming a new member to their family business for 2026 – Cammi the Cleanroom Chameleon!

Cammi represents the East Anglian contamination control experts' quest to provide cleanroom construction solutions for leading Life Sciences, High-Tech Engineering and Healthcare applications across the UK and beyond that want to break the mould, explore new horizons and change landscapes for the better.

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Bionow congratulates Professor Alan Boyd MBE on New Year Honours recognition



Bionow is delighted to congratulate Professor Alan Boyd, founder and CEO of Boyds and a prominent, long-standing member of the Bionow community, on being awarded an MBE in the 2026 New Year Honours List.

Alan has been recognised for his outstanding services to gene therapy and to medical education, reflecting more than four decades of contribution to medicines development and patient benefit. The New Year Honours List celebrates individuals whose work has made a significant and lasting impact across the UK, and this recognition is richly deserved.

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Barometer returns to measure health of key regional sector



Organisations from across the North East's health and life sciences sector are being urged to have their say on the challenges and opportunities facing the industry.

The North East Pharma, HealthTech and Life Sciences Pulse of the Industry Survey (2025), delivered by [Square One Law](#) in partnership with the Centre for Process Innovation (CPI), aims to take a "temperature check" of the industry and has returned for a second year.

If you are a business operating in the North East's health and life sciences sector, please complete the [survey](#) and make your voice heard.

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Alceus Bio awarded Pioneer Group and AbbVie's Golden Ticket



Pioneer Group, a specialist in life science infrastructure and venture building, and global biopharmaceutical company AbbVie, have crowned Alceus Bio the winner of their 2025 Golden Ticket programme.

The initiative is designed to support breakthrough scientific discovery with the potential to advance human health and accelerate companies developing novel, transformational therapies and innovations for immunology, oncology, neurology, eye care, aesthetics, or other specialities including obesity, GI and hepatology.

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ImmunoKey Launches Crowdcube Campaign to Accelerate Next-Gen CAR T-Cell Therapies



Bionow member ImmunoKey has officially launched an investment round on Crowdcube, inviting the life sciences community and private investors to support the development of their pioneering immune therapy platform, CARKey™.

Based at Alderley Park, ImmunoKey is an early-stage biotech company tackling the critical barriers that have historically limited the success of CAR T-cell therapy in treating solid tumours. With a Patent-filed design, the platform attacks 3 cancer targets, whilst safeguarding healthy tissue from toxicity.

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CSL Research Acceleration Initiative: Applications close 24th February 2026



The CSL Research Acceleration Initiative supports early-stage biotechs and research organizations to fast-track the discovery of groundbreaking biotherapies.

Successful applicants can receive up to \$400,000 USD in non-dilutive funding over 2 years to advance their innovative programs.

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Information

Product and service information, blogs, funding rounds, reports and more from our Members and the wider life science sector

DataLoch: enabling improvements in health and social care



DataLoch is a data service that has been developed by the University of Edinburgh and NHS Lothian to bring together routine data collected as part of people's day-to-day interactions with health and social care services. DataLoch's focus is on making data research-ready as well as supporting NHS services.

DataLoch works with data in several ways: collaborating with clinicians to improve data quality; linking datasets – across primary and secondary care – to enable broad insights; and maintaining a high-quality metadata catalogue with the support of NHS expertise.

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Smart Biotech Website Strategies to Beat Google's AI and Attract Visitors



How to Design a Website That Still Gets Visits - Even When Google Shows AI Summaries

Now, more than ever, it's essential for [healthcare](#) and [life science companies](#) to build websites that offer undeniable value, both to search engines and to human visitors. At Arttia

Creative, we believe a strategically [designed website](#), paired with a strong [SEO foundation](#), will continue to attract high-quality visits, no matter how AI evolves.

Here's how and why your website still matters—and what's needed to thrive in this new search landscape.

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Cleanroom Rebuild: The Next Chapter Environmental Monitoring Performance Qualification (EMPQ) AB Biotechnology



Following the completion of AB Biotechnology's cleanroom rebuild and the subsequent installation and qualification of equipment in April, the next critical milestone was the execution of the Environmental Monitoring Performance Qualification (EMPQ). Establishing and qualifying a robust environmental monitoring program is essential when commissioning a new manufacturing facility. The EMPQ provides the data needed to confirm that key systems - such as HVAC performance, cleanroom layout, cleaning and disinfection procedures, personnel gowning, product and personnel flow, and equipment operation - function cohesively to maintain the required environmental conditions. Demonstrating consistent environmental control is a major factor in ensuring reproducible product quality and regulatory compliance.

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The Pre-Notification Trap: How Life Science, Biotech and Med-Tech Companies Are Losing R&D Tax Credits

LimestoneGrey

Pre-notification is now a mandatory legislative requirement for certain companies intending to claim R&D tax credits. Introduced as part of HMRC's reforms to the R&D tax relief regime, the rule applies to companies that are first-time claimants or those that have not

made a relevant R&D tax credit claim in the previous three accounting periods. Affected companies must notify HMRC of their intention to claim within six months of the end of the relevant accounting period.

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Peptide Synthesis Optimisation at Ab Biotechnology



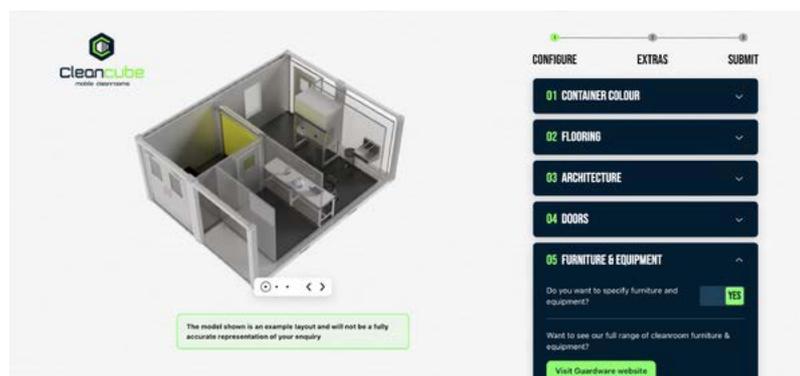
Ab Biotechnology were approached by a client to produce a 29-mer peptide of interest. The peptide had been produced in the past and basic protocols existed for technical transfer to Ab Biotechnology.

Initial review suggested some areas for concern; synthesis would be complicated by several arginine residues and hydrophobic regions. Analysis of historic quality data also indicated the synthesis was partly truncated and the peptide was prone to stability degradation over time.

The approach agreed with the client was to manufacture a proof-of-concept batch as per historic protocols, then determine if the method was suitable for full scale manufacture.

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Guardtech Group launch revolutionary new Cleancube Configurator to make container cleanroom facility procurement easier than ever before



THE GUARDTECH GROUP have once again broken the mould when it comes to cleanroom facility procurement with the launch of their stunning new Cleancube Configurator online tool.

The new website – www.cleancubeconfigurator.com – features six base models from which users can submit their key cleanroom container facility requirements – Mini (20ft), Mini+ (20ft double), Midi (40ft), Maxi 2 (40ft double), Maxi 8 (240sqm) and Multi 16 (480sqm – two storeys).

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How to Make Your Marketing Budget Work Harder and Get Better Results



How a holistic, creative-led approach transforms ROI in biotech, life sciences, healthcare and pharma

When every marketing budget penny counts (and in biotech, life sciences, healthcare and pharma, it always does!), your budget needs to work harder and smarter.

At Arttia Creative, we've spent years helping ambitious health and science-based organisations do just that. From early-stage biotech innovators to established healthcare brands, our creative-led, holistic approach to [digital marketing](#), [branding](#) and [website development](#) ensures that every aspect of your marketing works together – strategically and efficiently.

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Managing freedom-to-operate (FTO) risks in drug discovery startups



In 2026, the landscape for drug discovery startups has never been more competitive or patent-intensive. Advances in biologics, AI-assisted drug design, and global development strategies have accelerated innovation while significantly increasing intellectual property (IP) complexity. For startups in the drug discovery space, innovation is only part of the equation.

Equally critical, but often overlooked, is ensuring that the path to market is clear of third-party intellectual property (IP) barriers. This concept, known as Freedom-to-Operate (FTO), refers to the ability to develop, manufacture, and commercialize a product without infringing on the valid patent rights of others. FTO has long been a critical consideration throughout the R&D lifecycle.

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A Practical and Pragmatic Approach to Computer System Validation at Ab Biotechnology



At Ab Biotechnology, validation isn't just about meeting regulatory requirements - it's about ensuring our systems are efficient, reliable, and most importantly, help keep patients safe.

We take a risk-based, practical approach to Computer System Validation (CSV) that balances compliance with real-world efficiency, always aligning with our Lean Six Sigma principles.

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Biotech Website Design and SEO that Wins Traffic When AI Dominates Google Search



In the ever-shifting landscape of SEO, search strategy, Google’s AI-driven summaries (sometimes called “zero-click search results”) have changed how people interact with biotech websites. Users can now glean insights, facts, or solutions without having to click through to the source.

So does that mean website clicks and SEO are dead?

Absolutely not.

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Shimadzu Launches ALTRACE EDXRF Spectrometer for Efficient Elemental Analysis



Shimadzu has introduced its latest energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence (EDXRF) solution, the ALTRACE spectrometer. Built for high-throughput environments, the ALTRACE provides accurate trace element detection from sodium to uranium using a high-energy 65 kV X-ray tube and proprietary high-count rate detector.

Reducing Workload While Improving Sensitivity

This new system significantly reduces the workload for lab managers and analysts by minimising sample preparation. ALTRACE accommodates liquid, solid, and powder samples, eliminating the need for time-consuming digestion steps typical of AAS or ICP-OES methods.

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Unlock the Potential of EBSCO's CINAHL Ultimate



CINAHL Ultimate is an invaluable resource, especially for those involved in healthcare, clinical research, and product development. It provides extensive coverage of evidence-based practice, clinical guidelines, and the latest research, helping you stay informed and make data-driven decisions.

Whether you're developing new healthcare solutions, conducting clinical trials, or involved in patient care, CINAHL Ultimate equips your team with the high-quality information needed to drive innovation and achieve better outcomes.

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Advance your skills and take the next step in your career by studying Transformative Oncology with The University of Manchester. Supported by leading academics from The Christie you can join a global cohort and study 100% online and part-time without taking a career break.

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Specialist Laboratory Purchasing Scheme for Bionow Members



The Fisher Scientific channel offers a full range of premium brands

The breadth and depth of the Fisher Scientific product range creates a virtual one-stop shop for scientists with a core list that helps to simplify your ordering whilst providing great value and long-term price stability. Browse a dynamic, fully-interactive web catalogue that provides product information and real-time stock availability.

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Recruitment

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Job Posting Free of Charge to Bionow Members

Members of Bionow can post their current job vacancies directly to the Bionow website free of charge.

bionow.co.uk/jobs

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Contact the SRG team:

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[Emma Laurenson](#) (Scotland)

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Events

Upcoming Member and sector events

**4th - 6th February
Cambridge Innovation Park**

This programme is ideal for professionals in the life sciences, including quality assurance, regulatory affairs, IT, and compliance, who seek to enhance their understanding of validation and regulatory frameworks.

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ZEISS Certified Professional Course in Confocal Microscopy at Durham University

**12th - 13th February
Durham University**

Elevate Your Research with the Official ZEISS Certified Professional Course in Confocal Microscopy

Are you ready to move beyond the basics and master the cutting-edge of cellular imaging?

Durham University, in exclusive collaboration with the **ZEISS Academy Microscopy**, offers this intensive specialist course designed to equip researchers, Ph.D. students, and facility managers with advanced, certified expertise in confocal microscopy.

Why Choose This Course?

- **Professional Certification:** Earn a globally recognized certificate from ZEISS, a leader in optical technology.
- **Expert Instruction:** Learn directly from Durham University's academic specialists and ZEISS Application Scientists.
- **Hands-On Learning:** Gain invaluable experience operating state-of-the-art ZEISS Laser Scanning Microscopes (LSMs) in a dedicated facility.

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Cyber Uncovered – Episode 2: AI: Turbo-Charging Cyber Attacks

**25th February
Online**



AI has changed the game for cybercriminals. Phishing is harder to spot, impersonation is believable, and targeted attacks can be launched at scale with minimal effort. What were once ordinary attacks are now faster, more adaptive and highly convincing. This episode explores how AI is powering the next wave of cybercrime - and the actions leaders must prioritise to stay protected

Key Takeaways

- How AI enables attacks to scale, adapt and bypass traditional defences.
- Examples of AI-generated phishing, impersonation and deepfake techniques.
- Why modern attacks look legitimate — and are harder to detect early.
- Governance priorities for managing AI-driven risk with confidence.
- Practical steps leaders can take immediately to strengthen resilience.

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Meet Employers in Life Sciences Event

26th February
Nucleus Building, Edinburgh

The event aims to highlight a range of opportunities and types of organisation that come under the Life Sciences banner. It will encourage informal conversations and allow students to gain a better understanding of some of the options open to them and factors they might want to consider in their career search.

It is open to students from all science disciplines and all year groups who are interested in a career in Life Sciences. The majority will be studying Biomedical Sciences, Biology, Chemistry and related subjects.

Organisations will have live roles or be planning to recruit in 2026 and could be offering graduate positions, paid summer work and or early year opportunities. Please note only a few programmes currently cater for industry placements.

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SCENE 2026 Recruitment and Skills Fair



17th March
Newcastle University

The **SCENE 2026** Recruitment and Skills Fair provides an opportunity to meet some future talent and forge closer ties with Newcastle University.

SCENE has a focus towards **Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Biology and Biotechnology** but also looks to engage with other STEM students across the Faculty of Science, Agriculture & Engineering. The event will follow a trade show format, allowing your organisation to showcase its work on a stand and inform students about workplace opportunities with you such as grad schemes and placements or just share your insights with them on hot topics, in-demand skills and future challenges and opportunities in your sector.

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The Astbury Conversation 2026: Designing Biology

20th - 21st April

Esther Simpson Building, The University of Leeds



The Astbury Conversation – a world class cross-disciplinary conference on understanding life at molecular detail – will return to the University of Leeds on 20-21 April 2026 with a bold new theme: Designing Biology.

Over two days, this event will bring together international experts in structural and chemical biology, biophysics, and biotechnology to explore how biology can be engineered from the bottom up and top down, and from the underpinning research technologies that shape the field to applications.

- Keynote lectures from global leaders in the field
- Contributed talks, poster sessions and flash presentations

- Opportunities to network and collaborate across disciplines

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Anglonordic Life Science Conference

23rd April
County Hall, London

Over 350 delegates from leading and upcoming drug discovery and technology companies from the UK, Nordic and many other European regions, plus investment firms throughout Europe, are expected to get together in London next April for the 22nd Annual Anglonordic Life Science Conference.

At the last Anglonordic Life Science Conference 86 [high quality investor firms](#) attended. The conference Programme featured on-point panel discussions around European investment and technologies, and 36 funding pitches were presented by cutting-edge biomedical and healthcare startups. 1:1 partnering took place throughout the day, with every meeting slot filled.

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