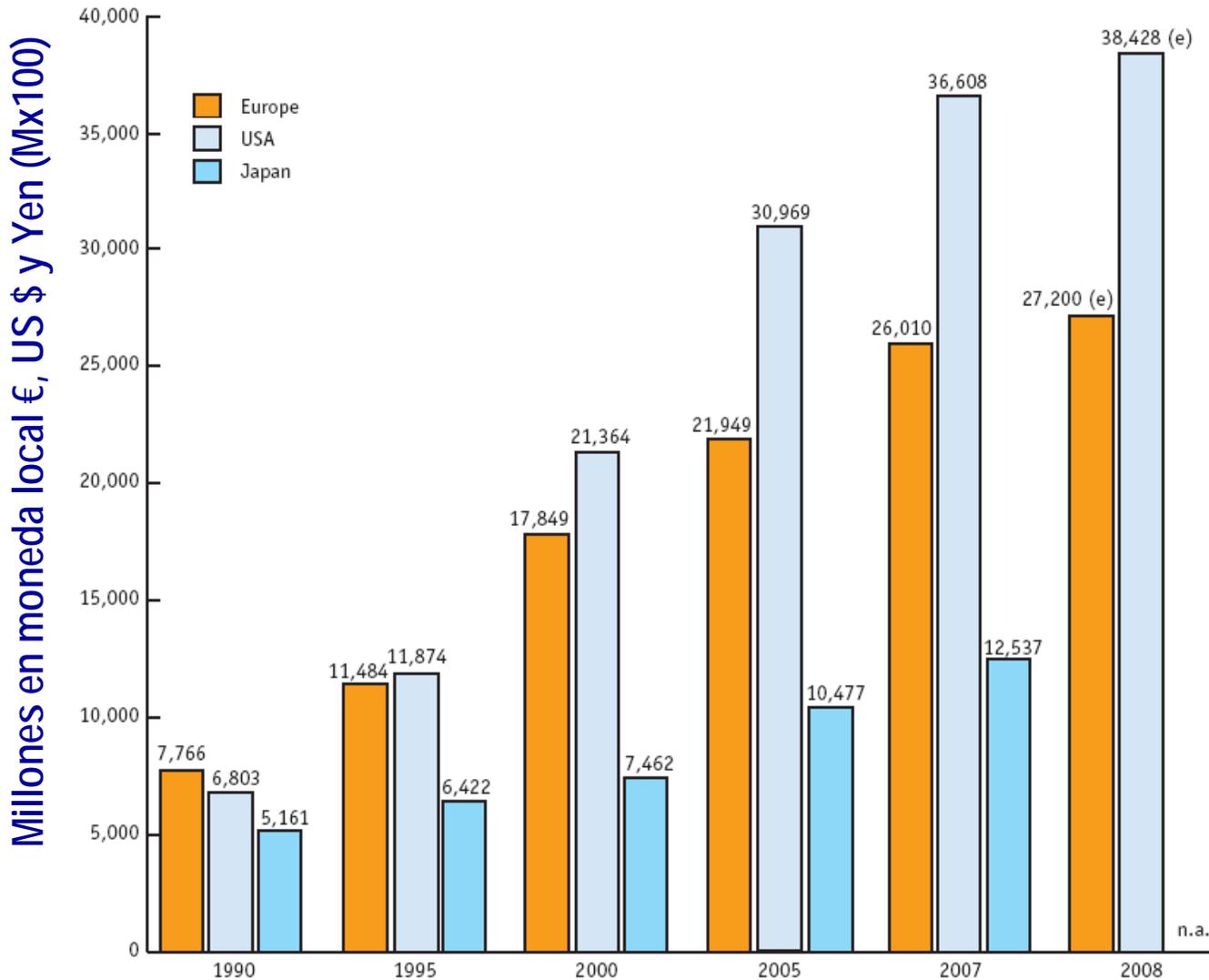


Industria farmacéutica e
investigación clínica:

¿Una colaboración necesaria?

- Datos de inversión en I + D farmacéutica.
- Una colaboración necesaria: Definición de conflicto de intereses.
- Problemas más frecuentes y posibles explicaciones:
 - ✓ ¿La industria presiona a las agencias reguladoras?.
 - ✓ ¿Se cierran precozmente los estudios?
 - ✓ ¿Hay sesgos en la selección de los pacientes?
 - ✓ ¿Son de mala calidad los estudios?
 - ✓ ¿Los estudios favorecen sus intereses?
 - ✓ ¿Investiga en enfermedades que no existen?

Inversión en I + D farmacéutica en Europa, EEUU y Japón (1990-2007)



Inversión en I + D

EEUU: ↑ 5,6

Europa: ↑ 3,5

Mercado 2007

EEUU: 45,9 %

Europa: 31,1%

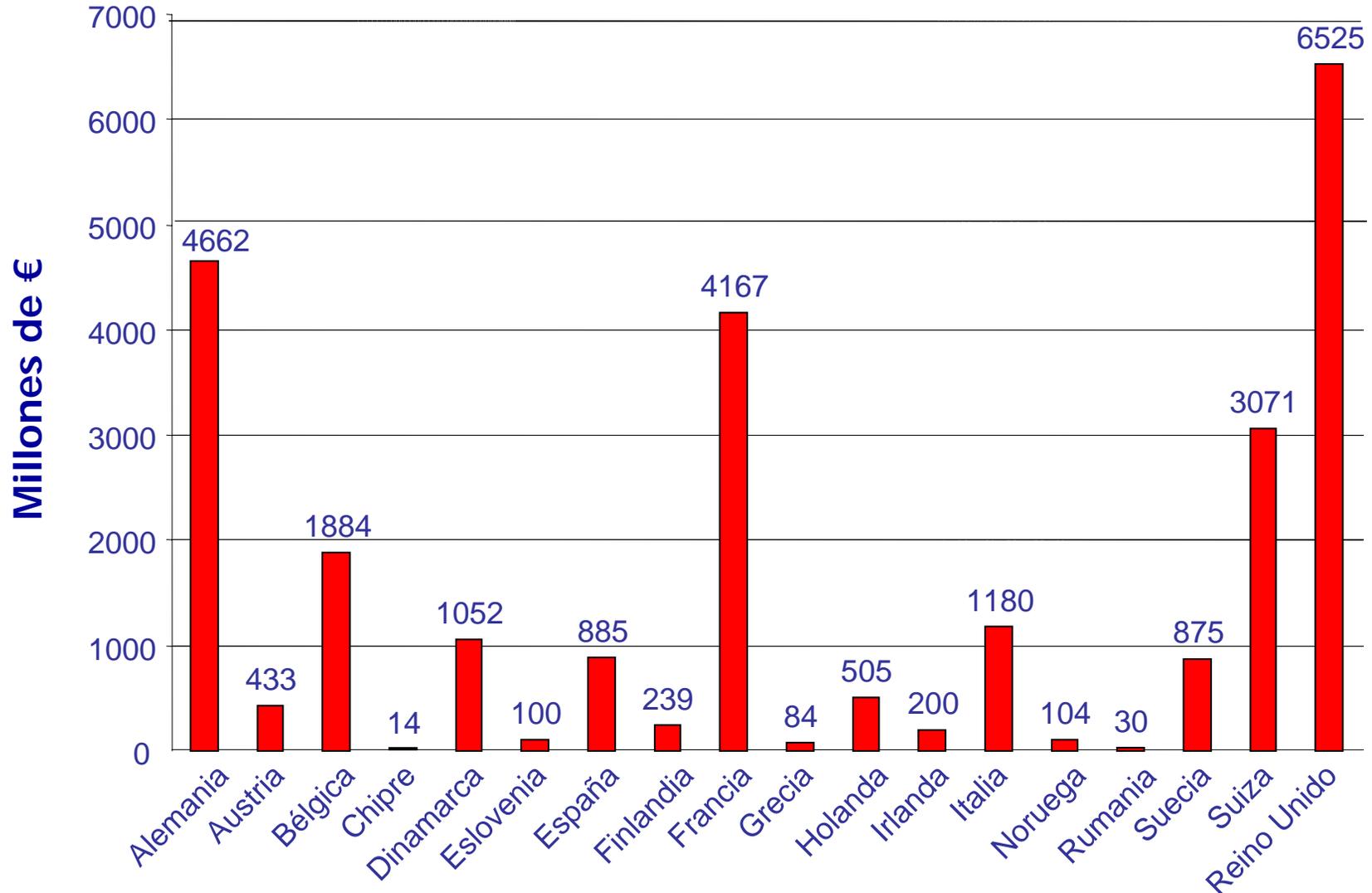
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2004 - 2008

EEUU: 66 %

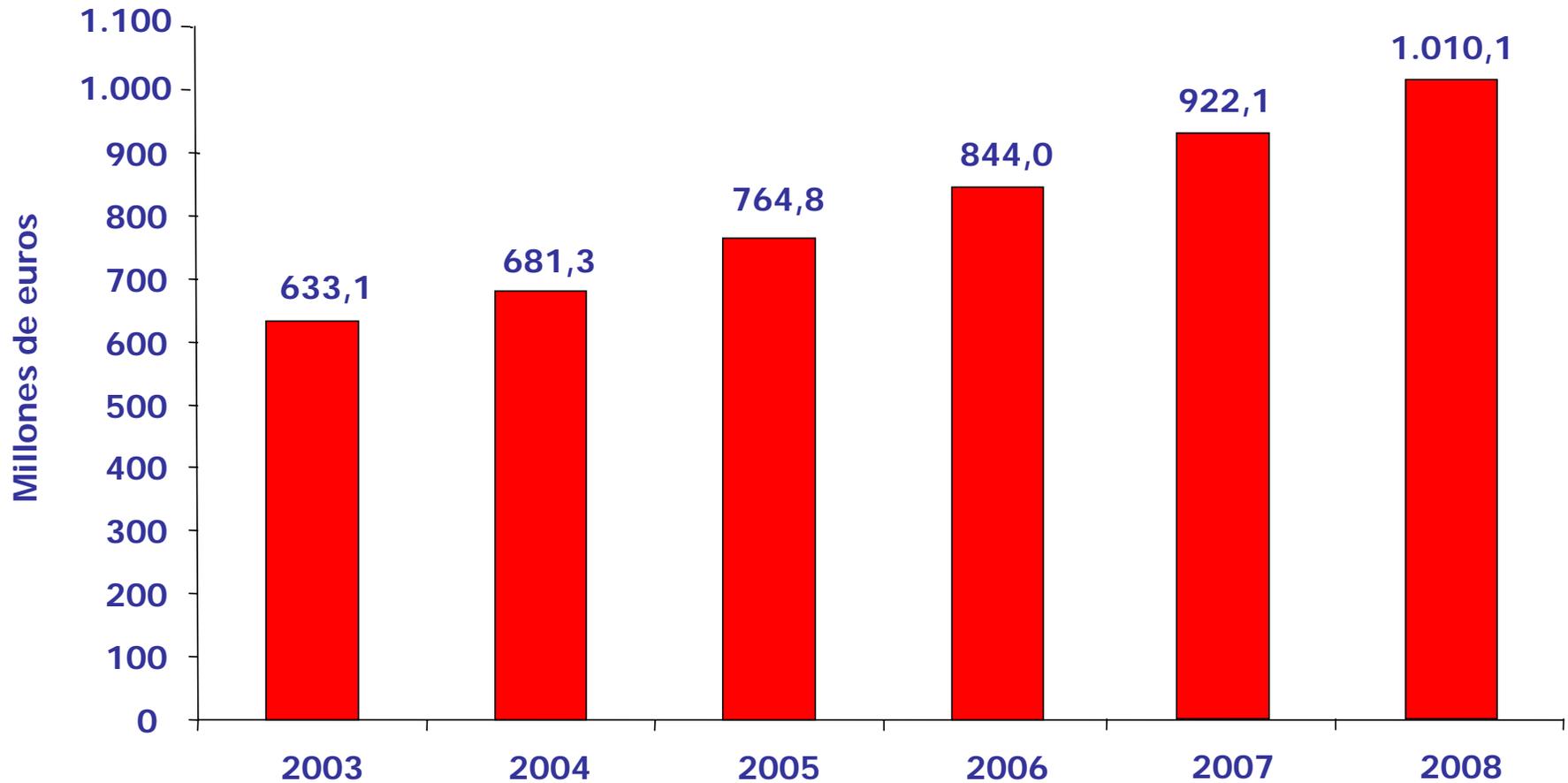
Europa: 26 %

Inversión de I+D farmacéutica en Europa 26.010 millones de €



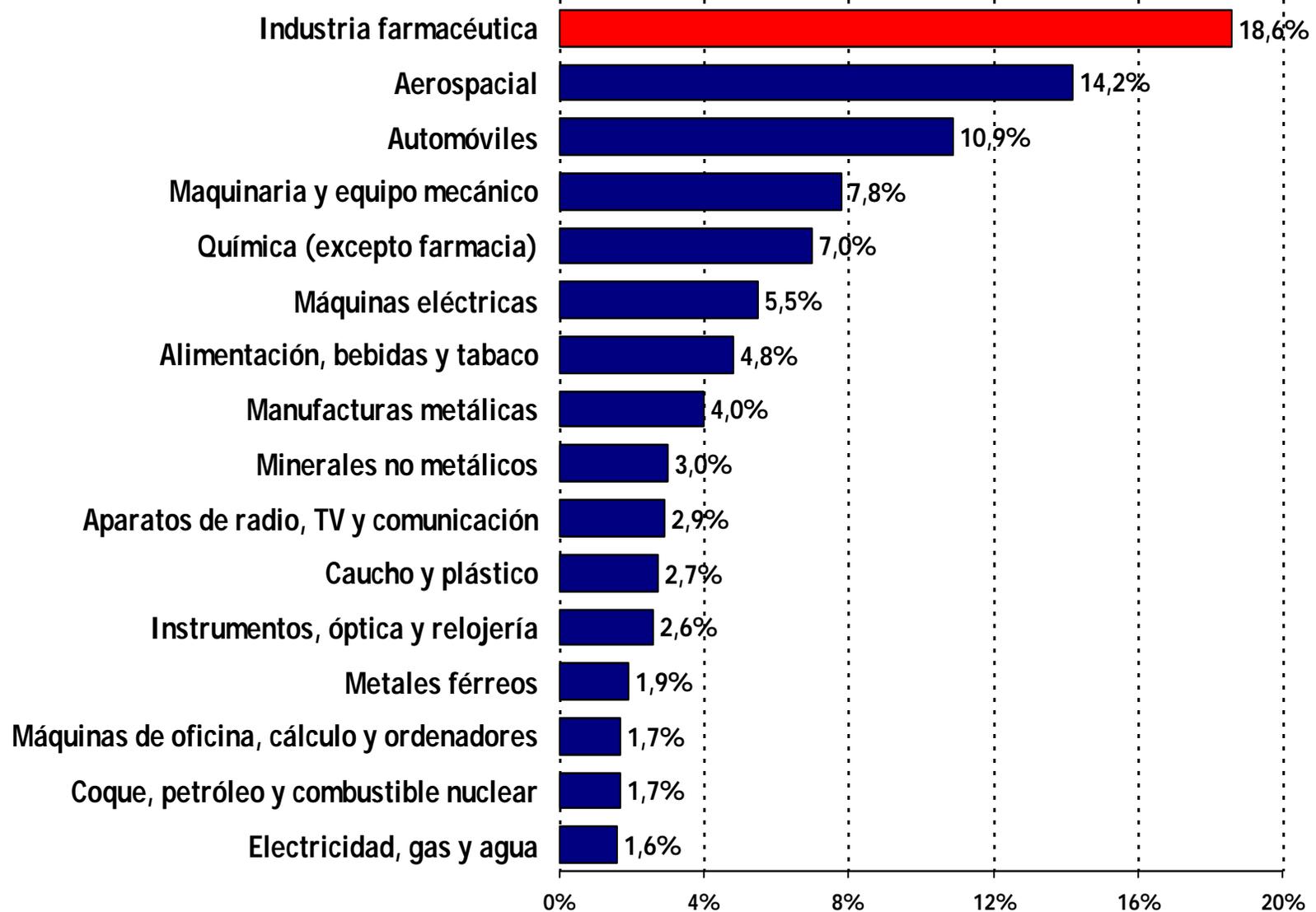
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Inversión en I + D farmacéutica en España (valor)



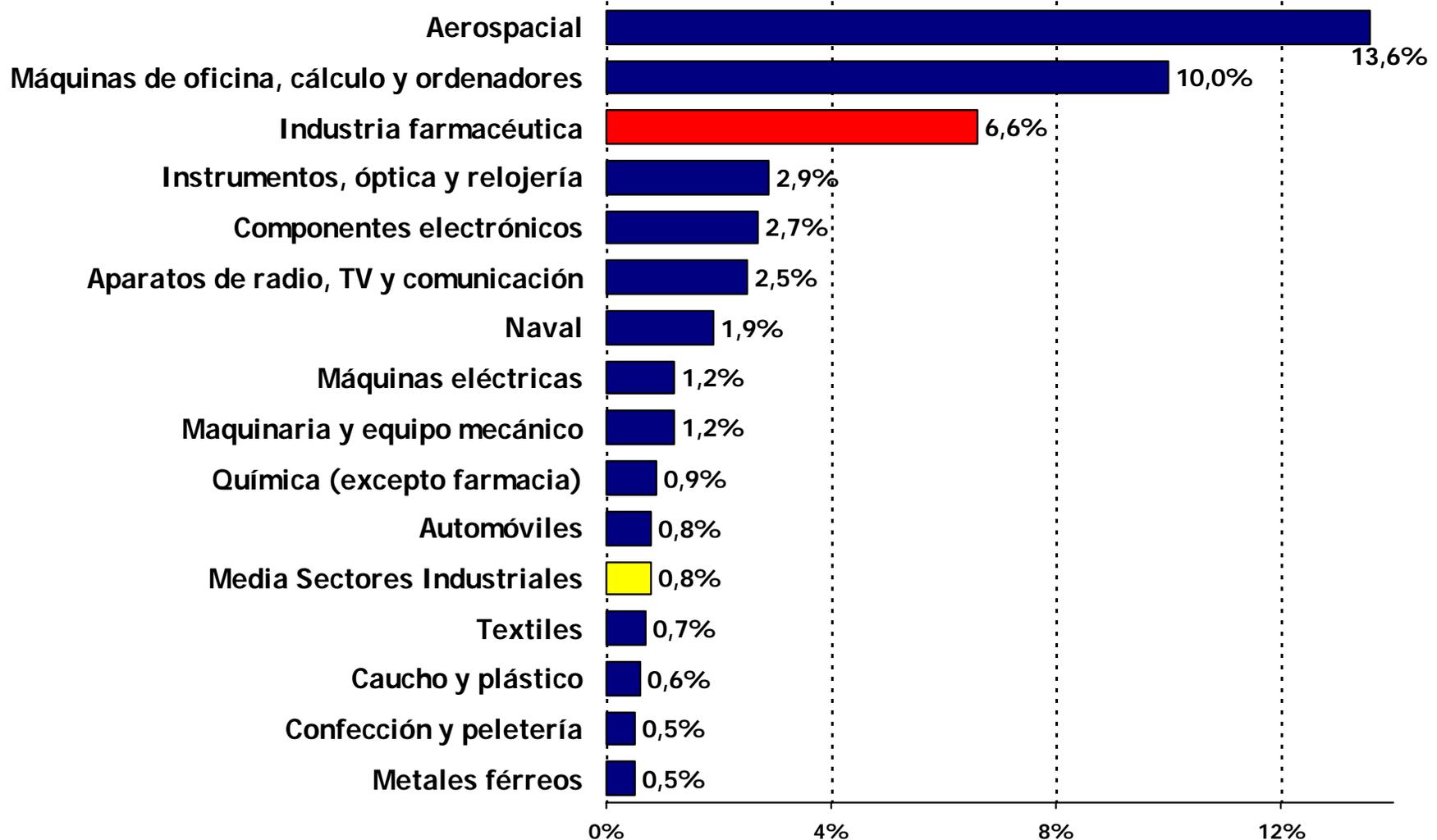
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Inversión en I + D por sectores industriales en España (2006)

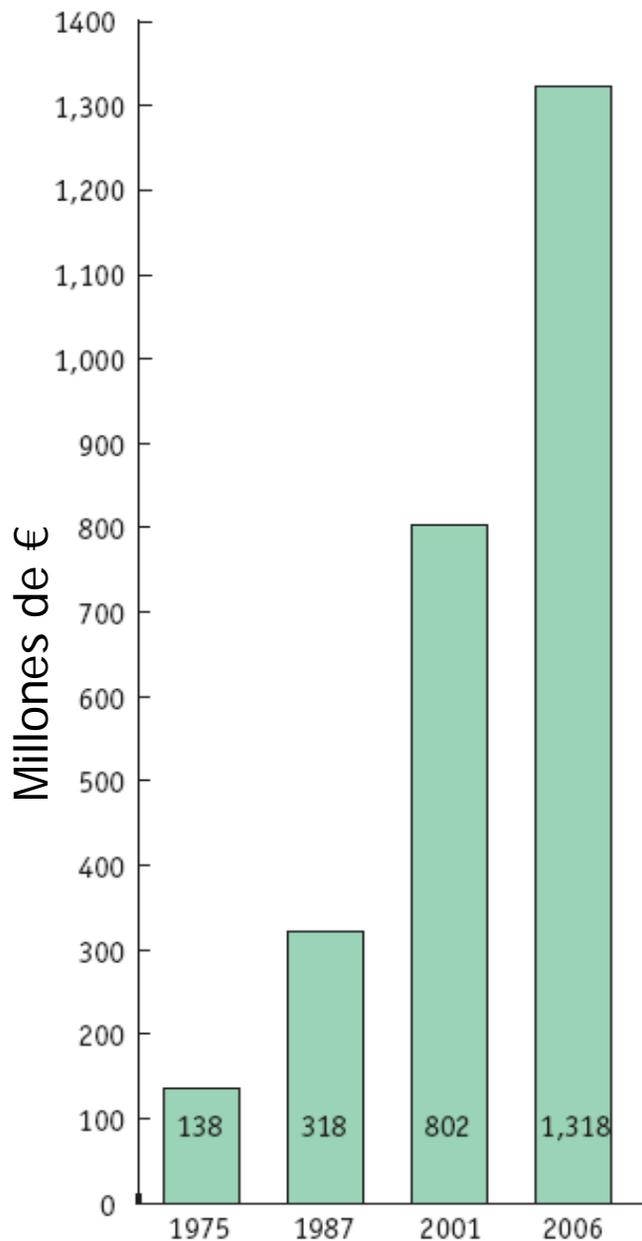


Inversión en I + D por sectores industriales en España (2006)

Inversión en I + D de cada sector como % de sus ingresos totales España.



Evolución del coste de una NEQ o una NEB de la I + D farmacéutica

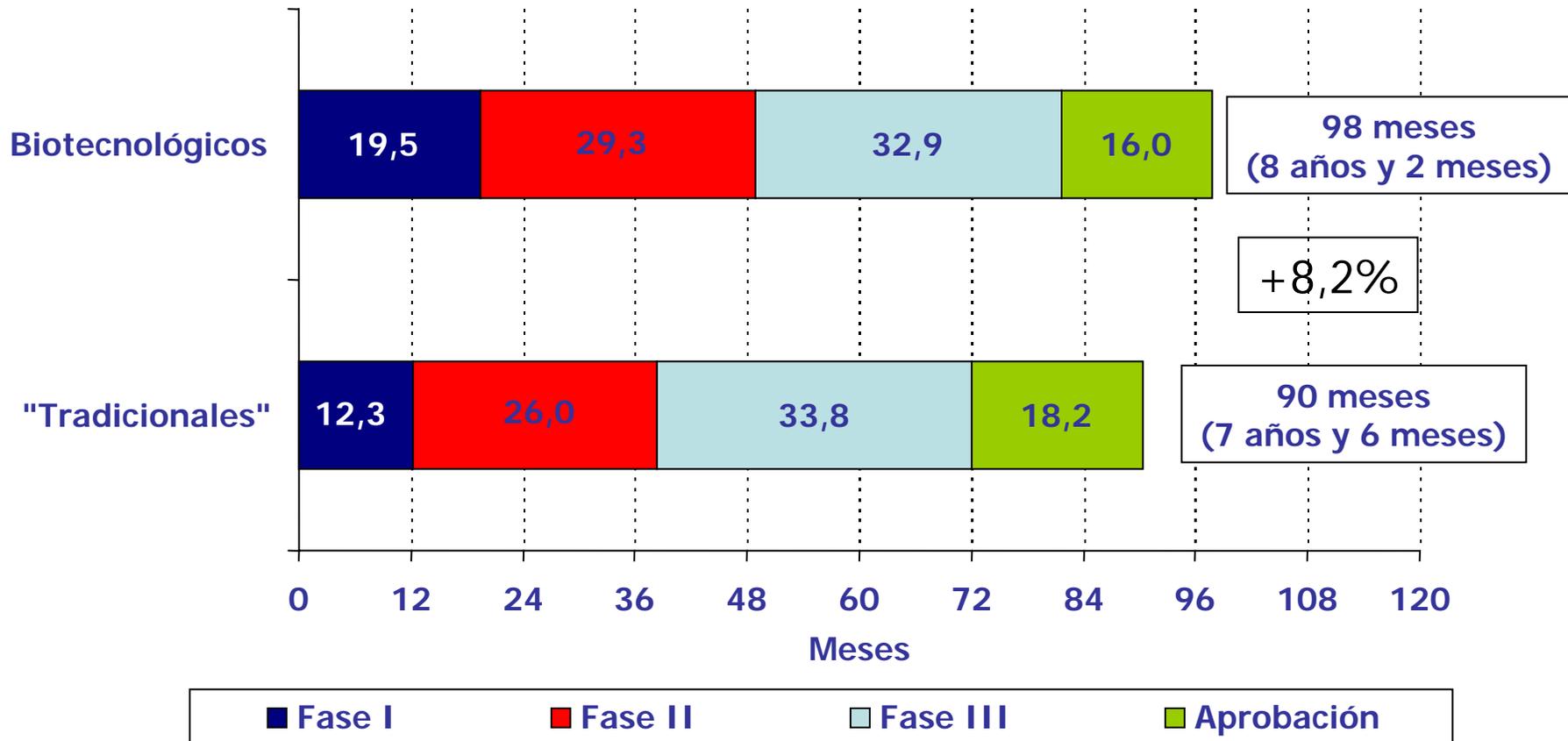


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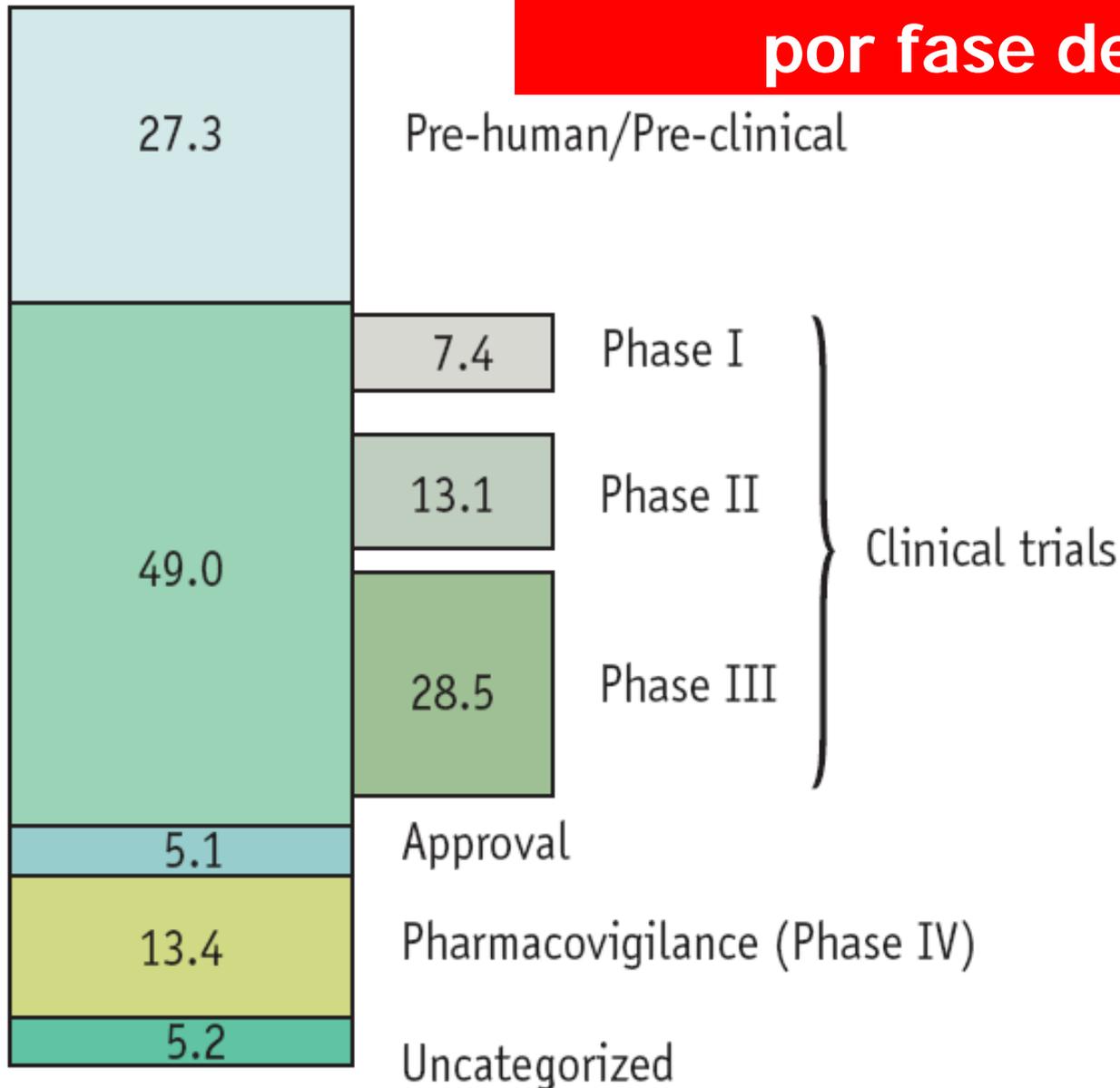
- **Larga:** Cada Nueva Entidad Química (NEQ) tarda entre 12 y 13 años desde que se sintetiza por primera vez hasta que llega al mercado.
- **Costosa:** La inversión media por NEQ en I+D es de 1.059 millones de €.
- **Arriesgada:** Sólo 1 ó 2 NEQ entre 10.000 sustancias superan todo el proceso de I+D y se convierten en medicamentos.

Plazos de la I+D clínica de los biotecnológicos y tradicionales

Plazos de desarrollo clínico y aprobación

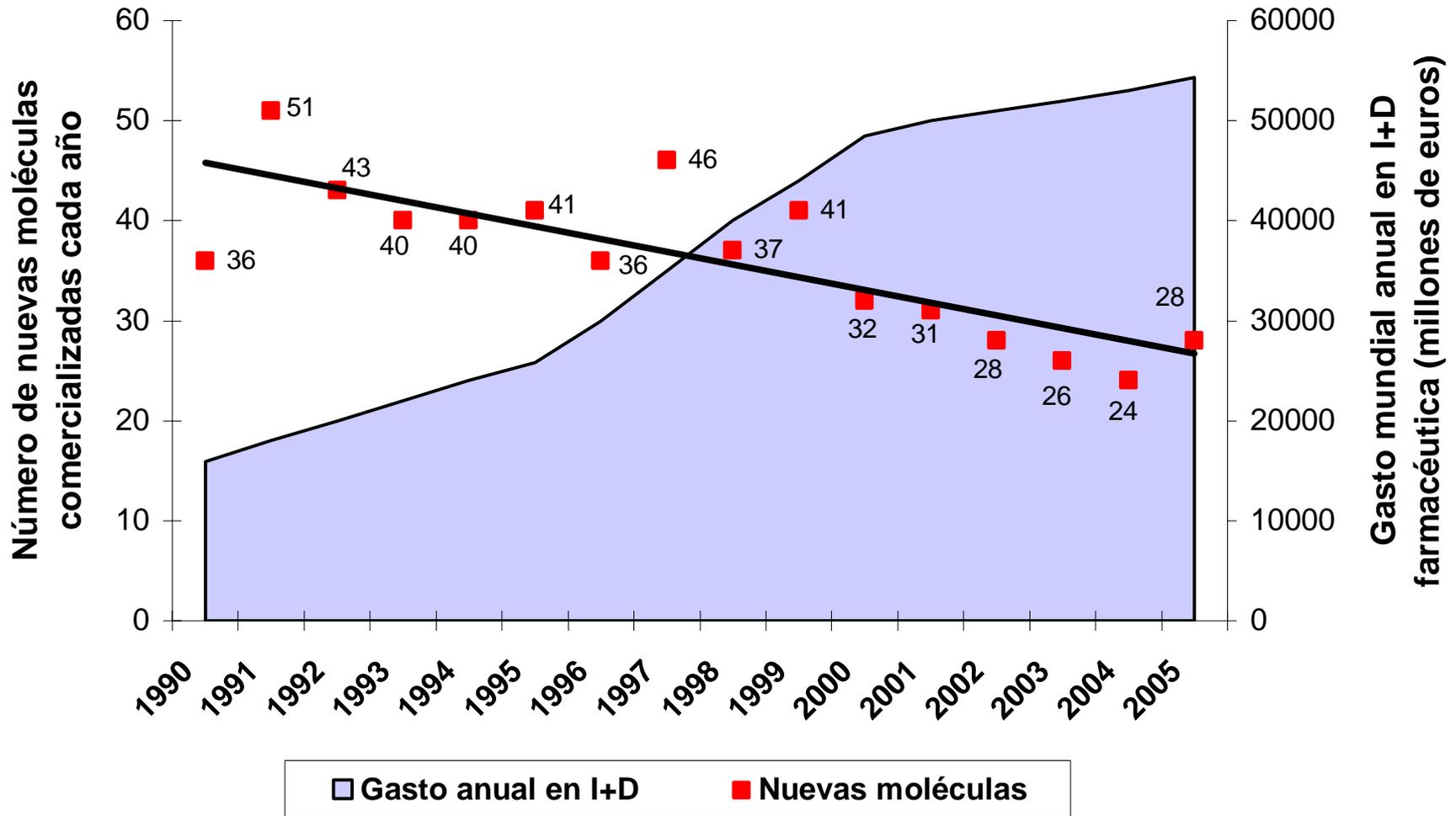


Costes de la I+D farmacéutica por fase de investigación



La productividad de la I+D farmacéutica es decreciente

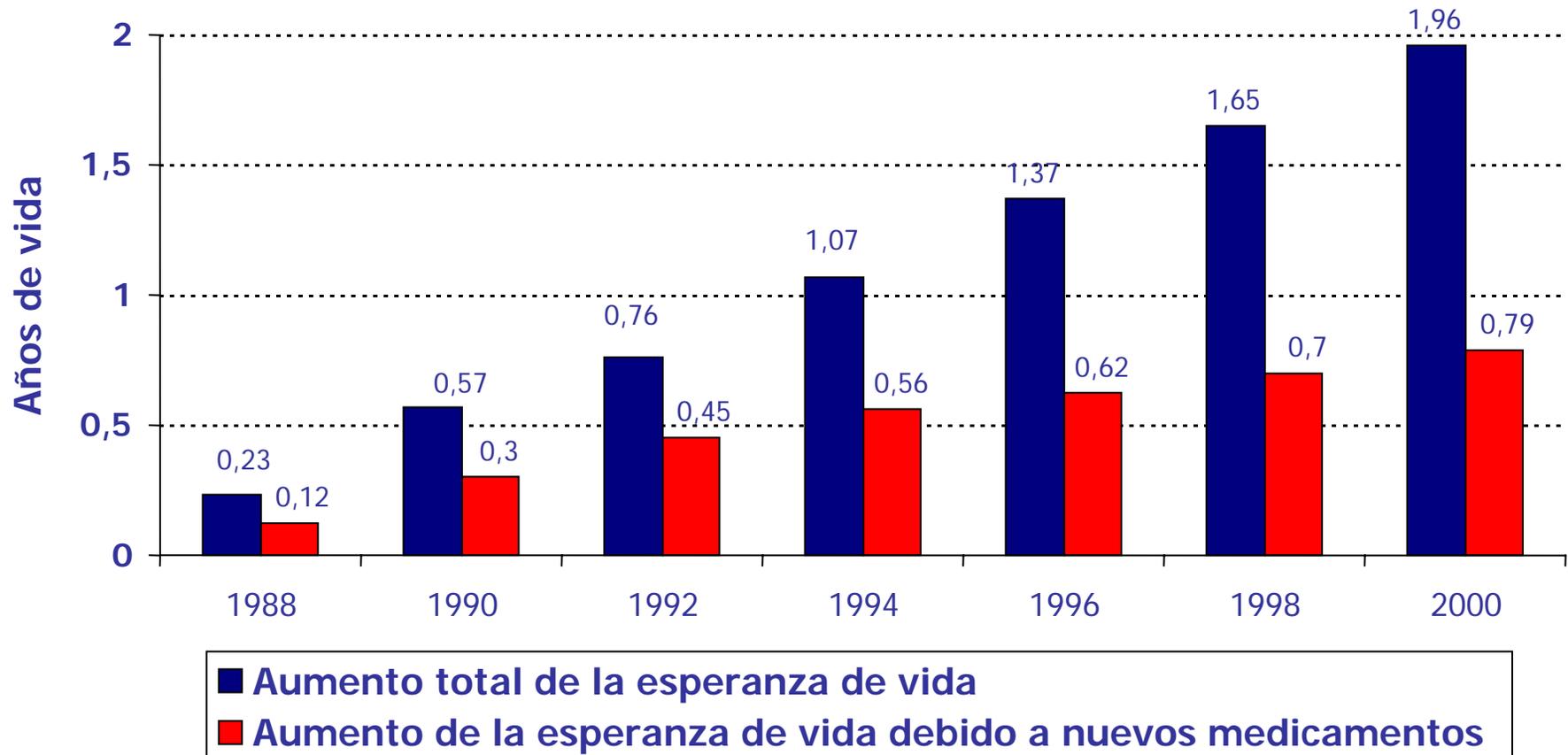
Nuevas moléculas comercializadas y gasto anual en I+D farmacéutica



Resultados de la I+D farmacéutica

El 90% de los medicamentos ha sido desarrollado por la industria farmacéutica

Aumento de la esperanza de vida



Lichtenberg FR, "The impact of new drug launches on longevity: evidence from longitudinal disease-level data from 52 countries, 1982-2001", NBER, June 2003

Conflicto de intereses: ¿Quiénes están implicados?

	INTERESES PRIMARIOS	INTERESES SECUNDARIOS
INDUSTRIA	REGISTRO: EN MENOR TIEMPO Y COSTE	AMORTIZAR LA INVERSIÓN OBTENER BENEFICIOS
MÉDICO	SALUD DEL PACIENTE INTEGRIDAD DE LA I+D	PROMOCIÓN PROFESIONAL COMPENSACIÓN ECONÓMICA
PACIENTE	CURACIÓN ENFERMEDAD MEJOR ATENCIÓN SANITARIA	BENEFICIO COMUNITARIO MEJORA TERAPÉUTICA
INSTITUCIÓN	MINIMIZAR GASTOS RACIONALIZAR COSTES	PRESTIGIO DEL CENTRO COMPENSACIÓN ECONÓMICA

¿La I + D farmacéutica influencia en las agencias reguladoras?

Making regulation responsive to commercial interests: streamlining drug industry watchdogs

John Abraham

Has the pharmaceutical industry skilfully managed to achieve an unhealthy influence over European drug regulatory agencies?

After the thalidomide disaster the public expected drug regulation would be independent of the interests of the pharmaceutical industry

In the past 15 years the regulatory agencies have been overly influenced by the industry's desire for rapid drug approvals

Regulatory agencies have become heavily dependent on industry fees for their survival

National agencies now find themselves competing with each other for industry fees for regulatory work

¿La I + D farmacéutica influencia en las agencias reguladoras?

En 1999 salieron al mercado de USA los dos primeros fármacos basados en el concepto de la COX-2 selectividad, llamados coxibs (rofecoxib y celecoxib). El éxito en el mercado fue impresionante y vendieron a nivel mundial 2,5 billones de \$ en 2003.

Algunos aspectos del proceso de registro fueron excepcionales. El ensayo clínico comparativo y aleatorizado básico para demostrar su menor efecto gastrolesivo fue publicado un año más tarde de obtener la aprobación para la comercialización.

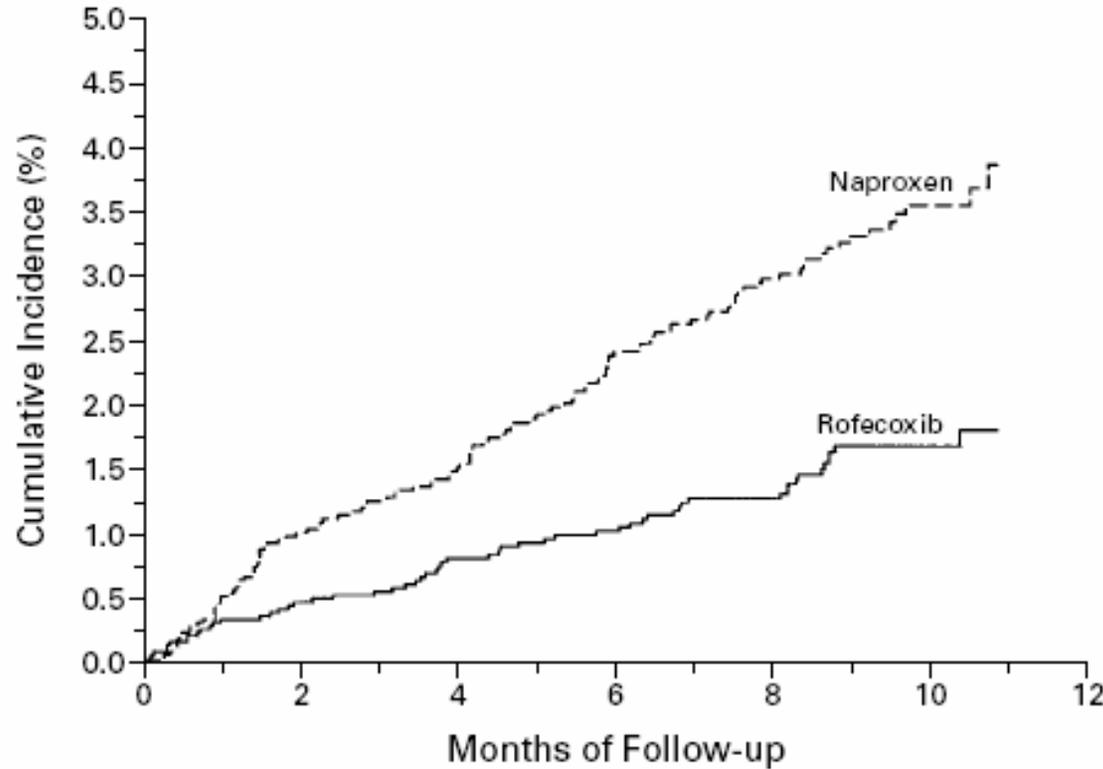
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The New England Journal of Medicine

COMPARISON OF UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL TOXICITY OF ROFECOXIB AND NAPROXEN IN PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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No. AT RISK

Rofecoxib	4047	3641	3402	3180	2806	1073	533
Naproxen	4029	3644	3389	3163	2796	1071	513

Figure 1. Cumulative Incidence of the Primary End Point of a Confirmed Upper Gastrointestinal among All Randomized Patients.

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RESULTADOS MÁS RELEVANTES DEL ESTUDIO

	% TOXICIDAD GI	% INFARTOS MIOCARDIO	↑ TAS mm Hg	↑ TAD mm Hg
ROFECOXIB	2,1*	0,4	4,6	1,7
NAPROXEN	4,5	0,1*	1,0*	0,1*

*** p < 0.05**

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Learning the Value of Drugs — Is Rofecoxib a Regulatory Success Story?

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Controversy over recent revelations concerning the adverse cardiovascular effects of selective cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors has generally been framed as a story of regulatory failure, in which the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has failed in its mission to protect the public from unsafe products. But this simplistic understanding of the mission of the FDA seems to make failure all but inevitable, if the reliable observation of the risks and benefits of a drug requires rigorous long-term studies. Perhaps in an earlier era the goal of drug regulation was simply to protect the public from poisons.¹ Today, drug regulation guides the development of information that turns poisons, used advisedly, into drugs. From this perspective, the growing knowledge of the complex effects of COX-2 inhibitors might be retold as a story of regulatory success.

Drugs are information-rich chemicals that in some respects resemble other information prod-

market, further studies may reveal that it is useless or even toxic in patients with an indication for which it was once widely prescribed (e.g., hormone-replacement therapy for the prevention of heart disease in postmenopausal women) or, conversely, that a product once withdrawn because of toxic effects has unsuspected therapeutic benefits (e.g., thalidomide for leprosy). Information about drug effects is an extremely valuable resource for guiding both sound therapeutic choices and future product development.

Although we rely primarily on pharmaceutical firms to supply this information, we have reason to worry that, in an unregulated market, these firms would provide either too little information or distorted information. Getting profit-seeking companies to provide reliable information about the effects of drugs in patients is thus a major challenge for regulators.

¿Se cierran precozmente los estudios para mejorar los datos?

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Randomized Trials Stopped Early for Benefit: A Systematic Review

Victor M. Montori; P. J. Devereaux; Neill K. J. Adhikari; et al.

Table 1. Characteristics of Randomized Clinical Trials (RCTs) Stopped Early for Benefit (N = 143)

Characteristic	No./Total (%)	
	RCTs Stopped Early/ RCTs Indexed in MEDLINE	RCTs Stopped Early/ RCTs in Top-Impact Journals
Year of publication		
1975-1979	1/6574 (0.01)	0/620 (0)
1980-1984	1/12 653 (0.008)	1/1175 (0.1)
1985-1989	10/21 807 (0.05)	9/1938 (0.5)
1990-1994	19/38 712 (0.05)	15/3106 (0.5)
1995-1999	41/52 060 (0.08)	35/3594 (1.0)
2000-2004	71/58 537 (0.1)	47/3859 (1.2)
Area of study		
Cardiology	36 (25)	
Cancer (hematology-oncology)	30 (21)	
HIV/AIDS	17 (12)	
Critical care	10 (7)	
Other areas	50 (35)	

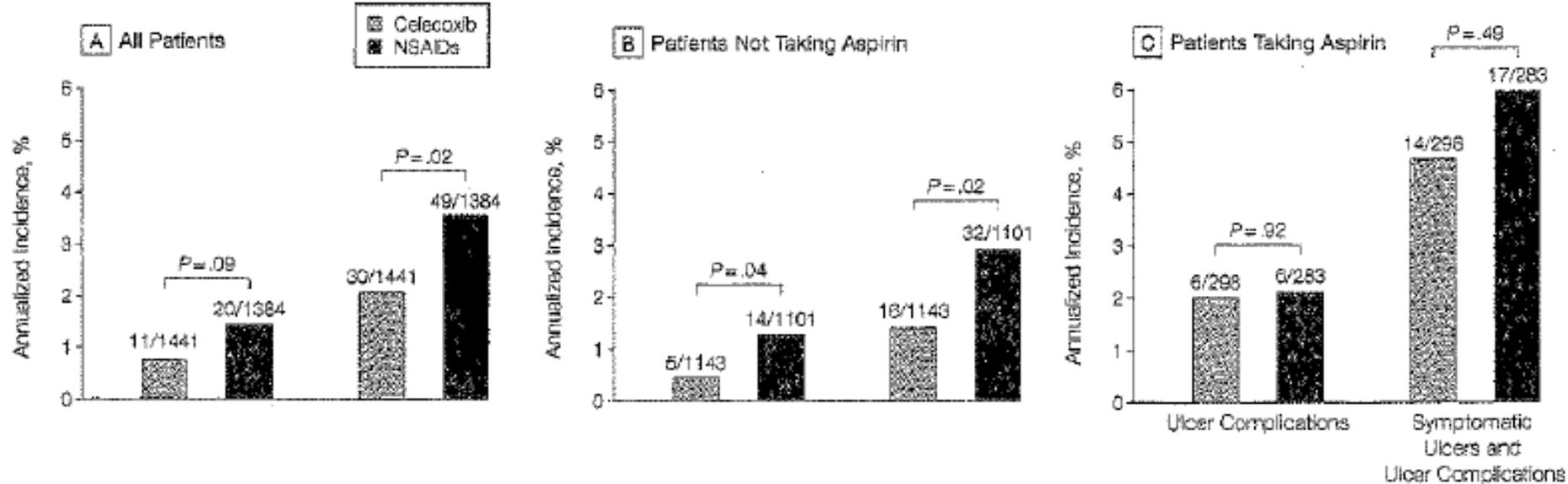
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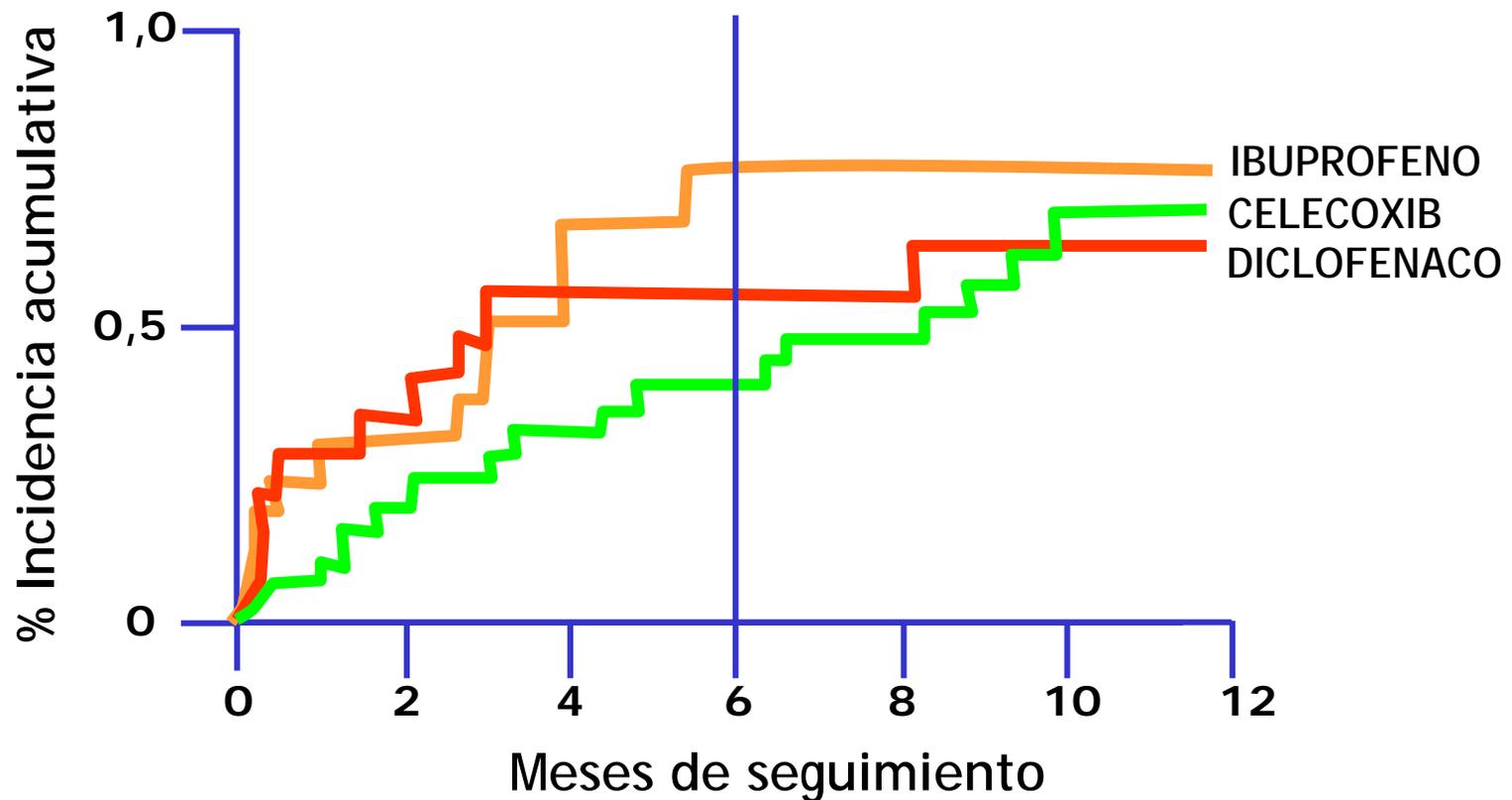
Gastrointestinal Toxicity With Celecoxib vs Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs for Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis

The CLASS Study: A Randomized Controlled Trial



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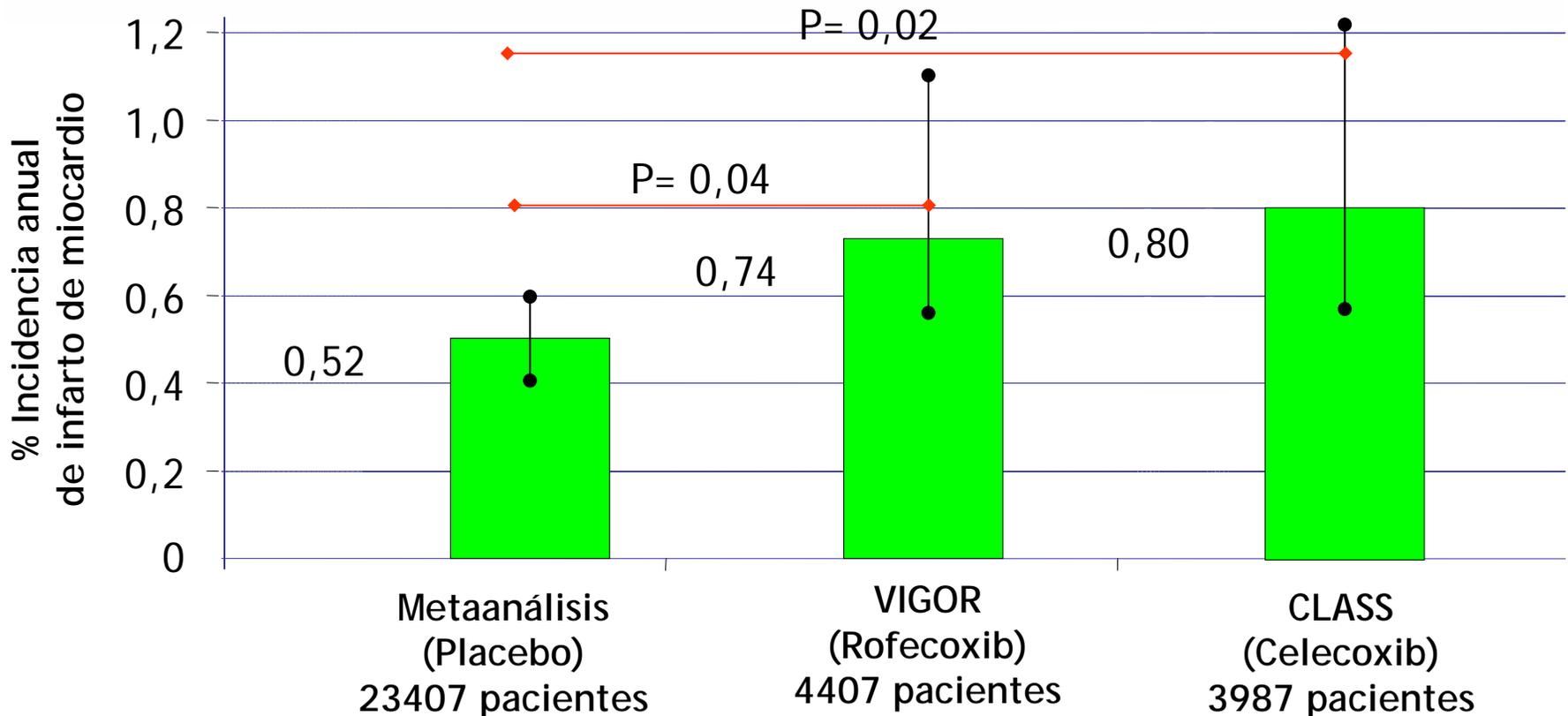
RESULTADOS DE CELECOXIB A 12 MESES EN EL ESTUDIO CLASS



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Are selective COX 2 inhibitors superior to traditional non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs?

Adequate analysis of the CLASS trial indicates that this may not be the case



¿Hay sesgos en la selección de los pacientes para mejorar resultados?

TABLE 2. BASE-LINE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PATIENTS.*

CHARACTERISTIC	ROFECOXIB GROUP (N= 4047)	NAPROXEN GROUP (N= 4029)
Age — yr	58±9	58±10
Female sex — no. (%)	3223 (79.6)	3215 (79.8)
Race or ethnic group — no. (%)		
White	2761 (68.2)	2750 (68.3)
Black	207 (5.1)	202 (5.0)
Asian	101 (2.5)	85 (2.1)
Hispanic	501 (12.4)	516 (12.8)
Other	477 (11.8)	476 (11.8)
Duration of disease — no. (%)		
Unknown	3 (0.1)	6 (0.1)
<2 yr	430 (10.6)	455 (11.3)
2–10 yr	1991 (49.2)	1996 (49.5)
>10 yr	1623 (40.1)	1572 (39.0)
Positive test for rheumatoid factor — no. (%)	2946 (72.8)	2967 (73.6)
Prior use of NSAIDs — no. (%)	3321 (82.1)	3331 (82.7)
Treatment for rheumatoid arthritis — no. (%)		
Glucocorticoids	2260 (55.8)	2263 (56.2)
Methotrexate	2263 (55.9)	2269 (56.3)
Other disease-modifying drugs	1847 (45.6)	1826 (45.3)
Low-dose H ₂ -receptor antagonists — no. (%)†	365 (9.0)	335 (8.3)
History of clinical gastrointestinal events	314 (7.7)	316 (7.8)
Global Disease Activity score‡		
Patient's assessment	2.0±0.9	2.0±0.9
Investigator's assessment	1.9±0.8	1.9±0.8

Table 2. Baseline Patient Characteristics*

Characteristics	Celecoxib Group (n = 3987)	NSAID Group (n = 3981)
Age, mean (range), y	60.6 (20-89)	59.8 (18-90)
>65 y, %	39.1	37.3
>75 y, %	12.2	11.4
Women, %	68.5	69.1
Race/ethnicity, %		
White	88.5	87.9
Black	7.5	8.2
Hispanic	2.7	2.8
Asian	0.7	0.8
Other	0.6	0.6
Primary rheumatoid arthritis, %	27.3	27.5
Duration of disease, mean (SD), y		
Osteoarthritis	10.3 (9.7)	10.1 (9.9)
Rheumatoid arthritis	11.3 (9.9)	10.7 (9.6)
NSAID therapy at study entry, %	81.4	81.6
Ibuprofen	21.7	20.9
Diclofenac	13.6	14.0
Potential risk factor, %		
History of gastrointestinal bleeding	1.7	1.5
History of gastrointestinal ulcer	8.4	8.1
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i> infection, %	38.5	38.2
Tobacco use, %	15.8	14.9
Alcohol use, %	30.9	30.1
Concurrent medications, %		
Aspirin (≤325 mg/d)	20.9	20.4
Corticosteroids	30.6	29.5
Anticoagulants	1.1	1.1

Bombardier C. N Engl J Med 2000;343:1520-1528

Silverstein FE. JAMA 2000;284(10):1247-1255

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	Non-user (n=202 916)	Ibuprofen (n=59 007)	Naproxen (n=70 384)	Celecoxib (n=22 337)	Rofecoxib ≤25 mg (n=20 245)	Rofecoxib >25 mg (n=3887)
Age (mean, SD) (years)	61.8 (9.0)	60.4 (8.1)	60.4 (8.1)	63.7 (8.9)	63.2 (8.8)	60.6 (8.1)
Women	127 458 (63%)	40 661 (69%)	48 592 (69%)	16 280 (73%)	14 830 (73%)	2552 (66%)
White	151 568 (75%)	40 065 (68%)	49 626 (71%)	16 246 (73%)	15 561 (77%)	2998 (77%)
TennCare enrolment, uninsured†	74 718 (37%)	18 247 (31%)	23 054 (33%)	5780 (26%)	5884 (29%)	1184 (31%)
Treatment for cardiovascular problems in past year‡	155 681 (77%)	49 684 (84%)	58 864 (84%)	19 778 (89%)	17 618 (87%)	3350 (86%)
Major cardiovascular disease§	69 150 (34%)	23 213 (39%)	27 011 (38%)	9625 (43%)	8507 (42%)	1640 (42%)
Cardiovascular drug¶	150 846 (74%)	48 183 (82%)	57 186 (81%)	19375 (87%)	17 243 (85%)	3256 (84%)
Treatment for musculoskeletal problems in past year‡						
NSAID use	0	39 620 (67%)	46 634 (66%)	16 630 (73%)	14 232 (70%)	2773 (71%)
Rheumatoid arthritis	2056 (1%)	1020 (2%)	1228 (2%)	1090 (5%)	519 (3%)	126 (3%)
Systemic lupus erythematosus	540 (0.3%)	206 (0.3%)	225 (0.3%)	200 (1%)	179 (1%)	25 (1%)
Other inflammatory arthropathy	353 (0.2%)	146 (0.2%)	166 (0.2%)	166 (1%)	106 (0.5%)	16 (0.4%)
Oral corticosteroids	32 594 (16%)	14 172 (24%)	17 190 (24%)	6978 (31%)	6013 (30%)	1282 (33%)
Methotrexate	1260 (1%)	513 (1%)	578 (1%)	563 (3%)	270 (1%)	72 (2%)
Other DMARD	2356 (1%)	806 (1%)	940 (1%)	796 (4%)	503 (3%)	77 (2%)
Other medical care in past year‡						
Oestrogen use among women	54 574 (27%)	19 395 (33%)	23 517 (33%)	8642 (39%)	7723 (38%)	1510 (39%)
Smoking-related illness	8281 (4%)	2743 (5%)	3264 (5%)	1158 (5%)	953 (5%)	197 (5%)
Hospital admission for non-cardiovascular illness	21 564 (11%)	7331 (12%)	8478 (12%)	3431 (15%)	2946 (15%)	578 (15%)
Peptic ulcer or gastrointestinal bleeding**	4261 (2%)	1180 (2%)	1408 (2%)	759 (3%)	567 (3%)	132 (3%)
Visit to emergency room because of non-cardiovascular illness	50 857 (25%)	22 062 (37%)	25 728 (37%)	7885 (35%)	7061 (35%)	1440 (37%)
Number of prescriptions, any drug (mean, SD)	49.9 (43.3)	71.8 (54.4)	70.5 (53.9)	93.2 (60.1)	91.0 (60.1)	94.2 (66.8)
Number of visits to doctor (mean, SD)	2.5 (1.6)	3.0 (1.5)	3.0 (1.5)	3.4 (1.5)	3.3 (1.5)	3.3 (1.5)

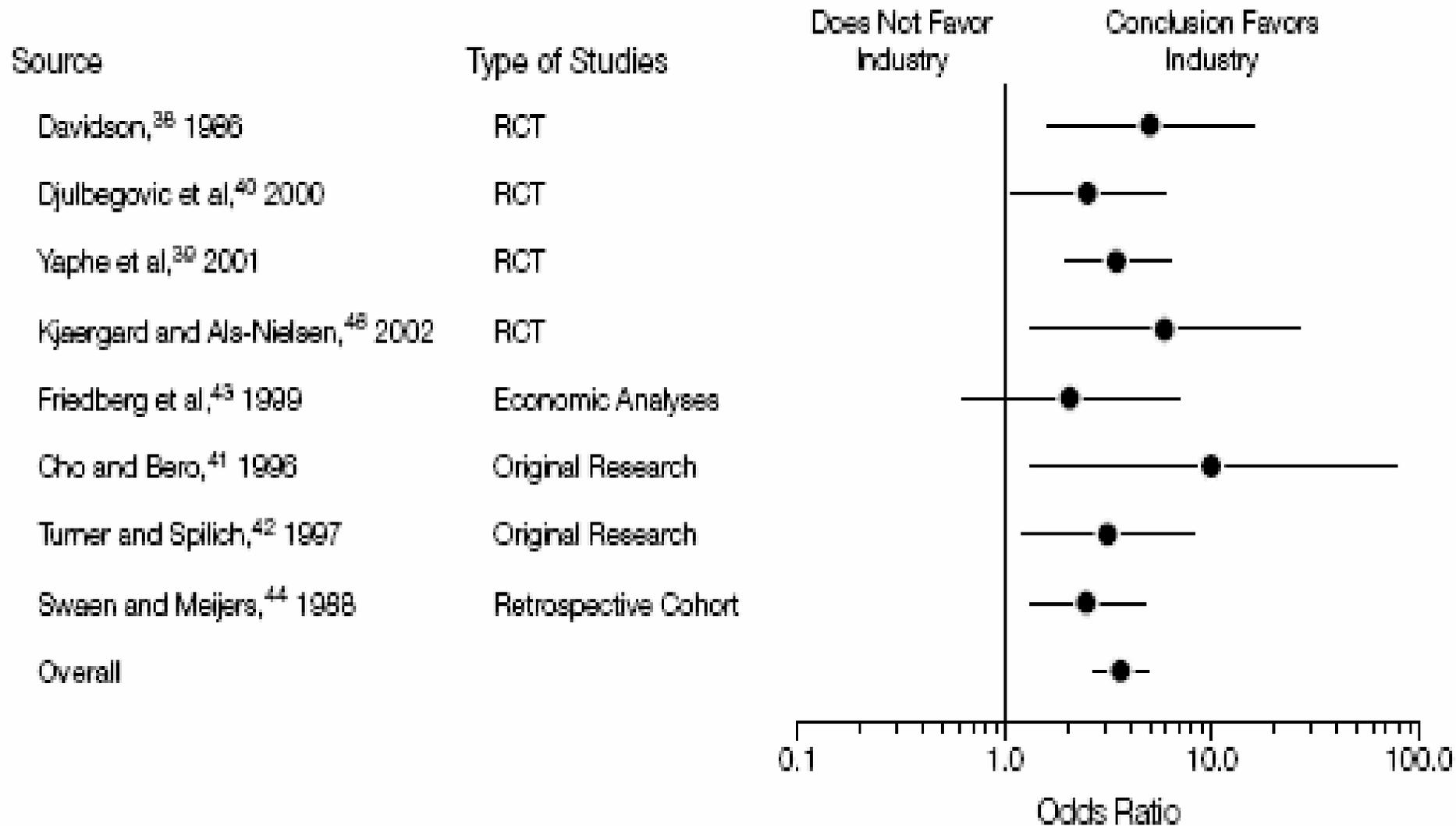
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Scope and Impact of Financial Conflicts of Interest in Biomedical Research

A Systematic Review

Data Synthesis Approximately one fourth of investigators have industry affiliations, and roughly two thirds of academic institutions hold equity in start-ups that sponsor research performed at the same institutions. Eight articles, which together evaluated 1140 original studies, assessed the relation between industry sponsorship and outcome in original research. Aggregating the results of these articles showed a statistically significant association between industry sponsorship and pro-industry conclusions (pooled Mantel-Haenszel odds ratio, 3.60; 95% confidence interval, 2.63-4.91). Industry sponsorship was also associated with restrictions on publication and data sharing. The approach to managing financial conflicts varied substantially across academic institutions and peer-reviewed journals.

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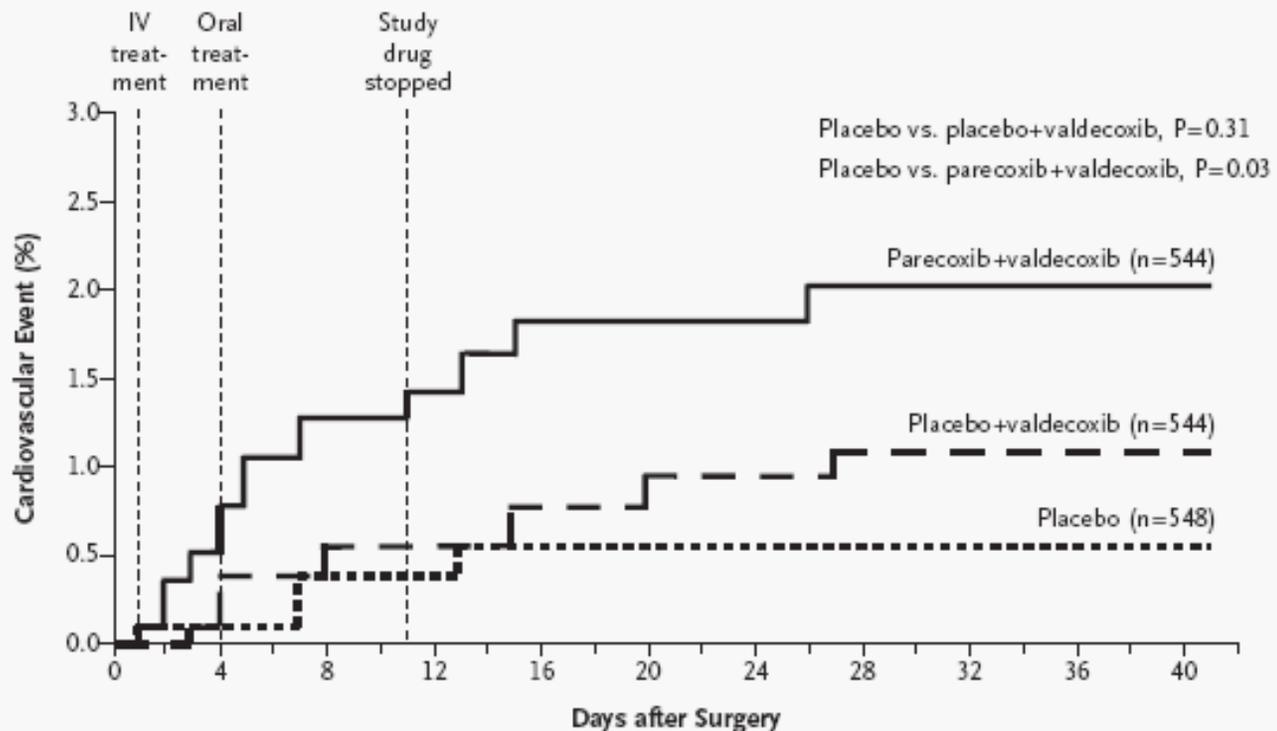
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Complications of the COX-2 Inhibitors Parecoxib and Valdecoxib after Cardiac Surgery

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No. at Risk

Parecoxib+valdecoxib	544	541	537	536	534	534	534	533	519	495	476
Placebo+valdecoxib	544	543	542	541	540	540	539	538	518	478	454
Placebo	548	547	546	546	545	545	545	545	525	489	475

Figure 2. Kaplan–Meier Estimates of the Time to a Cardiovascular Event.

Cardiovascular events occurred throughout and after the 10-day period of drug administration in all groups. IV denotes intravenous.

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For the other COX-2 inhibitors (celecoxib, etoricoxib, lumiracoxib and parecoxib), the Committee agreed that the available data show an increased risk of thrombotic adverse cardiovascular reactions, such as heart attacks and strokes. The CHMP confirmed its February 2005 finding of an association between duration and dose of intake and the probability of suffering such cardiovascular reactions. The Committee also confirmed that serious skin reactions occur with other COX-2 inhibitors, but have been reported at lower rates than with Bextra. In concluding its review, the CHMP recommended the following contraindications and precautions for these products:

- Contraindications stating that COX-2 inhibitors must not be used in patients with established ischaemic heart disease and/or cerebrovascular disease (stroke), and also in patients with peripheral arterial disease
- Reinforced warnings to healthcare professionals to exercise caution when prescribing COX-2 inhibitors to patients with risk factors for heart disease, such as hypertension, hyperlipidaemia (high cholesterol levels), diabetes and smoking
- Given the association between cardiovascular risk and exposure to COX-2 inhibitors, doctors are advised to use the lowest effective dose for the shortest possible duration of treatment
- Additional or strengthened warnings to healthcare professionals and patients that hypersensitivity reactions and rare, but serious and sometimes fatal, skin reactions can occur with all COX-2 inhibitors. In the majority of cases these occur in the first month of use, and prescribers are warned that patients with a history of drug allergies may be at greater risk.

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Do Selective Cyclo-Oxygenase-2 Inhibitors Have a Future?

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Data Fabrication and Article Retraction

How Not to Get Lost in the Woods

further research needed to prove or refute published information obtained from likely fictitious data (NSAIDs, celecoxib, rofecoxib, venlafaxine, i.v. blocks, combinations, etc)

¿Son de mala calidad los estudios patrocinados por la industria?

Pharmaceutical industry sponsorship and research outcome and quality: systematic review

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What is already known on this topic

When a pharmaceutical company funds research into drugs, studies are likely to produce results favourable to the sponsoring company's product

What this study adds

Research funded by drug companies was more likely to have outcomes that favour the sponsor's product than research funded by other sources

This cannot be explained by the reported quality of the methods in research sponsored by industry

The result may be due to inappropriate comparators or to publication bias

¿La industria investiga en enfermedades que se inventa?

Selling sickness: the pharmaceutical industry and disease mongering

Ray Moynihan, Iona Heath, David Henry

A lot of money can be made from healthy people who believe they are sick. Pharmaceutical companies sponsor diseases and promote them to prescribers and consumers. Ray Moynihan, Iona Heath, and David Henry give examples of “disease mongering” and suggest how to prevent the growth of this practice

- **Convertir situaciones cotidianas en enfermedades: Calvicie.**
- **Vender somatizaciones como enfermedades: Fibromialgia.**
- **Pasar problemas personales a enfermedad: Depresión o tristeza.**
- **Conceptualizar riesgos como enfermedades: Osteoporosis.**
- **Maximizar la prevalencia de la enfermedad: Disfunción erectil.**

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- Las agencias reguladoras están cuestionadas.
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- La evaluación de fármacos ha de ser más transparente.
 - Pacto con las agencias del plan de investigación.
 - Revisión previa de los protocolos y contrato por los CEIC.
 - Declaración de intereses.
 - Libre acceso a todos los datos de los ensayos clínicos.
 - Publicación de todos los datos de los ensayos clínicos.
- Evaluación fármacos realizada por expertos independientes.

Patients and the public deserve big changes in evaluation of drugs

- Fomentar los estudios de farmacovigilancia y observacionales.
- Necesidad de demostrar el valor añadido de las NEQ o NEB.
- Comentar los casos de conflicto de intereses abiertamente.
- Fomentar los cambios con un incremento de duración patente.