

Chinese In-Licensing Jumps to Record Levels

Chinese companies are eager to collaborate with their ex-China counterparts, striking up joint ventures, in and out-licensing agreements and marketing pacts. **According to BIO's Industry Analysis research, biopharma deals between Chinese and Western companies picked up in 2012, surpassing the number recorded for all of 2011 after only 8 months. Find a set of selected deals below.**

This deal-making momentum bodes well for small and medium-sized biotech companies that have early-stage compounds under development in the West, but lack the bandwidth, capital or regulatory experience to develop them for the Chinese market. The past year has seen a host of Chinese companies in-license compounds from U.S. and European biotech companies across a wide range of therapeutic areas.

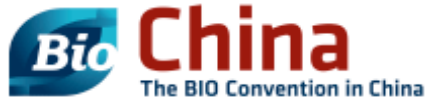
Last month, Chinese start-up Suzhou **Connect Biopharmaceuticals** inked a deal to develop two anti-inflammatory compounds from San Diego's **Arena Pharmaceuticals**. In July, China and U.S.-based **Asctelis** in-licensed an RNAi therapeutic from Cambridge-based **Alnylam** for the treatment of liver cancer—an unmet medical need in China. Additionally, Hong Kong based **Lee's Pharmaceutical** recently announced it has secured China and Taiwan development rights to several clinical compounds from **RegeneRx Biopharmaceuticals**, including treatments for dry eye and multiple sclerosis. In June, **Xiangxue Pharmaceuticals** in-licensed a preclinical brain tumor therapeutic from Buffalo-based **Kinex Pharmaceuticals** and will develop the medicine in China while Kinex continues its development in the U.S.

China out-licensing opportunities abound for innovative biotech companies, and BIO's proprietary One-on-One Partnering system can help you connect with potential Chinese partners efficiently and economically. [Register now](#) for [The BIO Convention in China](#) to gain access to the system and start scouting for your next deal! Also, be sure to attend the "[Development Trends-New Models of Cross-Border R&D Structures](#)" panel session at the event for an in-depth look into recent collaborations between Chinese and Western companies.

Here's a list of recent deals involving Chinese companies:

Date	Recent Alliance/Licensing Headlines
Aug-12	CDIBP in-licenses conjugate vaccine technology from Fina Biotech (USA)
Aug-12	Luqa Pharma in-licenses scar treatment from Stratpharma (Europe)
Aug-12	PharmaEngine in-licenses cancer product from Nanobiotix (Europe)
Jul-12	Suzhou Connect Biopharma in-licenses anti-inflammatory drugs from Arena (USA)
Jul-12	Lee's Pharma in-licenses therapeutic peptide from RegeneRx (USA)
Jul-12	Asctelis in-licenses cancer RNAi drug from Alnylam (USA)
Jul-12	WIBF and Refine Technology collaborate on vaccines (USA)
Jun-12	Xiangxue Pharma in-licenses cancer drug from Kinex Pharma (USA)
Jun-12	BGI enters Rare Diseases Project with Children's Hospital (USA)
Jun-12	BGI expands R&D pact with GE Healthcare (USA)
Jun-12	Zhifei Biological expands vaccine partnership with Merck (USA)
May-12	Zhejiang Conba Pharma in-licenses EVT 401 to Evotec (Europe)
May-12	Hisun enters strategic alliance with Enzon (USA)
May-12	Conba Pharmaceutical in-licenses drug from Evotec (Europe)

- Mar-12 **Gansu Duyiweii** in-licenses antibody form **Apexigen** (USA)
- Feb-12 **Hua Medicine** to develop first Chinese-tailored diabetes drug with **Roche** (Europe)
- Feb-12 **Tasly** enters JV with and **SemBioSys** (Canada)
- Feb-12 **BioDuro** enters R&D deal with **Dow** (USA)
- Jan-12 **Pioneer** in-licenses NeutroPhase from **NovaBay** (USA)
- Dec-11 **Hutchison MediPharma** in cancer deal with **AstraZeneca** (Europe)
- Dec-11 **Simcere** in partnership to develop cardiovascular compound with **BMS** (USA)
- Oct-11 **Lansen Pharma** in-licenses China rights to rheumatoid drug from **Ethypharm SA** (Europe)



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