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"Key Elements for a successful inception and seed milestones – what investors like to see"

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Topics

- Intro Vesalius
- How to create value in the seed phase
- Role of an investor
- Dos and Don'ts & No-Gos
- Q&A



Intro Vesalius



Intro: Vesalius' funds

- European life sciences venture capital investor, together with legacy funds managing EUR 280m.
- Experienced Managing Partners, combining more than 90 years of relevant experience.
- Vesalius Biocapital III targets European later-stage venture companies in drug development, medical devices & diagnostics and digital health.
- Fund size EUR 120m.
- Five investments made (of 10 or 11).

Balanced VBC III team with a successful joint track record





Guy Geldhof
Managing Partner (Brussels)

- 25 years relevant experience
 Arthur Andersen healthcare practice
 - Founder Value4Growth
- Secretary General of Belgian VC Association
 - Partner VBC I & VBC II



Marc Lohrmann
Managing Partner (Munich)

- 19 years relevant experience
- Founder of nine life sciences start-ups, e.g.
 Reverse Med sold to Covidien for \$150 million
 - Corporate Development Bayer
 - · Corporate Finance advisor
 - Venture Partner of VBC I & VBC II



Dr. Christian Schneider

- Managing Partner (Munich)
- 25 years relevant experience
 Boehringer Mannheim / Roche; Centocor / J&J
 - Managing Partner PolyTechnos Venture
 Partners (several trade sales and IPOs)
 - Managing Partner VBC I & VBC II



Stéphane Verdood

- Managing Partner (Brussels)
- 27 years relevant experience.
 Partner Arthur Andersen Consulting, focus on healthcare
 - Founder Value4Growth
 - · Managing Partner VBC I & VBC II



Dr. Cees Wortel
Venture Partner (Boston)

- 30 years relevant experience
 - Medical Doctor
- Chief Medical Officer of several biotech companies
- Founder of ClinQuest CRO (recently sold)



Dr. David Braga Malta Venture Partner (Paris & Lisbon)

- 10 years relevant experience
- Degree in biological engineering & PhD in Bioengineering
- · Founder of several life sciences start-ups



Dr. Fei Tian Principal

- 11 years relevant experience. Medical Doctor from Tongji University (China)
 - PhD work at LMU Munich
 - Oncologist / specialty lung cancer
 - 5 years with Vesalius Biocapital

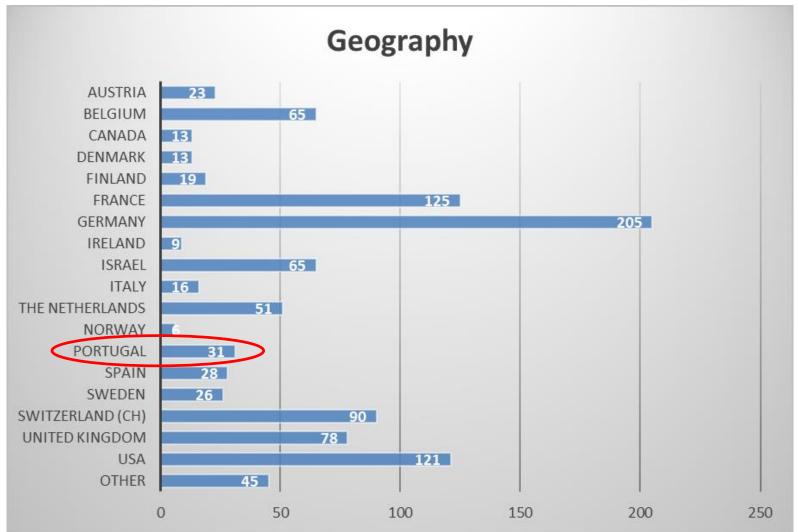


Dr. Fabienne Roussell Analyst

- 22 years relevant experience.
- Ph.D. in Pharmaco-Toxicology
- Pfizer Central Research, research in drug metabolism in US
 - Patent expert



Deal Flow VBC III







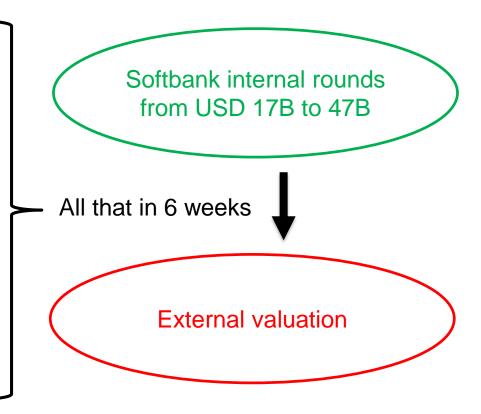
All nice, but:

We need to create value!



Negative example: We₩ork WTF*

- USD 47B last post-money
- IPO S-1 filing
- Expected IPO at USD 60-90B
- Then USD 20-30B
- Then USD 15B
- IPO filing withdrawn
- CEO fired
- Bankruptcy discussions



^{*}from the blogs of Scott Galloway, professor of marketing at NYU Stern School of Business



So, which ingredients do you need to really create value in the early stages?



A brilliant idea to solve a problem

By no means: a solution looking for a problem!

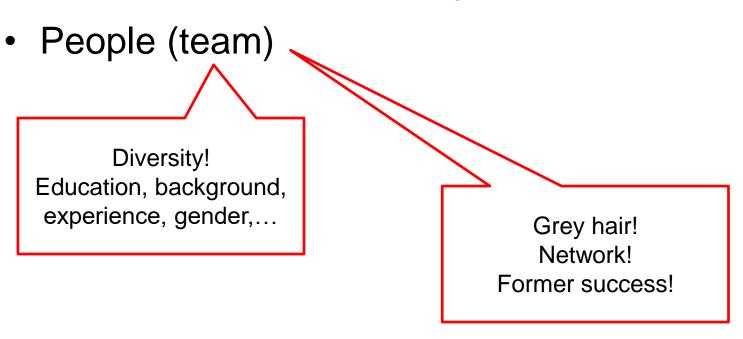
Start with the problem, then look for the best solution.

Example:

A medtech company started by doctors is often better off than one started by engineers.



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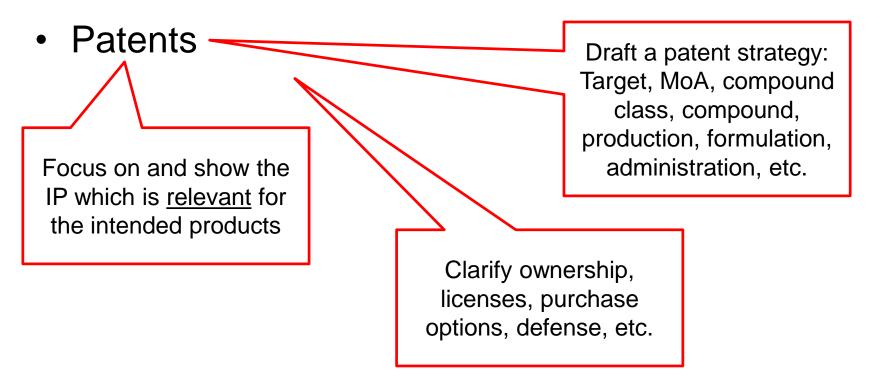


Advise:

As a founder: align, bind, and incentivize them, i.e. give them shares (with vesting scheme, etc.)



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No traditional BPs anymore.

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- Business plan

2-page teaser: summary in text form

PowerPoint of 25 slides + back-up = BP & pitch

> ... of non-confidential nature and content, in English!



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Key question:

"Who is going to sell what to whom, when, why, where, and for how much?"

Answer needs to be EXACT and in DETAIL !!!



Business plan: Helpful questions

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Who	benefits from this? have you also heard discuss this? would be the best person to consult? makes decisions about this? will be the key people in this? deserves recognition for this?
What	are the strengths/weaknesses? is the best/worst case scenario? is another perspective? is most/least important? can we do to make a positive change? is getting in the way of our action?
Where	would we see this in the real world? are there similar concepts/situations? is there the most need for this? in the world would this be a problem? are the areas for improvement?



Businessplan: Helpful questions

Part 2:

When	is this acceptable/unacceptable? would this benefit our society? would this cause a problem? is the best time to take action?	will we know we've succeeded? has this played a part in our history? can we expect this to change? should we ask for help with this?
Why	is this a problem/challenge? is it relevant to me/others? is this the best/worst scenario? are people influenced by this?	should people know about this? has it been this way for so long? have we allowed this to happen? is there a need for this today?
How	is this similar to? does this disrupt things? do we know the truth about this? will we approach this safely?	does this benefit us/others? does this harm us/others? do we see this in the future? can we change this for our good?



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These are your milestones!





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- Financial supporter => co-owner!
- Active supervisory board member
- Corporate development driver
- Corporate governance watcher
- Milestone setter
- Industry expert
- Door opener to relevant network
- Sparring partner / sounding board





Have the following numbers readily available when speaking to investors:

- Total money invested (grants & equity, no sweat equity)
- Last post-money valuation
- New pre-money valuation sought and reasoning



Team composition:

- Assemble & show a complete team
- Show gaps and how you want to fill them (names!)
- Academic founders: be clear who is joining and who is going to stay in academia
- Be open to suggestions for modifications / reenforcements / replacements



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REALLY? Think twice! Didn't the inventors of the current state of the art product think the same?



Never, ever use the word "conservative" as in

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 ... time line => We will double it
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• ... budget => We will double it

• ... exit expectation => We will half it



Better explain how you got to your

- ... time line
- ... budget
- ... exit expectation

"We obtained quotes from experts and CROs for today's time lines and costs. Since there is inflation and time overruns, we added 25% to those quotes."



Syndication

- In todays buyers' market don't try to out-maneuver investors => you will lose them!
- Europe low valuations, US high valuations => move, if you can!

THE END



We didn't talk about money?

"The money will come by itself!"

If you do the right things!





Q & A