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Realizing Transformative Value from AI & Generative AI in Life Sciences

Life Sciences companies have an opportunity to unlock \$5-7 billion (Bn) dollars in value from the use of artificial intelligence (AI). We estimate that nearly 90% of value will be derived from three functional areas: research and development (R&D), manufacturing and supply chain, and commercial.

Over the past 18 months, Generative AI (GenAI) has broadened the breadth of value that AI could deliver. Deloitte conducted a study of 20, end-to-end AI use cases, which when linked together like 'pearls on a string' can transform value streams (e.g., product launch, clinical development) across functional areas. Supported by specialist interviews, benchmarking surveys, and pro forma forecasts, the objective was to assess the total enterprise value opportunity of AI from cost reduction, cost avoidance, and revenue generation.

We estimate a top 10 biopharma company with average revenue of \$65-75 Bn could capture between \$5-7 Bn of peak value by scaling the use of Al over 5 years. This varies based on organization size (e.g., \$35 Bn in revenue could achieve \$2.5-3.5 Bn in peak value).

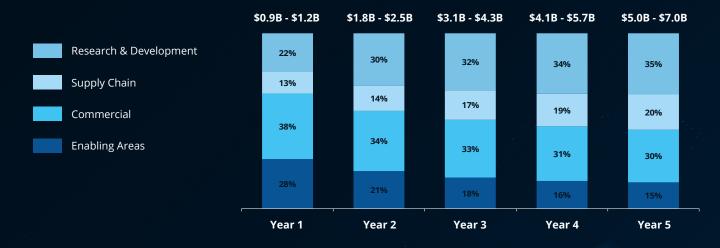
FIGURE 1. VALUE CREATION BREAKDOWN BY FUNCTION



R&D represents the top value opportunity at 30-40%. Al applied to novel drug identification and accelerating drug development could provide both cost savings and revenue uplift. This is followed by commercial at 25-35%, where marketing costs could be optimized and activities such as script utilization could be enhanced by Al. Manufacturing, supply chain, and enabling areas (including IT, HR, and Finance) are primarily candidates for cost transformation through efficiency realization and vendor cost reductions using Al.

We estimate a 5-year timeline for an enterprise to capture peak value from use of AI. The value accretion schedule also differs by functional area due to each area's inherent characteristics. Typically, enabling areas (including IT, HR, and Finance) have the most opportunities for cost savings and avoidance, which results in faster time to value realization. In contrast, R&D and supply chain have long-term capital requirements that are difficult to amend, thus extending the timeline to reaching peak value.





ASSUMPTIONS

¹Foundational data and infrastructure are in place to enable transformational use case development ²Each function implements the full portfolio of transformational AI use cases (e.g., AI clinical trials, AI manufacturing, AI marketing)

METHODOLOGY

- Each bar represents the value a top 10 biopharma company could capture from AI over a 5-year time frame
- A top-down (% of revenue) and bottom-up (% of operating margin) approach was applied to evaluate value potential based on an individual organization's growth potential and operational efficiency
- The peak value range is a blended average using the two evaluation approaches
- For the top 10 biopharma companies average total revenue were \$65Bn to \$75Bn and average operating margin of\$20Bn to \$25Bn in 2022

Can GenAl live up to its predicted value potential?

Anecdotal success stories and endless media attention have generated hype around the utility of GenAl. Deloitte has spent the last year not only thinking critically about the value of GenAl, but also implementing the technology, driving its adoption, and monitoring its value. This includes scaling dozens of Al and GenAl use cases for our life sciences clients and launching our own GenAl platform for our internal colleagues.

Our experience suggests that there is realizable value from GenAl. But, it's critical for companies to separate hype from reality to best understand the true impact GenAl could deliver.

FIGURE 3. DEBUNKING MYTHS AROUND GEN AI

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Value Realization

GenAl should deliver **immediate bottom**line value.

Typically, **cost reductions are likely to occur within 1-2 quarters of deployment** primarily from efficiency gains and cost avoidances. **Revenue gains could take 3-4 quarters to materialize.**



Talent Disruption

GenAl could be a lever to **quickly right**size organizations. In the short-term, GenAl could **drive individual FTE productivity** gains.



Adoption

If you build it, they will come. GenAl tools, once launched could be embraced and utilized to the maximum.

Adoption of GenAl is more likely to be successful when the technology is embedded in **existing ways of working / tools** in concert with **purposeful upskilling** of users with prompt engineering skills.

Market Speed

Innovation is moving so quickly that LLMs and AI strategy should **be updated every 6 months.**

We have reached critical milestones with LLMs. Within the next 1-2 years, **incremental shifts** (e.g., multimodal processing) rather than paradigm shifts are likely.



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Enterprise Structures

Setting up a Center of Excellence is the only path to adoption and success.

A strong enterprise mandate, governance, and value capture **methodology** are the pathways to success regardless if the model is centralized or federated.

What are the GenAl 'no regret bets?'

To de-risk investments and accelerate progress, organizations should kickstart their GenAl programs with 'no regrets bets' that can deliver value in a relatively short timeframe. This not only serves as a proof point to catalyze enterprise adoption, but it also creates opportunities to fund additional investments with realized gains.

There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to 'no regrets bets." However, based on our recent work in implementing GenAI programs, we have learned that the following 'bets' are likely to reflect a low complexity, high value profile for most organizations.



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FIGURE 4B. POTENTIAL VALUE FOR KEY NO REGRETS BETS

	DESCRIPTION	VALUE TO THE BUSINESS UNIT	VALUE TO THE ENTERPRISE	WHY THIS IS NO REGRETS
O Commercial	AI-Generated Content			
	Generate ideas and design artifacts using Al	Improved outcomes from more personalized content and faster adaptation to customer needs	 Cost reduction Revenue uplift 	Small productivity gain in this large cost bucket can result in outsized bottom-line impact
	Contract Performance Advisor			
	Intelligent investigation of payer contracts to identify discrepancies	Minimized leakage of revenues through better monitoring	 Cost reduction Revenue uplift 	Pharma companies spend billions in rebates, GenAl can identify deviations which could result in large payoffs
O Enabling Areas	MLR Optimization			
%	ldentify high-risk claims in marketing materials for review and automated adjustment	Streamlined process of incident management from preemptive risk remediation	 Cost reduction Cost avoidance 	Marketing pieces can be quickly reviewed resulting in faster time to market
	Competitive Intelligence			
	Generate competitive insights through market/ industry data	Improved insights from faster and more accurate data synthesis	+ Cost reduction+ Revenue uplift	GenAl can tap into market data that is currently underused to facilitate more
0				informed decisions

In future articles, we will dive deeper into how organizations should approach 'no regrets bets' identification and execution.

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The time to act is now

The life sciences industry is at an inflection point – and harnessing AI and GenAI as a catalyst for transformation is vital. Winning tomorrow requires organizations to take the right steps toward embracing this technology *today*.

Here are top 5 actions that you could take in order to initiate momentum on your Al and GenAl value journey:

	Establish a Leadership Mandate	Empower a leader(s) with a mandate to own and drive an enterprise AI + GenAI agenda
2	Align on a Strategic Blueprint	Prioritize 2 – 3 strategic opportunity areas to serve as enterprise north stars
3	ldentify No Regrets Bets	Activate business units and IT/Digital to identify initial "no regrets bets" that align to priority areas
	Create Minimum Viable Governance	Establish a governance function that can manage AI + GenAI risks, investments, ethical use, and progress while encouraging innovation
5	Launch Pilot Solutions	Deliver solutions that can demonstrate tangible value and prove out adoption

However, successfully driving large-scale AI transformation programs requires organizational evolution. We list 4 major changes required as companies move forward on their AI value journey...



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