

# What are biological drugs







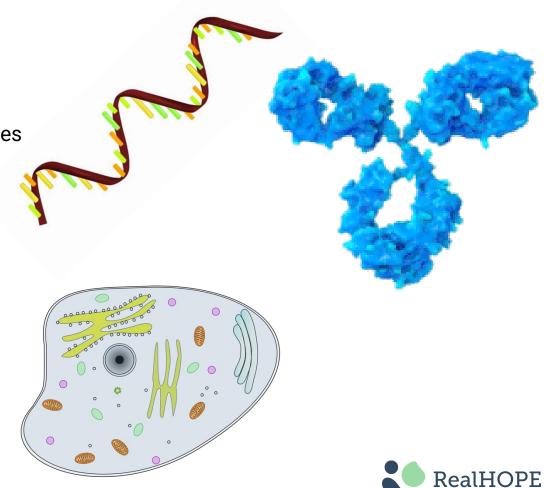




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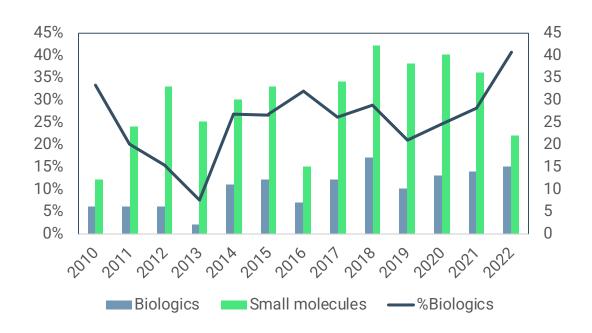
Drug products based on cells or large molecules produced by living organism. This includes:

- Vaccines
- Blood products
- Proteins, such as antibodies
- DNA, siRNA
- Stem cells





## An increasing part of pharmaceutical products















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#### Fantastic therapies but fragile and difficult to deliver

Lives are saved everyday thanks to biological drugs

Today we have medicines for diseases that previously could not be treated

This includes cancers, autoimmune diseases, and diabetes

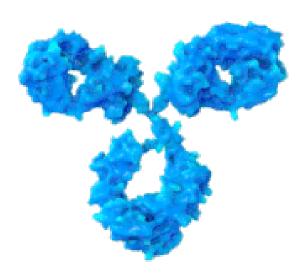
However, these drugs are much more sensitive to handle than traditional drugs

They usually have to be delivered as injections





#### **Complex structures**



The molecules in biological drugs are complex and their function is dependent on their specific structure. Just as a key only fits a lock if it has the right geometry, a biological molecule will only work if the structure is correct.

This makes biological molecules sensitive and thus they need to be handled carefully.





### Developed for safety and efficacy

Pharmaceutical drugs go through a rigorous process at the companies that develop them to make sure that they are safe

The development process is overseen by regulatory authorities before the drugs are allowed to be used

However, the drugs are only safe if used correctly











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