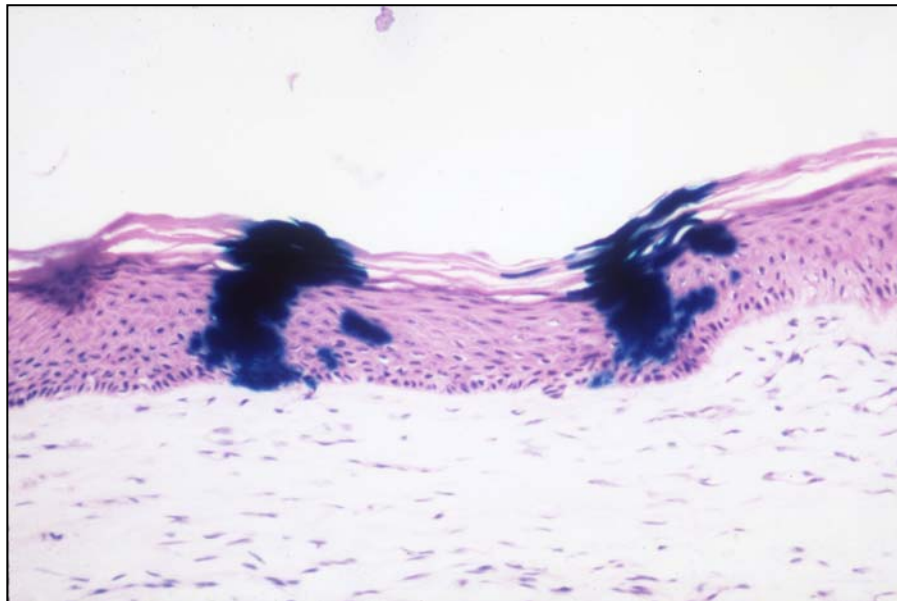


**Lorne  
Taichman**



Sabbatical leave  
2000 - 2001



## Pharmaceutical Industry's View of Cell / Gene Therapies

Corporate Office of Science and  
Technology



**J&J**

\$50.5B sales/2005  
>200 operating companies  
>50 countries  
Highly decentralized

*Johnson & Johnson*





- Technology & business assessments
- Evaluate startups & academic labs
- Advisory to upper management in entering new therapeutic/business areas
- Resource for J&J's venture capital group (JJDC)
- Cell Therapy & Regenerative Medicine Task Force

# *A difficult transition*





## *Personal insight*

For the pharmaceutical industry, cell/gene therapy is a round peg in a square hole

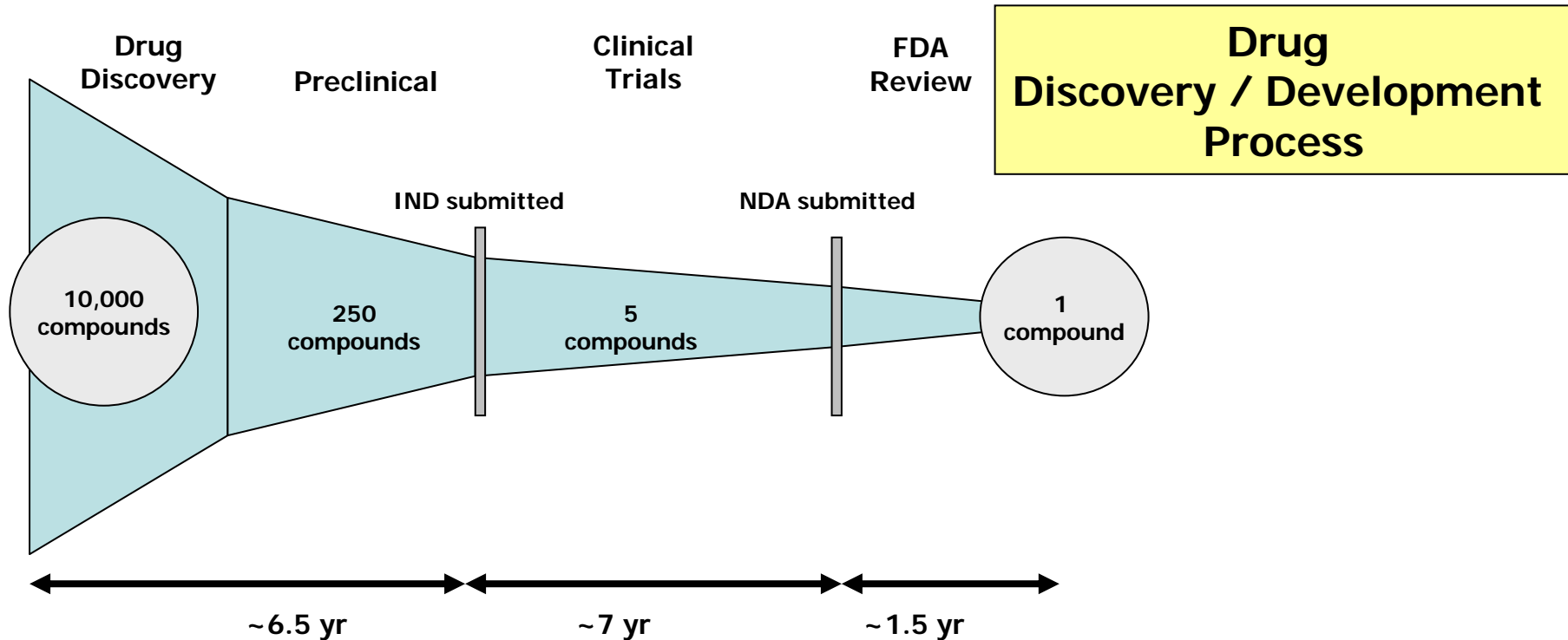
### **Why is this relevant ?**

***Resources of the pharmaceutical industry are needed for clinical trials & FDA approval, and if the therapy is approved, for manufacturing, marketing & distribution.***

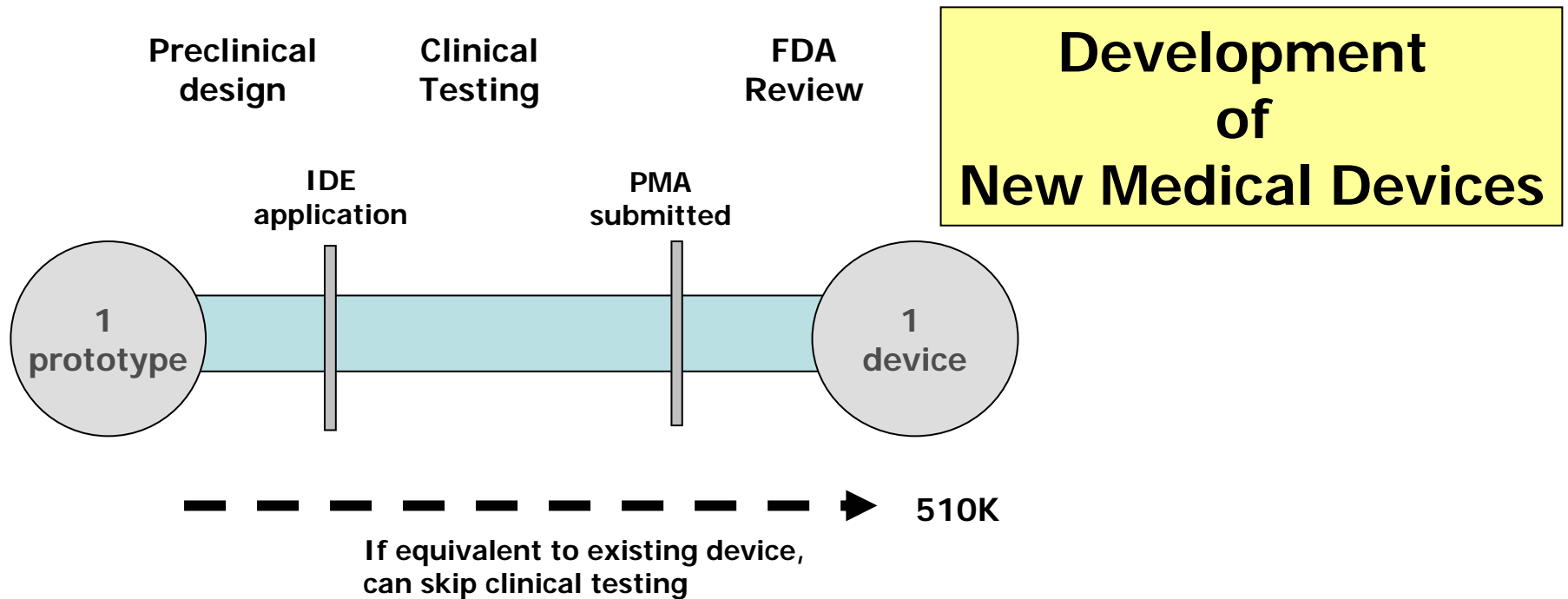


# The Mind of Big Pharma

- Minimize risk
- Well defined product
- Clear path to commercialization
- No regulatory surprises
- Acceptable business models



- High risk, high cost but extensive past experience
- Complex but familiar regulatory hurdles
- Product clearly defined at outset of trials
- Some information on toxicity and efficacy at the outset
- Scale and manufacturing issues well understood
- Path to market is familiar



- **Less risks than pharmaceuticals**
- **Short development time**
- **Less complex regulatory path**
- **Scalability not an issue**
- **Short product life**



# ***Problematic aspects of a cell or gene therapy***

- **Likely to involve a combination of drugs, biologics, pharmaceuticals and devices**

Example:

Rx of hemoglobinopathy  
with corrective gene transfer

- Biologics for inducing stem cell mobilization
- Device for recovery of stem cells
- Corrective gene and transfer vector

- complex & unfamiliar development process
- complex & unfamiliar regulatory pathway



# ***Problematic aspects of a cell or gene therapy***

- **Product poorly defined**

- The product is defined by the method of cell recovery and processing

- Product evolution during clinical trials

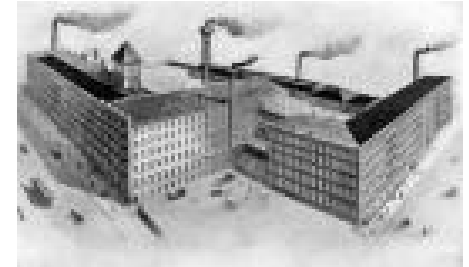
	<b><u>Amendments</u></b>
Cell therapy	~ 15/IND
Gene therapy	~ 20/IND

# *Problematic aspects of a cell or gene therapy*

- Unfamiliar business models

Autologous  
vs Allogeneic  
(patient specific  
vs cells off-the-  
shelf)

Centralized  
vs  
Distributive  
Processing



Unwanted  
Service  
Component



# *Problematic aspects of a cell or gene therapy*

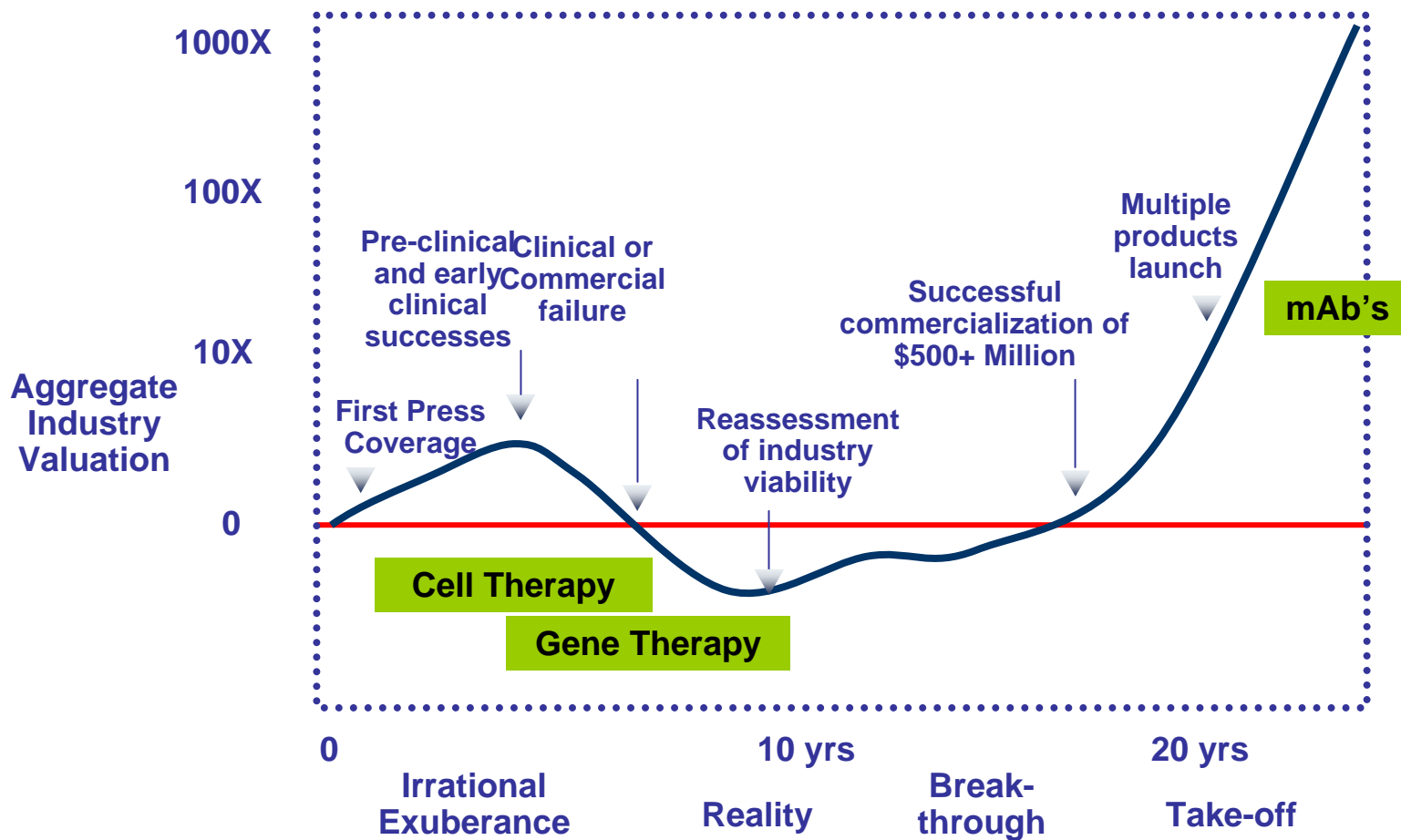
- Problems of scale



# *Problematic aspects of a cell or gene therapy*

- **Broad and overlapping patent claims**
- **Neoantigens and host immune reactions**

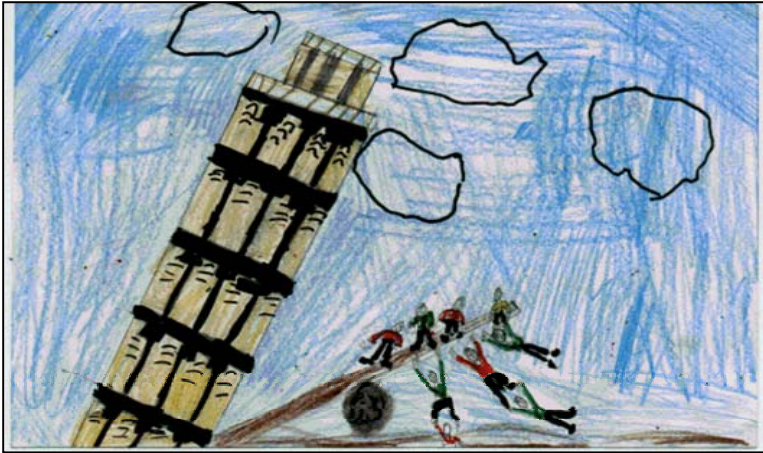
# *Evolution of platform technologies*



# What drives this evolution

- **Maturation of the science**
- **Successful well-run clinical trials**
- **Societal pressure**
- **Pharmaceutical industry seeking new sources of revenue**





## Overcoming Obstacles

- Approach armed with good science
- Deconvolute the cell processing
- Think like an investor not like a convert