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Automation in Life Science



Reproducible, automated, costeffective and efficient production of cells, organoids and other biological material



We realize the upscaling of your biological processes in order to **exploit the full potential** of laboratory automation and to optimize them with **Industry 4.0 technologies**

Valley of tears in the ATMP development process

- At the end of the preclinical phase, when clinical trials are to begin, all ATMP manufacturing processes must be established
 - 🔵 Design Freeze
- From Phase II onwards, manual production is no longer costefficient due to the increased throughput and is later no longer feasible. The process must be changed at great regulatory expense
 - Valley of Tears
- In the long term, even a subsequently partially automated process does not achieve the productivity of a production plant that has been fully automated from the start







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5 building blocks for successful laboratory automation

IPT Lab Automation Consulting

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Strike price for consulting project: 85 000 €



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Results Provided with the IPT Lab Automation Consulting

Engineering

You are provided with a scaled 2D layout of the designed production plant including a parts list of all components. This forms the technical basis for commissioning the construction of a fully automated plant.

Economics

Our profitability analysis comparing manual and automated production processes provides you with wellfounded data proving the lucrativeness of an automation investment.

Strategy

At the end of our consulting, we develop a detailed roadmap for you, which recommends the next steps to be taken in order to lead your production into full automation.



Automated production of ATMPs in numbers at the Fraunhofer IPT



Example: AUTOSTEM



- Funding: EU project (2016 2018)
- Overall budget (5,99 Mio €)
- IPT budget (1,2 Mio €)

Objectives

- Closed, automated, GMP-ready pipeline
- Manufacture of clinical-grade MSC for cell therapy
- Bioreactor-based production in multiliter-scale

Results

- Closed robot-assisted platform
- No direct interaction between operator and product

http://www.autostem2020.eu/

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