Biotechnology Continues To Attract Big Bucks From Venture Capitalists

View from the Observation Deck

1. From 2011-2014, of the 16 major categories tracked, the only one that raised more money from the venture capital (VC) industry than Biotechnology was Software.

2. Biotechnology VC funding clearly outpaced funding for Medical Devices & Equipment and Health Care Services (see chart).

3. The number of Biotechnology deals was fairly consistent over the four calendar years. The totals were as follows: 468 (2011); 478 (2012); 490 (2013) and 470 (2014).

4. Biotechnology funding, which totaled $5.97 billion in 2014, surpassed the $4.0 billion mark in each of the four calendar years. Software VC funding ranged from $7.5 billion (2011) to $19.8 billion (2014).

5. The strong interest in Biotechnology from VCs may be a signal that the momentum this sector has built up in recent years has legs, in our opinion.

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