

AI in Healthcare: Talent Is the New Currency

Top biotech leaders are bypassing traditional pharma for agile startups

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Q32 Bio

New Biotech Hire

José Trevejo joined Q32 Bio as Chief Medical Officer in October 2026, shifting from Enveda Therapeutics where he led clinical pipeline strategy.

This move signals a broader trend: elite medical talent is gravitating toward smaller, more agile biotech firms with faster decision-making and greater autonomy. Unlike legacy pharmaceutical companies, startups like Q32 Bio are not burdened by bureaucratic layers that delay innovation. This shift is accelerating the pace of therapeutic development, particularly in oncology and precision medicine.

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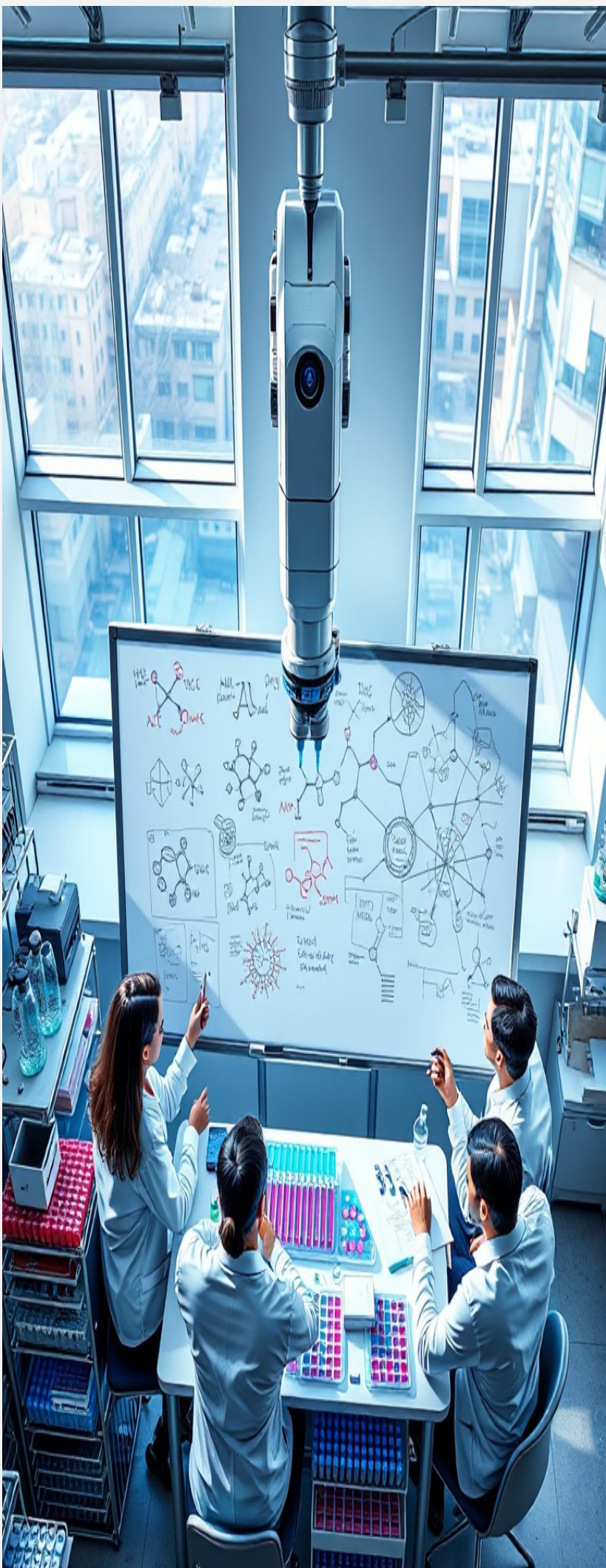
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Agility Trumps Scale in Drug Development

The real bottleneck in modern biopharma isn't capital—it's institutional inertia. Legacy firms often take months to approve clinical trial protocols, while startups like Q32 Bio can pivot in weeks. This agility is now the primary competitive advantage, especially in AI-driven drug discovery where rapid iteration is essential. The most promising AI platforms are being deployed not in corporate labs, but in lean biotech environments where data and decisions move in real time.



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Talent Migration Fuels Innovation Spillover

When top medical officers like Trevejo leave entrenched pharma for startups, they don't just bring experience—they bring culture. Their departure destabilizes the old model while seeding new innovation ecosystems. This creates a ripple effect: former employees launch spinouts, share data openly, and mentor younger scientists. The result is a decentralized innovation engine where AI tools are used not to optimize bureaucracy, but to accelerate breakthroughs.

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