



Biotech: Managing Sales Growth Amid High Cash Burn Rate



Background:

A biotech company was experiencing rapid growth in sales due to the successful launch of a new therapeutic. However, the company's aggressive investment in R&D, clinical trials, and marketing resulted in a high cash burn rate. Despite increasing revenue, the business faced pressure to manage its cash flow efficiently and sustain operations while investing in future product development.

Challenges:

1. **Cash Flow Management:** The company struggled to balance the timing of revenue inflows against the substantial, upfront expenses required for ongoing R&D and commercialization efforts. This led to potential cash flow gaps that could threaten its growth plans.
2. **Investment Optimization:** With multiple R&D projects in the pipeline, the company needed to identify which investments would yield the best return and optimize marketing expenditures to prioritize high-impact areas.
3. **Finding Funding Alternatives:** To continue its growth without excessively diluting its equity, the company required new funding sources. Exploring non-dilutive options was key to maintaining control over its strategic direction.

How Our Team Helped:

1. **Cash Flow Management and Scenario Planning:** A team member, while working at the biotech company, developed a comprehensive cash flow model that accounted for ongoing R&D costs, commercialization expenditures, and projected sales growth. By conducting scenario analyses, the team identified critical cash flow points and created strategies to manage cash reserves effectively.
2. **Investment Optimization:** Our team member conducted a detailed review of the company's spending. By analyzing R&D projects and their potential returns, they identified areas where resources could be reallocated to maximize growth potential. This included renegotiating supplier contracts and streamlining marketing activities to focus on high-impact strategies.
3. **Leveraging Banking Relationships:** With access to an extensive network of banking partners, our team member helped the company secure a flexible line of credit. This provided additional working capital to bridge cash flow gaps, reducing the immediate need for equity financing and preserving shareholder value.
4. **Exploring Non-Dilutive Funding:** Our team explored various non-dilutive funding options, such as government grants and research partnerships. Leveraging relationships with investors and institutions, they

guided the company through application processes, thereby easing its dependence on traditional equity financing.

5. **Engaging with Investors:** To maintain investor confidence, the team member worked with the company's executive team to refine its communication strategy. This ensured that potential investors clearly understood the growth plan and financial strategies, which helped attract new investments while reassuring existing investors of the company's long-term potential.

Outcome:

With the guidance of our team member, the biotech company optimized its cash management strategy, extending its cash runway and investing in high-growth opportunities. By securing additional lines of credit and non-dilutive funding, the company continued to scale its operations while demonstrating fiscal discipline, paving the way for sustained growth and market success.

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