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Top M&A Of 2016: Cast Your Vote!

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It's time once again for *In Vivo*'s **Deal of the Year** contest. We've selected 15 nominees in three categories – Top Alliance, Top Financing and Top M&A – and you get to *pick the winners*. (It's free.)

In Vivo's Top M&A Of 2016 – The Nominees Are

A Big Year For NASH: Allergan built anon-alcoholic steatohepatitis franchise overnight in mid-September, acquiring Tobira Therapeutics for $1.7 billion and Akarna Therapeutics for $50 million. In April, Gilead Sciences paid $400 million up front plus earn-outs for its fourth NASH project, Nimbus Apollo and its Phase II-ready ACC inhibitor for NASH. *[See Deal][See Deal]*

LabCorp Strengthens Women's Health Offering With Sequenom Buy: In July,LabCorp of America announced its intent to acquire noninvasive prenatal testing specialist Sequenom in an all-cash deal. The transaction enables LabCorp to broaden its test offerings in women's health and expand its geographic reach, among other things. *[See Deal]*

Pfizer Prevails In Medivation Bidding War: In the biggest pharma M&A deal of the year to date, Pfizer bested multiple competitors with a $14 billion in August bid for the prostate cancer drug developer, showing just how far big pharmas are willing to go to compete in oncology. *[See Deal]*

Abbott Buys St. Jude For $25 billion: This April deal was the biggest medtech acquisition of the year, and created huge consolidation in the cardiovascular device market. *[See Deal]*

QuintilesIMS: Big Merger In Big Data: CRO Quintiles merged with health care data giant IMS Health in May in a deal worth $9 billion. QuintilesIMS will have a market cap close to $18 billion, not to mention a huge head start in finding real-world evidence solutions for clients.

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