

We Need a Responsible R&D Model

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The Problem

- Misalignment of financial incentives and public health
 - Largely due to the patent-based system
 - Geared towards profit-driven research priorities
 - Monopolies leading to high prices, issues of access to medicines
 - Massive - and sometimes illegal - promotion practices
- Conflicts of interests
 - Companies design their trials and test their own products, with the risk to maximising benefits and downplaying harm
 - Proximity with authorities, influence power, industry-friendly rules

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