

Two FDA approvals — a new drug and a new vaccine



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Again, a child dies in a gene therapy trial in China, and STAT has exclusive details. Also, we have encouraging fecal pill results for peanut allergy, and see biotech investor Greg Verdine notch a series of wins.

In other news, it's been hot out! My backyard tortoise, Philbert, has been most irascible and taken to his fainting couch (cardboard box).

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