

## GENENTA SCIENCE RAISES €6.2M IN FIRST TRANCHE OF SERIES A FUNDING

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**Tweet** The company intends to use the funds to complete pre-clinical studies and to advance in the preparation of the clinical phase for its therapeutic protocols to treat tumors.

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**TOOLS** The startup is also cofounded by Luigi Naldini – Director of the San Raffaele-Telethon Institute for Gene Therapy, TIGET and of the Division of Regenerative Medicine, Stem Cells and Gene Therapy, San Raffaele Hospital, Professor of Histology and of Gene and Cell Therapy, San Raffaele University; and Bernhard Gentner – Haematologist and Physician Scientist at the San Raffaele Hospital and TIGET.

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