

# Think Bioscience Raises \$17M in Oversubscribed Seed Round to Develop Small Molecule Drugs that Hit Undruggable Proteins

**Funding will enable Think Bioscience to expand its drug discovery platform and advance its internal drug development programs.**

BOULDER, Colorado. August 18, 2022 -- Think Bioscience (“Think”), a synthetic biology company focused on developing small-molecule therapeutics that target difficult-to-drug proteins, has raised \$17M in an oversubscribed Seed round led by Innovation Endeavors and Xora Innovation, with participation from AV8 Ventures, Buff Gold Ventures, and LiquidMetal Ventures. Returning pre-seed investors include Xora, Wireframe Ventures, and Axial VC. The company is a spin-out from CU Boulder and a graduate of Innosphere Venture’s incubator program.

Nature endows living systems with the biochemical machinery to build an enormous variety of bioactive molecules. Think Bioscience harnesses this machinery by using microorganisms to build small molecules that hit elusive drug targets. The company is focused on a several therapeutic areas, including oncology, autoimmune, and metabolic disease.

“Think Bioscience’s technology leverages synthetic biology to build novel bioactive compounds,” said Dr. Jerome Fox, cofounder and CEO at Think Bioscience. “In short, we encode microbes with a drug design challenge and use them to come up with new solutions, for example, novel inhibitors of a disease-relevant enzyme.”

[Xora Innovation](#), an early-stage deep tech investing platform of Temasek, has reinvested to co-lead this round. “From the beginning, Think impressed us with their technical creativity, operational focus, and capital efficiency. We look forward to continuing to work with the Think team as they develop a robust internal drug pipeline from their proprietary platform,” said Donna See, CEO of Xora Innovation.

“Think developed a unique platform that blends computational biology with biological computation. We are excited by the unique approach to using biological systems to identify novel drug candidates against previously ‘undruggable’ targets,” said Dr. Joel Dudley, Partner at [Innovation Endeavors](#).

## **About Think Bioscience**

Think Bioscience is reimagining synthetic biology by using living systems to guide the design and assembly of better medicines. The unique approach to drug discovery combines applied microbiology, enzymology, and computational science to develop small-molecule therapeutics against elusive targets. Learn more about us at [www.thinkbioscience.com](http://www.thinkbioscience.com).

## **About Xora Innovation**

Xora Innovation invests in disruptive, world-changing ventures forged by ambitious founders and powered by compelling scientific breakthroughs. Headquartered in Singapore, Xora is an early-stage deep tech investing platform of Temasek. For more information, visit <https://xora.vc>.

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