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# TRANSLATING PATENTOMETRICS INTO USEFUL INTELLIGENCE: THE CASE OF 3D BIOPRINTING

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## OBJECTIVES

- To provide a Competitive Technology Intelligence Methodology to track technological and product innovations.
- To translate technological breakthroughs into specific applications.
- To create a roadmap that aids managers and decision-makers to comprehend innovation pathways from technological advances to applications.
- To apply this research to 3D bioprinting.

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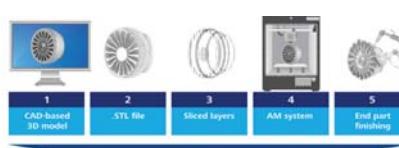
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## INTRODUCTION: 3D BIOPRINTING

**Additive manufacturing:** A revolutionary technology that is bringing important changes to the world.

"Process of joining materials to make objects from 3D model data, usually layer upon layer, as opposed to subtractive manufacturing method".

Also known as 3D printing, rapid prototyping or solid free-form fabrication.



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# INTRODUCTION: 3D BIOPRINTING

**Tissue engineering**

"Development of biological substitutes that restore, maintain, or improve tissue function"

The diagram illustrates the tissue engineering process. It starts with 'Cells \*' and 'Matrix \*' which are combined in an 'In vitro cultivation in a bioreactor ?'. This leads to a 'Cell/matrix construct \*\*', which is then implanted into a human body.

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# INTRODUCTION: 3D BIOPRINTING

**3D Bioprinting**

Additive manufacturing + Tissue engineering

"Cell printing in predesignated patterns".

Long-term purpose: **organ printing**.

A photograph of a 3D bioprinter, which is a complex machine with multiple nozzles and a build plate, used for printing biological structures.

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Barnatt, C. (2011). Organ printing concept: 3-D functional organs are printed from the bottom up using living cells in a supportive medium.

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## RELEVANCE

- 3D bioprinting: a breakthrough technology to address health problems and its applications are growing rapidly.
- 3D bioprinting is an innovative technology that is still in a early stage.
- Introduction of products in the market: for example in 2014 Organovo Holdings Inc launched the exVive3D Liver, a liver tissue model for medical and drug research.
- 3D bioprinting market growth over 20% annually and expected to grow to \$3,436.14 million by 2021.

The chart shows a steady increase in the global 3D bioprinting market over five years. The values are as follows:

Year	Market (\$ mn)
2017	1354.62
2018	1658.39
2019	2072.93
2020	2645.38
2021	3436.14

**Market in focus: Global 3D bioprinting market (\$ mn)**

**Source:** Infiniti Research Limited (2017). GLOBAL 3D BIOPRINTING MARKET. Distributed by TechNavio. Available on <https://www.technavio.com/report/global-embedded-systems-global-3d-bioprinting-market>. Retrieved on September 18, 2017.

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## BACKGROUND: PATENTOMETRICS

Patentometrics

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Through text mining  
techniques  
Which are computer  
aided processing of  
large volumes of data.] --> B[bibliometric indicators]; B --> C[from patent records];
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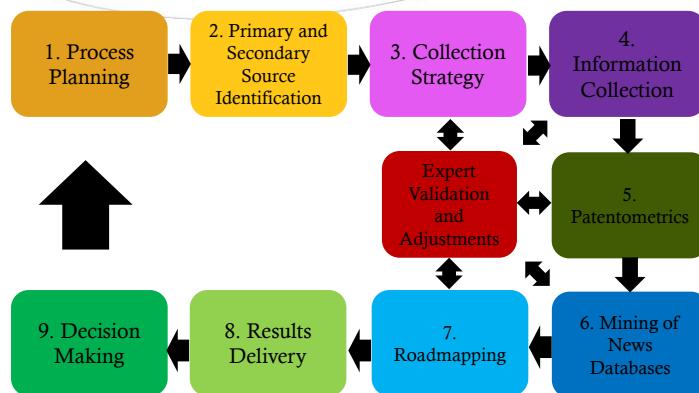
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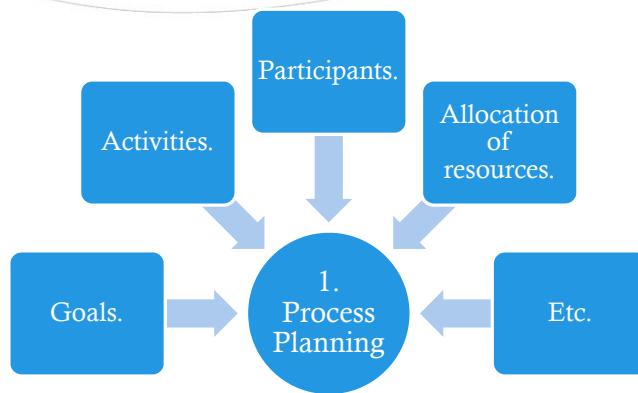
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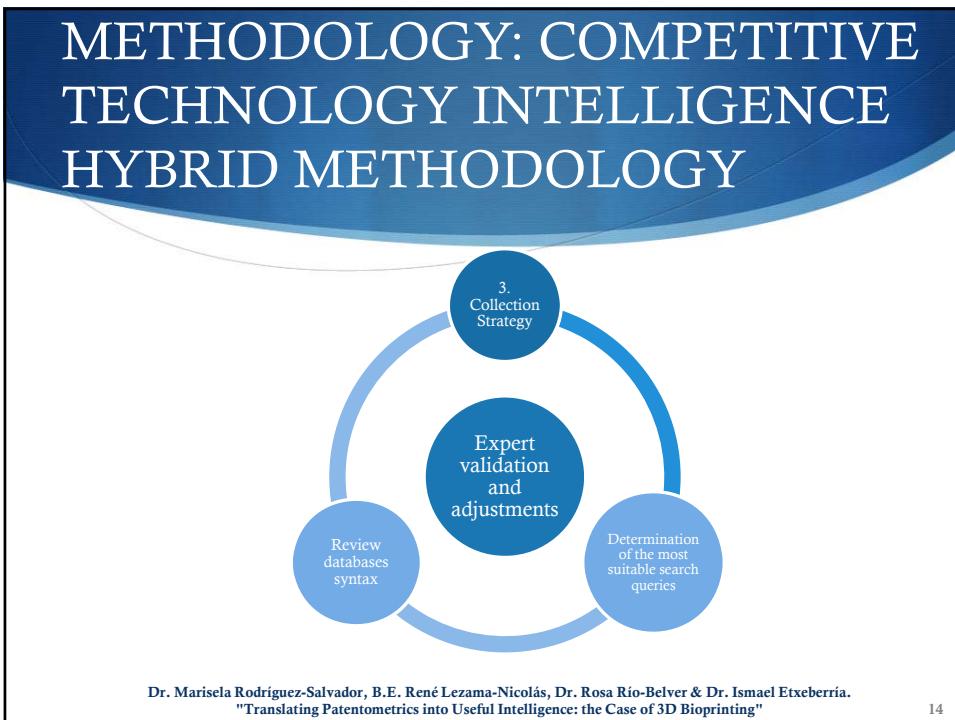
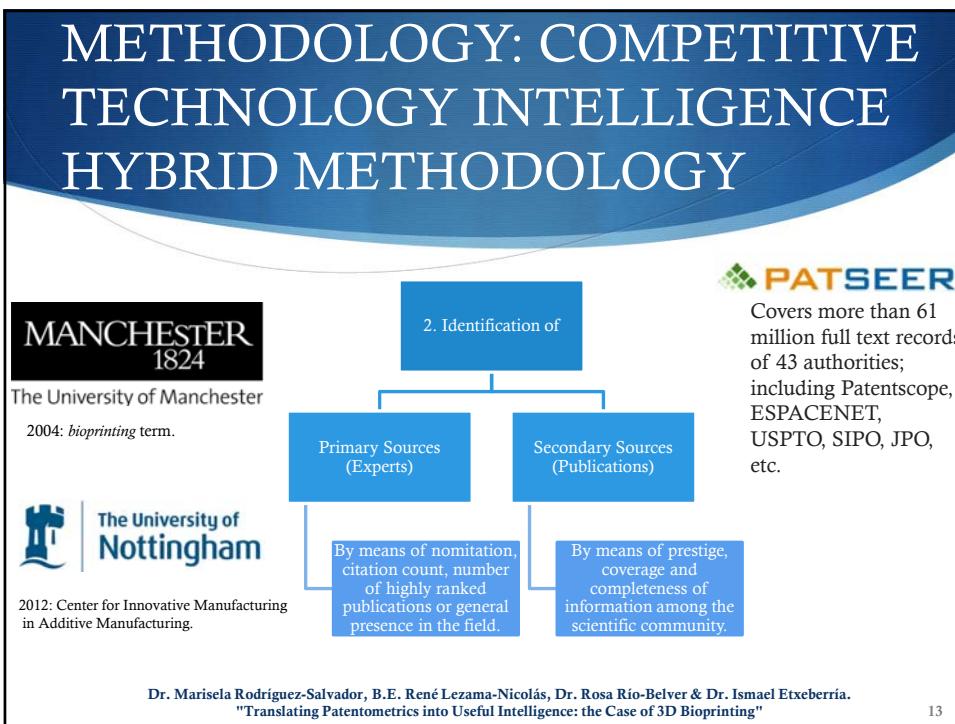
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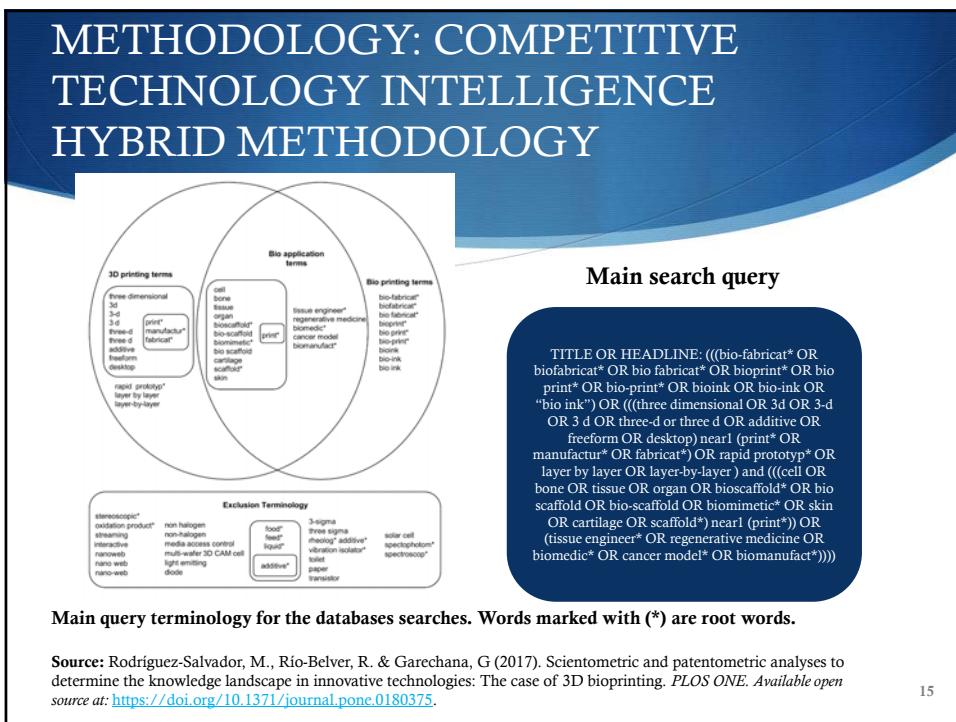
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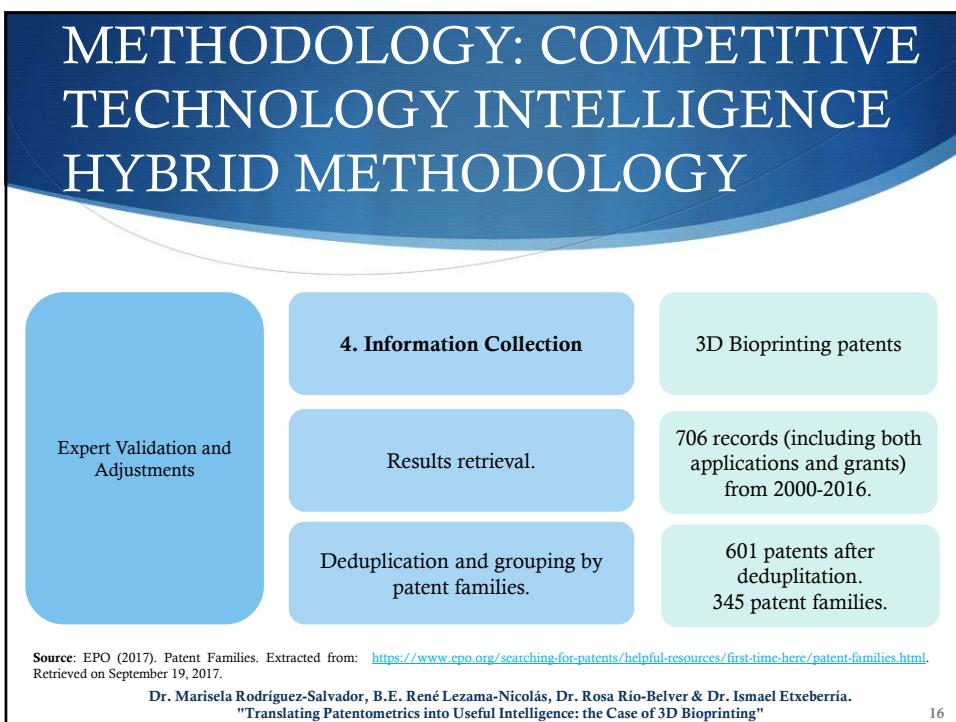
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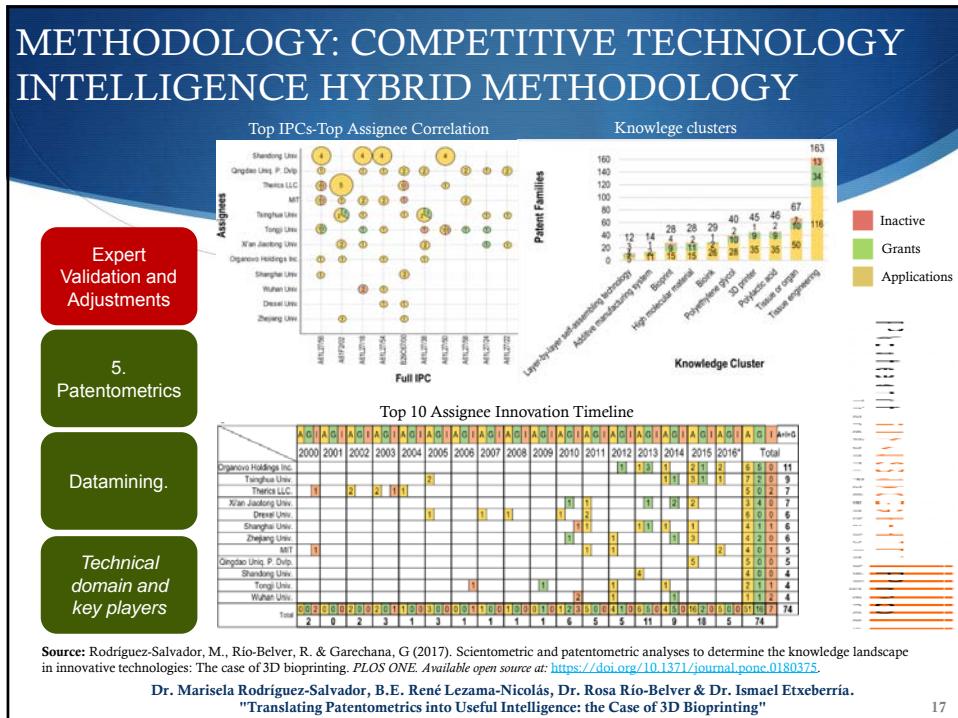




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Databases results (2000-April 2017).

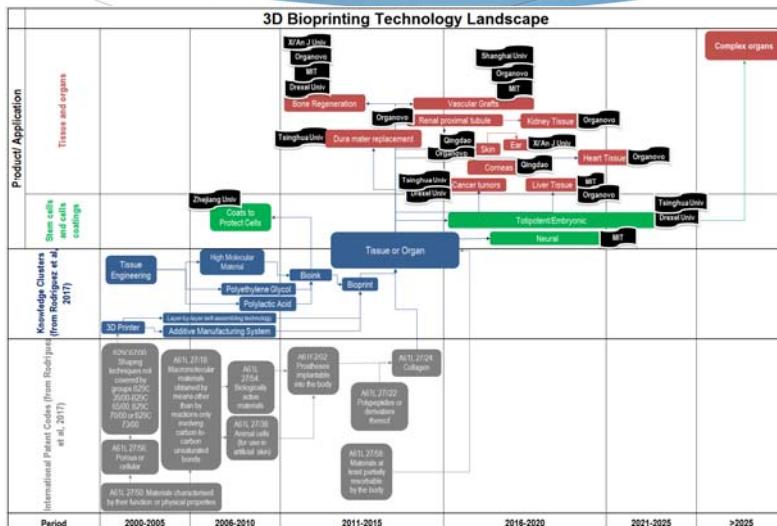
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Tsinghua Univ	1	37	239	0	45
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Drexel Univ	0	56	196	7	108
Shanghai Univ	0	3	17	0	4
Zhejiang Univ	0	1	52	0	42
MIT	0	117	6790	27	4939
Qingdao Uniq P. Dvlp	0	0	29	0	0
Shandong Univ	0	9	59	0	1
Tongji Univ	0	7	63	0	8
Wuhan Univ	0	6	85	0	1

Results were manually reviewed and selected for further integration into a roadmap.

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# RESULTS: ROADMAPPING

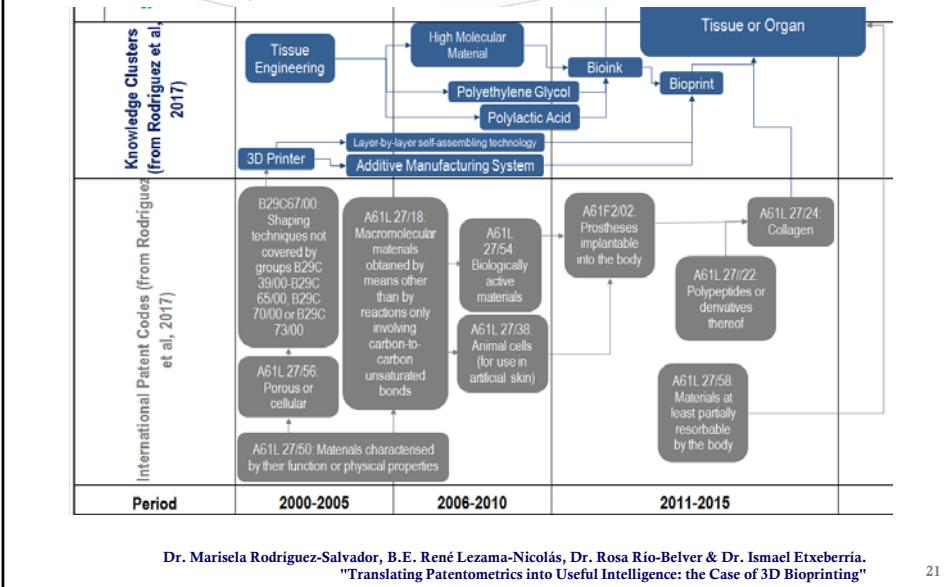


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## RESULTS: ROADMAPPING

Detail: Lower layers.

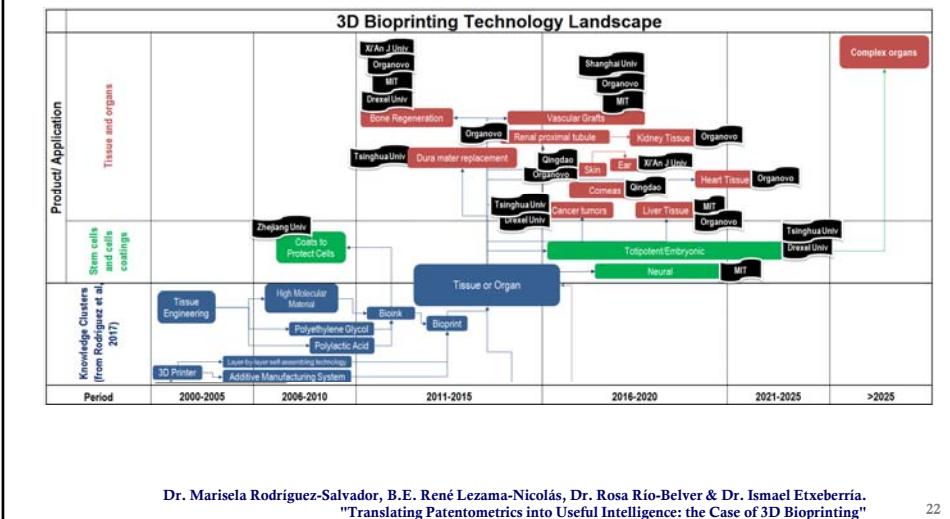


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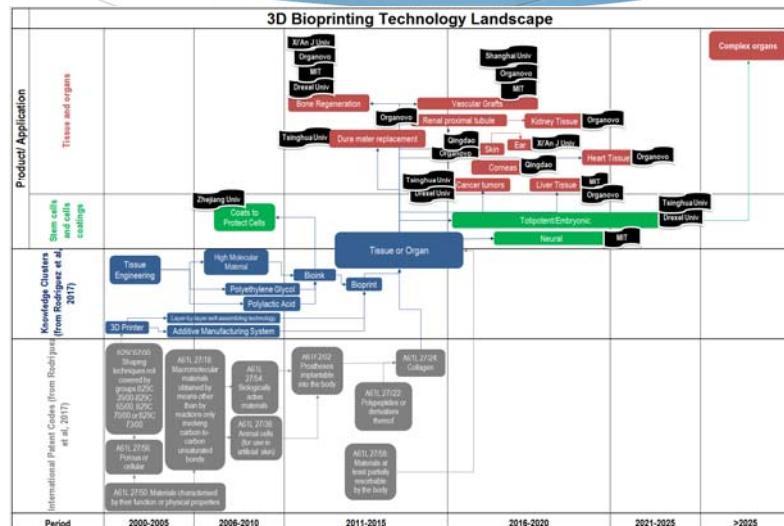
Detail: Upper layers.



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## RESULTS: ROADMAPPING



## CONCLUSIONS

- ◆ The Competitive Technology Intelligence (CTI) methodology presented herein allows to track the innovation progress of 3D bioprinting: from technology developments to specific applications.
- ◆ 3D bioprinting has relevant implications for policy makers. It has a tremendous potential for health industry, including prevention and regenerative medicine. Insights obtained can be used to support 3D bioprinting decisions related to research and innovation efforts.
- ◆ Future studies can strengthen the roadmap with economic drivers, regulations, intellectual property rights and ethical issues surrounding 3D bioprinting.
- ◆ The proposed CTI methodology can be applied to study emerging innovations, to assess ongoing research trends and expose the innovation landscape.

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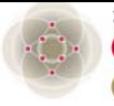
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