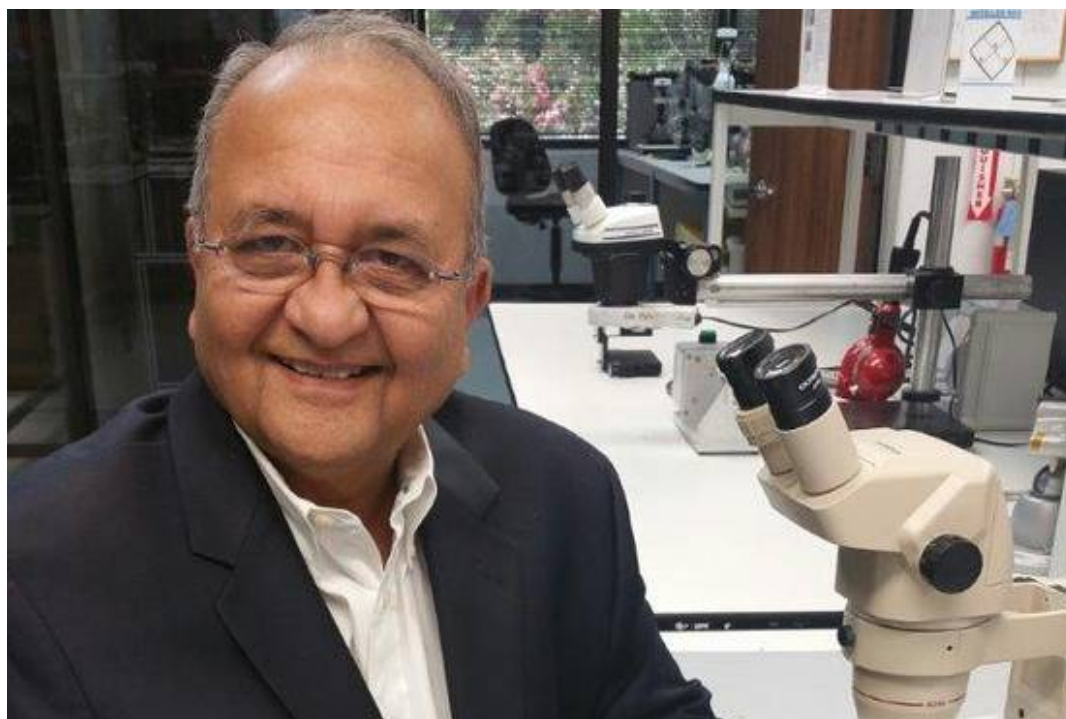


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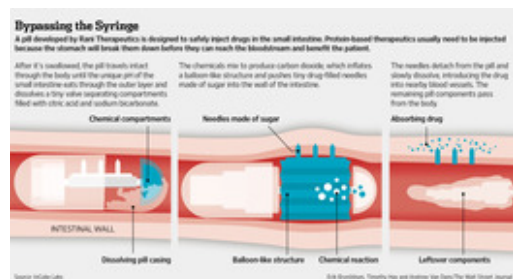
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Novartis AG has an extensive line of biologic drugs that can only be taken by injection, but now the pharmaceutical giant is making a bet on a "robotic pill," a preclinical product that could make drugs like insulin available for the first time without the use of a needle.



Novartis will soon launch a feasibility study that could last as long as two years with [Rani Therapeutics Inc.](#), the venture-backed maker of an [ingestible gadget](#) that has a unique way of delivering peptides, proteins and therapeutic antibodies to the body.

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