

## Which domain of clinical research do APAC CROs focus on?

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The fifth edition of the annual BioSpectrum Asia Pacific clinical research organization (CRO) Survey, which is conducted in association with CyberMedia Research (CMR), yet again identifies the latest trends, issues, perspectives and insights regarding the CRO industry in Asia Pacific (APAC).

While the 2013 survey revealed many hindrances facing the industry, including lack of optimum regulatory efficiency, training of personnel, limited development partnerships between CROs and pharma firms; it also reveals many promising findings, including high willingness to participate in clinical trials among countries like China, India, Australia, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia,

Philippines and Indonesia. Furthermore, the CRO sector in APAC is witnessing a major boom leveraging on the growth of logistics and supply chain management in the region.

The survey respondents of the fifth BioSpectrum Asia-CMR Asia Pacific Annual Survey of the Clinical and Contract Research Organizations 2013 engage in both clinical and contract research.

As many as 57 percent of the CROs focus on clinical research, 38 percent on contract research and five percent on contract manufacturing. Some CROs provide a full range of early to late-stage clinical development projects for their clientele, while other CROs cater to the niche segment.