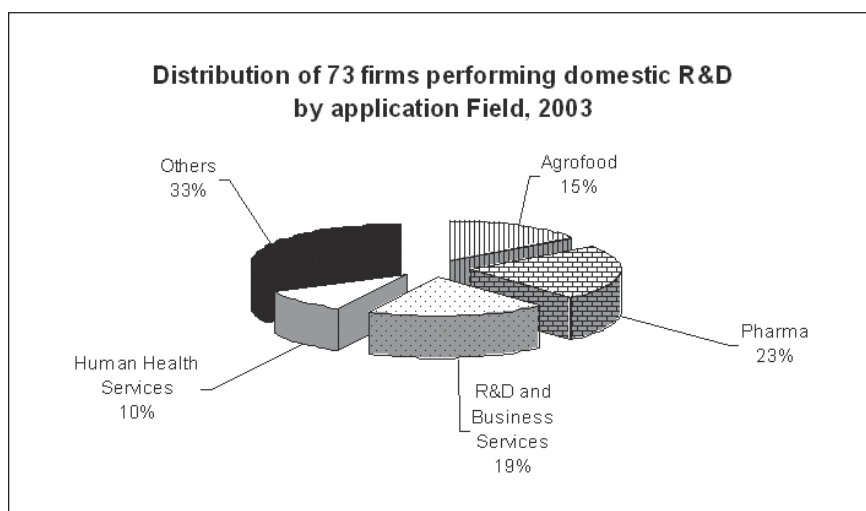


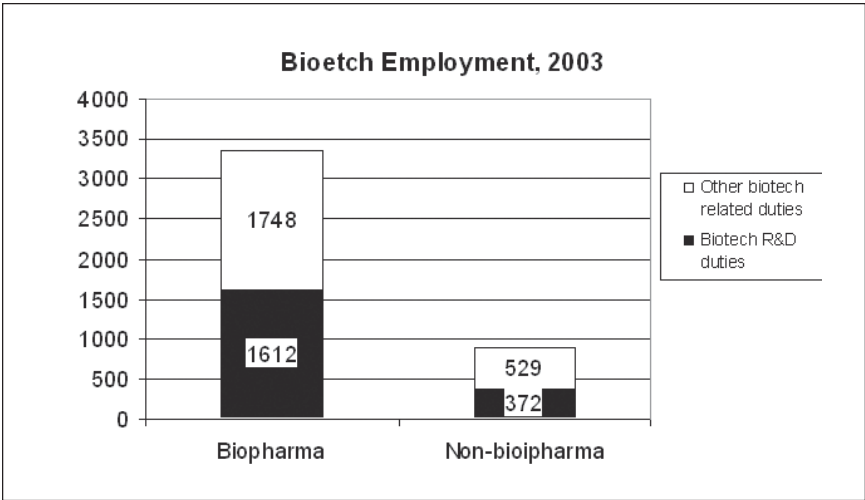
## Biotechnology in Belgium\*

In 2003, 73 biotechnology firms were identified in Belgium. The European Classification of Economic activities (NACE) was used to categorize firms into different sectors. These firms were classified into four industrial sectors: Agrofood (a combination of Agriculture, and Food and Beverages), Pharmaceuticals, R&D and Business Services and Human Health Services. There was also an “Other” category. Twenty-four firms (33%) fell in the “Other” category; 17 firms (23%) were classified in the Pharmaceuticals sector; 14 firms (19%) were classified in the R&D and Business Services and 7 firms (10%) were in Human Health Services.

Seventy of the 73 biotechnology firms responded to the detailed employment questions in the survey. In 2003, the 70 biotechnology



\* Based on OECD (2006).



firms employed 11,137 persons. Of these, 4,261 (38%) had biotechnology-related responsibilities, including 1,984 with biotechnology R&D responsibilities (18% of the total employment). A much higher percentage of the total employment in biopharma versus non-biopharma firms had biotechnology responsibilities: 51.5% compared to 19.5%.