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The appointment of an algorithm named Vital (Validating Investment Tool for Advancing Life Sciences) to the board of directors of a Hong Kong based venture capital firm back in 2014 has substantiated one of the fundamental items on the research agenda regarding corporate law: As technological progress will inevitably lead to an increasing utilization of artificial intelligence ("AI") tools in doing business and governing enterprises, the interplay of these tools and corporate law yields significant questions and calls for fundamental analysis. Even though the focus of the scientific debate and ensuing regulatory strategies in the area of company law has alternated between different topics during the last decades, human behaviour and the means to influence it always constituted a focal point. In the advent of the "robots' march towards boardrooms" it is a fundamental question whether and to what extent these legal mechanisms may successfully be applied to AI tools. In that regard the "lack of human or corporate body" of AI tools turns even the most fundamental and preliminary question, namely through which regulatory entry points artificial intelligence tools may be "addressed" by the law, into substantial challenges. Moreover, any policy-making efforts will necessarily need to take into account the important ethical component of the discussion on the use of AI.

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