

# Associate Director, PK Sciences Neuroscience Therapeutic Area

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## Summary

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This position will be on-site in Cambridge, MA or East Hanover, NJ and will not have the ability to be located remotely.

In the Associate Director in PK Sciences you will provide ADME /PK/PKPD project support to the Neuroscience Therapeutic Area contributing to projects from Discovery to IND filing and First-in-Human studies and beyond. In this unique role you will collaborate and partner with PK Sciences functions including in vitro and in vivo ADME, biotransformation, bioanalytics and modeling & simulation and represent the PK Sciences organization within project teams.

## About the Role

### Key Responsibilities:

- Support teams in developing the strategy for, and coordinate the implementation of, the characterization and selection of lead compounds and drug candidates with favorable PK/ADME properties, elucidate PK/PD relationships driving efficacy/safety and contribute to human PK prediction and dose and regimen selection.
- Provide matrixed leadership across the organization to align and influence across the cross-functional team to identify and mitigate key project issues related to the pharmacokinetic sciences [PKS] discipline (PK, PK/PD, metabolism and clinical pharmacology).
- Proactively contribute to developing drug candidates across the Research Development and Commercial continuum, providing expert pharmacokinetic / drug metabolism and clinical pharmacology input.
- Be responsible for the PK, PK/PD and M&S component of study protocols, reports, project summaries and development plans, and author pharmacokinetic/clinical pharmacology/biopharmaceutics sections of IND/IMPDs/NDAs/BLAs within agreed timelines and which meet regulatory requirements as well as prepare appropriate responses to Health Authority questions (globally).
- Oversee or perform PK and PK/PD analyses using a variety of tools and approaches and integrate, interpret and report data to project teams and other customers. Our organization further offers the opportunity to seamlessly gain exposure to different stages of development, different drug modalities and cross-train in multiple indications.

### Essential Requirements:

- Ph.D. or Pharm.D. with relevant experience in clinical pharmacology, drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics or a related biologic background.
- A minimum of 6 plus years in drug discovery or development function including 2 plus years of experience in a lead role overseeing ADME/DMPK or clinical pharmacology strategy of compound development.
- Extensive and in-depth knowledge of pharmacokinetics including, drug metabolism and PK/PD evaluation, experience in working in project teams (preferably global) as well as sound awareness of recent developments in drug development and regulatory sciences.
- Proficient in the application of PK and PK/PD analysis with working knowledge of software such as WINNONLIN/Phoenix
- Hands-on project experience with compounds of various modalities including low molecular weight and biologics drug discovery and development.
- Proven record as leader with good negotiation, organizational and project management skills.
- Strong coaching and mentoring skills desired.

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Business Unit

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Location

USA

State

Massachusetts

Site

Cambridge (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

U175 (FCRS = US175) Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Inc.

Alternative Location 1

East Hanover, New Jersey, USA

Functional Area

Research & Development

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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