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Position: Head of Translational Research
Location: Cambridge, MA

Our client is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company advancing stapled peptides, a novel class of therapeutics for cancers and other diseases. Their goal is to use their proprietary stapled peptide drug platform to create first-in-class therapeutics that may be able to address historically undruggable targets.

We are working with them to identify an experienced research & development executive to provide scientific and operational leadership of the Translational Biology/Pharmacology function, including cell and molecular biology and translation of preclinical *in vivo* disease models to support human clinical trials. This position will oversee *in vitro* and *in vivo* Pharmacology and build and lead a team of experienced PhD-level Scientists and Research Associates.

Responsibilities

- Provide scientific and operational leadership to all Translational Biology activities to ensure aggressive timelines are achieved with the highest scientific rigor
- Build and maintain an organization of scientific and leadership talent that is world-class in Translational Biology, blending a mix of strong scientific instincts with an ability to work on multi-disciplinary project teams
- Foster an environment for employee growth and development. Mentor and coach Scientists and Research Associates
- Develop pharmacodynamic and patient stratification biomarkers to support the advancement of programs into the clinic and on through development and commercialization
- Identify new therapeutic opportunities, including combination, and select the optimal clinical strategy for new programs
- Think strategically about drug development and drive innovative solutions to key translational challenges across the company
- Contribute to the preparation of regulatory filings and interactions

Qualifications and Experience

- PhD in Biology or Pharmacology and 15+ years of experience managing translational pharmacology aspects of multiple small molecules in oncology
- A track record of success in small biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies
- Scientific leadership and hands-on expertise in developing lead compounds from lead identification through clinical development in collaboration with clinical development colleagues

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- Strong management skills with 5+ years managing a team or group of scientists and experience leading multi-disciplinary teams.
- Strong publication record and experience in presenting research to existing and prospective stakeholders as well as external scientific audiences.
- Thorough understanding and hands-on knowledge of how to plan for and execute, at the detailed level, the movement of a potential drug from early discovery through clinical development
- The ability to motivate a multi-disciplinary team of scientists, evidenced by successfully managing and mentoring talent
- The ability to partner and collaborate both internally and externally