

Job Title: Head of Preclinical and Translational Neuropharmacology

Position Summary:

The Head of Preclinical and Translational Neuropharmacology will be responsible for the design, execution and interpretation of preclinical pharmacology and translational studies in vitro, ex vivo and in vivo. He/She will closely collaborate with relevant functions and stakeholders internal and external to the Company on preclinical toxicology studies to ensure seamless transition of Synendos projects from preclinical to early clinical development. This work supports the progression of therapies from discovery through first-in-human and proof-of-concept clinical studies. The Head of Preclinical and Translational Neuropharmacology reports directly to the CEO/CSO.

Key Responsibilities:

- Supervise, coordinate and ensure operations of preclinical pharmacology studies with external collaborators (CROs, Academia, other institutions), including multi-partner projects.
- Propose pharmacology approaches and development of models (both mechanistic and/or disease models) at team discussions of high impact on project progression.
- Provide scientific expertise, strategic planning, and goal-oriented execution of R&D projects.
- Effectively communicate scientific planning, progress and results to the executive team.
- Identify and manage consultants and vendors to support pharmacology-based studies.
- Supervise and coordinate preclinical toxicology studies in close collaborate with relevant functions and stakeholders internal and external to the Company.
- Review preclinical study reports, in conjunction with other experts in the company and external consultants/CROs, to prepare regulatory submission documentation.
- Contribute to candidate confirmation, development strategy, including clinical indications in CNS, early clinical trial design, clinical study protocols and finalize preclinical and clinical study reports.
- Partner with other team members and consultants to define first-in-human clinical dosing strategies.
- Author preclinical pharmacology, in vitro and in vivo sections of regulatory documents.
- Drafting grant applications and scientific articles in collaboration with other team members and external collaborators.
- Contribute to building and developing appropriate relationships with key opinion leaders and SAB members.
- Stay informed and up to date on the latest scientific advancements in the field of neuroscience related to the Company focus (e.g., scientific publications, clinical trials, competitive landscape and partnerships).
- Collaborate cross functionally with all relevant areas to support strategic objectives.

- Execute deliverables adhering to timelines and budgets.

Qualification and Skills Requirements:

- PhD degree in neuroscience, pharmacology or related disciplines, with 8+ years professional experience in the biopharmaceutical/biotech industry.
- Strong scientific expertise in CNS, in particular neuropsychiatry.
- Proven experience in the design, development, and validation of in vitro and in vivo models for CNS diseases, in particular neuropsychiatric diseases.
- Relevant experience in the management of multidisciplinary scientific projects and monitoring of project plans, resources and budgets in collaboration with external partners and CROs.
- Demonstrated ability to supervise and manage relationships with CROs, consultants, academic collaborators and other institutions.
- Experience in the broad process of early drug development from candidate selection to clinical proof-of-concept in the field of CNS.
- Relevant experience with the regulatory and legal environment for preclinical development (IND filing).
- Familiar with the regulatory and legal environment for early clinical development in CNS.
- Experience of direct regulatory interactions for preclinical and early clinical development is an asset.
- Competency in working in cross-disciplinary project teams and to coordinate activities under pressure of time and workload.
- Strong organization, negotiation and strategic-thinking skills with solution-oriented, reliable and proactive team-player attitude.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- High proficiency in English (written and spoken) is a must, German is an asset.

To apply, please send your CV and motivation letter to info@synendos.com