

GROUP LEADER BIOLOGY

THE COMPANY

Sitryx Therapeutics Limited is an immunometabolism company focused on applying breaking science relating to the manipulation of metabolism and metabolic reprogramming to develop disease modifying therapeutics targeting:

- Immuno-inflammation: switching immune cell activity from a pathogenic to a homeostatic state to treat inflammatory and autoimmune disorders
- Immuno-oncology: Modulating immune cell metabolic pathways to enhance anti-tumour immune responses

Sitryx recently signed an exclusive global licensing and research collaboration with Eli Lilly and Company to develop disease-modifying therapeutics. Sitryx received an upfront payment of \$50 million for this 5-year collaboration and will study up to four novel preclinical targets identified by Sitryx.

THE ROLE

We are seeking a group leader with a proven track record in in vitro pharmacology and small molecule drug discovery. The candidate will report to the Head of Biology and will assume responsibility for establishing robust screening cascades to advance NCE programs from hit finding up to candidate nomination. Assays include biochemical and cellular assays recapitulating key aspects of disease biology and range from HTS to low throughput mode of action studies. In addition, the candidate will be responsible for line management for scientific staff internally and expected to contribute to external collaborations with academic institutions and CROs.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Accountability for managing in house biology resources to ensure achievement of pre-clinical milestones.
- Providing leadership to the biology team responsible for assay development and generating biochemical and cellular data for a number of small molecule programs.
- Providing scientific rationale and insights to identify innovative new targets and deliver differentiated molecules for a diverse small molecule portfolio.
- Implementation of innovative screening cascades for immunometabolism targets from hitID up to candidate selection.
- Contributing to our existing immunometabolism network by collaborating with academic institutions and developing new connections to expand this network.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- PhD in relevant biological discipline with extensive experience in small molecule drug discovery.
- Solid understanding of receptor and enzyme pharmacology and working with broad range of targets.
- Extensive experience developing and validating biochemical and cellular assays to build SAR.
- Track record in leading drug discovery projects and good organizational skills.
- History of successful management of cross functional teams for early drug discovery projects.
- Experience in line managing a team of scientists.
- Good communication and influencing skills.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS

- Background in cell metabolism in immunology or oncology indications.
- Hands on experience running screens for projects at hit identification stage.
- Experience with relevant software tools and statistics for data analysis, pharmacological assessment and the use of automation for compound preparation and assay prosecution.
- Good understanding of laboratory HS&E regulations with respect to HTA.
- Experience with in vivo models of immune-related diseases.

BEHAVIOURS

PERSONAL LEADERSHIP:

- Emotionally intelligent with strong interpersonal and influencing skills.
- Takes initiative and responsibility for actions.

TEAM FOCUS:

- Collaborative with superior communication skills, including active listening.
- Builds strong and effective relationships with internal and external teams.
- Ability to manage change and provide motivational support / development of others as appropriate.

DELIVERY EXCELLENCE:

- Excellent organisational skills and attention to detail.
- Innovative and creative problem solver.
- Demonstrates commitment to goals and a sense of urgency in fulfilling ambitious objectives.

FLEXIBILITY:

- Displays genuine respect for alternate views.
- Adapts personal style to context.
- Forward thinking and able to adjust plans/ priorities accordingly.



IN RETURN WE OFFER

- Competitive salary package incl. pension and 25 days Annual Leave plus Bank Holidays
- Opportunity to work with a fun, dynamic and rapidly growing team

We consider all applications on merit and have a strong commitment to enhancing the diversity of our staff. To apply, please send us your cover letter and CV through the portal on our website, by selecting "Apply for this role" at www.sitryx.com/careers/. Applicants should be able to demonstrate their right to work in the UK.