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Director, Clinical and Translational Development

Company

Visterra is a clinical stage biotechnology company committed to developing innovative biologic therapies (monoclonal antibodies and therapeutic muteins) for the treatment of kidney diseases, with an immuno-nephrology focus in drug development. Our proprietary technology platform enables the design and engineering of precision antibody-based or enhanced product candidates that specifically bind to and modulate key disease targets. Applying this technology to disease targets that are not adequately addressed by traditional therapeutic approaches, we are developing a robust pipeline of novel therapies for patients with unmet needs.

Visterra is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Otsuka America, Inc., which is a U.S. holding company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. of Japan. Visterra has approximately 70 employees and is located in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Summary

The Director, Clinical and Translational Development will report to the Chief Medical Officer, working closely with the Head of Translational Development, scientific research staff, and clinical development teams. Specific job responsibilities will be tailored to the unique training background of the candidate, with an expected emphasis on pre-clinical drug development for mAbs and recombinant proteins in nephrology and immunology/rheumatology indications.

The Director of Clinical and Translational Development position is designed for the recruitment and training of physician scientists who hope to pursue a drug development career path with postings both in the Boston biotech environment (Visterra), and in Japan (Otsuka). Therefore, the principal qualifications include physician training (M.D. degree), fluency in Japanese and English, and laboratory research experience. It is intended that the Waltham based training period will be approximately 2 to 3 years, although this is flexible.

Responsibilities

- In a matrix environment, provides medical and basic science insight to preclinical and clinical development activities, including assessments of disease pathogenesis, unmet medical needs, target identification, and drug development schemas (including optimal endpoint identification).
- Develops clinical development plans and protocol concepts from phase 1 through 3 to expedite drug development.

- Provides scientific oversight and review of preclinical data, and authors reports summarizing ongoing work.
- Works closely with internal teams to accumulate the scientific knowledge necessary to support drug development goals.
- Prepares and presents scientific material for conference presentations or publications.
- Assists in the identification of, and relationship management with key opinion leaders serving Visterra as clinical trial investigators or through their participation in consulting relationships or scientific advisory board membership.
- Manages the preparation of data presentations for manuscripts, and congress presentations.
- Performs other duties as required.

Requirements

- An M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. with specialty training in internal medicine and subspecialty training or research experience in nephrology, immunology, or oncology.
- An ability to synthesize and interpret diverse, multidisciplinary data sets.
- A demonstrated ability to think critically, synthesize and extract simple principles from complex datasets, communicate effectively across a broad spectrum of audience both internal and external, and excellent written skills.
- Clinical development experience preferred.
- Strong verbal communication skills accompanied by scientific writing skills.
- Fluency in both English and Japanese.
- The temperament to enjoy and thrive in a multi-tasked and hands-on environment.
- The ability to work independently, meet deadlines and prioritize work effectively.

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For consideration, please submit a cover letter and resume to careers@visterrainc.com.