

Head of Preclinical Ophthalmology (m/f)

Company: ThromboGenics
a stock exchange (Euronext Brussels) quoted company (symbol: THR)

Department: Preclinical Group

Reporting to/hierarchy: Head of R&D

ThromboGenics is a leading biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of novel therapeutics in a number of important diseases related to the back of the eye, blood vessel and cancer.

The company has successfully completed phase III for microplasmin, its most advanced product candidate for the prevention of vitreo-retinal adhesion; and is expanding its activities in ophthalmology towards becoming a leading drug development organization with a strong pipeline of biological drug candidates in ongoing clinical trials.

Function details: The Head of Preclinical Ophthalmology joins a growing Preclinical Group that currently numbers in excess of 30. (S)he directs preclinical strategy, the establishment of preclinical models of eye diseases and technologies to enable the progress of novel therapeutics to treat back of the eye diseases. This senior level person manages the Preclinical Ophthalmology Group.

Expectations for this role include:

- Define the strategic focus for new and ongoing activities in ophthalmic research activities. Give substantial input into the identification of suitable mechanistic targets and opportunities for relevant conditions in the eye.
- Design, implement and conduct preclinical pharmacology studies for new investigational pharmaceuticals, and analyze the data in preparation for final reports.
- Daily run the laboratory and manage the ophthalmology group of scientists and develop the personnel and productivity of this group.
- Initiate and follow-up collaborations with CROs and academic groups.
- Report and present findings to management and at congresses in appropriate corporate format.
- Write and review sections of regulatory submissions and manuscripts for publication.

Education and qualifications:

- PhD in Pharmacology or Biology with at least 5 years of relevant industrial, preclinical (mandatory; clinical is a plus) experience in the ophthalmology field after completion of post doctoral training.
- Detailed knowledge of the physiology and functioning of the eye and its disorders, together with strong knowledge of treatments and the biological process affected.
- Wide expertise in relevant in vivo models (mice, ...) of ophthalmology and a good understanding of their application and limitations.
- Strong technical troubleshooting skills.
- Knowledge of the drug discovery process as applied to ophthalmology is a plus.
- Knowledge of biomarkers, pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics is a plus.
- Experience in managing collaborations with CROs and academic groups would be a benefit.
- PC literate.

Personality and mentality:

- Highly motivated, team-oriented scientist.
- High-performing, enthusiastic and energetic personality.
- Excellent communicator.
- Driven by quality.
- Like to share knowledge.
- Very good interpersonal skills.
- Well-balanced assertive person.
- Highly integer and honest.
- Respectful, ethical and trustworthy.

Languages: Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.

Mobility/travel: up to 10% worldwide travelling (scientific seminars, visits to CROs, ...).

Job specificities:

- Full-time.
- Permanent employment.
- Location: Leuven, Belgium.
- Starting date: ASAP.

Offer:

- A dynamic, collaborative and enthusiastic work environment.
- A competitive salary package and benefits.
- Help for visa and work permit.
- Moving facilities and help for house hunting.
- Fiscal advice.

Available education/training:

- Room for own initiatives on further education and training.
- A work environment that supports your development.

Career opportunities:

Great opportunities for career development.

Interested?

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