



Head of Biologic Development - Re-Vana Therapeutics

Company Headquarters Belfast Nth Ireland

Reports to: CEO

Department: Development

Location USA or EU (remote)

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Introduction

Re-Vana Therapeutics, founded in 2016 and incorporated in both the U.K. and U.S. is a spin-out from Queen's University Belfast (QUB) Northern Ireland. We are developing innovative and proprietary biodegradable sustained-release technologies for the delivery of biologics and small molecules drugs, with a focus on ophthalmic indications.

Our value proposition is the ability to develop "customized" sustained-release implants capable of delivering both biologics and small molecules for as long as 6 months or more, thus reducing the frequency of ocular injections and reducing or eliminating the need for topical eye drops. The sustained delivery of biologic drugs is recognized as one of the major unmet needs within ophthalmology. Currently, ophthalmic biologic drugs represent a \$14B market worldwide with growth projections reaching more than \$22B by 2024.

Our dual strategy includes the internal development of sustained-release therapeutics alongside the development of external strategic collaborations with major pharmaceutical partners. To date Re-Vana has achieved significant progress and global awareness, raising seed money in 2017, a pre-Series A in 2020 and a Series A in 2022 that included leading U.S. Ophthalmic and U.K. Venture Capital Investors. We have been awarded two significant Innovate U.K. government grants for the development of sustained-release ocular biologics. In 2022, we were awarded the prestigious Ophthalmic Innovation Summit Retina Award for "Drug Delivery Innovation" and the Belfast Chamber "Business Innovation" company of the year. In addition, Re-Vana has established a compelling Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) that includes global ophthalmic opinion leaders.

We wish to further strengthen the team by hiring a full time, industry-experienced Head of Biologic Development, to build and advance our programs. The successful candidate will play an important role in advancing our internal programs and in establishing and guiding external collaborations.

The candidate will be a key member of the leadership team. Reporting to the CEO and working extensively with the CTO, COO, the Belfast based scientific team, external consultants and the SAB, with the aim of accelerating the technical proof of concept studies and defining pre-clinical development pathways for Re-Vana's technologies.

Re-Vana is currently based within dedicated laboratories at QUB, which will allow the successful candidate an opportunity to leverage highly skilled scientists and specialized laboratory equipment in a collaborative environment focused on the commercialization of promising scientific findings.

This is an outstanding opportunity to help build and contribute significantly to the strategic success of a well-capitalized, highly innovative startup company within a multibillion dollar market.

Description of Role:

Re-Vana is looking for an individual to be the leading Biologic Development expert in the company. The role will include oversight, identification and development of biologic development strategies within ophthalmology. He/she will be a member of the leadership team.

Responsibilities

- Leads biologics-focused early stage drug development activities, including internal and external programs
- Develops and manages "best practice" Biologics development processes relevant to a startup company
- Design and oversee experiments to support non-clinical and early clinical drug development, including management of external CROs
- Participates in developing and managing the R&D budget
- Identify new IP strategies, in partnership with the CTO and COO
- Define and manages future growth initiatives and expansion
- Directs and manages external technical consultants and provides insights to the Re-Vana Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)
- Supports CEO with capital raises and strategic collaboration programs
- Prepares and delivers presentations based on scientific and technical progress/innovations

Requirements

- PhD in Protein Engineering, Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, relevant Life Science
- 5 to 10 years industry experience in early to late-stage translational biologic drug development
- Experience working in the ophthalmic drug development space strongly preferred
- Experience working with polymer-based sustained release drug delivery systems and/or within the field of ophthalmic drug development are not necessary but viewed as a plus
- Proven experience building and leading a scientific team and managing PhD direct reports
- Experience in early product development, scale-up, CMC, GMP, relevant ISO standards

- Knowledge of regulatory requirements of biologics pharmaceutical product development
- Detail oriented and well organized
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Project management and planning skills
- Ability to thrive in a fast-paced, dynamic environment
- Strong problem-solving and decision-making abilities

Additional

Remuneration to be based on a fixed salary, bonus and stock options relevant to a startup organization

The successful candidate can work remotely and be based in the U.S. or the EU with travel commitments, approx. 20-30% to Belfast Nth Ireland

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