Position Title: Project Leader

Reports to: Head of Biologics

Department: R&D

Location Belfast, Northern Ireland

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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. Since being spun-out of QUB in 2016, 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. To date, we have been awarded two significant U.K. government grants for the development of sustained-release ocular biologics. In addition, Re-Vana has established a compelling Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) that includes global ophthalmic opinion leaders. 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.

We are seeking to further strengthen the team by hiring a full-time, Project Leader to lead and manage one or several molecule projects (internal development and/or external strategic collaboration) within the company.

The successful candidate will be a key member of the Belfast based team. Reporting to the Head of Biologics, he/she will work extensively with the Director of Project Management, CTO, COO, Technology Leaders and internal scientific team.

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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 potential.

Description of Role:

To Project lead one or several asset programs at pre-clinical product development stage and/or in strategic collaboration in support of the company's strategic plan. Prepare and provide strategic and tactical planning of the project(s), execute project(s) to deliver all agreed technical and therapeutic programs on time, managing the R&D project team to achieve set objectives.

Responsibilities:

- Execution responsibility for one or several internal pre-clinical and strategic collaboration projects to ensure high quality products are developed in alignment with strategic goals, industry best-practices, and regulatory requirements and guidance's
- Management of appointed CRO(s) and CDMO(s) for development of combination drug/medical device(s)
- Manage project-level budgets and product development timelines
- Manage project team of analytical/formulation scientists
- Contribute with technical and industry knowledge to the scientific and senior management team, applying technical and industry knowledge
- Follow trends and technologies within polymer based biodegradable drug delivery therapeutics materials, and process technology that potentially address unmet clinical needs for new programs and/or product development challenges for existing programs
- Develops R&D project reports for internal management or clients
- Work with Re-Vana leadership to develop a pro-active, team-oriented culture
- Mentor scientific team members to be empowered and continually improve performance and achieve personal development goals
- Apply scientific, therapeutic and technical knowledge of drug/device combination product to assist company in development of new products and enhancements to existing products
- Contribute to the intellectual property of the company via invention and patent applications
- Demonstrate a primary commitment to patient safety and product quality by maintaining compliance with Company's quality policies and procedures
- Other activities to support the Company in meeting its operational, strategic, and financial goals

Requirements:

- MS or Ph.D. in life-science or biomedical engineering discipline
- At least 5 years of progressively responsible positions in product development of pharmaceutical products - biologics preferred, and/or drug/device combination products
- 3+ years of prior Project Leadership experience. Product development program/project management from concept to commercialization preferred
- Prior knowledge and background in the design & development of one of the following areas: biologic drugs development, medical devices or drug delivery technologies from concept to commercialization
- Experience with drug/device combination product and polymers strongly preferred
- Able to work effectively within the confines of a regulated, quality-system driven, FDA-monitored combination product environment required
- Excellent communication, leadership, problem-solving, and time management skills
- Ability to effectively interact with all levels of professionals, backgrounds, and perspectives

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