

Principal Scientist I or II**, PK Sciences Therapeutic Areas

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About the Role

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Location: Basel, Switzerland

Key responsibilities:

- Represent the PK Sciences function in project teams, interactions with stakeholders within the organization and interactions with regulatory agencies, as appropriate
- Proactively contributes to developing drug candidates across Research Development and Commercial continuum, providing expert pharmacokinetic / drug metabolism and clinical pharmacology input
- Work with teams to elucidate the understanding of PK/PD relationships and develop dosing strategies and predictions
- Develop and execute clinical pharmacology strategies, including input into nonclinical and clinical study design, and analyzing PK and PK/PD data, to support compound development from discovery through late development
- Provide PK, dosage, and PK/PD components of study protocols, reports, project summaries and development plans, and author pharmacokinetic/clinical pharmacology/biopharmaceutics sections of IND/IMPDs and NDA/BLAs as well as prepare appropriate responses to Health Authority questions
- Drive close interdisciplinary collaboration among the PK Science disciplines, Drug Disposition (ADME, BA), Modeling & Simulation (M&S), through PK science sub-teams.
- Works in close collaboration with clinicians and clinical development colleagues to integrate PKS insights into study design, data interpretation, and project decision-making
- Use of Artificial intelligence (AI) / Machine Learning (ML) approaches to enable model guided molecular design, preclinical and clinical data automation, authoring regulatory documents, and the use of predictive models

This role reports to Therapeutic Area group in PK Sciences within Translational Medicine (TM) in Biomedical Research. PKS is a global organization situated within Translational Medicine (TM), the clinical research arm of Biomedical Research within Novartis. PK Sciences plays a pivotal role in bringing innovative medicines to patients, by building on research advances to develop new therapies, bridging drug discovery and clinical application. PK Science is an enterprise-wide organization, working across both Biomedical Research and the Development organizations to advance the scientific knowledge of pharmacokinetics, metabolism and clinical pharmacology.

Essential requirements:

- Ph.D. / Pharm.D. with relevant experience in clinical pharmacology, drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics or a related background.
- A minimum of 0-2 years of experience in drug discovery and/or development in a relevant environment (academia, CRO, biotech or Pharma). 2+ years of experience preferably in a lead role overseeing ADME/DMPK project strategy, either in discovery or clinical development to be considered for Principal Scientist II
- Extensive and in-depth knowledge of pharmacokinetics including, drug metabolism and PK/PD evaluation, experience in working in project teams (preferably global) as well as sound awareness of recent developments in drug development and regulatory sciences.
- Exposure to working in a cross-functional, matrixed, project-team environment.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

Desirable Requirements:

- Hands-on project experience with Artificial intelligence (AI) / Machine Learning (ML) approaches is a plus

Leadership / Novartis Behaviors in Action

- Delivers results through disciplined execution, continuous improvement, and a strong focus on value and outcomes.
- Demonstrates an enterprise mindset and strong ownership by prioritizing resources and decisions for maximum Novartis and patient impact.
- Role models Novartis leadership behaviors through visible actions, continuous self reflection, and openness to feedback
- Builds trust through transparent communication, clear accountability, and consistent delivery against commitments.

AI fluency:

- Brings strong AI and digital fluency, using enterprise tools to enhance insight generation, decision making, and team productivity.

**This is a dual level posting. The final level & title of the offer role would be determined by the hiring team based on the skills, experience & capabilities required to perform the role at the level the role has been offered.

Role Requirements

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Division

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Business Unit

Research

Location

LOC_CH

Site

Basel (City)

Company / Legal Entity

C028 (FCRS = CH028) Novartis Pharma AG

Functional Area

FCT_RD

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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