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Global Head of Molecular and Cellular Sciences

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About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

- Responsible for supporting the development and delivery of diverse biomarker strategies, plans and data across the BR and Dev General Medicine portfolio enabling proof of concept/mechanism goals, understanding of drug safety, the development of translational PK/PD models.
- Provide biomarker expertise to clinical teams who contribute to and implement complex “fit for purpose” biomarker strategies at study, program, and disease area levels in partnership with Disease Areas/Units and all Translational Medicine line functions.
- Maintain “state of the art” science/technical expertise across several diverse molecular and cellular marker areas to enable mid/long term development of innovative clinical endpoints/markers and patient centric/point of care testing.
- Share expertise/knowledge with Oncology/Immune Oncology teams where appropriate.
- Lead the identification and advancement of early precision medicine biomarker approaches for advancement into later stage drug development (in partnership with Clinical Innovation).
- Prioritize and allocate resources across multiple functions within the MCS line function to meet portfolio needs.

Essential Requirements:

- PhD and/or MD with broad biology/technology knowledge in the clinical biomarker field
- 10+ years of impactful experience working in Pharma and/or biotechnology R&D business functions, Clinical Research Organization (CRO) or equivalent academic experience leading internal and external high performing diverse teams and matrix organizations
- Demonstrated technical and scientific expertise in multiple areas for development of innovative biomarker solutions
- Well-developed interpersonal skills with good presence and ability to influence and negotiate with senior leadership; experienced presenter and communicator
- Recognized internally and internationally externally by key stakeholders; in depth understanding of external environment/trends; develops a strong professional network

Desirable Requirements:

- Fluent in oral and written English; other languages e.g. German, French, Italian useful but not required

Accessibility and Accommodation:

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