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Job Title: Associate Director/ Director, Medicinal Chemistry

Company Summary:

Atavistik Bio is a new, privately-held biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of novel therapies for metabolic diseases and cancer. Our high-throughput platform for the unbiased identification of metabolite-protein interactions will enable the discovery of first-in-class drugs inspired and empowered by nature's own mechanisms of allosteric control. Our unique approach combines this validated platform and novel insights in metabolism with structure-aided drug design to discover novel medicines for genetically-validated targets.

Position Summary:

We are looking for a talented and self-driven individual with a strong background in medicinal chemistry to join Atavistik's Discovery group. This individual will assume a leading role in shaping the growing medicinal chemistry organization, drive innovation internally and externally, and ensure project goals are delivered on time. The individual will play a central role in collaborating with both internal and CRO researchers in enabling new projects for drug discovery at Atavistik. Successful candidates will be able to thrive in a fast-paced environment and be passionate about science. This individual will report directly to the Head of Chemistry.

Key Responsibilities:

- Creative thinker to design and implement medicinal chemistry and drug discovery strategies for novel small molecule projects from Hit finding to IND-enabling studies
- Leadership: Provide scientific and strategic leadership to drive progression of drug discovery projects from screening to development candidate. Lead multi-disciplinary teams, utilizing cross-functional data to drive drug discovery strategies in a matrix organization environment.
- Coordinate and manage external partners effectively to ensure project goals are achieved. Pro-actively solve problems and address synthetic challenges
- Collaborate with cross-functional partners in biochemistry, biology, molecular pharmacology, etc. to drive programs to key go/no go decisions
- Proactively communicate strategic objectives to team members and determine project scope and budgets.
- Contribute to intellectual property strategies and contribute to the drafting of patent applications
- Present scientific results internally (or externally) in a concise and effective manner, including scientific challenges, and strategy development to address any issues
- Build and foster an inclusive work environment including managing direct reports



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Required Qualifications:

- Doctoral degree (PhD) or equivalent in synthetic organic chemistry or medicinal chemistry
- >10 years of experience in a pharmaceutical industry/biotech in the field of small molecule drug design with a proven record of leading projects towards clinical candidates, managing a chemistry team including CRO chemists
- Advanced knowledge and expertise of modern synthetic methods, advanced principles of medicinal chemistry and protein-ligand interactions, including structure-based drug discovery (SBDD), and experience in partnering with computational chemists, pharmacologists, DMPK, toxicologists to drive program deliverables
- Track record of innovation and impact on programs as evidenced by patent inventorship and authorship of peer-reviewed publications
- Deep understanding of the patent process and the ability to draft technical patent applications independently
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to present results in a concise and clear way to audiences of diverse scientific and business backgrounds
- Highly organized, self-motivated, and desire to succeed in a fast-paced organization

For immediate consideration please share your CV complete with a full list of publications.

Benefits:

Atavistik Bio offers competitive compensation, including equity-based compensation, and a comprehensive benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision, 401(k) retirement plan, life insurance and a flexible spending account for either health care and/or dependent care.