

Associate Director Biostatistics

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Summary

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About the Role

Our Development Team is guided by our purpose: to reimagine medicine to improve and extend people's lives.

To do this, we are optimizing and strengthening our processes and ways of working. We are investing in new technologies and building specific therapeutic areas and platform depth and capabilities – all to bring our medicines to patients even faster.

We are seeking key talent, like you, to join us and help give people with disease and their families a brighter future to look forward to.

Apply today and welcome to where we thrive together!

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Representing the Biostatistics and Pharmacometrics function both internally and externally on decision boards, developing and mentoring other statisticians, and providing solutions to the organization. You may have the responsibility of leading a team of up to 8 associates.

This role offers hybrid working, requiring 3 days per week or 12 days per month in our London Office.

Key requirements:

- Responsible for all statistical tasks on assigned clinical or non-clinical trials and perform these tasks for high complexity trials with a high level of independence seeking peer input/review as required.
Responsible for protocol development in alignment with the development plan, developing statistical

analysis plan, and reporting activities.

- Contribute to planning and execution of exploratory analyses, innovative analyses related to publications and pricing & reimbursement submission and/or PK, PK/PD analyses, exploratory biomarker and diagnostic analyses, and statistical consultation. Initiate, drive, and implement novel methods and innovative trial designs and dose-finding strategies in alignment with the Lead Statistician.
- Experience in providing statistical expertise to support submission activities, including documents, meetings with and responses to Health Authorities, pricing agencies and drug development activities, as required.
- Independently lead interactions with external review boards/ethics committees, external consultants, and other external parties with oversight as appropriate. Represent Novartis in statistical discussions at external congresses, conferences, scientific meetings.
- Represent the Biostatistics & Pharmacometrics Line Function on cross-functional teams for the assigned trials. Responsible for functional alignment and ensuring line function awareness throughout the trials.
- Collaborate with other line functions. Explain statistical concepts in an easily understandable way to non-statisticians and provide adequate statistical justifications and interpretation of analysis results for actions/decisions/statements, when required.
- Establish and maintain sound working relationships and effective communication within the clinical trial team and Biostatistics & Pharmacometrics team.
- Independent oversight of Biostatistics resources and deliverables for assigned trials. Ensure timeliness and adequate quality of all Biostatistics deliverables for the assigned trials and/or non-clinical related activities.

Your Experience:

- MS Statistics with 10+ years' work experience or PhD (in Statistics or equivalent) with 6 years + work experience
- Fluent in English with strong communication and presentation skills, with the ability to articulate complex concepts to diverse audiences.
- Effective utilization of innovative statistics and quantitative analytics to influence assigned program team decisions and support department to deliver objectives.
- Proven knowledge and expertise in statistics and its application to clinical trials. Depending on the assignment, may require proven expertise in pharmacokinetics, exposure-response modelling, exploratory biomarker, diagnostic analyses, applied Bayesian statistics, or data exploration skills. Demonstrated excellence in use of statistical software packages (e.g. SAS, R). Strong knowledge of drug development and Health Authority guidelines. Experience independently leading a multidisciplinary team to achieve team objectives. Expert skills to facilitate and maximize the contribution of quantitative team. Hands-on experience in leading the interface to regulatory agencies/leading the early clinical development campaign.
- Strong understanding of Franchise/Therapeutic Area and or regulatory activities. Expert scientific leadership skills demonstrated in facilitating and optimizing the (pre/early/full-) clinical development strategy. Strong track record for global scientific leadership in the development and evaluation of modern program/trial design methodologies.
- Demonstrated strong skills in building partnerships and collaborations. Ability to mentor up to 8 associates.

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Division

Development

Business Unit

Universal Hierarchy Node

Location

United Kingdom

Site

London (The Westworks)

Company / Legal Entity

GB16 (FCRS = GB016) Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd.

Functional Area

Research & Development

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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