

Sr. Manager, Stability, Material, and Quality System Management, Cell and Gene Therapy Analytical Operations

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REQ-10031733
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USA

Summary

Location: East Hanover, NJ, United States (On-site)

Position will be onsite.

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Join Our Vision: At Novartis, we are on a transformative journey in cell and gene therapy, pushing the boundaries of medical innovation. We are currently seeking a dynamic and visionary Sr. Manager to lead our Cell and Gene Therapy Analytical Operations Stability, Material, and Quality System Management group. This pivotal role is not just about leading a team; it's about shaping the future of cell and gene therapy.

Your Role: As the Senior Manager, Stability, Material and Quality System Management you'll be leading a team responsible for raw materials, sample management, stability studies and quality system management in the Cell and Gene Therapy Analytical Operations organization. You will ensure the testing, release, and stability of raw materials and finished products meet quality standards and regulatory requirements for Novartis Cell and Gene clinical products. Reporting to the Head of Cell and Gene Therapy Analytical Operations, you will be a vital link between Analytical Development, Pilot Plant manufacturing, Quality Assurance and Technical Operations.

About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead and manage a team of Quality Control associates in performing routine raw material inspection and supporting raw material specifications, including justification of specifications for Novartis Cell and Gene products in the clinical stages.
- Oversee various stability studies (long terms, accelerated, stressed) on Drug Substance, Drug Product or Final Product for Cell and Gene therapies, both internally and externally.
- Coordinate shift work, activities and priorities to meet the required business timelines, serving as the primary point of contact for communication with management.
- Develop strategies for trending stability data and monitoring stability trends for all studies related to viral vectors or finished products in real time.
- Design and lead comprehensive studies related to raw materials and stability, ensuring scientific rigor and regulatory compliance. Influence internal stake holders and justify approaches to drive alignment. Respond efficiently and effectively to Health Authority queries regarding these areas.

- Organize, plan, and support team members with technical questions, ensuring group's efficiency and accountability. Mentor and coach team members, facilitating their career growth and professional development.
- Ensure that all activities, follow current Good Manufacturing Practices, and Health, Safety, and Environmental policies per the global/local Novartis standards.
- Lead and perform Out-of-Specification (OOS)/Our-of-Expectation (OOE) investigations. Manage change controls, deviations, and CAPA implementation.
- Support laboratory inspections and audits, including follow-up actions to address any findings.
- Foster clear and precise communication within the team and across departments to ensure transparency, collaboration, and efficiency.
- Plan and manage resources and budget including Capital Expenditure (CapEx).

Requirements:

- BS with a minimum of 6 years of industry experience in Stability and/or Material management in biotech or pharmaceutical companies, including at least 2 years of direct people management experience in a Quality Control environment.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in material management and stability programs for Cell and Gene or Biological products.
- Extensive experience working in a GMP environment.
- Familiarity with ICH and agency guidelines related to raw materials and stability for Cell and Gene Therapies.
- Strong communication, scientific writing, and presentation skills.

Desirable Requirements:

- Experience in resource and budget management.
- Experience with electronic systems such as SAP, LIMS, and Quality Management Systems.

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Functional Area

Quality

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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