Director/Senior Director, Immuno-Oncology Research

Background: Checkmate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a clinical stage company that is leveraging its expertise in the field of CpG oligonucleotides to discover and develop immunotherapies designed to increase the efficacy of existing immunotherapies and to provide new treatment options for patients and their healthcare providers. Checkmate's lead product candidate, CMP-001, is an investigational cancer immunotherapeutic that has been shown to reverse resistance to PD-1 therapy in some patients. Checkmate is a publicly held company headquartered in Cambridge, MA. Additional information regarding Checkmate is available at www.checkmatepharma.com.

Location: Cambridge, MA

Checkmate seeks an experienced and highly motivated individual to coordinate the research and translational support for the late stage clinical development of our lead TLR9 agonist, CMP-001, and to lead the research and preclinical development of new immune stimulatory therapies. The individual will report to the CSO and will operate in a matrixed role interfacing closely with CMC, Regulatory, Safety Pharmacology, and Toxicology with support from external CROs, consultants, and academic collaborators.

The successful candidate will:

- Have the primary responsibility to provide and coordinate research and translational support for the late phase clinical development and regulatory approval of a novel innate immune activator, CMP-001, in advanced melanoma and new tumor indications
- Serve as the preclinical research leader to coordinate the discovery and preclinical development of novel innate immune activators, guiding their transition into clinical development in oncology, infectious diseases, and other disease indications
- Coordinate external CROs, consultants, and academic collaborations to select drug candidates and characterize their pharmacology and mechanisms of action
- Work closely with cross-functional teams to ensure timely execution and communication of research results with high quality standards
- Interpret scientific data, author, and review data summaries for internal and external stakeholders, including regulatory filings
- Prepare program presentations for diverse audiences, including project teams, senior management, and both external parties and KOLs
- Assume responsibility and work collaboratively to ensure that corporate goals and timelines are met

The successful candidate has:

- Ph.D. in immunology, biology, or related field, or equivalent experience
- 10+ years of relevant industry experience in biotech and/or pharma
- Deep experience in discovery/preclinical/clinical-stage development of immune-modulating therapeutics for cancer
- Strong understanding of immunology, immunotherapy and immuno-oncology, and solid knowledge of relevant assays, model systems and resources

- Working understanding of bioinformatics and translational biology
- Proven track record in scientific leadership & project and team management in drug development
- Outstanding organizational skills and ability to manage multiple different projects simultaneously
- Strong verbal and written communication skills with ability to clearly express scientific findings to diverse audiences
- Demonstrated ability to proactively anticipate technical issues that arise during project execution and to consult with management and project teams to identify solutions to expedite resolution
- Self-motivated, conscientious, and passionate about developing new therapeutics

Candidates must be authorized to work in the U.S.
This is a full-time position and is eligible for company benefits.

Checkmate is an EEO employer

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