Skyhawk’s mission is to discover and develop small molecule therapeutics to correct RNA mis-expression targeting a broad range of diseases from rare neurological conditions to cancers. Skyhawk uses a set of proprietary tools on the forefront of RNA technology to quickly yield preliminary drug candidates. Our goal is to develop novel treatments for some of the world’s most intractable diseases. For more information about the company, please visit our website (www.skyhawktx.com).

We are currently looking to hire a highly motivated and talented

**Associate Director, Medicinal Chemistry (100%)**

...to join our fast-growing team based in the Basel Technology Park (Stücki), in Switzerland.

The successful candidate will be part of an interdisciplinary research team developing novel small molecule therapeutics that target and correct RNA expression.

**Your primary responsibilities include:**

- Design and execute hit to lead/lead optimization strategies for compound progression on discovery programs
- Provide both scientific and managerial leadership to chemistry CRO’s to synthesize NCEs
- Proven ability to successfully troubleshoot NCE synthesis issues
- Work closely with computational and structural scientists to understand SAR; responsible for the design and development of novel NCEs
- Ability to think creatively “outside the box” in the design of NCEs
- Collaborate with and contribute to multidisciplinary research project teams
- Summarize data in an organized and presentable fashion

**Your required experience and skills:**

- PhD in Chemistry
- Strong synthetic organic chemistry skills
- 10+ years successful track record in laboratory medicinal chemistry in an industrial setting
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in managing CRO resources
- Proven track record of drug discovery success having participated on multiple projects that have delivered drug development candidates
- Demonstrated experience in project leadership and problem solving
- Proficiency in MS Office package and GraphPad prism
- Excellent planning and organizing skills, able to manage multiple tasks simultaneously and set priorities
- Fluent in English (spoken and written). Any further languages are an asset
• Flexible, proactive, efficient and able to work independently with a fast-paced, dynamic work environment on interdisciplinary team
• Effective team player, high-energy and positive personality

If your profile matches the above description, please send your CV and motivation letter by email to: swiss-careers@skyhawktx.com