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## **Job Description**

### **Halda Therapeutics – Research Investigator/Principal Scientist- Biology**

Halda Therapeutics is a New Haven CT based, venture-backed biotechnology company focused on the development of a proprietary RIPTAC™ (Regulated Induced Proximity TArgeting Chimeras) therapeutics that work by a novel “hold and kill” mechanism for the precision treatment of cancer. The novel mechanism of action of RIPTAC therapeutics is uniquely designed to address cancer’s ability to evolve bypass mechanisms of resistance, a common limitation of today’s precision oncology medicines.

Halda was founded by Yale Professor Craig Crews and is led by a leadership team with deep expertise in bifunctional drug discovery, platform innovation, and company building, and is located in New Haven, CT. We are funded by top tier venture capital firms.

## **The Position**

We are looking for a scientist with a strong foundation in cell biology/chemical biology to lead hit identification and lead optimization efforts. The candidate should have a background in cellular signal transduction pathways and/or small molecule mode of action, including previous experience developing and implementing assays enabling determination of the cellular potency and selectivity of small molecules, evaluation of molecular interactions, and interrogation of oncogenic signaling. The candidate would be expected to lead biology efforts on novel RIPTAC programs, as well as contribute to the development of the technology platform, through a combination of benchwork, data organization, and presentation for the scientific and management teams.

## **Qualifications**

- Ph.D. in cell biology/chemical biology or a related field, with 5+ years of work experience including at least 2 years in the biotech or pharmaceutical industry.
- Ability and desire to lead early discovery projects into lead optimization and beyond.
- Hands on experience generating, developing, and executing cell-based assays to triage compounds by activity and selectivity.
- Extensive first-hand experience engineering cell lines to overexpress, mutate, knock down, and knock out genes of interest.
- Experience with standard analytical techniques such as immunoblotting, ELISA, flow cytometry etc.
- Ability to stay on top of the latest scientific understanding in the targeted therapy field, with a commitment to deep knowledge in project-specific biology, from target validation to clinical data.
- Ability to design experiments that answer specific questions and communicate results and interpretation to the rest of the scientific team.
- Ability to proactively identify, evaluate, and manage external vendors of assay services and studies.

## **An ideal candidate will also have:**

- Experience performing cellular mode-of action studies with small molecules.
- Experience designing and overseeing in vivo animal studies.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, organizational, teamwork, and planning skills to accomplish multiple tasks and meet deadlines in a timely manner.
- Ability to function within a multi-disciplinary team of cell biologists, chemists, structural biologists, and biochemists to advance small-molecule drug discovery projects.

**Compensation**

The estimated salary range for this position is \$130,000 to \$160,000. Actual compensation will be dependent on candidate experience and other factors.

The compensation will also include an annual bonus and equity.

**Benefits**

Halda offers a competitive benefit package, including subsidized medical, dental, vision, ST/LT disability, a 401k Plan with generous company contribution and free parking at our New Haven headquarters. We also offer tuition reimbursement and paid parental leave.

If you are interested in this opportunity and meet the requirements, please submit your resume and cover letter by email to [HR@haldathera.com](mailto:HR@haldathera.com) for consideration.