

## **Job Description**



## **Preclinical Project Manager**

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## The Company

**Company:** Cantargia AB  
**Position:** Preclinical Project Manager  
**Reporting to:** Vice President, Cancer Research  
**Place of position:** Lund, Sweden

### Cantargia

*"We want to save patients with severe cancer and autoimmune diseases. We focus on immuno-oncology - the strongest growing drug segment - and benefit from well-established antibody technology to design new target drugs.", says CEO Göran Forsberg.*

*Cantargia AB was established in 2009/2010 and is a research-based biotechnology company engaged in research and development of antibody-based therapy against severe diseases. The company is specialized in antibody-based treatment aimed at the target molecule Interleukin-1 Receptor Accessory Protein ("IL1RAP"), which has the potential to be used against several different forms of cancer as well as for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases.*

*Cantargia's vision is to develop and safeguard a novel generation of drugs targeting IL1RAP as an important part of the cancer treatments of tomorrow. Our vision also includes the development of new drug candidates to treat autoimmune/inflammatory diseases.*

*Cancer is one of the most common causes of death and accounts for about 20 percent of deaths in the western world. Globally, more than 14 million people are diagnosed with cancer annually and more than 8 million are losing their lives through cancer-related diseases. Despite significant advances in treatment and diagnostics, there is a great need for new treatment methods.*

*The original discovery made by the research team behind Cantargia was that the specific target molecule, IL1RAP, was found on cancer cells from patients with leukemia but not on normal stem cells in the bone marrow. In subsequent research Cantargia has shown that IL1RAP is also expressed on cancer cells in a large number of other cancer diseases. In its most advanced project, Cantargia is developing the CANO4 antibody to fight cancer both by activating the immune system and by blocking signals that drive tumour growth. During the initial development, Cantargia has chosen to focus on non-small cell lung cancer and pancreatic cancer, the clinical evaluation started in 2017 and is now in phase 2. At the same time, Cantargia is developing new antibodies aimed at treatment of inflammatory diseases, these projects are in early phase and is estimated to reach clinical development within a few years.*

*Cantargia offers employment in a company where all activities are controlled from Lund but performed by contract organizations throughout the world. The activities are within the research frontier and range from development of new concepts to clinical development. Today the company consists of 11 people and also engages a number of consultants and collaboration partners. Cantargia is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm and is located at Ideon Science Park in Lund. For further information about Cantargia, see the company's website, [www.cantargia.com](http://www.cantargia.com).*

## The role as Preclinical Project Manager

We are looking for a Project Manager and scientific expert with understanding of drug development. You must have knowledge and experience from preclinical work in immunology and/or oncology. You will work in our CAN04 project, where we use IL1RAP as a cancer targeting molecule, but also with CANxx that focuses on the development of medicines for inflammatory or autoimmune diseases.

You will run, implement and further develop new and existing projects according to Cantargia's strategy. You will lead the implementation of scientific activities within each individual project. You will cooperate with and report to the company's VP Cancer Research.

You should plan, initiate and monitor experiments, analyse data and draw conclusions. The role includes to procure services from CROs and coordinate the work with the CROs and other involved. The work involves many contacts both internally and externally, including international CROs/collaborators/research groups, which imposes high demands on communication skills and diplomatic ability.

You have a strong driving force with the ability to take your own initiatives. As the company is small, you must have a "can do" attitude and not be afraid to "roll up your sleeves". While you are independent, you are also a proactive team player who likes to have a coordinating and project-leading role.

## Profile

Cantargia runs most of its activities in a virtual environment and it is therefore important that you have good communication skills and a strong drive with an ability to take your own initiatives. In addition to a project manager, we are also looking for a scientific expert, where we would like you to contribute with your own unique research experience. As the company is small, you need a "can do" attitude and not be afraid of participating in all activities. At the same time as you are independent, you are also a team-player that enjoys a coordinating role.

## Qualifications and skills

- PhD in Science
- Experience of biotech/pharmaceutical companies or academic postdoc experience
- Experience of preclinical research within immunology and/or oncology
- Experience from working with international contacts
- Experience of project management
- Experience from work with biomarkers/immune histochemistry is an advantage
- Experience from selection and contracting of subcontractors/CRO is an advantage
- Good knowledge in English, both in speech and in writing
- Experience of Microsoft Office

### Professional and personal competences

- Applies and shares specialised and detailed technical expertise. Strong analytical ability.
- Strong ability to organise, plan and implement activities according to set goals, and capability to run several activities simultaneously
- Creates good relationships and networks with stakeholders at different levels, demonstrating interest and understanding for other people
- Takes own initiatives, works independently, makes quick and clear decisions
- Shows quick understanding of new information and collects comprehensive information to support decision making
- Adapts to changing conditions and accepts new ideas and initiatives
- Works productively in a high-pressure environment and balances the demands of work and personal life. Has a positive attitude towards work.

### Key responsibilities

- Coordinate planning and implementation of preclinical studies
- Responsible for updating project plans, such as project goals, timelines, budget, resources, etc.
- Present project status including risk management, budget, resources, etc. to project teams
- Write/coordinate study protocols and reports
- Responsible for procurement and contacts with CROs/consultants
- Maintain knowledge of regulations and standards for preclinical research as well as responsibility for compliance
- Keep overall updated within relevant immunology/oncology activities globally
- Attend conferences and present research results

### Other

The role is located at the office in Lund and involves some travel to meetings with researchers, CROs and congresses, both inside and outside Sweden.

### Opportunities

Cantargia aims to develop drugs that can become an important part of the future's cancer treatment as well as in autoimmune/inflammatory diseases. You will be able to work in a small entrepreneurial pharmaceutical company, in the forefront of immuno-oncology, with research that can make a big difference for patients with e.g. non-small cell lung cancer and pancreatic cancer. Cantargia has several exciting projects in progress and you will have a large international network.

### Contact information

*For inquiries and more information about the position, please contact David Liberg, VP Cancer Research, Cantargia AB ([david.liberg@cantargia.com](mailto:david.liberg@cantargia.com))*

Application

Apply [here](#)