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Job title: Operations Technical Specialist X2 Location: Southampton

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Job Summary

As the Operations Technical Specialist, you will be working within the Manufacturing Technical Department (MTD). The MTD team works very closely with the R&D, Quality Control and Manufacturing departments to support manufacture of newly developed and existing products. The role will have a particular focus on ensuring newly developed R&D products are able to transition into manufactured products and to resolve manufacturing problems.

This role requires scientific investigative skills, good knowledge of PCR and qPCR, excellent documentation skills and attention to detail, as well as experience in a laboratory and/or manufacturing environment. The Operations Technical Specialist duties will include introducing new products into manufacturing through understanding data/evidence generated from R&D projects and translating the information into manufacturing and product documentation (SOPs, Supporting Technical Reports), product validation studies, assist in product failure investigations, as well as support and review investigations by the QC team. There is a strong requirement for understanding and interpreting data, problem solving, root cause analysis, and fault finding within the products themselves and the manufacturing processes, with the aim to drive improvements in the quality and production of products.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Assist in the design of experimental studies
- Take responsibility for the execution and completion of experiments, including investigative experiments and product validation experiments
- Take responsibility for the execution and completion of study documentation (including technical summaries) in line with an ISO13485 quality management system as well as any other relevant regulatory standards e.g. CE IVD
- Assist in the data analysis and data interpretation
- SOP and report writing and review
- Assist in the resolution of manufacturing issues and technical problem solving
- The provision of expert technical support for the manufacturing team
- Contribute to process improvements to drive manufacturing efficiency and accuracy
- Contribute to the development of alternative or novel methods to update pre-existing QC and manufacturing processes
- Use of sage to build new products, track stock and for investigative purposes
- Participation in project and team meetings including presentation of progress reports on assigned projects
- Explore and advise on new manufacturing methods and raw material options
- Inter departmental working to achieve business goals and implement new process and approaches
- Working to challenging deadlines

Qualifications and experience required

- Bachelor's degree in a related field
- Experience of working within a laboratory and / or manufacturing environment
- Scientific knowledge of PCR and ability to apply knowledge to problem solving
- Problem solving ability
- Scientific investigative skills
- Data analysis and interpretation skills
- Excellent report writing skills

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- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Willingness to learn and challenge existing ideas and practices

 Hours of Work
 37.5 hours per week

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