

LEO Pharma appoints Thomas Hultsch as Head of Translational Medicine

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LEO Pharma specialized in medical dermatology has announced that Thomas Hultsch has been appointed as Head of Translational Medicine as of 28 January, 2019.

Thomas Hultsch's primary task will be to build LEO Pharma's foothold in Translational Medicine across the US and Europe and lead the establishment of a new Translational Medicine group in Boston.

The appointment of Thomas Hultsch underpins LEO Pharma's objective to take the global lead in translational dermatology and immunology, among other by strengthening the way the company uses novel technologies in building a precision medicine platform, and by translating scientific and patient insights to further build the company's disease understanding. Earlier this month, LEO Pharma also announced the appointment of Adam B. Raff, M.D., Ph.D., as Director and Medical Advisor in Translational Medicine.

Kim Kjoeller, Executive Vice President for Global Research and Development at LEO Pharma said, "At LEO Pharma, we work relentlessly to help patients with skin diseases. We are driven by our desire to offer new, innovative medicines better and faster than anyone else, and our aspiration is to help 125 million patients by 2025. The addition of the new unit in Boston will boost our position in Translational Medicine and help us achieve exactly that. It will strengthen LEO Pharma as a science driven organization by increasing our level of science and dermatology knowledge and thus enable us to explore cutting edge technologies in patients more rapidly."

Per Sproegel, Vice President, Medical Science at LEO Pharma said, "Thomas Hultsch comes to LEO Pharma with an extensive network within immune dermatology in the US and Europe as well as an impressive track record of initiating successful scientific collaborations. With his appointment as Head of LEO Pharma's new Translational Medicine Unit in Boston, we are ready to take translational medicine at LEO Pharma to the next level in terms of being a science driven and patient focused company."

Thomas Hultsch is a Doctor of Medicine, a board-certified Dermatologist and Allergist and received his *venia legendi* for immunology from the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany. He trained as a post-doc and fellow at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland focusing on molecular biology, cell biology and clinical immunology/allergy.

Thomas Hultsch, Head of Translational Medicine, LEO Pharma, Boston said, "I am thrilled to join LEO Pharma at a time of break-through discoveries in multiple areas of skin biology and technology, providing unparalleled opportunities to drive innovation in dermatology for the benefit of patients world-wide."

He comes from a position as Senior Director for Translational Medicine at Sanofi US, where he successfully built and operationalized a translational medicine team and brings a wealth of research experience to LEO Pharma, including five years of basic research and more than 15 years of clinical research from different positions in the area of inflammatory diseases in the US and Europe.