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Singapore: Global CRO, Pharmaceutical Product Development, (PPD) has appointed Hacene Mekerri as vice president of its central laboratory organization.

"Hacene has a unique combination of data management and systems expertise, as well as extensive global central laboratory management experience, which make him ideally suited to lead our central laboratory organization," said Dr David Johnston, executive vice president of global laboratory services for PPD.

PPD's service offerings span clinical development, with Phase I-IV services integrated with PPD Laboratories, offering the most comprehensive lab services available in the industry. Ã?Â From early development through late stage research, clients benefit from comprehensive lab services, including bioanalytical, vaccine sciences, GMP, central lab testing and biomarkers.

Mekerri has more than 15 years of management experience in the drug development industry, including with laboratory companies, CROs and pharmaceutical companies. In his most recent posts, he served as managing director for the Asia Pacific region of a large CRO, as well as global director of data management and country head for a global central laboratory focused on late stage clinical trials.