

## CV

**Bert M. Klebl** has gathered more than 15 years of professional experience in drug discovery and early drug development from various positions in the life-science industry. Since its initiation in early 2008, he is managing director (CEO) and CSO of Lead Discovery Center GmbH (LDC) (Dortmund/Germany), a drug discovery enterprise, which was started by Max-Planck Innovation and the German Max-Planck Society (MPG). LDC leverages scientific excellence by incubating academic projects and turning them into products for commercialization. LDC considers itself as one of the few fully integrated “translational research centers”. Today, LDC holds a broad portfolio of small molecule drug discovery projects at various stages and in different therapeutic fields along the value chain. Each individual project is a collaborative effort of LDC and an academic group (typically from the MPG). LDC also entertains early-type partnerships with biotech and pharmaceutical industries, e.g. license and option agreements as well as collaborations with Bayer, Qurient, Merck Serono, AstraZeneca and HMNC. LDC is a professionally managed drug discovery incubator connecting academic research and industrial application.

Before joining LDC, Bert was the Head of Biology at GPC Biotech (Martinsried/Germany). Before that he was Axxima’s (Martinsried/Germany) Vice President Research responsible for discovery and development of the company’s portfolio of small molecule drug candidates for various therapeutic indications, which covered all stages of R&D, from target to the nomination of compounds for development. He was also strongly involved in business development aspects, such as deal making with pharma partners, and fund raising, both through grant applications but also venture capital funding.

In a previous position at Hoechst Marion Roussel and Aventis, he led a global kinase drug discovery platform and worked as project team leader and lab head.

A biologist by training, he earned his PhD in Biochemistry at the University of Konstanz, Germany and did post-doctoral work at the Biotechnology Research Institute of the NRC Canada in Montréal, Canada.

In the course of his research work he published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed journals and is a co-inventor of more than 20 patents and patent applications.