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Apoorva is a scientist by training with experience in translational research and in-vitro disease modeling. She has worked in the field of medical communications and scientific writing for 5 years. She currently leads the development of scientific content to support the launch of one of BMS' cardiovascular medicines across the US and worldwide markets. Her work ensures the communication of key scientific data to healthcare professionals to support the safe and effective use of cardiovascular medicines at BMS.



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Jean is currently a Planning and Execution Lead in the Global Biometrics and Data Sciences organization at Bristol Myers Squibb. She manages project teams of statisticians and programmers working with the clinical team for drug development. She has worked on a large number of assets across both early and full development within the Immunology, Fibrosis, Cardiovascular and Neuroscience therapeutic areas. Most recently, she is working on Sotyktu which just received approval from the FDA, EMA and PDMA for treatment of plaque psoriasis.

Jean holds a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and a B.S. in Biology from The College of New Jersey. Early in her career as a neuroscientist, she studied Alzheimer's Disease, then later transitioned into project management working with data monitoring committees. Her work on Alzheimer's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis is published in peer reviewed journals and she has presented at various neuroscience conferences. She has over 10 years of industry experience managing project teams in cross-functional collaboration across areas of biostatistics, data management and programming.



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Jillian Tarlowe is a Director on RenMac's Technical Research team. Prior to joining, she spent six years as a Research Associate in Technical Analysis at Cornerstone Macro. Jillian received her PhD in Neuroscience from Rutgers, where her dissertation focused on developing algorithms to objectively analyze complex human behaviors. While at Rutgers, she was awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and the National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award. In 2008, Jillian graduated cum laude from NJIT with a BS in Biomedical Engineering. She lives in NJ with her husband, daughter, and two dogs.



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Dawn is an alumnus of the Biology Department of The College of New Jersey, and of UMDNJ where she pursued her Masters degree in Neuroscience. At the University of Rochester, Dawn received her PhD from the Department of Pathology for her dissertation on the impact of iron deficiency on brain development and work conducted in the Department of Biomedical Genetics. Shortly thereafter, she became a medical writer and has gained a wealth of experience in the Medical Communications field by translating her solid foundation of scientific concepts and project management skills into successful publication initiatives. Through this experience, she gained a comprehensive understanding of compliance, medical affairs, and good publication practice. Her experience includes the development of manuscripts, congress abstracts and presentations, symposium programs, advisory board/council meetings, analytic plus training projects for assets across lifecycle stages, as well as strategic planning projects – while ensuring that clients' objectives are met. Dawn leads a team of nine writers and three account managers.



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Dr. VonDran, is the Senior Vice President, Operations & Director, Biorepository at the National Disease Research Interchange (NDRI), a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization that provides human biospecimens to

scientists in academic, corporate and independent research organizations to advance biomedical/bioscience research and development worldwide. Dr. VonDran is responsible for strategy development as well as management of NDRI's Operations department, including its College of American Pathologists (CAP)-accredited Biorepository.

Dr. VonDran earned her doctoral degree in neuroscience and cell biology from Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Department of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College. Her work focused on evaluating neurotrophins and their receptors as potential targets for therapies for neurodegenerative diseases using animal models. Dr. VonDran draws upon her own experience as an academic research scientist to translate the research community's needs into new research programs for NDRI.



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Dr. Tanya Borsuk is the Executive Vice President of Corporate and Business Development at Congruence Therapeutics and has over 15 years of experience in Business Development, Business Insights, and Corporate Strategy across the global biotech and pharmaceutical communities. She has held previous roles as Chief Business Officer of Sitryx Therapeutics, Vice President of Pipeline Strategy and Alliances at Flagship Pioneering, co-founder and Director of the Business Development Search and Evaluation team at Celgene Corporation, head of Global Market Insights at Celgene, and U.S Business Insights for Halaven at Eisai Pharmaceuticals. She began her career in Management Consulting at Easton Associates LLC. Tanya holds a PhD from Rutgers, a BS from Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and a Mini-MBA from the Rutgers Business School.



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Jess Lukacs, MD, MBA is a Program Officer at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in the Office of Translational Initiatives and Program Innovations (OTIPI), where she is involved with business and product development within the SBIR/STTR program. Previously at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), she worked in the Division of Scientific Categorization and Analysis (DSCA) in the NIH Office of the Director. In her career, Jess has also worked in medical strategy at Bristol Myers Squibb and served as the Director of Medical Research at the DC-based startup Cancer Study Group. She earned her B.A. Summa Cum Laude with a double major in Economics and Cell Biology & Neuroscience from Rutgers University, her M.D. from the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and her MBA from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. In her free time, she serves as the President of the Rutgers Alumni Club of DC.



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Hannah is the Medical Director of Medical Affairs for Neuroscience, Janssen US where she works primarily on designing open label trial protocols and heading key opinion leader (KOL) steering committee. Prior to this, Hannah worked in Medical Strategy. Hannah worked as a postdoctoral fellow in Dr Gary Aston-Jones' lab from 2015-2020.