Global Discovery to Development Innovation Forum - Speaker Bio

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Mike joined Janssen in 2003 and is currently a Senior Scientific Director and Janssen Fellow in the Mood disease area with responsibilities for leading the medicinal chemistry efforts on numerous mood targets in support of the Neuroscience Therapeutic Area. Mike has 22 years of medicinal discovery experience spanning three therapeutic areas (Neuroscience, Inflammation and Anti-infectives) and over the past 13 years at Janssen, Mike led a variety of medicinal chemistry programs that ultimately produced 8 clinical candidates, including 2 full development candidates (Orexin-2 and Histamine H3 programs). At Pfizer, Mike was responsible for the discovery of Draxxin, an antibiotic that has been marketed for the treatment of bovine respiratory disease since 2004. Mike has authored over 65 scientific publications and is an inventor of 49 issued patents. Mike earned his Ph.D in Organic Chemistry from the University of Kansas and completed a NIH sponsored postdoctoral fellowship with Professor E. J. Corey at Harvard University.