



Plexxikon

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Dr. Spevak was named senior vice president of research in July 2021, having previously served as vice president of chemistry since August 2018. He joined Plexxikon in 2004 as a senior scientist and has led the chemistry group since 2009. Dr. Spevak is an inventor on 45 issued U.S. patents, and was a contributing member of drug discovery teams leading to 11 novel molecules entering human clinical trials, including Turalio[®] and Zelboraf[®], Plexxikon's FDA-approved drugs. Prior to Plexxikon, he was director of chemistry at Thios Pharmaceuticals. He began his industry career at Telik, holding a series of positions with increasing responsibility. Dr. Spevak earned his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, and his PhD degree in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.