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## **Dr. Mahmoud Ghazzi Named Global Head of Drug Development at Daiichi Sankyo**

**Parsippany, NJ, January 21, 2014** – Daiichi Sankyo announced that Mahmoud Ghazzi MD, PhD has been appointed Global Head of Drug Development at Daiichi Sankyo. In this role Dr. Ghazzi is responsible for the oversight of all drug development related activities for the global organization. Dr. Ghazzi also will maintain his existing role as Head of the Americas Region for DSPD.

“Daiichi Sankyo is dedicated to developing treatments for unmet medical needs,” said Dr. Ghazzi. “I am proud to be part of an organization that has built a reputation on providing patients with high quality, innovative therapies that address significant health issues. I look forward to leading a global team of talented people who are dedicated to developing innovative medicines.”

Dr. Ghazzi joined Daiichi Sankyo in August 2011 as Executive Vice President of Drug Development for the Americas Region. Since then, he has made significant contributions to the company’s development strategy and portfolio planning, taking on increasing levels of accountability. Previously, Dr. Ghazzi served in numerous roles in the healthcare industry with GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer where he developed and managed clinical trials for cardiovascular, metabolism, obesity and diabetes medications.

Following the completion of his medical education from Damascus University, Dr. Ghazzi completed a master’s degree in Public Health and a PhD in Biomedical Engineering from University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He then joined the faculty of The University of Michigan Reproductive Sciences Program and was the recipient of several grants and awards, including a National Institutes of Health Physician Scientist award.



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