

## A biographical sketch – Dr Yann FORICHER



Yann is currently the Head of Small Molecules Medicinal Chemistry Department in France within Integrated Drug Discovery Research Platform at Vitry sur Seine Sanofi R&D site. His research unit is involved from target validation to development candidate in Oncology, Immuno-Inflammation and Rare & Neurologic Diseases. He has been taking growing responsibilities within the Medicinal Chemistry community between Vitry sur Seine and Chilly Mazarin Sanofi R&D site over last 12 years. Prior to Vitry sur Seine, he was a project and group leader in medicinal chemistry for the Early to Candidate Unit at Strasbourg Sanofi site where he started as a medicinal chemist in 2004.

He is a highly experienced project leader from target validation with tool compound up to development candidate with track records. He is recognized as a MedChem expert into numerous due diligences and key contributor in term of innovation within the Small Molecules Community at Sanofi R&D.

Before Sanofi, he worked on the development of new Vitamin E process in Chemical Development Department at DSM Nutritional Product (in 2003-2004, Kaiseraugst, Switzerland).

After his diploma of chemical engineering from “Ecole Nationale de Chimie de Mulhouse” (Mulhouse-France), he obtained a PhD in Organic Synthesis in Professor J. Mann research group with 2 years at the University of Reading and 1 year at Queen’s University at Belfast, on a convergent synthesis of the skeleton of Huperzine A and analogues and followed with a postdoc with Professor J. Clayden and supported by GlaxoSmithkline at University of Manchester (UK) on solid-supported reagents for enhancement of enantiomeric excess.