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## **NovaSecta appoints Dr. Patrizia Caldirola as Vice President R&D Solutions**

NovaSecta is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrizia Caldirola PhD to the position of Vice President R&D Solutions. Dr. Caldirola joins us from Biovitrum AB where she led multi-disciplinary project teams involving as many as 20-25 scientists, spanning Drug Discovery, Non-Clinical Development under GLP/GMP conditions, and Clinical Proof of Concept trials under GCP. She has worked across a range of therapeutic areas, most notably in Cardiovascular, CNS, Metabolic and Ophthalmology.

In NovaSecta, Dr. Caldirola will manage a growing team of Project Managers to set up and deliver NovaSecta's R&D Solutions projects in Discovery, Chemical & Pharmaceutical Development, and Exploratory Clinical Development. She and her R&D Solutions team will manage and integrate joint projects in these areas that combine the skills and resources of NovaSecta's pharmaceutical and biotech clients with those of its CRO service alliance partners Sundia Meditech, HD Biosciences and Tigermed Consulting.

Dr. Caldirola initially graduated in Pharmacy and Chemical Technology in her native Italy, and then completed her PhD and Postdoctoral training in Medicinal Chemistry in the Netherlands and Sweden. Since entering the pharmaceutical industry in 1993, she has worked for Astra, Pharmacia and Biovitrum. Dr. Caldirola has published 25 scientific papers and submitted 9 patent applications.

### *About NovaSecta ([www.novasecta.com](http://www.novasecta.com))*

NovaSecta is an R&D Services Business for smaller to mid-sized pharmaceutical and biotech companies ('MidPharmas'). Since its founding in early 2003, NovaSecta has built a unique network of relationships with MidPharmas in Europe and a deep understanding of how these companies manage and develop their R&D capabilities. NovaSecta's three businesses cover Networking & Intelligence, Business Development Partnerships, and R&D Solutions.