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Professional Summary:

Mr. Vishal Pendharkar is a seasoned drug discovery and development professional with over **22 years of experience** in translational medicine and preclinical pharmacology. After completing his M.Pharm., he began his career at **Suven Life Sciences** under the mentorship of **Dr. Rao Vadlamudi**, where he was instrumental in setting up a cutting-edge neuropharmacology lab. His work significantly contributed to the advancement of a **5-HT₆ receptor antagonist** to clinical trial phases.

In **2006**, he joined **CombinatoRx Singapore**, contributing to research in **Hepatitis C**, **pandemic influenza**, and other infectious diseases. He also established **ABSL-3 laboratory protocols** for high-pathogenic influenza models in collaboration with **Hong Kong University**.

From **2009**, he worked at the **Experimental Drug Development Centre (EDDC)**, a national drug discovery platform in Singapore. There, he played a key role in **oncology drug discovery**, **IND/CTA filings**, and translational research.

Later, he moved to **BenevolentAI** in Cambridge, UK, where he served as **Director of DMPK** in the field of **AI-augmented drug discovery**. He is currently working with **Cancer Research Horizons (Cancer Research UK)**—the world's largest charity-based cancer research organization—leading cancer research projects with a strong translational impact.