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**Daiichi Sankyo Submits Application for Approval of CS-866AZ
Antihypertensive Combination Drug in Japan**

Tokyo, December 11, 2008 – DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED today announced that it has submitted an application for manufacturing and marketing approval to the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for CS-866AZ, which it developed as a hypertension treatment.

CS-866AZ is a combination drug of the long-acting calcium channel blocker azelnidipine (Calblock[®]), jointly researched and developed by DAIICHI SANKYO and its partner Ube Industries, Ltd., and the high affinity AT₁ subtype angiotensin II receptor antagonist olmesartan medoxomil (Olmetec[®]/Benicar[®]), developed by DAIICHI SANKYO.

In clinical trials, CS-866AZ showed superior results compared to monotherapy with azelnidipine or olmesartan medoxomil. While azelnidipine and olmesartan medoxomil have been popular treatment options, DAIICHI SANKYO believes CS-866AZ will provide new treatment options for patients with hypertension in Japan.

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