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**Daiichi Sankyo's Research Foundation Establishes
First Annual Clinical Pharmacology Research Award**

Tokyo, November 13, 2008 – DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED announced that its affiliate, the Japan Research Foundation for Clinical Pharmacology (headquarters: Tokyo, Director General: Tadashi Suzuki) has established “Japan Research Foundation for Clinical Pharmacology Research Award” to recognize excellence in regards to research results in the field of clinical pharmacology.

Award winners are selected from research papers submitted from projects funded with subsidies from the foundation. Innovative research projects with expectations for future development are eligible for the award.

The first award ceremony was held today. The Foundation hopes that the award will motivate young researchers in clinical pharmacology involved in development new drugs and establishment of appropriate drug treatments to encourage future research results.

The mission of the Foundation is to promote clinical pharmacology and to foster clinical pharmacologists. The Foundation was established in 1975 and in its 33-year history it has worked on a variety of projects relating to clinical pharmacology including promotion of research, overseas studies for Japanese researchers and Asian international collaboration.

First Japan Research Foundation for Clinical Pharmacology Research Award
Winners

Award winner	Organization	Research theme
Wako Urano	Institute of Rheumatology, Tokyo Women's Medical University	A pharmacogenetical approach to the therapy rheumatoid arthritis
Masayuki Kitano	Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Kinki University School of Medicine	Evaluation of pharmacokinetic with microdialysis
Ryuji Koike	Clinical Research Center, Tokyo Medical and Dental University Hospital, Faculty of Medicine	The risk factors for Pneumocystis pneumonia in rheumatoid arthritis under anti-TNF therapy
Masayuki Hashiguchi	Keio University, Faculty of Pharmacy	Clinical pharmacological study to develop individualized methotrexate therapy for rheumatoid arthritis
Ikuko Yano	Kyoto University Hospital, Department of Pharmacy	Individualized therapy based on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of calcineurin inhibitors