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Daiichi Sankyo Receives Approval for the Use of Inavir[®] to Prevent Influenza

Tokyo, Japan (December 20, 2013) – Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited (hereafter, Daiichi Sankyo), announced today that it received approval in Japan to market Inavir® Dry Powder Inhaler 20mg (generic name: Laninamivir Octanoate Hydrate) for the prevention of influenza in both adults and children.

Inavir® is a long-acting neuraminidase inhibitor developed by Daiichi Sankyo which is manufactured in Japan. The drug was originally launched in Japan for treatment of influenza A and B in October 2010.

Daiichi Sankyo has great expectations for the additional influenza prevention indication for Inavir®, which will provide an additional option for the public to protect themselves against the influenza virus and allow Daiichi Sankyo to further contribute to the health of society.

Product	overview

Drug name	Inavir® Dry Powder Inhaler 20mg
Date of approval for	December 20, 2013
partial changes	
Indications and usage	
(additional approval	Treatment and prevention of influenza A and B viruses
underlined)	
	1. For treatment of the influenza virus
	Adults: A single inhaled dose of 40 mg of laninamivir octanoate
Dosage and	Children: If less than 10 years old, a single inhaled dose of 20 mg of laninamivir
administration	octanoate
(additional approval	If 10 years old or older, a single inhaled dose of 40 mg.
underlined)	2. For prevention of the influenza virus
	Adults and children over 10 years of age: Daily single inhaled dosage of 20 mg
	of laninamivir octanoate for two days