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Daiichi Sankyo Announces Japanese Research Partners Selected for 2016 TaNeDS Collaborative Drug Discovery Project

Tokyo, Japan (November 30, 2016)— Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited (hereafter, Daiichi Sankyo) today announced that it has selected research partners in Japan for its 2016 TaNeDS (**T**ake a **N**ew challenge for **D**rug **d**iscovery) collaborative drug discovery project.

TaNeDS, which began in 2011 as part of Daiichi Sankyo's open innovation program, selects researchers from universities and public research centers in Japan, and Daiichi Sankyo will soon initiate collaborative research with this year's selected parties.

1. Total entries: 209

2. Selected parties: 21

3. Selections by entry type

Project type	Entries	Passed second selections	Final selections
Total	209*	26	21
a. Drug discovery target verification	123	14	10
b. Drug discovery target investigation	49	2	2
c. Drug discovery technology development/verification	73	8	8
d. Pharmaceutical technology	8	2	1

* Project type contains 4 categories, thus entries with multiple categories are counted once for each category.

4. Selections by research theme

Desired research themes	Entries	Passed second selections	Final selections
Total	209*	26	21
• Oncology	131	8	5
• Other disorders	77	9	8
• Regenerative medicine/cell therapy	22	1	1
• Chemical biology	3	0	0
• Biologics	23	1	1
• DDS	15	1	1
• Pathological model/unique cell-based assays/vital imaging	4	0	0
• In silico models related to drug effect estimates/pathological clarification	8	2	2
• ADME (Drug Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion)	17	1	1
• Drug safety	2	0	0
• Measuring technology related to biomarkers	8	1	1
• Structure-based-drug-discovery	1	0	0
• Pharmaceutical Formulation technology research	3	2	1
• Drug analysis technology	0	0	0
• Industrial chemical synthetic technology	5	0	0

* Entries with multiple themes are counted once for each theme.

For more information about the TaNeDS program, please visit the Daiichi Sankyo corporate website (in Japanese): <http://www.daiichisankyo.co.jp/corporate/rd/taneds/>