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Chugai collaborates with National Cancer Center

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Japanese firm Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. has announced that it has entered into an agreement with National Cancer Center, Japan to support an investigator-initiated clinical study based on the patient-requested therapy system.

The clinical research program titled “the prospective trial of patient-proposed healthcare services with multiple targeted agent based on the result of gene profiling by multigene panel test” is led by National Cancer Center Hospital as a coordinating secretariat.

Dr. Yasushi Ito, Chugai’s Executive Vice President, Co-Head of Project & Lifecycle Management Unit said, “The recent insurance coverage for the genomic analysis using next-generation sequencing (NGS) technology enabled allow us to select optimized cancer treatment for each patient. However, some patients cannot receive molecularly matched therapy due to lack of approved drugs even if gene alteration has been identified. We are very pleased that our products will help offer such patients therapeutic opportunities. Chugai will continue striving to promote advanced personalized healthcare to realize the optimal treatment for each patient as a leading company in oncology.”

The study aims to examine new therapeutic opportunities for patients with genetic alterations identified with comprehensive genomic profiling tests who have no treatment options available including approved drugs or clinical trials by utilizing the patient-requested therapy system. Advocating the objectives of the clinical study, Chugai will provide drugs in the study.