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Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd.

**Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma announces the launch of anti-hypertension
drug “AVAPRO[®] Tablets 200mg”**

Osaka, Japan, June 12, 2013 – Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd. (DSP) (Headquarters: Osaka, Japan; President: Masayo Tada) launches “AVAPRO[®] Tablets 200mg”, a new dosage form of “AVAPRO[®]” (generic name: irbesartan), a long-acting ARB (angiotensin II receptor antagonist) as of June 12.

Irbesartan is a long-acting ARB (angiotensin II receptor antagonist) with a 24-hour-lasting blood pressure-lowering effect, originally created by Sanofi (France) and has high anti-hypertensive effect in mild to severe hypertension. AVAPRO[®] was launched by DSP in Japan in July, 2008 as “AVAPRO[®] Tablets 50mg” and “AVAPRO[®] Tablets 100mg”. It was launched overseas in 1997, and based on the large-scale clinical trials IDNT and IRMA2, which are often cited in major international guidelines, this drug is recognized as one of the top ARB brands with evidence for its effect in a wide range of stages covering both early and overt nephropathy.

DSP hopes that the addition of the new dosage form with higher dose of 200mg to the AVAPRO[®] lineup will contribute to improvement in the medication adherence of patients.

DSP also markets other anti-hypertension drugs such as “AIMIX[®]” and “AMLODIN[®]”. Launching AVAPRO[®] Tablets 200mg in Japan, DSP hopes to make further contributions to the treatment of hypertension.

[Attached reference: Profile of AVAPRO[®] Tablets 200mg]

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Profile of “AVAPRO[®] Tablets 200mg”

[Product Name]	AVAPRO [®] Tablets 200mg
[Generic Name]	irbesartan
[Content / Description]	White to yellowish-white scored film-coated oval tablets containing 200mg of irbesartan per tablet
[Indication]	Hypertension
[Dose and Administration]	The usual recommended adult dose is 50-100mg of irbesartan/amlodipine) once daily. The dosage may be adjusted depending on the patient's age and symptoms. The maximum daily dosage is 200mg.
[Manufacturer and Distributor]	Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd.
[Date of Approval]	March 19, 2013
[Date of NHI Price Listing]	May 31, 2013
[NHI Drug Price Standard]	200mg tablet: ¥195.80
[Packaging]	AVAPRO [®] Tablets 200mg [PTP] 100 tablets (10 tablets x 10), 500 tablets (10 tablets x 50) 700 tablets (14 tablets x 50)