

## Information on Genetic Analysis Study Using Human Disease-Specific iPS Cells

### <What is a gene?>

“Heredity” is “the passing on of traits from parents to children.” “Traits” include facial/body features, and susceptibility to certain diseases. The features of the human body are determined by heredity and the environment in which the individual grows up. However, heredity plays an important role as the basis for development of the body and mind. In Japanese, when the kanji “Ko (children)” is added to the kanji “Iden (heredity),” the combined kanji becomes a scientific term for “small units that determine heredity.” In most organisms, the building blocks of genes are molecules called DNA. DNA is a chain consisting of 4 bases: A, T, G, and C. A gene comprises many of these bases that are linked together.

One cell includes tens of thousands of genes that are scattered throughout the cell. All the genetic information is collectively referred to as the “genome.” The human body comprises about 60 trillion cells, and each cell includes all genes.

There are two major roles of genes. The first is to act as an accurate “blueprint for the body.” It all starts from one fertilized cell. As the cell divides and increases in number, each cell develops into a particular type of cell; for example, one cell develops into an eye cell, and another into an intestinal cell. The number of cells increases up to about 60 trillion in a mature adult. The second role is to “preserve the species.” The human race has been maintained in its present from our most distant ancestors up to the present, thanks to genes.

### <Genes and disease>

Nearly all diseases occur as a result of the interactions among an individual’s inherited biological make-up (genetic predisposition), pathogens, and the influence of lifestyle (environmental factors). Genetic predisposition and environmental factors may be intertwined in the pathology of some diseases; whereas, in other diseases, either genetic predisposition or environmental factors can be identified as the fundamental cause. Moreover, in some cases, disease occurs due to a combination of two or more genetic dispositions. Nevertheless, multiple factors including genetic predisposition (genetic differences) are involved in the onset of disease.

### <Participation in the genetic diagnostic study>

This study will be conducted to search for the genes that may be involved in the onset of disease or that may influence an individual’s response to a drug. Another purpose of the study is to investigate the genes suspected, for particular reasons, to be linked to a disease: the structure and function of the genes will be analyzed to determine if the genes are truly related to the disease. If the genotype of the patient is determined, the result can be used to determine the genetic polymorphism of blood relatives. This may raise concerns within the family. Our hospital offers a genetic counseling service in order to help relieve the anxiety the patient and family members may feel and address other issues.

The following sections give you the information related to the genetic diagnostic study, including the benefits and risks of participating in the study. Our intention is to explain the study using easy-to-understand language. If you have a question, please feel free to ask at any time. Please make sure you fully understand the information contained in this document before making a decision. If you choose to participate in this study and give your permission for the genes of the iPS cells generated from your body tissue to be analyzed, please fill out the information in the consent form. By signing the consent form, you will have indicated that you understand the information and that you give your consent to participate in this study.

### <Information to help you decide whether or not to participate in this genetic diagnostic study>

(1) You are free to choose to participate or not to participate in this genetic diagnostic study. If you change your mind later, you may withdraw your consent at any time. Your participation is voluntary. You are under no obligation to participate in this study. Your decision to participate or not will have no influence on your current and future relationship with our hospital. We will always treat you in your best interests regardless of your decision.

If you consent to the study and change your mind later, you may withdraw your consent simply by writing to us. You do not have to explain the reason. There is no penalty or loss or benefits for withdrawing from the study. If you withdraw your consent, the results of your genetic analysis will be destroyed and your medical record will also not be used for the study from that time on. Note that, however, recovery and disposal of your specimens may sometimes be difficult at the time when you withdraw your consent; for example, when the study using your specimens has made certain progress, a paper including data from the study has been published, or data from the study have been used by other institutions using the cell bank (this will be described later in this leaflet). In such cases, use of your specimens and/or the data obtained from your specimens may continue despite your withdrawal of consent. Two originals of the signed informed consent form for the present study will be made. One of the originals will be kept by the hospital, and the other will be given to you.

(2) The plan of genetic diagnostic study is presented below.

The plan of this genetic analysis study has been reviewed by the Medical Ethics Committee in the Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University and Kyoto University Hospital, and approved by the head of the research institution conducting the study.

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Target diseases	<p>Pediatrics: the following intractable pediatric diseases: hematologic malignancies such as Fanconi anemia; immune diseases such as congenital immunodeficiency; endocrine/metabolic diseases such as type I diabetes mellitus; neuropsychiatric disorders such as West syndrome; muscular diseases such as congenital muscular dystrophy and rhabdomyolysis; and cardiovascular diseases such as long QT syndrome; and hereditary diseases such as Li-Fraumeni syndrome</p> <p>Orthopedic surgery: hereditary intractable diseases such as osteogenesis imperfecta, and intractable cryptogenic diseases of which causes are unknown such as ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament</p> <p>Endocrinology : intractable endocrine/metabolic diseases such as lipodystrophy</p> <p>Neurology: intractable neurodegenerative diseases such as spinal muscular atrophy and Parkinson's disease</p> <p>Gastroenterology and hepatology: intractable gastrointestinal diseases such as inflammatory bowel disease</p> <p>Hepato-pancreato-biliary Surgery and Transplantation: intractable hepato-biliary and pancreatic diseases such as Byler disease</p> <p>Gastrointestinal surgery: intractable gastrointestinal diseases such as inflammatory bowel disease</p> <p>Nephrology: intractable renal diseases such as polycystic kidney disease</p> <p>Respiratory medicine: intractable respiratory diseases such as severe juvenile emphysema and idiopathic interstitial pneumonia</p> <p>Cardiovascular medicine: intractable cardiovascular diseases such as Brugada syndrome and long QT syndrome</p> <p>Oral and maxillofacial surgery: intractable oral and maxillofacial diseases such as multiple jaw cysts and delayed tooth eruption</p> <p>Cardiovascular surgery: severe forms of cardiac failure such as dilated cardiomyopathy, and intractable cardiovascular diseases such as valvular heart disease</p> <p>Neurosurgery: intractable neurosurgical diseases such as Moyamoya disease</p> <p>Otolaryngology: intractable otolaryngological diseases such as hereditary inner ear deafness</p> <p>Plastic and reconstructive surgery: intractable diseases in plastic and reconstructive surgery such as facial hemiatrophy of Romberg and spontaneous keloid formation</p> <p>Dermatology: intractable dermatological diseases such as epidermolysis bullosa</p> <p>Urology: diseases resulting in congenital genitourinary disorders such as autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD); and diseases resulting in genitourinary tumors such as Von Hippel-Lindau syndrome,</p>

	<p>tuberous sclerosis, Birt-Hogg- Dubé syndrome, Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia and Hereditary pheochromocytoma, paraganglioma syndrome</p> <p>Hematology and oncology: hematologic malignancies such as myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), and intractable hematologic diseases resulting in hematopoietic disorders such as aplastic anemia, and platelet disorder</p> <p>Psychiatry: intractable neuropsychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia and pervasive developmental disorder</p> <p>Gynecology and Obstetrics: intractable gynecological diseases including gynecological malignant diseases</p> <p>Rheumatology and clinical immunology: intractable connective tissue disease and rheumatic diseases such as systemic lupus erythematosus and scleroderma</p> <p>Diabetes and clinical nutrition: metabolic diseases such as diabetes mellitus</p> <p>Ophthalmology: intractable ophthalmological diseases such as age-related macular degeneration</p> <p>Transfusion medicine and cell therapy: intractable hematopoietic organ diseases such as myelodysplastic syndrome</p>
Names of the genes to be investigated in the study	Undetermined (The whole genome will be analyzed.)
The volume of blood to be withdrawn as a sample	20 cc (Blood will be collected using a standard blood sampling procedure. The risk of serious complications from the sampling procedure is very low.)
Is the tissue obtained during surgery to be used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Study period	From the date of approval to March 31, 2018 (tentative plan)
If the donor is to be notified of the test results, when will approximately this notification take place (how many days after the test)?	Unpredictable
The period for which the test results are retained	The test results will be permanently stored after completion of the study period so that they can be used in studies conducted in the future.
Is the study to participate in the cell banking project?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Name: RIKEN Bioresource Center [RIKEN BRC], Representative: Yuichi Obata, director) Academic significance: To make iPS cells readily accessible to researchers and institutions (including pharmaceutical companies) in and outside Japan so that they can be utilized in a variety of research aimed at elucidating the mechanisms of diseases and developing treatments.  (Name: National Bioscience Database Center [NBDC] of JST, Representative: Michio Oishi, director) Academic significance: Data registered in the NBDC will be made accessible to researchers working in a range of fields and will help in the development of new technologies, elucidation of the mechanisms of currently incurable diseases, and discovery of new treatments and prophylactic therapies.

Contact information (address and TEL) regarding this study	:
Date of preparation of this written information	June 12, 2017

**Purpose of the study:**

With regard to the study in which iPS cells are generated from your body tissue sample and used to identify the causes of disease and develop new treatments, please read the separately prepared written information. This written information gives you specific information about the analyses of iPS cell genes.

In order to use the iPS cells generated in the study for treatment in the future, the safety of the iPS cells must be ensured beforehand. This is the most critical point. iPS cells are currently generated by introducing genes using viral vectors. In the future, however, more effective and safer techniques may become available. We will use the most suitable method available at the time. Thus, in order to assess the safety of the generated iPS cells, we must find out where the genes have been inserted. In addition, by comparing the genes of the iPS cells generated from your sample with the genes of the iPS cells from healthy volunteers, we may be able to obtain data that will provide new findings on the disease or lead to the development of new treatments for the disease. For many diseases, the causative genes are completely unknown. Even when some genes are suspected of causing a disease, we often have no clear picture of the onset mechanism and how the abnormality in the genes is causing the disease. In such cases, we may analyze the whole genome (all genes). Thus, it is for these reasons and purposes that we would like to analyze the genes of the iPS cells generated from your sample.

Please note that it will take a number of years to develop a new treatment based on the data obtained in this study. We do not use the human iPS cells generated in this study for treatment; for example, the modified iPS cells will not be directly put back into the patient's body as treatment.

**Participation to cell banking project:**

As stated in the separate information leaflet, we think it is especially important that the cells collected as well as information and data obtained in this study will be registered in public resource banks such as the those of RIKEN Bioresource Center and National Bioscience Database Center to make them readily available to research institutions (including laboratories inside pharmaceutical companies) in and outside Japan. This will help researchers working in a range of fields to bring together ideas and experiences in iPS cell research and facilitate elucidation of the mechanisms of currently incurable diseases and the development of new treatments.

The procedures for the deposition of your somatic cells and the iPS cells generated from the somatic cells to RIKEN Bioresource Center are as described in the separate leaflet. Data generated in this study including genetic information will also be useful for other medical research. Data obtained from you will be, after anonymization (removal of the information including your name and address that can be used to identify you), registered in publicly funded academic databases so that researchers can access the data. We plan to register data from this study in the database of the National Bioscience Database Center (NBDC) of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). JST is an agency under MEXT and promotes and funds scientific research projects in Japan. NBDC was founded in 2011. Data registered in the NBDC will be made accessible to researchers from various fields and will help in the development of new technologies, elucidation of the mechanisms of currently incurable diseases, and discovery of new treatments and prophylactic therapies.

Study methods:

DNA and RNA will be extracted from the iPS cells generated from your body tissue, which will then be analyzed in detail. You will not be asked to undergo any additional procedure for this study. The information obtained as a result of analyzing your genes in this study may be provided to outside organization for research use. We may also transfer your somatic cells, DNA, RNA or cells derived from your somatic cells to other organization where genetic analysis then might be carried out. In either case, certain conditions must first be met, such that the organization may conduct the research only after the ethics committee approves (unless the organization's Ethics Committee or equivalent decides such approval is not required according to the applicable rules or guidelines).

How the subject may review the study protocol and other study-related documents:

Upon your request, we will be able to give you access to the study protocol in so far that it does not affect the protection of personal information or diminish the originality of the study. In addition, if necessary, we can give you information on genetic analyses and explain to you how genes are studied.

(3) Benefits and risks of participating in this genetic analysis study

You will not benefit directly from participating in this genetic analysis study. The possible risk is that detailed genetic analysis, particularly of DNA, may reveal genetic information not directly related to the disease under study. If such information is disseminated to third parties, it may constitute a serious violation of privacy.

(4) Benefits and risks of not participating in the genetic analysis study

As a rule, the results of genetic analyses will not be disclosed to you because the significance of such data is usually not clear at the time. Thus, your decision to participate in the study or not will have no influence on your medical care.

(5) Your personal information will be kept confidential

Medical doctors have an obligation to protect personal information of patients, as stated in the criminal law. Genetic information particularly has to be protected under the strictest control. Your records related to genetic diagnosis and genetic counseling will be stored in a locker, kept separated from other medical records, and cannot be taken out.

Because the results of genetic analysis may cause various issues, your genetic information will be handled with care. Prior to the genetic analysis, your personal information (e.g., name and address) will be removed from your sample and your medical information, and will be replaced with a code. This procedure is called anonymization. The link table used to link the code with your personal information (linkable anonymization) will be managed by a personal information custodian who will be a doctor working in the hospital where your sample has been collected. This means that the person who analyzes your genes only receives the code, and this prevents the person from learning whose genes are being analyzed. However, when it is thought that the results of genetic analysis could shed light on the cause of your disease, the code may be broken at the hospital where your sample has been collected and used to access only your medical records.

(6) Will the participant be notified of the results of genetic analysis?

As a rule, participants will not be notified of the results of genetic analysis because the results will include a lot of data that have no clearly determined meaning.

(7) Publication of analysis data

The data obtained from this study (thanks to your participation) may be presented at academic society meetings or published in academic journals or included in a database after the information is anonymized.

(8) Intellectual property rights generated from this study

Intellectual property (e.g., patent) rights may be generated from the outcomes of the genetic analysis study. As a rule, all of intellectual property is managed by Kyoto University. Intellectual property rights are not given to the donated sample itself or the genetic information, but to the value generated by the work of researchers (research, the

use of research outcomes, etc.). Thus, the donor cannot claim the rights by saying “Because the donor is the one who donated the sample, the intellectual property rights related to the sample should be given to the donor.” For the same reason, if monetary profit is obtained from the intellectual property rights, the donor cannot claim the right to receive such profit.

(9) Handling and disposal of samples after completion of the genetic analysis study

The iPS will be preserved/managed as stated in the separately prepared written information. If leftover DNA or RNA (molecules carrying genetic information) samples are available after completion of this study, we would like to preserve such DNA and RNA samples for a prolonged period in order to use them for other studies in the future. Please tell us if you do not want us to use DNA and RNA samples for other studies. If your decision is to refuse the use of leftover genetic material for other studies, this will not affect your participation in the present study.

(10) Who will pay the cost of genetic analysis?

The cost of genetic analysis will be paid by our research fund. There will be no cost to you. However, you need to pay the cost of genetic counseling that is regarded as a regular medical service. Moreover, you will not be paid for taking part in this study. The research expenses will be covered by research grants.

(11) Genetic counseling for any concerns you may have related to heredity/genes, and any anxiety you may feel before and after genetic analysis

A genetic counselor (\*) is available if you have concerns and anxiety regarding the genetic analysis. Please tell the study staff (study doctor, the person conducting informed consent discussion, etc.) that you want to talk to the genetic counselor. In the counseling session, how you or your family think or feel about the genetic analysis, your lifestyle, and social background will be respected. You may discuss anything related to genetic issues until you are satisfied with the information you have received. We support study participants through the genetic counseling to ensure that they obtain the best emotional result.

(\*) Kyoto University Hospital, Clinical Genetics Unit: Appointment required, TEL 075-7513-4350 (Week days: 13:00 – 16:30)

(12) Contact information for more information and complaints:

If you have questions about this genetic analysis study, please use the contact information in the above section (11) or in this section. If you need assistance or have complaints, please contact Kyoto University Hospital General Affairs Division, Research Promotion Group (TEL 075-751-4899).

## Informed Consent Form

[Name of the person to whom the consent is given if the informed consent discussion is held in Kyoto University] or  
[Name of head of the medical institution, etc. if the informed consent discussion is held outside Kyoto University]

Study title: Genetic Analysis Study Using Human Disease-Specific iPS Cells

I have been given information about this study, in the course of which the iPS cells generated from a sample of my body tissue will be used for genetic analyses. The following items regarding the study have been explained to me by the study doctor using the separately prepared written information. I volunteer to take part in this study.

<What is a gene?>  
<Genes and disease>  
<Participation in the genetic diagnostic study>  
<Information to help you decide whether or not to participate in this genetic diagnostic study>  
    You are free to choose to participate or not to participate in the genetic diagnostic study. If you change your mind later, you may withdraw your consent at any time.  
    The plan of the genetic diagnostic study  
        Participation to cell banking project  
        The purpose of the study  
        The study methods  
        How the subject may review the study protocol and other study-related documents  
    Benefits and risks of participating in this genetic analysis study  
    Benefits and risks of not participating in the genetic analysis study  
    Your personal information will be kept confidential.  
    Will the participant be notified of the results of genetic analysis?  
    Publication of analysis data  
    Intellectual property rights generated from this study  
    Handling and disposal of samples after completion of the genetic analysis study  
    Who will pay the cost of genetic analysis?  
    Genetic counseling for any concerns you may have related to heredity/genes, and any anxiety you may feel before and after genetic analysis  
    Contact information for more information and complaints

Patient (Name)

Date of consent: MM/DD/YYYY

Study participant (Signature)

Representative of the participant (Signature)

(Relationship of the legal representative to the participant)

I confirm that I have given the participant detailed information about the study and that the donor has consented to participate voluntarily in the study.

Institution (Name)/Department (Name)

Doctor who has conducted the informed consent discussion (Name)

The hospital will keep the original of the signed form, and a copy will be given to the donor.

## Consent Withdrawal Notification

Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine, Kyoto University

Director of the Kyoto University Hospital

Director of the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University

I, the undersigned, hereby withdraw the consent I granted at an earlier date by signing the Informed Consent Form regarding the participation in the following studies in which the iPS cells generated using my somatic cells or tissues are used.

I ask that the specimen I have donated, the iPS cells or other materials derived from the specimen, and medical information associated with the donated specimen be destroyed and no longer be used.

Study Titles:

“The Generation of Human Disease-Specific iPS Cells and the Use of Such iPS Cells for Disease Analysis”

“Genetic Analysis Study Using Human Disease-Specific iPS Cells”

Print Name of Person Withdrawing Consent  _____	Date  _____
(Signature)	
Print Name of Legal representative  _____	Date  _____
(Signature) (Relationship of the legal representative to above person)	

## Receipt of consent withdrawal notification

I have received the notification withdrawing consent to the participation in the studies as above.

Print Name of Person at hospital  Name of hospital Department	Date of receipt  _____
Memo :	