

JSPS Core-to-Core Program
FY2009 Implementation Plan (Project No. :17005)

Research Theme Human disease-related functional glycomics initiative
Duration of Project 2007/4/1 - 2010/3/31 (36 months)
Core Institution in Japan (Co-Chair) Osaka University (Naoyuki Taniguchi)

Implementing Organizations

○ **Japan**

Japan	Core Institution	Osaka University	
	Co-Chair (name and title)	Naoyuki Taniguchi (Endowed Chair Professor, Professor Emeritus)	
	Cooperating Institutions	The University of Tokyo, Nagoya University, Kochi University, Yamaguchi University, Sapporo Medical University, Tokai University, Kinki University, RIKEN, AIST, Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology, Ritsumeikan University, Fukushima Medical University, Tohoku Pharmaceutical University, Soka University, Kyoto University, Hyogo college of Medicine, Hyogo University of Health Sciences, Osaka Medical College, Kagoshima University, Aichi Gakuin University, Saga University, Kyoto Sangyo University, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Aichi Cancer Center Hospital and Research Institute, Miyagi Cancer Center Research Institute, Osaka Medical Center and Research Institute for Maternal and Child Health, National Cancer Center Research Institute	Number of Cooperating Institutions 27

○ Partner Countries

	Core Institution	The Scripps Research Institute	
	Co-Chair (name and title)	James C. Paulson (Professor)	
	Cooperating Institutions	The Burnham Institute, University of Washington, The State University of New York at Stony Brook, Johns Hopkins University, University of California Davis, Indiana University, University of Georgia, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, University of Iowa, Yale University School of Medicine, National Institutes of Health (NIH), University of New Hampshire, Boston University School of Medicine, University of Alabama at	Number of Cooperating Institutions
			14

	Core Institution	German Cancer Research Center	
	Co-Chair (name and title)	Wilhelm von der Lieth (Professor) * Since Prof. Von der Lieth passed away, Dr. Maritn Frank at German Cancer Research Center is temporarily taking the role as Co-Chair up to Sep. 9, 2009.	
	Cooperating Institutions	Hannover Mediccal University, University of Muenster, Freie University Berlin, University of Kiel, University Goettingen, University Stuttgart, University of Giessen, Max Plank Institute (Dresden)	Number of Cooperating Institutions
			8

Objectives of Research Exchange (including the five years after the project finishes)

There is growing evidence that the sugar chains are associated with the pathogenesis of various kinds of diseases such as cancer, inflammatory diseases, life style-related diseases, and neuromuscular diseases. However, the direct function of sugar chains in these diseases remains mostly uncertain. This has been mainly due to the difficulty in analyzing carbohydrate chains on glycoproteins. The aim of this project is to share information with other leading countries (USA and Germany) about the protocol of structural elucidation of glycan chains (*N*- and *O*-linked glycans) and to establish standard protocol which is open to any researcher. By accumulating and comparing individual data about the carbohydrate structure related with various diseases, an international data platform will be established, which is ultimately indispensable to identify glycomarkers as next generation ones. The initiative will also foster young scientists to grasp the advances of functional glycomics by their attendance at international meetings.

Results to the present

Joint Research

The pilot study aimed at establishment of international standard protocol about analysis of *N*-linked and *O*-linked sugar chains was successfully completed and published. This achievement is of a significant importance, since the progress of glycomics has been mainly hampered by the difficulty of analysis of carbohydrate chains on glycoproteins.

Wada-Y et al., Comparison of the methods for profiling glycoprotein glycans--HUPO Human Disease Glycomics/Proteome Initiative multi-institutional study. *Glycobiology*. 2007 Apr;17(4):411-22.

Seminar

Nine international symposia (HGPI: human disease-related functional glycomics initiative) were held by virtue of this grant. We supported young researchers to attend these international meetings.

2005

July 31st: HGPI Steering Committee (Osaka, Japan)

September 3-4th: the 2nd HGPI meeting together with our German partner (Florence, Italy)

November 9th: the 3rd HGPI meeting together with our USA partner (Boston, USA).

2006

September 10-13th: the 4th HGPI meeting together with our USA partner (NIH, MD, USA).

October 29th: the 5th HGPI meeting at HUPO meeting (Long Beach, CA, USA).

2007

July 11-13th: the 1st seminar on functional glycomics for young investigators (Sapporo, Japan)

September 7th: the 6th HGPI meeting together with our German partner (Lubeck, Germany)

October 6th: the 7th HGPI meeting at HUPO meeting (Seoul Korea)

2008

November 13th: the 8th HGPI meeting together with our USA partner (Fortworth, TX, USA)

March 24-27th: the 9th HGPI meeting together with our USA partner (Mie, Japan)

March 25-27th: The 2nd seminar on functional glycomics for young investigators (Mie, Japan)
(at the 9th HGPI meeting)

All of the information of these activities can be available at <http://www.primatours.co.jp/hgpi/>

Researcher Exchanges

A number of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows were sent abroad in the frame of collaborative work to learn the advanced technology to analyze carbohydrate structure and bioinformatics.

Summary of FY 2009 Exchange Plan

Joint Research

The pilot study aimed at establishment of standard protocol about analysis of *N*-linked and *O*-linked sugar chains was successfully completed. To extend this achievement, the following joint research aiming at identifying biomarker will be planned this year (2009). Cell lysates prepared from malignant cell and from non-malignant counterpart are distributed to the laboratories which contributed our pilot study. Any change of carbohydrate structure (*N*-linked or *O*-linked) between the two samples will be identified and discussed at the following HGPI meeting with our partner consortia (USA and Germany).

Seminar

The following International symposiums (HGPI: Human disease-related functional glycomics initiative) will be held with our partner consortia (USA and Germany). We will especially support young researchers to attend and present their own research at these international meetings.

November/2009: the 10th HGPI meeting at the 20th Glycobiology Meeting Cologne, Germany

November/2009: the 11th HGPI meeting at 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society for Glycobiology, San Diego, USA

Researcher Exchanges

Since this researcher exchanges are one of the most important cores of this program, we keep encouraging young researchers (graduate students and post-doctoral fellows) to attend at international glycobiology meetings so that they can learn and grasp the concept of functional