

# アジアにおける開発体制 -企業の立場から-

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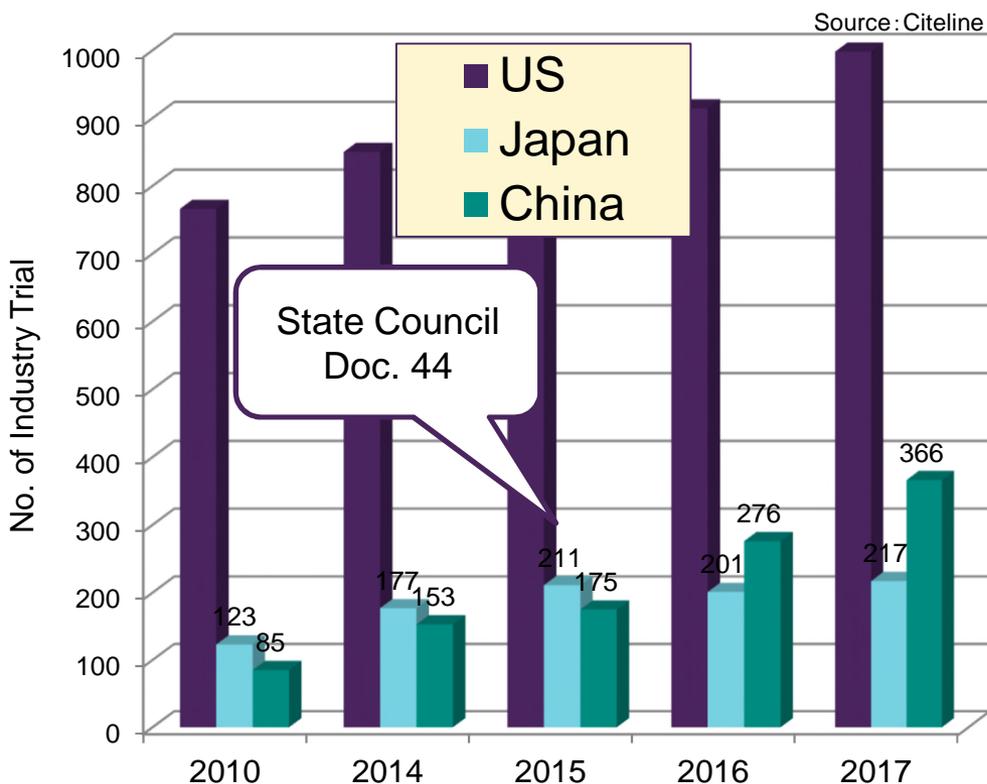


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Global Product Development

# Background

- Recently clinical development in China is dramatically growing



- Chinese Government initiates significant regulatory reforms as **“The Innovation Opinion”** containing 36 specific revisions

(State Council Doc. No42)

- *Reforming clinical trial management*
- *Accelerating drug device review and approval process*
- *Balancing development of innovative drugs and generic drugs*
- *Life-cycle management of drugs and devices*
- *Enhancing drug and medical device review and enforcement force*
- *Implementation of the innovation opinion and coordination among the relevant administrative agencies*

- In addition, basic research and translational research are also advancing in other Asian countries such as China

– China’s 2016-2020 5-year plan prioritizes bio R&D as a key focus area; 2016 allocated 30% of social development budget (Justin C et.al. NEJM. 2014)

- Now is the time to think again about Japan’s position in drug development and where should we head

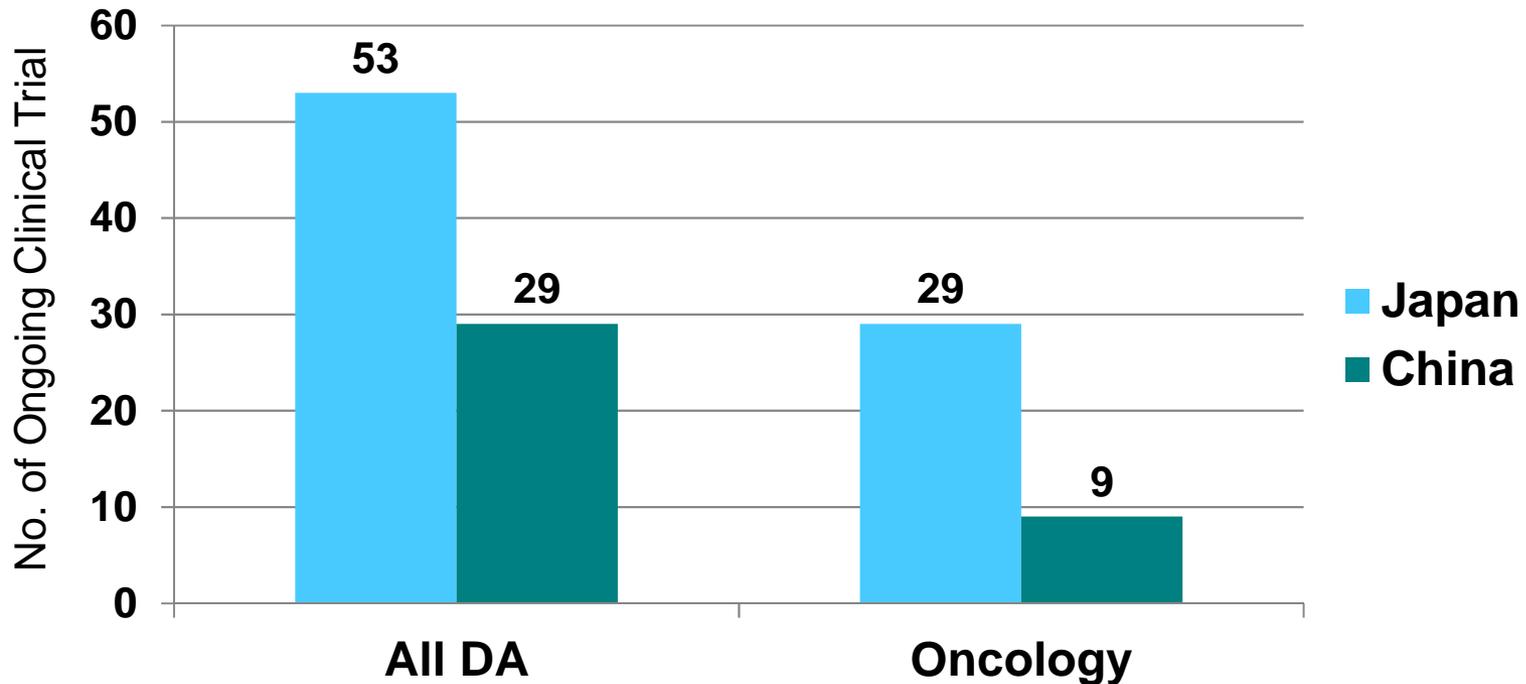
**Clinical Research**

**Basic and Translational Research**

# Clinical Research

# Clinical Research: Organization and Number of Trials

- ~340 members in Dev-Japan vs 160 members in Dev-China (excluding direct global lines)
- Clinical: 50 members in Japan vs 24 members in China



**Japan has great advantages over China so far;  
China has been struggling to participate into global studies**

# Japan has a great advantages over China “ So Far”

## <Advantage>: “Matured”

- **Regulatory advantage**
  - Necessity of Phase 1 before registration trial
- **Well-organized Japan affiliate (Established reliance from global)**
  - Studies led by Pfizer Japan had “fastest record“ among Project A (project buy-up to protocol finalization and FSFV)
- **Sufficient capability at study sites**
  - Sufficient experience, including Phase 1 (DLT evaluation etc)
  - Speedy start up and commitment (contribution to short cycle time)
  - GCP compliance and quality
- **Strong leadership of Japan KOLs in certain areas**

## <Disadvantage>: “COSTLY”

- **Highest cost for FTE (both internal and CRO cost)**
- **Less performance per CRA/site than other Asian countries**
- **Post marketing requirement (PMS, all case survey etc)**
- **Regional Specific/Strict requirement for IVD and CDx**

# China has been struggling to participate in global studies

## <Advantage>

- Huge potential of enrollment
- Performance per a CRA/site is high
- Participation into global registration study using Japanese PK & safety data

## <Disadvantage>

- Slow study start up

⇒ *One of the KEY focus area of “ The Innovation Opinion” is “Reforming clinical trial management” , which could substantially reduce delays in the approval of clinical trial applications* (Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017: [www.cov.com](http://www.cov.com))

- Quality issues (Field inspection detected 28.1% did not meet ALCOA+CCRA)

⇒ *Intensive training for CRA is requested by the CFDI*  
*The CFDI is expanding and hiring more staff, and the training is more standardized and consistent* (J Evid Based Med. 2018; 11:3-6)

- Less experiences of Phase 1 (DLT evaluation)
- Biospecimen assay (difficulty to implement companion diagnostics)

CFDI: Center for Food and Drug Inspections

ALCOA: Attributable, Legible, Contemporaneous, Original and Accurate

CCEA: Complete, Consistent, Enduring and Available



Global accepts “Dare To Try” for CHINA

# Now most pharma have strong interest in China

## ***Made the call!*** China Regulation Reform (SC No. 44/42)

- Modernization and standardization to global norms of regulation
- Has shifted from emerging market to innovative drug/health
  - Japan is now strengthening use of generics in priority prefectures
- Implemented “conditional approval” for innovative drugs
  - 48 products selected as “Fast Track”***
  - Palbociclib was approved in Aug 2018 with 2 years acceleration based on Chinese PK study only***
- (Will?) improve medical device regulations and harmonize them with international practices

 Global organization proactively includes China into ongoing/future global registration studies!

# Considerations

## Advantages

- Speed of SSU
- Plenty of successful experiences in clinical trials (both internal and external)

## Advantages

- Highest CAGR
- Huge potential of accrual
- Changing regulatory environments
- Big data
- Digital health

CAGR: Compound average growth rate



## Concerns

- Highest FTE (CRO cost)
- New drug pricing policy
- All case survey
- PMS

## Concerns

- Quality (improving!!\*)
- Custom compliance (import pricing and adjustment)

# What should we do??

**In China**, simultaneous development/submission/approval would become standard like current Japan

**Japan** needs more cost efficient study management as a first step

- **More disruptive idea using IT, digital platform etc**
  - Risk Based Monitoring
  - **eSource**, eICD etc..
  - More efficient PMS and all case survey to reduce overall cost of drug development
- More “patients centric approach”

As a next step, Japanese must become global players in global organization, not considering only Japan but also the globe

**It is a high time  
to be a real global role from a region**

# Basic and Translational Research Partnering with Academia

- One on One Collaboration
- CTI (Center for Therapeutic Innovation), **“a Joint Project”**
  - Collaboration through the research center consisted of several academia and Pfizer to conduct drug R&D (from the stage of idea creation to a first in human study)
- ITEN (Innovative Target Exploration Network)
  - Partnering model with selected academic institutions and PIs for early-stage **“research project”** that have the potential to deliver innovative therapeutic targets

Collaboration with multiple institutions/researchers become one of standard partnering models.

Global is now very interested in collaboration with Asian countries.

# Summary

- **Number of clinical trials in Japan is still higher than China**
- **However, huge investment to China has been committed due to highest CAGR, high potential of accrual, change of regulatory environments etc.**
- **Japan performance is good in study start up and quality, however needs to improve study cost (CRO/CRA cost), performance per CRA/site using innovative IT tools; more patient centric approaches should be promoted proactively**
- **In addition, Japan affiliates need to expand it's role**
  - **Become a global role (more global assignment of Japanese)**
  - **Japan clinical members should be involved in open innovation activities with daily communications not only on clinical but also on basic/translational research topics**

