

Shionogi Announces Commitment to Address the Omicron Variant of SARS-CoV-2

Osaka, Japan, December 20, 2021 – Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, Japan; President and CEO: Isao Teshirogi, Ph.D.; hereafter "Shionogi") has been progressing efforts to address the Omicron variant of the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), utilizing an Omicron variant obtained from the National Institute of Infectious Diseases on December 8, 2021. The progress of each of these efforts can be summarized as follows:

1. **Commitment to the discovery of novel therapeutic drugs**
According to the companies' preliminary data, Shionogi confirmed that S-217622, an oral antiviral drug that selectively inhibits 3CL protease, exhibits high antiviral activity against the Omicron variant similar to other existing variants.
2. **Commitment to vaccine development**
Regarding S-268019, a preventive vaccine in Phase 2/3 clinical trials, Shionogi has been working toward the construction of an evaluation system for the Omicron variant.
3. **Commitment to epidemiological detection**
Shionogi has working on wastewater-based epidemiological surveillance of the SARS-CoV-2, and launched mutational analysis services for sewage treatment plants on December 7, 2021. This technology can detect not only existing variants but also the Omicron variant.

Shionogi is committed to "Protect people worldwide from the threat of infectious diseases" as our key focus. We are not only pursuing the research and development of therapeutics, but are also working towards total care for infectious diseases, through awareness building, epidemiologic monitoring, prevention, diagnosis, and addressing exacerbations, as well as the treating the infection itself. As SARS-CoV-2 continues to have a major impact on people's lives and to represent a global threat, we will seek to contribute to re-establishing the safety and security of society by developing new products and services to address this pandemic, and will keep all stakeholders informed regarding the progress of our efforts.

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