

The Rules of the Japan Breast Cancer Research Group (JBCRG)

Article 1 (Name)

This limited liability intermediate corporation shall be called the Japan Breast Cancer Research Group (JBCRG).

Article 2 (Purpose)

The purpose of the JBCRG is to plan and promote clinical trials and basic research in breast cancer domestically and multilaterally. In addition, the JBCRG will contribute to the public welfare by improving outcomes in breast cancer, by conducting research and surveys on domestic and foreign information on medical care for breast cancer, diffusing and illuminating such information, improving and promoting clinical technologies for breast cancer, and acting as an intermediary to liaise and strengthen alliances with affiliated organizations.

Article 3 (Projects)

In order to achieve the purpose prescribed in Article 2 above, the JBCRG shall carry out the following projects.

- (1) Basic and clinical research;
- (2) Collection, analysis, and publication of information;
- (3) Mutual exchange of information;
- (4) Ordinary/Extraordinary General Meetings; and
- (5) Any other affair required to accomplish the purpose of the JBCRG.

Article 4 (Organization)

The JBCRG shall consist of the Board of Directors, the Committee for judging clinical trials, the Committee for evaluating response and safety, the Committee of ethics, the Committee of pathology, Advisors for statistical analysis, advisors, and the Head Office.

Article 5 (Directors)

1. The JBCRG shall have the following Directors.
 - (1) The Directors; One of the Directors shall serve as representative Director.
 - (2) Advisors

The Advisors and Directors shall be appointed by recommendation of the members, and the term of the duties shall be three years. Their reappointment, however, shall not be precluded.

2. The representative Director and the Directors shall organize the Board of Directors and consult/decide on the following matters. In addition, the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be deemed to be effective by the attendance of more than two-thirds of the members, including members who have submitted a power of attorney, and the resolution of such meetings shall be adopted by a majority of the Directors.
 - (1) Management of the JBCRG
 - (2) Method of study
 - (3) Method of publication of results
 - (4) Method for use of research expenses
 - (5) Approval of new members or member designation
 - (6) Others
3. The Advisors shall express their opinions on, or give recommendations regarding the basic management policy of the JBCRG.
4. In addition to the above Directors, the JBCRG shall have some staff members required to promote the affairs of the JBCRG.

Article 6 (Members)

The members of the JBCRG shall be individuals who are engaged in the study/medical examination of breast cancer, and who agree with the purpose and programs of the JBCRG and are approved by the Board of Directors. A person wishing to become a member shall make application in a form designated by the JBCRG to the representative Director. If a member falls under any of the following cases, the member shall lose the qualification of membership.

- (1) In cases where a member has given notice of resignation to the JBCRG;
- (2) In cases where a member dies or is sentenced to be missing; and
- (3) In cases where a member is expelled by the JBCRG.

Article 7 (Head Office)

The Head Office of the JBCRG shall be located at
3-14-16-5F Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan
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Article 8 (Management of the JBCRG)

The date and time of study meetings to be held by the JBCRG shall be decided and held at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article 9 (Expenses)

The expenses required for the management of the JBCRG shall be appropriated by study subsidies and contributions. In managing the JBCRG, the Head Office shall manage research expenses. The research expenses shall be used for the following expenses.

- (1) Management expenses of research meetings (venue fees, meeting management fees, lecture fees, Head Office fees, etc)
- (2) Travel expenses and accommodation fees of lecturers: the actual expenses shall be paid.
- (3) Cooperation fees for research and study: aiming at ¥30,000 per case, the JBCRG shall pay such fees to the responsible doctor who implements the research by the fiscal year.
- (4) Fees for attending academic meetings, drafting research papers: for publication of the results of research at the said research meetings, and for participating fees for overseas academic meetings to obtain information required the activities at the said research meetings, the JBCRG shall pay a maximum of ¥300,000 for European countries and a maximum of ¥150,000 for Asian countries as research fees. In addition, the JBCRG shall pay the actual fees for drafting research papers for publishing the results of the research at the research meetings (posting fees, separate printing fees, etc) in the same manner.

In addition, an accounting audit shall be made by the Directors periodically.

Article 10 (Term)

The existence of the JBCRG shall be discussed by the Board of Directors each three years, and if the Board of Directors judges that it is necessary to do so, the JBCRG shall continue to exist. The completion of the JBCRG shall be resolved by the Board of Directors and be decided by the approval of more than two-thirds of the total of the attending members at the General Meeting to follow.

Article 11 (Amendment of the Rules)

The Rules of the JBCRG shall be amended by the resolution of the Board of Directors, and be decided by the approval of the research meeting to follow. The detailed regulations shall be worked out or amended by the resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article 12 (Matters not specified in Rules)

In cases where there is any matter not specified in the Rules of the JBCRG, or in cases where it becomes necessary to amend the Rules of the JBCRG, such cases shall be discussed by the Directors and members of the JBCRG, and shall be decided by the approval of the Board of Directors.

Detailed Regulations

Article 1

The matters required for management of the JBCRG shall be specified by the Detailed Regulations.

Article 2

The planning and amendment of the Detailed Regulations shall be made by the Directors pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Rules of the JBCRG.

Article 3

The Directors specified in Article 5 of the Rules of the JBCRG shall be described in the Attachment.

Adopted on April 21, 2002

Amended in October 2005

Amended in November 2007

Amended in May 2008 (Article 9 Expenses)

(The Attachment has been amended due to changes in personnel duties.)

Missions of the Committee for Judging Clinical trials

1. Decision on guidelines for public offerings of clinical trials and incidental research to initiate and examination of new protocols
2. Appointment of protocol examination committee members for clinical trials and incidental research
3. Supervision of the progress of implementation of clinical trials and incidental research
4. Other matters required for the smooth implementation of clinical trials and incidental research under the projects, and for coordination between studies

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