

Appendix Table 2. List of Participants and their Affiliations at the Time of Study

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Yasushi Matsumoto	- Kohnan Hospital, Sendai
Shinji Kumagai	- Nakajima Hospital, Sendai
Tsuyoshi Shinozaki	- National Hospital Organization Sendai Medical Center, Sendai
Katsunori Iijima	- Tohoku University School of Medicine, Akita
Kazuhiko Aikawa	- Igarashi Internal Medicine Surgery Clinic, Kooriyama
Noriyuki Nishino	- Southern Tohoku Research Institute for Neuroscience Southern Tohoku General Hospital, Kooriyama
Taku Matsubara	- Shinrakuen Hospital, Niigata
Hitoshi Takagi	- National Hospital Organization Takasaki General Medical Center, Takasaki
Masataka Fukue	- Koga Hospital, Koga
Masaaki Kanenobu	- Yuai Memorial Hospital, Koga
Keita Uehara	- National Hospital Organization Tochigi Medical Center, Utsunomiya
Koichi Taya	- Taya Clinic, Tsuchiura
Masao Kobayakawa	- National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Tokyo
Hisato Maekawa	- Tokyo Takanawa Hospital, Tokyo
Hironori Kowazaki	- Kohsei Chuo General hospital, Tokyo
Manabu Yamamoto	- Adachi Kyosai Hospital, Tokyo
Nobuhiko Harada	- Hachioji Digestive Disease Hospital, Tokyo
Yukiko Morita	- National Hospital Organization Sagamihara National Hospital, Sagamihara
Jun Takatsuka	- Sagamihara Central Hospital, Sagamihara
Ryosaku Azemoto	- Kimitsu Chuo Hospital, Kisarazu
Seiji Otsuka	- Nippon Koukan Hospital, Kawasaki
Akira Mizuki	- Keiyu Hospital, Yokohama
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Kiyoshi Ido	- Yokohama Shintoshu Neurosurgical Hospital, Sagamihara
Nobuaki Shinozaki	- Shonan Atsugi Hospital, Fujisawa

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Masahiko Ohata	- Maruyama Memorial General Hospital, Saitama
Ko Nishikawa	- Ageo Central General Hospital, Ageo
Masaya Sato	- San-ai Hospital, Saitama
Masanori Takenoya	- Ogawa Red Cross Hospital, Hiki
Keiichi Morita	- Tosei General Hospital, Seto
Toshimasa Asai	- Asai Hospital, Seto
Taizo Kondo	- Komaki City Hospital, Tajimi
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Hirohisa Tanimura	- Osaka Kaisei Hospital, Osaka
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Hideji Nakamura	- Nissay Hospital, Osaka
Sanai Noguchi	- Aizenbashi Hospital, Osaka
Kazuho Miyakoshi	- Minamiosaka General Hospital, Osaka
Takeshi Kubota	- Tondabayashi Hospital, Osaka Prefecture Branch of Saiseikai, Tondabayashi
Tatsuichi Ahn	- Bellland General Hospital, Sakai
Kimio Nishimura	- Takanojima Central Hospital, Nara
Shuji Takahashi	- Takeda Hospital, Kyoto
Hidemitsu Sugimoto	- Mitsubishi Kyoto Hospital, Kadoma
Kiichi Matsuyama	- Takeda General Hospital, Kyoto
Yasuhiro Katou	- Komatsu Sophia Hospital, Komatsu
Toshinori Higashikata	- Komatsu Municipal Hospital, Komatsu
Kiyoo Mori	- Houju Memorial Hospital, Nomi
Satoru Sakagami	- National Hospital Organization Kanazawa Medical Center, Kanazawa
Hiroyuki Oda	- Central Hospital of Matto Ishikawa, Hakusan
Shigeru Yokawa	- Toyama City Hospital, Toyama
Atsushi Sueyoshi	- Uji Tokusyukai Medical Center, Uji

Naoki Wakabayashi	- Otsu Municipal Hospital, Otsu
Tetsuro Tsuji	- Fukui General Clinic, Fukui
Takahiko Aoyama	- Fukui Prefectural Hospital, Fukui
Yasuo Sutani	- Kobe Tokushukai Hospital, Kobe
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Hiroyuki Ogawa	- Nishinomiya Municipal Central Hospital, Nishinomiya
Masaaki Sumioka	- Hiroshima Prefectural Hospital, Hiroshima
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Hironao Komatsu	- JA Hiroshima General Hospital, Hatsukaichi
Yuhji Furutani	- National Hospital Organization Kanmon Medical Center, Shimonoseki
Tatsuya Toyokawa	- National Hospital Organization Fukuyama Medical Center, Fukuyama
Mitsunori Fujimura	- Takamatsu Municipal Hospital, Takamatsu
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Yuji Mizukami	- Matsuyama Shimin Hospital, Matsuyama
Tomoyuki Ninomiya	- Ehime Prefectural Central Hospital, Matsuyama
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Tatsuhiko Oishi	- Oishi Gastroenterology Clinic, Kasuya
Haruki Takahashi	- Obase Hospital, Miyako
Yasunori Kyoyama	- Shinyukhashi Hospital, Yukuhashi
Shigeru Fujii	- Fukuoka Shin Mizumaki Hospital, Onga
Tetsuo Hisadome	- Shin Komonji Hospital, Kitakyushu
Makoto Kohakura	- Nagata Hospital, Ynagawa
Kazuya Makiyama	- Inoue Hospital, Nagasaki
Syotaro Tsuruta	- The Japanese Red Cross Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Hospital, Nagasaki

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Michiko Nakanishi	- Suizenji Tohya Hospital, Kumamoto
Hiroshi Satoh	- Oita Oka Hospital, Oita
Tetsuya Ishida	- Oita Red Cross Hospital, Oita
Tatsuhiko Ooie	- National Hospital Organization Oita Medical Center, Oita
Katsuro Kashima	- National Hospital Organization Ibusuki Medical Center, Ibusuki
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