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The Japanese Government's Research and Development Support System for Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPSC)-Based Therapies

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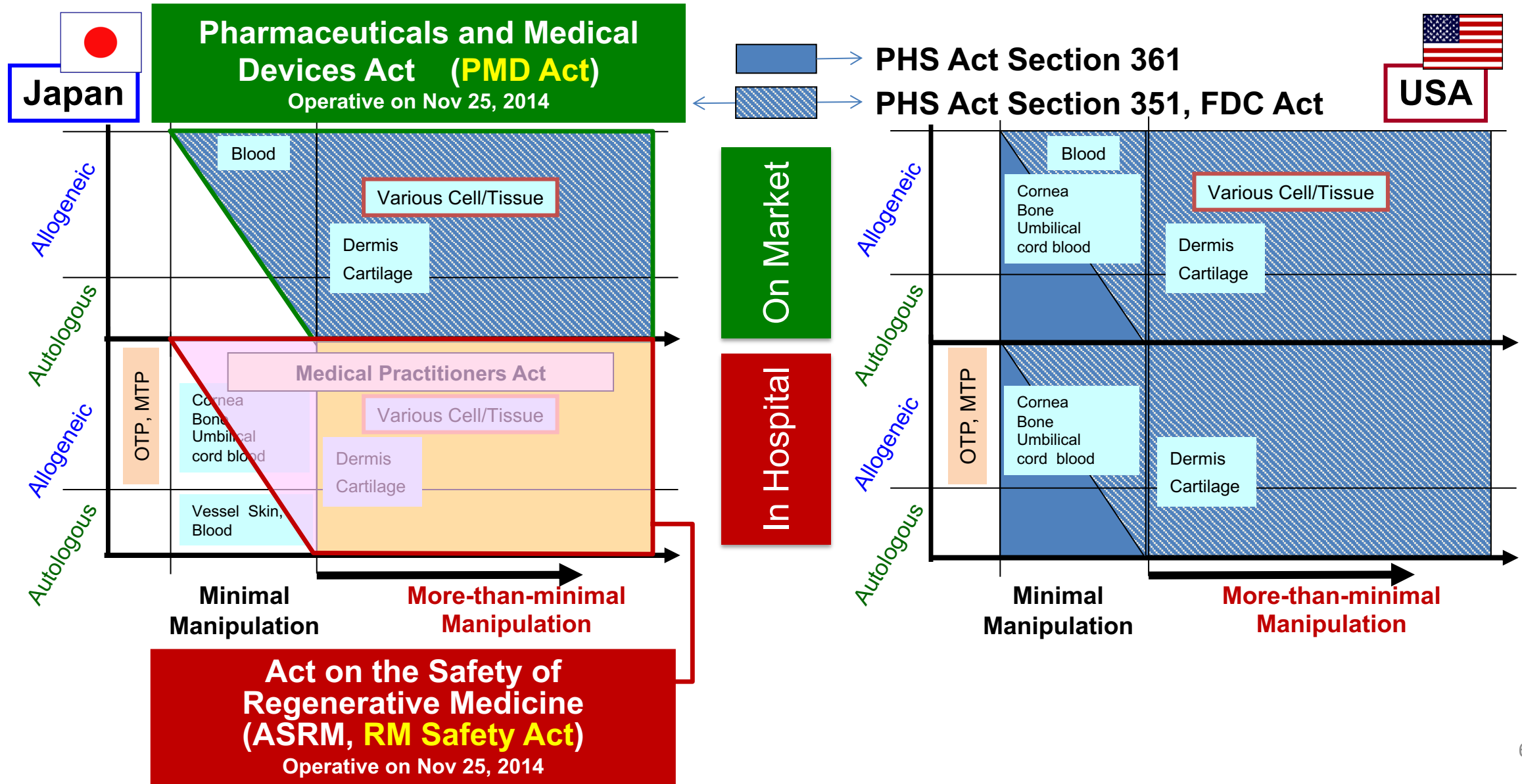
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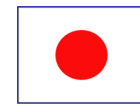
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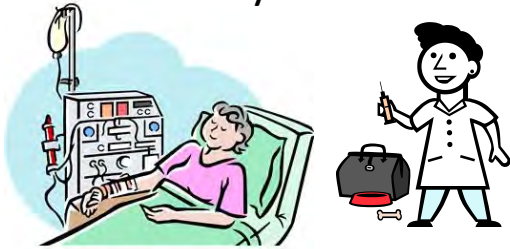


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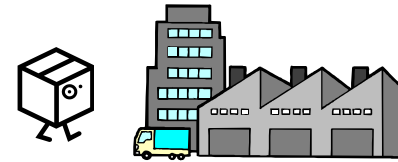


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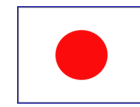
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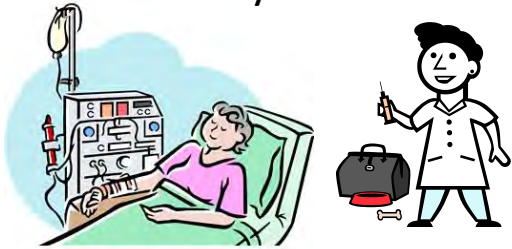
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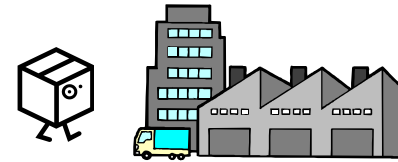


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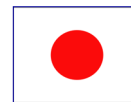
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6 arrested over unauthorized stem cell therapy using cord blood

 **KYODO NEWS** August 27, 2017



Based on the RM Safety Act, the Government can arrest medical practitioners who perform cell therapy without notifying the authorities in order to prevent future adverse events.

MATSUYAMA, Japan – Police on Sunday arrested a doctor and five others suspected of involvement in unauthorized stem cell therapies using blood from umbilical cords and placenta after childbirth.

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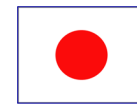
While hopes are high over the use of cord blood in the field of regenerative medicine to treat a number of diseases as it contains stem cells, the health ministry is concerned over the spread of costly medical services provided without clear scientific evidence and without ensuring sufficient safety.

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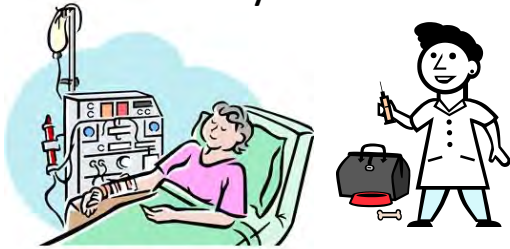
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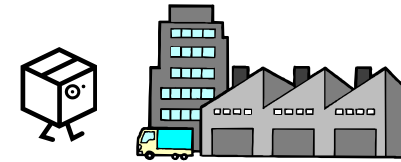


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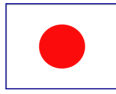
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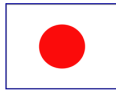
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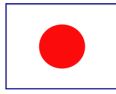
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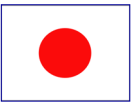
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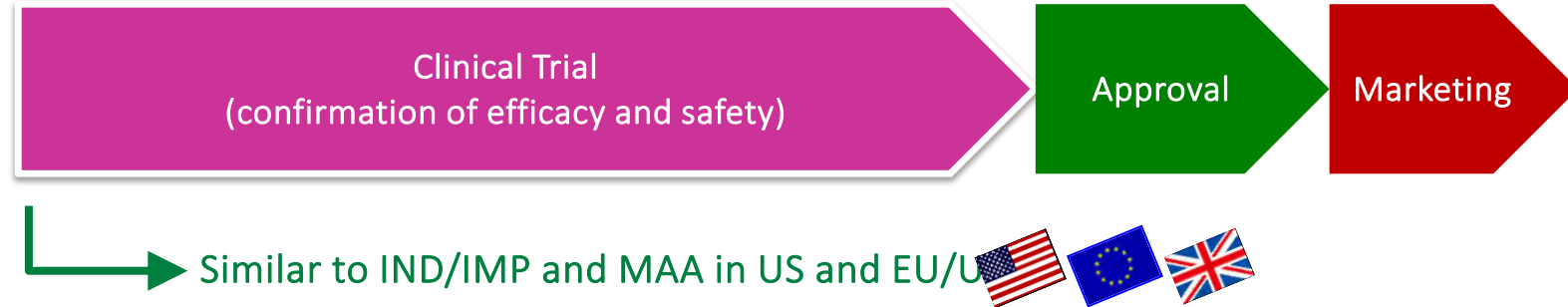


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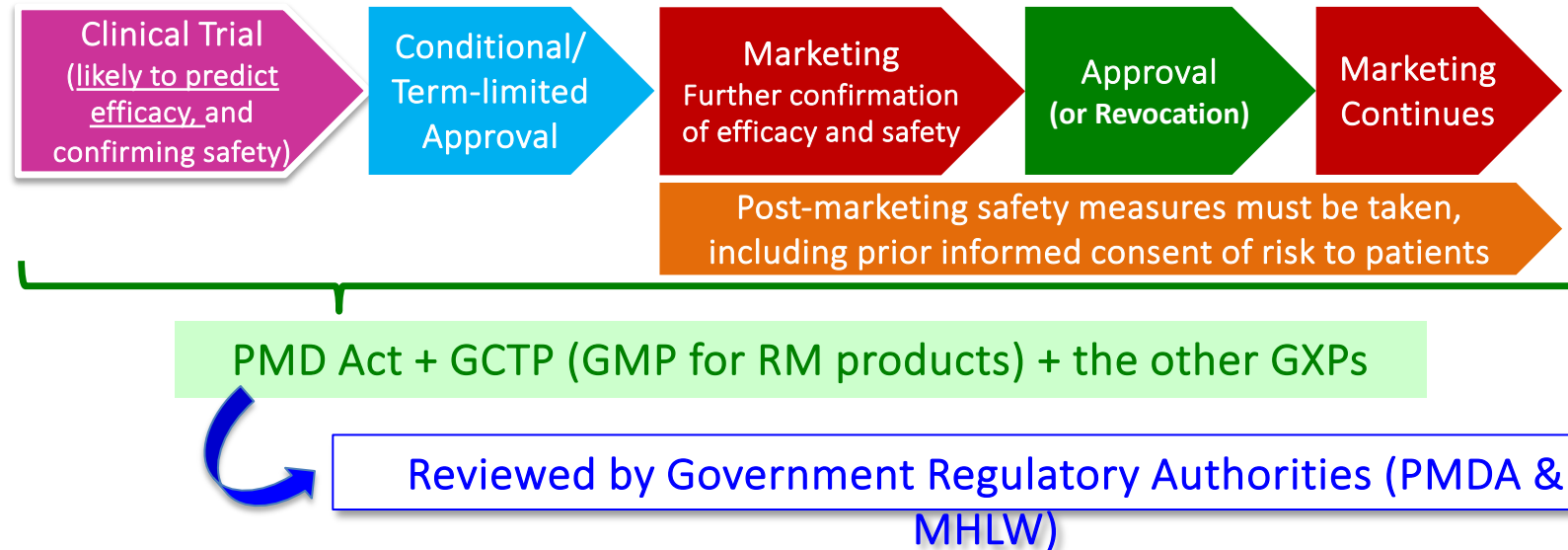
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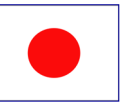
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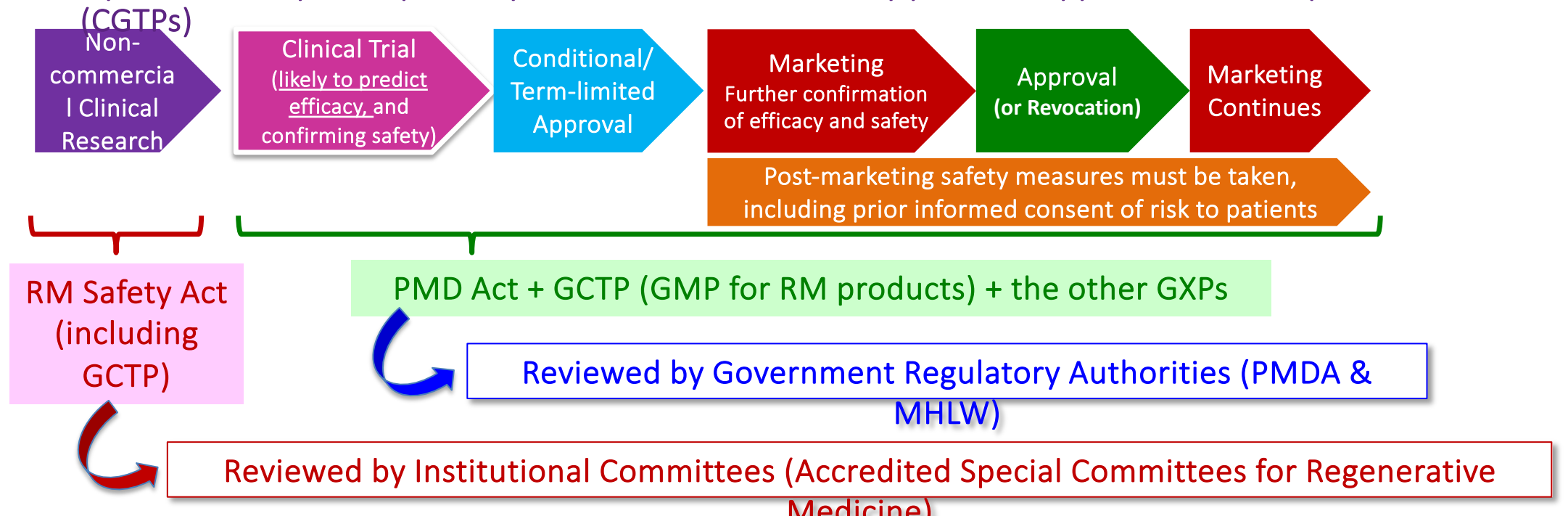
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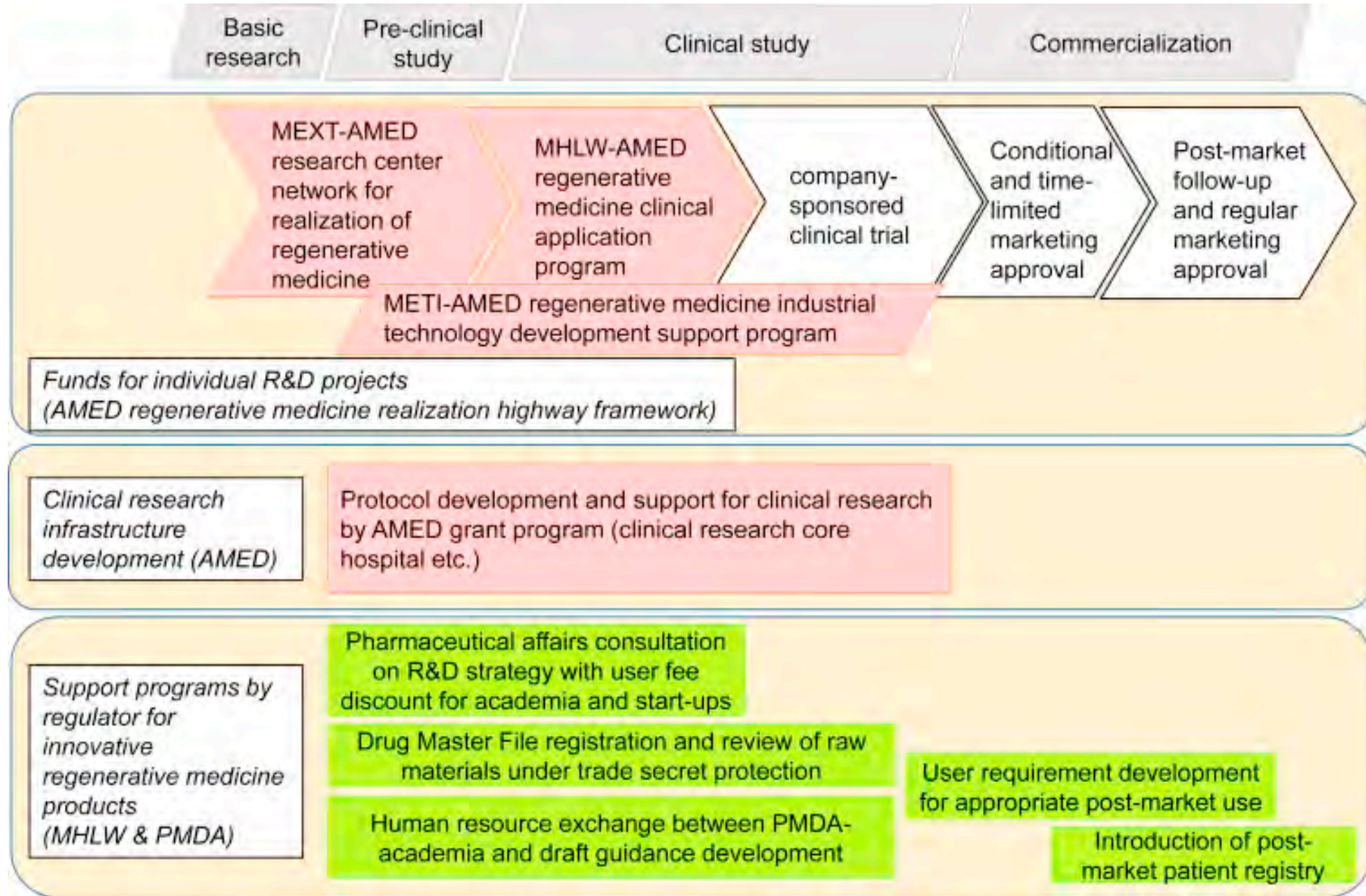
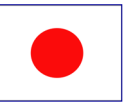
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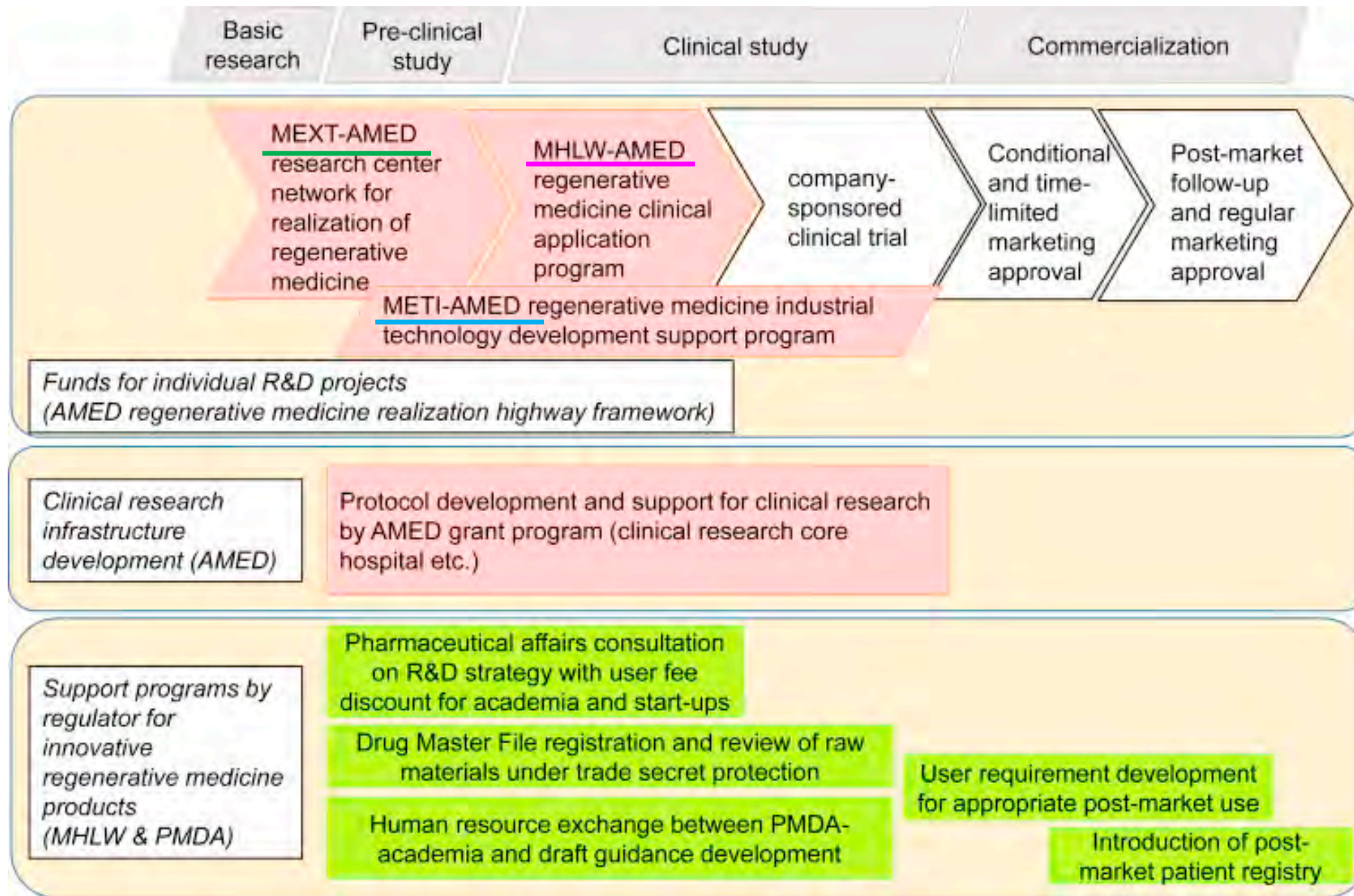
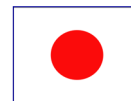
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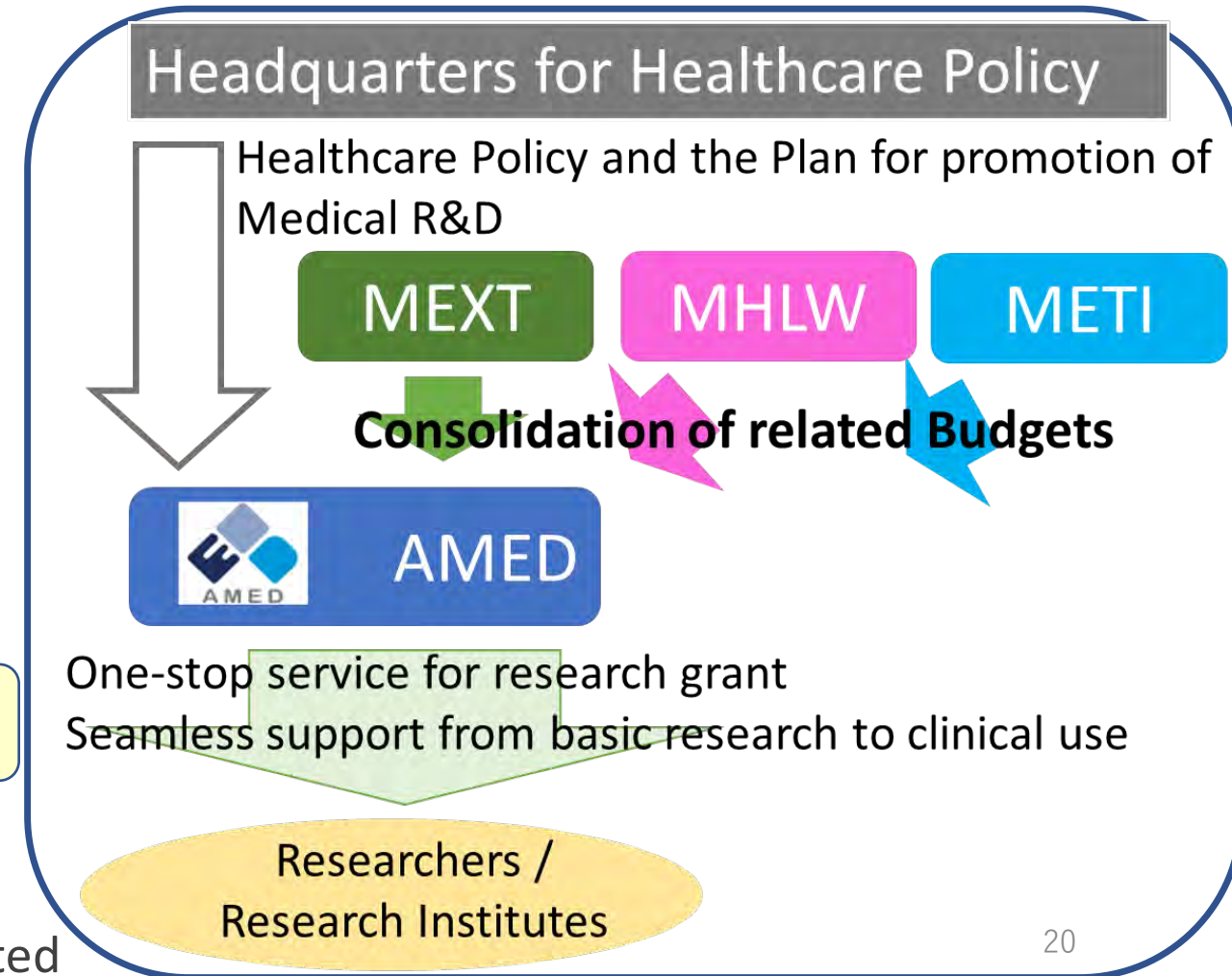
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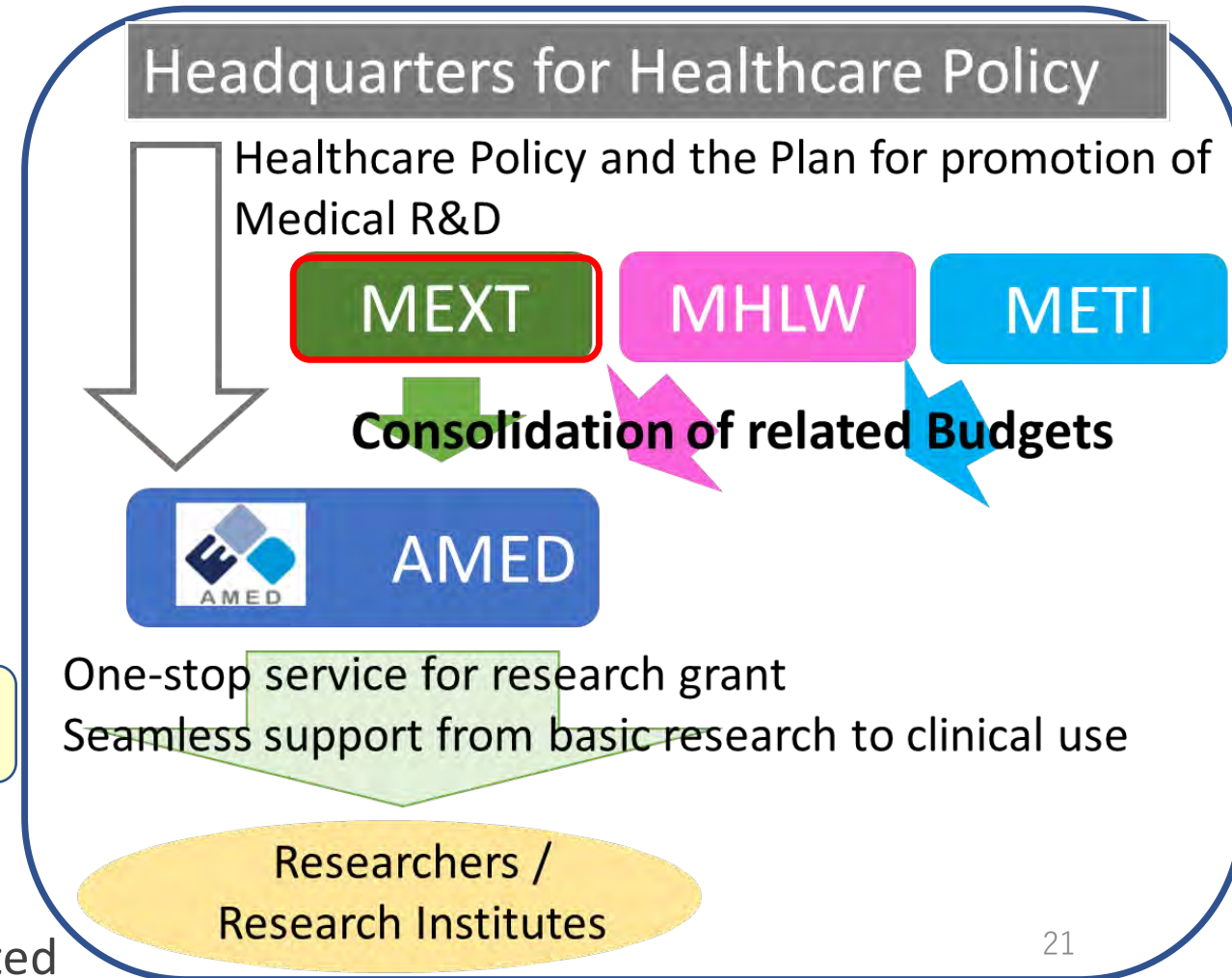
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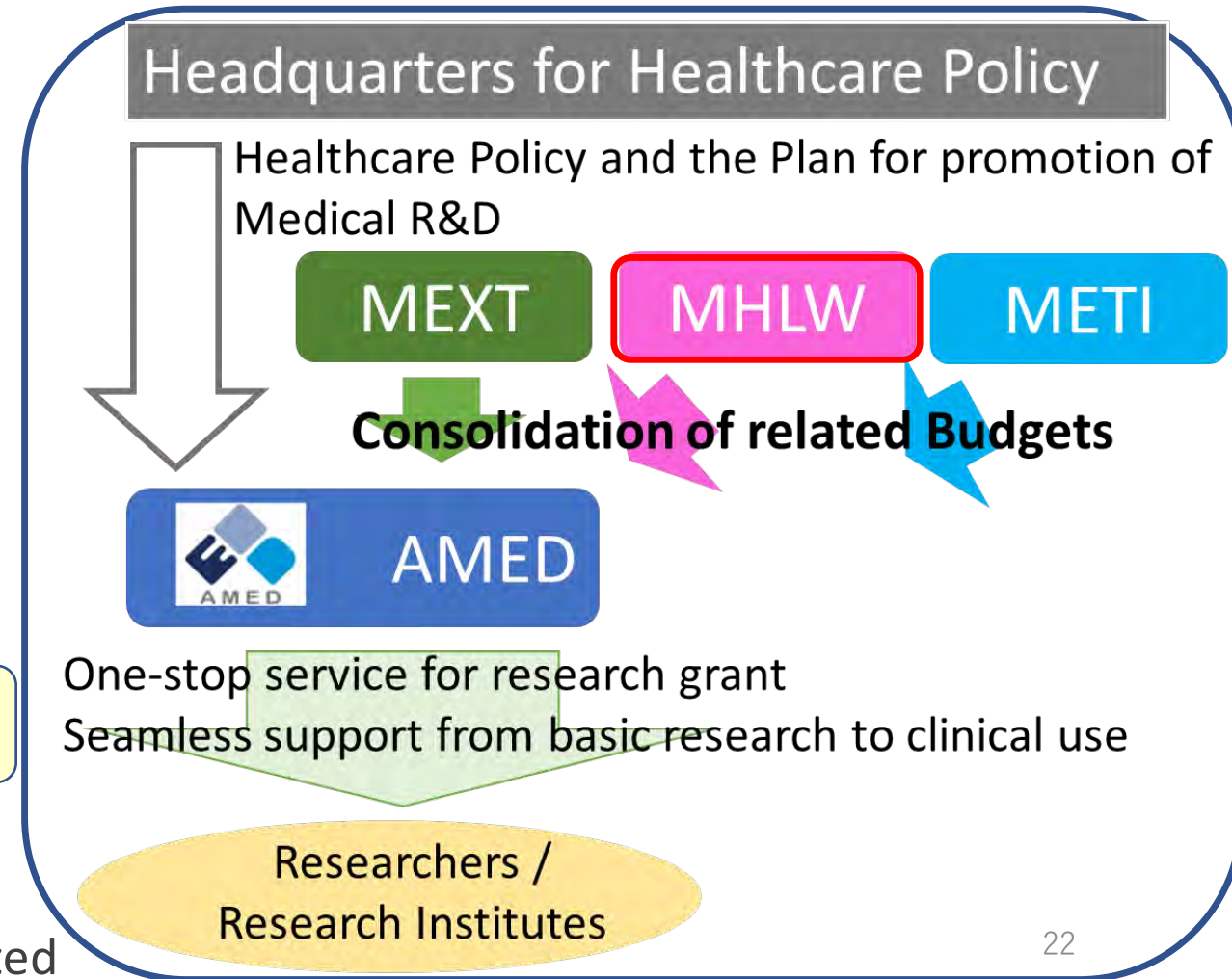
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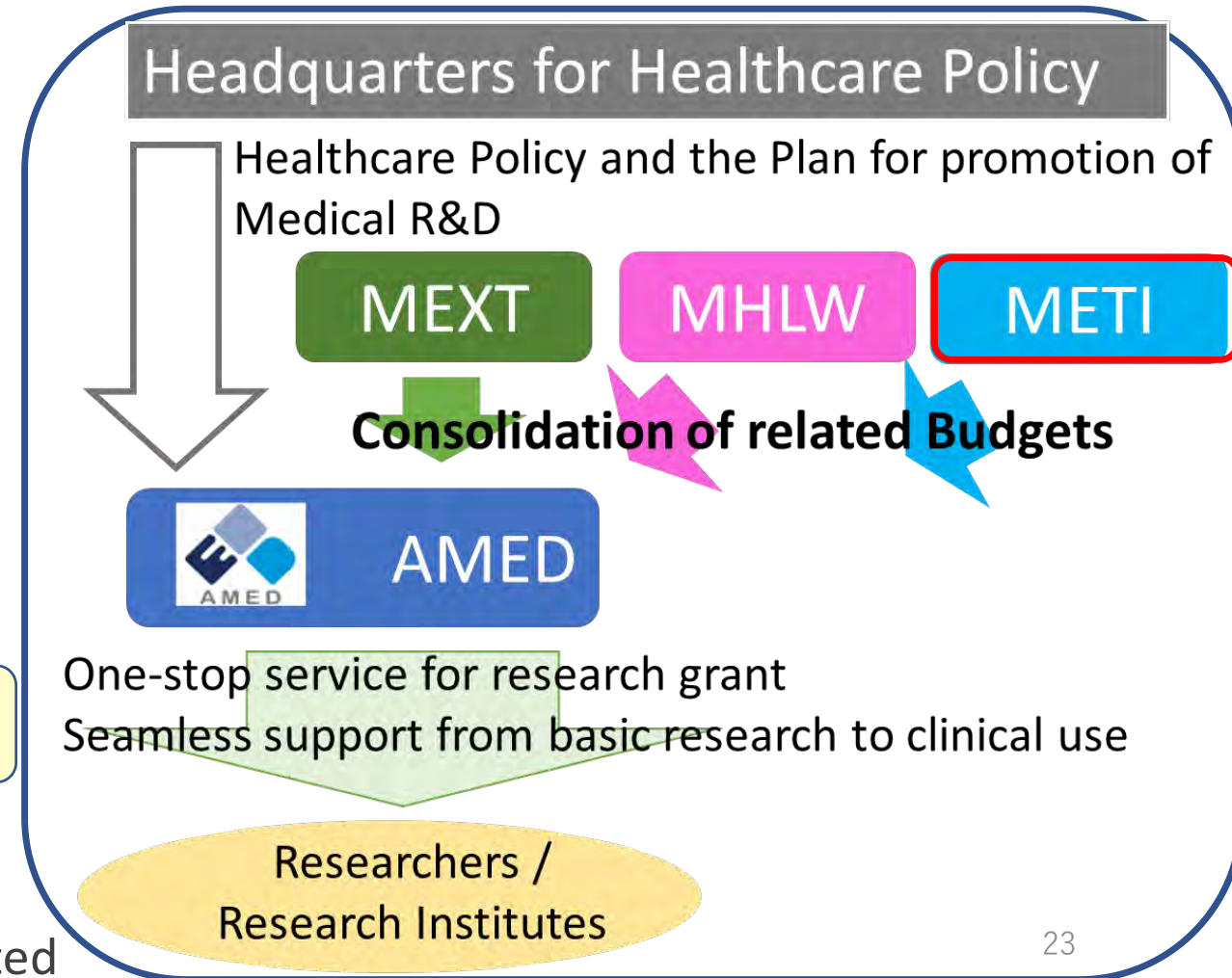
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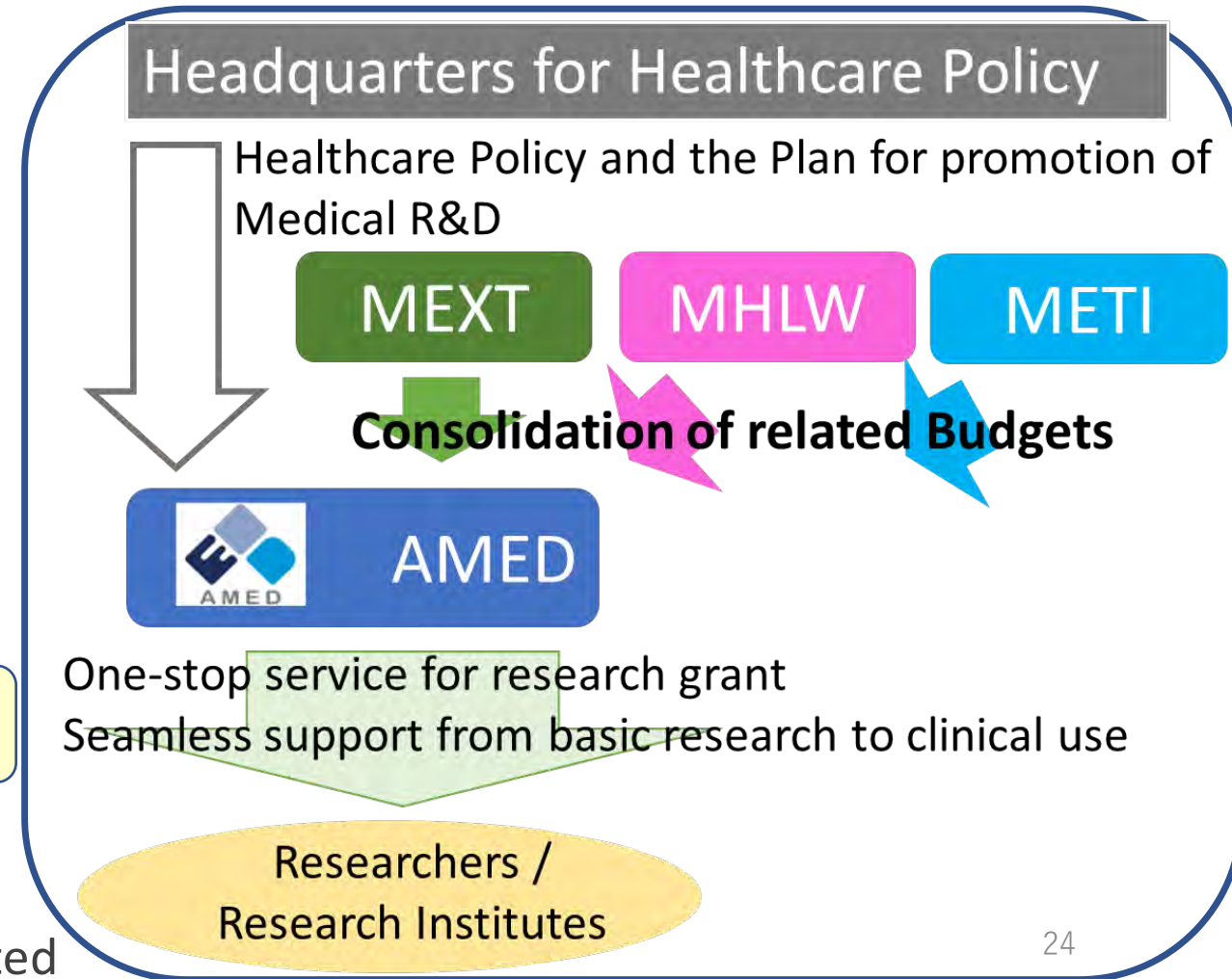
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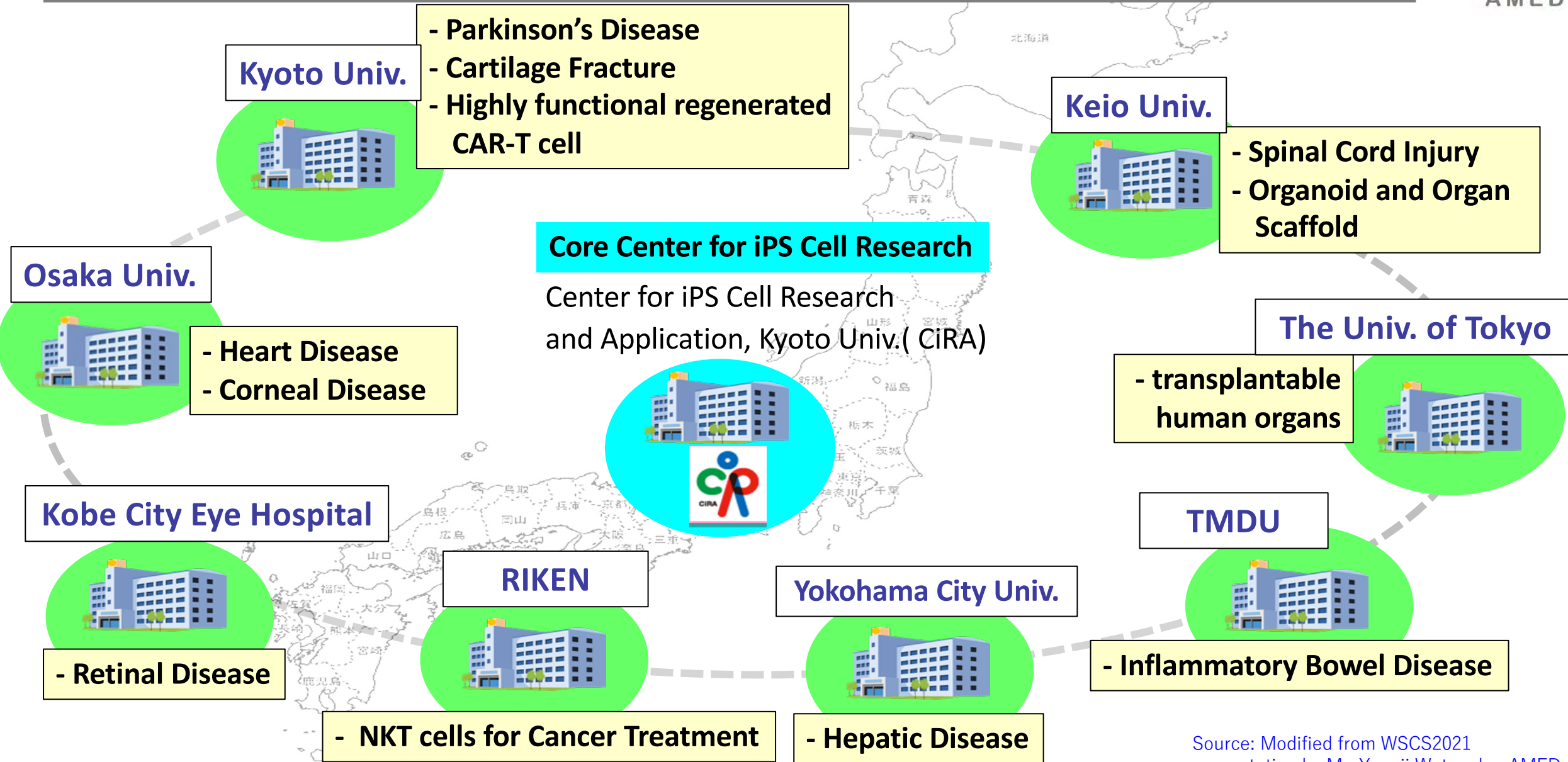
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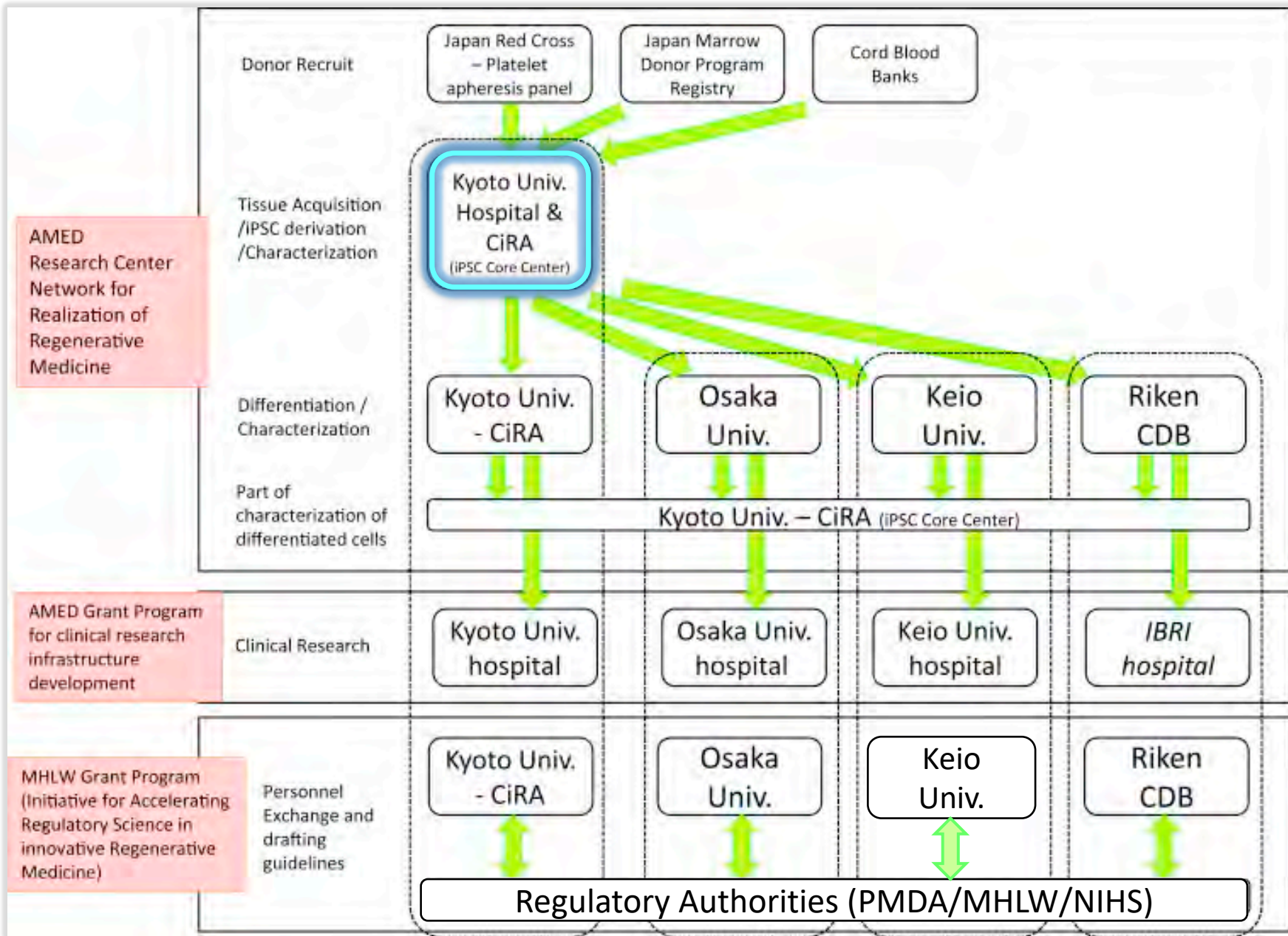
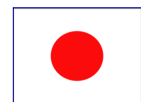
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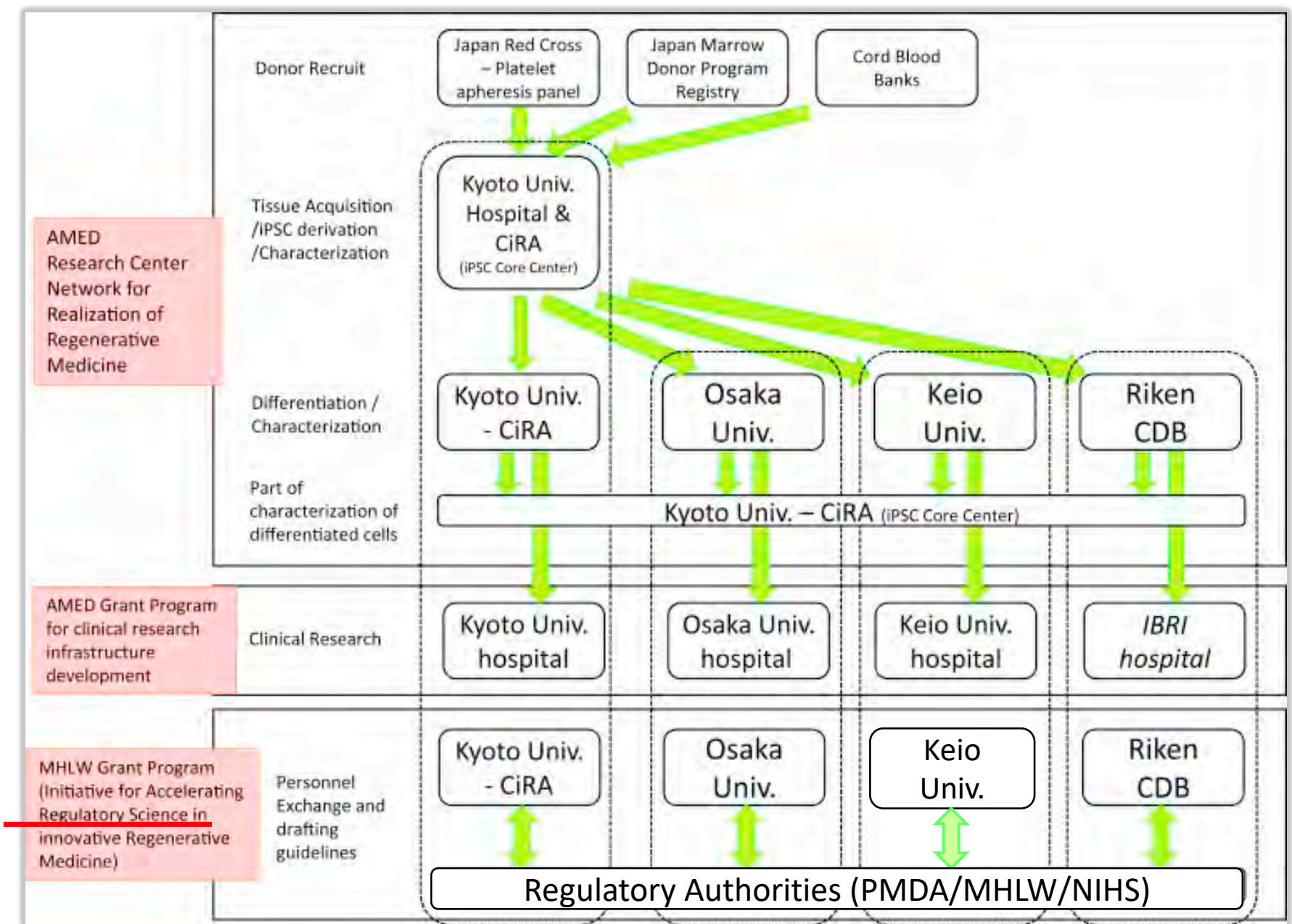
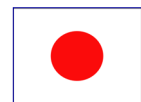
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The Japanese Government is promoting the R&Ds and clinical applications of iPSC-derived products with a view to their commercial distributions **by implementing policies of the relevant ministries for scientific research and development (MEXT), public health and pharmaceutical affairs (MHLW), and industrial promotion (METI) on a common platform (AMED), and by having allogeneic iPSCs as starting/raw materials shared among developers.**

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R&D Collaboration between the Major Research Centers and Regulatory Authorities for the Development of iPSC-derived Products



“Regulatory Science”



...is the science of developing new tools, standards, and approaches to assess the safety, efficacy, quality, and performance of all FDA-regulated products.

Major Challenges in Regulatory Science of Cell Therapy Products

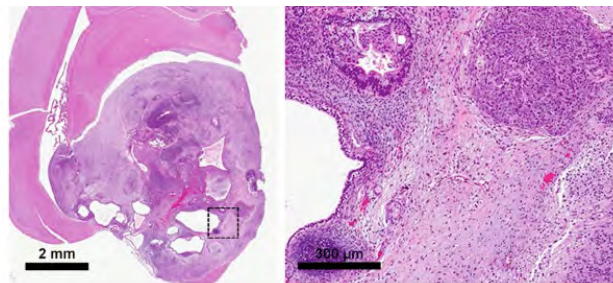
What should be evaluated?

1. Viral safety (allogeneic vs. autologous)
 2. Characteristics and eligibility of cells to be used as raw materials
 3. Eligibility of ancillary materials of human or animal origin, other than cell substrates
 4. Establishment and management of cell banks as cell substrates
 5. Manufacturing strategy and process validation to achieve reproducibility of the final product quality
 6. Characterization of cells as active ingredients of the final product
 7. Identification and specification of critical quality attributes of the final product (QC of the final product)
 8. Comparability in the quality of products subject to changes in their manufacturing process/cell banks
 9. Design and interpretation of non-clinical safety studies and non-clinical proof-of-concept studies
 10. Design and interpretation of tumorigenicity studies (especially for ESC/iPSC-derived products)
 11. Immunogenicity of the final product
 12. Biodistribution of administered cells *in vivo* and their behavior at the engraftment site
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- Safety & eligibility of raw materials
- Ensuring the quality of the final product
- Prediction of safety & efficacy in the non-clinical phase
- Clinical Evaluation

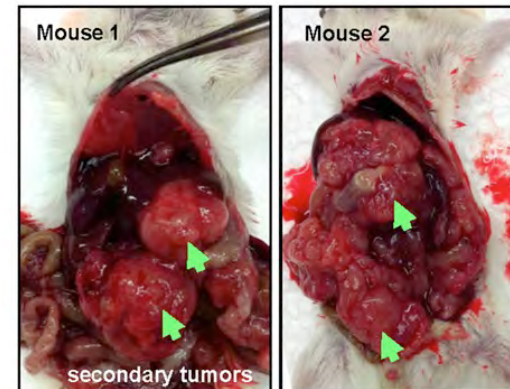
Tumorigenicity

... is one of the major concerns for pluripotent stem cell-derived therapeutic products

- Human pluripotent stem cells (PSC) have the potential to revolutionize regenerative medicine and cell therapy.
- Some clinical trials on pluripotent stem cell-derived products are currently on going, and more trials are expected to start soon in many countries
- However, cells transformed during the manufacturing process and residual undifferentiated PSCs may form tumors in patients.



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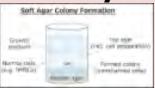




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Development of Test Methods for Detection of Transformed Cells Intermingled in Cell Therapy Products

Tumorigenic Cellular Impurities
= A Hazard of PSC-Derived Products

In Vitro Assays

Assays/ Platform	Conventional soft agar colony formation	Digital soft agar colony formation	Cell growth analysis
			
Positive control	HeLa cells	HeLa cells	HeLa cells
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Assay principle	Conventional SACF assay based on anchorage-independent cell growth	Image-based screening system for the SACF assay using a high-content cell analyzer	The analysis of cell senescence/growth after serial passaging (compare the growth rates of hMSC w/wo positive controls after 5 passages)
Pros	Low cost	High sensitivity	High sensitivity, Low cost
Cons	Low sensitivity	High cost (needs image scanner)	Time-consuming
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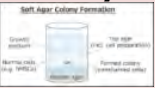


Assays/ Platform	Tumorigenicity Test
Animals	NOG mice
Route	Subcutaneous transplantation
Positive control	HeLa cells
Duration	>= 16 weeks
Pros	Direct evaluation in micro environment (expected clinical use site)
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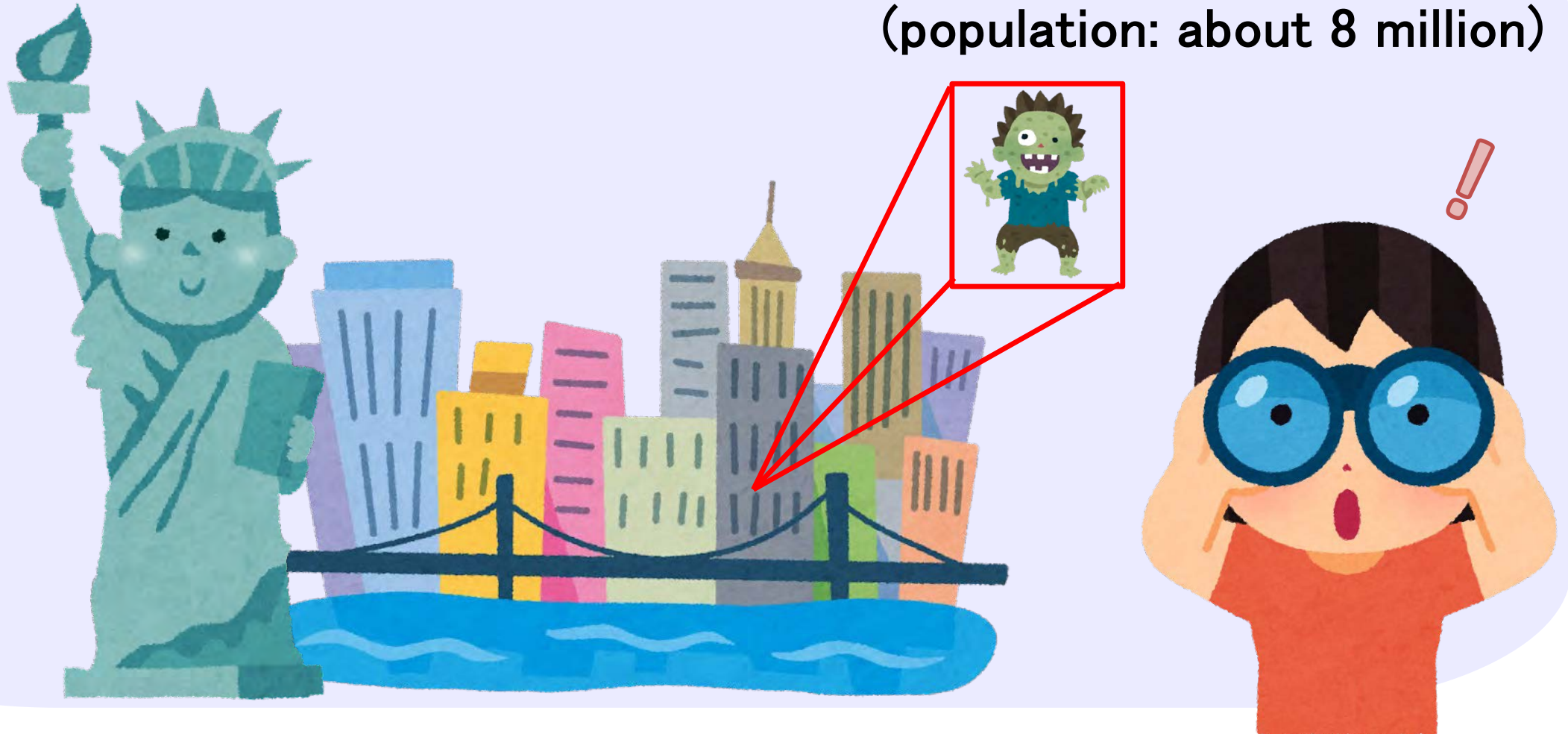
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Digital Soft-Agar Colony Formation Assay has achieved the ability to detect cancer cells in normal cells at a ratio of **1 in 10 million**




Comparable to the ability to find one zombie in New York City
(population: about 8 million)



Development of Test Methods for Detection of Residual Undifferentiated PSCs

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 = Another Hazard of PSC-Derived Products

In Vitro Assays

Assays/ Platform	Flow cytometry 	qRT-PCR 	Droplet Digital PCR 	Direct detection using a highly efficient amplification method*
Positive control	iPS cells	iPS cells	iPS cells	iPS cells
Duration	1 day	6 hours	a few hours	about a week
Marker	TRA-1-60 etc	Lin28	Lin28	-
Pros	Simple/quick	Simple/quick, High sensitivity	Simple/quick, High sensitivity	Direct detection, High sensitivity
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Positive control	iPS cells
Duration	17-30 weeks
Pros	Direct evaluation in micro environment (expected clinical use site)
Cons	High cost, Long time, Especial facility, Low through put, Histopathological evaluation to confirm tumor origin from whether residual undifferentiated iPS cells or transformed cells
Sensitivity	to detect 1000 hiPS cells in 2.5/10 ⁵ hrPE with 50% probability
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Highly-Efficient Culture Assay

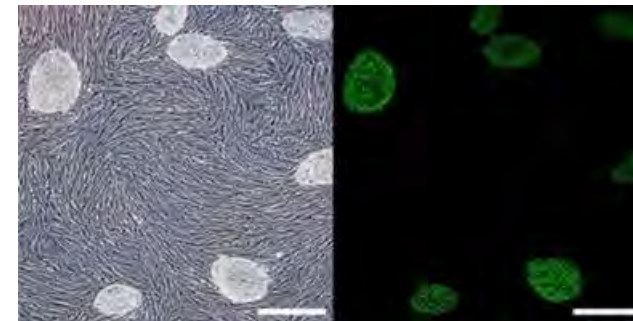
Example 2

detects **residual undifferentiated pluripotent stem cells (PSCs)** in cell therapy products using highly efficient culture system which favors the growth of PSCs

Assays/ Platform	Highly efficient culture assay
Positive control	iPS cells <i>etc</i>
Duration	about a week
Marker	TRA-1-60 <i>etc</i>
Pros	Direct detection, High sensitivity
Cons	Time-consuming, Low throughput
Sensitivity	1/10,000 - 1/100,000
Reference	Tano et al., PLoS ONE. 2014 Garitaonandia et al., Scientific Reports. 2016

This assay ...

- ✓ is able to directly detect a trace amount of undifferentiated PSCs by measuring the number of colonies originated from a single PSC.



Tano et al., PLoS ONE.
2014

- ✓ is quite sensitive and has a potential to become more sensitive by improving culture system /colony detection method.

Improvement of detection method for residual undifferentiated iPS cells (tumorigenic cells) in differentiated cells derived from human iPS cells

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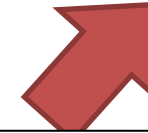
Regulatory Policies

Multisite studies for validation and improvement of a highly efficient culture assay for detection of undifferentiated human pluripotent stem cells intermingled in cell therapy products

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Detection of iPS cells in differentiated cells
at a ratio of 1 in 5 million
(WORLD RECORD!!)



ABSTRACT

Background aims: The Multisite Evaluation Study on Analytical Methods for Non-Clinical Safety Assessment of Human-Derived Regenerative Medical Products (MEASURE) is a Japanese experimental public-private partnership initiative, which aims to standardize methodology for tumorigenicity evaluation of human pluripotent stem cell (hPSC)-derived cell therapy products (CTPs). Undifferentiated hPSCs possess tumorigenic potential, and thus residual undifferentiated hPSCs are one of the major hazards for the risk of tumor formation from hPSC-derived CTPs. Among currently available assays, a highly efficient culture (HEC) assay is reported to be one of the most sensitive for the detection of residual undifferentiated hPSCs.

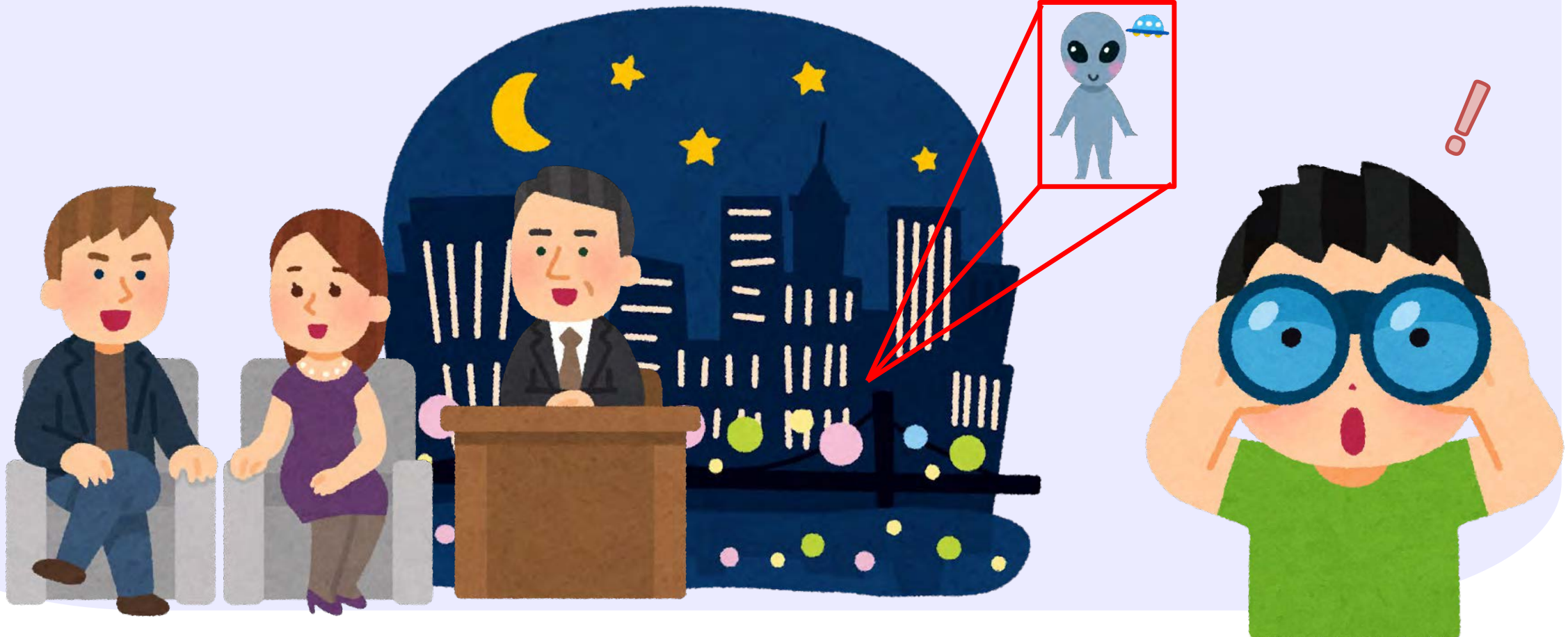
Methods: MEASURE first validated the detection sensitivity of HEC assay and then investigated the feasibility of magnetic-activated cell sorting (MACS) to improve sensitivity.

Results: The multisite experiments confirmed that the lower limit of detection under various conditions to which the human induced pluripotent stem cell lines and culture medium/substrate were subjected was 0.001%. In addition, MACS concentrated cells expressing undifferentiated cell markers and consequently achieved a detection sensitivity of 0.00002%.

Conclusions: These results indicate that HEC assay is highly sensitive and robust and that the application of MACS on this assay is a promising tool for further mitigation of the potential tumorigenicity risk of hPSC-derived CTPs.

Improved Highly-Efficient Culture Assay has achieved the ability to detect residual iPSCs in differentiated cells at a ratio of **1 in 5 million**

Comparable to the ability to find one alien in Los Angeles
(population: about 4 million)



"Points to Consider for Detection of Undifferentiated Pluripotent Stem Cells/Transformed Cells, Tumorigenicity Test and Genetic Stability Evaluation of Human Cell-Processed Products" *[in Japanese]*

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Reference Information (Protocols for test methods)

Clinical Applications of iPSC/ESC-Derived Products in Japan

in Non-Commercial Clinical Researches under the **RM Safety Act** and Commercial Clinical Trials under the **PMD Act**



As of October 21, 2023; ** According to a newspaper report

Final Product	Starting Cells	Target Disease	Institution(s)	Type of Clinical Trial	IMP Approval	FIH Trial
Retinal pigment epithelial cells	Autologous iPSCs	Exudative age-related macular degeneration	FBRI, RIKEN	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2013	2014
Retinal pigment epithelial cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Exudative age-related macular degeneration	Kobe City Medical Center, Osaka Univ., Kyoto Univ., RIKEN	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2017	
Dopaminergic neural progenitor cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Parkinson's disease	Kyoto Univ.	Clinical trial under the PMD Act	2018	
Platelets	Autologous iPSCs	Aplastic anemia	Kyoto Univ.	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2018	
Corneal epithelial cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Corneal epithelial stem cell exhaustion	Osaka Univ.	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2019	
Hepatocytes	ESCs (Allogeneic)	Congenital urea cycle disorder	NCCHD	Clinical trial under the PMD Act	2019	
Cardiomyocytes	Allogeneic iPSCs	Ischemic cardiomyopathy	Osaka Univ.	Clinical trial under the PMD Act	2019	
Neural progenitor cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Subacute spinal cord injury	Keio Univ. etc.	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2019	2021
Retinal photoreceptor cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Retinitis pigmentosa	Kobe City Eye Hospital	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2020	
NKT cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Recurrent or advanced head and neck cancer	Chiba Univ., RIKEN	Clinical trial under the PMD Act	2020	
Cartilage	Allogeneic iPSCs	Knee articular cartilage injury	Kyoto Univ.	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2020	
Retinal pigment epithelial cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Retinal pigment epithelial insufficiency	Kobe City Eye Hospital	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2021	
Lymphoid Cells/NK cells expressing GPC3-CAR	Allogeneic iPSCs	Ovarian cancer	Kyoto Univ., NCRI	Clinical trial under the PMD Act	2021	
Platelets	Allogeneic iPSCs	Thrombocytopenia	Megakaryon, Kyoto Univ., CiRA-F	Clinical trial under the PMD Act	2021	2022
Corneal endothelial cells	Allogeneic iPSCs	Bullous keratopathy	Keio Univ.	Non-commercial clinical research under the RM Safety Act	2021	2023
Cardiomyocytes	Allogeneic iPSCs	Ischemic Cardiomyopathy	Heartseed, Novo Nordisk	Clinical trial under the PMD Act	2021	2023



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Regulatory science research has contributed to clinical applications of PSC-derived products through the development of test methods for the assessment of their quality and safety.

In Japan, regulatory science researches have been conducted under the policy of promoting the development of new therapeutic products using iPS cells, and various test methods have been developed for new safety issues such as tumorigenicity.

Through validation by domestic and international collaborative efforts of stakeholders, these test methods are expected to be utilized as tools to efficiently deliver new iPS cell-derived products to patients around the world who are waiting for a cure.

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Introduction of NRMD



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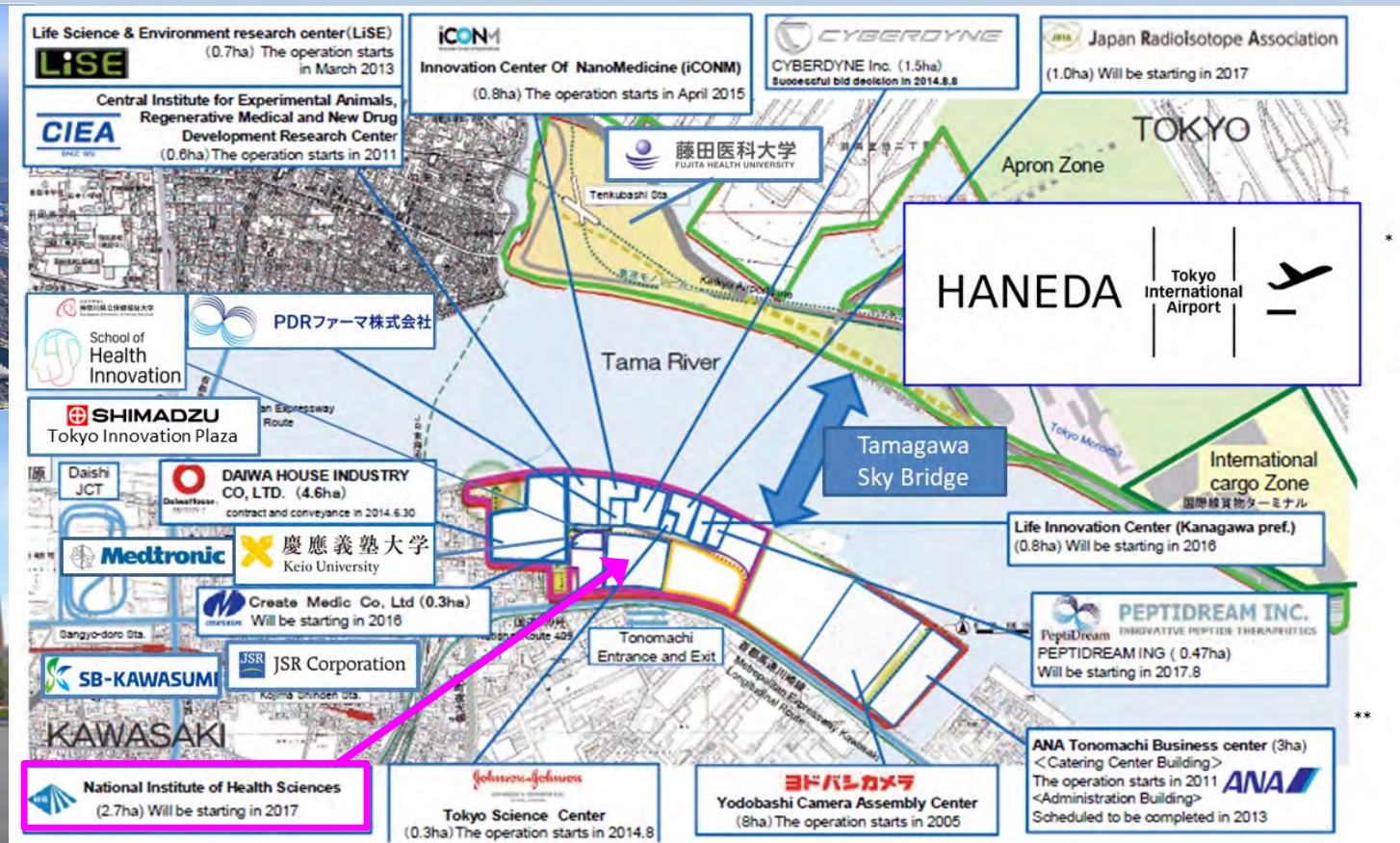
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