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Announcement of Commencement of DTx Distribution Platform Construction for the Promotion of Digital Therapeutic Services

OSAKA, Japan, January 9, 2024 - Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, Japan; Chief Executive Officer: Isao Teshirogi, Ph.D.; hereafter "Shionogi") and NTT DATA Japan Corporation (Head Office: Tokyo, Japan; Representative Director, President: Yutaka Sasaki; hereafter "NTT DATA Japan"), NTT DATA KANSAI Corporation (Head Office: Osaka, Japan; President: Yoshihiro Saito; hereafter "NTT DATA KANSAI"), and QUNIE CORPORATION (Head Office: Tokyo, Japan; President and Chief Executive Officer: Shigeki Yamaguchi; hereafter "QUNIE") announce the initiation of cooperative construction of the "DTx Distribution Platform" (hereafter "the Platform") for the promotion of Digital Therapeutics services (hereafter "DTx*") that provide treatment through mobile applications and other means.

* DTx : Digital Therapeutics

DTx, or Digital Therapeutics, refers to digital products that provide evidence-based therapeutic interventions for the treatment, management, and prevention of diseases and conditions. It is expected to be a new modality in a wide range of medical and healthcare fields. However, since the process of prescribing DTx differs from that of conventional medical pharmaceuticals, there is a need to consider and establish new mechanisms to deliver DTx to patients safely and efficiently. In addition, healthcare institutions and DTx providers typically have individual contracts on a one-to-one basis for prescription registration and billing. However, if the contract processes and payment specifications vary among providers, it may become burdensome for healthcare institutions to handle administrative procedures. Therefore, Shionogi, NTT DATA Japan, NTT DATA KANSAI, and QUNIE have decided to collaborate in the construction and standardization of an information infrastructure platform to promote the dissemination of DTx.

The launch of the Platform is scheduled for 2025. This Platform aims to standardize and centralize the coordination of necessary information between patients, healthcare institutions, and DTx providers. It consolidates various functions such as contracts, billing, and prescription registration between healthcare institutions and DTx providers, aiming to reduce the burden on both parties and establish a safer and more efficient prescription and distribution system.

Shionogi, NTT DATA Japan, NTT DATA KANSAI, and QUNIE will continue to collaborate and cooperate with government agencies and companies that share the same vision to contribute to the dissemination of DTx through the construction of this Platform.

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