Achievements of the Forum**

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Summary

This Forum for Anticancer Drug Development was established in March, 2006, with experts from government agencies, industry, and academia, in order to facilitate and improve anti-cancer drug development in Japan, so that better drugs can be delivered promptly to patients. Since then, four Forums have been held at biannualy. At this 5th Forum, it is important to discuss the achievements to date in order to clarify the scope and future direction of the Forum. In this article, the purpose of this Forum, the changes that have occurred in anti-cancer drug development in Japan since the Forum was started, and the history of this Forum will be presented as an introduction to this session.

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