



# BREAST CANCER COHORT in JAPAN



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## Background

- There are many breast cancer survivors due to high incidence and good prognosis.
- Patients have strong interests for life style factors to make prognosis better since it can be changed by themselves (diet, smoking, alcohol, exercise, obesity, etc.)
- Many clinical trials have been conducted for chemo and hormonal therapy, but few studies are available for life style factors and breast cancer prognosis.
- Several cohort studies has started in foreign countries.

## Objective

- To investigate the effect of life style factors (diet, physical activity), CAM use on the effect of breast cancer prognosis including QOL, we started cohort studies for breast cancer patients.
- The outline of the design for the cohorts is presented in this report.

## Review 1: Risk factors for breast cancer occurrence and recurrence

Data sources	Risk factors for breast cancer occurrence				Risk factors for breast cancer recurrence and survival
	by WCRF / AICR <sup>1</sup> Premenopause	by WCRF / AICR <sup>1</sup> Postmenopause	by NCC <sup>2</sup> Japanese breast cancer	by Japanese Clinical guideline of breast cancer <sup>3</sup>	PDQB <sup>4</sup>
Adult attained height	Probable (1)	Convincing (1)	—	—	—
Greater birth weight	Probable (1)	Limited-no conclusion	—	—	—
Body fatness	Probable (1)	Convincing (1)	—	Pre-Probable (1) Post-Convincing (1)	—
Physical activity	Limited-suggestive (1)	Probable (1)	Limited-no conclusion	Pre- Limited-no conclusion Post- Probable (1)	—
Smoking	—	—	Limited-suggestive (1)	Limited-suggestive (1)	—
Alcoholic drinks	Convincing (1)	Convincing (1)	Limited-no conclusion	Probable (1)	(1?) Beer
Vegetable & Fruits	Limited-no conclusion	Limited-no conclusion	Limited-no conclusion	—	(1?)
Soya & Soya products	Limited-no conclusion	Limited-no conclusion	Limited-suggestive (1)	Limited-no conclusion	(?) no evidence for increase nor decrease risk
Vitamin C	Limited-no conclusion	Limited-no conclusion	—	—	(1?)
Green tea	—	—	Limited-no conclusion	Limited-no conclusion	—
Total fat	Limited-no conclusion	Limited-suggestive (1)	Limited-no conclusion	Pre- Limited-no conclusion Post- Limited-suggestive (1)	(1) Total fat / Total energy

<sup>1</sup> World Cancer Research Fund / American Institute for Cancer Research. Food, nutrition, physical activity and the prevention of cancer: a global perspective  
<sup>2</sup> Grant for the "Third Term Comprehensive Control Research for Cancer" from the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan  
<sup>3</sup> The development and evaluation of cancer prevention strategies in Japan (Principal Investigator: S Tsugane (National Cancer Center))  
<sup>4</sup> The Japanese Breast Cancer Society

## Review 2: of the cohort studies being conducted in foreign countries

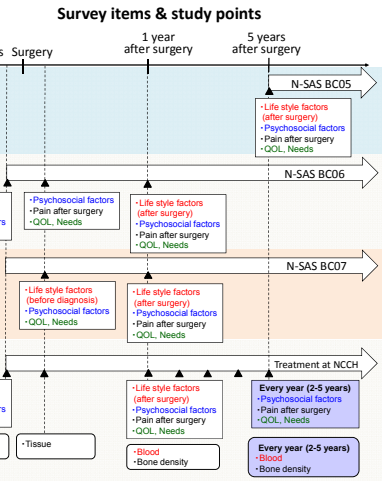
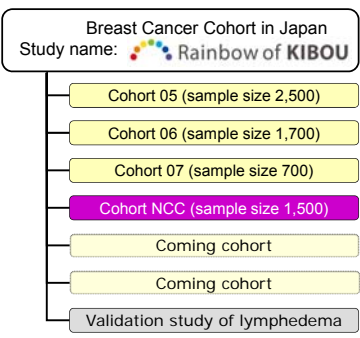
- Pathways (USA)**
  - Setting: All breast cancer patients registered to Kaiser Permanente Northern California (KPNC, multi-institutions, 3,000 pts)
  - Exposure information: Questionnaire and interview, Sample (blood, saliva)
  - Endpoints: Disease-free survival, overall survival (mean follow-up: 4 years)
  - Follow-up: Periodical questionnaire and telephone to patients and KPNC DB
  - Enrollment: 2006.1-2009.6 (1,751 pts registered as of July 2, 2008)
- Vitamin D and prognosis (Canada)** Goodwin, P et al., Proc ASCO (2008)
  - Setting: 512 breast cancer patients diagnosed Toronto U during 1989~96
  - Exposure information: Blood sample at diagnosis (frozen)
  - Endpoint: Disease-free survival, overall survival
  - Follow-up: Until 2006 (follow-up of 10~17 years)
  - Results: Recurrence 116pts(22.7%), deaths 106pts(20.7%)
    - Serum Vitamin D divided into 3 groups; deficient (<50nmol/L), insufficient (50-72nmol/L), sufficient (>72nmol/L)
    - Significant reduction of recurrences and deaths in sufficient to deficient group

## Design of our cohort study: Rainbow of KIBOU

- Problem of conducting cohort study**
  - Sample size needed with several hundreds to several thousands
  - Confounder information is necessary such as clinical and treatment information
  - Follow-up is necessary to obtain endpoint information
- Collaboration with large scale multi-institution clinical trials**
  - ⇒ Cohort 05, Cohort 06, Cohort 07...
- Problems in collaboration with clinical trials**
  - Dependency of subjects registration to clinical trials
  - Difficulty in collecting qualified samples
- Single institution study with sample collections**
  - ⇒ Cohort NCC (National Cancer Center Hospital)

- Participants:**
  - women diagnosed with breast cancer participating in the clinical trials (Cohort 05, 06, 07)
  - being treated at National Cancer Center Hospital (Cohort NCC)
- Planned sample size:** 10,000
- Endpoints:**
  - Primary endpoint: disease-free survival
  - Secondary endpoint: overall survival and the health-related QOL
- Exposure information:**
  - common self-administered questionnaire (Cohort 05, 06, 07)
  - common self-administered questionnaire, sample (blood and tissue), bone density (Cohort NCC)

- Endpoint information and clinical & treatment information:**
  - information from clinical trials (Cohort 05, 06, 07)
  - information from charts
- Enrollment period:** 3 years to 5 years
- Follow-up period:** at least 5 years
- Statistical analysis:**
  - association between prognosis and items below
  - information from the questionnaire
  - information from blood and tissue sample including genetic polymorphism



- Survey items (Common questionnaire)**
  - Life style factors (Diet, physical activity, CAM use...)
  - Psychosocial factors (stress, depression, HOPE, Perceived Positive Change, support, social network...)
  - Pain after surgery (lymphedema, PMPs...)
  - Needs for information and support
  - QOL

## Cohort 05: Collaboration with clinical trial `N-SAS BC05`

- N-SAS BC05:** Randomized Study to Assess the Efficacy of a Further 5 Years of Anastrozole Treatment for Postmenopausal Women
  - Conducted by CSPOR: Comprehensive Support Project for Oncology Research
  - Enrollment: November 2007 ~
- Current condition (As of October 25, 2010)**
  - IRB approved at National Cancer Center and 107 of 122 participating institutions
  - Questionnaire delivered to 608 among 639 participants of clinical trial
  - Baseline data is obtained from 544 pts (Response rate: 89.5%)

## Cohort 06: Collaboration with clinical trial `N-SAS BC06`

- N-SAS BC06:** Randomized Phase III Study of Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy with or without Chemotherapy for Postmenopausal Breast Cancer Patients who Responded to Neoadjuvant
  - Conducted by CSPOR: Comprehensive Support Project for Oncology Research
  - Enrollment: May 2008 ~
- Current condition (As of October 25, 2010)**
  - IRB approved at National Cancer Center and 105 of 129 participating institutions
  - Questionnaire delivered to 250 among 304 participants of clinical trial
  - Baseline data is obtained from 230 pts (Response rate: 92.0%)

## Cohort 07: Collaboration with clinical trial `N-SAS BC07`

- N-SAS BC07 (two studies)**
  - Evaluation of Trastuzumab without Chemotherapy as a Postoperative Adjuvant Therapy in HER2 Positive Elderly Breast Cancer Patients: Randomized Controlled Trial
  - Cohort Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Postoperative Adjuvant Therapy in HER2 Positive Elderly Breast Cancer Patients
  - Conducted by CSPOR: Comprehensive Support Project for Oncology Research
  - Enrollment: October 2009 ~
- Current condition (As of October 25, 2010)**
  - IRB approved at National Cancer Center and 59 of 64 participating institutions
  - Questionnaire delivered to 26 among 27 participants of clinical trial
  - Baseline data is obtained from 24 pts (Response rate: 92.3%)

## Cohort NCC

- Being conducted at NCC (National Cancer Center Hospital)
- Exposure information: Common cohort questionnaire and sample (blood and tissue)
- Enrollment: November 2010 ~ (in preparation)
- Current condition (As of October 25, 2010)
  - IRB approved at National Cancer Center

- Advantage of Cohort NCC**
  - Most of the breast cancer pts who get surgery in one institution can be registered
  - Association between prognosis and biomarker in blood
    - Endogenous hormone level / Insulin resistance, chronic inflammation, etc.
    - Biomarker representing nutrient intake, obesity, physical activity
    - Nutrients in blood reflecting metabolism and absorption in body isoflavone, Vitamin D, etc.
  - Association between prognosis and genetic polymorphism
    - Direct effect of genetic factors / gene-environment, gene-treatment interaction
    - CYP2D6: possible association with tamoxifen effect/ CYP19A1: possible association with AI effect
  - Availability of sample
    - Storage for future use / biobank with clinical information