

## Roche Announces the Initiation of a Clinical Study of Chugai's Actemra for the Treatment of COVID-19

TOKYO, March 19, 2020 -- <u>Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.</u> (TOKYO: 4519) announced today that Roche issued a press release regarding the initiation of a clinical study of Actemra®/RoActemra®, a humanized anti-human IL-6 receptor monoclonal antibody [generic name: tocilizumab (genetical recombination)] created by Chugai for the treatment of COVID-19.

Please refer to the link below for details of the press release:

Roche initiates Phase III clinical trial of Actemra/RoActemra in hospitalised patients with severe COVID-19 pneumonia

<a href="https://www.roche.com/media/releases/med-cor-2020-03-19.htm">https://www.roche.com/media/releases/med-cor-2020-03-19.htm</a>

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