

## Shionogi Launches Carbapenem-Type Antibiotic, “Finibax<sup>®</sup> 0.5g for Intravenous Drip Infusion”

**Osaka, Japan, November 29, 2011** - Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka; President & CEO: Isao Teshirogi, Ph.D.; hereafter “Shionogi”) today announced that it has launched “Finibax<sup>®</sup> 0.5g for Intravenous Drip Infusion” (generic name: doripenem hydrate), which received the National Health Insurance (NHI) drug price listing for the carbapenem-type antibiotic on September 22, 2011 in Japan.

The renamed existing products, “Finibax<sup>®</sup> 0.25g for Intravenous Drip Infusion” and “Finibax<sup>®</sup> 0.25g Kit for Intravenous Drip Infusion”, have also received the NHI drug price listing on November 28, 2011.

Doripenem hydrate is a carbapenem-type antibiotic discovered and developed by Shionogi with a strong and broad antibacterial spectrum, covering gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria as well as aerobic and anaerobic bacteria. Since this drug has strong antibacterial activity against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, which is often a causal agent in serious and intractable infections, it has been prescribed with high frequency.

Doripenem hydrate has already been approved in 78 countries as Finibax<sup>®</sup>/Doribax<sup>®</sup> and its approval of the maximum daily dose of 3g in Japan in April 2011 was the first approval at this dose level in any country. The launch of the new additional dosage of Finibax<sup>®</sup> will benefit patients with serious or intractable infections and will improve convenience of administration.

Shionogi, as a leading company in the field of anti-infectives, continues to be dedicated to research and development and medical education to globally improve the treatment of infectious diseases, especially those of bacterial and viral origin.

### 【Launched on November 29, 2011】

Product name	Standard unit	NHI drug price	Listing date
Finibax <sup>®</sup> 0.5g for Intravenous Drip Infusion	500mg, 1 vial	1,617yen	September 22, 2011
Finibax <sup>®</sup> 0.25g for Intravenous Drip Infusion	250mg, 1 vial	1,137yen	November 28, 2011
Finibax <sup>®</sup> 0.25g Kit for Intravenous Drip Infusion	250mg, 1 kit (including 100ml of normal saline solution)	1,661yen	November 28, 2011

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