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Summary of Consolidated Financial Results for the First Six Months of the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024 (JGAAP)

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(Amounts are rounded down to the nearest million yen.)

1. Consolidated financial results for the first six months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 (January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)

(1) Consolidated operating results (cumulative)

(Percentage figures represent changes from the same period of the previous fiscal year.)

	Net sales		Operating profit		Ordinary profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent	
	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%
First six months ended June 30, 2024	1,411	39.1	(154)	—	(277)	—	(323)	—
June 30, 2023	1,014	(29.9)	(23)	—	36	(94.6)	25	(94.6)

Note: Comprehensive income Six months ended June 30, 2024: (477) million yen [—%]
Six months ended June 30, 2023: 183 million yen [(59.9)%]

	Earnings per share (Basic)	Earnings per share (Diluted)
First six months ended June 30, 2024	yen (14.97)	yen —
June 30, 2023	1.18	1.18

(2) Consolidated financial position

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
As of June 30, 2024	million yen 10,125	million yen 5,648	% 55.6
December 31, 2023	6,871	6,120	88.7

Reference: Equity As of June 30, 2024: 5,626 million yen As of December 31, 2023: 6,094 million yen

2. Dividends

	Annual dividends per share				
	First quarter-end	Second quarter-end	Third quarter-end	Fiscal year-end	Total
Fiscal year ended December 31, 2023	yen —	yen 0.00	yen —	yen 0.00	yen 0.00
Fiscal year ending December 31, 2024	—	0.00	—	—	—
Fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 (forecast)	—	—	—	0.00	0.00

Note: Revisions to the forecasts of dividends most recently announced: None

3. Forecasts of consolidated financial results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024)

(Percentage figures represent year-on-year changes)

	Net sales		Operating profit		Ordinary profit		Profit attributable to owners of parent		Earnings per share (Basic)
	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	yen
Fiscal year ending December 31, 2024	4,535	138.5	313	—	290	—	236	—	10.91

Note: Revisions to the forecasts of results most recently announced: None

*** Notes**

(1) Significant changes in the scope of consolidation during the first six months ended June 30, 2024: None

(2) Application of special accounting for preparing semi-annual consolidated financial statements: Yes

Note: For more details, please refer to the section of “(4) Notes to semi-annual consolidated financial statements (Application of special accounting for preparing semi-annual consolidated financial statements)” of “2. Semi-annual consolidated financial statements and significant notes thereto” on page 11 of the attached material.

(3) Changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates, and restatements of prior financial statements

a. Changes in accounting policies due to the revisions to accounting standards and other regulations: None

b. Changes in accounting policies due to other reasons: None

c. Changes in accounting estimates: None

d. Restatements of prior financial statements: None

(4) Number of issued shares (common shares)

a. Total number of issued shares at the end of the period (including treasury shares)

As of June 30, 2024	21,638,281 shares
As of December 31, 2023	21,623,281 shares

b. Total number of treasury shares at the end of the period

As of June 30, 2024	81 shares
As of December 31, 2023	51 shares

c. Average number of outstanding shares during the period (cumulative from the beginning of the fiscal year)

For the first six months ended June 30, 2024	21,628,665 shares
For the first six months ended June 30, 2023	21,594,082 shares

*** Semi-annual financial results reports are exempt from review conducted by certified public accountants or an audit corporation.**

*** Appropriate use of financial forecasts and other special remarks**

(Caution concerning forward-looking statements)

Forward-looking statements provided in this document, including financial forecasts, are based on the information currently available to the Company and certain assumptions considered reasonable. Such statements are included without any guarantee as to their future achievement. Actual results, etc. may differ materially from the forecasts depending on various factors.

For the suppositions that form the assumptions for earnings forecasts and cautions concerning the use thereof, please refer to the section of “(3) Qualitative information regarding consolidated earnings forecasts” of “1. Qualitative information regarding settlement of accounts for the first six months” on page 5 of the attached material.

(Method of accessing supplementary documents for financial results and details of financial results briefing)

The Company plans to hold a financial results briefing for institutional investors and analysts as well as general investors (via live webcast) on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

The Company plans to post the documents used at the briefing on its website promptly after the briefing is held.

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1. Qualitative information regarding settlement of accounts for the first six months

(1) Qualitative information regarding consolidated operating results

1) Financial results

Regarding the first six months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, the Japanese economy shifted into a moderate recovery trend in the second quarter after the standstill experienced in the first quarter. According to the Bank of Japan's quarterly short-term economic survey (June 2024 survey), business sentiment was positive overall, with sentiment maintaining a high level among large enterprises in the non-manufacturing sector despite a slight decline, and sentiment among large enterprises in the manufacturing sector rising for the first time in two quarters.

In the pharmaceutical industry, the rules for the "premium to promote the development of new drugs and eliminate off-label use" have been changed as a measure to "eliminate drug lag/drug loss" in the NHI drug price revision for FY2024. Industry associations are continuing to request drug price measures that will appropriately recognize pharmaceutical innovation. Amid voices of concern being heard about a decline in international competitiveness of Japan's pharmaceutical industry, the government has positioned it as a growth sector. The interim report published following the 5th meeting of the Council of the Concept for Early Prevalence of the Novel Drugs to Patients by Improving Drug Discovery Capabilities, held in May 2024, included strategic targets for strengthening drug discovery capabilities in Japan, promptly delivering the novel drugs to the people, and the creation of a social system that sustains an environment facilitating investment and innovation. This interim report also included statements about the creation by startups of the seeds of and new modalities for pharmaceuticals, indicating that the role played by drug discovery-oriented venture companies including the Group is becoming increasingly important.

Under such conditions, the Group achieved the following financial results during the first six months.

Regarding human drug products that are already on the market, sales of K-CAB[®] (generic name: tegoprazan)—gastric acid secretion inhibitor marketed by HK inno.N Corporation (headquarters: Osong, South Korea, "HK inno.N")—in South Korea continued to perform well. Sales from external prescriptions in the first six months ended June 30, 2024 amounted to 91.9 billion won, an increase of 24.1% year on year, and equivalent to approximately 10.1 billion yen at 0.11 yen to the won. Tegoprazan's share in the South Korean peptic ulcer drug market was 14%, continuing to maintain the No. 1 share. Moreover, although requests for a trial to confirm the passive scope of a patent were made in relation to the substance patent for tegoprazan in South Korea (South Korea patent number: 1088247), these requests were dismissed in their entirety in June 2024. The Company believes that this will lead to even more robust protection of exclusive sales rights for K-CAB[®].

Global expansion of tegoprazan is also progressing steadily. The Company has executed exclusive license agreements with HK inno.N for the development, marketing, and manufacturing of tegoprazan with sublicensing rights. During the first six months ended June 30, 2024, sublicensee Laboratorios Carnot (headquarters: Mexico City, Mexico) received marketing approvals from local authorities in six countries: Chile, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Furthermore, in April 2024, HK inno.N concluded a licensing agreement with Tabuk Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company (headquarters: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia) covering the Middle East and North Africa. As a result of this progress, the Company received a lump-sum payment from HK inno.N.

As of the end of the first six months ended June 30, 2024, tegoprazan is being developed, reviewed for marketing approvals, prepared for launch, or marketed in 46 countries around the world, and the 8 countries where tegoprazan products are being marketed are South Korea, China, the Philippines, Mongolia, Mexico, Indonesia, Singapore, and Peru. HK inno.N's sublicensees continue to make progress with filings for approval in Thailand, Vietnam, Argentina, and other countries in Southeast Asia and South-Central America, and they are proceeding with clinical development in a number of countries, including the United States and Canada. HK inno.N is aiming to expand sales to 100 countries around the world by 2028.

With regard to pet drugs, sales were strong for GALLIPRANT[®] (generic name: grapiprant), which is a drug for osteoarthritis in dogs, and ENTYCE[®] (generic name: capromorelin), which has an indication for anorexia management for dogs, and ELURA[®] (generic name: capromorelin), which has an indication for weight loss management in cats with chronic kidney disease, all of which were licensed to Elanco Animal Health Inc. (headquarters: Indiana, U.S., "Elanco"). With regard to ELURA[®], in February 2024, Elanco received approval from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to manufacture and market it in Japan. Preparations are currently underway by Elanco for the product launch, as in Europe, where it received manufacturing and marketing approval in 2023.

Other licensed programs are also in the pre-clinical or later development stage at licensee and sublicensee companies. During the first six months ended June 30, 2024, Xgene Pharmaceutical Pty Ltd., a subsidiary of Xgene Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (headquarters: Hong Kong, "Xgene") initiated a Phase I clinical trial in Australia for the TRPM8 blocker (RQ-00434739/XG2002) (the "Phase I trial"). As a result, the Company received a lump-sum payment from Xgene. In the Phase I trial, dose-escalation studies on healthy volunteers to evaluate the tolerability and pharmacokinetics of the TRPM8 blocker are expected to yield valuable information for subsequent clinical trials.

Also in the six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company entered into a new agreement as a result of ongoing business development activities. In April 2024, the Company entered into an option and licensing agreement ("the agreement") for

development of veterinary drugs with Velovia Pharma, LLC (headquarters: Tennessee, U.S.; “Velovia Pharma”). This agreement concerns four compounds in the Company’s development pipeline (“the compounds”), which are expected to have applications in gastroenterological, metabolic, and fibrotic diseases. Based on the agreement, the Company grants Velovia Pharma an option for an exclusive license to evaluate, develop, manufacture, and market veterinary drugs containing the compounds. In the event of Velovia Pharma exercising options for one or more of the compounds, the Company will receive an option exercise fee from Velovia Pharma, and will also be entitled to receive milestone payments in accordance with subsequent progress in development. Furthermore, in the event that pet drugs containing the compounds reach the market, the Company will be entitled to receive royalty payments, based on net sales of the product, and sales milestone payments from Velovia Pharma.

As for other pre-licensing programs, pre-clinical studies progressed in-house for the ghrelin receptor agonist from the previous fiscal year during the fiscal year under review. For tegoprazan, the Company retains the rights to develop, manufacture, and market the product in Japan, and has been in discussions with candidate partner companies continuously in the second quarter. For other pre-licensing programs, the Company conducted business development activities aimed at finding business partners through a flexible combination of face-to-face and online meetings.

In the discovery research stage, in addition to engaging in discovery research to generate development compounds, the Company is aiming to establish a next-generation in-house drug discovery value chain through synergistic effects from existing and new technologies, which it is approaching from the four angles of “modality,” “drug target,” “disease area,” and “platform technology.” With regard to bolstering the small molecule drug discovery that has been one of the Company’s strengths, in addition to utilizing new technologies such as compound design AI and nerve cells derived from iPS cells, in terms of new initiatives the Company is moving forward with joint development with Veritas In Silico (headquarters: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo) of small molecule drugs that target mRNA with the objective of creating drugs to treat cancer. During the first six months under review, the Company made satisfactory progress in compound discovery, identifying multiple small molecule compounds that show the desired characteristics at the cellular level. In addition, the new research base established at Shonan Health Innovation Park (Fujisawa City, Kanagawa Prefecture) in 2023 is working on drugs that use new modalities. These include joint research being undertaken with STAND Therapeutics Co., Ltd. (headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo), which seeks to apply drug discovery to the area of intracellular antibody technology with the aim of creating therapeutic agents for intractable and rare diseases.

Clinical trials for the treatment of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) and acute myeloid leukemia (AML) are underway in the U.S. for a retinoic acid receptor alpha agonist (tamibarotene, AM80/TM-411/SY-1425), licensed by TMRC Co., Ltd. (headquarters: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo), one of the Company’s consolidated subsidiaries, to Syros Pharmaceuticals Inc. (headquarters: Massachusetts, U.S., “Syros”). For MDS, the enrollment of patients necessary for the analysis of the primary endpoint of Phase III clinical trials related to combined treatments using tamibarotene and azacitidine (SELECT-MDS-1) was completed in the first quarter, and data on the complete remission rate is expected by the middle of the fourth quarter.

For AML, Syros is currently operating Phase II clinical trials for patients with RARA gene overexpression for whom traditional chemotherapy treatment is not suitable and who have not been treated (SELECT-AML-1), and plans to report updated data on the clinical trial in September. In addition, Syros announced that it received Fast Track designation for AML from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in April 2024. Drug candidates with Fast Track Approvals enable more frequent communication with the FDA regarding development plans and, if supported by clinical data, priority review and expedited approval.

In addition, during the first six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company made FIMECS, Inc. (headquarters: Fujisawa City, Kanagawa Prefecture, “FIMECS”) a wholly owned subsidiary by acquiring all of its outstanding shares and stock acquisition rights (the “Shares, etc.”). The consideration for this conversion consists of (i) an upfront payment upon acquisition of the Shares, etc. (the “Closing Consideration”) and (ii) a payment based on FIMECS’ future earnings. The Closing Consideration was 4,500 million yen, and paid upon the acquisition of the Shares, etc. on March 26, 2024. In connection with this conversion, the Company raised 3,500 million yen through a loan from a syndicate with Mizuho Bank, Ltd. as arranger and The Shoko Chukin Bank, Ltd. as co-arranger.

FIMECS is a start-up company that aims to create innovative medicines for targets for which the creation of treatments has been considered extremely difficult (undruggable) using targeted protein degraders, a new modality of drug discovery. With RaPPIDS™ (Rapid Protein Proteolysis Inducer Discovery System), a proprietary platform technology specialized for targeted protein degraders, at the core of its business, the company has a hybrid business model that combines a pipeline business model that generates revenue through the licensing of its own pipeline with a platform business model that generates revenue through collaborations with pharmaceutical companies. With the conversion of FIMECS into a subsidiary, the Company expects to (i) strengthen its drug discovery value chain by acquiring platform technology, (ii) increase revenues by hybridizing its business model, and (iii) strengthen and expand its oncology area’s drug discovery.

In May 2024, FIMECS achieved its initial milestone in joint research with Astellas Pharma Inc. (headquarters: Chuo-ku, Tokyo; “Astellas Pharma”). FIMECS has been using RaPPIDS™ in joint research with Astellas Pharma for the discovery of targeted protein degraders for multiple targets related to cancer treatment since 2022, and the recently achieved milestone relates to one specific program within this collaboration. This resulted in a lump-sum payment from Astellas Pharma to FIMECS.

Accordingly, financial results for the first six months, the reporting period, were as follows. Business revenue for the period was 1,411 million yen (up 39.1% year on year), operating loss totaled 154 million yen (compared with operating loss of 23 million yen a year earlier), ordinary loss totaled 277 million yen (compared with ordinary profit of 36 million yen a year earlier), and loss attributable to owners of parent was 323 million yen (compared with profit attributable to owners of parent of 25 million yen a year earlier).

Total business expenses were 1,565 million yen (up 50.9% year on year). This mainly consists of cost of business revenue of 226 million yen (up 85.6% year on year), research and development expenses of 832 million yen (up 38.0% year on year) and other selling, general and administrative expenses of 505 million yen (up 62.1% year on year).

2) Research and development activities

Research and development expenses of the entire Group during the first six months were 832 million yen. For the first six months, there were no material changes to the research and development activities.

(2) Qualitative information regarding consolidated financial position

1) Analysis of assets, liabilities and net assets

Assets

Total assets as of June 30, 2024 were 10,125 million yen, an increase of 3,253 million yen (up 47.3%) from the end of the previous fiscal year. This is mainly attributable to a decrease in cash and deposits of 534 million yen, an increase in goodwill of 4,000 million yen, and a decrease in investment securities of 473 million yen.

Liabilities

Total liabilities as of June 30, 2024 were 4,477 million yen, an increase of 3,726 million yen (up 495.8%) from the end of the previous fiscal year. This is mainly attributable to increases in current portion of long-term borrowings of 500 million yen, advances received of 165 million yen, and long-term borrowings of 2,868 million yen.

Net assets

Net assets as of June 30, 2024 were 5,648 million yen, a decrease of 472 million yen (down 7.7%) from the end of the previous fiscal year. This is mainly attributable to the recording of loss attributable to owners of parent of 323 million yen and a decrease in valuation difference on available-for-sale securities of 153 million yen.

Consequently, the equity ratio was 55.6% (down 33.1 percentage points from the end of the previous fiscal year).

2) Analysis of cash flows

The balance of cash and cash equivalents (“net cash”) as of June 30, 2024 amounted to 3,114 million yen (compared with 3,565 million yen a year earlier), a decrease of 550 million yen (down 15.0%) from the end of the previous fiscal year.

The respective cash flows in the first six months and the factors thereof are as follows.

Cash flows from operating activities

Net cash used in operating activities was 129 million yen (down 81.9% year on year). This is mainly attributable to cash outflows from increases in trade receivables of 172 million yen and prepaid expenses of 154 million yen and cash inflows from a decrease in consumption taxes refund receivable of 115 million, despite the recording of loss before income taxes of 273 million yen, depreciation of 91 million yen and amortization of goodwill of 67 million yen.

Cash flows from investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities was 3,669 million yen (up 1,141.6% year on year). This is mainly attributable to the purchase of property, plant and equipment of 33 million yen, proceeds from sale of investment securities of 258 million yen, and the purchase of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation of 3,879 million yen.

Cash flows from financing activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was 3,194 million yen (up 286.4% year on year). This is mainly attributable to proceeds from long-term borrowings of 3,357 million yen, repayments of long-term borrowings of 131 million yen, and repayments of lease liabilities of 32 million yen.

(3) Qualitative information regarding consolidated earnings forecasts

At the present time, there are no changes to the full-year consolidated earnings forecasts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 presented in “Summary of Consolidated Financial Results for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2023 (JGAAP)” published on February 14, 2024.

2. Semi-annual consolidated financial statements and significant notes thereto

(1) Consolidated balance sheet

(Thousands of yen)

	As of December 31, 2023	As of June 30, 2024
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	3,714,984	3,180,614
Accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets	603,196	775,635
Securities	49,754	33,599
Work in process	1,713	-
Supplies	146,226	174,886
Advance payments to suppliers	66,600	32,715
Prepaid expenses	188,128	367,863
Other	186,290	72,908
Total current assets	4,956,894	4,638,223
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings, net	59,173	55,709
Tools, furniture and fixtures, net	208,814	190,944
Leased assets, net	305,620	289,139
Total property, plant and equipment	573,608	535,793
Intangible assets		
Goodwill	-	4,000,921
Trademark right	4,544	4,441
Software	25,570	26,046
Other	72	72
Total intangible assets	30,187	4,031,482
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	1,231,458	758,308
Long-term prepaid expenses	63,501	42,533
Deferred tax assets	5,711	94,086
Other	10,610	25,185
Total investments and other assets	1,311,281	920,113
Total non-current assets	1,915,077	5,487,388
Total assets	6,871,972	10,125,612

(Thousands of yen)

	As of December 31, 2023	As of June 30, 2024
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable - trade	54,174	62,669
Current portion of long-term borrowings	12,620	512,620
Lease liabilities	64,301	66,415
Accounts payable - other	158,888	253,096
Accrued expenses	54,197	73,545
Income taxes payable	19,687	17,109
Advances received	–	165,593
Deposits received	3,502	18,698
Other	21,941	87,162
Total current liabilities	389,313	1,256,909
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term borrowings	39,050	2,907,740
Lease liabilities	251,747	235,415
Asset retirement obligations	12,320	14,560
Provision for share awards	48,222	49,332
Provision for share awards for directors (and other officers)	10,875	13,593
Total non-current liabilities	362,215	3,220,643
Total liabilities	751,528	4,477,552
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	2,667,649	2,672,254
Capital surplus	2,857,432	2,862,037
Retained earnings	449,358	125,497
Treasury shares	(22)	(39)
Total shareholders' equity	5,974,418	5,659,750
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	120,415	(33,520)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	120,415	(33,520)
Share acquisition rights	25,610	21,830
Total net assets	6,120,443	5,648,059
Total liabilities and net assets	6,871,972	10,125,612

(2) Consolidated statement of income and consolidated statement of comprehensive income
Consolidated statement of income (cumulative)

(Thousands of yen)

	First six months ended June 30, 2023	First six months ended June 30, 2024
Business revenue	1,014,084	1,411,048
Business expenses		
Cost of business revenue	122,278	226,984
Research and development expenses	603,336	832,664
Other selling, general and administrative expenses	311,839	505,609
Total business expenses	1,037,453	1,565,259
Operating loss	(23,369)	(154,211)
Non-operating income		
Interest income	280	2,574
Interest on securities	2,893	2,012
Foreign exchange gains	90,265	74,689
Gain on valuation of compound financial instruments	5,490	-
Other	9,662	11,257
Total non-operating income	108,592	90,535
Non-operating expenses		
Interest expenses	3,026	15,843
Commitment fees	3,499	4,868
Commission for syndicated loans	-	140,499
Share issuance costs	3,930	204
Loss on valuation of compound financial instruments	-	650
Loss on valuation of derivatives	38,049	51,770
Other	0	-
Total non-operating expenses	48,506	213,837
Ordinary profit (loss)	36,716	(277,513)
Extraordinary income		
Gain on sale of investment securities	-	9,379
Total extraordinary income	-	9,379
Extraordinary losses		
Loss on sale of investment securities	-	5,600
Total extraordinary losses	-	5,600
Profit (loss) before income taxes	36,716	(273,734)
Income taxes	11,235	50,126
Profit (loss)	25,481	(323,861)
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	-	-
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of parent	25,481	(323,861)

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income (cumulative)

(Thousands of yen)

	First six months ended June 30, 2023	First six months ended June 30, 2024
Profit (loss)	25,481	(323,861)
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	158,246	(153,935)
Total other comprehensive income	158,246	(153,935)
Comprehensive income	183,728	(477,797)
Comprehensive income attributable to		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	183,728	(477,797)
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	-	-

(3) Consolidated statement of cash flows

(Thousands of yen)

	First six months ended June 30, 2023	First six months ended June 30, 2024
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit (loss) before income taxes	36,716	(273,734)
Depreciation	71,728	91,564
Amortization of goodwill	–	67,812
Interest income	(280)	(2,574)
Interest income on securities	(2,893)	(2,012)
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	(70,801)	(55,781)
Loss (gain) on valuation of compound financial instruments	(5,490)	650
Interest expenses	3,026	15,843
Commitment fees	3,499	4,868
Commission for syndicated loans	–	140,499
Share issuance costs	3,930	204
Loss (gain) on valuation of derivatives	38,049	51,770
Loss (gain) on sale of investment securities	–	(3,779)
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	(213,441)	(172,439)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	133	(3,897)
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	(59,717)	8,495
Increase (decrease) in advances received	–	27,589
Decrease (increase) in advance payments to suppliers	1,276	67,385
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(261,462)	(154,562)
Decrease (increase) in long-term prepaid expenses	(33,752)	19,867
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable - other	(144,585)	(55,663)
Increase (decrease) in income taxes payable - factor based tax	(4,831)	8,912
Decrease (increase) in consumption taxes refund receivable	(5,077)	115,947
Increase (decrease) in accrued consumption taxes	–	10,525
Increase (decrease) in provision for share awards	(4,230)	1,110
Increase (decrease) in provision for share awards for directors (and other officers)	1,813	2,718
Other, net	(25,748)	6,502
Subtotal	(672,138)	(82,177)
Interest and dividends received	9,962	6,204
Interest paid	(3,118)	(15,861)
Commitment fees paid	(7,000)	(3,279)
Income taxes paid	(54,869)	(64,917)
Income taxes refund	11,826	30,666
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(715,337)	(129,364)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(119,998)	(33,081)
Purchase of intangible assets	(15,571)	(7,020)
Purchase of investment securities	(160,000)	–
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	–	258,563
Purchase of shares of subsidiaries resulting in change in scope of consolidation	–	(3,879,637)
Other payments	–	(8,815)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(295,570)	(3,669,991)

(Thousands of yen)

	First six months ended June 30, 2023	First six months ended June 30, 2024
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	–	400,000
Repayments of short-term borrowings	–	(400,000)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	50,000	3,357,800
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(3,810)	(131,310)
Repayments of lease liabilities	(21,808)	(32,412)
Proceeds from issuance of shares	782,614	–
Purchase of treasury shares	–	(16)
Proceeds from issuance of shares resulting from exercise of share acquisition rights	188	–
Proceeds from issuance of share acquisition rights	19,362	–
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	826,545	3,194,060
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	70,799	54,770
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(113,562)	(550,525)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,679,304	3,664,738
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	3,565,741	3,114,213

(4) Notes to semi-annual consolidated financial statements

Notes on premise of going concern

No items to report.

Notes on significant changes in the amount of shareholders' equity

No items to report.

Application of special accounting for preparing semi-annual consolidated financial statements

(Calculation of tax expenses)

Tax expenses are calculated by multiplying the profit before income taxes by the reasonably estimated effective tax rates after the application of tax effect accounting to the profit before income taxes for the fiscal year including the first six months.

However, in cases where calculations using said estimated effective tax rate yield a result that is notably lacking rationality, tax expenses are calculated by multiplying profit (loss) before income taxes by the statutory effective tax rate, taking into consideration the recoverability of deferred tax assets.

Income taxes is the amount inclusive of income taxes - deferred.

Notes on segment information, etc.

[Segment information]

- I. For the first six months ended June 30, 2023 (January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023)
This information is omitted because the Group consists of a single business segment dealing with research and development of pharmaceutical and related businesses.
- II. For the first six months ended June 30, 2024 (January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)
This information is omitted because the Group consists of a single business segment dealing with research and development of pharmaceutical and related businesses.

Significant subsequent event

No items to report.