Financial Summary Consolidated Financial Results for the Six Months ended September 30, 2023 (FY2023) (Japanese standard)

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(Fractions smaller than one million yen omitted)

1. Consolidated Financial Results for 2Q FY2023 (April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023)

(1) Consolidated Operating Results (Cumulative)

(Percentage shows year-on-year changes.)

	Net sales		Operating profit		Ordinary pro	ofit	Profit attributa owners of pa	
Six Months Ended	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%
Sep. 30, 2023	24,272	55.8	6,898	826.2	7,126	353.9	5,253	445.6
Sep. 30, 2022	15,581	(45.1)	744	(94.5)	1,569	(88.6)	962	(89.6)

(Reference) Comprehensive income: Six months ended Sep. 30, 2023: 5,877 million yen (437.4%) Six months ended Sep. 30, 2022: 1,093 million yen ([88.1]%)

	Earnings per share (basic)	Earnings per share (diluted)
Six Months Ended	yen	yen
Sep. 30, 2023	42.10	41.90
Sep. 30, 2022	7.77	7.74

(2) Consolidated Financial Conditions

	Total assets	Net assets	Equity ratio
As of	million yen	million yen	%
Sep. 30, 2023	103,988	57,125	53.9
Mar. 31, 2023	94,937	52,413	54.2

(Reference) Shareholders' equity: As of Sep 30, 2023: 56,041 million yen
As of Mar. 31, 2023: 51,421 million yen

2. Dividends

. Dividends		Dividends per share						
	1st quarter-end	2nd quarter-end	3rd quarter-end	Year-end	Annual			
	yen	yen	yen	yen	yen			
FY2022	_	10.00	_	10.00	20.00			
FY2023	_	10.00						
FY2023 (Forecast)			_	10.00	20.00			

(Notes) No revisions were made to the most recently announced dividend forecast.

3. Consolidated Forecasts for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024 (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

(Percentage figures for the fiscal year represent the changes from the previous year.)

	Net sal	les	Operating 1	profit	Ordinary	profit	Profit attrib		Earnings per share
	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	million yen	%	yen
Year ending Mar. 31, 2024	45,400	32.2	10,500	111.0	10,000	84.6	7,300	93.5	58.71

(Notes) No revisions were made to the most recently announced financial results forecast.

*Note

(1) Changes in significant subsidiaries during the period (Changes in specified subsidiaries resulting in the change in consolidation scope): None

- (2) Application of specific accounting practices for preparing quarterly consolidated financial statements: None
- (3) Changes in accounting policy, changes in accounting estimates and restatements

1. Changes in accounting policy due to the revision of accounting standards, etc.: None

2. Changes in accounting principles other than 1. : None

3. Changes in accounting estimates4. Restatement5. None6. None

- (4) Number of shares outstanding (common stocks)
 - Number of shares outstanding at the end of the period (including treasury stock)
 - 2. Number of treasury stock at the end of the period
 - 3. Average number of shares outstanding during the period (quarterly cumulative amount)

As of Sep. 30, 2023	129,686,308 shares	As of Mar. 31, 2023	129,686,308 shares
As of Sep. 30, 2023	4,889,714 shares	As of Mar. 31, 2023	4,910,773 shares
As of Sep. 30, 2023	124,787,306 shares	As of Sep. 30, 2022	123,933,051 shares

^{*} The quarterly financial statements are outside of the scope of quarterly review by a certified public accountant or an audit firm.

Forward-looking statements, such as forecasts of financial results, contained in this document are based on information currently available to the Company and certain assumption that are judged as rational. The Company does not assure the achievement of these forecasts. In addition, actual financial results may differ significantly from forecasts due to various reasons. For assumptions underlying forecasts of financial results and notes regarding the appropriate use of forecasts of financial results, please refer to "1. Qualitative information for quarterly financial statements, (3) Explanation on projections such as forecasts of consolidated financial results" on page 4 of the attached material.

^{*} Explanation on the appropriate use of forecasts of financial results and other comments (Note on forward-looking statements, etc.)

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- 1. Qualitative information for quarterly financial statements
- (1) Explanation on financial results
 - [1] Financial results for 2Q FY2023

Net sales amounted to 24,272 million yen (up 55.8% year on year).

Sales volumes for our recombinant human growth hormone product GROWJECT® increased significantly in spite of an NHI price revision in April 2023. Sales were also brisk for treatment for renal anemia and IZCARGO® for I.V. infusion 10mg. Strong sales of our main products and an increase in income from contractual payment ensured total net sales increased year on year although there was a decrease in income due to the completion of the contract to manufacture AstraZeneca K.K.'s COVID-19 vaccine solution in Japan as planned.

All profit lines grew, as operating profit increased by 826.2% year on year to 6,898 million yen, ordinary profit increased by 353.9% to 7,126 million yen, and profit attributable to owners of parent increased by 445.6% to 5,253 million yen.

As a result of proactive R&D activities, R&D expenses totaled 5,535 million yen (up 1,318 million yen, or 31.3%, year on year).

	Previous quarterly consolidated results (cumulative) (April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022)	Current quarterly consolidated results (cumulative) (April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023)	Rate of change
	Amount (million yen)	Amount (million yen)	%
Net sales	15,581	24,272	55.8
Operating profit	744	6,898	826.2
Ordinary profit	1,569	7,126	353.9
Profit attributable to owners of parent	962	5,253	445.6

[2] Main components of sales

	Previous quarterly consolidated results (cumulative) (April 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022)	Current quarterly consolidated results (cumulative) (April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023)	Rate of change
	Amount (million yen)	Amount (million yen)	%
Human growth hormone product GROWJECT®	6,083	8,746	43.8
Treatment for mucopolysaccharidosis type II IZCARGO® for I.V. Infusion	2,118	2,581	21.9
Treatment for renal anemia	2,157	2,674	24.0
Epoetin Alfa BS Inj. [JCR]	1,392	1,046	(24.8)
Darbepoetin Alfa BS Inj. [JCR]	765	1,628	112.7
Regenerative medicine products TEMCELL® HS Inj.	1,701	1,901	11.8
Treatment for Fabry disease Agalsidase Beta BS I.V. Infusion [JCR]	521	590	13.1
Medical devices	50	72	44.9
Income from contractual payment	1,010	7,112	604.2
AZD1222 stock solution	1,931	_	(100.0)
Others	6	591	_

[3] The Status of R&D

[Treatments for lysosomal storage disorders]

- · Currently, we are focused on research and development of new drugs that employ our unique blood-brain barrier (BBB) penetrating technology, J-Brain Cargo[®], as treatments for over 17 types of lysosomal storage disorders (LSD).
- · For pabinafusp alfa (development code: JR-141), our BBB-penetrating technology product for the treatment of patients with Hunter syndrome, in the U.S. we received Rare Pediatric Disease (*) designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in December 2022. In February 2022, the first patient was dosed in a global Phase III clinical trial, and we are now in the process of conducting patient enrolment.
- · For lepunafusp alfa (development code: JR-171), our BBB-penetrating product for the treatment of patients with mucopolysaccharidosis type I (MPS I), we have completed our 13-week-long Phase I/II clinical trial in Japan, Brazil, and the U.S., and are conducting a follow-up trial. Preparations are underway to quickly begin the global Phase III clinical trial.
- · Regarding the BBB-penetrating product for MPS IIIA (Sanfilippo syndrome type A) (development code: JR-441), the

Paul-Ehrlich-Institute (PEI), the regulatory authority for the Federal Republic of Germany, accepted a clinical trial application (CTA) for Phase I/II clinical trials. We are now in the process of conducting patient recruitment.

- · As for the BBB-penetrating product for MPS IIIB (Sanfilippo syndrome type B) (development code: JR-446), we are currently making efforts to begin a global clinical trial at an early stage during FY2024. In September 2023, we entered into a licensing agreement with MEDIPAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION regarding overseas commercialization and a co-development and commercialization agreement in Japan.
- · We have also been successively conducting R&D into other treatments for LSDs that employ J-Brain Cargo[®], including a treatment for Pompe disease (development code: JR-162), a treatment for Sly syndrome (development code: JR-443), and a treatment for GM2 gangliosidosis (development code: JR-479). We will also develop each of these treatments globally. Furthermore, with regard to our fucosidosis therapeutic (development code: JR-471), based on a licensing agreement concluded in October 2022, MEDIPAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION was granted the right to obtain an exclusive license with sublicensing rights for global commercialization which includes research, development, manufacturing and marketing excluding Japan. We are currently conducting research and other activities necessary to begin a clinical trial.

[Creating platform technologies]

- · In addition to research that will widen the potential for application of JCR's unique BBB- penetrating technology J-Brain Cargo® to various modalities, we are focused on creating new platform technologies following J-Brain Cargo® technology.
- · In May 2023 we entered into an exclusive global development and commercialization agreement with Angelini Pharma S.p.a. for the development of novel biologic therapies applying J-Brain Cargo® technology for the treatment of epilepsy.

[Regenerative medicine products]

· We have completed a Phase I/II clinical trial of TEMCELL® HS Inj. for the additional indication of neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy (HIE) (development code: JR-031HIE), and are currently conducting a final analysis of the observational study results, with the main objective of following up on its long-term safety and efficacy.

[Human growth hormone product]

- · In June 2023, we received partially amended approval for an expanded indication of GROWJECT® in patients with short stature homeobox-containing gene (SHOX) deficiency (development code: JR-401X).
- · We also have completed a Phase II clinical trial of a recombinant long-acting human growth hormone (development code: JR-142). Currently, we are conducting a follow-up trial with patients who were administered the treatment. We are also preparing to start a Phase III clinical trial.

*1 Rare Pediatric Disease Designation

This designation is intended to facilitate the development of new drugs and biologics for the prevention and treatment of rare pediatric diseases. JCR may become eligible to receive a voucher for a priority review of a subsequent marketing application in the U.S.

(2) Overview of financial conditions

[1] Status of assets, liabilities and net assets

As of September 30, 2023, total assets amounted to 103,988 million yen (an increase of 9,050 million yen from March 31, 2023), total liabilities were 46,862 million yen (an increase of 4,338 million yen from March 31, 2023), and net assets were 57,125 million yen (an increase of 4,712 million yen from March 31, 2023).

Current assets increased by 10,095 million yen from March 31, 2023 to 57,898 million yen due to factors including a decrease in accounts receivable – other and increases in cash and deposits and accounts receivable – trade, and contract assets. Non-current assets decreased by 1,044 million yen from March 31, 2023 to 46,090 million yen, mainly due to a decrease in property, plant and equipment, which was partly offset by an increase in deferred tax assets.

Current liabilities decreased by 3,766 million yen from March 31, 2023 to 31,995 million yen, mainly due to a decrease in short-term borrowings, which was partly offset by increases in income taxes payable and accrued consumption taxes. Non-current liabilities increased by 8,104 million yen from March 31, 2023 to 14,866 million yen due mainly to an increase in long-term borrowings.

Net assets increased by 4,712 million yen from March 31, 2023 to 57,125 million yen, mainly due to recording profit attributable to owners of parent, despite the payment of dividends.

As a result, the equity ratio was 53.9% as of September 30, 2023, a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from March 31, 2023.

At this point in time, the JCR Group has not felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the global outlook remains uncertain. In order to achieve sustainable global growth, we need to secure a flexible and stable source of funds. In the fiscal year under review, we concluded commitment line agreements with our financial institutions for a total of 23.0 billion yen for the purpose of securing operating funds as a backup plan.

[2] Status of cash flows

Cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, 2023 was up by 2,689 million yen from the end of the previous consolidated fiscal year to 15,968 million yen. Status of each cash flows and major reasons are as stated below

(Cash flows from operating activities)

Net cash provided by operating activities was 3,521 million yen (an increase of 4,548 million yen in net cash provided from the same period of the previous fiscal year). The main factors were the recording of profit before income taxes of 7,120 million yen, depreciation of 1,335 million yen, increase in accrued consumption taxes of 1,263 million yen, and income taxes refund of 2,228 million yen, which was partly offset by an increase in trade receivables of 9,376 million yen.

(Cash flows from investing activities)

Net cash used in investing activities was 1,288 million yen (a decrease of 491 million yen in net cash used from the same period of the previous fiscal year). The main use of cash was 838 million yen in purchase of property, plant and equipment.

(Cash flows from financing activities)

Net cash used in financing activities was 761 million yen (a decrease of 717 million yen in net cash used from the same period of the previous fiscal year). This was mainly attributable to dividends paid of 1,249 million yen.

(3) Explanation on projections such as forecasts of consolidated financial results

Looking at consolidated financial results for the six months ended September 30, 2023, sales and profits increased year on year.

There have been no changes to the forecasts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 announced on September 28, 2023.

Quarterly consolidated financial statements and important notes Quarterly consolidated balance sheets

(1)	Millions of yen)

	As of March 31, 2023	As of September 30, 2023
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	13,278	15,96
Accounts receivable - trade, and contract assets	11,137	20,51
Merchandise and finished goods	1,098	87
Work in process	5,717	6,44
Raw materials and supplies	11,699	11,95
Other	4,870	2,14
Total current assets	47,802	57,89
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
Buildings and structures, net	7,128	14,53
Land	10,379	10,33
Construction in progress	13,008	14
Other, net	2,165	5,90
Total property, plant and equipment	32,681	30,96
Intangible assets		
Patent right	2,434	2,29
Other	1,217	1,4
Total intangible assets	3,652	3,7
Investments and other assets		
Investment securities	8,867	8,9
Other	1,938	2,4
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(4)	(
Total investments and other assets	10,800	11,4
Total non-current assets	47,135	46,0
Total assets	94,937	103,9
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable - trade	1,563	1,1
Short-term borrowings	16,800	9,70
Current portion of bonds payable	500	
Income taxes payable	33	2,5
Special suspense account for tax purpose reduction entry	11,996	11,9
Provision for bonuses	974	1,1
Provision for bonuses for directors (and other officers)	114	
Other	3,779	5,3
Total current liabilities	35,762	31,9
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term borrowings	5,500	13,60
Provision for employee stock ownership plan	95	
Retirement benefit liability	924	9
Other	241	2
Total non-current liabilities	6,761	14,8
Total liabilities	42,523	46,8

(Millions of yen)

	As of March 31, 2023	As of September 30, 2023
Net assets		
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	9,061	9,061
Capital surplus	10,384	10,384
Retained earnings	34,273	38,277
Treasury shares	(2,978)	(2,967)
Total shareholders' equity	50,740	54,756
Accumulated other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	555	629
Foreign currency translation adjustment	146	678
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(20)	(21)
Total accumulated other comprehensive income	681	1,285
Share acquisition rights	740	812
Non-controlling interests	251	271
Total net assets	52,413	57,125
Total liabilities and net assets	94,937	103,988

(2) Quarterly consolidated statements of income and quarterly consolidated statements of comprehensive income (Quarterly consolidated statements of income)

	Six months ended	(Millions of yen) Six months ended September 30, 2023	
	September 30, 2022		
Net sales	15,581	24,272	
Cost of sales	4,836	5,881	
Gross profit	10,744	18,391	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	9,999	11,493	
Operating profit	744	6,898	
Non-operating income			
Interest income	5	41	
Dividend income	15	13	
Foreign exchange gains	814	671	
Other	25	69	
Total non-operating income	861	796	
Non-operating expenses			
Share of loss of entities accounted for using equity method	_	507	
Interest expenses	21	40	
Commission expenses	6	10	
Other	8	10	
Total non-operating expenses	36	568	
Ordinary profit	1,569	7,126	
Extraordinary losses			
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	9	5	
Total extraordinary losses	9	5	
Profit before income taxes	1,560	7,120	
Income taxes - current	62	2,387	
Income taxes - deferred	521	(527)	
Total income taxes	583	1,860	
Profit	976	5,260	
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	14	7	
Profit attributable to owners of parent	962	5,253	

(Quarterly consolidated statements of comprehensive income)

(Millions of yen)

	Six months ended September 30, 2022	Six months ended September 30, 2023
Profit	976	5,260
Other comprehensive income		
Valuation difference on available-for-sale securities	(38)	73
Deferred gains or losses on hedges	(0)	_
Foreign currency translation adjustment	150	103
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax	5	(0)
Share of other comprehensive income of entities accounted for using equity method	-	441
Total other comprehensive income	116	617
Comprehensive income	1,093	5,877
Comprehensive income attributable to		
Comprehensive income attributable to owners of parent	1,040	5,857
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	52	20

(3) Quarterly consolidated statements of cash flows

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period

3) Quarterly consolidated statements of cash flows	Try consolidated statements of easil flows	
	Six months ended September 30, 2022	Six months ended September 30, 2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income taxes	1,560	7,120
Depreciation	953	1,335
Increase (decrease) in retirement benefit liability	32	43
Decrease (increase) in retirement benefit asset	6	_
Increase (decrease) in provision for bonuses	162	216
Share-based payment expenses	173	71
Interest and dividend income	(21)	(55)
Interest expenses	21	40
Foreign exchange losses (gains)	(1,517)	(682)
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	6,996	(9,376)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable - other	(499)	733
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(1,175)	(757
Increase (decrease) in trade payables	228	(443
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable - other	(2,212)	810
Increase (decrease) in accrued consumption taxes	(313)	1,260
Share of loss (profit) of entities accounted for using equity		500
method	_	50°
Other, net	92	44:
Subtotal	4,490	1,278
Interest and dividends received	21	55
Interest paid	(23)	(40
Income taxes refund (paid)	(5,516)	2,228
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(1,027)	3,52
Cash flows from investing activities	• • •	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,333)	(838
Other, net	(446)	(449
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1,779)	(1,288
Cash flows from financing activities	(,/)	(1,200
Net increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	_	(6,900
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	2,750	8,650
Repayments of long-term borrowings	(2,750)	(750
Redemption of bonds	(2,730)	(500
Net decrease (increase) in treasury shares	8	1:
Dividends paid	(1,489)	(1,249
Other, net	1	(22
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(1,479)	(761
Effect of exchange rate change on cash and cash equivalents	1,660	1,21
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(2,625)

30,733

28,107

2,689

13,278

15,968

(4) Notes to quarterly consolidated financial statements (Notes on going concern assumption)

None

(Notes on any significant changes in the amount of shareholders' equity) None

3. Other

R&D Pipeline Recombinant drug products

Code Code		Indication
Nonproprietary Name	Status	Remarks
JR-141 BBB-Penetrating Iduronate-2- Global: Clinical		Mucopolysaccharidosis II (Hunter syndrome)
sulfatase (rDNA origin)	Phase III trials	ERT J-Brain Cargo®
IR-171		Mucopolysaccharidosis I (Hurler syndrome, etc.)
BBB-Penetrating	Global: Clinical	ERT
α-L-Iduronidase	Phase I/II trials	J-Brain Cargo®
(rDNA origin)		J-MIG System®
JR-162		Pompe disease
J-Brain Cargo®		
applied acid α -	Preclinical	ERT
glucosidase		J-Brain Cargo®
(rDNA origin)		
JR-441		Mucopolysaccharidosis III-A (Sanfilippo syndrome type A)
BBB-Penetrating heparan N-sulfatase	Global: Clinical Phase I/II trials	ERT
(rDNA origin)	Thase I/II thats	J-Brain Cargo®
JR-443		Massashasashasidasis VII (Chdasaandasaas)
BBB-Penetrating	D 11 1 1	Mucopolysaccharidosis VII (Sly's syndrome)
β-glucuronidase	Preclinical	ERT
(rDNA origin)		J-Brain Cargo®
JR-446		Mucopolysaccharidosis III-B (Sanfilippo syndrome type B)
BBB-Penetrating	Preclinical	ERT
α-N-acetylglucosaminidase (rDNA origin)		J-Brain Cargo®
JR-479		
BBB-penetrating		GM2 gangliosidosis (Tay-Sachs disease, Sandhoff disease)
β-Hexosaminidase A	Preclinical	ERT
(rDNA origin)		J-Brain Cargo®
JR-471		Fucosidosis
BBB-penetrating	Preclinical	ERT
α-L-fucosidase (rDNA origin)		J-Brain Cargo®
JR-142 Long acting Growth hormone	Clinical Phase II trials	Pediatric Growth hormone deficiency
Long-acting Growth hormone (rDNA origin) Clinical Phase II trials		ERT
(1211110116111)		J-MIG System®

(Note) ERT= Enzyme Replacement Therapy

Allogeneic regenerative medical product

Code	Status	Indication
Nonproprietary Name		Remarks
JR-031HIE	Clinical	Neonatal hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy
Human mesenchymal stem cells	Phase I / II trials	Expanded Indication of TEMCELL® HS