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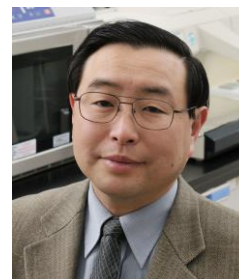
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Awards and Honors:

1993	Ryoichi Naito Foundation for Medical Research Award
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1997	Tokyo Biochemical Research Foundation Research Award
1999	Best Poster Award, Japanese Society for Thrombosis and Hemostasis
2000	Fellowship from Japanese Vascular Biology Meeting
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2008	Poster Award, 3 rd Intl Symp ALPDC
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Professional Membership:

Japanese Biochemical Society (1985-)
Japanese Society for Thrombosis and Hemostasis (1985-;
Member of Council (1998-), Member of editorial board (2004-2007))
Japanese Pharmaceutical Society (1993-)
Japanese Society for Hematology (1996-2007)
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Japanese Society of Retinoid Research (1993-; member of secretary
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Japanese Society of Transglutaminase Research (1997-; founder and
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American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2000-)
International Society for Thrombosis and Hemostasis (2003-)
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International Society for Hepatic Sinusoidal Research (2009-)
American Association for Study of Liver Diseases (2009-)
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OTKA Research Proposal (2011)
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Biodesign Research Program (1995-1999)
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Chemical Biology Research Program (2003-2007)
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Ono Pharmaceuticals (1995-1996)

Nikken Chemical Company (2000)

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Program for Promotion of Fundamental Studies in Health Sciences of the National Institute of Biomedical Innovation (2007-2011)

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Research Interests:

Molecular Mechanism of Retinoid Action

Tissue Fibrinolysis and Cytokine Activation

Liver Fibrosis and Regeneration

Vascular Biology (Atherosclerosis & Angiogenesis/Vasculogenesis)

Transglutaminase, Apoptosis, and Cancer

Chemical Biology

Publications

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