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Wako Life Sciences, Inc. receives the Northern California Section 2013 AACC Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry in Science and Technology award for the development of the μ TASWako[®] i30 Immunoanalyzer

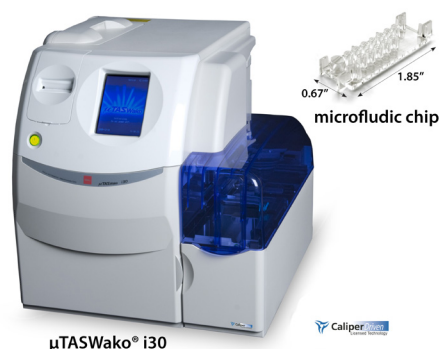
Mountain View, CA, January 27th, 2014 - Dr. Shinji Satomura, President, and Dr. Henry Wada, CSO of Wako Life Sciences, Inc., received an award from the Northern California Section of AACC for the scientific and technology contribution to clinical chemistry achieved by the development of the μ TASWako i30 Immunoanalyzer.

"Wako is happy to receive this award for the μ TASWako i30 Immunoanalyzer which was the first application of Lab-on-a-Chip technology on an IVD instrument".

The μ TASWako i30 has enabled miniaturization and integration of key analyzer processes for the sampling, mixing, separation and detection of serum biomarkers in a cost effective microfluidic chip. The system uses immunochemical and electrophoretic techniques to achieve rapid, accurate, precise and sensitive assay results. The first test result is obtained in nine (9) minutes from starting the measurement; results thereafter are 2 minutes each. As a bench-top automated instrument, the μ TASWako i30 is designed for efficiency and ease-of-use in a clinical laboratory setting. With the features of automated calibration and quality control, the μ TASWako i30 requires minimal setup time.

"We acknowledge the technical achievement of the team of Scientists and Engineers at Wako Life Sciences, Inc. and Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd., who married the benefits of microfluidics with the requirements of the IVD market in order to bring this product to the clinical laboratory," said Henry Wada, CSO of Wako Life Sciences, Inc.

μ TASWako i30 is currently available in the USA, Canada, Japan and Europe for the serum biomarkers lectin-reactive alpha-fetoprotein (AFP-L3) and des-gamma-carboxy prothrombin (DCP) tests. The AFP-L3 and DCP tests are intended for in vitro diagnostic use as an aid in the risk assessment of patients with chronic liver disease for development of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in conjunction with other laboratory findings, imaging studies and clinical assessment.



About Wako Life Sciences, Inc.

Wako Life Sciences, Inc. is headquartered in Mountain View, CA and has R&D facilities and commercial operations in Mountain View and Richmond, VA. Wako Life Sciences, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. with headquarters in Osaka, Japan. For more information, contact www.wakodiagnosics.com. μ TASWako i30 is distributed by Wako Diagnostics in the USA and Canada.

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