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NEWS RELEASE

Interprotein Corporation

**Joint research project “Development of Radioprotection Drug” has won
the Osaka City Innovative Creation Grant**

We are pleased to announce that our joint research project with the group of Professor Ikuo Kashiwakura (Graduate School of Health Sciences, Hirosaki University) has been selected to receive the Osaka City Innovative Creation Grant. This joint research program aims to realize a practical application of a small-molecule inhibitor of interleukin-6 as a medication to treat radiation exposure.

Professor Kashiwakura has been focusing on the research and development of protective agents against radiation exposure for many years. Interprotein has a history of working on projects with his group, and we will be committing ourselves to the discovery of small-molecule inhibitors against interleukin-6, which is responsible for various inflammatory reactions, in this research program.