

Japanese Digestive Enzymes, the Digestive Medicine Favored by Sōseki Natsume

Registration No.	Number 00208		
Registration Date	September 15, 2015	Registration Category	Category 1

Name (Model, etc.)	TAKA-DIASTASE
Location	Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo
	DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED Shinagawa R&D Center
Owner (Custodian)	DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED Shinagawa R&D Center
Manufacturer (Company)	SANKYO GOSHIKAISHA (now DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED)
Year Manufactured	1909
Year first appeared	1894
Reason For Selection	Takadiastase is a digestive medicine product made from a digestive enzyme discovered in 1894 by Dr. Jokichi Takamine (1854-1922). Whereas existing extracts were boiled down to a syrup consistency and were difficult to work with, this product was successfully produced in powder form. Although this was produced by American company Parke, Davis & Co. based on the Takamine series of patents and sold all over the world, in Japan it was launched in 1899 by Sankyo Shoten, the predecessor of Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd., in accordance with Takamine's wishes. The product also appears in Sōseki Natsume's novel "I Am a Cat" and it is still being used as an ingredient in digestive medicines sold by various pharmaceutical companies.
Registration Standard	1-B (Show a uniquely Japanese scientific or technological development from an international perspective.)

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