

# **News Release**

## **Astellas Announces Cancellation of Treasury Shares**

Tokyo, Japan, May 11, 2015 – Astellas Pharma Inc. (Tokyo: 4503; President and CEO: Yoshihiko Hatanaka, hereinafter called "the Company") announced that at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today, a resolution was adopted that the Company will cancel its treasury shares, pursuant to Article 178 of the Japanese Corporate Law.

### **Particulars**

1. Class of shares to be cancelled Common stock of the Company

2. Number of shares to be cancelled 38 million shares

(Representing 1.68% of issued shares prior to cancellation)

3. Cancellation date May 29, 2015

#### (Reference)

- 1. Following cancellation, the Company will have 2,221,823,175 issued shares.
- 2. Total number of the Company's treasury shares after cancellation will be 28,681,660.

(Expected numbers of shares described above 1 and 2 were calculated on the basis of the issued shares and the Company's treasury shares as of March 31, 2015, respectively.)

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