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JCR Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd.

**JCR Pharmaceuticals Announces Launch of Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS)
Type II Disease Awareness Film Featured in *The Next Frontier* Series**

*- Story Highlights Severity and Impact of MPS II, a Rare, Life-Threatening Lysosomal
Storage Disorder -*

Hyogo, Japan – June 18, 2025 – [JCR Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd.](#) (TSE 4552; “JCR”), a global specialty biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing therapies for rare and genetic diseases, announced the launch of a [film](#) featured in *The Next Frontier*, a global branded film series presented by the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and produced by BBC StoryWorks Commercial Productions. *The Next Frontier* series explores how biotechnology can be used effectively to address urgent challenges the world faces.

As part of the series, the JCR-sponsored film tells the story of a family affected by Mucopolysaccharidosis type II (MPS II, or Hunter syndrome), a rare, progressive, life-threatening lysosomal storage disorder.

“This film demonstrates the hardships and challenges that people living with MPS II face on a daily basis from the perspective of a family affected by this devastating and life-limiting disease,” said Shin Ashida, Chairman, President and CEO of JCR Pharmaceuticals. “We are honored to participate in this important video series to shine a spotlight on MPS II and increase awareness worldwide about this debilitating rare disease for which patients desperately need new treatment options. This impactful story is a great illustration of how collaborating with patient communities drives progress. We are committed to supporting the MPS II patient community, and we look forward to advancing our investigational therapy for people living with MPS II.”

The *Next Frontier* series highlights biotechnology’s potential to help create a healthier and more sustainable future for all. The series delves into how powerful storytelling can turn complexity into clarity and breakthrough science into emotional connection. The series debuted at the BIO International Convention, taking place from June 16-19, 2025.

Watch the JCR film [here](#), and view the full *The Next Frontier* series [here](#).

About *The Next Frontier* Series

The Next Frontier is a global branded film series presented by Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and produced by BBC StoryWorks Commercial Productions, and it explores how biotechnology can be used effectively to address urgent challenges the world faces. The series highlights biotechnology’s potential to help create a healthier and more sustainable future for all. The series delves into how powerful storytelling can turn complexity into clarity and breakthrough science into emotional connection and features the tools that help the public not just understand biotech but believe in its potential. If the future depends on science, it also depends on the stories we tell.

About Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

BIO is the world’s largest biotechnology organization, providing advocacy, business development and communications services, worldwide. BIO members are at the forefront of researching and developing innovative biotechnologies across healthcare, agriculture, industry, and the environment. Corporate members range from entrepreneurial companies developing a first product to Fortune 500 multinationals. BIO is helping to drive a revolution that aims to cure patients, protect our climate, and nourish humanity.

About Mucopolysaccharidosis Type II (Hunter Syndrome)

Mucopolysaccharidosis type II (MPS II, or Hunter syndrome) is an X-linked recessive lysosomal storage disorder caused by a deficiency of iduronate-2-sulfatase, an enzyme that breaks down complex carbohydrates called glycosaminoglycans (GAGs, also known as mucopolysaccharides) in the body. Hunter syndrome, which affects an estimated 2,000-3,000 individuals worldwide (according to JCR research), gives rise to a wide range of somatic and neurological symptoms. The current standard of care for Hunter syndrome is enzyme replacement therapy. Central nervous system symptoms related to MPS II have been unmet medical needs so far.

About JCR Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd.

JCR Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. (TSE 4552) is a global specialty pharmaceutical company that develops treatments that go beyond rare diseases to solve the world's most complex healthcare challenges. We continue to build upon our 50-year legacy in Japan while expanding our global footprint into the U.S., Europe, and Latin America. We improve patients' lives by applying our scientific expertise and unique technologies to research, develop, and deliver next-generation therapies. Our approved products in Japan include therapies for the treatment of growth disorder, MPS II (Hunter syndrome), Fabry disease, acute graft-versus host disease, and renal anemia. Our investigational products in development worldwide are aimed at treating rare diseases including MPS I (Hurler, Hurler-Scheie and Scheie syndrome), MPS II, MPS IIIA and B (Sanfilippo syndrome type A and B), and more. Our core values – Putting people first, Forging our own path, Always advancing, and Committed to excellence – mean that the work we do benefits all our stakeholders, including employees, partners, and patients. We strive to expand the possibilities for patients while accelerating medical advancement at a global level.

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