

Ito from Denka Seiken Receives Zak Award for the sd LDL-C Test Reagent from AACC



Award ceremony at the LVDD seminar at the AACC conference on August 5, 2019 (Anaheim, U.S.A.)
Yasuki Ito, General Manager of Diagnostic Reagents Academic Research Department, Denka Seiken Co., Ltd. (left)
Katsuyuki Nakajima, Chairman of the LVDD, the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (right)

Praising the development of the reagent for automatic small, dense LDL-C¹ analyzers, the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) presented the Zak Award² to Yasuki Ito, PhD, General Manager of Diagnostic Reagents Academic Research Department, Denka Seiken Co., Ltd. (Representative Director and President: Hideki Takahashi), the consolidated subsidiary of Denka Company Limited (Representative Director, President: Manabu Yamamoto).

In 1990, the AACC established the Zak Award to honor Dr. Bennie Zak who greatly contributed to the clinical laboratory testing field in America. The Lipoproteins and Vascular Diseases Division (LVDD), a specialized AACC division, bestows the award on a remarkable contributor to clinical chemistry research in the field biennially.

The award ceremony took place at the LVDD seminar at the annual AACC conference in Anaheim, U.S.A. on August 5, 2019. Yasuki Ito, the winner, delivered an acceptance speech after receiving the award from Katsuyuki Nakajima, Chairman of LVDD.

Denka Seiken launched the sd LDL-C assay test, based on the awarded development for determination of sd LDL-C level, in the US market as an *in-vitro* diagnostic in July 2018. The risk of coronary heart disease can be assessed using this easy, rapid, and cost-effective test. Denka Seiken is expanding the market for this assay in China and Japan in addition to the U.S.A., and will continue to contribute to the maintenance of human health and the prevention of disease.

Notes:

1: sd LDL-C (small, dense LDL cholesterol): marker for evaluating the risk of cardiovascular diseases

2: AACC website: Lipoproteins and Vascular Diseases Division Awards

<https://www.aacc.org/community/divisions/lipoproteins-and-vascular-diseases/awards>

3: News release (July 31, 2018):

The Denka Group Begins U.S. Sales of In-Vitro Diagnostic Reagent for Heart Disease Risk Marker sd LDL-C

https://www.denka.co.jp/eng/storage/news/pdf/204/20180731_sd%20LDL-C_en.pdf

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