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Launch of the First Generic Prescription Drug in the Oji Group, Betaine Powder for the Treatment of Homocystinuria

Oji Holdings Corporation (CEO: Hiroyuki Isono, Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo) hereby announces that its group company, Oji Pharma Co., Ltd. (President: Kotaro Ishikawa, Head Office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo), has launched a generic prescription drug for the treatment of homocystinuria ("Betaine Powder", or generic name: betaine) in Japan on September 10, 2026. Oji Pharma Co., Ltd. obtained manufacturing and marketing approval for the product in Japan on February 16, 2026.

Homocystinuria is a rare disease classified as an inborn error of amino acid metabolism. It is caused by a congenital genetic abnormality that leads to the accumulation in the body of homocysteine, a metabolite of methionine, resulting in symptoms affecting the central and peripheral nervous systems, cardiovascular system, skeletal system, eyes, and other organs.

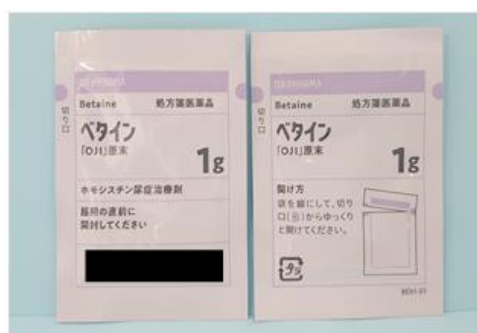
Betaine powder has dose recommendations based on body weight and is hygroscopic; therefore, it must be handled with care and packaged promptly in pharmacies. To address these practical challenges, packaging formats were developed, including a plastic bottle packaging with a desiccant and aluminum sachet packaging, with the aim of enhancing moisture protection during storage, reducing dispensing workload, and supporting appropriate medication use.

Oji Group will continue to contribute to society in the medical and healthcare fields, based on its nature-positive management approach.

■ Product image



180 g bottle packaging form



1 g aluminum sachet packaging form

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