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Masatoshi Kudo studied Medicine at Kyoto University and graduated in 1978. Following this, he completed a clinical fellowship in Kobe City General Hospital followed by a research fellowship at the University of California Davis Medical Center in USA and Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine, where he received his PhD degree in Medical Science in 1987. Professor Kudo is currently a Professor and Chairman at the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Kindai University Faculty of Medicine since 1999 and the Executive Board Member of Kindai University.

Professor Kudo has published 632 International scientific peer review papers in well-regarded journals in addition to 842 domestic scientific papers. He has given 340 invited lectures in the area of his expertise on numerous occasions to international audiences. He serves as an Executive Council Board Member for Liver Cancer Study Group of Japan (LCSGJ), Chairman of Nationwide Survey Committee of LCSGJ, and a representative of LCSGJ Head Office. Professor Kudo is also a President of the Japan Society of Ultrasonics in Medicine (JSUM), President of Asia-Pacific Primary Liver Cancer Association (APPLE), Immediate Past President of WFUMB, President of AFSUMB, an Executive Board Member of Japan Society of Hepatology (JSH), a Founding Board member of International Liver Cancer Association (ILCA). He is also serving as an Editor-in-Chief of LIVER CANCER (Karger).

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