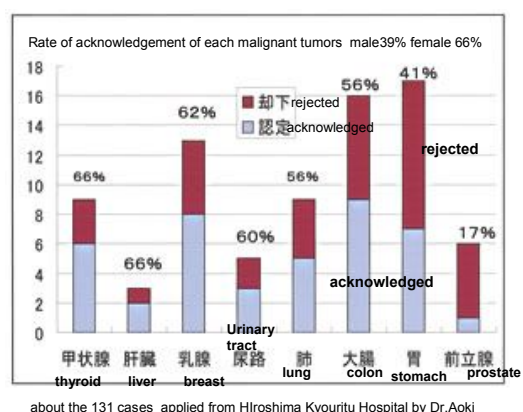


Hibakusha file lawsuits for official acknowledgement of their A-bomb induced diseases

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Even after the hell severity of the Atomic bomb disaster, Hibakusha had not been treated as human. Hibakusha had experienced discriminatory treatment by ABCC because the USA government dealt with A-bomb influence to human as a military secret. They were recorded as confidential matters but not treated with medical management. Since 1957 Hibakusha can be received health management allowance Hibakusha Aid Law of 1994 provides special medical care allowance. for a Hibakusha who suffers from diseases and injuries caused by radiation from atomic bomb.

However the Japanese government has imposed the conditions to acknowledge the diseases as caused by the A-bomb radiation, firstly, they must have been exposed within the distant of 2km from the hypocenter, secondly, their malignant diseases have the causative probability higher than 10%. Therefore, even if those Hibakusha had apparent acute phase symptoms, such as epilation, hemorrhage, diarrhea, etc. in case they had been exposed at the distant far from 2km, they had been rejected as not satisfying the conditions. Therefore, only 2200 persons (0.88%) out of 250000 Hibakusha were acknowledged as having the diseases derived from the A-bomb radiation. Since 2003, at 17 distinct courts around Japan, those Hibakusha with rejection of acknowledgement of their diseases caused by the A-bomb radiation by the Japanese government have filed lawsuits against the government demanding the withdrawal of the rejections.



The arguments debated in the courts

Points of Controversy #1

Within a distance of 2km from the ground zero is necessary?

apparent acute phase symptoms, such as depilation, hemorrhage, diarrhea, etc. indicate the radiation exposed level is sufficient for causing the diseases in question even if they had been exposed at a distance from 2km

初期放射線量+残留放射線量+降下物放射線量

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Points of Controversy #2

Is there any radiological threshold of causing cancers

The arguments debated in the courts

Points of Controversy #3

Is the causative probability adequate parameter to apply to judge whether the disease of each person is caused by A-bomb radiation?

After all every 17 courts decided almost all plaintiff Hibakusha have the diseases caused by the A-bomb radiation, and they have The right to have the allowance

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