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Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd and Beocarta Ltd of Glasgow, Scotland, have successfully completed a collaborative project on the metabolic analysis of a novel secondary product fermentation process. The project was focused on how to understand important metabolic steps in the bioprocess and how to use this knowledge to achieve rapid yield improvement and strain development. This was the first contract undertaken in Japan by Beocarta Ltd, and was managed by Dr Monika Fischer-Keogh and Dr David Mousdale.

Since its establishment in 1985 Beocarta has worked with most of the major western pharmaceutical companies to improve industrial fermentation processes and accelerate the introduction of new bioprocesses with microbial or animal cells. The project with Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd was set up by the Tokyo office of the UK consultancy, Euro Japan Marketing Limited, who represent Beocarta Ltd in Japan (www.beocarta.com Euro Japan Tokyo office – 03 3664 5062).