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Dr. Shimizu developed a laboratory method to enumerate immunoglobulin-secreting cells of different immunoglobulin class and type in peripheral blood and has published several peer-reviewed papers on the topic in *Blood* in 1980 and 1982. This method was a breakthrough technique because the quantitation of monoclonal immunoglobulin-secreting cells in the peripheral blood is a strong indicator of the prognosis of multiple myeloma, and is now being done using flow cytometry.

Dr. Shimizu was the president of the Japanese Society of Myeloma (JSM) between 2008 and 2014, an organization that has around 500 member physicians specializing in myeloma. He has helped to publish myeloma management guidelines in collaboration with the members of JSM for the past 8 years (the first edition was published in 2004, second in 2008, third in 2012 and the most recent in 2016). He has helped to publish a patient guide-book in collaboration with the Japanese myeloma patient association, IMF Japan. In addition, he was the president of the 14th International Myeloma Workshop held in Kyoto, Japan, in April 2013. He is a scientific advisor for the European Myeloma Network (EMN), and is a member of the Waldenstrom's award committee of the International Myeloma Society (IMS).