First results for Phase IIa data of UCB's lacosamide for treatment of fibromyalgia

- **Results in proof of concept trial encourage further analysis**
- **Promising side effect profile observed**

Brussels, BELGIUM, June 24, 2008 at 18:00 CET – UCB announced today headline results based on first-line analyses of its Phase IIa clinical trial with lacosamide to treat fibromyalgia syndrome. The initial results from this proof of concept study showed activity of lacosamide in fibromyalgia syndrome but require further analysis. A decision to start Phase IIb will be made by the end of the year. This lacosamide trial was randomized, placebo-controlled and double-blind to assess efficacy and safety of 400mg/day lacosamide tablets in patients suffering from signs and symptoms associated with fibromyalgia syndrome (FMS). This trial was designed to establish a signal to provide justification for further clinical development of lacosamide in FMS.

The primary variable was a within-subject change in average daily pain score from baseline to the last two weeks of the treatment phase using an 11-point Likert scale. Based on 158 patients (randomized) of the full analysis set, an effect size of 0.5 in favour of lacosamide versus placebo was observed for the primary variable. Lacosamide was generally very well tolerated.

About fibromyalgia syndrome: Fibromyalgia is characterized by chronic widespread musculoskeletal pain, tenderness, fatique, sleep disorders, morning stiffness and is associated with a number of other symptoms such as cognitive dysfunction, mood disturbances, paresthesia, digestive disorders.

About lacosamide: Lacosamide has a dual mode of action and is the first agent of its kind to be clinically studied for the treatment of fibromyalgia. It selectively enhances slow inactivation of sodium channels and interacts with the neuroplasticity-relevant target – collapsin-response mediator protein-2 (CRMP-2).

Lacosamide has been filed with the US FDA and the EMEA for the treatment of epilepsy and diabetic neuropathic pain.

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