



## UCB AND AMGEN ANNOUNCE POSITIVE TOP-LINE RESULTS FROM OPEN-LABEL STUDY OF ROMOSUZUMAB COMPARED WITH TERIPARATIDE

### **Primary Endpoint Met in Study of Postmenopausal Women with Osteoporosis Transitioning From Bisphosphonate Treatment**

**BRUSSELS, BELGIUM and THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (Sept. 01, 2015)** – UCB (Euronext Brussels: UCB) and Amgen (NASDAQ:AMGN) today announced top-line results from the STRUCTURE trial (STudy evaluating effect of RomosozUmab Compared with Teriparatide in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture previously treated with bisphosphonate therapy). The study (NCT01796301) met the primary endpoint, demonstrating a statistically significant difference in favor of romosozumab in the percent change of total hip bone mineral density (measured by DXA) through month 12.<sup>1</sup>

STRUCTURE was a Phase 3, multi-center, international, randomized, open-label, teriparatide-controlled study that evaluated the safety, tolerability and efficacy of romosozumab in women with postmenopausal osteoporosis. A total of 436 patients previously treated with bisphosphonate therapy received either subcutaneous romosozumab (210 mg monthly) or subcutaneous teriparatide (20 mcg daily) through to month 12.<sup>1</sup>

The overall subject incidence of adverse events was generally balanced between arms. Adverse events in patients treated with romosozumab were similar to those previously reported and no new safety signals were detected. Adverse events reported in the romosozumab arm in more than five percent of patients were nasopharyngitis, arthralgia, back pain, headache and fall.<sup>1</sup> Further analysis of the STRUCTURE study results are ongoing and will be submitted to a future medical conference and for publication.

#### **About Romosozumab**

*Romosozumab is an investigational bone-forming agent and is not approved by any regulatory authority for the treatment of osteoporosis. It is designed to work by inhibiting the protein sclerostin, thereby increasing bone formation and decreasing bone breakdown.<sup>2</sup> Romosozumab is being studied for its potential to reduce the risk of fractures in an extensive global Phase 3 program. This program includes two large fracture trials comparing romosozumab to either placebo or active comparator in more than 10,000 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis. First results from the Phase 3 study FRAME are expected in H1 2016. Romosozumab is being co-developed by Amgen and UCB.*

#### **About UCB**

UCB, Brussels, Belgium ([www.ucb.com](http://www.ucb.com)) is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of innovative medicines and solutions to transform the lives of people living with severe diseases of the immune system or of the central nervous system. With more than 8500 people in approximately 40 countries, the company generated revenue of € 3.3 billion in 2014. UCB is listed on Euronext Brussels (symbol: UCB). Follow us on Twitter: @UCB\_news.

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#### **About Amgen**

Amgen is committed to unlocking the potential of biology for patients suffering from serious illnesses by discovering, developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative human therapeutics. This approach begins by using tools like advanced human genetics to unravel the complexities of disease and understand the fundamentals of human biology.

Amgen focuses on areas of high unmet medical need and leverages its biologics manufacturing expertise to strive for solutions that improve health outcomes and dramatically improve people's lives. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen has grown to be the world's largest independent biotechnology company, has reached millions of patients around the world and is developing a pipeline of medicines with breakaway potential.

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No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual results may differ materially from those we project. Discovery or identification of new product candidates or development of new indications for existing products cannot be guaranteed and movement from concept to product is uncertain; consequently, there can be no guarantee that any particular product candidate or development of a new indication for an existing product will be successful and become a commercial product. Further, preclinical results do not guarantee safe and effective performance of product candidates in humans. The complexity of the human body cannot be perfectly, or sometimes, even adequately modeled by computer or cell culture systems or animal models. The length of time that it takes for us and our partners to complete clinical trials and obtain regulatory approval for product marketing has in the past varied and we expect similar variability in the future. We develop product candidates internally and through licensing collaborations, partnerships and joint ventures. Product candidates that are derived from relationships may be subject to disputes between the parties or may prove to be not as effective or as safe as we may have believed at the time of entering into such relationship. Also, we or others could identify safety, side effects or manufacturing problems with our products after they are on the market. Our business may be impacted by government investigations, litigation and product liability claims. If we fail to meet the compliance obligations in the corporate integrity agreement between us and the U.S. government, we could become subject to significant sanctions. We depend on third parties for a significant portion of our manufacturing capacity for the supply of certain of our current and future products and limits on supply may constrain sales of certain of our current products and product candidate development.

In addition, sales of our products (including products of our wholly-owned subsidiaries) are affected by the reimbursement policies imposed by third-party payers, including governments, private insurance plans and managed care providers and may be affected by regulatory, clinical and guideline developments and domestic and international trends toward managed care and healthcare cost containment as well as U.S. legislation affecting pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement. Government and others' regulations and reimbursement policies may affect the development, usage and pricing of our products. In addition, we compete with other companies with respect to some of our marketed products as well as for the discovery and development of new products. We believe that some of our newer products, product candidates or new indications for existing products, may face competition when and as they are approved and marketed. Our products may compete against products that have lower prices, established reimbursement, superior performance, are easier to administer, or that are otherwise competitive with our products. In addition, while we and our partners routinely obtain patents for products and technology, the protection of our products offered by patents and patent applications may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented by our or our partners' competitors and there can be no guarantee of our or our partners' ability to obtain or maintain patent protection for our products or product candidates. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to produce commercially successful products or maintain the commercial success of our existing products. Our stock price may be affected by actual or perceived market opportunity, competitive position, and success or failure of our products or product candidates. Further, the discovery of significant problems with a product similar to one of our products that implicate an entire class of products could have a material adverse effect on sales of the affected products and on our business and results of operations. Our efforts to integrate the operations of companies we have acquired may not be successful. We may experience difficulties, delays or unexpected costs and not achieve anticipated benefits and savings from our ongoing restructuring plan. Our business performance could affect or limit the ability of our Board of Directors to declare a dividend or our ability to pay a dividend or repurchase common stock.

The scientific information discussed in this news release related to our product candidates is preliminary and investigative. Such product candidates are not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and no conclusions can or should be drawn regarding the safety or effectiveness of the product candidates.

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