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Press Release

UCB Awards Professorial Chair in Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

Brussels, 15 September 2006 - UCB announced today the creation of the Chair in Management of Inflammatory Bowel Disease to support the research of Professor Severine Vermeire and Professor Paul Rutgeerts of the division of Gastroenterology of the university hospital at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL). The research concerns the mechanisms of action of biological therapies in IBD and predictive factors for outcome.

UCB's sponsorship of this respected academic chair at an institution recognised for its leadership in the study and treatment of gastroenterology is part of UCB's ongoing commitment to supporting research into inflammatory disease and embodies the Company's core values of remaining dedicated to patients and making a real difference to the lives of people all over the world. UCB submitted the license applications for its first biologic, CIMZIA™ (certolizumab pegol) for the treatment of Crohn's disease (an inflammatory bowel disease) with the regulatory authorities in both the USA and Europe earlier this year.

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