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Yes            / /

No            /X/

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This Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K is incorporated by reference into the Post-Effective Amendments on Forms F-3 and S-8 to Form F-4 Registration Statement of Elan Corporation, plc (Registration No. 333-12756), the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Elan Corporation, plc and Athena Neuroscience Finance, LLC (Registration No. 333-13130), and the Registration Statements on Form S-8 of Elan Corporation, plc (Registration Nos. 333-13996, 333-12344, 333-11940, 333-09644, 333-09284, 333-09048, 333-08384, 333-07361, 333-07136, 333-14240, 33-27506 and 333-100252).

### EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit	Description
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99.1	Press release dated April 12, 2005 titled: TYSABRI(R) two-year monotherapy data support positive one-year efficacy findings and show significant reduction in risk of disability progression. Data presented at American Academy of Neurology meeting.
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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the

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undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ELAN CORPORATION, plc

By: /s/ William F. Daniel

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William F. Daniel  
Company Secretary

Date: April 12, 2005

Exhibit 99.1

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TYSABRI (R) TWO-YEAR MONOTHERAPY DATA SUPPORT POSITIVE ONE-YEAR EFFICACY  
FINDINGS AND SHOW SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN RISK OF DISABILITY  
PROGRESSION

Data Presented at American Academy of Neurology Meeting

Cambridge, MA and Dublin, Ireland - April 12, 2005 -Two-year data from the AFFIRM Phase III monotherapy trial presented today for the first time, showed that treatment with TYSBARI(R) (natalizumab) led to a significant reduction in disability progression, the rate of clinical relapses and brain lesions in patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS). These data were presented at the 57th annual American Academy of Neurology (AAN) meeting in Miami Beach, FL.

AFFIRM met all primary and secondary endpoints, including disability progression and relapse rate. TYSABRI treatment was also associated with a low level of immunogenicity.

TYSABRI treatment led to a 42 percent (p=0.0002) reduction in the risk of disability progression compared to placebo. TYSABRI also reduced the rate of clinical relapses by 67 percent (p