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April 13, 2005

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April, 2005

Commission File Number 001-13896

Elan Corporation, plc  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Treasury Building, Lower Grand Street, Dublin 2, Ireland  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F     /   
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undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ELAN CORPORATION, plc

By: /s/ William F. Daniel

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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