



Press Release

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LAUNCH OF TRAMADOL IN SPAIN

Ethypharm signs an Agreement with Gelos Laboratorios for the Marketing of Tramadol

Ethypharm has just signed a Licensing & Distribution Agreement with the Gelos Laboratorios, subsidiary of the Ferrer Group, for the marketing of its extended release range of Tramadol 50, 100, 150 & 200 mg Capsules in Spain. The product is marketed under the brand name GELOTRADOL® since March 2008, 4th.

« We are very happy to announce this new partnership with Gelos, which reinforces our position as privileged partner in the relief of pain » declared Yann Barrault, Business Development Manager at Ethypharm. « The Gelos Laboratory is one of the Spanish leaders in the field of pain relief. It has already launched GELOCATIL®, the second most sold brand of paracetamol on the Spanish territory. Its position as leader in this therapeutic sector promises a good penetration for Ethypharm on the Spanish market, » he added.

Ethypharm's extended release Tramadol product has already been marketed in Germany by Merckle-Ratiopharm, and more recently in Greece by Meditrina.

Tramadol is a central action pain reliever recommended for the treatment of moderate to severe pain. The Ethypharm extended release formulation offers flexibility of administration together with an efficient relief from pain. Presented as capsules, Tramadol ER can be administered more easily to patients who have difficulty in swallowing when blended with food or given through a gastric tube.

For a quantity of 20.7 million doses prescribed in the form of capsules, Tramadol represents a market of approx. 6.2 million Euros in Spain.

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