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## Press Releases

April 8th, 2009

### Cardiome to Hold Conference Call

Vancouver, Canada, April 8, 2009 — Cardiome Pharma Corp. (NASDAQ: CRME / TSX: COM) today announced that a teleconference call and webcast will be held at 9:00am Eastern (6:00am Pacific) on Thursday, April 9, 2009 to discuss 2008 financial results and the recently announced agreement with Merck & Co., Inc.

To access the conference call, please dial 416-695-7806 or 888-789-9572 and reference conference 3221183. There will be a separate dial-in line for analysts on which we will respond to questions at the end of the call. The webcast can be accessed through Cardiome’s website at [www.cardiome.com](http://www.cardiome.com).

Webcast and telephone replays of the conference call will be available approximately two hours after the completion of the call through May 9, 2009. Please dial 416-695-5800 or 800-408-3053 and enter code 6640523# to access the replay.

About Cardiome Pharma Corp.

Cardiome Pharma Corp. is a product-focused drug development company dedicated to the advancement and commercialization of novel treatments for disorders of the heart and circulatory system. Cardiome is traded on the NASDAQ National Market (CRME) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (COM). For more information, please visit our web site at [www.cardiome.com](http://www.cardiome.com).

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