

Sarepta Therapeutics

Strong commercial performance as we await Elevidys label expansion; Reit. Buy

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 166.00 USD | Price: 137.50 USD

Elevidys Label Expansion PDUFA on June 21st

Sarepta (SRPT) reported FY23 total product revenues of \$1.1bn including \$200.4mn in Elevidys revenue in DMD. The company highlighted the strong commercial execution in the Elevidys launch in the 4–5-yo population and reiterated their expectation of a label expansion inclusive of all DMD pts regardless of age or ambulatory status by the June 21st PDUFA. Mgmt noted they expect to move through the 4–5-yo population in the first half of the year and do not expect significant growth in this time frame, but highlighted the label expansion would accelerate the cadence of the launch. We remain confident in the potential for a label expansion but note we think a label inclusive of all ambulatory pts is the most likely scenario, and a broader label could represent significant upside to our estimates. We currently model 35% peak penetration and \$2.5bn in risk-adjusted peak sales for Elevidys. We await further color on the regulatory review and additional metrics of the cadence of the Elevidys launch. We reiterate our Buy rating with \$166 PO.

Limited impact to PMO franchise in 2024

On the exon skipping franchise, the company noted that they continue to see strong signs of growth for Amondys and Vyondys as well as minimal signs of cannibalization from Elevidys in 2023. While they expect Elevidys will have a long-term impact on the franchise, they do not expect any significant impact in 2024 as the label is still restricted to a small subset of pts.

First patients dosed in ph 3 EMERGENE trial in LGMD2E

The company also highlighted progress in the pipeline with the first patient in the EMERGENE trial evaluation SRP-9003 in LGMD2E being dosed. They noted EMERGENE will enroll 15 pts and evaluate beta-sarcoglycan expression after 60 days as the primary endpoint. Results from EMERGENE together with VOYAGENE, which is expected to read out in 2024, and study SRP-9003-101 are expected to support a regulatory filing in LGMD2E. We are encouraged by the progress in LGMD, which we think could be an attractive commercial opportunity for the company.

Model changes

In our DCF-based model, we update for FY23 results, cash and share count. We adjust our COGS estimates for Elevidys to reflect mgmt guidance of ~80% margins at steady state. We also adjust our exon skipping franchise estimates to reflect more modest near-term impact from Elevidys and tweak our op ex estimates in-line with recent trend. These changes result in our new \$166 PO (prev. \$169).

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	(8.03)	(5.77)	1.58	11.59	27.06
EPS Change (YoY)	-55.9%	28.1%	NM	633.5%	133.5%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			4.36	9.29	10.51
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	NM	NM	87.0x	11.9x	5.1x
EV / EBITDA*	NM	NM	76.6x	11.3x	4.8x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	-2.8%	-4.5%	1.5%	9.9%	22.1%
* For full definitions of <i>iQ</i> method sm measures, see page 5.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	169.00	166.00
2024E Rev (m)	1,836.2	1,782.7
2025E Rev (m)	3,076.5	3,008.9
2026E Rev (m)	NA	4,690.0
2024E EPS	0.96	1.58
2025E EPS	13.97	11.59
2026E EPS	NA	27.06

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Stock Data

Price	137.50 USD
Price Objective	166.00 USD
Date Established	28-Feb-2024
Investment Opinion	C-1-9
52-Week Range	55.25 USD - 159.89 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	12,905 USD / 93.9
(mn)	
Free Float	95.6%
Average Daily Value (mn)	139.69 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	SRPT / NAS
Bloomberg / Reuters	SRPT US / SRPT.OQ
ROE (2024E)	13.9%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2023A)	94.2%
ESGMeter™	Medium

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See inside for abbreviations

iQprofile[™] Sarepta Therapeutics

iQmethod [™] – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Return on Capital Employed	-18.5%	-8.1%	5.2%	28.2%	41.4%
Return on Equity	-107.2%	-86.2%	13.9%	55.2%	62.6%
Operating Margin	-57.5%	-21.5%	7.0%	37.5%	58.1%
Free Cash Flow	(356)	(577)	191	1,283	2,853
iQmethod SM – Quality of Earnings*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash Realization Ratio	NM	NM	1.8x	1.2x	1.1x
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.7x	1.7x	1.7x	1.7x	1.7>
Tax Rate	NM	NM	19.0%	5.0%	3.4%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	150.0%	94.2%	-13.1%	-60.2%	-77.3%
Interest Cover	-15.3x	NA	NA	NA	NA
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Sales	933	1,243	1,783	3,009	4,690
% Change	32.9%	33.3%	43.4%	68.8%	55.9%
Gross Profit	793	1,093	1,515	2,577	4,070
% Change	31.1%	37.8%	38.6%	70.1%	58.0%
EBITDA	(494)	(223)	174	1,183	2,784
% Change	-17.2%	54.8%	NM	578.3%	135.4%
Net Interest & Other Income	(154)	(252)	62	63	64
Net Income (Adjusted)	(703)	(536)	152	1,132	2,696
% Change	-68.0%	23.8%	NM	646.9%	138.2%
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP) Depreciation & Amortization	(703) 42	(536) 44	152 49	1,132 54	2,696 59
Change in Working Capital	(39)	(481)	(181)	(91)	(110)
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	(110) NA
Other Adjustments, Net	376	472	256	281	309
Capital Expenditure	(31)	(76)	(84)	(92)	(101)
Free Cash Flow	-356	-577	191	1,283	2,853
% Change	26.1%	-62.0%	NM	571.3%	122.3%
Share / Issue Repurchase	0	0	0	0	C
Cost of Dividends Paid	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Change in Debt	202	(7)	0	0	C
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash & Equivalents	967	428	1,305	2,807	5,644
Trade Receivables	215	400	480	576	692
Other Current Assets	1,376	1,751	1,167	1,055	1,182
Property, Plant & Equipment	180	227	262	300	343
Other Non-Current Assets	390	458	458	458	458
Total Assets	3,128	3,265	3,672	5,196	8,319
Short-Term Debt	0 620	105	0	0	720
Other Current Liabilities	1,544	548	603	663	730
Long-Term Debt Other Non-Current Liabilities	1,544 580	1,133 619	1,133 619	1,133 619	1,133 619
Total Liabilities	2,743	2,405	2,355	2,415	2,481
Total Equity	385	2,403 859	1,318	2,413	5,838
Total Equity & Liabilities	3,128	3,265	3,672	5,196	8,319

Company Sector

Biotechnology

Company Description

Sarepta (SRPT) is a biopharmaceuticals company developing exon-skipping therapeutics and gene therapy for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and Limb Girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD). The company's approved assets include Exondys, approved for DMD amenable to exon 51 skipping, Vyondys, approved for DMD amenable to exon 53 skipping, and Amondys, approved for DMD amenable to exon 45 skipping. SRPT also has a next-gen PPMO platform and gene therapy programs in DMD and LGMD.

Investment Rationale

We rate SRPT shares Buy. We believe SRPT's assets address the current under-met need in the treatment of rare muscular dystrophies. The exon skipping assets, in our view, should continue to provide floor valuation and generate sustained revenue streams. We believe the company is well positioned to drive upside potential and deliver shareholder value over time given existing assets and strategic partnerships in gene therapy programs with Nationwide, Lacerta, and Lysogene.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume

1,015,922

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2023	2024
Q1	-5.85A	0.08E
Q2	-0.27A	0.33E
Q3	-0.46A	0.36E
04	0.49A	0.80E

Abbreviations

COGS: Cost of goods sold

DMD: Duchenne muscular dystrophy

LGMD2E: Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy type 2E

Mgmt: management

PDUFA: Prescription drug user fee act

pts: patients



Price objective basis & risk

Sarepta Therapeutics (SRPT)

Our \$166 PO is based on a probability-adjusted net present value (NPV) analysis that includes \$15/share for Exondys, \$7/share for Vyondys, \$20/share for Amondys, \$78/share for micro-dystrophin gene therapy, \$37/share for LGMD assets. The remainder of our valuation comes from pipeline and cash (\$9/share). Our discounted cash flow (DCF) analysis assumes sales out to 2035, with weighted average cost of capital (WACC) of 9-13%.

Upside risks to our PO are 1) better-than-expected market uptake from its exon skipping assets, 2) SRP-9001 US label expansion, and 3) EU approval of SRP-9001 and other assets.

Downside risks to our PO are 1) failure and delay in approval for exon skipping assets, 2) unexpected safety or durability findings in gene therapy programs, 3) other micro dystrophin competitors, and 4) higher-than-expected royalty payments.

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	Argenx SE	ARGX	ARGX US	Tazeen Ahmad
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	Prothena Corporation	PRTA	PRTA US	Tazeen Ahmad
	SAGE Therapeutics	SAGE	SAGE US	Tazeen Ahmad
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	Fate Therapeutics	FATE	FATE US	Tazeen Ahmad
	Fulcrum Therapeutics	FULC	FULC US	Tazeen Ahmad
	Pharvaris	PHVS	PHVS US	Tazeen Ahmad
	PTC Therapeutics	PTCT	PTCT US	Tazeen Ahmad



IQmethod[™] Measures Definitions

Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) \times (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill
Return On Equity Operating Margin	Net Income Operating Profit	Amortization Shareholders' Equity Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings Cash Realization Ratio Asset Replacement Ratio Tax Rate Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio Interest Cover	Numerator Cash Flow From Operations Capex Tax Charge Net Debt = Total Debt — Cash & Equivalents EBIT	Denominator Net Income Depreciation Pre-Tax Income Total Equity Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit Price / Earnings Ratio Price / Book Value Dividend Yield Free Cash Flow Yield Enterprise Value / Sales	Numerator Current Share Price Current Share Price Annualised Declared Cash Dividend Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Other LT Liabilities	Denominator Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified) Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares Current Share Price Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares Sales

EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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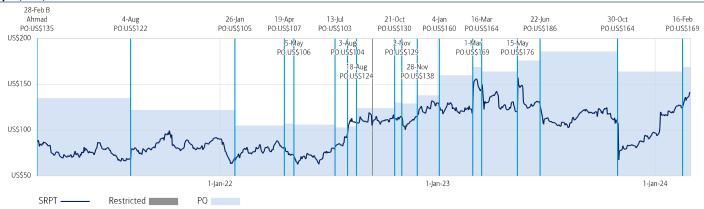
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Hold	80	20.83%	Hold	36	45.00%
Sell	70	18.23%	Sell	29	41.43%

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