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**Reason for Report:**

Company Update

Changes	Previous	Current
Rating	--	Overweight
Price Tgt	--	\$9.00
FY11E Rev (mil)	--	\$0.0
FY12E Rev (mil)	--	\$0.0
FY11E EPS	--	(\$1.44)
FY12E EPS	--	(\$1.60)

Price:	\$5.47
52 Week High:	\$8.55
52 Week Low:	\$2.82
12-Month Price Target:	\$9.00

*Proj EV of \$288M + mid'11E cash*

Shares Out (mil):	32.8
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*Shares out includes recent PIPE*

Market Cap. (mil):	\$179.4
Avg Daily Vol (000):	67
Book Value/Share:	\$1.74
Net Cash Per Share:	\$1.96
Debt to Total Capital:	0%
Est LT EPS Growth:	NA
P/E to LT EPS Growth (FY11):	NA
Est Next Rep Date:	05/01/2011
Fiscal Year End:	Dec

Rev (mil)	2010A	2011E	2012E
Mar	\$0.0A	\$0.0E	\$0.0E
Jun	\$0.0A	\$0.0E	\$0.0E
Sep	\$0.0A	\$0.0E	\$0.0E
Dec	\$0.0A	\$0.0E	\$0.0E
FY	\$0.0A	\$0.0E	\$0.0E
CY	\$0.0A	\$0.0E	\$0.0E

FY RM	NM	NM	NM
CY RM	NM	NM	NM

EPS	2010A	2011E	2012E
Mar	(\$0.83)A	(\$0.42)E	NA
Jun	(\$0.36)A	(\$0.36)E	NA
Sep	(\$0.36)A	(\$0.30)E	NA
Dec	(\$0.40)A	(\$0.36)E	NA
FY	(\$1.76)A	(\$1.44)E	(\$1.60)E
CY	(\$1.76)A	(\$1.44)E	(\$1.60)E

FY P/E	NM	NM	NM
CY P/E	NM	NM	NM

*Quarterly EPS does not add to full year result*

## Anthera Pharmaceuticals (ANTH - \$5.47) Overweight

### Updates VISTA-16 Biomarker Futility Timeline and Analytical Method

**CONCLUSION:**

Anthera hosted a conference call to discuss the timelines and analytical method for the upcoming biomarker futility analysis in the ongoing VISTA-16 trial of varespladib in Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS). The company expects to report results by the end of 1Q:11 or early April. All biomarkers must show a positive trend and 4/5 must meet statistical significance for VISTA-16 to continue. We view this as a high bar and success would increase our confidence in VISTA-16 going forward. If negative, we would applaud Anthera's decision to terminate the study in order to focus resources on A-623 for lupus. We view shares of ANTH as inexpensive based on either varespladib or A-623 alone, let alone both drugs.

- **VISTA-16 Biomarker Futility Update.** Anthera intends to report the anticipated biomarker futility analysis on the first 1,000 ACS patients in the ongoing VISTA-16 trial by the end of 1Q:11 or early April. The DSMB will conduct another safety review and a blinded, independent statistician will evaluate changes in SPLA2, LDL cholesterol, C-Reactive Protein (CRP), IL-6 and a composite measure of LDLc <70mg/dL and CRP <1mg/dL. All 5 measures must show a positive trend in favor of varespladib and 4/5 including either CRP or IL-6 must meet statistical significance for VISTA-16 to continue. We view this biomarker futility analysis as a high hurdle and success would increase our confidence in VISTA-16 going forward.

- **VISTA-16 Enrollment Ongoing.** We understand enrollment is on-track for the pivotal VISTA-16 trial comparing 500mg once-daily (QD) varespladib to placebo on top of *Lipitor* for 16 weeks. Depending upon the outcome of the biomarker futility analysis, we look for the DSMB to conduct a prespecified efficacy analysis on the primary endpoint after 50% of the Major Adverse Coronary Events (MACE) in September or October. We anticipate final data on the full 385 MACE in late 4Q:11 or early 2012. VISTA-16 is being conducted under a Special Protocol Assessment (SPA) and is 80% powered to show a 25% improvement in MACE. If successful, varespladib has blockbuster potential.

- **PEARL-SC Trial Resumed.** Last month, Anthera resumed patient screening in the Phase IIb PEARL-SC lupus trial of A-623. Anthera is bringing on additional sites and geographies (Korea and Singapore) in order to complete enrollment by late 3Q:11/early 4Q:11. We understand that patient interest in participating in the study is high due to the subcutaneous dosing of A-623.

- **Cash to Reach Value Driving Data.** Anthera ended 2010 with cash of \$64 million, which should last to top-line VISTA-16 and PEARL-SC data.

**INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

We reiterate our Overweight rating and \$9 target valuing varespladib at \$288 million. We add mid'11E cash with exercise of warrants. Anthera has no debt.

**RISKS TO ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGET PRICE:**

Risks include clinical, regulatory and commercial. Varespladib and/or A-623 may fail in the clinic. Anthera may require additional cash from the capital markets.

**COMPANY DESCRIPTION:**

Anthera is a biopharmaceutical company developing varespladib and A-623.

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**Anthera Pharmaceuticals**  
**Quarterly Earnings Estimates**  
(\$ in thousands except per share)

23-Feb-11

	<u>2009A</u>	<u>1QA<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>2QA</u>	<u>3QA</u>	<u>4QA</u>	<u>2010E</u>	<u>1QE</u>	<u>2QE</u>	<u>3QE</u>	<u>4QE</u>	<u>2011E</u>	<u>2012E</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>												
R&D Expense	8,415	\$5,242	\$6,438	6,885	10,892	29,457	12,000	10,000	8,000	10,000	40,000	45,000
SG&A Expense	<u>3,425</u>	<u>1,224</u>	<u>1,510</u>	<u>1,510</u>	<u>2,057</u>	<u>6,301</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>11,841</b>	<b>\$6,466</b>	<b>\$7,948</b>	<b>\$8,395</b>	<b>\$12,949</b>	<b>35,758</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>48,000</b>	<b>54,000</b>
<b>Operating Loss</b>	<b>(\$11,841)</b>	<b>(\$6,466)</b>	<b>(\$7,948)</b>	<b>(\$8,395)</b>	<b>(\$12,949)</b>	<b>(\$35,758)</b>	<b>(\$14,000)</b>	<b>(\$12,000)</b>	<b>(\$10,000)</b>	<b>(\$12,000)</b>	<b>(\$48,000)</b>	<b>(\$54,000)</b>
<b>Total Other Income (Expense)</b>	(362)	(4,638)	12	62	(92)	(4,656)	55	45	30	20	150	15
<b>Pre-Tax Loss</b>	<b>(\$12,203)</b>	<b>(\$11,104)</b>	<b>(\$7,936)</b>	<b>(\$8,334)</b>	<b>(\$13,040)</b>	<b>(\$40,414)</b>	<b>(\$13,945)</b>	<b>(\$11,955)</b>	<b>(\$9,970)</b>	<b>(\$11,980)</b>	<b>(\$47,850)</b>	<b>(\$53,985)</b>
Income Tax Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>(\$12,203)</b>	<b>(\$11,104)</b>	<b>(\$7,936)</b>	<b>(\$8,334)</b>	<b>(\$13,040)</b>	<b>(\$40,414)</b>	<b>(\$13,945)</b>	<b>(\$11,955)</b>	<b>(\$9,970)</b>	<b>(\$11,980)</b>	<b>(\$47,850)</b>	<b>(\$53,985)</b>
<b>Net Loss per Share</b>	<b>(\$8.06)</b>	<b>(\$0.83)</b>	<b>(\$0.36)</b>	<b>(\$0.36)</b>	<b>(\$0.40)</b>	<b>(\$1.76)</b>	<b>(\$0.42)</b>	<b>(\$0.36)</b>	<b>(\$0.30)</b>	<b>(\$0.36)</b>	<b>(\$1.44)</b>	<b>(\$1.60)</b>
Shares Outstanding	1,514	13,344	22,224	22,964	32,829	22,910	33,000	33,100	33,200	33,400	33,175	33,650

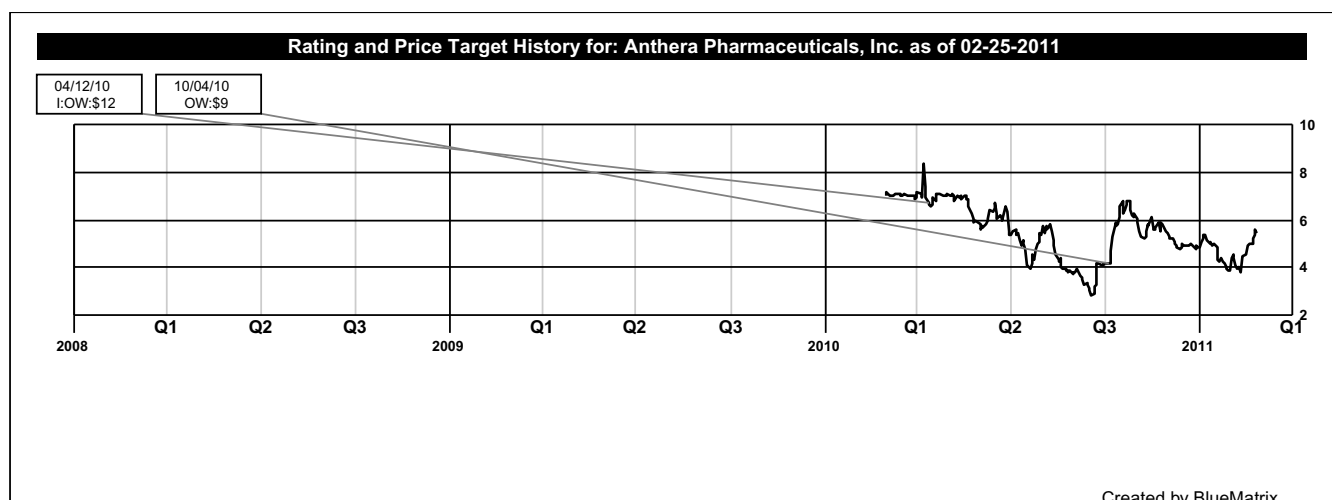
Source: Company reports and Piper Jaffray estimates.

Note: CY:09A results include adjusted primary share count excluding preferred stock. As a result, quarterly EPS does not add to full year result.

1. 1Q:10 R&D expense includes \$3.5 million non-cash milestone payment in IPO stock to Lilly and Shinogi.

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