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NewLink Genetics Corporation (NLNK-\$13.81)

Rating: BUY

Target Price: \$18.00

3Q:12 EPS Spending Light, Heading into 2013 with Bigger Pipeline—Reiterate BUY

EPS 2010A 2011A 2012E Prev 2013E	(1.07)A	` ,	(1.49)A (1.09)A (0.28)A	(1.12)A
REV	10	2Q	3Q	4Q
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2010A	0.3A	0.4A	0.4A	1.0A
2011A	0.6A	0.5A	0.4A	0.4A
2012E	0.5A	0.6A	0.3A	0.2E
Prev			0.2E	_
2013E	_	_	_	_
<u>FY</u>	2010A	2011A	<u>2012E</u>	2013E
EPS	(4.84)A	(2.98)A	(1.16)E	(1.49)E
Prev		_	(1.35)E	
REV	2.1A	2.0A	1.6E	1.0E
Prev		_	1.5E	_
EV/REV	_	_	_	_
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- NewLink reported 3Q:12 EPS of (\$0.28), better than our forecast of (\$0.42) on lower expenses and share count. Both SG&A and R&D came in lighter than we forecasted, at \$1.4 million and \$4.48 million, respectively. As with many development-stage companies, quarterly earnings fluctuate and these results are less meaningful measures of progress than clinical events and news. However, we note that the company is now forecasting completing the year with cash of \$20-23 million, the upper end of this range being above prior guidance.
- In spite of the lower than expected spending, clinical progress is in evidence with over 420 patients now treated in the Phase III HyperAcute Pancreas (algenpantucel-L) study (IMPRESS) and an interim analysis expected to occur sometime in 1Q:13, a second Phase III trial in borderline resectable/locally advanced unresectable pancreatic cancer, and a Phase II/III HyperAcute Lung (tergenpumatucel-L) trial recently launched.
- In addition to the immunotherapy/vaccine programs, NewLink is likely to initiate a trial of indoximod (D-1MT) in a solid tumor setting, in addition to the Phase II trial currently being sponsored by the University of Minnesota (combination with Dendreon's Provenge). Indoximod has been a relatively low visibility program for investors, but its emergence in broader clinical trials is a positive sign. Indoximod is a small molecule check-point inhibitor, which is a second platform for the company and creates technology diversification in the pipeline.
- The two most pressing issues for NewLink, we believe, are interim analysis of IMPRESS and cash. We believe the most likely scenario for IMPRESS is to continue to its prespecified endpoint (event driven), but cash is somewhat unknown. NewLink expects to finish the year with cash of \$20-23 million, and while this is sufficient to fund the company for the next year, additional funds are needed to complete clinical programs and potentially prepare for commercialization. Funding could come from a partnership, which would be potentially non-dilutive, but also from an equity offering. We believe this creates an overhang on the shares until the cash coffer is refilled.
- We like NewLink for the HyperAcute technology and pipeline addressing large and lucrative unmet medical needs. We are adjusting our year-end financial forecast to (\$1.16) vs. our prior forecast of (\$1.35), and maintaining our 2013 EPS forecast of (\$1.49). Our price target remains \$18 and our rating remains BUY.

Current Statistics

Market Cap (\$Mil)	\$288.6	Float Shares (Mil):	NA
Short Interest (Mil):	NA		
52 Wk. Range	\$18.00-\$6.25		
Avg. Daily Trading Volume (3 mo.):	62,612		
Shares Out (Mil):	20.901		



Solid Pipeline with Many Milestones, Compelling Data

Summary

NewLink is working in the rapidly developing field of cancer immunotherapy. The company has a novel approach based on a solid scientific foundation and is working in areas of tremendous unmet need. We have identified what we believe to be critical success factors for a cancer immunotherapy company and further believe that NewLink meets these criteria. The company has identified appropriate clinical settings with which to test its technology (modest disease burden, consistent booster dosing), has a robust trial design, is addressing critical unmet medical needs, and has a scalable, financially reasonable manufacturing process and technology. Additionally, the stage and depth of NewLink's clinical program is compelling, in our view, and there are multiple opportunities for milestone updates over the next 24 months. We are particularly encouraged by the Phase II HyperAcute Pancreas study as two- and three-year disease free and overall survival showed a strong and sustained response to the vaccine in a statistically significant manner.

- Indications and Unmet Medical Needs. Initial clinical programs are focused on pancreatic cancer, lung cancer, and melanoma: three diseases of major unmet medical need. The company has identified patient populations within these groups that are likely to benefit from the HyperAcute immunotherapy program and has designed clinical trials around appropriate patient populations. In addition to the HyperAcute Pancreas (algenpantucel-L) Phase III trial, we expect the company to advance its non small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) program into a later-stage trial. Further, NLG8189 is at the forefront of the immunotherapeutic development, and this program, largely overlooked, could come into greater focus over the next year.
- Trial design. NewLink's Phase III trial of HyperAcute Pancreas is a large, randomized Phase III clinical trial consisting of over 700 patients. The company has vetted the trial design with the FDA, and it will be conducted with a Special Protocol Assessment (SPA), mitigating the risk that the Agency takes issue with the trial design or other elements once the trial has been completed. With three-year data from the Phase II trial very close to maturity, overall survival that is 100% greater than historical control is very suggestive of sustained durable response for HyperAcute Pancreas, which in turn, provides us with a greater level of comfort with the current Phase III program.
- Manufacturing. NewLink's HyperAcute technology consists of human pancreatic cell lines transduced with a retroviral vector expressing the murine α -GT. As such, there is no need to harvest patient cells, which is time-consuming and expensive, providing the company with a streamlined manufacturing process with attractive margins.
- NLG8189 is upside, in our view. This candidate is a novel immunotherapeutic that inhibits the ability of cancer cells to suppress T cell response. To date, management has been quite conservative about this program given its early stage of development. Data from a Phase I and Phase Ib trial, one in combination with docetaxel and the other with a dendritic cell vaccine, were disclosed at ASCO, demonstrating that this pathway and compound appear to be viable candidates for advancement. Early work has thus far been conducted by the NCI.
- Milestones. A key component of valuation building for biotechnology companies is derived from milestone events. Though major data releases are behind the company, we believe clinical news flow will stay strong. Our expectation is that the fully mature three-year data for HyperAcute Pancreas will be presented or published in a scientific journal and updates on other HyperAcute programs and their advancement into later-stage trials will be forthcoming, as will an update from the Phase III HyperAcute Pancreas trial. As the HyperAcute Phase III trial has passed the enrollment halfway mark, a scheduled (based on number of events) interim look is likely for 1Q:13.



Valuation

Our 12-month price target is \$18, based on our view that the Phase III data generated by HyperAcute Pancreas provide an element of de-risking to the Phase III trial. Hence, we now use a five-year discount rate of 45%. Our price target is based on a 40x multiple on our 2017 EPS forecast of \$2.87 discounted by 45%. We have used a multiple on 2017 EPS consistent with valuation for early-stage biotechnology companies, which ranges from 30-50x forward EPS, reflecting opportunity for rapid growth. In arriving at this range, we explored historical data as well as forward consensus multiples for companies with newly launched products.

Risks

NewLink is a development-stage company, and investment is subject to risk. These risks include but are not limited to:

- Development of new drugs carries a high failure rate, either because the drug in question fails to show efficacy or significant safety issues arise during the clinical trial process. Additionally, regulatory authorities such as the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) may delay the approval process or reject NewLink's clinical findings. Because we can never dismiss such a possibility, we use a high discount rate in our valuation model to compensate for such risk. We note that NewLink's HyperAcute Pancreas program is being conducted under a Special Protocol Assessment (SPA), and while it is not a guarantee that the FDA will endorse NewLink's data, it mitigates risk against the FDA disputing the company's clinical trial design.
- Some of NewLink's clinical programs that are being co-sponsored by the NCI are in investigator-initiated clinical trials, which means that the company does not have full control over the conduct of the trials or the release of data, and this may impact trial results and/or milestones as it relates to public disclosure of clinical data.
- NewLink's manufacturing process has been validated in its early clinical trial work. However, we
 cannot exclude the possibility that this process may not be seamless from clinical trials to
 commercialization.
- The clinical landscape is crowded with hundreds of oncology clinical trials. It is possible that other technologies show greater benefit to patients than NewLink's product candidates, thus tendering products obsolete or non-competitive.
- NewLink has a large intellectual property estate protecting its technology, know-how, and applications of such. However, it is always possible that a party will bring forward infringement claims that would need to be heard by a court.
- NewLink has a history of net losses. We are forecasting profitability for NewLink in 2016 based on market acceptance of HyperAcute Pancreas, but profitability could be delayed or not reached at all, depending on a variety of clinical and regulatory factors.



Exhibit 1: Sales & Earnings by Quarter

NewLink Genetics Corporation														
All figures in millions, Year Ended 31 Dec	2012E	4Q12E	9Mos12A	3Q12A	6Mos12A	2Q12A	1Q12A	2011A	4Q11A	9Mos11A	3Q11A	6Mos11A	2Q11A	1Q11A
Revenue	\$1.59	\$0.20	\$1.39	\$0.33	\$1.06	\$0.59	\$0.47	\$1.87	\$0.30	\$1.57	\$0.43	\$1.14	\$0.54	\$0.60
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	\$1.59	\$0.20	\$1.39	\$0.33	\$1.06	\$0.59	\$0.47	\$1.87	\$0.30	\$1.57	\$0.43	\$1.14	\$0.54	\$0.60
Gross Profit Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Operating Expenses														
SG&A	7.26	2.26	5.00	1.40	3.60	2.15	1.45	5.68	2.13	3.55	1.10	2.45	1.14	1.32
R&D	18.35	5.00	13.35	4.78	8.57	4.74	3.83	14.26	3.98	10.28	3.30	6.98	3.80	3.18
Total Operating Expenses	25.61	\$7.26	\$18.35	\$6.18	\$12.17	\$6.89	\$5.28	\$19.93	6.11	13.83	4.40	\$9.43	\$4.93	4.50
Profit (Loss) from Operations	(\$24.02)	(\$7.06)	(\$16.96)	(\$5.85)	(\$11.11)	(\$6.30)	(\$4.81)	(\$18.06)	(\$5.80)	(\$12.26)	(\$3.97)	(\$8.29)	(\$4.39)	(\$3.89)
Operating Profit Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Other Income (Expense)	(0.12)	(0.08)	(0.04)	(0.00)	(0.03)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(\$0.03)	(0.06)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(\$0.01)	\$0.00	(0.01)
Pretax Income	(\$24.14)	(\$7.14)	(\$17.00)	(\$5.85)	(\$11.14)	(\$6.31)	(\$4.84)	(\$18.09)	(\$5.86)	(\$12.28)	(\$3.99)	(\$8.29)	(\$4.39)	(\$3.90)
Pretax Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Income Tax Paid (Benefit)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income (Loss)	(\$24.14)	(\$7.14)	(\$17.00)	(\$5.85)	(\$11.14)	(\$6.31)	(\$4.83)	(\$18.09)	(\$5.86)	(\$12.28)	(\$3.99)	(\$8.29)	(\$4.39)	(\$3.90)
Net Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Basic & Diluted Net Loss Per Share	(\$1.16)	(\$0.34)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.28)	(\$0.54)	(\$0.31)	(\$0.23)	(\$2.98)	(\$0.44)	(\$3.36)	(\$1.09)	(\$2.28)	(\$1.20)	(\$1.07)
Average Shares Outstanding	20.85	21.23	20.77	20.89	20.65	20.68	20.61	6.07	13.24	3.65	3.66	3.64	3.65	3.64

Source: NewLink Genetics, Cantor Fitzgerald research



Exhibit 2: Annual Income Statement

NewLink Genetics Corporation

All figures in millions, Year Ended 31 December	2017E	2016E	2015E	2014E	2013E	2012E	2011A
Revenue	\$391.54	\$270.00	\$51.89	\$0.65	\$1.01	\$1.59	\$1.87
Cost of Goods Sold	83.68	68.75	15.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	\$307.86	\$201.25	\$36.41	\$0.65	\$1.01	\$1.59	\$1.87
Gross Profit Margin	78.63%	74.54%	70.18%	NM	NM	NM	NM
Operating Expenses							
SG&A	104.37	58.84	30.93	25.52	13.16	7.26	5.68
R&D	99.83	62.23	42.36	32.71	22.87	18.35	14.26
Total Operating Expenses	\$204.20	\$121.07	\$73.29	\$58.23	\$36.03	\$25.61	\$19.93
Profit (Loss) from Operations	\$103.66	\$80.18	(\$36.88)	(\$57.58)	(\$35.02)	(\$24.02)	(\$18.06)
Operating Profit Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Other Income (Expense)	\$2.35	\$1.83	\$1.64	(\$0.03)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.12)	(\$0.03)
Pretax Income	\$106.01	\$82.01	(\$35.24)	(\$57.61)	(\$35.02)	(\$24.14)	(\$18.09)
Pretax Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$106.01	\$82.01	(\$35.24)	(\$57.61)	(\$35.02)	(\$24.14)	(\$18.09)
Net Margin	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Basic & Diluted Net Loss Per Share	\$2.87	\$2.73	(\$1.28)	(\$2.34)	(\$1.49)	(\$1.16)	(\$2.98)
Shares Outstanding	37.00	30.00	27.50	24.65	23.43	20.85	6.07

Percent Change, Year-Over-Year	2016E	2016E	2015E	2014E	2013E	2012E	2011E
Revenue	45.01%	420.38%	7882.43%	-35.64%	-36.40%	-15.17%	-9.96%
SG&A	77.38	90.24	21.20	93.92	81.32	27.80	(6.50)
R&D	60.42	46.91	29.50	43.03	24.64	28.72	12.55
Operating Expenses	68.66	65.19	25.86	61.62	40.70	28.46	6.37
Other Income, net	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM

Source: NewLink Genetics, Cantor Fitzgerald research



Exhibit 3: R&D Pipeline

		Core	Phase of Development				
Product Name	Description/Indication	Technology	PreClinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Comments
HyperAcute Pancreas	Allogenic vaccine/resectable pancreatic cancer, Stage I & II patients	HyperAcute				\Rightarrow	722-patient trial, >400 enrolled, interim look 1Q13. Pending Phase II final 3 year data.
HyperAcute Pancreas	Allogenic vaccine/borderline resectable or locally advanced unresectable disease	HyperAcute				>	Announced 10/10/12.
HyperAcute Lung	Allogenic vaccine/progressive or relapsed Stage IIIB/IV NSCLC	HyperAcute			\Rightarrow		Announced 10/3/12.
HyperAcute Melanoma	Allogeneic vaccine/non-visceral metastatic melanoma	HyperAcute			→		Data expected, likely next step is Phase II/III
HyperAcute Prostate	Allogeneic vaccine/prostate cancer	HyperAcute			•		Possible partnering candidate
Indoximod (NLG8189)	IDO inhibitor/asympotomatic or minimally symptomatic metastatic, hormone refractory prostate cancer in combo w/Provenge	IDO pathway inhibitor			⇒		Sponsored by Dendreon & Masonic Cancer Center (Univ. of Minnesota)
2nd generation IDO	Small molecule inhibitor of IDO/solid tumors	IDO pathway inhibitor					Higher potency vs. D-1MT

Source: NewLink Genetics, Cantor Fitzgerald research



Exhibit 4: Select Biotechnology Stocks (all market capitalization ranges)

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Mkt Cap.	Commons	Tielsen	Datina	10/30/12	Market			YTD	Performance OTD	1 Veen		ngs Per Sha 2012E	re (a) 2013E	2011A		re (a) 2013E	Per Share	EV (a)	
Range	Company	Ticker AGEN	Rating NC	\$4.42	Cap.	High \$7.41	Low \$1.92	121.0%	-3.3%	1-Year 63.7%	2011A (\$1.21)	(\$0.52)	(\$1.01)	\$0.11	2012E \$0.64	\$0.15	Cash (a)	883.4	1,139,551
	Agenus		NC NC		\$108.1							(,,,,,					\$1.01		
	Astex	ASTX CLDX		2.55	237.9	3.49	1.51	34.9	22.6	28.8	0.07	(0.05)	0.05	0.72	0.73	0.65	1.39	108.0	4,404,100
	Celldex		BUY	5.47	324.3	6.71	2.29	110.4	20.7	86.7	(1.13)	(0.93)	(0.90)	0.16	0.16	0.05 0.23	1.33	260.1	5,077,325 5,222,635
•	Celsion	CLSN	NC	4.30	142.9	6.09	1.63	152.9	30.7	54.7	(1.11)	(0.72)	(0.68)	0.06	0.00		0.72	124.0	
Cap	Curis	CRIS	NC NC	3.83	305.0	5.65	3.08	(18.2)	(30.4)	4.9	(0.13)	(0.14)	(0.19)	0.19	0.28	0.26	0.56	260.3	6,327,107
Small (Endocyte	ECYT GALE	BUY	9.48 2.15	340.1 144.4	11.63 3.54	3.02 0.36	152.1 457.7	14.9 31.9	(16.1) 248.8	(1.40)	(0.43)	(0.08)	0.01	0.33	0.64 0.00	5.75 0.34	133.7 121.4	2,391,213
Sm	Galena Biopharma Newlink Genetics (b)	NLNK	BUY	13.81	288.6	18.00	6.25	96.2	(10.3)	248.8 97.3	(0.32) (2.98)	(0.66)	(1.49)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.35	261.6	6,725,575 2,162,593
	Oncothyreon	ONTY	BUY	5.12	292.8	9.23	3.35	(32.5)	(10.3)	(24.8)	(1.12)	(0.55)	(0.29)	0.09	0.07	0.03	1.33	216.5	8,455,637
	Sunesis Pharma	SNSS	BUY	4.35	204.9	6.85		271.8	40.3	206.3		(0.82)	(0.29)	0.00	0.00	0.00		185.3	3,724,976
	Vical	VICL	NC NC	3.47	298.6	4.82	1.13 2.77	(21.3)	(6.7)	200.3	(0.43)	(0.82)	(0.81)	0.11	0.03	0.00	0.62 1.10	203.8	5,502,229
	Average	VICL	NC	3.47	\$266.6	4.62	2.11	123.1%	10.1%	67.9%	(0.10) (0.76)	(0.28)	(0.59)	0.33	0.20	0.19	1.57	178.0	4,648,449
	Ariad	ARIA	NC	\$21.80	\$3,623.27	\$25.40	\$9.98	78.0%	21.1%	91.4%	(\$0.87)	(\$1.17)	(\$1.29)	\$0.15	\$0.07	\$0.40	\$1.51	\$3,384.9	9,426,342
	Dendreon	DNDN	HOLD	3.85	594.30	17.04	3.85	(49.3)	(48.3)	(61.2)	(2.31)	(1.89)	(1.76)	1.42	2.06	2.56	2.80	740.8	46,887,063
	Exelixis	EXEL	NC NC	4.81	860.00	8.25	3.94	1.6	(20.1)	(34.3)	0.78	(1.08)	(1.76)	1.62	0.30	0.37	1.16	835.7	40,230,903
	Immunogen (c)	IMGN	HOLD	11.47	964.8	18.10	10.68	(0.9)	(22.9)	(17.9)	(0.95)	(0.95)	(0.81)	0.19	0.30	0.37	2.78	731.2	7,448,095
ф	Incyte	INCY	NC NC	16.18	2,116.0	26.30	11.76	7.8	(34.9)	12.3	(1.26)	(0.35)	0.12	0.19	1.89	3.01	3.23	1,971.5	20,852,629
Mid Cap	Medivation	MDVN	NC	52.21	3,846.0	58.83	8.05	126.5	10.4	519.3	(0.56)	(0.34)	(0.80)	0.72	1.94	2.25	4.68	3,691.7	3,993,825
ΨĖ	ONYX Pharma	ONXX	NC	79.89	5,200.5	93.18	35.73	81.8	17.6	102.5	0.66	(3.50)	(2.00)	6.87	4.55	5.22	8.77	4,797.9	6,107,482
	Pharmacyclics	PCYC	NC	61.60	4,285.6	70.48	10.83	315.7	3.9	379.4	(0.59)	0.32	(0.43)	1.18	1.21	1.30	2.93	4,082.0	4,407,962
	Seattle Genetics	SGEN	HOLD	25.39	3,001.3	29.83	14.61	51.9	(3.3)	20.4	(1.34)	(0.53)	(0.43)	0.80	1.71	2.10	2.79	2,670.9	24,121,443
	Spectrum Pharm	SPPI	NC	11.05	665.7	17.48	9.31	(24.5)	(30.9)	19.6	0.84	1.35	1.21	3.20	3.77	4.00	3.22	472.1	29,736,715
	Average	DITT	110	11.03	\$2,515.7	17.40	7.51	56.7%	-14.3%	104.5%	(\$0.56)	(\$0.81)	(\$0.73)	\$1.70	\$1.77	\$2.16	\$3.39	\$2,337.9	19,321,246
	Alexion	ALXN	NC	\$95.26	\$18,390.8	\$119.54	\$62.02	33.2%	-17.9%	42.5%	\$1.38	\$2.05	\$2.77	\$4.09	\$5.65	\$7.30	\$4.69	\$17,646.3	5,164,824
	Amgen	AMGN	NC	87.63	67,299.8	89.95	54.59	36.5	3.0	53.9	5.33	6.55	7.00	20.29	21.31	22.04	33.04	68,403.8	13,308,005
Cap	Biogen Idec	BIIB	NC	142.93	33,816.8	157.18	106.31	29.9	(4.7)	22.2	5.90	6.55	7.22	21.34	22.72	24.97	6.79	33,325.1	1,687,989
e C	Celgene	CELG	BUY	75.20	32,443.1	81.24	58.53	11.2	(2.1)	13.1	3.79	4.81	5.63	11.16	12.86	14.46	8.88	31,704.4	5,272,149
Large	Gilead	GILD	NC	67.07	50,834.6	70.39	34.45	63.9	(0.5)	61.7	3.86	3.85	4.45	11.06	12.12	13.15	3.50	55,595.0	29,126,767
7	Regeneron	REGN	NC	149.25	14,099.8	166.39	49.58	169.3	(3.3)	158.8	(0.55)	4.41	6.45	4.72	11.28	15.37	2.78	14,289.0	5,182,125
	Vertex	VRTX	NC	49.56	10,695.4	66.10	26.50	49.2	(10.8)	15.6	0.08	1.59	1.08	6.54	8.88	9.30	5.93	10,021.9	6,678,349
	Average				\$32,511.5			51.4%	-2.6%	46.5%	\$2.83	\$4.26	\$4.94	\$11.31	\$13.55	\$15.23	\$9.37	\$23,646.6	9,488,601
	S&P 500	SP50	NA	1,411.9	·	1,474.51	1,158.66	12.3%	-2.3%	13.7%	96.5	102.9	113.6	1,087.3	1,107.7	1,152.1			
S	Dow Jones Ind	DJII	NA	13,107.2		13,703.53	11,192.81	7.3	(3.0)	10.4	995.3	1,057.1	1,124.2	10,631.9	10,907.0	11,346.9			
Indices	NASDAQ Comp	COMP	NA	2,988.0		3,196.93	2,441.48	14.7	(4.0)	12.7	153.9	176.0	204.8	1,513.3	1,639.0	1,767.0			
1	Amex Biotech Index	BTK	NA	1,428.8		1,623.59	1,001.33	30.9	(8.9)	23.9	54.8	67.0	79.4	245.3	278.8	301.5			
	NASDAQ Biotech	NBI	NA	1,408.4		1,548.59	957.29	29.8	(6.0)	38.4	44.5	51.9	65.6	262.6	297.0	324.8			
Mkt Cap.				Price Ch	ange From		P/E			Price/Sales			Price/				EV/		
Range	Company	Ticker	Rating	High	Low	2011A	2012E	2013E	2011A	2012E	2013E	Cash	Debt	BV	EBITDA	Net Inc.	FCF	Sales	BV
Mid	Spectrum Pharm	SPPI	NC	152.0%	-28.4%	13.2	8.2	9.1	3.45	2.93	2.76	\$3.44	NM	\$3.47	7.8	5.8	11.0	2.1	2.5
Large	Alexion	ALXN	NC	13.23	16.30	69.1	46.5	34.4	23.28	16.86	13.05	20.31	NM	15.58	65.7	44.6	71.1	16.2	14.9
Large	Amgen	AMGN	NC	73.08	(13.29)	16.4	13.4	12.5	4.32	4.11	3.98	2.65	2.54	3.66	10.8	13.6	16.9	4.2	3.7
Large	Biogen Idec	BIIB	NC	40.24	26.14	24.2	21.8	19.8	6.70	6.29	5.72	21.06	30.42	5.39	15.3	21.5	21.9	6.2	5.3
Large	Celgene	CELG	BUY	4.91	1.24	19.8	15.6	13.4	6.74	5.85	5.20	8.46	10.49	5.97	19.1	15.3	18.9	5.7	5.8
Large	Gilead	GILD	NC	98.40	60.09	17.4	17.4	15.1	6.06	5.53	5.10	19.17	6.86	7.50	13.2	19.0	15.9	6.1	8.2
Large	Regeneron	REGN	NC	317.64	(7.17)	NM	NM	23.1	31.63	13.23	9.71	53.70	31.21	28.51	NM	34.3	NM	13.4	28.9
Large	Vertex	VRTX	NC	124.43	66.14	653.7	31.2	45.8	7.58	5.58	5.33	8.36	26.74	13.18	39.0	29.2	91.8	5.2	12.35
	Large Cap Only (d)					29.7	26.8	14.7	12.3	8.2	6.9	\$19.10	\$18.04	\$11.40	27.2	25.4	39.4	8.1	11.3

⁽a) All figures consensus estimates except for rated companies. Rated companies are Cantor Fitzgerald estimates. EPS and revenue per share exclude option expense and other one-time items, when available, otherwise EPS actual and estimates reflect non GAAP format.

⁽b) NewLink Genetics as of first day of trading post-IPO

⁽c) ImmunoGen CY estimates represent fiscal year-end (June) figures.

⁽d) Excludes Spectrum Pharmaceuticals (SPPI)

Source: Cantor Fitzgerald research, FactSet



Company Description

NewLink Genetics is a development-stage company focused on cancer treatments. Founded in 1999, NewLink has two technology platforms, HyperAcute (allogeneic vaccine) and IDO inhibition (oral, small molecule) in various stages of trials. The HyperAcute program is the furthest in development, with the lead candidate, HyperAcute Pancreas, in a Phase III trial for pancreatic cancer. NewLink also has mid-stage trials underway in non small cell lung cancer and melanoma.

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Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc. (ALXN - NASDAQ): NC

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ImmunoGen, Inc. (IMGN - NASDAQ): HOLD

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Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc. (REGN - NASDAQ): NC

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