Tetralogic Pharmaceuticals

TLOG - BUY - Ph.lb Activity for Birinapant Combined with Azacitidine in MDS



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On 5/27, TLOG (Buy, \$4.17) reported initial Ph.Ib safety/efficacy results for birinapant in combination with azacitidine in azacitidine naive/relapsed MDS. We believe the data, although early, show encouraging activity for the combination, with 3/9 patients achieving substantial bone marrow blast count reductions. Notably, two of these patients had prior therapy with azacitidine, including one patient who was refractory to the drug. We believe the activity seen in these advanced MDS patients is preliminary evidence for synergy between birinapant and azacitidine, consistent with TLOG's preclinical results. Although there was frequent (~50%) skin toxicity (injection site cellulitis) seen with the combination in the Ph.Ib portion of the trial, TLOG reports that this toxicity did not occur in patients that transitioned to IV vs. sub-Q dosing of azacitidine. The company intends to use IV azacitidine dosing for all further trials of birinapant+azacitidine, which we believe should substantially mitigate cutaneous side effects.

Based on the results, TLOG plans to begin a Ph.II, randomized trial of 13/mg2 birinapant+azacitidine vs. azacitidine alone in front-line, high risk MDS in the near-term, with interim results likely in the mid-'15 timeframe. According to the company, the Ph.II efficacy objective is an ~20% improvement in response rate for the combination compared to single-agent azacitidine. We believe this is a reasonable goal, given the Ph.Ib/preclinical results for birinapant+azacitidine.

We view the Ph.Ib results positively, and we continue to believe TLOG is substantially undervalued on birinapant's potential in MDS and ovarian cancer. We believe the next major catalyst for TLOG will be the first Ph.I ovarian cancer results for birinapant +conatumumab in Sept., and we would position in the stock ahead of these results.

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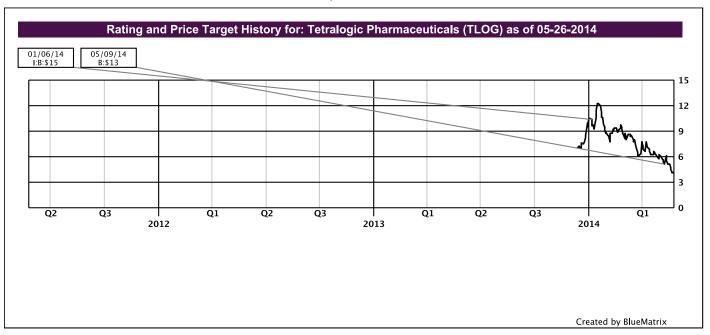
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