

## Receptos (RCPT)

### Financing Strengthens Position For Potential Partnership Negotiations After Transforming 2014 Data Releases; Reiterate OUTPERFORM and \$44 FV

- **Receptos raised about \$102.1 million—enough to reach mid-2017 by our projections (with a partner).** The company raised approximately \$102.1 million by selling about 3.32 million common shares at about \$30.75/share. In addition, 498,000 shares (approximately \$15.3 million) will be available for overallotments. We believe clinical risk was reduced recently following a successful interim analysis of the Phase 2 portion of the Phase 2/3 RADIANCE trial testing RPC1063 as a treatment candidate for relapsing multiple sclerosis (RMS). These pre-specified analyses included futility as well as safety. Full top-line Phase 2 data is expected to be released mid-year and we believe there is a very high probability for success. Additionally, the company announced the initiation of the Phase 3 portion of the RADIANCE trial which we estimate the company will fund from this financing. We project RPC1063 could be launched in Q4 2018 and achieve gross peak annual sales for RMS over \$4 billion.
- **In our view, this financing not only covers major clinical catalysts in 2014, but also strengthens management's position for negotiating a potential partnership (or acquisition).** In addition to release of top-line results from RADIUS mid-year, we also anticipate release of results from TOUCHSTONE in Q3. We believe TOUCHSTONE is also likely to be positive due to Novartis previously validating S1PR in Phase 2 for UC with a follow-on to Gilenya and preclinical / Phase 1 clinical results for RPC1063 showing a reduction in peripheral lymphocyte count and beneficial preclinical histology changes presented in three posters (search <http://ddw.scientificposters.com/epsSearchDDW.cfm> for #TU1616, #SA1221, #SA1222) during Digestive Disease Week (DDW May 18-21, 2013 Orlando). Presuming a commercial partner, we project full-year profitability in 2019 after launching RPC1063 in RMS/IBD in Q4:18/Q1:19, respectively. However, if RPC1063 has positive results in both Phase 2s mid-year, we anticipate a potential acquisition could occur in H2 2015.
- **We reiterate our OUTPERFORM rating and \$44 fair value.** We calculate RCPT's fair value based on the sum of a 30% annual discount and a 1x-10x premium range on our net peak annual sales estimate for each product and indication in the clinic to reflect risk.

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Price  
**\$31.53**

Rating  
**OUTPERFORM**

Fair Value Estimate  
**\$44**

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#### Company Information

Shares Outst (M)	22.2
Market Cap (M)	\$699
52-Wk Range	\$13.00 - \$34.45
Book Value/sh	\$6.37
Cash/sh	\$7.19
Enterprise Value (M)	\$539
LT Debt/Cap %	2.75

#### Company Description

Receptos is developing first- and best-in-class treatments for immune disorders. The lead candidate, RPC1063, is being developed as a safer S1P1 modulator versus GILENYA(TM) for multiple sclerosis as well as for IBD.

FYE Dec	2012E	2013E			2014E		
REV (M)	ACTUAL	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.
Q1 Mar	\$1.3A	\$1.5E		\$0.4E	\$1.0E		N/AE
Q2 Jun	1.7A	1.2E		0.4E	0.9E		N/AE
Q3 Sep	1.8A	1.1E		0.7E	0.8E		N/AE
Q4 Dec	2.2E	1.1E		1.1E	0.7E		N/AE
Year*	\$7.0E	\$5.0E		\$5.0E	\$3.4E		\$1.7E
Change	--	--		--	--		--
	2012E	2013E			2014E		
EPS	ACTUAL	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.
Q1 Mar	(\$3.53)A	(\$5.46)E		(\$0.62)E	(\$0.80)E	(\$0.97)E	N/AE
Q2 Jun	(2.67)A	(0.98)E		(0.56)E	(0.84)E	(1.02)E	N/AE
Q3 Sep	(4.44)A	(0.88)E		(0.61)E	(0.88)E	(1.07)E	N/AE
Q4 Dec	(0.53)E	(0.88)E		(0.90)E	(0.89)E	(1.08)E	N/AE
Year*	(\$5.86)E	(\$4.28)E		(\$6.26)E	(\$3.41)E	(\$4.13)E	(\$3.46)E
P/E	NM	NM			NM		
Change	--	--		--	--		--

Consensus estimates are from Thomson First Call.

\* Numbers may not add up due to rounding.



Source: Thomson Reuters

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**INVESTMENT THESIS:** Receptos, located in San Diego, CA, is an emerging biopharmaceutical company developing first-in-class and best-in-class drug candidates for large market opportunities and rare diseases. The company's lead product, RPC1063, is a sphingosine 1-phosphate (S1P1R) receptor modulator being developed as an orally-dosed treatment candidate being tested in a Phase 2/3 clinical trial for relapsing multiple sclerosis (RMS) and in a Phase 2 trial for inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). The second treatment candidate, RPC4046, is an anti-IL13 monoclonal antibody being developed as a potential treatment for an allergic/immune orphan disease called Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE). We believe clinical risk is lower than normal as RPC1063 has the same disease target as Novartis's approved RMS treatment Gilenya, but has a better safety profile and best-in-class potential. RPC4046 offers an orphan drug opportunity for Receptos to develop its own sales force. We believe execution risk is lower than normal as we consider management to have higher-than-normal knowledge and experience in the pharmaceutical industry—especially in multiple sclerosis. The CEO was successful at not only developing daclizumab, but also increasing value for FACET and making it an acquisition target for ABT. In addition, we view the rest of the management team as being top tier. Receptos ended Q3:13 with about \$81 million in cash and management projects runway into H2 2015, which includes top-line results from the ongoing Phase 2 trial testing RPC1063 treatment of RMS as well as IBD in mid-2014. We anticipate RPC1063 is likely to achieve clinical success and regulatory approval and could reach gross peak annual worldwide sales of over \$4 billion for RMS and over \$950 million for IBD. We also project RPC4046 treatment of EoE could reach over \$1 billion in gross peak annual worldwide sales with premium orphan drug pricing and the oral GLP-1 candidate could reach gross peak WW sales of over \$5 billion. If successful in Phase 2, we believe any of these candidates are likely to attract a partner and could trigger RCPT's acquisition.

**Figure 1: RECEPTOS MODEL UPDATE**

Receptos, Inc. (NASDAQ: RCPT)  
Historical and Projected Income Statement  
(In thousands except per share data)

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		2012A					2013E					2014E					2015E					2016E					2017E					2018E					2019E				
		FY:12A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4	FY:13E	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY:14E	FY:15E	FY:16E	FY:17E	FY:18E	FY:19E																								
Gross Sales	RPC1063		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$									
	RMS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,222															360,468								
	IBD/UC		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,222															224,248								
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136,220															360,468								
Total Gross Sales		\$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$									
Revenues:																																									
Net Product Sales		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-								
RPC1063			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$									
RMS			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,565															177,662								
IBD/UC			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,565															110,133								
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,429															67,429								
Collaborative Revenue		8,647	1,488	1,238	1,142	1,113	4,981	1,001	901	811	730	3,443	2,259	1,463	1,209	1,378	1,350																								
		4,372	1,488	1,238	1,142	1,113	4,981	1,001	901	811	730	3,443	2,259	1,463	1,209	1,378	1,350																								
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Total Net Revenues		\$ 6,971	\$ 1,488	\$ 1,238	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,113	\$ 4,981	\$ 1,001	\$ 901	\$ 811	\$ 730	\$ 3,443	\$ 2,259	\$ 1,463	\$ 1,209	\$ 5,943	\$ 178,912																								
Cost and Expenses:																																									
Cost of Goods		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-																								
R&D		22,927	8,020	9,441	13,500	14,175	45,136	15,593	16,372	17,191	17,363	66,518	34,643	40,527	47,411	55,464	10,380																								
(S)G&A		3,430	1,062	1,589	3,050	3,172	8,873	3,204	3,236	3,268	3,301	13,008	13,537	14,086	14,658	62,097	64,886																								
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-																								
Total Operating Expenses		\$ 24,650	\$ 9,082	\$ 11,030	\$ 16,550	\$ 17,347	\$ 54,009	\$ 18,796	\$ 19,608	\$ 20,459	\$ 20,663	\$ 79,526	\$ 48,180	\$ 54,614	\$ 62,069	\$ 117,561	\$ 169,541																								
		(17,680)	(7,594)	(9,792)	(15,408)	(16,235)	(49,028)	(17,795)	(18,707)	(19,648)	(19,934)	(76,083)	(45,920)	(53,151)	(60,860)	(111,618)	(9,311)																								
Net Interest Income (Expense)/Other Income		16	1	(126)	(157)	46	(236)	72	97	95	92	357	306	175	3	(200)	(385)																								
Other Income (Expense)		(21)	(2,056)	-	-	-	(2,056)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-																								
Income Before Income Taxes		\$ (17,685)	\$ (9,649)	\$ (9,918)	\$ (15,565)	\$ (16,188)	\$ (51,320)	\$ (17,723)	\$ (18,610)	\$ (19,553)	\$ (19,841)	\$ (75,726)	\$ (45,614)	\$ (52,975)	\$ (60,857)	\$ (111,818)	\$ 8,986																								
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-																								
Net Income (Loss)		\$ (17,685)	\$ (9,649)	\$ (9,918)	\$ (15,565)	\$ (16,188)	\$ (51,320)	\$ (17,723)	\$ (18,610)	\$ (19,553)	\$ (19,841)	\$ (75,726)	\$ (45,614)	\$ (52,975)	\$ (60,857)	\$ (111,818)	\$ 8,986																								
EPS (GAAP, Taxed, Diluted)		(\$5.86)	(\$5.46)	(\$0.98)	(\$0.88)	(\$0.88)	(\$4.28)	(\$0.80)	(\$0.84)	(\$0.88)	(\$0.89)	(\$3.41)	(\$2.05)	(\$2.37)	(\$2.71)	(\$4.95)	\$0.40																								
Weighted Shares Outstanding (Basic and Diluted)		3,020	1,767	10,151	17,715	18,338	11,993	22,156	22,181	22,206	22,231	22,193	22,293	22,393	22,493	22,593	22,693																								
Total Shares Outstanding (Diluted)		8,367	2,299	10,151	17,715	18,338	12,126	22,156	22,181	22,206	22,231	22,193	22,293	22,393	22,493	22,593	22,693																								
		\$5,427	\$18,312	\$91,146	\$80,781	\$67,779	\$67,779	\$163,373	\$147,822	\$156,417	\$138,805	\$138,805	\$105,026	\$31,151	(\$29,706)	(\$141,899)	(\$140,576)																								
Net Cash per share		\$1.80	\$10.36	\$8.50	\$4.29	\$3.45	\$5.28	\$7.19	\$6.50	\$5.78	\$5.04	\$5.05	\$3.77	\$1.39	(\$1.32)	(\$6.28)	(\$6.19)																								
Annual (Burn)/Generation		(\$5,909)					\$62,352					\$71,026	(\$33,778)	(\$73,673)	(\$80,657)	(\$112,193)	\$1,323																								

Source: Company data, Wedbush Securities, Inc.

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We believe clinical risk was reduced recently following a successful interim analysis of the Phase 2 portion of the Phase 2/3 RADIANCE trial testing RPC1063 as a treatment candidate for relapsing multiple sclerosis (RMS). These pre-specified analyses included futility as well as safety—with RPC1063 passing both. The full top-line Phase 2 data is expected to be released mid-year; however, given that RPC1063 already passed the interim look, we believe there is a very high probability for success. Additionally, the company announced the initiation of the Phase 3 portion of the RADIANCE trial, which we estimate the company will fund from this financing.

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### Figure 3: RCPT FAIR VALUE

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## RISKS TO THE ATTAINMENT OF OUR FAIR VALUE

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agree with the analysis and still may not approve the NDA. Any delay in obtaining, or an inability to obtain, marketing approvals would increase financing risk by delaying commercialization as well as potential profitability. Regulatory risk can involve turnover in regulatory decision-makers, which can change policy and approval criteria after the trial is conducted. Agency statisticians may choose a different analytical process than was conducted in the NDA and conclude that the trials failed to achieve statistical efficacy. Changes in standard-of-care occurring while the trial is ongoing may also result in the design being found to be obsolete during regulatory review. Even if a product is approved, the designated patient population may be much smaller than expected, which could limit sales potential. Post-approval clinical studies may be required as well as limits on sales and marketing practices and materials. If unexpected adverse effects emerge the drug can be withdrawn from the market. Regulatory requirements also vary among different countries and may result in requirements for additional clinical trials.

**Manufacturing Risk:** We consider manufacturing risk to be low in 2014, but higher than normal for the future as Receptos lacks manufacturing capability and plans to continue relying on third parties to supply its product candidates. In addition, the company does not have any executed agreements for long-term commercial supply for any of its drug candidates, but plan to do so for RPC1063 prior to commercial launch. For RPC4046, AbbVie has agreed to manufacture enough for preclinical and clinical trials and may continue to or may choose to engage a third party following the planned Phase 2 results in EoE, after which, AbbVie may choose to execute an option to collaborate with Receptos for RPC4046 development and commercialization. Multiple improvements to the manufacturing process for RPC4046 have been made and a comparability assessment of the material used in the completed Phase 1 study versus the new process must be filed prior to the initiation of the Phase 2 in EoE.

**Commercialization Risk:** We consider commercialization risk to be low in 2014, but higher than average in general due to Receptos' small size and development stage. Receptos' business model is to develop and commercialize clinical candidates; however, for small development-stage companies, we view commercialization risk in general as higher than normal until/unless the company partners commercialization with an appropriate larger pharmaceutical company—especially for large indications such as multiple sclerosis. We anticipate Receptos is likely to partner commercial activities for large markets globally. For rare diseases such as EoE, the company may hire a small specialty sales force for the US, but we anticipate the company will partner commercialization for primary care globally as well as for all physicians outside the US. We consider this commercial plan to be optimal for leveraging potential profits from sales for a small company.

**Competition Risk:** We view competition risk as low in 2014 but, in general, higher than average unless Receptos partners with an appropriate global pharmaceutical company for commercialization. In general, we believe a small development-stage emerging pharmaceutical company with limited resources has higher-than-average competition risk. In the situation with RPC1063, while we believe large pharmaceutical companies with large marketing budgets, such as Novartis and Biogen-Idec may counter-detail RPC1063 after potential launch in late 2018, if its emerging profile of equal efficacy to GILENYA™, but improved safety while maintaining once-daily oral dosing is maintained through clinical development, we believe physicians treating MS patients are likely to prefer it over the currently approved oral therapies. In addition, physicians treating MS have commented that twice-daily dosing such as for Biogen-Idec's Tecfidera™ may have reduced real-world efficacy as their patients may forget to take the evening dose.

**Intellectual Property Risk:** We consider intellectual property risk to be low in general, as the company has an exclusive license for the RPC1063 composition of matter patent which expires in May 2029 and could be extended into 2032. In addition, intellectual property protection for RPC4046 also has a long runway with expiration in 2028 and may be extended up to 5 years.

**Financing Risk:** Receptos raised about \$102.1 million on January 9, 2014 with the potential to add another \$15.3 million from overallotments. With this financing and Q3 2013 cash of about \$80.8 million, we project cash runway (with a partner for the RMS & UC Phase 3 programs) into mid-2017 (not including the \$25MM remainder in MidCap Financial venture debt). Since Receptos just conducted a financing, we consider financing risk to be low in 2014.

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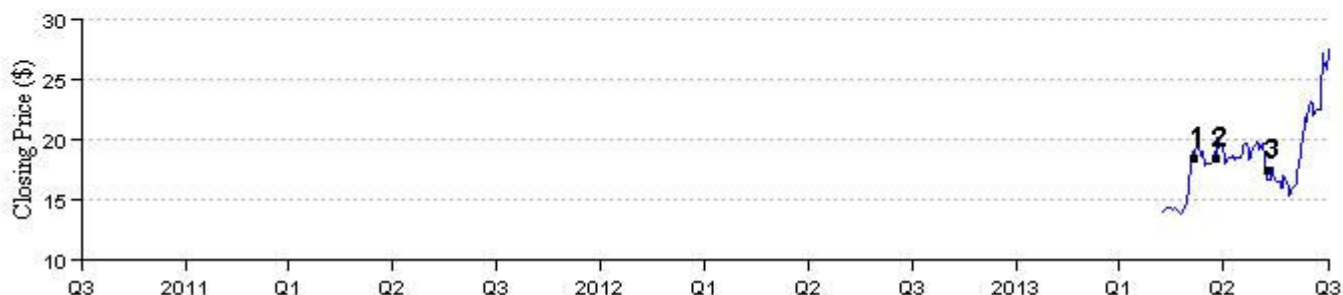
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1) 06/03/13	2) 06/21/13	3) 08/07/13
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