

# **Company Update**

December 18, 2014

TICKER	NASDAQ: XNCR
RATING	BUY
PRICE TARGET	\$18.00
Price (December 17, 2014	) \$15.55

# Xencor, Inc.

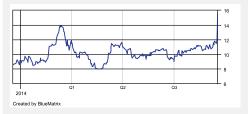
# Signs First Deal for Bispecific Antibody Platform with Novo Nordisk

Market Cap (M): \$488.2 Shares out (M): 31.4 Float (M): 17.3 Daily Vol, 3 Mo Avg (M): 0.1 \$15.95-\$7.77 52-Week Range: Cash & Cash Eq (M): \$60.9 Debt (M): \$0.0 NAV (M): NA

Short Interest (M): 0.4
Instit. Holdings (%): NA
Cash Burn (M): NA
Short Interest (% of Float): NA

EPS	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	FΥ
2014	-0.12A	-0.16A	-0.20A	-0.06E	-0.54E
2015	-0.18E	-0.18E	-0.20E	-0.18E	-0.74E
2016	_	_	_	_	-0.72E

#### 1-Year Price History



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technologies, further validating the XmAb engineered antibody platform. Under the deal, XNCR is entitled to product sales royalties and up to \$175 million in upfront payments, research/clinical support, regulatory and sales milestones. The Novo collaboration is XNCR's eighth utilizing the XmAb platform and highlights its utility across a broad spectrum of diseases. We reiterate our Buy rating and \$18 price target.

First Bispecific Collaboration Provides Additional External Validation. XNCR

This morning, Xencor announced a discovery collaboration and licensing deal with Novo Nordisk (NVO - not covered) for XNCR's bispecific and immune inhibitor

First Bispecific Collaboration Provides Additional External Validation. XNCR previously signed licensing deals with 7 major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies (Amgen, Morphosys, Alexion, Boehringer Ingelheim, Janssen, CSL Limited, and Merck) but the deal with Novo is the first to include the bispecific antibody technology. While XNCR and Novo did not disclose the target they will pursue, we expect the target is in the autoimmunity or inflammation space, given that the bispecific antibody incorporates XNCR's immune inhibitor technology.

Others Bispecific Partnerships Likely to Follow. With the success of AMGN's Blincyto in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and the general interest in immunotherapies for cancer treatment, interest in bispecific antibodies has recently surged, and we expect additional bispecific collaborations to follow. At the American Society of Hematology (ASH) meeting earlier this month, XNCR presented preclinical data on 3 wholly owned bispecific antibodies (CD3-CD38, CD3-CD20, and CD3-CD123). XNCR intends to develop XmAb14045 (CD3-CD123) in acute myeloid leukemia (AML) itself, and we expect both the CD3-CD38 program for myeloma and CD3-CD20 program for B-cell malignancies to garner significant large pharma and biotech interest.

**Upcoming Milestones.** In December, we continue to expect top-line Phase 1b/2a XmAb5871 results in rheumatoid arthritis to serve as proof-of-concept for suppressing B-cell response, providing scientific rationale for XNCR to pursue rare orphan B-cell diseases such as IgG4-Related Disease (IgG4-RD). We anticipate a Phase 2 trial to initiate in IgG4-RD in 2015. For anti-IgE antibody XmAb7195, we expect allergic asthma data in 1Q15 followed by Phase 1b multiple ascending dose results. We also expect XNCR to commence Phase 1 studies of its bispecific CD3-CD123 antibody XmAb14045 in AML by 2016.

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## **VALUATION**

We derive a value of \$18 per XNCR common share based on a probability-adjusted sum-of-the-parts analysis. We estimate wholly owned lead product candidates 7195 and 5871 are worth \$8 and \$5 per share, respectively. We also value all partnered programs at \$4 based on our estimates of peak sales potential, launch timing, and stage of development. Lastly, cash on hand comprises the remaining \$1 of our valuation of XNCR shares.

#### **INVESTMENT RISK**

Risks include clinical and regulatory uncertainties, commercial and partnership risks, access to financing, and post-regulatory approval drug safety warnings.

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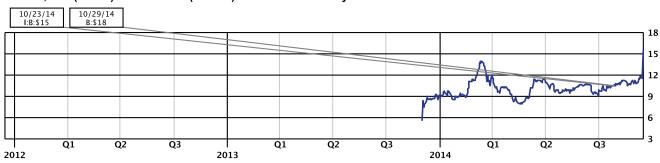
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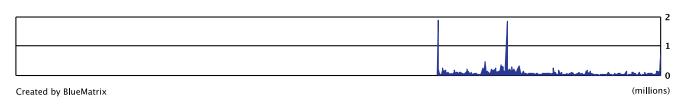
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## Xencor, Inc. (XNCR): Share Price (in USD) and Volume History as of 12-17-2014





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	COMPANIES UNDER COVERAGE		INVESTMENT BANKING SERVICE WITHIN 12 MONTHS	
Rating	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
BUY	116	66.29%	53	30.29%
HOLD	59	33.71%	21	12.00%
SELL	0	0.00%	0	0.00%

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