### **OUTPERFORM**

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Reason for report: **EARNINGS** 



## XENCOR, INC.

4Q13 Recap - Pipeline Progressing; Raising PT

- Bottom Line: XNCR reported 4Q13 financial results yesterday, and its pipeline programs remain on track. XmAb7195 Phase la data in healthy patients continues to be expected by the end of 2014, and XmAb5871 Phase IIa data in patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is expected in 2H14. In addition, XNCR will move one bispecific antibody into the clinic in 2015. We are increasing our price target (PT) to \$17 from \$11 based on continued progression of XNCR's platform and increasing confidence in XmAb7195. Maintain OP rating.
- Data for both XmAb7195 and XmAb5871 expected in 2014. A Phase la trial of XmAb7195 is expected to initiate in 1H14 that will include both healthy patients and a parallel cohort of patients with high IgE levels. Preliminary data is expected by the end of 2014, which will include IgE reduction data, likely initially in healthy patients. Top-line data from the Phase IIa trial of XmAb5871 in moderate to severe RA patients is expected in 2H14. Data will include DAS (disease activity score) 28 and ACR scores, levels of serum biomarker C-reactive protein (CRP), safety, and pharmacokinetics. The safety and activity profile will then inform next steps, which could include development in RA and other autoimmune diseases, including lupus (SLE). Recall, AMGN (MP) has an exclusive option to license this molecule until March 2017.
- · We continue to believe that XmAb7195 will have a place in treating allergen-induced asthma symptoms and potentially other allergic diseases. While the competitive landscape for asthma is evolving with the development of agents targeting IL-5, IL-4, and IL-13, mgmt believes IgE blockade remains a leading paradigm in asthma treatment. Recent feedback from MEDACorp KOLs confirms our belief that XmAb7195 will clearly have a place in treatment of allergen-induced asthma symptoms & other indications where IgE plays a role such as for example urticaria.
- IND filing for one bispecific antibody expected in '15. This bispecific antibody will be either a CD3 x CD38 agent that could be developed for multiple myeloma, or a CD3 x CD123 agent that could be developed for AML. XNCR expects to enter formal preclinical work in mid-2014.
- XNCR guided to cash & equivalents of \$54.5M by end-2014, vs. our prior estimate of \$54.3M. XNCR expects its cash balance to be sufficient to fund operations through 2016. This guidance does not include additional revenue that could come from new partnerships.
- Increasing our PT to \$17 from \$11. We are increasing XNCR's pipeline value and specifically assigning value to XNCR's bispecific antibody programs as their development moves forward. We are attributing a 20% probability-adjusted ~\$2 per share value to CD3XCD38 and CD3XCD123, in addition to increasing our platform value to ~\$5 per share from ~\$3 previously. We are also increasing our value for XmAb7195 to ~\$4 per share from ~\$2 previously.

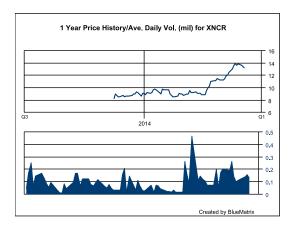
**Key Stats:** (NASDAQ:XNCR)

S&P 600 Health Care Index: 1,316.16 Price: \$13.13 Price Target: \$17.00 from \$11.00 Methodology: Sum-of-the-parts discounted sales

multiple

52 Week High: \$14.41 52 Week Low: \$5.75 Shares Outstanding (mil): 31.3 Market Capitalization (mil): \$411.0 Cash Per Share: \$2.49 Dividend (ann): \$0.00 Dividend Yield: 0.0%

Shares Outstanding (mil): Total accounts for IPO, which closed 12.06.13.



Dec Yr	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	FY Rev	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	FY EPS	
2013A			\$8.4	\$1.7	\$10.2			(\$4.10)	(\$0.12)	(\$3.85)	NM
2014E - New	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$5.0	(\$0.18)	(\$0.20)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.24)	(\$0.85)	NM
2014E - Old					\$5.0					(\$0.78)	NM
2015E					\$10.0					(\$0.85)	NM

Source: Company Information and Leerink Partners LLC Research

Revs. in MM; Diluted GAAP EPS; 3Q13 represents 1Q-3Q13, pre-IPO; quarterly EPS may not sum to annual total due to change in shares out.



### **INVESTMENT THESIS**

We rate XNCR Outperform. XNCR has used its proprietary "XmAb" platform to develop an antibody pipeline focused on asthma, autoimmune diseases and cancer and also to generate incremental near-term revenue and long-term upside in form of technology licenses and partnerships. We believe XNCR's key value drivers are its two proprietary lead product candidates XmAb7195 and XmAb5871, both addressing large market opportunities in allergic asthma and autoimmune diseases, respectively. Both programs have clinical catalysts approaching in 2H14 that could serve as early clinical validation for those agents, thus driving XNCR shares higher. In addition to that, we believe advances by XNCR's partners and licensees could provide additional incremental cash flows while new licenses could further validate XNCR's Fc-platform as a value driver.

Phase I IgE data in 2H14 could provide early validation for XmAb7195 as potential "biosuperior" of Xolair (Roche) for allergic asthma. We believe XmAb7195 addresses a validated target, and preclinical data has been promising thus far. Similar to Xolair, XmAb7195 is an anti-IgE mAb, but in contrast to Xolair it uses XNCR's proprietary immune-inhibitor Fc domain, which makes it a more potent inhibitor of IgE. We believe XmAb7195 could potentially be more efficacious in patients eligible for Xolair and potentially efficacious in 20% of patients who are currently ineligible for Xolair therapy due to body weight/IgE level limitations. We believe XmAb7195 could potentially address a patient population that is 20% larger than that of Xolair, which generated \$1.3Bn in global sales in 2012.

XmAb5871 is a unique B-Cell inhibitor with first Phase IIa rheumatoid arthritis (RA) data in 2H14. XmAb5871 simultaneously targets the B-cell proteins CD19 and FcgRIIb -- which could have potential advantages over rituximab (anti-CD20), which has only limited utility in treating autoimmune diseases. XmAb5871 Phase Ia data shows immunosuppression with only transient B-cell reduction and Phase IIa disease activity data in RA in 2H14 should provide further proof-of-concept for XmAb5871. We believe XmAb5871 could potentially be developed for a wide range of autoimmune diseases, including RA, lupus, or Sjögren syndrome, among others. Positive Phase IIa data in 2H14, in our view, also increases the likelihood of partner AMGN to license the product following a larger controlled Phase IIb trial.

MOR208 is an antibody targeting CD19 -- which contains XNCR's high antibody-dependent cell cytotoxicity (ADCC) Fc domain -- outlicensed to MorphoSys (MOR), which is currently conducting two Phase II trials in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL). An investigator-sponsored study in chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) is ongoing, and data from all three studies potentially in 2015 could validate MOR208's activity.

### 2013 Results

XNCR posted 2013 revenues and EPS of \$10.2M and (\$3.85) vs. our estimates of \$9.4M and (\$5.54), respectively.

### **VALUATION**

We estimate a \$17 per share value in 12 months for XNCR based on a discounted sales multiple analysis. We apply a 12% discount rate to for probability of success-weighted 2025E XmAb7195 (20%), XmAb5871 (20%), MOR208 (30%), CD3XCD38 (20%), and CD3XCD123 (20%) derived revenues. Our probability of success rates are higher than the industry average of 9% for Phase I stage therapeutics, given our higher conviction of the respective programs' success rates. We apply a 6X multiple to XmAb7195 sales, reflecting current trailing Midcap (\$1-\$10Bn) biotech industry average and a 10X multiple to royalty streams for XmAb 5871, MOR208, CD3XCD38, and CD3XCD123. We also value XNCR's XmAb platform at \$150MM. Based on our sum-of-parts analysis, we attribute ~\$4/share to XmAb7195, ~\$3/share to XmAb 5871, ~\$2/share to MOR208, ~\$2/share to the bispecific antibodies. We also attribute ~\$5/share to the XmAb platform and ~\$2/share to expected cash in 12 months.



## **RISKS TO VALUATION**

Early stage developmental pipeline agents face high clinical and regulatory development risk, as well as commercial and competitive risks. As small-cap biotech company, XNCR also faces execution risk and financial risk. We estimate that XNCR's current cash will be sufficient to fund operations to 2017 assuming continued development of XmAb8195 and XmAb 5871, and the company may have additional financing needs before turning cash flow positive.

XNCR P&L (in \$ MMs)	2011	2012	1-3Q13Q	4Q13	2013	1Q14E	2Q14E	3Q14E	4Q14E	2014E	2015E
Collaboration and licensing revenue	6.8	9.5	8.4	1.7	10.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.0	10.0
Product sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royalty revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	6.8	9.5	8.4	1.7	10.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	5.0	10.0
COGS	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R&D	12.7	12.7	12.9	4.1	17.0	5.5	6.2	6.9	7.2	25.8	30.0
SG&A	3.6	3.1	2.4	1.3	3.7	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	5.8	6.5
Operating expenses	16.3	15.8	15.2	5.5	20.7	6.8	7.6	8.4	8.8	31.6	36.5
Operating income	(9.5)	(6.2)	(6.8)	(3.7)	(10.5)	(5.6)	(6.4)	(7.2)	(7.6)	(26.6)	(26.5)
Total other income (expense)	(1.8)	(2.5)	(49.7)	0.0	(49.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-
ЕВТ	(11.2)	(8.7)	(56.6)	(3.7)	(60.3)	(5.6)	(6.4)	(7.2)	(7.6)	(26.6)	(26.5)
Income tax expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	(11.2)	(8.7)	(56.6)	(3.7)	(60.3)	(5.6)	(6.4)	(7.2)	(7.6)	(26.6)	(26.5)
Diluted EPS	(154.95)	(120.05)	(4.10)	(0.12)	(3.85)	(0.18)	(0.20)	(0.23)	(0.24)	(0.85)	(0.85)
Diluted shares outstanding	0.1	0.1	13.8	31.3	15.6	31.3	31.3	31.3	31.3	31.3	31.3

Source: Leerink Partners Estimates and Company Filings

BS & CFS	2011	2012	1-3Q13Q	4Q13	2013	1Q14E	2Q14E	3Q14E	4Q14E	2014E	2015E
Cash and STI	14.5	2.3	9.6	78.0	78.0	73.1	67.5	61.2	54.5	54.5	31.7
Debt	18.5	20.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Valuation (\$MM)	Per Share		
XmAb7195 (20% p/w)	113	\$	3.61	
XmAb5871 (20% p/w)	80	\$	2.56	
MOR208 (30% p/w)	53	\$	1.68	
CD3XCD38 (20% p/w)	46	\$	1.48	
CD3XCD123 (20% p/w)	23	\$	0.73	
XmAb Platform	150	\$	4.79	
Total EV	465	\$	14.84	
Cash (2014E)	55	\$	1.74	
Price Target	520	\$	17	
Diluted shares outstanding (2014E)	31			

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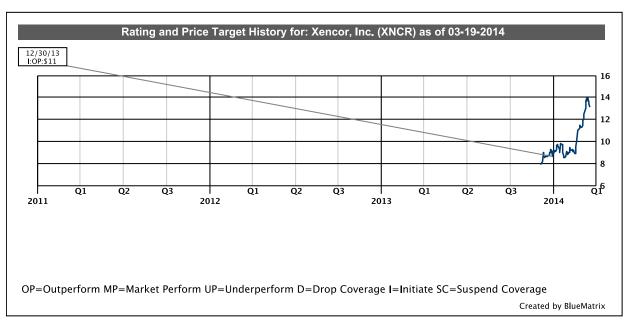
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### **Valuation**

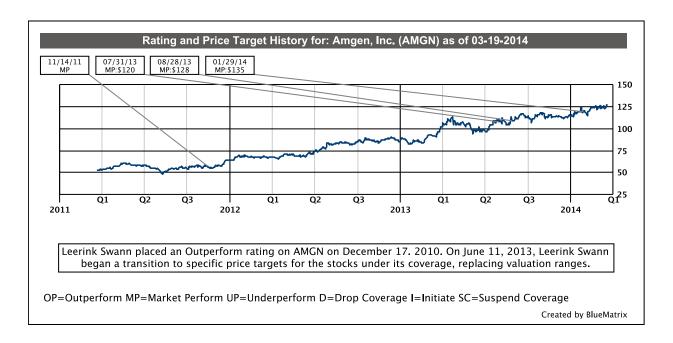
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