

Equity Research

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Price: \$6.19 (02/25/2014)

Price Target: NA

OUTPERFORM (1)

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Key Data

Symbol **NASDAQ: FATE**

Market Cap (MM) **\$126.0**

Company Quick Take

Phase Ib data point to ProHema's effect on T-cells

The Cowen Insight

Fate announced new data from the completed ProHema-01 trial, a Phase Ib clinical study of ProHema in patients undergoing HSCT for hematological malignancies. The data announced today show that treatment with ProHema led to a doubling in the percentage of naïve and early memory T-cell fraction within the CD8+ T-cell compartment compared with patients who did not receive ProHema.

The news: Fate announced new data from the completed ProHema-01 trial, a Phase Ib clinical study of ProHema evaluating its effect of pharmacologic modulation on CD8+ T cells and immune reconstitution in adult patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for hematological malignancies. The company is currently optimizing the ProHema manufacturing process and expects to resume enrollment in the Phase II ProHema-03 trial in 1H14, with full data expected in mid 2015.

The data: According to the data, the 12 patients who received ProHema and a unit of unmanipulated cord blood showed a two-fold increase in the percentage of naïve and early memory T cell fraction within the CD8+ T cell compartment compared with the 9 patients who did not receive ProHema but two units of unmanipulated cord blood. In addition, the functional properties of CD8+ T cells were also significantly improved. Details of the study were recently published in *Blood Cancer Journal*. On the safety side, viral reactivation was observed in 17% of the ProHema subjects (2/12) with no cases of CMV disease (vs. 36-56%, as reported in the literature), and no cases of Epstein-Barr virus (EBV)-associated post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders (PTLD) were observed vs. up to 16% reported in the literature.

What's next for FATE? 1) Resumption of enrollment in Phase II ProHema-03 trial, 1H14; 2) Initiation of Phase Ib trial of ProHema in pediatric patients, mid-2014; 3) Initiation of Phase I trial of ProHema in lysosomal storage disorders, 2H14; 4) IND submission for Wnt7a, YE14; 5) Full data from Phase II ProHema-03 trial, mid-2015; and 6) Initiation of Wnt7a Phase I program, 2015.

Our thesis on FATE: Our view on FATE is based on the company's core technology and expertise in the pharmacologic modulation of adult stem cells for the development of therapeutics for the treatment of orphan diseases. If successful in its Phase II and Phase III development, we estimate that ProHema can gain significant share in the umbilical cord blood-derived HSCT market, along with share in the bone marrow- and peripheral blood-derived markets as well. Using conservative market penetration assumptions for ProHema (16% of the overall allogeneic HSCT market), we project that it can be a \$360M US/EU product in 2025, with peak US/EU sales of ~\$515M in 2030. These revenue numbers do not account for the upside that exists should ProHema and follow-on products manage to demonstrate utility in rare genetic disorders for which transplantation is not currently used as the standard of care, but is being used investigational and starting to emerge as a potential treatment option. We believe that the combination of the ProHema opportunity with the potential upside

from the Wnt7a analog program make FATE an attractive early-stage biotech play. We reiterate our Outperform rating on FATE.

Valuation Methodology And Risks

Valuation Methodology

Biotechnology:

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We make investment recommendations on early stage (pre-commercial) biotechnology companies based upon an assessment of their technology, the probability of pipeline success, and the potential market opportunity in the event of success. However, because these companies lack traditional financial metrics, we do not believe there are any good methodologies for assigning a specific target price to such stocks.

Investment Risks

Biotechnology:

There are multiple risks that are inherent with an investment in the biotechnology sector. Beyond systemic risk, there is also clinical, regulatory, and commercial risk. Additionally, biotechnology companies require significant amounts of capital in order to develop their clinical programs. The capital-raising environment is always changing and there is risk that necessary capital to complete development may not be readily available.

Risks To The Price Target

Risks to our Outperform rating on FATE shares include: 1) delays and/or clinical setbacks in the development of ProHema, 2) delays and/or setbacks in the development of the Wnt7a analog program, and 3) a change in the appetite for early-stage company risk among healthcare investors.

Addendum

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FATE	Fate Therapeutics, Inc.

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