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Epizyme (EPZM - OUTPERFORM): EPZM Initiates a Phase 1b Study of EPZ-5676 in the Pediatric MLL-r Setting

Price: \$21.20 12-Month Price Target: \$52

- EPZM announced the initiation of a proof-of-concept Phase 1b study of EPZ-5676 (DOT1L methyltransferase inhibitor) in the pediatric MLL-r (rearranged MLL gene due to chromosomal translocation) setting. MLL-r is an aggressive genetic subtype of acute leukemia with an overall five-year survival rate of approximately 5-24% in adults. This study is designed to assess the safety, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of EPZ-5676 in a range of doses starting at 45 mg/m² for children less than 12 months of age and 70 mg/m² for patients older than 12 months. Patients between the ages of 3 months and 18 years are being enrolled. Data from this Phase 1b study in the pediatric MLL-r setting and data from the ongoing MLL-PTD (partial tandem duplication) and MLL-r adult Phase 1 studies are expected in H2:14.
- **Upcoming milestones include:** Data from the Phase I dose escalation and expansion stage study of the DOT1L inhibitor (EPZ-5676) in the acute leukemia setting at a major medical conference (H2:14; potentially at ASH Dec. 6-9), and top-line data from the Phase I study of the EZH2 inhibitor (EPZ-6438) in the advanced solid tumors or relapsed/refractory B-cell lymphoma settings at a major medical conference (H2:14; potentially at ASH Dec. 6-9).
- Reiterate OUTPERFORM rating and \$52 price target. Our price target of \$52 per share is derived from applying 8x and 15x multiples to our 2019 estimated sales and royalty revenues, respectively, discounted by 25% annually back to YE:14 and using our 2019 fully-diluted shares estimate of 35.7 million.
- Risks to achievement of our price target include clinical, regulatory, or market failure of EPZ-5676 and/or EPZ-6438.

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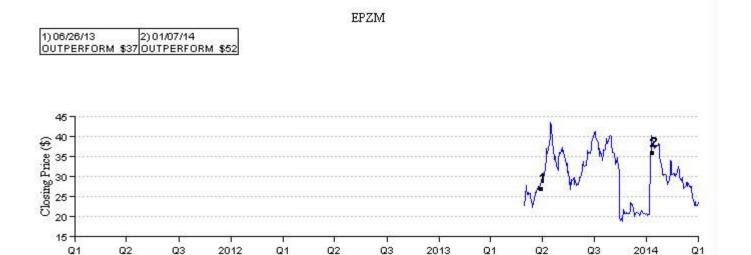
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