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Fate Therapeutics (FATE)

Q3:13 EPS: New Formulation Ready for the Clinic in H1:14, Two Wnt7a Leads Picked for IND-Enabling Studies, Reiterate OUTPERFORM

- FATE reported pro forma EPS of (\$0.30) compared to our (\$0.33) estimate and ended the quarter with \$19.1 million. After including the proceeds from the IPO that closed in Q4:13, pro forma cash is \$59.1 million. Management stated that cash level is sufficient to fund operations until late 2015.
- Importantly, the company announced that it is on track to resume enrollment in H1:14 of 60 patients into the Phase II ProHema-03 trial. Seven of eight sites have already approved the clinical trial protocol amendment, and the company expects to utilize 10-12 sites to enroll 60 patients for its Phase II.
- Safety data will be available in 2014 after the first six and 12 patients have been treated, which should provide an early indication of efficacy in terms of neutrophil engraftment and survival. Final data is expected in mid-2015, and remains the major catalyst for FATE shares.
- FATE also announced the selection of two Wnt7a analogs for further preclinical evaluation to assess PK and safety profiles, with the intention to advance one into the clinic in 2015 for muscular dystrophy.
- Reiterate OUTPERFORM rating and \$14 price target. We arrive at our \$14 price target by applying a 6x multiple to an estimated \$380M in revenues in 2019, discounted by 35% annually.
- Risks to the achievement of our price target include failure to gain approval for ProHema, failure to achieve sales estimates for ProHema and failure to achieve earnings estimates.

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Price

\$5.16

Rating

OUTPERFORM

12-Month Price Target **\$14**

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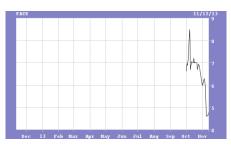
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Company Information	
Shares Outst (M)	20.4
Market Cap (M)	\$105.4
52-Wk Range	\$4.30 - \$9.19
Book Value/sh	\$-3.60
Cash/sh	\$2.65
Enterprise Value (M)	\$52.1
LT Debt/Cap %	-0.2
Cash Burn (M)	\$16.6

Company Description

Fate Therapeutics, Inc., is based in San Diego, California, and is focused on modulating the activity of adult stem cells used in stem cell transplants for the treatment of hematological cancers, rare diseases and muscular dystrophies.



Source: Thomson Reuters

FYE Dec	2013E		2014E			2015E	
REV	ACTUAL	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.
Q1 Mar		0.0E		\$0.0E	0.0E		\$0.0E
Q2 Jun	0.8A	0.0E		0.0E	0.0E		0.0E
Q3 Sep	0.2A	0.0E		0.0E	0.0E		0.0E
Q4 Dec	0.0E	0.0E		0.0E	0.0E		0.0E
Year*	1.0E	0.0E		\$0.0E	0.0E		\$16.7E
Change		-100%					
	2013E		2014E			2015E	
EPS	ACTUAL	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.
Q1 Mar		(\$0.29)E	(\$0.23)E	(\$0.36)E	(\$0.32)E	(\$0.26)E	N/AE
Q2 Jun	(\$7.41)A	(\$0.32)E	(\$0.26)E	(\$0.38)E	(\$0.33)E	(\$0.26)E	N/AE
Q3 Sep	(\$4.81)A	(\$0.34)E	(\$0.28)E	(\$0.38)E	(\$0.33)E	(\$0.27)E	N/AE
Q4 Dec	(\$0.28)E	(\$0.32)E	(\$0.26)E	(\$0.38)E	(\$0.32)E	(\$0.26)E	N/AE
Year*	(\$12.49)E	(\$1.27)E	(\$1.03)E	(\$1.30)E	(\$1.30)E	(\$1.05)E	(\$0.81)E
P/E							
Change		90%			-2%		

Consensus estimates are from Thomson First Call.

* Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

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Investment Thesis

Fate Therapeutics is a cell therapy company developing two product platforms that modulate the activity of adult stem cells for the treatment of rare diseases. One platform focuses on the *ex vivo* optimization of hematopoietic stem cells (HSC), and the other focuses on the *in vivo* activation of satellite stem cells (SSC). ProHema, the lead product from the HSC platform, is derived from modified umbilical cord blood (UCB) and should resume a Phase II trial in adult patients with hematological malignancies in H1:14 with an improved formulation relative to its Phase I/II study. ProHema is also in the preclinical stage for pediatric hematological malignancies and for certain lysosomal storage disorders (LSD). Fate's SSC platform is initially focused on analogs of Wnt7a proteins, which are in preclinical testing for muscular dystrophies and neuromuscular disorders.

11/13/2013 Ticker: (FATE:Nasdaq) Fate Therapeutics, Inc

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	2012	1H:13	Q3	Q4	2013E	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E
Revenues:											
US Product Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$43,180	\$181,224
ex-US Product Sales	\$0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,896	198,672
Grant Revenue	\$2,670		209	0	971	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	2,670	762	209	0	971	0	0	0	0	71,076	379,896
Cost and Expenses:											
Cost of Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,108	37,990
R&D	11,999	5,598	3,378	3,412	12,388	19,726	22,732	26,488	29,908	32,374	35,042
SG&A	4,228						9,027		10,045	41,189	97,432
Total Operating Expenses	16,227	8,387	5,357	5,411	19,155	28,129	31,759	35,905	39,954	80,670	170,464
Operating Income (Loss)	(13,557)	(7,625)	(5,148)	(5,411)	(18,184)	(28,129)	(31,759)	(35,905)	(39,954)	(9,594)	209,432
Net Interest Income (Expense)	(486)	(187)	0	(252)	(439)	1,320	1,410	1,540	347	156	2,009
Other non-operating Income (Expense)	(196)	(1,270)	(925)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Before Income Taxes	(14,239)	(9,082)	(6,073)	(5,663)	(18,623)	(26,809)	(30,349)	(34,365)	(39,606)	(9,438)	211,441
Provision for Income Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,090	11,206
Net Income (Loss)	(14,239)	(9,082)	(6,073)	(5,663)	(18,623)	(26,809)	(30,349)	(34,365)	(39,606)	(10,528)	200,234
Non-GAAP EPS	(13.21)	(0.74)	(4.81)	(0.28)	(1.04)	(1.19)	(1.26)	(1.42)	(1.56)	(0.43)	7.59
GAAP EPS	(13.06)	(7.41)	(4.81)	(0.28)	(12.49)	(1.27)	(1.30)	(1.40)	(1.59)	(0.42)	7.61
Total Shares Outstanding	1,090	12,490	1,263	20,425	20,425	23,000	24,540	24,560	25,825	26,306	26,306
Cash Burn	(13,274)	0	0	0	(16,622)	(29,542)	(31,461)	(35,564)	(39,621)	(13,395)	193,962
Cash Balance	9,087	21,313	19,082	54,034	54,034	53,714	58,915	24,890	20,868	6,185	190,197



Analyst Biography

David Nierengarten, Ph.D.

David is an Analyst covering stocks in the Biotechnology/Biopharmaceuticals/BioDefense sector. His prior sell-side research experience at Robert W. Baird & Co. covered biotechnology companies of all market capitalizations, with a focus on oncology and rare diseases.

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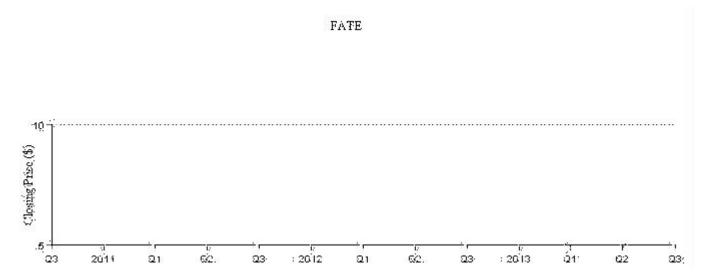
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