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FPRX: Antibody Production Agreement Should Help Accelerate Exploration of FPRX's Novel Immunotherapy Targets

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Sector Rating: Biotechnology, Market Weight

**Today (1/9) FPRX announced a research collaboration agreement with Adimab, a private company with a proprietary antibody technology platform. We had the opportunity to speak with senior management to get their perspectives on the deal.

**Under the agreement, Adimab will develop fully humanized monoclonal antibodies for FPRX's novel targets, initially focused on cancer immunotherapy. While the terms were not disclosed, FPRX will retain the rights to commercialize the antibodies and pay royalties and milestones to Adimab.

**While FPRX has its own internal antibody engineering program (using the traditional antibody manufacturing system) as well as the Fc-fusion "trap" technology, we believe the Adimab collaboration strengthens FPRX's high-throughput antibody discovery capabilities, which we believe is highly complementary to FPRX's discovery platform. Adimab's technology utilizes a yeast surface protein display system that is significantly more robust and quicker to generate fully humanized antibodies compared to the traditional B-cell hybridoma based technology.

**BOTTOM LINE: We believe the Adimab collaboration is highly complementary to FPRX's discovery platform and could expedite exploration of several novel targets within immune-oncology FPRX has discovered; while early stage, it could potentially lead to new cancer immunotherapies over the long term, as well as help form the foundation of an immuneoncology partnership with a larger pharma that further validates FPRX's technology platform. We continue to like FPRX based on the strong scientific platform and emerging portfolio.

Five Prime Therapeutics, Inc. (FPRX-NASDAQ)

Price as of 1/9/2014: \$17.95

FY 13 EPS: \$-5.49 FY 14 EPS: \$-1.78 Shares Out.: 16.8 MM Market Cap.: \$301.56 MM

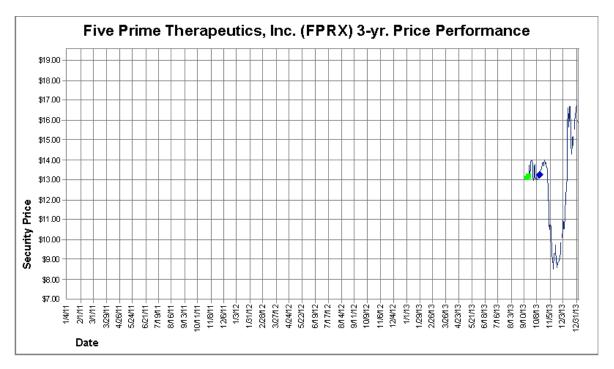
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	10/14/2013		Abrahams, M.D.			
•	10/14/2013	13.19	1	17.00	19.00	13.25

Source: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC estimates and Reuters data

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