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# **Epizyme (EPZM)**

# EPZ-5676's Clinical Activity Emerges with Longer Duration of Therapy and CELG Pays \$25M as a Result of POC

- EPZM announced that the DOT1L inhibitor EPZ-5676 met a proof of concept milestone that triggered a \$25M payment from Celgene. This announcement suggests that patients with MLL gene translocations (currently 2 patients) exposed to a higher dose of EPZ-5676 for a longer duration (than the disappointing interim data from November 2013) realized an objective response.
- EPZM retains U.S. rights to EPZ-5676 and Celgene has exclusive license outside of U.S.
- We believe the objective response to EPZ-5676 is an important milestone for the company as it is both validating for the Dot1L target and the family of histone methyltransferases that Epizyme's drugs target.
- Enrollment of the 5<sup>th</sup> cohort of patients with translocations of the MLL gene (MLL-r) with the modified uninterrupted administration is ongoing and likely to be the source of additional positive data as higher doses of EPZ-5676 are explored. EPZM plans to present data from this EPZ-5676 Phase I study at a medical conference this year.
- The company anticipates up to five POC clinical trials in 2014: EPZ-5676 studies in the adult MLL-r expansion stage, MLL-r pediatric patients, and partial tandem duplication MLL adult patients; first in class EZH2 inhibitor EPZ-6438 studies in the non-Hodgkin lymphoma adult patients and pediatric and young adult patients with synovial sarcomas (pending completion of the ongoing EPZ-6438 Phase I study).
- The company adjusted its YE:13 cash and account receivables guidance to approximately \$145M from \$115M. We adjusted our model to reflect the Q4:13 milestone payments with a YE:13 cash and account receivables of \$147M.
- Reiterate OUTPERFORM rating and \$37 price target. Our price target of \$37/share is derived from applying 8x and 15x multiples to our 2019 estimated sales and royalty revenues, respectively, discounted by 35% annually (fully-diluted share count, assumes an increase of 2 million additional shares for future financings). We note that with positive data, a decline in our discount rate from 35% per year to 20% per year yields a potential value in 12 months of \$66/share.

FYE Dec	2012A	2013E			2014E					
REV	ACTUAL	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.			
Q1 Mar		\$8.9A		N/AA	\$0.0E		\$12.1E			
Q2 Jun		14.8A		14.8A	0.0E		12.1E			
Q3 Sep		8.4E		8.4E	25.0E		18.8E			
Q4 Dec		10.0E		5.9E	15.0E		23.4E			
Year*	\$45.2A	\$42.2E		\$40.6E	\$40.0E		\$64.8E			
Change		-7%			-5%					
	2012A		2013E			2014E				
EPS	ACTUAL	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.	CURR.	PREV.	CONS.			
Q1 Mar		(\$4.19)A		N/AA	(\$0.70)E	(\$0.68)E	(\$0.28)E			
Q2 Jun		(0.25)A		(0.25)A	(0.72)E	(0.71)E	(0.26)E			
Q3 Sep		(0.34)E		(0.34)E	0.12E	0.13E	0.01E			
Q4 Dec		(0.33)E		(0.41)E	(0.26)E	(0.25)E	0.08E			
Year*	(\$0.03)A	(\$5.11)E		(\$1.75)E	(\$1.56)E	(\$1.52)E	(\$1.08)E			
P/E										
Change		-15515%			69%					

Consensus estimates are from Thomson First Call.

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Price

\$20.50

Rating

# **OUTPERFORM**

12-Month Price Target \$37

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Company Information	
Shares Outst (M)	28.4
Market Cap (M)	\$582.6
52-Wk Range	\$18.10 - \$45.72
Book Value/sh	\$3.07
Cash/sh	\$4.33
Enterprise Value (M)	\$459.5
LT Debt/Cap %	0.0
Cash Burn (M)	\$15.4

# **Company Description**

Epizyme, Inc. is based in Cambridge, MA and is focused on the development of histone methyltransferase inhibitors in genetically defined cancers. The company has two candidates in Phase I testing: EPZ-5676 for MLL-r AML and ALL and EPZ-6438 for a subtype of NHL.



Source: Thomson Reuters

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<sup>\*</sup> Numbers may not add up due to rounding.



- FDA granted EPZ-5676 orphan drug designation in May 2013 and the European Medicines Agency's Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products recommended orphan drug designation to the European Commission in December 2013.
- Risks to the achievement of our price target include clinical, regulatory or market failure for EPZ-5676 and/or EPZ-6438.

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Ticker: (EPZM:Nasdaq) Epizyme, Inc



**Epizyme, Inc (EPZM)**in thousands except per share data

	2012A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4E	2013E	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Revenues:													
Net Product Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$78,726	\$324,500	\$519,702	\$644,826
Other Revenues	\$0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,453	45,565	72,180	89,834
Royalties	\$45,222	8,882	14,839	8,444	10,000	42,165	40,000	25,000	40,000	60,000		0	0
Total Revenues	45,222	8,882	14,839	8,444	0	42,165	40,000	25,000	40,000	149,180	370,065	591,882	734,660
Cost and Expenses:													
Cost of Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,936	16,225	25,985	32,241
R&D	38,482	13,361	13,937	14,584	15,313	57,195	67,628	75,312	81,521	88,240	95,514	103,388	111,910
SG&A	7,508	2,998	3,079	3,587	3,648	13,312	16,111	18,390	21,917	44,342	96,092	137,084	163,360
Total Operating Expenses	45,990	16,359	17,016	18,171	18,961	70,507	83,739	93,702	103,438	136,519	207,831	266,457	307,512
Operating Income (Loss)	(768)	(7,477)	(2,177)	(9,727)	(18,961)	(28,342)	(43,739)	(68,702)	(63,438)	12,661	162,234	325,425	427,149
Net Interest Income (Expense)/Other Income	67	(20)	(142)	23	(412)	(551)	(687)	(1,078)	(1,067)	(2,740)	(1,771)	2,488	4,810
Income Before Income Taxes	(701)	(7,497)	(2,319)	(9,704)	(19,373)	(28,893)	(44,425)	(69,780)	(64,505)	9,920	160,463	327,913	431,959
Provision for Income Taxes	1	0	0	0	0	0	182	73	0	2,056	8,505	127,886	168,464
Net Income (Loss)	(702)	(7,497)	(2,319)	(9,704)	(19,373)	(28,893)	(44,607)	(69,853)	(64,505)	7,865	151,959	200,027	263,495
GAAP EPS	(0.03)	(4.19)	(0.25)	(0.34)	(0.33)	(5.11)	(1.57)	(2.33)	(2.10)	0.25	4.92	6.46	8.48
Total Shares Outstanding	21,448	1,791	9,146	28,406	28,431	16,946	28,494	29,581	30,669	30,769	30,869	30,969	31,069
Cash Burn	44,154					(27,784)	(43,600)	(68,999)	(63,788)	8,640	153,068	201,485	265,273
Cash Balance	97,981	85,047	148,689	139,575	113,936	113,936	98,540	122,875	58,536	54,736	155,903	315,600	375,945
Source: Wedhush PacCrow Life Sciences													

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# Analyst Biography

Gregory Wade, Ph.D.

Greg is a Managing Director and joined Wedbush in March 2009 from Pacific Growth Equities where he was a Senior Research Analyst covering emerging Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology companies. He started at Pacific Growth in February 2000 as a Research Associate and became an Analyst in 2004. Prior to Pacific Growth Equities, Greg was a Director in the business development group at ISIS Pharmaceuticals and prior to that was with Procyon BioPharma in London, Canada. While completing his Ph.D. in Physiology at the University of Western Ontario Greg worked as an Associate at the venture capital company Helix Investments Canada where he focused on early stage investments in life science companies.

Greg's team includes Dr. David Nierengarten (Analyst) and Dr. Christopher Marai (Analyst) and together they cover 40+ companies focused on antibiotics, rare diseases, prostate cancer, hematology/oncology, gastrointestinal disorders, vaccines, biodefense and drug/device combinations.

Greg's Edge: Greg's edge comes from the breadth and duration of his tenure on the sell-side. Coverage of more than 70 different companies over 14 years provides him with a measured perspective, and industry, and key opinion leader contacts help to inform his view.

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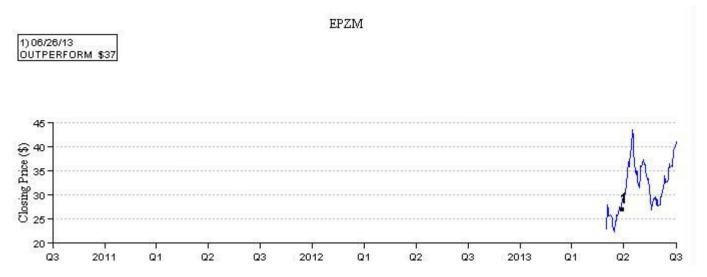
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