

SCYNEXIS, Inc. (SCYX)

Disappointing Loss of Anti-fungal Expert Partially Mitigated by New CEO

MARKET DATA

Price	\$9.94
52-Week Range:	\$5.10 - \$15.00
Shares Out. (M):	8.5
Market Cap (\$M):	\$84.5
Average Daily Vol. (000):	8.0
Cash (M):	\$34
LT Debt (M):	\$0

Source: Thomson Reuters and JMP Securities LLC

MARKET OUTPERFORM | Price: \$9.94 | Target Price: \$15.00

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Disappointing loss of anti-fungal expert partially mitigated by new CEO; reiterate our Market Outperform rating and \$15 price target on Scynexis, based on a risk-adjusted, discounted cash flow analysis. Dr. Carole Sable, Scynexis' CMO and world class anti-fungal expert, has resigned, and will join a small, early-stage biotechnology company that may or may not be a future competitor to Scynexis. This morning, we spoke to Dr. Sable, who relayed that she leaves behind a competent team and intact development program as she transitions to her new role. While we are disappointed with this news, we are pleased that Dr. Marco Taglietti, appointed to the company's BOD in early December, has been named CEO. We spoke to Dr. Taglietti today and believe his rich background, as former CMO of Forest labs (now Actavis), Head of Global Research and development at Stiefel Labs and VP, Worldwide Clinical Research for Anti-infectives at Schering-Plough Corporation, will bring important drug development expertise to the company.

FY DEC	2013A	2014E	2015E
Revenue (\$M) 1Q	--	\$4.7A	--
2Q	--	\$4.6A	--
3Q	--	\$4.4A	--
4Q	--	\$3.7	--
FY	\$16.9	\$17.4	\$14.8
EPS 1Q	--	(\$6.57)A	--
2Q	--	\$0.36A	--
3Q	--	(\$0.45)A	--
4Q	--	(\$0.68)	--
FY	(\$0.14)	(\$1.56)	(\$1.99)

Source: Company reports and JMP Securities LLC

STOCK PRICE PERFORMANCE



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Company Description

Scynexis is a development-stage pharmaceutical company based in Durham, NC with a focus on anti-infectives. The lead drug candidate for the company is SCY-078, which, if successful, would be the first non-azole anti-fungal with both IV and oral formulations.

Investment Risks

Clinical risk. Although efficacy of SCY-078 has been demonstrated in animal models, it has not yet been proven in humans. There is risk that the proof-of-concept study will not show efficacy compared to other classes of antifungals. It is also possible that the doses chosen for the first study will not be the optimal doses of SCY-078. SCY-078 was well tolerated in healthy volunteers; however, we do not yet know if this will translate to patients, especially with a preclinical signal of degradation of the stomach lining in animals. Scynexis is also preparing an IV form of SCY-078; however, this formulation has not yet been tested in humans and therefore, its viability is not yet known.

Regulatory risk. SCY-078 has QIDP status, however, this does not guarantee approval. Changes in FDA guidance could delay the path for SCY-078 to reach the market.

Commercial risk. SCY-078 will be launched into the hospital market where formulary access can be slow and launches tend to be sluggish. In the hospital setting, there is competition from other classes of antifungals that are already entrenched. There are many generics available in this setting that can also make it difficult for Scynexis to gain share with SCY-078.

Sector risk. Valuation of pharmaceutical stocks is subject to both investor assessments of the prospects of the underlying companies as well as investor tolerance for risk and confidence in the prospects of pharmaceutical stocks as a group. Therefore, Scynexis' stock price may fall, even while the company meets or exceeds investor expectations.

Patent risk. SCY-078 is covered by a composition of matter patent and QIDP protection. However, after 10 years exclusivity of QIDP has expired, patents for SCY-078 can be challenged. At this time, there are patent applications pending to strengthen the position of SCY-078; however, they may not be awarded.

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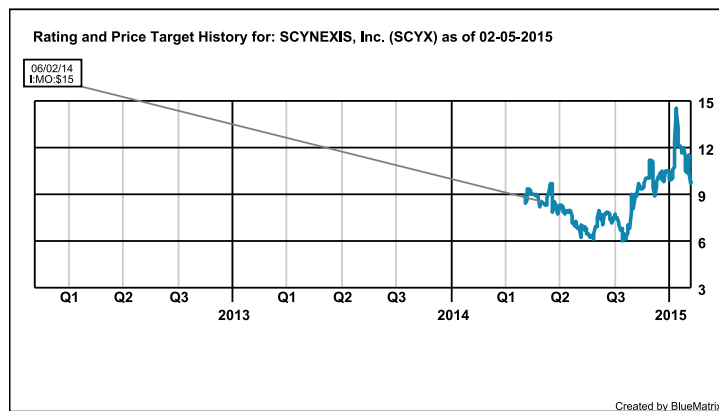
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				Regulatory Equivalent	# Co's Under Coverage	% of Total	% of Co's With This Rating	
MARKET OUTPERFORM	Buy	283	63.31%	Buy	283	63.31%	94	33.22%
MARKET PERFORM	Hold	153	34.23%	Hold	153	34.23%	20	13.07%
MARKET UNDERPERFORM	Sell	8	1.79%	Sell	8	1.79%	0	0%
COVERAGE IN TRANSITION		1	0.22%		1	0.22%	0	0%
TOTAL:		447	100%		447	100%	116	25.95%

Stock Price Chart of Rating and Target Price Changes:

Note: First annotation denotes initiation of coverage or 3 years, whichever is shorter. If no target price is listed, then the target price is N/A. In accordance with NASD Rule 2711, the chart(s) below reflect(s) price range and any changes to the rating or price target as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter. The action reflected in this note is not annotated in the stock price chart. Source: JMP Securities.



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