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**Healthcare: Biotechnology** 

# Retrophin, Inc. | RTRX - \$11.74 - NASDAQ | Non-Covered

## **Dropping Coverage**

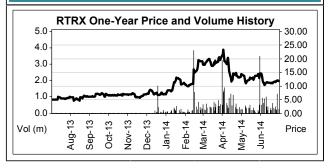
Estimates Changed, Rating Changed, Target Price Changed

Stock Data	
52-Week Low - High	\$4.50 - \$24.25
Shares Out. (mil)	25.49
Mkt. Cap.(mil)	\$299.3
3-Mo. Avg. Vol.	576,374
12-Mo.Price Target	NA
Cash (mil)	\$5.0
Tot. Debt (mil)	\$80.0
Est. 3Yr. EPS Growth	NA

EPS \$			
Yr Dec	<b>—2013</b> —	2014E	—2015E—
		Curr	Curr
1Q	(0.44)A	(3.03)A	-
2Q	(0.41)A	NA	-
3Q	(0.71)A	NA	-
4Q	(0.85)A	NA	-
YEAR	(2.38)A	NA	NA
P/E	NM		

Quarterly EPS may not add to full year based on increases in share count and rounding

Revenue (\$ millions)						
Yr Dec	<b>—2013</b> —	—2014E—	—2015E—			
		Curr	Curr			
1Q	0.0A	0.0A	-			
2Q	0.0A	NA	-			
3Q	0.0A	NA	-			
4Q	0.0A	NA	-			
YEAR	0.0A	NA	NA			



# **RTRX: Dropping Coverage**

We are dropping coverage of Retrophin, Inc. (RTRX) as we are focusing our efforts elsewhere in the biotechnology sector.

Prior to dropping coverage, shares of RTRX were Buy rated with a \$39 price target.

Effective with this note, prior estimates, rating and price target should not be relied upon.

## **VALUATION**

NA

### **RISKS**

NA

### **COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

Retrophin, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, engages in the discovery, development, and commercialization of orphan drugs for the treatment of rare and life-threatening diseases. The company develops treatments for Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), Pantothenate Kinase-Associated Neurodegeneration (PKAN), Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and other catastrophic diseases. Its products include RE-021, a small molecule angiotensin receptor blocker and selective endothelin receptor antagonist for the treatment of FSGS; and RE-024, a drug that restores the disruption in the biochemical Coenzyme A pathway caused by the nonfunctioning PANK2 encoded enzyme. The company also develops RE-001, a recombinant fusion protein that substitutes the dystrophin that is lacking in DMD patients; and RE-003, an investigational agent for spinal muscular atrophy. The company was founded in 2011 and is based in New York, New York.

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Neutral [N]	24	10.43	9	37.50
Sell [S]	1	0.43	0	0
Under Review [UR]	23	10.00	14	60.87

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