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## Flash Comment



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Biotechnology

## CNCE: Interesting Potential Mechanistic Correlates For CTP-499 Presented In Full Ph.II Data Today

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Sector Rating: Biotechnology, Market Weight

- \*\*Today, CNCE presented full 48-week data from the ph.II of CTP-499 study in diabetic kidney disease at the National Kidney Foundation's (NKF) Spring Clinical Meeting.
- \*\*Much of the efficacy and safety data had already been disclosed by the company; recall that the ph.II had missed its primary 24-week endpoint but had shown some signals suggestive of renal function benefits, particularly with longer data.
- \*\*New biomarker data revealed at the conference showed that CTP-499 significantly lowers plasma collagen IV and urine fibronectin, two prespecified fibrosis biomarkers, over 48 weeks, compared to placebo. This is suggestive of a mechanism by which '499 might reduce sclerotic/fibrotic changes in the kidney, particularly with patients in more clinically advanced disease. Such a mechanism could also explain why effects were more apparent in long-term 48-week follow-up versus the 24-week initial segment of the trial. While causality is not completely certain given some of the complexities, we note that this does align with some recent animal data also suggesting an antifibrotic mechanism on kidneys, and in the context of UACR and serum creatinine demonstrating similar directional changes, incrementally increases the likelihood '499 is having real treatment effects.
- \*\*BOTTOM LINE: We continue to like CNCE based on '354 for neurology indications, the broad applicability of its deuteration platform, and the considerable opportunity for '499 if the drug is ultimately successful, and see today's data as incrementally increasing the likelihood '499 may be having a real treatment effect-setting the company up solidly for nearterm regulatory and partnership discussions.

**Concert Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (CNCE-NASDAQ)** 

Price as of 4/25/2014: \$8.83

FY 14 EPS: \$-1.71 FY 15 EPS: \$-0.66 Shares Out.: o.o MM Market Cap.: \$0.0 MM

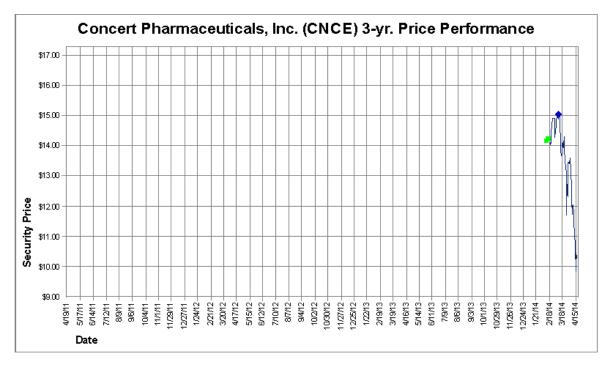
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	3/10/2014	Abrahams, M.D.				
•	3/10/2014	14.88	1	21.00	23.00	15.03

Source: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC estimates and Reuters data

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