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ELEVEN BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.

1Q14 EPS: Pipeline Progressing on Track

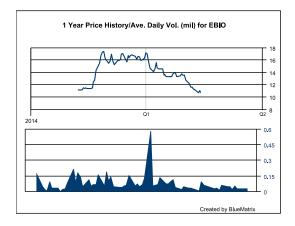
- Bottom Line: This morning, EBIO reported 1Q14 financial results which were relatively in-line on sales (\$0.6m vs. our \$0m) and slightly worse of our 1Q cash burn (-\$7.7m vs. our -\$5.8m). The top-line contribution included collaboration from Thrombogenics from an upfront payment that should amortize over 30-months. Other key updates included (1) enrollment of the EBI-005 allergic conjunctivitis (AC) trial has completed and the company remains on track to report top-line Phase 2 data by 4Q'14; (2) cash runway was shortened slightly, to 1Q'16 (from 2H'16). We are only making slight tweaks to our 2014 quarterly forecasts, adding in collaboration revenue from Thrombogenics and slightly increasing our G&A in the next few yrs. We remain OP; we are reducing our price target to \$19/shr (from \$24) to reflect a higher discount rate due to a generally greater risk aversion in the market.
- Allergic conjunctivitis offers investors a near-term catalyst. While investor focus on EBIO centers on EBI-005 Phase 3 data in dry eye, EBIO also plans to have proof-of-concept data for '005 in allergic conjunctivitis later this year. The study is powered to show a statistically significant response on the primary endpoint of ocular itching. Mgmt has noted that they believe pts with chronic inflammation tend to have the same mechanism as dry eye, which was the impetus for bringing '005 forward in AC. As we noted in our initiation, the AC opportunity could be substantial with target pts (those refractory to anti-histamines and mast cell stabilizers) making up an est 5-20% of all AC patients (~500k-2m pts) who currently get treated with steroids.
- · No major updates on EBI-005 for dry eye disease. EBIO continues to enroll pts in its first Phase 3 study looking at EBI-005 for treatment of dry eye disease; top-line data are still expected by early 2015. On the CC, mgmt stated: timing & nature of second Phase 3 will be determined once the first pivotal study reads out. Based on improved understanding of the pathophysiology of dry eye, we believe EBI-005 (inhibits IL-1) targets key cytokines in the inflammatory cascade that exacerbate dry eye improving the drug's odds of Phase 3 success.
- · Cash burn is a touch ahead of prior plan, but positive clinical data would put EBIO in a position of strength at time of next financing. This qtr, EBIO updated that it expects to have sufficient cash (\$54m end of 1Q) to get to 1Q'16, which is pre-BLA. On the CC, mgmt stated that if AC and dry eye studies are both positive then in 2015 they will consider all sources of funding, including non-dilutive financing. In our view - if EBIO needs to raise capital again, it will presumably have two positive Ph. 3 datasets for the dry eye, so the company would be dealing from a position of strength and we don't anticipate such a cap raise being dilutive to current shareholders.



S&P 600 Health Care Index:	1,213.11
Price:	\$10.66
Price Target:	\$19.00 from \$24.00
Methodology:	

DCF analysis, 17.5% WACC 52 Week High: \$19.33 52 Week Low: \$10.00 Shares Outstanding (mil): 15.4

Market Capitalization (mil): \$164.2 Book Value/Share: \$0.00 Cash Per Share: \$3.50 Dividend (ann): \$0.00 Dividend Yield: 0.0%



Dec Yr	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	FY Rev	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	FY EPS	P/E
2013A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(\$0.08)	(\$0.09)	(\$0.09)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.39)	NM
2014E - New	0.6A	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	(\$0.80)A	(\$0.47)	(\$0.48)	(\$0.45)	(\$2.04)	NM
2014E - Old	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(\$0.36)	(\$0.48)	(\$0.56)	(\$0.56)	(\$1.96)	NM
2015E - New					0.6	İ				(\$1.53)	NM
2015E - Old					0.0	ļ				(\$1.44)	NM

Source: Company Information and Leerink Partners LLC Research

Revenues in MM



INVESTMENT THESIS

We rate EBIO shares Outperform. We expect that EBIO shares will appreciate upon receipt of Ph. 3 top-line data for EBI-005 for treatment of dry eye disease, most likely in early 2015. The market for dry eye disease therapy is large and there remains a paucity of topical anti-inflammatory drugs that are both potent and tolerable. Based on improved understanding of the pathophysiology of dry eye, EBI-005 was developed to inhibit IL-1, which if left unchecked will promote expression of the other key inflammatory factors that exacerbate dry eye. Lastly, '005 has the potential to be a very long-tailed asset, with pending patents projected to expire in 2034 and 005 could enjoy additional exclusivity owing to the fact that it is a biologic.

CHANGES TO MODEL

EPS & Total Sales Forecasts (2014-19E) (\$MM, except per share data)

Total Sales Forecasts 2014-18E										
	2013	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E			
New	0.82	1	1	-	36	112	180			
Old	0.82				36	112	180			
Difference	-	1	1	-	-	-	-			
		Tota	al EPS Fore	casts 2014-	18E					
	2013	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E			
New	(\$0.39)	(\$2.04)	(\$1.53)	(\$1.57)	(\$2.89)	\$0.54	\$3.19			
Old	(0.39)	(1.96)	(1.44)	(1.45)	(2.89)	0.54	3.19			
Difference	-	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.13)	-	-	-			

Source: Leerink estimates;

VALUATION

Our ~\$19 price target on EBIO shares is based on our risk-adjusted DCF through 2034 discounted at 17.5% WACC. Using our sales forecasts and applying a 5x multiple to 2023 sales (year of peak market share) discounted back 9 periods at 17.5% WACC & 55% Probability of Success (POS) translates to \$19. Our current valuation is solely predicated on EBI-005 for dry eye and we view label expansion to allergic conjunctivitis as upside.

RISKS TO VALUATION

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EBIO Annual P&L Summary (Adj. Basis) EBIO Annual Product Summary

(figures in \$m, except per share data)

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	2012A	2013	1Q14	2Q14E	3Q14E	4Q14E	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026	19-24E
EBI-005 (IL-1 blockade; dry eye disease) EBI-005 (IL-1 blockade; allergic conjunctivitis) Collaboration revenue	-	0.8	- - 0.6	- - 0.1	- - 0.1	- 0.2	1.0	0.6	-	36	112	180	265	367	465	562	583	605	628	27%
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Total Rev (MM)		0.8	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	1	-	36 nm	112 208%	180 61%	265 47%	367 39%	465 27%	562 21%	583 4%	605 4%	628 4%	27%
% y/y growth	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na											
COGS % of sales		0%	-	-	-	-	0%	0%	- nm	5 15%	13 12%	18 <i>10%</i>	26 10%	37 10%	47 10%	56.2 10%	58.3 10%	60.5 10%	62.8 10%	27%
	nm		na	na	na	na														070/
Gross Income % of net sales	nm	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0 100.0%	0.6 100.0%	- nm	31 85.0%	98 88.0%	162 90.0%	238 90.0%	331 90.0%	419 90.0%	505.4 90.0%	524.7 90.0%	544.8 90.0%	565.6 90.0%	27%
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EBI-005 clinical development costs Employee costs & other study costs	8.7 6.6	7.6 6.5	4.1 1.7	5.0 1.7	5.5 1.5	5.4 1.6	20.0 6.5	15.0 6.5	15.0 6.8	8.0 7.2	2.0 7.5	2.0 7.9	2.0 8.3	2.0 8.7	2.0 9.1	2.0 9.6	2.0 10.1	2.0 10.6	2.0 11.1	0% 5%
Other programs	-	-	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.0	-	-	-	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	370
Total R&D	15.3	14.1	5.8	6.7	7.0	7.0	26.5	21.5	21.8	18.2	13.5	14.9	15.3	15.7	16.1	16.6	17.1	17.6	18.1	3%
% of sales	nm	nm	na	na	na	na	2718%	3583%	nm	50%	12%	8%	6%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	
G&A	4.2	3.5	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.3	6.0	6.2	6.6	17.5	20.0	21.4	22.9	24.5	26.2	28.1	30.0	32.1	34.4	7%
% of sales	nm	422%	na	na	na	na	615%	1033%	nm	48%	18%	12%	9%	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Sales reps cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	26	28	29	30	32	34	35	37	39	5%
Marketing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	28	29	31	32	34	36	38	39	41	5%
Total S&M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	54	57	60	63	66	69	73	76	80	5%
Total operating expenses	19.5	17.6	7.8	8.0	8.5	8.2	32.5	27.7	28.5	90.7	87.8	93.3	98.0	103.0	108.3	113.9	119.8	126.0	132.6	
Operating (loss)/gain	(19.5)	(16.8)	(7.2)	(7.9)	(8.4)	(8.1)	(31.5)	(27.1)	(28.5)	(59.8)	10.6	68.5	140.1	227.7	310.4	391.5	404.9	418.8	433.0	43%
% of sales	nm	nm	na	na	na	na	-3233%	-4517%	nm	-164%	10%	38%	53%	62%	67%	70%	69%	69%	69%	
Net financial expense	(0.2)	(8.0)	(0.0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	58%
Pre-tax Income	(19.7)	(17.5)	(7.2)	(8.0)	(8.7)	(8.3)	(32.2)	(27.8)	(29.2)	(60.5)	11.6	69.5	142.1	230.7	314.4	396.5	414.9	429.8	445.0	43%
% Pre-tax Margin	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	-166.3%	10.4%	38.7%	53.7%	62.8%	67.6%	70.6%	71.2%	71.0%	70.8%	
Taxes (benefit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	110	139	145	150	156	na
% Tax rate	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	
Preferred stock dividends	(3.1)	(3.6)	(1)		_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	-	
Net Income/(loss) (MM)	(23)	(21)	(7.7)	(8)	(9)	(8)	(32)	(28)	(29)	(60)	12	70	142	150	204	258	270	279	289	31%
% of net sales	NM	NM	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M	NM	nm	nm	-166.3%	10.4%	38.7%	53.7%	40.8%	43.9%	45.9%	46.3%	46.1%	46.0%	
Basic & Diluted EPS Y/Y	(\$0.50) NM	(\$0.39) NM	(\$0.80)	(\$0.47)	(\$0.48)	(\$0.45)	(\$2.04) NM	(\$1.53) NM	(\$1.57) NM	(\$2.89) 83%	\$0.54 -119%	\$3.19 <i>486%</i>	\$6.39 100%	\$6.62 3%	\$8.84 34%	\$10.93 24%	\$11.21 3%	\$11.38 2%	\$11.56 2%	29%
Weighted Avg Basic & Diluted Shares (MM) % growth	45.2 NM	54.2 20%	9.6	17.1	18.2	18.3	15.8 -71%	18.2 15%	18.5 2%	20.9 13%	21.4 2%	21.8 2%	22.2 2%	22.7 2%	23.1 2%	23.6 2%	24.1 2%	24.5 2%	25.0 2%	2%

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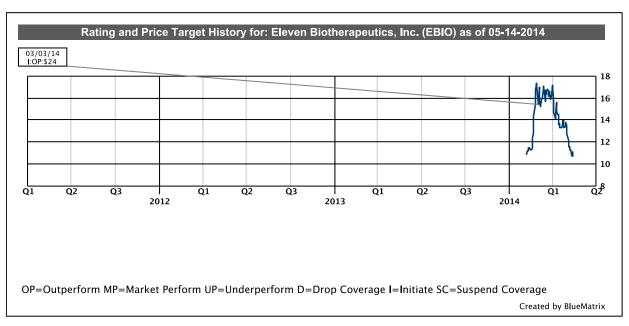
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Valuation

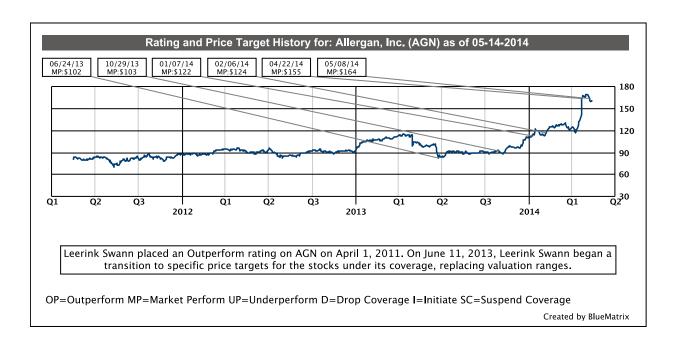
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