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# Flash Comment



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# ALDR: Quick Take From The 2014 Wells Fargo Healthcare Conference

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Sector Rating: Biotechnology, Market Weight

\*\*SUMMARY: We hosted ALDR management this afternoon (6/17) in a fireside chat at our healthcare conference. ALDR reviewed highlights of their programs in migraine (ALD403) and RA/PsA (Clazakizumab), and strategic motivations for their antibody discovery and manufacturing platforms, and we continue to believe the potential opportunity for their programs is underappreciated.

\*\*ALDR reviewed the CGRP approach to migraine, both in terms of the biology and the positive data they recently reported for '403. Given the increasingly crowded space, ALDR hopes to gain a potential competitive advantage by generating data on both IV and SC formulations. Notably, the company did say that they are looking towards potentially conducting a SC '403 study in parallel with (rather than after) the next dose-ranging IV study -- something we believe will enable them to maximize their potential options with the program. Recall SC had good bioavailability.

\*\*ALDR sees Clazakizumab, their partnered RA/PsA program with BMY, as differentiated from other offerings in the space by having effects on the key biology in these diseases, which stems from IL-6; we believe some of this was manifested in the higher remission rates seen relative to Humira in the ph.IIb. The company noted that while the ongoing additional doseranging study is testing a more severe population, the TNF-failure population might actually better elicit the differences between the doses important for moving into ph.III.

\*\*The company highlighted their cost-efficient yeast manufacturing platform and their ability to pursue large addressable patient populations with antibodies.

Alder Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (ALDR-NASDAQ)

Price as of 6/17/2014: \$18.30

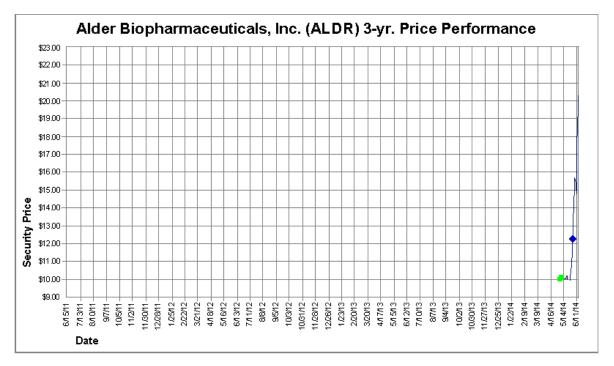
FY 14 EPS: \$-1.00 FY 15 EPS: \$-0.15 Shares Out.: 29.9 MM Market Cap.: \$547.17 MM

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	6/2/2014		Abrahams, M.D.			
•	6/2/2014	10.74	1	22.00	24.00	12.26

Source: Wells Fargo Securities, LLC estimates and Reuters data

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**ALDR:** Risks include emergence of a safety signal, and competition in the migraine/RA spaces.

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