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Price: \$10.05 (03/16/2015) **Price Target: \$23.00**

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Key Data

NASDAQ: AKAO Symbol 52-Week Range: \$19.69 - 7.72 Market Cap (MM): \$178.5 Net Debt (MM): \$(4.1) Cash/Share: \$27.33 Dil Shares Out (MM): 178 Enterprise Value (MM): \$106.4 ROIC NA ROE (LTM): NA BV/Share: \$3.85 Dividend: NA

FY (Dec)	2014A	2015E	2016E
Earnings Per Sha	are		
Q1	\$(1.00)	\$(0.19)	_
Prior Q1	-	-	-
Q2	\$(0.20)	\$(0.27)	_
Prior Q2	-	-	-
Q3	\$(0.47)	\$(0.32)	_
Prior Q3	-	-	-
Q4	\$(0.27)	\$(0.18)	-
Prior Q4	\$(0.47)	\$0.00	-
Year	\$(1.42)	\$(0.96)	\$(1.30)
Prior Year	\$(1.67)	\$(0.78)	\$(1.04)
P/E	NM	NM	NM
Consensus EPS	\$(1.42)	\$(1.08)	\$(1.14)
Consensus source: T	homson Reuters	3	

Revenue (MM)

Year	\$20.0	\$28.0	\$23.0
Prior Year	\$22.6	-	-
EV/S	5.3x	3.8x	4.6x

Earnings Update

4Q14: Looking At A Year Of Execution Of The Ongoing Ph3

The Cowen Insight

2015 will be a key year in which AKAO will have to execute on enrollment of its Ph3 plazomicin CRE superiority trial. The company is also continuing talks with FDA on how to expand enrollment and still maintain trial integrity. We expect an update on these talks in 2Q15 as US legislation to improve novel in-patient gram-negative antibiotics reimbursement continues to advance.

4Q14 Financial Highlights

AKAO reported a net loss of (\$4.9MM) versus our (\$6.9MM) and consensus of (\$6.1MM). Reported (\$0.27) EPS was lower than our (\$0.47) and consensus (\$0.33) estimate. AKAO has approximately \$63.7MM in cash and equivalents as of YE14 which means AKAO should have sufficient cash to fund operations into 2017.

Boosting Enrollment Timelines In The Ph3 Plazomicin CRE Superiority Trial Remains Key; KOLs Positive on Trial Chances

Enrollment in plazomicin's Ph3 CRE superiority study continues to be more modest than AKAO expectations, we believe. Nevertheless, we think the company has options that could expand enrollment criteria (while preserving and formally modifying the existing FDA SPA) and increase the enrollment rate of the trial. We think AKAO could expand enrollment to CRE HAP (not just VAP) and allow patients with colistin resistant infection into the trial. We think these infections would have similar mortality, and therefore not impact the powering of the primary endpoint of mortality reduction. Infectious disease specialists we surveyed as part of our recent Cowen Health Care Conference Antibiotics panel were incrementally positive of the chances of this trial, with a greater than 50% weighted average estimated chance of success. Surveyed specialists also believe colistin is a poor treatment option with reasonable efficacy against CRE but unacceptable side effects, underscoring the need for new treatment options for CRE.

DISARM Act Could Fundamentally Change In-Patient Antibiotic Reimbursement for Gram Negative Infections

We note there is legislation currently working its way through Congress that would decouple reimbursement for in-patient novel antibiotics (particularly those for serious gram-negative infections) from the DRG reimbursement bundle. This could make these new, premium priced antibiotics profit-centers rather than cost-centers for hospitals. However experts on our conference panel noted that despite changes in reimbursement, ID specialists would continue to use new antibiotics in second-line or later treatment, in an effort to reserve potency. Nevertheless, the DISARM legislation, which could pass this year, would allow for significantly more pricing and hospital formulary flexibility for plazomicin and other drug candidates, things that were significant commercial hurdles for previous novel antibiotics regardless of unmet medical need or improved profile.





Our Investment Thesis

Plazomycin is Achaogen's Phase 3 novel modified aminoglycoside antibiotic that we think has significant clinical promise for treatment of resistant gram negative strains including CRE (carbapenem resistant enterobacteriaceae). The drug has shown impressive activity in a number of serious infection types caused by different resistant gram-negative pathogens. Data suggests even better activity than standard of care, which we think may lead to better clinical outcomes such as improved survival, shorter ICU time and shorter hospital stays.

Base Case Assumptions

- Plazomicin receives FDA approval for CRE based on positive data from the Phase 3 clinical trial and is launched in the U.S. in 2H18
- Plazomicin receives EMA approval for CRE based on positive data from the Phase 3 clinical trial and is launched in the U.S. in 2H19
- Achaogen is able to secure good premium pricing for plazomicin in the CRE market

Upside Scenario

- Achaogen is acquired at or before positive data from its Phase III clinical trial
- Plazomicin is approved based on smaller supplementary trial even before current Ph3 pivotal completes
- Plazomicin achieves faster than expected market penetration

Forthcoming Catalysts

- Initiation of the supportive efficacy trial in 1H15
- First and second interim analyses in the pivotal Phase III clinical trial in 1H16 and 1H17, respectively
- Initiation of the safety study after the first interim analysis

Downside Scenario

- Plazomicin fails to meet the superiority primary endpoint in the pivotal study in spite of strong in vitro and preclinical data
- Achaogen is unable to price plazomicin at a premium or receives strong pushback from payers

Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Company Description

Achaogen is developing novel antibiotics for the treatment of multi-drug resistant (MDR) Gram-negative bacterial infections. The lead product candidate plazomicin, a next-generation aminoglycoside antibiotic, is in a pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial for bloodstream infections and nosocomial pneumonia caused by carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE). Achaogen has received an SPA from the FDA, as well as a grant of approximately \$60MM from BARDA, for the pivotal study. The study was initiated in 1Q14 and top-line data are expected in 2017. Achaogen has completed a Phase II clinical trial of plazomicin in cUTI and the drug candidate demonstrated non-inferiority to active comparator levofloxacin. *In vitro* and preclinical studies suggest that plazomicin will be efficacious in treating CRE infections and if the pivotal study succeeds, plazomicin will the be first antibiotic specifically developed for CRE pathogens. Achaogen also has preclinical programs for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

Analyst Top Picks

	Ticker	Price (03/16/2015)	Price Target	Rating
Intercept Pharmaceuticals	ICPT	\$294.48	\$420.00	Outperform
Cempra	CEMP	\$39.86	\$35.00	Outperform

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AKAO Quarterly P&L

	2013A	Q1:14A	Q2:14A	Q3:14A	Q4:14A	2014A	Q1:15E	Q2:15E	Q3:15E	Q4:15E	2015E
Plazomicin Sales Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Plazomicin Royalty Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Revenue	18.5	6.0	5.2	4.5	4.3	20.0	6.0	6.5	6.6	8.9	28.0
Total Revenues	\$18.5	\$6.0	\$5.2	\$4.5	\$4.3	\$20.0	\$6.0	\$6.5	\$6.6	\$8.9	\$28.0
COGS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Research and Development	23.5	6.6	6.2	10.7	6.6	30.1	6.6	8.8	9.4	9.2	34.0
General and Administrative	7.0	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.5	9.6	2.6	2.3	2.7	3.1	10.7
Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	30.5	9.2	8.5	12.9	9.1	39.8	9.2	11.1	12.1	12.3	44.7
Income (Loss) from Operations	(\$12.0)	(\$3.2)	(\$3.3)	(\$8.3)	(\$4.9)	(\$19.8)	(\$3.2)	(\$4.6)	(\$5.5)	(\$3.4)	(\$16.7)
Interest Expense and Other, net	(1.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.0	0.0	(0.4)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.1	(0.5)
Interest Income and Other, net	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income (Loss)	(\$13.1)	(\$3.5)	(\$3.6)	(\$8.3)	(\$4.9)	(\$20.2)	(\$3.5)	(\$4.8)	(\$5.7)	(\$3.3)	(\$17.2)
Tax Rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Income Tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Shareholders	(13.1)	(3.5)	(3.6)	(8.3)	(4.9)	(20.2)	(3.5)	(4.8)	(5.7)	(3.3)	(17.2)
GAAP EPS, Basic and Diluted	(\$3.08)	(\$1.00)	(\$0.20)	(\$0.47)	(\$0.27)	(\$1.42)	(\$0.19)	(\$0.27)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.18)	(\$0.96)
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic and Diluted	4.3	3.5	17.7	17.7	17.8	14.2	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0

Source: Cowen and Company

AKAO Annual P&L

	2013A	2014A	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Plazomicin Sales Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	98.7	181.5	245.2	286.3	330.8	379.2	415.1
Plazomicin Royalty Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	17.6	24.7	30.3	40.4	47.8	55.8
Contract Revenue	18.5	20.0	28.0	23.0	17.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Revenues	\$18.5	\$20.0	\$28.0	\$23.0	\$17.5	\$3.0	\$106.5	\$199.1	\$269.9	\$316.6	\$371.3	\$427.0	\$470.8
COGS	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	13.8	23.6	29.4	31.5	33.1	37.9	41.5
Research and Development	23.5	30.1	34.0	34.5	35.0	40.0	50.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0
General and Administrative	7.0	9.6	10.7	13.0	15.0	20.0	25.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Sales	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	8.0	8.4	8.8	9.3	9.7	10.2	10.7
Total Operating Expenses	30.5	39.8	44.7	47.5	50.0	65.0	96.8	122.0	128.2	130.7	132.8	138.1	142.2
Income (Loss) from Operations	(\$12.0)	(\$19.8)	(\$16.7)	(\$24.5)	(\$32.5)	(\$61.9)	\$9.7	\$77.2	\$141.7	\$185.8	\$238.5	\$288.9	\$328.6
Interest Expense and Other, net	(1.3)	(0.4)	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest Income and Other, net	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income (Loss)	(\$13.1)	(\$20.2)	(\$17.2)	(\$24.5)	(\$32.5)	(\$61.9)	\$9.7	\$77.2	\$141.7	\$185.8	\$238.5	\$288.9	\$328.6
Tax Rate	0%	0%	096	096	096	096	096	896	1396	18%	23%	27%	35%
Income Tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.2	18.4	33.4	54.8	78.0	115.0
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Shareholders	(13.1)	(20.2)	(17.2)	(24.5)	(32.5)	(61.9)	9.7	71.0	123.3	152.4	183.6	210.9	213.6
GAAP EPS, Basic and Diluted	(\$3.08)	(\$1.42)	(\$0.96)	(\$1.30)	(\$1.27)	(\$2.34)	\$0.29	\$2.09	\$3.52	\$4.23	\$4.96	\$5.55	\$5.48
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic and Diluted	4.3	14.2	18.0	18.8	25.5	26.5	33.0	34.0	35.0	36.0	37.0	38.0	39.0

Source: Cowen and Company

AKAO pNPV

 Assumptions / Results

 Total NPV
 23.2

 Number of Shares (m)
 17.8

 Pharma PE
 13.5x

 Discount rate
 30%

 Current year
 2015.00

Product Development

					Peak Sales			
Drug name	Indication	Status	Launch	Success	(US\$m)	Royalty	Profitability	NPV (US\$)
US Plazomicin	CRE	Phase 3	2018	60%	391	100%	80%	22.21
EU top 5 Plazomicin	CRE	Phase 3	2019	60%	204	20%	100%	1.00
TOTAL								

Source: Cowen and Company

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US Plazmomicin Market Model

US PLAZOMICIN MARKET ANALYSIS																
		1H18E	2H18E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
US Bloodstream Confirmed CRE on label (000s)	60%	5.62	5.62	11.24	11.35	11.46	11.58	11.69	11.81	11.93	12.05	12.17	12.29	12.41	12.54	12.66
Plazomicin Bloodstream Confirmed CRE Penetration			896	496	20%	35%	50%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%
Plazomicin Bloodstream Confirmed CRE Patients			0.45	0.45	2.27	4.01	5.79	7.02	7.09	7.16	7.23	7.30	7.37	7.45	7.52	7.60
US Pneumonia Confirmed CRE on label (000s)	60%	3.75	3.75	7.49	7.57	7.64	7.72	7.80	7.87	7.95	8.03	8.11	8.19	8.28	8.36	8.44
Plazomicin Pneumonia Confirmed CRE Penetration			5%	396	1296	1996	2596	35%	4096	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	40%	4096
Plazomicin Pneumonia Confirmed CRE Patients			0.19	0.19	0.91	1.45	1.93	2.73	3.15	3.18	3.21	3.25	3.28	3.31	3.34	3.38
US Abdominal Infections Confirmed CRE off label (000s)	60%	21.23	21.23	42.46	42.88	43.31	43.74	44.18	44.62	45.07	45.52	45.97	46.43	46.90	47.37	47.84
Plazomicin Abdominal Confirmed CRE Penetration			496	296	10%	15%	20%	2496	2796	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Plazomicin Abdominal Confirmed CRE Patients			0.85	0.85	4.29	6.50	8.75	10.60	12.05	13.52	13.66	13.79	13.93	14.07	14.21	14.35
US UTI Confirmed CRE off label (000s)	60%	3.75	3.75	7.49	7.57	7.64	7.72	7.80	7.87	7.95	8.03	8.11	8.19	8.28	8.36	8.44
Plazomicin UTI Confirmed CRE Penetration			196	196	296	496	696	796	896	9%	10%	10%	10%	1096	1096	1096
Plazomicin UTI Confirmed CRE Patients			0.04	0.04	0.15	0.31	0.46	0.55	0.63	0.72	0.80	0.81	0.82	0.83	0.84	0.84
TOTAL US CRE Confirmed Plazomicin Patients (000s)			1.52	1.52	7.62	12.27	16.93	20.89	22.91	24.58	24.90	25.15	25.40	25.66	25.91	26.17
Treatment duration in days			10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Cost per treatment course	\$ 1,250 pe	r day	1250	12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
TOTAL US PLAZOMICIN CONFIRMED REVENUE (mil)			:	19.04	\$ 95.22	\$ 153.34	\$ 211.64	\$ 261.19	\$ 286.44	\$ 307.20	\$ 311.27	\$ 314.38	\$ 317.53	\$ 320.70	\$ 323.91	\$ 327.15
		1H18E	2H18E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
US Bloodstream Suspected CRE on label (000s)	60%	37.46	37.46	74.92	75.67	76.43	77.19	77.97	78.75	79.53	80.33	81.13	81.94	82.76	83.59	84.43
Plazomicin Bloodstream Suspected CRE Penetration			296	196	496	896	1196	13%	16%	18%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Plazomicin Bloodstream Suspected CRE Patients			0.75	0.75	3.03	6.11	8.49	10.14	12.60	14.32	16.07	16.23	16.39	16.55	16.72	16.89
US Pneumonia Suspected CRE on label (000s)	60%		0.00	49.95	50.45	50.95	51.46	51.98	52.50	53.02	53.55	54.09	54.63	55.17	55.73	56.28
Plazomicin Pneumonia Suspected CRE Penetration			0.5%	0.3%	296	496	696	796	896	996	10%	1096	10%	1096	1096	1096
Plazomicin Pneumonia Suspected CRE Patients			0.00	0.12	1.01	2.04	3.09	3.64	4.20	4.77	5.36	5.41	5.46	5.52	5.57	5.63
US Abdominal Suspected CRE off label (000s)	60%		42.46	286.58	289.45	292.34	295.27	298.22	301.20	304.21	307.26	310.33	313.43	316.57	319.73	322.93
Plazomicin Abdominal Suspected CRE Penetration			0.5%	0.3%	296	496	696	796	896	996	10%	1096	10%	1096	1096	1096
Plazomicin Abdominal Suspected CRE Patients			0.21	0.72	5.79	11.69	17.72	20.88	24.10	27.38	30.73	31.03	31.34	31.66	31.97	32.29
US UTI Suspected CRE off label (000s)	60%		7.49	50.57	51.08	51.59	52.11	52.63	53.15	53.68	54.22	54.76	55.31	55.86	56.42	56.99
Plazomicin UTI Suspected CRE Penetration			096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096
Plazomicin UTI Suspected CRE Patients			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FOTAL US CRE Suspected Plazomicin Patients (000s)			0.96	1.59	9.82	19.85	29.30	34.65	40.90	46.47	52.15	52.67	53.19	53.73	54.26	54.81
Treatment duration in days			10	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Cost per day	\$ 1,250												\$ 3,750		,	\$ 3,750
TOTAL US PLAZOMICIN SUSPECTED REVENUE (mil)			:	5.96	\$ 36.84	\$ 74.42	\$ 109.86	\$ 129.93	\$ 153.36	\$ 174.25	\$ 195.55	\$ 197.50	\$ 199.48	\$ 201.47	\$ 203.49	\$ 205.52

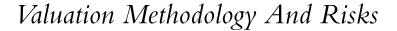
Source: Cowen and Company

EU Plazmomicin Market Model

J PLAZOMICIN MARKET ANALYSIS			2018E	1H19E	2H19E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030
EU Bloodstream Confirmed CRE on label (000s)		40%	7.49	3.78	3.78	7.57	7.64	7.72	7.80	7.87	7.95	8.03	8.11	8.19	8.28	8.36	8.4
Plazomicin Bloodstream Confirmed CRE Penetration		4070	7.40	0.70	896	496	20%	30%	40%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50
Plazomicin Bloodstream Confirmed CRE Patients					0.30	0.30	1.53	2.32	3.12	3.94	3.98	4.02	4.06	4.10	4.14	4.18	4.:
U Pneumonia Confirmed CRE on label (000s)		40%	4.99	2.52	2.52	5.04	5.10	5.15	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.36	5.41	5.46	5.52	5.57	5.
Plazomicin Pneumonia Confirmed CRE Penetration					596	396	1296	1996	25%	30%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	40
Plazomicin Pneumonia Confirmed CRE Patients					0.13	0.13	0.61	0.98	1.30	1.57	1.86	1.87	1.89	1.91	1.93	1.95	2.
EU Abdominal Confirmed CRE off label (000s)		40%	28.30	14.29	14.29	28.59	28.87	29.16	29.45	29.75	30.05	30.35	30.65	30.96	31.27	31.58	31.
Plazomicin Abdominal Confirmed CRE Penetration					496	296	596	996	1496	1996	2296	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	30
Plazomicin Abdominal Confirmed CRE Patients					0.57	0.57	1.44	2.62	4.12	5.65	6.61	7.59	7.66	7.74	7.82	7.89	9.
EU UTI Confirmed CRE off label (000s)		40%	4.99	2.52	2.52	5.04	5.10	5.15	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.36	5.41	5.46	5.52	5.57	5.0
Plazomicin UTI Confirmed CRE Penetration					196	196	296	396	496	596	696	796	896	896	896	896	8
Plazomicin UTI Confirmed CRE Patients					0.03	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.21	0.26	0.32	0.37	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.42	0.
OTAL EU CRE Confirmed Plazomicin Patients (000s)						1.03	3.69	6.07	8.75	11.43	12.76	13.85	14.02	14.16	14.30	14.44	16.
Freatment duration in days						10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Cost per day	\$	1,000				\$ 10,000 \$,			\$ 10,000	4,	,				\$ 10,00
TAL EU PLAZOMICIN CONFIRMED REVENUE (mil)						\$ 10.26 \$	36.86	\$ 60.73	\$ 87.49	\$ 114.27	\$ 127.61	\$ 138.52	\$ 140.18	\$ 141.58	\$ 142.99	\$ 144.42	\$ 164.6
			2018E	1H19E	2H19E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2028E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	203
U Bloodstream Suspected CRE on label (000s) Plazomicin Bloodstream Suspected CRE Penetration		40%	49.95	25.22	25.22 2%	50.45 2%	50.95 4%	51.46 6%	51.98 9%	52.50 12%	53.02 13%	53.55 14%	54.09 15%	54.63 15%	55.17 15%	55.73 15%	56. 15
Plazomicin Bloodstream Suspected CRE Patients					0.50	0.50	2.04	3.09	4.68	6.30	6.89	7.50	8.11	8.19	8.28	8.36	8.
EU Pneumonia Suspected CRE on label (000s)		40%	33.30	16.82	16.82	33.63	33.97	34.31	34.65	35.00	35.35	35.70	36.06	36.42	36.78	37.15	37.
Plazomicin Pneumonia Suspected CRE Penetration					0.5%	0.5%	196	3%	496	5%	696	796	896	896	896	896	8
Plazomicin Pneumonia Suspected CRE Patients					0.08	0.08	0.34	1.03	1.39	1.75	2.12	2.50	2.70	2.73	2.76	2.79	2.
EU Abdominal Suspected CRE off label (000s)		40%	191.05	96.48	96.48	192.97	194.90	196.84	198.81	200.80	202.81	204.84	206.89	208.95	211.04	213.15	215.
Plazomicin Abdominal Suspected CRE Penetration					0.5%	0.5%	196	296	396	496	496	596	5%	5%	596	5%	5
Plazomicin Abdominal Suspected CRE Patients					0.48	0.48	1.95	3.94	5.96	7.03	8.11	9.22	10.34	10.45	10.55	10.66	10.
EU UTI Suspected CRE off label (000s)		40%	33.72	17.03	17.03	34.05	34.39	34.74	35.08	35.44	35.79	36.15	36.51	36.87	37.24	37.62	37.
Plazomicin UTI Suspected CRE Penetration					0.5%	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	096	0
Plazomicin UTI Suspected CRE Patients					0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.
OTAL EU CRE Suspected Plazomicin Patients (000s)						1.16	4.93	8.05	12.03	15.08	17.13	19.21	21.16	21.37	21.59	21.80	22.
Treatment duration in days	c					3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Cost per day	\$	1,000				\$ 3,000 \$,	,	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	4 0,000	,	, ,,,,,	,	,	\$ 3,00
OTAL EU PLAZOMICIN SUSPECTED REVENUE (mil)						\$ 3.47 \$	12.98	\$ 24.16	\$ 36.09	\$ 45.23	\$ 51.38	\$ 57.64	\$ 63.49	\$ 64.12	\$ 64.76	\$ 65.41	\$ 66.0

Source: Cowen and Company

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Biotechnology:

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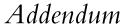
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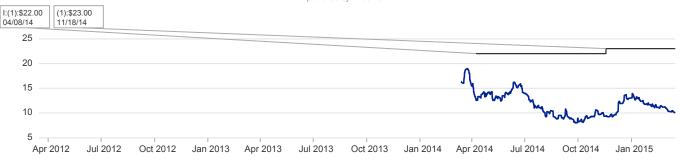
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