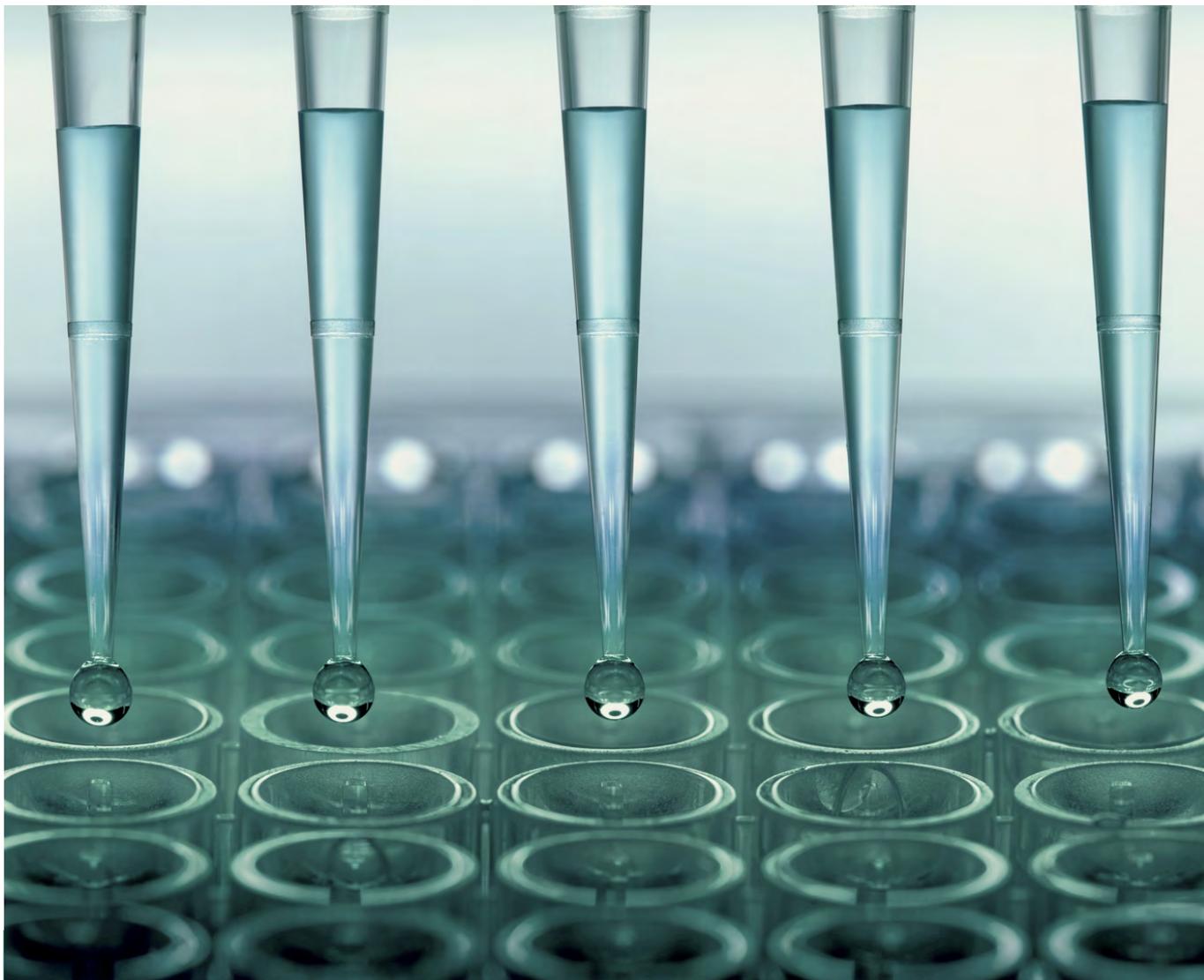




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Dr Nathaniel Calloway



Nathaniel Calloway joined the healthcare team in December 2015. Before Edison, he performed healthcare investment research for a fund at Bishop Rosen and for Wainscott Capital Partners. Prior to his role as an analyst he performed molecular neuroscience research at Cornell Medical School and holds a PhD in chemistry from Cornell. He has published eight scientific papers on topics ranging from physical chemistry to immunology, and he has been recognised as an American Heart Association fellow and an American Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry fellow.

Pooya Hemami



Pooya joined Edison's healthcare team in November 2012 and took on additional duties as a supervisory analyst in early 2019. He is a licensed optometrist with several years of clinical practice and regulatory experience. Prior to joining Edison, he covered the Canadian healthcare sector as a research analyst at Desjardins Capital Markets. Pooya holds a Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Montreal, and an MBA (finance concentration) from McGill University. He received his CFA charter in 2011.

Dr John Savin



John is an analyst working on biotech, pharma, medical device and diagnostics companies. As founder CEO of Physiomics, he devised the strategy, raised funds and took the company to AIM in 2004. At Greig Middleton, John was director in charge of the pharma and biotech analyst team and worked with corporate finance on fund-raising, IPOs and corporate restructuring. He has an industry background in sales and marketing with GE Healthcare and AstraZeneca and is a co-author on a number of scientific publications.

Dr Susie Jana



Susie joined the team in September 2015 and has 16 years' experience in the healthcare sector. She is a qualified medical doctor, having studied medicine at UCL. She also holds an intercalated BSc in psychology. After a few years working as a junior doctor in the NHS, Susie joined the investment banking industry for six years on the sell-side covering biotechnology stocks, then mid-to large-cap pharmaceuticals at Société Générale. Most recently she worked as a buy-side analyst, covering European biotech, pharma and medtech stocks at F&C Investments for five years.

Dr Jonas Peciulis



Jonas joined Edison in November 2015. He is a qualified medical doctor with several years of clinical practice. He then moved into equity research as a healthcare analyst at Nornie Securities, focused on Norwegian companies, and received two StarMine awards for stock picking in 2013. Most recently, he worked for a London-based life sciences venture capital company before completing his MBA degree.

Dr John Priestner



John joined the healthcare team in March 2020. Prior to this he worked at GlaxoSmithKline for four years, where he completed a PhD in medicinal chemistry with a focus on oncology. He holds an integrated master's degree in chemistry from Durham University and is currently studying for the Investment Management Certificate (CFA UK).

Sean Conroy



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Welcome to the June edition of the Edison Healthcare Insight. In this edition we have profiled 48 of our healthcare companies under coverage.

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Company profiles

Prices at 7 June 2021

US\$/£ exchange rate: 0.7068

€/£ exchange rate: 0.8606

C\$/£ exchange rate: 0.5847

A\$/£ exchange rate: 0.5474

NZ\$/£ exchange rate: 0.5102

SEK/£ exchange rate: 0.0850

DKK/£ exchange rate: 0.1157

NOK/£ exchange rate: 0.0850

JPY/£ exchange rate: 0.0065

CHF/£ exchange rate: 0.7855

PLN/£ exchange rate: 0.1914

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK0.72
 Market cap: SEK291m
 Market: NASDAQ OTCQX

Share price graph (SEK)



Company description

Abliva is a Swedish biotech with deep expertise in mitochondrial medicine. Its lead assets are KL1333, an NAD+ modulator (Phase II/III ready) and NV354, a succinate prodrug (preclinical). Abliva plans to start a pivotal Phase II/III trial with KL1333 in selected PMDs later this year.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	1.2	(5.7)	(42.4)
Relative*	(0.3)	(16.1)	(58.2)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

Abliva (ABLI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Abliva is focused on primary mitochondrial diseases (PMD). The core portfolio consists of KL1333 and NV354. KL1333, a small molecule NAD+ modulator used to restore intracellular energy balance, is being developed for PMD, including patients with m.3243 A>G mutations (eg MELAS-MIDD spectrum disorders). Abliva completed a Phase Ia/b study and a drug-drug interaction study for KL1333 in March 2021 and it intends to start a single pivotal Phase II/III efficacy study in H221. In March, Abliva also completed a directed share issue raising SEK80m gross proceeds, c SEK64m of which will be used for KL1333. Abliva intends to continue developing its other core asset NV354 as a systemic treatment for Leigh syndrome and is expecting to prepare a clinical trial application in 2021.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

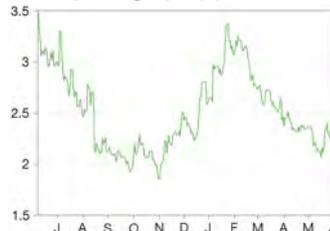
Abliva has a diversified portfolio, with all assets aimed at improving mitochondrial metabolism and function. We believe this puts Abliva among the very few experts in mitochondrial medicine.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (fd) (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	3.6	(72.3)	(74.6)	(43.50)	N/A	N/A
2020	1.9	(55.0)	(57.4)	(23.00)	N/A	N/A
2021e	1.9	(70.2)	(72.7)	(20.81)	N/A	N/A
2022e	1.9	(95.0)	(97.5)	(24.21)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €0.00
 Market cap: €#m
 Market: Euronext Brussels

Share price graph (€)



Company description

Acacia Pharma is a biopharmaceutical company developing and commercialising novel products to improve the care of patients undergoing serious medical treatments such as surgery, invasive procedures or chemotherapy. It has two assets: BARHEMSYS (launched for PONV in the US) and in-licensed BYFAVO (launched for PS in the US).

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	N/A	N/A	N/A
Relative*	N/A	N/A	N/A

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Acacia Pharma (ACPH)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Acacia Pharma is focused on commercialising its two approved hospital-based products in the United States. Lead product BARHEMSYS (reformulated amisulpride) was launched in August 2020 after receiving FDA approval with a broad label for the management of post-operative nausea and vomiting (PONV). Under the deal with Cosmo Pharmaceuticals, Acacia was assigned the US licence for Paion's sedative BYFAVO (remimazolam), which received FDA approval for procedural sedation (PS) in July 2020 and has been designated a Schedule IV medicine. Acacia launched BYFAVO in January 2021 and continues to build out its US commercial operations. At 31 December 2020, Acacia had net cash of \$10.0m. A share placing in February that raised €27m gross plus the €45m combined equity investment and loan facility under the Cosmo deal has enabled Acacia to expand its US commercial infrastructure to support both product launches.

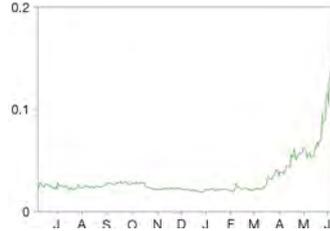
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Inadequately treated PONV leads to prolonged stays in post-anaesthesia care unit recovery rooms. Use of BARHEMSYS could reduce patient hospitalisation time and the associated costs. Likewise, BYFAVO can reduce the time required for invasive medical procedures, enabling increased patient throughput for hospitals and surgical centres.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(22.3)	(21.1)	(0.38)	N/A	0.0
2020	0.2	(27.8)	(28.5)	(0.38)	N/A	N/A
2021e	8.0	(36.0)	(39.9)	(0.40)	N/A	N/A
2022e	39.7	(31.2)	(34.1)	(0.33)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$0.15
 Market cap: A\$257m
 Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

Actinogen Medical is an ASX-listed Australian biotech developing lead asset Xanamem, a specific 11beta-HSD1 inhibitor designed to treat cognitive impairment that occurs in chronic neurological diseases.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	171.9	604.5	618.9
Relative*	164.5	549.5	483.8

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

Actinogen Medical (ACW)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

During a recent strategic update the new CEO, Dr Steven Gourlay, confirmed Actinogen aims to initiate new Phase II trials: Fragile X syndrome (XanaFX study) and mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease (AD) (XanaMIA study). XanaMIA will start enrolling patients in July and be conducted in two parts: Part A – dose ranging study; Part B – efficacy of Xanamem in patients with MCI due to AD. XanaFX is fully funded and pre-IND interactions with the FDA are pending. This follows the Phase I XanaHES trial (Xanamem in healthy elderly subjects), which was designed to assess the safety and explore the effects of Xanamem on cognition. The XanaHES study reported a clinically significant, positive improvement in three of six domains in the Cogstate Neuropsychological Test Battery.

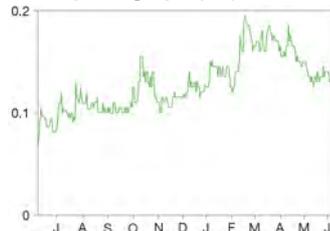
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The unmet need in chronic neurological and neuropsychiatric disorders is high due to limited available treatment options. While orphan indications like Fragile X syndrome provide a potentially faster route to market and higher drug pricing, Mild cognitive impairment due to AD is a potentially large, unmet medical need. The recent FDA approval of Aduhelm (7 June) provides a fresh tailwind for drug developers in the field, given this is the first new drug for AD in 20 years.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	5.1	(9.5)	(9.4)	(0.86)	N/A	N/A
2020	3.6	(4.9)	(4.9)	(0.44)	N/A	N/A
2021e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$0.15
 Market cap: A\$37m
 Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

AdAlta is an Australian healthcare company focused on using its proprietary i-body discovery platform to target diseases, with an initial focus on IPF. AdAlta has also licensed its platform to GE Healthcare for the purpose of diagnostic imaging.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	11.1	(6.3)	116.3
Relative*	8.1	(13.6)	75.7

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

AdAlta (1AD)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

AdAlta is a clinical-stage company that uses its proprietary i-body discovery platform to target diseases, with an initial focus on conditions involving fibrosis. Its lead programme is AD-214, a C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4 (CXCR4) inhibitor for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), which is in the healthy volunteer portion of a 84-subject Phase I programme with multiple doses recently initiated. IPF is an orphan progressive lung disease that remains a significant unmet medical need, despite two approved blockbuster therapies. Beyond AD-214, AdAlta licensed the i-body platform to GE Healthcare for diagnostic imaging, which recently advanced into preclinical testing.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

It is estimated that over 100,000 people in the United States and a similar number in Europe have IPF. It is a progressive disease where median survival after diagnosis is three to five years and the two approved medications for the condition (US\$2.9bn in sales in 2019) have limited efficacy and toxicity issues.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	3.5	(6.0)	(5.9)	(5.02)	N/A	N/A
2020	3.8	(5.8)	(5.9)	(3.62)	N/A	N/A
2021e	3.2	(5.9)	(6.1)	(2.42)	N/A	N/A
2022e	3.3	(6.0)	(6.2)	(2.44)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NZ\$4.70
 Market cap: NZ\$487m
 Market: NZSX

Share price graph (NZ\$)



Company description

AFT Pharmaceuticals is a specialty pharmaceutical company that operates primarily in Australasia but has product distribution agreements across the globe. The company's product portfolio includes prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs to treat a range of conditions and a proprietary nebuliser.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(2.1)	7.1	0.2
Relative*	(0.1)	5.1	(8.4)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

AFT Pharmaceuticals (AFT)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

AFT Pharmaceuticals is a profitable New Zealand-based specialty pharmaceutical company that sells 130 prescription specialty generics and OTC products through its own sales force in New Zealand, Australia and SE Asia, and has been expanding its geographic footprint. In FY21, operating revenue grew strongly by 7% year-on-year to NZ\$113.1m, driven mainly by 11% growth in Australia, despite the impact of COVID-19 across the business (especially lower licensing income and higher costs, including freight). Reported group operating profit was NZ\$10.7m. Importantly, AFT is guiding to operating profit of NZ\$18–23m in FY22. The company recently licensed the US rights for Maxigesic IV to Hikma Pharmaceuticals for US\$18.8m in upfront payments and milestones as well as a profit share.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

AFT is a multi-product company targeting pharmacy prescription, OTC and hospital markets. Data for Maxigesic offer it a competitive advantage in a fragmented industry.

Y/E Mar	Revenue (NZ\$m)	EBITDA (NZ\$m)	PBT (NZ\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2020	105.6	12.5	3.4	3.3	142.4	20.8
2021	113.1	11.8	8.2	7.1	66.2	113.1
2022e	130.9	23.6	20.3	16.7	28.1	19.3
2023e	151.0	36.2	33.2	22.9	20.5	15.3

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK0.88
 Market cap: SEK317m
 Market: NASDAQ OMX First North

Share price graph (SEK)



Company description

Allarity Therapeutics is a Denmark-based biopharmaceutical company. Its patent-protected mRNA-based DRP platform enables the identification of patients with gene expression highly likely to respond to treatment. It is advancing the PARP inhibitor stenoparib (2X-121), the TKI dovitinib and microtubule inhibitor ixempra.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	4.9	(6.1)	(37.6)
Relative*	3.4	(16.4)	(54.6)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Allarity Therapeutics (ALLR)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Allarity Therapeutics holds the worldwide drug development rights to the drug response predictor (DRP), a microarray technology that examines the expression of a panel of genes to identify potential responders to different cancer therapies. Allarity Therapeutics' goal is to then develop its portfolio of drugs that are active within populations that the DRP can identify. The company recently focused its strategy on three lead assets: the tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) dovitinib, the poly-ADP-ribose polymerase (PARP) inhibitor stenoparib, and the microtubule inhibitor agent ixempra.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Allarity Therapeutics and the DRP system have the potential to identify the value in drug assets that have otherwise been discontinued by identifying patient populations where these drugs are active. This allows the company to in-license these assets at low cost; it may then out-license them after clinical validation.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (DKK m)	EBITDA (DKK m)	PBT (DKK m)	EPS (ore)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.8	(66.5)	(174.9)	(208.11)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(59.0)	(59.1)	(29.22)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(69.9)	(70.9)	(30.59)	N/A	N/A
2022	0.0	(247.2)	(248.2)	(97.04)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK9.27
 Market cap: SEK350m
 Market: Nasdaq FN Premier

Share price graph (SEK)



Company description

AlzeCure Pharma is a clinical-stage biotech company based in Sweden focused on developing small molecule drugs for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease (symptomatic and disease modifying) and pain (neuropathic and osteoarthritic).

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	34.4	28.8	50.5
Relative*	32.4	14.6	9.3

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciuolis

AlzeCure Pharma (ALZCUR)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

AlzeCure is a pure play biotech focused on neurological disorders. The pipeline consists of three small-molecule platforms targeting Alzheimer's disease (AD) and pain. The NeuroRestore platform is focused on novel symptomatic treatment of AD and lead compound ACD856 is currently in Phase I, with SAD data expected mid-2021. The Alzstatin platform (preclinical) is specifically aimed at modifying the course of AD and we expect an update on progress later in 2021. We find the strategy to target both settings in AD, symptomatic and disease modifying treatments, to be a rational approach given the complex history of drug development in this vast indication. The third Painless platform consists of two non-opioid pain assets and in April AlzeCure reported positive Phase Ib data for lead asset ACD440, a topical treatment for neuropathic pain, and is now preparing for a Phase II study.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

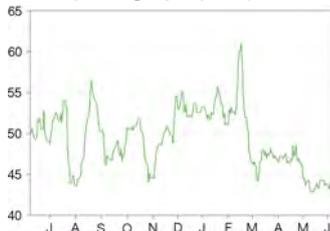
Treatments for progressive neurodegenerative disorders, such as AD, remain a significant focus for the industry despite few treatment options being successfully developed available. Mild cognitive impairment due to AD is a large, unmet medical need. Likewise, non-opioid based analgesics for the treatment of pain are of growing interest.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(50.6)	(50.9)	(135.0)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(71.1)	(71.4)	(189.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(81.5)	(81.9)	(217.0)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(85.6)	(86.1)	(228.0)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: CHF44.70
 Market cap: CHF578m
 Market: Swiss Stock Exchange

Share price graph (CHF)



Company description

Basilea is focused on oncology and infectious diseases. Its marketed products are Cresemba (an antifungal) and Zevtera (an anti-MRSA broad-spectrum antibiotic). The oncology R&D pipeline includes two clinical-stage assets, derazantinib and lisavanbulin.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	1.1	1.1	(13.1)
Relative*	(2.9)	(7.8)	(23.9)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Basilea Pharmaceutica (BSLN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Basilea has two approved hospital-based products: Cresemba (severe mould infections) and Zevtera (bacterial infections). Multiple licensing/distribution agreements are in place for Cresemba and Zevtera and should drive top-line growth. Partners include Pfizer and Astellas, which market Cresemba in Europe (ex Nordics) and the United States respectively. In August 2019, Basilea reported positive top-line data for Zevtera in the first cross-supportive Phase III study TARGET; top-line data from the ERADICATE study are expected in H122 and both are required for a US NDA submission. Basilea's oncology pipeline is spearheaded by derazantinib (FGFR inhibitor), which is currently in a Phase II potential registration study for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma and two Phase I/II studies in patients with advanced urothelial cancer and advanced gastric cancer. Lisavanbulin (tumour checkpoint controller) is in the expansion phase of a biomarker-driven Phase I/II study for glioblastoma.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

There is an ever-increasing need for therapeutic agents that are efficacious against drug-resistant strains of bacteria (eg MRSA), fungus or cancer. Hence, the opportunities for Cresemba, Zevtera and Basilea's oncology pipeline could be significant.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (CHFm)	EBITDA (CHFm)	PBT (CHFm)	EPS (CHFc)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	134.4	(15.5)	(22.3)	(207.54)	N/A	N/A
2020	127.6	(22.0)	(29.6)	(288.45)	N/A	N/A
2021e	135.1	(17.0)	(26.8)	(209.90)	N/A	N/A
2022e	140.1	10.6	1.5	11.90	375.6	64.2

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NOK22.60
 Market cap: NOK1986m
 Market: Oslo

Share price graph (NOK)



Company description

BerGenBio is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing innovative drugs for aggressive diseases, including immune-evasive, drug-resistant and metastatic cancers. It focuses on AXL inhibitors bemcentinib (small molecule) and tilvestamab (mAb).

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(16.3)	(25.8)	(40.0)
Relative*	(19.5)	(31.0)	(52.5)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

BerGenBio (BGBIO)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

BerGenBio (BGBIO) is a pioneer in AXL biology and the development of AXL inhibitors and has two clinical stage assets: selective tyrosine kinase inhibitor bemcentinib and functional blocking monoclonal antibody tilvestamab. AXL expression is a negative prognostic marker in most cancers. Its upregulation drives aggressive disease including drug-resistant, immune-evasive and metastatic cancers, as well as fibrosis and viral infection. Selective AXL inhibition can prevent and reverse acquired drug resistance and stop immune suppression, potentially augmenting the efficacy of other cancer drug classes. BGBIO's strategy in oncology is to establish bemcentinib's efficacy in proof-of-concept studies to identify opportunities for rapid regulatory approval (relapse AML in combination with LDAC) and develop line extensions (2L NSCLC in combination with Keytruda). Discussions with regulators are ongoing following top-line data from two Phase II trials in COVID-19.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

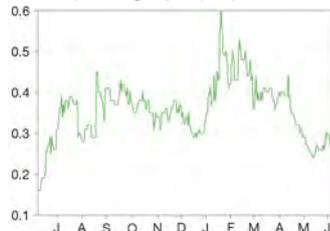
Understanding the tumour microenvironment and why even with initial positive response to treatment, cancers often exhibit tumour proliferation, metastasis and treatment resistance is becoming an ever-more critical focus area. The role of AXL is becoming increasingly defined in tumorigenesis, propagation and treatment resistance.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (NOKm)	EBITDA (NOKm)	PBT (NOKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	8.9	(203.6)	(199.3)	(343.4)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.6	(260.4)	(257.0)	(343.1)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(305.1)	(300.3)	(342.6)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(319.6)	(317.6)	(361.6)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: C\$0.30
 Market cap: C\$22m
 Market: TSX-V

Share price graph (C\$)



Company description

Bioasis Technologies is a biopharma company developing the xB3 platform to aid in the delivery of molecules to the brain using receptor mediated transcytosis. The company's lead program is xB3-001, which is in preclinical development for brain metastases in HER2+ metastatic breast cancer patients.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	15.4	(21.1)	87.5
Relative*	12.1	(27.6)	48.4

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Jyoti Prakash

Bioasis Technologies (BTI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Bioasis has a proprietary platform for developing drugs that can pass the blood-brain barrier (BBB) that can be used on small molecules, antibodies, enzymes and other proteins as well as siRNAs. The company has licensed this platform to Prothena, Chiesi and Aposense, as well as advancing its internal development project xB3-001 for the treatment of breast cancer brain metastases.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Developing a drug to pass the BBB has historically been difficult and limited to small molecules. By developing a modular platform to solve this problem Bioasis is expanding the potential diseases that can be targeted as well as providing a means to re-purpose previously developed drugs to target the brain.

Y/E Feb	Revenue (C\$m)	EBITDA (C\$m)	PBT (C\$m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	1.4	(3.8)	(2.4)	(4.29)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.6	(4.0)	(3.4)	(5.50)	N/A	N/A
2021e	7.0	3.8	4.5	6.38	4.7	N/A
2022e	3.7	(8.3)	(8.3)	(11.31)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: DKK3.10
 Market cap: DKK831m
 Market: NASDAQ OMX (CPH)

Share price graph (DKK)



Company description

BioPorto Diagnostics is a diagnostic company focused on the development and commercialisation of biomarker-based assays. The company's portfolio includes The NGAL Test, for the prediction of acute kidney injury, and an extensive antibody library.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(24.2)	(39.8)	36.4
Relative*	(26.1)	(48.6)	3.9

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Jyoti Prakash

BioPorto Diagnostics (BIOPOR)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

BioPorto's lead strategic goal is development of a test for acute kidney injury (AKI) using the biomarker NGAL. The company is gathering more data for its paediatric urine NGAL 510(k). For adults using plasma NGAL, the 510(k) will be submitted to the FDA after the submission for paediatric. The NGAL Test is commercially available for research purposes in the United States and has been CE marked in Europe. BioPorto also sells a series of other antibodies, ELISA kits and related biologics.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The current standard of care for detecting AKI is serum creatinine, which can take 24 hours or more to detect AKI and can only do so after significant kidney damage. NGAL promises to provide a quicker and more reliable test, allowing early intervention to preserve kidney function.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (DKKm)	EBITDA (DKKm)	PBT (DKKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	26.6	(68.3)	(71.1)	(39.16)	N/A	N/A
2020	23.2	(54.3)	(61.5)	(28.10)	N/A	N/A
2021e	32.2	(71.4)	(74.5)	(25.21)	N/A	N/A
2022e	179.3	68.3	65.2	21.00	14.8	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK1.13
 Market cap: SEK393m
 Market: NASDAQ OMX First North

Share price graph (SEK)



Company description

Brighter is a Swedish healthtech company addressing common welfare challenges of modern society through a group of innovation companies. Its lead solution, Actiste, currently being commercialised, is aimed at helping people with diabetes adhere to care guidelines and achieve treatment goals.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(11.7)	(6.8)	(75.6)
Relative*	(13.0)	(17.1)	(82.3)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Brighter (BRIG)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Brighter is a healthtech company developing solutions for chronic diseases. Its initial strategy is the market introduction of Actiste, a remote monitoring and treatment service for diabetes which received two CE marks (Actiste is regulated under both the EU Medical Devices Directive and the In Vitro Diagnostics Directive) as well as regulatory approvals in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Thailand). The service includes a unique patented device that integrates all the essential features for daily diabetes management, a blood glucose meter, a lancing device and an insulin injection pen, into a single unit with built-in mobile connection, and a digital platform for analysing and sharing data with family and friends, healthcare providers and other relevant stakeholders.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

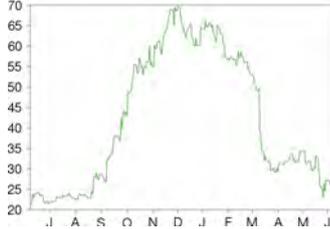
In 2019, it is estimated that US\$760bn (10% of total global healthcare expenditure) was spent on diabetes.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	3.3	(73.7)	(88.7)	(105.85)	N/A	N/A
2020	14.1	(158.6)	(240.6)	(117.74)	N/A	N/A
2021e	41.0	(119.3)	(170.7)	(51.68)	N/A	N/A
2022e	218.0	25.3	(27.0)	(7.54)	N/A	21.3

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK25.28
 Market cap: SEK2533m
 Market NASDAQ OMX First North

Share price graph (SEK)



Company description

Cantargia is a clinical-stage biotechnology company based in Sweden. It is developing two assets against IL1RAP, CAN04 and CAN10. CAN04 is being studied in several solid tumours with a main focus on NSCLC and pancreatic cancer. The most advanced trial is in Phase II.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(20.6)	(48.2)	23.3
Relative*	(21.8)	(53.9)	(10.4)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

Cantargia (CANT)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Cantargia is developing antibodies against IL1RAP. Interim data from its Phase IIa CANFOUR trial, investigating CAN04 (anti-IL1RAP) in first-line non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC), continue to support the hypothesis that CAN04 has a synergistic benefit with chemotherapy, in our view. In May, Cantargia reported positive efficacy data from the PDAC arm of CANFOUR which look promising in our view. With these data, Cantargia is preparing to engage with regulators to discuss Phase III development plans for CAN04 in PDAC. Its clinical footprint is expanding beyond CANFOUR and in May it announced plans to initiate several new Phase I/II trials for CAN04 in additional indications including TNBC, colorectal, biliary tract cancer and second-line NSCLC.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

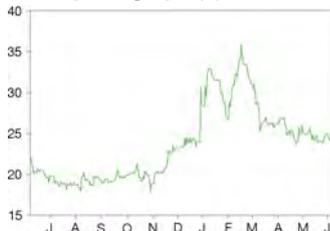
Increasing the understanding of inflammation in malignant processes now includes findings that cytokines are not only produced by the immune cells, but that cancer itself can produce certain cytokines and the associated receptors to escape from the immune response. Therefore, cytokines represent a potentially promising class of targets in oncology.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(111.6)	(110.8)	(156.0)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(170.7)	(173.1)	(194.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(276.3)	(276.3)	(276.0)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(297.1)	(297.1)	(297.0)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €24.75
 Market cap: €379m
 Market Euronext Growth

Share price graph (€)



Company description

Carmat is developing a biocompatible, artificial heart to satisfy the lack of donor hearts available for terminal heart failure patients. It expects to initiate an early feasibility study in the United States in Q121 and recently received a CE Mark in the EU.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(1.8)	(13.8)	12.8
Relative*	(3.8)	(23.1)	(9.8)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Carmat (ALCAR)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Carmat continues to make progress in the development of its physiologic heart replacement therapy (PHRT). The company received a CE Mark for the PHRT at the end of 2020 and expects to launch in Q221. The approved indication is a bridge to transplantation therapy, although over time we expect approval as a destination therapy, which will enable commercialisation to a larger number of patients. The initial commercial focus will be on France and Germany, estimated at 55% of the EU mechanical circulatory support market. In the United States, Carmat should start implanting patients in the early feasibility study shortly.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The Carmat artificial heart is being developed as a permanent replacement or destination therapy for chronic biventricular heart failure or acute myocardial infarction patients who do not have access to a human donor heart. Despite the high prevalence of stage IV heart failure in the EU and the United States (c 500,000 patients).

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.7	(41.8)	(43.7)	(454.0)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.7	(41.2)	(44.2)	(388.0)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.5	(42.4)	(44.4)	(352.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	14.3	(40.7)	(44.0)	(346.0)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$1.74
 Market cap: US\$243m
 Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)



Company description

CASI Pharmaceuticals is building a portfolio of drugs it intends to produce for Chinese and worldwide markets including Evomela launched in China, an anti-CD19 CAR-T therapy CNCT19, and the anti-CD38 drug CID-103, among others. The goal is to seek approval through new pathways that have opened in the quickly changing Chinese regulatory environment.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	8.8	(23.3)	(34.8)
Relative*	8.9	(30.3)	(50.8)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Jyoti Prakash

CASI Pharmaceuticals (CASI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

CASI has a multipronged approach to the entrance into the Chinese pharmaceutical market. In August 2019 it launched Evomela (melphalan) in China via the priority review pathway because it was the first approval in the country for any melphalan product. It is also expanding its development pipeline through collaborations, with the recent licensing of an anti-CD38 drug (CID-103), anti-CD19 CAR-T therapy (CNCT19), the novel checkpoint inhibitor BI-1206 and CB-5339, a broad spectrum antineoplastic.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The Chinese regulatory authorities have made a series of substantial changes to their process for drug approval in recent years to improve the availability of new drugs. The Chinese National Medical Products Administration (NMPA, formerly the CFDA) has established new classes of applications for drugs that are previously approved outside of China. Additionally, there is a set of criteria for priority review, which can significantly reduce review times.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	4.1	(37.5)	(36.5)	(38.74)	N/A	N/A
2020	15.1	(41.4)	(37.9)	(35.04)	N/A	N/A
2021e	25.8	(23.1)	(23.2)	(16.96)	N/A	N/A
2022e	28.8	(22.8)	(23.8)	(16.54)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$0.30
 Market cap: A\$59m
 Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)



Company description

Chimeric Therapeutics, which is based in Australia and focused on oncology, recently went public on the ASX. Lead programme CLTX-CAR T is in Phase I for the treatment of GBM. This is an innovative approach for an unmet medical need. Beyond GBM, the technology may have applicability for other tumours such as melanoma.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	20.0	3.4	N/A
Relative*	16.7	(4.6)	N/A

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Chimeric Therapeutics (CHM)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Chimeric Therapeutics is a newly formed Australia-based biotechnology company with a focus on oncology that has recently gone public on the ASX. In September, Chimeric announced that it in-licensed CLTX-CAR T, currently in Phase I. The study dosed its first patient in September 2020 (five patients in total have been dosed so far) and expects to enrol approximately 18–36 patients with recurrent/progressive glioblastoma (GBM). The goal of the study will be to determine a maximum tolerated dose schedule and a recommended dosing plan for the Phase II trial as well as to get initial evidence of efficacy and assess safety.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

GBM accounts for 60% of brain tumours in adults and continues to have a poor prognosis with five-year survival of only 5.1%. Surgery, radiation and temozolomide are the current standards of care but patients typically recur due to the infiltrative nature of the GBM tumours.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)	(6200.80)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(16.3)	(16.3)	(4.85)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(11.3)	(11.3)	(3.32)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 68.0p
 Market cap: £114m
 Market: AIM

Share price graph (p)

Company description

Diurnal is a specialty pharmaceutical company developing new formulations of hormones to treat endocrine disorders. It has approval in Europe and the United States for Alkindi, for pediatric adrenal insufficiency and is seeking approval in Europe for Efmody for adult CAH. DITEST, an oral formulation of testosterone, is in clinical development.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	0.7	19.3	79.1
Relative*	1.2	11.1	58.8

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Diurnal Group (DNL)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Diurnal's strategy is to develop useful new medications that address some of the limitations in existing hormone treatments. For instance its Efmody product is designed to provide a hydrocortisone release profile that avoids the chronic over- and underdosing associated with immediate release products and provides better control of symptoms and sequelae as a result. The product was recently approved in Europe and a US Phase III is planned for 2021.

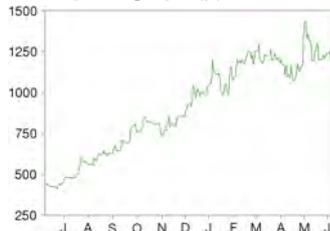
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The company's lead products Alkindi and Efmody are treatments for deficiencies in the hormone cortisol (aka hydrocortisone). Adrenal insufficiency affects 250–400 per million individuals in the United States and Europe. A smaller fraction (1/10,000 to 1/18,000 live births) are born with congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH), which Efmody is currently recommended for approval in Europe.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	1.0	(13.7)	(13.6)	(18.6)	N/A	N/A
2020	6.3	(5.2)	(5.1)	(4.1)	N/A	N/A
2021e	5.0	(11.6)	(11.5)	(7.0)	N/A	N/A
2022e	7.9	(17.8)	(17.8)	(9.9)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 1210.0p
 Market cap: £590m
 Market: AIM

Share price graph (p)

Company description

Ergomed is a global full-service CRO business with a core focus on the United States and the EU. It provides Phase I–III clinical services in addition to post-marketing pharmacovigilance (Phase IV) services and is predominantly focused on oncology, orphan drugs, rare diseases and pharmacovigilance.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(8.0)	1.7	178.2
Relative*	(7.6)	(5.3)	146.6

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Pecuilis

Ergomed (ERGO)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Ergomed proved to be a resilient business in the challenging environment of 2020, which we attribute to a diversified and well-balanced pharma services offering (contract research outsourcing (CRO) and pharmacovigilance). Organic growth and the acquisitions of Ashfield PV and MedSource resulted in a strong order book at end-2020 (£193m, up 55.5% from end-2019), which provides high growth visibility and should allow Ergomed to successfully navigate the pandemic. Likewise, £19m cash (end-2020) and access to £30m of unutilised credit facilities provide Ergomed with firepower for additional strategic acquisitions, as well as enabling continued investment into organic growth.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Innovation in healthcare is driving sales and growth in the number of clinical trials being initiated, as pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies continue to invest substantially. Tight operational control and execution will enable Ergomed to drive market share in high-growth orphan drug trials as well as in larger indications.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	68.3	12.5	8.6	19.8	61.1	47.8
2020	86.4	19.4	14.4	23.7	51.1	32.5
2021e	119.6	21.7	18.0	30.4	39.8	42.0
2022e	136.8	23.2	19.4	32.9	36.8	28.3

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$1.90
 Market cap: US\$145m
 Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)



Company description

Hepion Pharmaceuticals is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing therapeutics for chronic liver disease. The company's lead asset is CRV431, a cyclophilin inhibitor being developed for the treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	18.7	2.2	(10.8)
Relative*	18.9	(7.1)	(32.6)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Hepion Pharmaceuticals (HEPA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

CRV431 is a non-immunosuppressive cyclosporine derivative that inhibits a class of proteins called cyclophilins. Cyclophilins have been implicated in liver disease specifically stemming from inflammation and fibrosis. Hepion claims that by inhibiting cyclophilins, CRV431 may stall or reverse the progressive deterioration of liver function seen in late stage NASH patients presenting with fibrosis.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

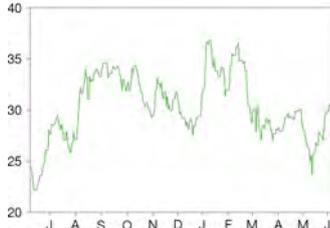
There currently are no approved medications for NASH, but a large number of programs in development. Fatty liver disease affects 20% of US and European populations and 20% of these are expected to progress to NASH. We expect CRV431 to be marketed for severe cases (F2 and F4), which we estimate has a market of 1.4 million in the United States and Europe.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(7.7)	(7.9)	(341.55)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(17.7)	(17.9)	(185.69)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(19.6)	(19.6)	(25.69)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(17.0)	(17.0)	(21.26)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$30.53
 Market cap: US\$4546m
 Market: AIM, NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)



Company description

HUTCHMED (previously Hutchison China MediTech) is an innovative China-based biopharmaceutical company targeting the global market for novel, highly selective oral oncology and immunology drugs. Its established commercial platform business continues to expand its outreach.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	16.4	0.5	32.8
Relative*	16.6	(8.7)	0.4

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

HUTCHMED (HCM)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

HUTCHMED is capitalising on years of investment in its substantial pipeline of oncology and immunology drugs, and has now launched two assets in China: Elunete's (fruquintinib capsules) inclusion in China's NRDL significantly increases the addressable market and Sulanda (surufatinib), recently launched for non-pancreatic NET with approval for pancreatic NET expected later in 2021. Sulanda is HCM's first unpartnered asset brought to market. Savolitinib's first approval and launch is expected mid-2021 in China for MET exon 14 skipping NSCLC. Multiple global launches are on the horizon. The US FDA has granted fast track designations for surufatinib in epNET and pNET (rolling NDA submission completed May 2021). With a number of additional assets moving swiftly through the clinic we expect a series of global launches from the rest of the pipeline between 2023 and 2025. Our forecasts are under review.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

HUTCHMED is leveraging its established Chinese healthcare business to launch its innovation pipeline products. The clinical, regulatory and technological environments are highly conducive to novel drug development in China. Medium term, investment in global clinical trials should enable HUTCHMED to become a major oncology company globally.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	204.9	(141.3)	(141.1)	(15.9)	N/A	N/A
2020	228.0	(190.6)	(189.7)	(18.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK5.01
 Market cap: SEK833m
 Market: OMX

Share price graph (SEK)



Company description

Immunicum is a clinical-stage immunoncology (IO) company based in Stockholm, Sweden. It is developing an allogeneic off-the-shelf dendritic cell immune activator or immune primer, ilixadencel, for use in combination with CPIs and other anti-cancer therapies in multiple solid tumour indications.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(8.9)	(27.3)	(51.2)
Relative*	(10.2)	(35.3)	(64.5)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciuolis

Immunicum (IMMU)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Immunicum is progressing with its renewed strategy become a commercially oriented, global leader in dendritic cell (DC) based therapeutics. The recently completed merger with complementary biotech company DCprime is evidence of this, and has added an allogeneic DC relapse vaccine DCP-001 to its pipeline. DCP-001 is currently in a Phase II trial for AML (ADVANCE-II) with top-line efficacy data expected in Q421 and initiation of a Phase I trial for ovarian cancer (ALISON) expected in Q221. Recruitment has completed in the Phase Ib/II multi-indication trial (ILIAD) investigating ilixadencel in combination with checkpoint inhibitors (CPIs) and top-line data (safety and dosing) are expected in Q321. In renal cell carcinoma Immunicum will pursue ilixadencel in a triple combination with PD-1 and CTLA4 CPIs. Our valuation and estimates are currently under review.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

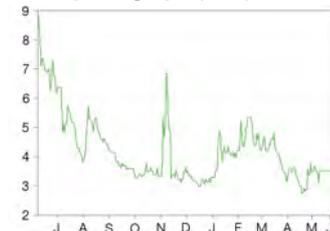
IO is a frenetic pharmaceutical development area with many clinical combination studies being conducted by pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Investors should expect relatively rich newsflow from this subsector over the next few years.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(0.1)	(134.0)	(149.4)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(0.1)	(106.3)	(119.1)	N/A	N/A
2021e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$2.90
 Market cap: US\$23m
 Market: NASDAQ, TSX

Share price graph (US\$)



Company description

InMed is a pharmaceutical company focused on developing and manufacturing cannabinoids. Its main pipeline product is INM-755 for epidermolysis bullosa, a serious, debilitating orphan indication.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(16.1)	(31.1)	(67.7)
Relative*	(16.0)	(37.3)	(75.6)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

InMed Pharmaceuticals (INM)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Following the safety and tolerability data from the two Phase I trials in healthy volunteers, INM-755 is moving forward into a Phase II (755-201-EB) trial in up to 20 epidermolysis bullosa (EB) patients with an anticipated treatment duration of 28 days. Regulatory applications have been filed in several countries with enrolment to begin in the third quarter of the calendar year. Also, the formulation for INM-088 has been finalized with IND-enabling toxicology studies expected to begin in CY21 and filings for human clinical trials to begin in H1 CY22. Additionally, InMed recently announced a research collaboration involving its biosynthesis platform with BayMedica.

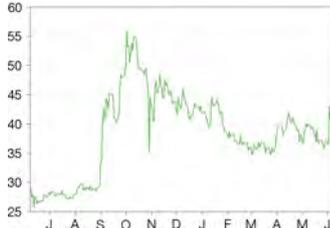
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The market for cannabinoids, whether FDA-approved, medical or recreational, is growing at a fantastic rate. Legal cannabis sales in the United States alone were around US\$7.5bn in 2017 and we expect them to grow to US\$28bn by 2023.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(9.4)	(9.2)	(177.47)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(9.0)	(9.0)	(172.80)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(8.7)	(9.1)	(132.97)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(9.5)	(10.5)	(123.74)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK39.70
 Market cap: SEK1922m
 Market: NASDAQ OMX First North

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Based in Scandinavia, IRLAB Therapeutics is focused on developing novel drugs for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases utilising its ISP technology platform. Its two lead assets are in late-stage clinical trials for the symptomatic treatment of PD: mesdopetam (D3 antagonist) and pirepemat (PFC enhancer).

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(0.3)	11.5	37.9
Relative*	(1.7)	(0.8)	0.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

IRLAB Therapeutics (IRLABA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

IRLAB Therapeutics is focused on developing novel, potential first-in-class treatments for the symptoms of Parkinson's disease (PD), a complex and progressive neurodegenerative condition with huge unmet need. IRLAB's proprietary in-house developed ISP research platform is at the heart of its drug discovery engine and has been validated by the progress of its two lead assets mesdopetam and pirepemat, both of which have novel mechanisms of action. Mesdopetam, an oral D3 antagonist, is currently in a global Phase IIb/III study for levodopa-induced dyskinesias (PD-LIDs). Top-line data expected in H122 will define the pivotal trials required for approval. Pirepemat is an oral prefrontal cortex (PFC) enhancer currently in development for the treatment of impaired balance and falls in PD (PD-Falls). A global Phase IIb study is expected to start in H121. IRLAB is funded to key inflection points in 2022 of proof-of-concept data for both assets. After this we expect partnering deals to facilitate Phase III development and potential commercialisation strategies.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

PD is characterised by a triad of cardinal motor symptoms, although non-motor symptoms are as debilitating and remain undertreated. Despite substantial efforts to develop disease-modifying approaches in PD, symptomatic treatment remains the mainstay.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.4	(92.9)	(95.1)	(234.0)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.4	(89.2)	(91.4)	(192.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.4	(104.1)	(107.6)	(208.0)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.4	(154.5)	(158.5)	(306.0)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$1.25
 Market cap: A\$166m
 Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

Kazia Therapeutics' lead asset is paxalisib, a PI3K inhibitor licensed from Genentech that can cross the BBB. It is entering a pivotal study for GBM and is being investigated for other brain cancers such as breast cancer brain metastases.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(8.1)	(2.3)	199.9
Relative*	(10.6)	(10.0)	143.5

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Kazia Therapeutics (KZA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Kazia is developing the anti-cancer compound paxalisib (GDC-0084) for glioblastoma (GBM) multiforme. Paxalisib is a PI3K inhibitor, a well understood class with activity across a wide range of tumor types and multiple previously approved drugs. Paxalisib, unlike other drugs of this class, can cross the blood brain barrier (BBB), opening the potential to treat cancers of the brain. It is enrolling its first patients in the pivotal GBM AGILE study as of Q1 CY21.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

GBM is the most common primary cancer of the brain with 11,500 new cases reported in the United States per year. There are currently very limited treatment options for GBM and the disease has a very low survival rate. Paxalisib is currently being developed for use in the adjuvant setting after initial resection and radiation treatment.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	1.6	(7.4)	(7.4)	(12.81)	N/A	N/A
2020	1.1	(10.8)	(10.8)	(14.19)	N/A	N/A
2021e	16.8	1.5	1.5	1.22	102.5	N/A
2022e	1.6	(19.3)	(19.3)	(13.63)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €4.03
 Market cap: €118m
 Market Scale

Share price graph (€)



Company description

MagForce has the first Europe-approved, nanotechnology-based therapy to treat brain tumours. NanoTherm therapy consists of nanoparticle instillation into the tumour, activated by an alternating magnetic field, producing heat and thermally destroying or sensitising tumours.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(1.0)	(13.5)	20.3
Relative*	(2.7)	(23.2)	(1.4)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

MagForce (MF6)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

MagForce is progressing its strategy to drive uptake and acceptance (in the United States and Europe) of its nanoparticle-based therapy NanoTherm, for the treatment of cancerous tumours. It has recently expanded from Germany into Poland and now has four centres in Europe that are commercially capable of treating glioblastoma patients. A share placing in December that raised €4.7m gross plus a loan of up to €35m from the European Investment Bank, and access to €15m growth funding via zero interest bearing convertible notes, will continue to fund the roll-out. A registrational clinical trial for prostate cancer is ongoing in the United States using an FDA-approved one-day protocol. Approval and launch are expected in H221. The US opportunity will become a significant driver for growth in the long term.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

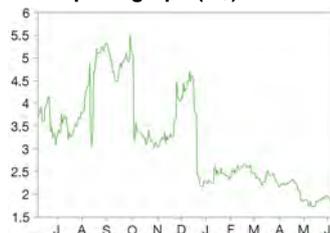
MagForce's NanoTherm therapy is designed to directly target cancerous tissue while sparing surrounding healthy tissue. Magnetic nanoparticles are directly instilled into a tumour or a resection cavity and activated by specialist equipment (NanoActivator). This can either thermally ablate tumours or sensitise them to other treatments (chemotherapy or radiotherapy).

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.1	(6.5)	(8.7)	(32.8)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.8	(5.6)	(7.6)	(28.2)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.8	(6.6)	(8.2)	(29.6)	N/A	N/A
2021e	2.4	(5.2)	(7.2)	(24.5)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$1.77
 Market cap: A\$1148m
 Market ASX

Share price graph (A\$)



Company description

Mesoblast is developing adult stem-cell therapies based on its proprietary MPC and MSC platforms. Its lead programs are in pediatric aGvHD, heart failure, ARDS and lower back pain, all of which are in Phase III or later.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	1.7	(23.7)	(52.5)
Relative*	(1.1)	(29.7)	(61.5)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Mesoblast (MSB)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Mesoblast is an Australia-headquartered biotechnology company focused on adult stem cell therapies. The company's pipeline is based on its proprietary mesenchymal precursor cells (MPC) and culture-expanded mesenchymal stem cells (MSC) technologies. Novartis recently signed a partnership with the company to develop remestemcel-L for acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), whether or not the ARDS was caused by COVID-19. The company recently announced data from its MPC-06-ID back pain trial. Rexlemestrocel-L in combination with hyaluronic acid (HA) significantly reduced pain and reduced the need for opioids. In the heart failure trial, Revascor had a significant impact on major adverse cardiovascular events such as cardiovascular death and ischemic events.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Mesoblast is a leading MSC company based in Australia. It is targeting large indications such as ARDS, congestive heart failure and back pain.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	16.0	(75.4)	(86.5)	(15.69)	N/A	N/A
2020	31.6	(64.8)	(79.6)	(13.28)	N/A	N/A
2021e	72.9	(46.3)	(55.7)	(9.06)	N/A	N/A
2022e	8.6	(83.2)	(92.6)	(14.29)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: CHF2.60
 Market cap: CHF46m
 Market: Swiss Stock Exchange

Share price graph (CHF)

Company description

Newron Pharmaceuticals is focused on the central nervous system. Xadago for Parkinson's disease (PD) is sold in Europe, Japan and the United States. Evenamide, a novel schizophrenia therapy, may start Phase III trials in 2022.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	18.2	(8.5)	44.4
Relative*	13.5	(16.5)	26.6

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr John Savin

Newron Pharmaceuticals (NWRN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Newron is developing evenamide as an add-on to existing anti-psychotic therapies to treat poorly managed and refractory schizophrenia. Two recently completed safety studies showed no brain or heart safety issues. Newron will now complete the requested safety work using the intended therapeutic dose of 30mg bid. This continuation study (008A) will take until H221 to complete. If Study 008A shows safety and efficacy, evenamide can enter Phase III with sales possible from 2025. There is funding and anticipated cash flows to support development until at least late 2022; this may be extended as Phase III costs are delayed.

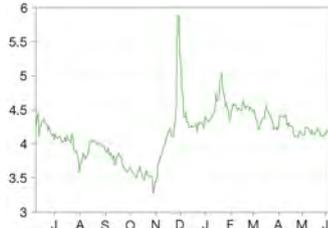
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Xadago is marketed as an add-on to levodopa therapy in PD. It is sold by Zambon in Europe and by Supernus in the United States. A study on a dyskinesia indication should start in Q421. A generic manufacturer has notified the FDA of its intention to file a generic Xadago formulation. Xadago tablets are protected by three patent that expire no earlier than 2027.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	7.0	(18.6)	(18.0)	(101.0)	N/A	N/A
2020	5.3	(16.4)	(18.2)	(109.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	6.7	(16.7)	(18.1)	(101.0)	N/A	N/A
2022e	7.7	(25.8)	(27.2)	(153.0)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €4.13
 Market cap: €153m
 Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Based in France, Nicox develops therapeutics for the treatment of ocular conditions. Lead development candidate NCX-470 is in Phase III studies for the treatment of glaucoma. Nicox also receives licence revenue from its partners for its FDA-approved drugs Vyizulta and Zerviate.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(2.5)	(1.9)	(0.6)
Relative*	(4.5)	(12.5)	(20.4)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Pooya Hemami

Nicox (COX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Nicox develops drugs for eye diseases, with lead candidate NCX-470 in Phase III trials targeting the topical ocular treatment of glaucoma. NCX-470 combines an NO-donating molecule with an analogue of established prostaglandin F2a drug, bimatoprost. NCX-470 0.065% has shown up to 1.4mmHg additional lowering of intraocular pressure (IOP) compared to latanoprost in the Phase II study, and the Phase III programme is testing a higher 0.1% concentration of NCX-470. Nicox is also advancing NCX-4251 in acute exacerbations of blepharitis, having recently completed enrolment in a Phase IIb study, with results expected in Q321.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

NCX-470, if approved, could become the most efficacious single-agent glaucoma drug on the market in terms of IOP lowering activity. Top-line data from Mont Blanc, the first of two Phase III NCX-470 studies that recently reached 50% enrolment, are expected in Q222. We expect a 2024 launch and sales of over €450m in 2030 in the United States and major markets. Nicox had €24.2m in Q121 net cash, which we model should last into H222, beyond the Mont Blanc inflection point.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	8.3	(17.2)	(16.0)	(40.1)	N/A	N/A
2020	14.4	(5.3)	(10.2)	(30.3)	N/A	N/A
2021e	10.2	(14.8)	(16.1)	(43.2)	N/A	N/A
2022e	12.0	(14.5)	(16.0)	(42.6)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK3.02
 Market cap: SEK1355m
 Market: Nasdaq FN Premier

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Oasmia Pharmaceutical is a Swedish speciality pharma company focusing on its proprietary XR-17 technology platform to develop novel formulations of well-established cytostatic oncology treatments for human and animal health. Key assets include Apealea (partnered with Elevar), docetaxel micellar and Cantrixil.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(12.3)	(11.3)	(55.8)
Relative*	(13.6)	(21.0)	(67.9)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Oasmia Pharmaceutical (OASM)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Oasmia is focused on developing improved formulations of well-established cancer drugs through the application of its proprietary XR-17 platform. This solubility enhancing technology has received validation through a global partnership deal for lead asset Apealea (Cremophor-free paclitaxel) with Elevar Therapeutics across a variety of cancers. Apealea is approved in Europe for second-line ovarian cancer and Elevar is required to complete two additional studies before an NDA filing in the US. Oasmia is working on additional nanoparticle formulations, including docetaxel micellar (Phase Ib prostate cancer) and the development of innovative drugs (preclinical stage). Recently in-licensed asset Cantrixil is expected to start Phase II development in ovarian cancer in 2022. Oasmia's animal health pipeline has two clinical stage assets, Paccal Vet and Doxophos Vet. At 31 March 2021, Oasmia had net cash of SEK219.5m, giving a cash runway into FY23.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Despite a slew of novel cancer drugs transforming care for many oncology indications, established chemotherapy regimens remain a cornerstone of treatment. Oasmia's XR-17 technology is applicable to any solubility limited drug, which includes 10–15 different cytostatic agents, and can potentially provide an improved formulation and profile.

Y/E Apr / Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	2.0	(119.2)	(168.5)	(68.5)	N/A	N/A
2020	201.8	(10.1)	(43.4)	0.2	1510.0	N/A
2021e	21.0	(129.6)	(160.5)	(31.3)	N/A	N/A
2022e	46.8	(106.5)	(139.0)	(26.5)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €0.66
 Market cap: €61m
 Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Onxeo has a proprietary platON platform based on a unique decoy technology in the field of DNA damage repair inhibition. The compounds have been shown in preclinical studies to be synergistic with DNA breaking therapies and also have an ability to reverse tumour resistance to PARP inhibitors and TKIs.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(1.9)	(12.7)	(13.5)
Relative*	(4.0)	(22.1)	(30.7)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Pecuilis

Onxeo (ONXEO)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Onxeo's portfolio focuses on its novel platON platform with AsiDNA as the lead drug candidate. AsiDNA is the only oligonucleotide decoy agonist in development that disrupts and exhausts the tumour DNA damage response mechanism. To date, the only approved similar class of drugs are four commercially successful PARP inhibitors. AsiDNA is now being tested in the Phase Ib part of the DRIIV-1 trial in patients with advanced solid tumours in combination with chemotherapy (the latest interim update in November showed promising data). Another key Phase Ib/II trial, REVOCAN, is recruiting patients and will evaluate AsiDNA's potentially unique ability to reverse tumour resistance to the PARP inhibitor, niraparib. The outcomes of all these events will define AsiDNA's mid- to late-stage development. In January, Onxeo secured a €5m state guaranteed loan extending its cash runway to Q322. In April, Onxeo raised a further €9.7m and revealed a new Phase II trial with AsiDNA in combination with chemotherapy in NSCLC to start in 2021.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Approval of the first PARP inhibitors has kick-started interest by the scientific community and large pharma in the DNA damage response field. Few biotechs are already positioned in this emerging field that has broad potential.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	6.1	(3.4)	(4.2)	4.92	13.4	N/A
2019	4.3	(9.1)	(11.5)	(14.98)	N/A	N/A
2020e	1.1	1.0	0.4	(0.62)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(10.1)	(10.8)	(13.78)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$2.24
 Market cap: US\$86m
 Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)



Company description

OpGen is focused on revolutionizing the identification and treatment of bacterial infections. Following the merger with Curetis, it has technology to detect pathogens and predict resistance. Importantly, the AMR Gene Panel and Unyvero platforms have the ability to provide results in hours instead of days.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(3.0)	14.3	14.9
Relative*	(2.9)	3.9	(13.2)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

OpGen (OPGN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

OpGen is a diagnostic company focused on revolutionizing the identification and treatment of bacterial infections. It recently merged with Curetis, a Germany-based molecular diagnostics company with a complementary focus on infectious disease. Curetis has two main business lines: the Unyvero A50 high-plex polymerase chain reaction platform for the diagnosis of infectious disease in hospital patients and the ARES AMR database (ARESDb), which includes data on 55,000 sequenced strains with a focus on resistant pathogens, as well as data on over 100 antibiotics.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

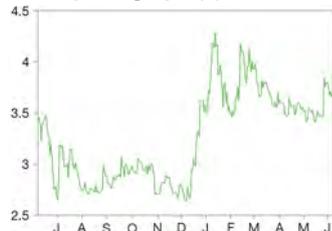
It currently takes days to test a patient sample to find out if they have an infection, what they are infected with and to which drugs that infection might be susceptible. This can lead to a delay in treatment or the wrong treatment being prescribed. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are over two million cases of drug-resistant bacterial infections every year.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	3.5	(11.7)	(11.9)	(737.57)	N/A	N/A
2020	4.2	(22.0)	(25.3)	(157.41)	N/A	N/A
2021e	10.5	(20.9)	(25.5)	(70.43)	N/A	N/A
2022e	26.4	(11.8)	(14.1)	(34.69)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €3.85
 Market cap: €204m
 Market: Madrid Stock Exchange

Share price graph (€)



Company description

Oryzon Genomics is a Spanish biotech focused on epigenetics. Iadademstat (Phase IIa) is being explored for acute leukaemias and SCLC; vafidemstat, its CNS product, has completed several Phase IIa trials and a Phase IIb trial in borderline personality disorder is ongoing. ORY-3001 is being developed for certain orphan indications.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	8.8	5.3	12.7
Relative*	7.5	(4.7)	(3.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Pecuilis

Oryzon Genomics (ORY)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Oryzon develops small molecule inhibitors for epigenetic targets. It has completed five Phase II and has three ongoing Phase II trials with two assets iadademstat and vafidemstat. Oryzon reported data in March 2021 from its two Phase IIa trials focusing on AD (ETHERAL and REIMAGINE-AD), that confirm vafidemstat is safe and effective in controlling aggression and agitation, a key focus area for Oryzon. To this end, in July 2020 results from the Phase IIa REIMAGINE trial with vafidemstat for aggressiveness in psychiatric diseases showed improvement in all cohorts (BPD, ADHD and ASD). Oryzon is conducting the Phase IIb trial for vafidemstat in BPD (PORTICO) and announced a new trial for schizophrenia (EVOLUTION). Oryzon is also developing a precision medicine approach for vafidemstat in genetically defined patient subpopulations of certain CNS disorders. In December 2020, Oryzon presented more data from the Phase II ALICE trial (iadademstat plus azacitidine) in AML, which continues to impress, and has been granted Orphan Drug Designation.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Oryzon is among the leading clinical stage drug developers with a second generation of epigenetic therapeutics, which have greater selectivity and potentially a favourable safety/efficacy profile than the first generation HDAC inhibitors.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	10.3	(3.7)	(4.6)	(8.81)	N/A	N/A
2020	9.5	(4.2)	(4.8)	(6.88)	N/A	N/A
2021e	9.9	(4.1)	(4.2)	(5.51)	N/A	N/A
2022e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €10.74
 Market cap: €193m
 Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)



Company description

OSE Immunotherapeutics is based in Nantes and Paris in France and is listed on the Euronext Paris exchange. It is developing immunotherapies for the treatment of solid tumours and autoimmune diseases and has established several partnerships with large pharma companies.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(2.2)	(13.4)	85.2
Relative*	(4.2)	(22.8)	48.2

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Pecilius

OSE Immunotherapeutics (OSE)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

OSE focuses on both oncology and immune disorders. Long-term collaborations with top research institutions enable it to identify novel targets in a cost-effective manner, which was particularly evident from the stream of announcements recently when the R&D pipeline expanded significantly. The latest positive was the FR104 (a CD28 antagonist) licensing deal signed with Veloxis Pharmaceuticals in the organ transplantation setting for a total of up to €315m in milestones plus royalties. Initial, positive data from the Phase I study of BI 765063 (SIRPa antagonist) in solid tumours were presented at ASCO 2021. Recall, this asset is partnered with BI in a deal worth €1.1bn plus royalties. CoVepiT is a multi-epitope COVID-19 vaccine that could provide protection against emergent variants of COVID-19; a Phase I trial started in May and an initial readout is expected in September 2021. Upcoming newsflow from many other projects in the pipeline should provide continued catalysts and hence support the share price.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

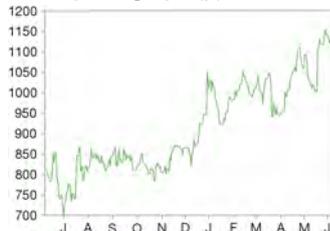
OSE has products in development for both immunological diseases and various cancer indications. As a result, the R&D pipeline is diversified and the outlook does not depend on developments in any specific subsector.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	26.0	(0.9)	(1.2)	(29.55)	N/A	26.7
2020	10.4	(18.1)	(18.5)	(101.83)	N/A	N/A
2021e	16.0	(13.6)	(14.1)	(85.30)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(29.8)	(30.4)	(169.03)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 1136.0p
 Market cap: £938m
 Market: LSE

Share price graph (p)



Company description

OXB's strategy is underpinned by its LentiVector technology. It generates significant revenue from a multitude of partners that use its technology and is manufacturing the COVID-19 vaccine Vaxzevria (AZD1222) for AstraZeneca. OXB is implementing significant capacity upgrades to enable more partnering/out-licensing agreements.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	10.9	13.6	46.8
Relative*	11.4	5.8	30.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Oxford Biomedica (OXB)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Oxford Biomedica (OXB) is a global leader in lentiviral development and manufacturing. It is expanding its manufacturing facilities through Oxbox, a 84,000 sq ft state-of-the-art bioprocessing facility, significantly increasing its production capacity to match increasing demand and to continue growing its platform revenues. In the near term, revenues will continue to be driven by Novartis and AstraZeneca as rollout of Kymriah and the COVID-19 vaccine continues, as well as new partner programmes such as those from Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS). OXB has several established development and manufacturing partnerships including Novartis, Juno Therapeutics (BMS), Sio Gene Therapies, Orchard Therapeutics, Boehringer Ingelheim, Santen, Beam Therapeutics and PhoreMost. OXB also has a supply agreement with AstraZeneca for the large-scale commercial manufacture of the adenovirus vector-based COVID-19 vaccine Vaxzevria (AZD1222).

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Cell and gene therapy is the focus of much industry attention as it can dramatically alter the outcomes of many diseases. OXB's proprietary LentiVector platform has demonstrated promise in many indications.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	64.1	(4.6)	(16.8)	(16.4)	N/A	236.0
2020	87.7	8.3	(2.5)	(2.7)	N/A	57.6
2021e	159.1	28.6	18.6	20.3	56.0	N/A
2022e	173.4	39.2	28.0	30.6	37.1	291.3

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NZ\$1.18
 Market cap: NZ\$859m
 Market: NZSX

Share price graph (NZ\$)

Company description

Pacific Edge develops and sells molecular diagnostic tests based on biomarkers for the early detection and management of cancer. Tests utilising its Cxbladder technology for detecting and monitoring bladder cancer are sold in the United States, New Zealand, Australia and Singapore.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	2.6	15.7	851.6
Relative*	4.7	13.6	769.6

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Pacific Edge (PEB)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Pacific Edge develops and sells a portfolio of molecular diagnostic tests based on biomarkers for the early detection and management of cancer. Tests using its Cxbladder technology for detecting and monitoring bladder cancer are sold in the United States, New Zealand, Australia and Singapore. The outlook for growth in the US business is strong as there was a local coverage determination enabling reimbursement at US\$760 per test from the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on all tests after 1 July 2020; commercial test orders to Kaiser Permanente, one of the largest non-profit healthcare providers in the United States, started in November; and United Healthcare, the largest commercial health insurer in the country, announced coverage as of 1 April 2021 for its 5.7m Medicare Advantage patients.

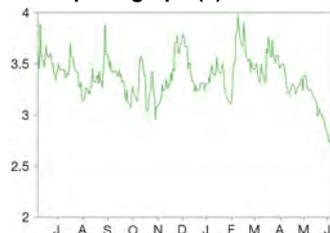
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Molecular diagnostics is a growing, but increasingly competitive field. Lead times from the initiation of user programmes to payment can be long.

Y/E Mar	Revenue (NZ\$m)	EBITDA (NZ\$m)	PBT (NZ\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	4.8	(17.8)	(17.8)	(3.5)	N/A	N/A
2020	5.0	(17.7)	(18.8)	(3.2)	N/A	N/A
2021e	13.2	(13.4)	(14.5)	(2.0)	N/A	N/A
2022e	34.3	0.8	(0.9)	(0.1)	N/A	537.4

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €2.44
 Market cap: €52m
 Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Pharnext is developing new therapies for neurological disorders using its proprietary Pleotherapy platform that unearths new therapeutic effects from drug combinations. Lead program PXT3003 for CMT1A recently entered Phase III. PXT864 for Alzheimer's disease has completed Phase IIa.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(24.7)	(26.7)	(27.3)
Relative*	(26.3)	(34.7)	(41.8)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Pharnext (ALPHA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Pharnext's pleotherapy platform uses a combination of in silico prediction of drug effects as well as in vitro screening to find drug combinations that have biochemical effects totally outside of their canonical activities. For instance, the company's lead program PXT3003 is a triple combination of an anti-opiate (naltrexone), a drug for spasms (baclofen), and the sweetener sorbitol, but the combination has shown positive results in Phase III for Charcot-Marie-Tooth type 1A (CMT1A) disease.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

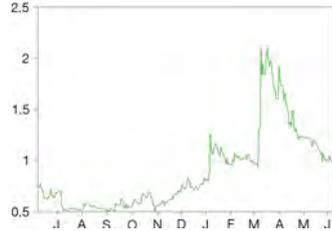
The power of the pleotherapy platform lies in its ability to predict gene expression patterns as a result of different drug combinations. This provides a way of addressing diseases of a genetic origin like CMT (and potentially other types of disease) that may not be amenable to other treatments like enzyme replacement therapy.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	3.6	(19.5)	(23.4)	(161.08)	N/A	N/A
2020	2.8	(18.2)	(21.4)	(117.33)	N/A	N/A
2021e	2.6	(22.5)	(25.0)	(119.13)	N/A	N/A
2022e	3.1	(23.5)	(26.0)	(112.86)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €0.98
 Market cap: €48m
 Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)



Company description

Pixium Vision develops bionic vision systems for patients with severe vision loss. Its lead product, Prima, is a wireless sub-retinal implant system designed for dry-AMD. The company recently started a European pivotal study.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(19.5)	(25.4)	50.0
Relative*	(21.2)	(33.5)	20.0

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Pooya Hemami

Pixium Vision (PIX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Pixium Vision is developing the Prima wireless photovoltaic sub-retinal implant, which transforms images into electrical signals to elicit a form of central visual perception in patients with severe retinal disease. Positive 18-month data from its EU feasibility study in patients with geographic atrophy associated with dry age-related macular degeneration (GA-AMD) showed improvements of between three and seven lines on the Landolt C visual acuity (VA) scale versus baseline. In Q121 a study showed that Prima-implanted patients can integrate their natural peripheral vision with the 'prosthetic vision' supplied by the system. Further, VA improvements from Prima were maintained at 24–30 months follow-up post-implantation, suggesting continued implant safety and stability.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

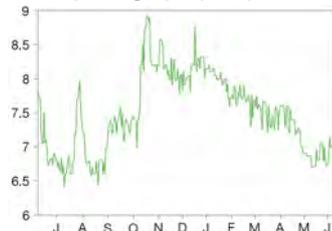
Pixium recently started the PRIMAvera pivotal study in Europe, which we believe could lead to potential CE Mark and EU market launch in H223. GA-AMD is a leading cause of blindness in older adults, affecting over 2.5 million persons in the United States and Europe, and there is no approved treatment.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	1.6	(5.8)	(7.7)	(41.6)	N/A	N/A
2019	1.8	(8.4)	(9.8)	(43.9)	N/A	N/A
2020e	2.1	(7.6)	(8.7)	(25.6)	N/A	N/A
2021e	1.6	(9.7)	(11.0)	(23.6)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: CHF7.15
 Market cap: CHF81m
 Market: Swiss Stock Exchange

Share price graph (CHF)



Company description

Polyphor is a development stage company focused on oncology and antibiotics. Lead programme balixafortide is a CXCR4 inhibitor in Phase III for breast cancer. Data are expected in 2021. It has approval to initiate its Phase I programme of inhaled murepavadin to treat P. aeruginosa infections in CF patients.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	4.2	(5.8)	(8.3)
Relative*	0.1	(14.1)	(19.7)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Polyphor (POLN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Polyphor is a development-stage company focused on oncology and antibiotics. Its lead programme is balixafortide, a C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4 (CXCR4) inhibitor currently in a randomised-controlled Phase III trial in 432 previously treated human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) negative advanced breast cancer patients. Objective response rate data from the trial are expected in Q221 and could allow for an accelerated approval filing in the United States. Additionally, it recently received approval to initiate the Phase I programme of inhaled murepavadin to treat P. aeruginosa infections in cystic fibrosis (CF) patients.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

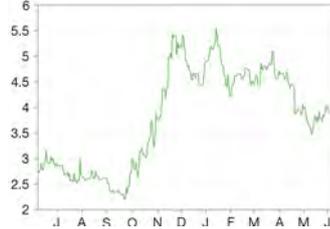
According to the National Cancer Institute, 78% of the estimated 276,480 new cases of breast cancer every year are HER2 negative. For those who are HER2 negative and hormone-receptor positive (68% of breast cancers), chemotherapy remains the standard of care in over 90% of cases once past front-line therapy.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (CHFm)	EBITDA (CHFm)	PBT (CHFm)	EPS (CHFc)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(64.9)	(64.2)	(581.19)	N/A	N/A
2020	14.3	(42.4)	(43.0)	(386.81)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(44.8)	(45.4)	(398.54)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(41.1)	(41.7)	(362.63)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €3.87
 Market cap: €103m
 Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)



Company description

Quantum Genomics is a biopharmaceutical company developing firibastat, a brain aminopeptidase A inhibitor for treating hypertension and heart failure. Its mechanism is implicated in the 25% of patients resistant to treatment.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	6.4	(12.2)	39.5
Relative*	4.2	(21.7)	11.7

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Quantum Genomics (ALQGC)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Quantum Genomics is investigating brain aminopeptidase A inhibitors, a new class of drug, for the treatment of hypertension and heart failure. Data from the Phase IIb NEW-HOPE trial strongly suggests that firibastat is an efficacious, safe drug. After eight weeks of treatment, patients saw a statistically significant reduction from baseline ($p < 0.0001$) in systolic blood pressure of 9.7mmHg. Two pivotal Phase III trials have been initiated (one with 500 patients and the other with 750). Data from the Phase IIb of firibastat in 294 heart failure patients will be presented at the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) meeting in August 2021.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

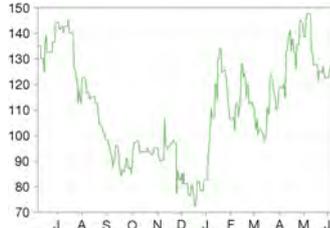
The angiotensin pathway is one of the primary methods of modulating blood pressure and is the target of many anti-hypertensive drugs, including ACEs and ARBs. However, there is a parallel pathway in the brain responsible for the secretion of vasopressin and heart rate that is unaddressed by current drugs and that is being targeted by Quantum Genomics.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(10.8)	(10.8)	(52.7)	N/A	N/A
2020	1.2	(13.9)	(13.9)	(49.9)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.8	(20.8)	(20.8)	(65.1)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(22.5)	(22.5)	(67.6)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 126.0p
 Market cap: £72m
 Market: LSE

Share price graph (p)



Company description

ReNeuron Group is a UK biotech company developing allogeneic cell therapies. Human retinal progenitor cells are the lead Phase I/IIa project for retinitis pigmentosa. There is a strong preclinical technology base in exosomes.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(14.6)	22.9	(4.1)
Relative*	(14.2)	14.5	(15.0)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr John Savin

ReNeuron Group (RENE)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

ReNeuron develops human retinal progenitor cell therapy (hRPC) for retinitis pigmentosa (RP). Ongoing Phase IIa data show a stable average gain in visual acuity. A nine-patient continuation Phase IIa study is underway at a higher dose. ReNeuron has at least 12 months cash to complete the Phase IIa, initiate a pivotal study in H222, and progress preclinical exosome and other cell therapy projects. FY21 results are due in July. Dr Stefano Pluchino has joined as chief scientific officer bringing a deep of knowledge of cell and gene therapy.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

hRPC cell therapy could potentially treat any RP patient, giving a big potential commercial advantage; gene therapies only treat specific mutations. The exosome platform is developing with progress being made by third party commercial collaborators. There are new collaboration agreements with a major pharmaceutical company and leading academic institutions. ReNeuron has shown that exosomes bind to target receptors in the brain to deliver siRNA.

Y/E Mar	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	2.7	(18.1)	(17.2)	(45.34)	N/A	N/A
2020	6.2	(14.0)	(13.9)	(35.85)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.2	(13.8)	(14.4)	(32.85)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.2	(12.9)	(13.3)	(20.55)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK20.55
 Market cap: SEK391m
 Market: SE

Share price graph (SEK)



Company description

RhoVac is an immunotherapy company listed on the Spotlight stock market in Sweden, with a 100%-owned subsidiary in Denmark. It is developing a peptide-based immunotherapy, RV001, which aims to train the immune system to specifically target cancer cells with metastatic potential.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	14.2	(12.0)	59.3
Relative*	9.9	(18.2)	26.0

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

RhoVac (RHOVAC)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

RhoVac is developing RV001, a cancer immunotherapy designed to prevent or limit progression to metastatic disease after curative intent therapy, by activating T-cells against cells with metastatic potential. RV001 contains a fragment of the target protein RhoC, which is overexpressed in cells with metastatic potential across a range of cancers. Funding should be sufficient to complete the Phase IIb BRaVac study for prostate cancer and exploratory preclinical studies in other cancers. RhoVac has increased the US centres for the BRaVac study to seven and forecasts full enrolment by September with results during 2022, 9–12 months after the last patient is enrolled. RhoVac aims to secure a partner for the late-stage development and global launch of RV001.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Metastatic cancer is the most advanced stage of cancer and forms the bulk of the current prostate cancer therapy market. RhoVac's target group is focused on non-metastatic patients with biochemical failure (PSA) and are several times more prevalent than metastatic patients. Preventing or halting metastasis formation in this group of patients by inhibiting the metastatic cascade or killing cells with metastatic potential could reduce morbidity and improve survival.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (fd) (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	6.0	(36.5)	(36.1)	(233.0)	N/A	N/A
2020	6.0	(47.5)	(46.9)	(205.5)	N/A	N/A
2021e	7.9	(42.1)	(41.7)	(178.6)	N/A	N/A
2022e	5.9	(39.1)	(38.9)	(163.8)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 57.5p
 Market cap: £124m
 Market: AIM

Share price graph (p)



Company description

Shield Therapeutics is a commercial-stage pharmaceutical company. Its proprietary product, Feraccru, is approved by the EMA and FDA for the treatment of iron deficiency. Outside of the United States Feraccru is marketed through partners Norgine, AOP Orphan and Ewopharma.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	19.8	47.4	(41.4)
Relative*	20.3	37.3	(48.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Shield Therapeutics (STX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Shield Therapeutics is a commercial-stage speciality pharmaceutical company based in the UK. Its primary focus is the commercialisation of Feraccru/Accrufer, approved by the EMA and FDA for the treatment of iron deficiency in adults, with or without anaemia. The commercialisation of Feraccru in Europe, Australia and New Zealand is in the hands of distribution partner Norgine, and the product has been licensed to ASK Pharm in China. Shield is commercialising Accrufer itself in the United States and expects to launch the product by end Q221. At 31 March 2021 Shield had an unaudited cash balance of £28.2m. This is sufficient to enable it to establish and expand its US commercial infrastructure to include 30–60 sales reps to support the product launch.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

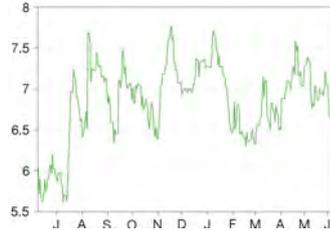
The market for iron deficiency is substantial and Feraccru is a unique oral formulation of iron developed to overcome the side-effect profile of salt-based oral iron therapies and provides an alternative treatment to intravenously administered iron.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.7	(6.4)	(9.1)	(7.5)	N/A	N/A
2020	10.4	0.6	(1.9)	(2.2)	N/A	N/A
2021e	6.7	(20.3)	(22.3)	(11.1)	N/A	N/A
2022e	27.1	(6.5)	(8.4)	(3.3)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$6.71
 Market cap: US\$510m
 Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)



Company description

SIGA Technologies is a commercial-stage health security company focused on the treatment of smallpox and other orthopoxviruses. It has contracts with both the US and Canadian governments for TPOXX, its treatment for smallpox.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(8.5)	0.9	12.6
Relative*	(8.3)	(8.3)	(14.9)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

SIGA Technologies (SIGA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

SIGA Technologies is a commercial-stage company focusing on health security. Its lead program is oral TPOXX (tecovirimat), which was approved by the FDA in 2018 for the treatment of smallpox and is active against all orthopoxviruses. Importantly, in 2018 SIGA was awarded a 60-month contract (with options to extend to 2028) of up to \$602m from the US Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA). The bulk of the BARDA contract is related to the oral version of TPOXX in people with smallpox. The company is looking to expand its franchise with an IV version (NDA was submitted in May), a liquid formulation mainly for use in small children and a label expansion for TPOXX for use in post-exposure prophylaxis.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

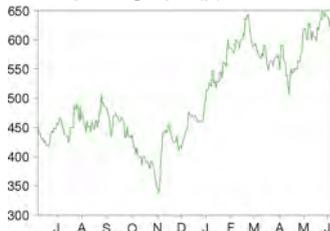
Smallpox is a very serious life-threatening disease caused by the variola virus. The literature suggests a death rate of up to 30% (compared to around 2% for COVID-19). According to CDC forecasts, over 50 million people could be infected in a smallpox outbreak.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	26.7	0.0	(15.3)	(15.22)	N/A	N/A
2020	125.0	84.5	82.0	81.82	8.2	7.4
2021e	119.2	75.1	75.2	74.65	9.0	9.3
2022e	124.5	78.9	79.4	79.34	8.5	8.3

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 625.0p
 Market cap: £559m
 Market: AIM

Share price graph (p)



Company description

Silence Therapeutics (SLN) has a portfolio of siRNA drugs in early stage testing. SLN124 for iron overload was recently dosed in the first volunteers of a Phase I study. SLN360 is being developed for cardiovascular disease and its IND was recently approved.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(0.5)	9.7	33.8
Relative*	(0.1)	2.1	18.7

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Silence Therapeutics (SLN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Silence Therapeutics is a developer of RNA-based therapeutics with some of the foundational intellectual property in the space. The value of its platform has been highlighted with recent licensing deals with Mallinckrodt to develop a complement inhibitor, with Takeda to research undisclosed targets, and recently with AstraZeneca to research cardiovascular, renal, metabolic and respiratory targets. This is in addition to the company's internal pipeline; SLN124 and SLN360 both recently began enrolling patients into Phase I studies.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

RNA therapeutics is an increasingly high-profile sector of the biotechnology industry, now with multiple drug approvals for a range of disorders. We consider the technology in this field to be mature and expect increased interest across the industry to develop new drugs of this class.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (fd) (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(20.2)	(19.8)	(25.18)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.2	(22.3)	(22.3)	(27.15)	N/A	N/A
2020e	6.3	(23.0)	(20.5)	(20.93)	N/A	N/A
2021e	10.0	(22.5)	(20.9)	(20.96)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$0.04
 Market cap: A\$16m
 Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)



Company description

SUDA Pharmaceuticals is a drug delivery company focusing on developing oro-mucosal spray versions of established medicines. It has the rights to ZolpiMist, the spray version of Ambien for insomnia, outside of North America.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	10.5	0.0	18.0
Relative*	7.5	(7.8)	(4.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

SUDA Pharmaceuticals (SUD)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

SUDA Pharmaceuticals has focused on reformulating established drugs into oro-mucosal spray formulations for better bioavailability. Its lead commercial product is ZolpiMist, an oro-mucosal spray version of Ambien for the treatment of insomnia that is partnered in certain regions with Teva and Mitsubishi Tanabe. SUDA is also working on formulating an oro-mucosal version of anagrelide for the treatment of solid tumours in patients who have high platelet counts. Anagrelide is currently used as an anti-thrombotic agent to reduce elevated levels of platelets in essential thrombocythemia. Additionally, SUDA is working on spray versions of sumatriptan for migraine, cannabinoids for various conditions, as well as other projects.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

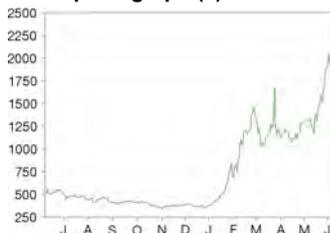
SUDA is targeting very large markets. ZolpiMist is a spray version of Ambien which has 30 million prescriptions in the United States. Anagrelide is targeting multiple cancers, including ovarian, pancreatic and lung. Additionally, migraine has a prevalence of 13–15% in the US/EU.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	1.2	(1.9)	(2.4)	(1.54)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.5	(4.1)	(4.7)	(2.81)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.5	(3.6)	(4.3)	(1.29)	N/A	N/A
2022e	1.0	(4.0)	(4.6)	(1.19)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: ¥2250.00
 Market cap: ¥86433m
 Market: Tokyo

Share price graph (¥)



Company description

Symbio Pharmaceuticals is a Japanese specialty pharma company focused on oncology and hematology. It markets Treakisym (bendamustine) in Japan and in-licensed two liquid formulations from Eagle Pharmaceuticals in 2017; brincidofovir was licensed from Chimerix in 2019.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	68.4	117.6	365.8
Relative*	66.0	110.4	283.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Jyoti Prakash

Symbio Pharmaceuticals (4582)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Symbio is a specialty pharma focused on Asia-Pacific markets and has the Japanese rights to multiple formulations of Treakisym (bendamustine). Treakisym iv was approved for r/r low-grade NHL/MCL in 2010 and in 2016 for CLL and first-line low-grade NHL/MCL. Symbio has in-licensed liquid formulations for injection that will give Treakisym patent protection to 2031; a clinical trial is underway of the rapid-infusion liquid formulation. The company recently received a label expansion to r/r diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. Finally, the company filed an IND in March 2021 to begin Phase II studies on brincidofovir.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Symbio is focused on in-licensing niche opportunities in hard-to-treat indications often overlooked by big pharma. An in-house screening process to select additional pipeline candidates for development and commercialisation will be key to driving operational leverage.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (¥m)	EBITDA (¥m)	PBT (¥m)	EPS (¥)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	2837.8	(4263.5)	(4249.5)	(183.72)	N/A	N/A
2020	2987.1	(4441.4)	(4513.5)	(137.10)	N/A	N/A
2021e	9227.8	1561.2	1508.4	27.02	83.3	N/A
2022e	11483.8	2069.6	2017.5	37.29	60.3	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$4.63
 Market cap: A\$1303m
 Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

Telix Pharmaceuticals is a Melbourne-headquartered global biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of diagnostic and therapeutic products based on targeted radiopharmaceuticals or molecularly targeted radiation (MTR).

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	17.5	24.8	226.1
Relative*	14.3	15.0	164.8

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Telix Pharmaceuticals (TLX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Telix is developing diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals for kidney, prostate and brain cancers. It is commercialising TLX591-CDx in the United States and Europe and on 24 September 2020 the company announced that it had submitted its NDA to the FDA for approval. Telix expects to fully enrol the ZIRCON Phase III for kidney cancer imaging agent TLX250-CDx in 2021.

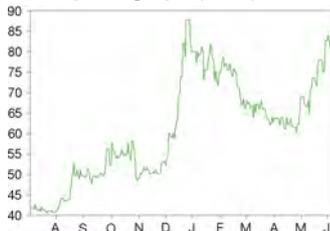
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Big pharma has shown keen interest in MTR products. In 2017 Novartis acquired Advanced Accelerator Applications, the developer of the MTR therapeutic Lutathera, for US\$3.9bn. In 2014 Bayer acquired Algeta for ~US\$2.6bn; Algeta had developed Xofigo, a therapeutic radiopharmaceutical for prostate cancer. In December 2018 Novartis acquired prostate cancer radiopharmaceutical developer, Endocyte for US\$2.1bn.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	15.2	(24.3)	(31.1)	(11.94)	N/A	N/A
2020	17.5	(39.3)	(47.9)	(17.45)	N/A	571.6
2021e	23.6	(41.4)	(45.9)	(15.74)	N/A	N/A
2022e	33.6	(41.1)	(46.0)	(15.17)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NOK79.80
 Market cap: NOK2554m
 Market: Oslo

Share price graph (NOK)

Company description

Ultimovacs is developing novel immunotherapies against cancer. The lead product candidate, UV1, is a peptide-based vaccine against the universal cancer antigen telomerase (hTERT), which is expressed by around 85% of all cancer types. Therefore, UV1 has a broad potential in a variety of different settings and combinations.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	19.8	19.8	69.8
Relative*	15.3	11.4	34.3

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

Ultimovacs (ULTI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Ultimovacs is a biotechnology company focused on developing a next generation cancer vaccine with virtually universal potential. Lead asset, UV1, activates the immune system to recognise cancer cells that express human telomerase reverse transcriptase (hTERT, or telomerase), which is present in over 85% of all cancer types. For this reason, UV1 has broad potential in a variety of cancers and in combination with other treatments. Ultimovacs' R&D strategy is to combine UV1 with checkpoint inhibitors due to an expected treatment synergy. The broad R&D programme includes four Phase II trials in different solid tumours, which will enrol more than 500 patients in total. Readouts are expected over 2022/2023, all within cash reach.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Novel drug projects in oncology comprise the lion's share of total R&D investments in the industry. Around 85% of all cancer types express high levels of hTERT, which means that UV1 has a broad potential in a variety of different settings, including combinations with other cancer treatments.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (NOKm)	EBITDA (NOKm)	PBT (NOKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	0.0	(64.2)	(61.2)	(267.0)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.0	(121.4)	(120.6)	(398.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(153.7)	(152.5)	(477.0)	N/A	N/A
2022e	0.0	(159.9)	(159.0)	(497.0)	N/A	N/A

Company coverage

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Glossary

AACR	American Association for Cancer Research
AAV	Adeno-associated virus
ABSSSI	Acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections
AC	Anterior chamber
Accelerated approval	Faster FDA approval based on a surrogate endpoint for drugs that fill an unmet medical need for serious conditions. Phase IV confirmatory trial required post-approval to demonstrate clinical benefit
ACEs	Angiotensin converting enzymes
AD	Alzheimer's disease
ADC	Antibody-drug conjugate
AdCom	FDA Advisory Committee meeting
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
ADME	Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion
AdV	Adenovirus
AEs	Adverse events
AfDC	Affimer drug conjugates
AGvHD	Acute graft vs host disease
AH	Aqueous humour
AI	Adrenal insufficiency
AKI	Acute kidney injury
ALL	Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
AM	Alpha-mannosidosis
AMF	Alternating magnetic field
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
AML	Acute myeloid leukaemia
ANDA	Abbreviated new drug application
AOBP	Automated office blood pressure
APD	Atypical antipsychotic drugs
API	Active pharmaceutical ingredient
APPA	American Pet Products Association
AR	Augmented reality
ARBs	Angiotensin receptor blockers
ARDS	Acute respiratory distress syndrome
ASCO	American Society of Clinical Oncology
ASCT	Autologous stem cell transplantation
ASD	Autism spectrum disorder
AUC	Area under the curve (total drug exposure over time)
B-ALL	B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
BARDA	Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (US agency that supports research into drugs, vaccines and other products that are considered priorities for national health security)
BBB	Blood-brain barrier
BC	Breast cancer
BCAL	Breast cancer-associated secondary lymphedema
BDNF	Brain-derived neurotrophic factor
BE	Bronchiectasis
BET	bromodomain and extraterminal domain proteins
bid	Twice daily (prescription)
BLA	Biologics License Application (FDA filing approval for biologic drugs)
BLC	Blue light cystoscopes
BM	Bone marrow
BMBC	Brain metastases from breast cancer
BMI	Body mass index
BMs	Brain metastases
BMT	Bone marrow transplantation
B-NHL	B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma
BOI	Burden of illness study
BPD	Borderline personality disorder
BTC	Biliary tract carcinoma
BTD	Breakthrough therapy designation (Expediates development and FDA review of drugs intended to treat a serious condition and may demonstrate substantial improvement on available therapies)
BTR	Bridge-to-recovery
BTT	Bridge-to-transplant
BVS	Bionic vision system
CABP	Community-acquired bacterial pneumonia
CAH	Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
Cancer stages	
I	The cancer or tumour is small and is still in the place that it started and hasn't spread to nearby tissue
II-III	The cancer or tumour is larger and may have spread to the surrounding tissue and/or lymph nodes
IV	The cancer has spread to one or more other organs of the body and is considered metastatic

CAR-T	Chimeric antigen receptor T cell
CBD	Hemp-derived cannabidiol
CBN	Cannabinol
ccRCC	Clear cell renal cell carcinoma
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US agency that aims to protect public health through the control and prevention of disease, injury and disability)
CDK	cyclin-dependent kinase
CDMO	Contract development and manufacturing organisation
CDx	Companion diagnostic
CE mark	Notified body issued authorisation for medical devices that pass the conformity assessment (health, safety and environmental protection) and are sold in the European economic area
CEC	Circulating endothelial cells
CF	Cystic fibrosis
CGT	Cell and gene therapies
cGvHD	Chronic graft vs host disease
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CHMP	Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (a committee of the EMA)
CINV	Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
Cmax	Maximum concentration of drug exposure
CMO	Contract manufacturing organisation
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (US federal agency that operates the Medicare program and works in partnership with state governments to operate the Medicaid program)
CMT	Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
CNS	Central nervous system
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPI	Checkpoint inhibitor
CR	Complete response
CR	Complete remission
CRC	Colorectal cancer
CRE	Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae
CRL	Complete response letter (reflects FDA's complete review of a new or generic drug application that has not been approved for marketing)
CRO	Contract research organisation
CsA	Cyclosporin A
CSF	Cerebrospinal fluid
CTA	Clinical trials application (EU version of an IND)
CTN	Clinical Trials Notification Scheme (Australian version of an IND)
CV	Cardiovascular
CXCR4	C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4
DC	Dendritic cell
DCR	Disease control rate
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration (US agency focused on controlled substances)
DFS	Disease-free survival
DGF	Delayed graft function
DIPG	Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma
DLBCL	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
DLT	Dose-limiting toxicity
DMF	Drug master file (submission to FDA to provide confidential, detailed information about facilities or processes used in the manufacturing, processing, packaging, and storing of human drug products)
DMPK	Drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics
DMT	Disease modifying therapy
DoR	Duration of response
DRG	Diagnosis-related group code
Dry-AMD	Dry age-related macular degeneration
DSMB	Data safety monitoring board
DT	Destination therapy
DTC	Direct to consumer
EB	Epidermolysis bullosa
EBT	External-beam radiation therapy
ECM	Extracellular matrix
EDL	Essential drug list (list of medicines that must be in stock at public hospitals and clinics in China)
EGFR	Epidermal growth factor receptor
EMA	European Medicines Agency (European regulator)
epNET	Non-pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour
ER	Estrogen receptor
ESMO	European Society for Medical Oncology
EUA	Emergency Use Authorization
FDA	Food and Drug Agency (US regulator)
FGFR	Fibroblast growth factor receptors
FISH	Fluorescence in situ hybridization

FL	Follicular lymphoma
FTD	Fast Track Designation (facilitates development and expedites FDA review of drugs to treat serious conditions and fill an unmet medical need)
GA	General anaesthesia
GA	Geographic atrophy
GA-AMD	Geographic atrophy associated with dry age-related macular degeneration
GBM	Glioblastoma
GC	Gastric cancer
G-CSF	Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor
GDI	Glaucoma drainage implant
GDUFA	Generic Drug User Fee Act date (when FDA is expected to approve/not approve ANDA)
GI	Gastrointestinal
GIST	Gastrointestinal stromal tumours
GMP	Good manufacturing practice
GPR	G-protein-coupled receptor
GvHD	Graft vs host disease
H2H	Head to head
HAIs	Hospital-acquired infections
HbV	Haemoglobin
HBV	Hepatitis B virus
HCC	Hepatocellular cancer
HDAC	Histone deacetylase
HDL	How-density lipoprotein (cholesterol)
HER	Human epidermal growth factor receptor
HF	Heart failure
HHT	Human heart transplantation
HHV	Human herpesvirus
HLA	Human leukocyte antigen
HMAAs	Hypomethylating agents
HNSCC	Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma
hpSCs	Human parthenogenetic stem cells
HPV	Human papilloma virus
HR	Hazard ratio
HR-MDS	Higher-risk myelodysplastic syndrome
hRPC	Human retinal progenitor cell
HRQoL	Health-related quality-of-life
HSCT	Hematopoietic stem cell transplant
HSIL	High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease
IBS-D	Irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhoea
iCCA	Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma
ICER	Institute for Clinical and Economical Review
ICU	Intensive care unit
ID	Iron deficiency
IDA	Iron deficiency anaemia
IDMC	Independent Data Monitoring Committee
IDN	Integrated delivery network
IHC	Immunohistochemistry
IIT	Investigator-initiated trials
ILD	Interstitial lung disease
IMP	Investigational medicinal product (Australia TGA terminology)
IND	Investigational New Drug Application (submission to FDA required to start clinical trials)
IO	Immuno-oncology
IOP	Intraocular pressure
IPF	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
IR	Insulin receptor
ITP	Immune thrombocytopenia
ITT	Intention-to-treat (analysis includes all patients randomised in the clinical study)
iv, im, sc	Intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous
KOL	Key opinion leader
LAI	Long-acting injectable
LCD	Local coverage determination (MAC decision whether to cover a particular treatment in its jurisdiction)
LDAC	Low-dose cytarabine
LDL	Low-density lipoprotein (cholesterol)
LDTs	laboratory-developed tests
LHON	Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy
LMWH	Low molecular weight heparin
LPAD	Limited population pathway for antibacterial and antifungal drugs (FDA pathway to approval for antibacterial and antifungal drugs that treat serious infections in a small population of patients with unmet needs)
LPAD	Left pulmonary artery diameter

LSC	Leukaemia stem cells
LSIL	Low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions
LT	Laser trabeculoplasty
LVEF	Left ventricular ejection fraction
LVESV	Left ventricle end systolic volume
LVV	Lentiviral vector
MAA	Marketing Authorisation Application (EMA regulatory filing for approval)
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor (private insurer that has been awarded geographic jurisdiction to process claims)
MAC	Mycobacterium avium complex
MACE	Major adverse cardiac event
MAD	Multiple ascending dose
mBC	Metastatic breast cancer
MC	Mast cell
mCDRPC	Metastatic castration and docetaxel resistant prostate cancer
MCI	Minimal cognitive impairment
MCL	Mantle cell lymphoma
mCRC	Metastatic colorectal cancer
mCRPC	Metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer
MCS	Mechanical circulatory support
MDS	Myelodysplastic syndrome
MDSC	Myeloid-derived suppressor cell
MES	Molecular epidemiology study
MET	Mesenchymal epithelial transition factor
MFS	Metastasis-free survival
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (UK regulator)
MI	Myocardial infarctions
MIGS	Minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries
MM	Multiple myeloma
MMP-2	Matrix metalloproteinase-2
MoA	Mode of action
mOS	Median overall survival
MPC	Mesenchymal precursor cell
mPFS	Median progression-free survival
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRP	Mutual recognition procedure (one route of filing in the EU)
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus
MS	Multiple sclerosis
MSA	Medical savings account (allows owner to withdraw earmarked funds to pay for treatments)
MSC	Mesenchymal stem cell
MT	Monotherapy
MTD	Maximum tolerated dose
MTR	Molecularly targeted radiation
NAFLD	Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
nAMD	Neovascular age-related macular degeneration
NASH	NASH activity score
NASH	Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis
NCI	National Cancer Institute (US agency for cancer research)
NDA	New Drug Application (FDA filing application for approval for chemical/small molecule drugs)
NET	Neuroendocrine tumour
NGF	Nerve growth factor
NGS	Next generation sequencing
NHL	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
NHP	Non-human primate
NHSA	National Healthcare Security Administration (agency in China that manages medical insurance schemes)
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (US agency for the research of infectious, immunologic and allergic diseases)
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (develops clinical guidelines for NHS)
NK	Natural killer cell
NME	New molecule entity (FDA regulatory pathway)
NMIBC	Non-muscle invasive bladder cancer
NMPA	Chinese National Medical Products Administration (China regulator)
NO	Nitric oxide
NRDL	National reimbursement drug list (includes drugs reimbursable by public insurance schemes in China)
NSCLC	Non-small cell lung cancer
NTAP	New technology add-on payments (CMS provides additional payment to hospitals for new, high-cost medical services and technologies)
NTM	Pulmonary non-tuberculous mycobacteria
OAG	Open-angle glaucoma
OC	Ovarian cancer

ODAC	Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee (makes recommendations to FDA about the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational oncology drugs)
ODD	Orphan drug designation (provides tax incentives and a period of market exclusivity to treatments targeting rare diseases or conditions)
OFPP	Oral ferrous product
OIC	Opioid-induced constipation
OR	Odds ratio
ORR	Objective response rate
OS	Overall survival
OTC	Over-the-counter
PA	Passive avoidance
pALL	Paediatric acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
PARP	Poly-ADP-ribose polymerase
PCLS	Precision cut liver slices
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PD	Parkinson's disease
PD-(L)1	Programmed death-ligand 1
PD-1	Programmed cell death protein 1
PDAC	Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma
PDUFA date	Prescription Drug User Fee Act date (when FDA is expected to approve/not approve NDA or BLA)
PDX	Patient-derived xenograft
PEP	Post-exposure prophylaxis
PET	Positron emission tomography
PFAS	Perfluoroalkyl substances
PFS	Progression-free survival
PGA	Prostaglandin F _{2α}
PGDGF	Platelet-derived growth factor
PGP	P-glycoprotein - multidrug resistance protein
Phase I	Testing of a new treatment in healthy volunteers (can also be in patients with the disease or condition) to assess safety and determine the RP2D dose. Less than 100 participants.
Phase Ia	Single ascending dose. Patients receive a single dose of the treatment, and if no adverse side effects are observed, the dose is increased for the next cohort of patients to determine the MTD.
Phase Ib	Multiple ascending dose. Patients receive multiple doses of the treatment at the same dose level, and if no adverse side effects are observed, the dose is increased for the next cohort of patients to determine the MTD. Provides preliminary efficacy data.
Phase II	Testing of a new treatment in patients with the disease or condition to assess efficacy and side effects. Up to several hundred participants.
Phase III	Testing of a new treatment in patients with the disease or condition to assess efficacy and clinical benefit, as well as monitoring adverse reactions (and long-term side effects). Up to several thousand participants.
Phase IV	Post-marketing surveillance to assess the safety (rare and long-term side effects) and efficacy of an approved treatment in patients that are prescribed it.
PICU	Paediatric intensive care unit
PK	Pharmacokinetics
PMA	Pre-market approval (FDA approval required for Class III medical devices that support or sustain human life before marketing)
PMC	Pseudomembranous colitis
PMDA	Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Agency (Japan regulator)
PMDs	Primary mitochondrial diseases
pNET	Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour
PoC	Point-of-care
PONV	Post-operative nausea and vomiting
PP	Per protocol (analysis only includes patients that complied with the clinical study protocol)
PPE	Personal protective equipment
PR	Partial response
PR	Progesterone receptor
PRCC	Papillary renal cell carcinoma
Preclinical	Testing of drug in non-human subjects, to gather efficacy, toxicity and pharmacokinetic information
Priority review	FDA aims to take action on an application within 6 months (compared to 10 months under standard review)
PRRT	Peptide receptor radionuclide therapy
PRV	Priority review voucher
PS	Procedural sedation
PSA	Prostate-specific antigen
PSC	Pulmonary sarcomatoid carcinoma
Pt	Patient
PTCL	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma
PV	Pharmacovigilance
qd	Once daily
QIDP	Qualified infectious disease product designation
QoL	Quality-of-life
RBC	Red blood cell

RCC	Renal cell carcinoma
RCT	Randomised clinical trial
RECIST	Response evaluation criteria in solid tumours
RFS	Relapse free survival
RGC	Retinal ganglion cell
RI	Rapid infusion
RMAT	Regenerative medicine advanced therapy (FDA designation for regenerative medicine therapies that enables eligibility for expediated programs)
RP	Retinitis pigmentosa
RP2D	Recommended Phase II dose
RTD	Ready to dilute formulation
RTF	Refusal to file (allows FDA to inform sponsors of deficiencies in their NDA or BLA as soon as possible, instead of waiting to issue a CRL)
RTK	Receptor tyrosine kinase
RT-PCR	Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction
Rx	Prescription
SAA	Severe aplastic anaemia
SAB	Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia
SAD	Single ascending dose
SAE	Serious adverse event
SAP	Statistical analysis plan
SARS	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SCCHN	Squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck
SCLC	Small cell lung cancer
SD	Stable disease
SMA	Spinal muscular atrophy
SMC	Safety monitoring committee
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile
SoC	Standard of care
SPA	Special protocol assessment (FDA process to reach agreement with sponsors on the design and size of certain clinical trials)
SPECT	Single photon emission computed tomography
SPION	Super paramagnetic iron oxide nanoparticle
SRE	Skeletal-related event
T1D	Type 1 diabetes
T2D	Type 2 diabetes
TAAAs	Tumour-associated antigens
TAH	Total artificial heart
TAM	Tumour-associated macrophage
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TCM	Traditional Chinese medicine
TCR	T-cell receptor
TD	Travellers' diarrhoea
TEAE	Treatment-emergent adverse event
TfR	Transferrin receptor
TGA	Therapeutic Goods Administration (Australia regulator)
TGF	Transforming growth factor
Th cell	T helper cell
THC	Tetrahydrocannabinol
TKI	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor
TLR	Toll-like receptor
TM	Trabecular meshwork
TMAC	Tissue microenvironment-activated conjugates
TME	Tumour microenvironment
TNBC	Triple-negative breast cancer
TNK	Tumour necrosis factor
TPS	Tumour proportion score
TSAs	Tumour-specific antigens
TTFields	Tumour-treating fields
TTP	Time-to-progression
TURBT	Transurethral resection of the bladder tumour
Tx	Treatment
UBC	Umbilical cord blood
UC	Urothelial cancer
URD	Unrelated matched donor
VADs	Visual acuity
VADs	Ventricular assistance devices (L = left, R = right and Bi=biventricular)
VEGFR	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptors
vHC	Viral haemorrhagic cystitis
VMIC	Vaccines Manufacturing and Innovation Centre
WHO	World Health Organisation
WT	Wild type

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