



<u>Healthcare & Biotech Update - Backing De-risked Biotech</u>
<u>Advantage to gold standard, Believable managers, Cash Flow</u>
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Ranking of covered companies:
Starpharma (SPL) - Buy
Medical Developments (MVP) - Buy
Phosphagenics (POH) - Hold

Companies next in focus:
Ellex Lasers (ELX)
Clover (CLV)
Sienna Cancer Diagnostics (Unlisted)

# **Executive Summary**



# Why cover Biotech?....Sector about to deliver Cash Flow with reasonable risk-reward

 PAC Partners re-initiating coverage of Australian Biotechnology Sector in 2013 because there were many emerging companies delivering positive cash flow over the next three years to 2016.

# What is focus?..."De-risked Biotech" or "Boring Biotech" with Globally Significant Platforms

- We prefer "de-risked biotech" which makes near term positive cash flow by focusing on tangible improvements which are complementary to Gold Standards
- We focus on companies which have potential to deliver globally significant platforms with broad application across human and/or agricultural markets.

### What are our key hurdles?...ABC.

- Solid technical Advantages over existing gold standard, and preferably complementary work flow;
- **Believable** managers: proactive, proven, consistent and open; and,
- Clear milestones to positive Cash Flow within short term.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Emerging Biotech with Positive Cash Flow:**

Clover (CLV) MCap \$66m\*, Ellex Lasers (ELX) MCap \$38m\*

Nanosonics (NAN) MCap, \$198m, Sirtex (SRX) MCap \$1,045m

### **Game Changers with 12 -24 month Cash Flow Catalysts:**

**Starpharma (SPL)** – Buy, High Risk, \$ 1.00/share 12 Month Price Target, 65% upside to Share Price \$ 0.57/sh, MCap \$163m **Medical Developments (MVP)** – Buy Medium Risk – EU approval expands market significantly from long term Australian base **Phosphagenics (POH)** – Hold, Very High Risk, \$0.11/share PT, +22% to Share Price \$0.09/sh MCap \$90m (\$108m post equity raise)

Avita Medical (AVH), Anteo Diagnostics (ADO) – MCap \$102m, Universal Biosensors (UBI) MCap \$74m, Sienna Cancer Diagnostics\* (Unlisted)

\* We have reports and models on covered companies and data sheets on Watching Brief Companies. Clover, Ellex Lasers and Sienne Cancer Diagnostics are highlighted in this presentation



# Starpharma Holdings (SPL) - Diverse commercial sales and clinical trails from Dendrimer hub



# **Recommendation:** Buy, 12 Month Price Target \$2.00/share

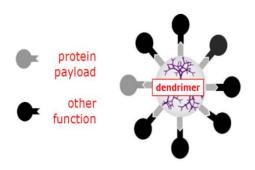
### **Investment View**

SPL has a leading platform technology vs. Australian mid-cap biotech; tangible cash flow milestones within 6 and 18 months; attractive broad applications; and, reputable partners.

#### Recommendation:

We have a Buy and PT \$2.00/share (DCF).

## Dendrimer - Drug Delivery



Source: SPL

## Advantages and Believable Management

- **1 Barriers to Entry.** Many groups started working with Dendrimers in the 1980's, with Dow Chemical being the highest profile. It is significant that Dow Chemical selected SPL as the "most advanced" of the emerging players in 2005. Dow sold its own Dendrimer development to SPL. SPL has since developed its second generation Dendrimers which are cheaper, and better suited for drug delivery.
- **2 Structure.** Synthesis of SPL Dendrimers has been accepted by US for commercial application. The Phase 2 and 3 trials of Vivagel® Dendrimer (SPL7013) are the public examples of SPL proving that their Dendrimer structure is stable and safe in the human body.
- **3 Drug Delivery.** So far the external validation of SPL's Dendrimer drug delivery potential comes from the large number of top tier partners which SPL across broad human, crop, and animal applications.

Importantly on 14 July 2014 SPL received Special Protocol Assessment from USDA for its Phase 3 Recurrent Bacterial Vaginosis. This validates the stability dendrimer platform, and de-risks the novel treatment process and hurdles. SPL's two Phase 2 trials have built a solid platform in order to achieve this Phase 3 Trial.

#### **RISKS**

- Whilst SPL may have leadership with Dendrimers, there are many Drug Deliver alternatives which will provide competition.
- Bacterial Vaginosis has been a difficult indication for novel clinical trials due to variable usage and impact of placebo gels.

### Cash Flow Milestones

30 Jun'14	CASH of \$30m			
FY'14F	CASH BURN of \$9mpa			
2HCY'14	Commercial sales of Vivagel ® branded condoms in Japan with Okamoto – Approved for marketing on 14 March 2014. We estimate Vivagel ® reaches 1/5 of Okamoto's 60% market share (\$300m in 2013) by 2020 with a 50% price premium and 12.5% royalty to SPL. \$5m millestone payment CY'14 and building to \$12m/a by 2020.			
2HCY'14	Vivagel ® Bacterial Vaginosis (BV) Prevention of Recurrence – Completed and published 205 patient phase 2 trial on 3 April 2013 with delayed recurrence with 1% Vivagel ® . A Phase 3 US trial starts now.			
CY'14	Dendrimer platform for Oncology Application (Docetaxel) – Has been partnered (undisclosed). SPL commenced an open study Phase 1 Australian trial in February 2014. Primary objective is establishing maximum tolerated intravenous dose. Half years updates.			
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#### **Investment View**

PAC Partners Investment View is based on an absolute 1-year total return equal to capital appreciation plus yield. Buy >20%, Hold 20% - 5%, Sell <5%

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