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Daré Bioscience (NASDAQ/DARE)

BUY: Steady Progress as We Move in the Second Half

Daré Bioscience continues to make steady progress with multiple catalysts set to unfold in the second half of the year. The company reported a net loss of \$8M in 1Q23 and closed the period with just under \$20M in cash and equivalents. 2023 Anticipated Milestones include Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% for Female Sexual Arousal Disorder Phase 2b Clinical Study Topline Data, XACIATO™ First Commercial Sale, Ovaprene Pivotal Contraceptive Efficacy Study Initiation DARE-PDM1 Phase 1 Clinical Study Topline Data. Activities to support IND Submission and Clinical Study Initiation for DARE-VVA1 (Phase 2) and DARE-HRT1 (Phase 3).

Investment Highlights (adapted from the press release):

XACIATOTM (clindamycin phosphate) vaginal gel, 2%:

- 3Q-2022: \$10.0 million cash payment received under license agreement with Organon to commercialize XACIATO
- 2Q-2023: First commercial sale expected, triggering a \$2.5 million milestone payment to Daré

Ovaprene:

- 4Q-2022: FDA approved an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) application for a single arm, open-label pivotal contraceptive efficacy study over 12-months (13 menstrual cycles) and provided additional study design considerations
- 4Q-2022: Investigator meeting held (with NICHD) for the pivotal Phase 3 clinical study
- Mid-2023: Anticipated initiation of subject recruitment for the pivotal Phase 3 clinical study

Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%:

- 4Q-2022: Completed subject screening for exploratory Phase 2b RESPOND clinical study
- 2Q-2023: Initiated Phase 1 thermography study
- 2Q-2023: Expected announcement of topline data from Phase 2b RESPOND clinical study

DARE-HRT1:

- 4Q-2022: Positive topline efficacy data reported from Phase 1/2 clinical study
- 1Q-2023: Positive topline PK data reported from Phase 1/2 clinical study, and anticipated plans to progress to a single Phase 3 study announced
- 2023: Activities to support an Investigational New Drug application (IND) submission and Phase 3 clinical study initiation

DARE-VVA1:

- 3Q-2021: Phase 1/2 clinical study initiated in Australia
- 4Q-2022: Positive topline safety, tolerability, PK and pharmacodynamics data reported from Phase 1/2 clinical study
- 2023: Activities to support IND submission and Phase 2 clinical study initiation

Valuation: We assume that DARE-BV1 can be commercialized in 2023 and that Ovaprene can follow in the U.S. (2023) and in the EU in 2025. For Sildenafil cream, we expect commercialization in the U.S. in 2024 and in the EU in 2025. We assume a 30% discount rate in our Free Cash Flow to the Firm (FCFF), Discounted EPS (dEPS), and Sum-of-the-Parts (SOP) models due to the risks associated with each product. This results in models that are equally weighted and rounded to the nearest whole number for a \$3.00 price target.

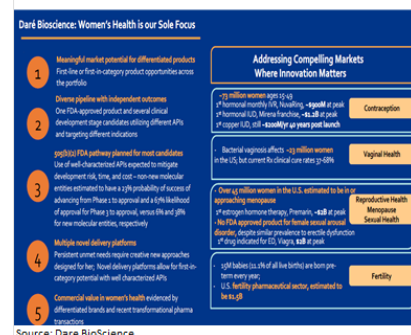
Risks to our thesis include: (1) commercial; (2) clinical and regulatory; (3) partnership; (4) financial; and (5) legal and intellectual property.

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Current Price \$0.95
Price Target \$3.00



Source: Dare Bioscience

Stock Data		
52-Week Range	\$0.82	\$1.47
Shares Outstanding (mil.)	86.3	
Market Capitalization (mil.)	\$82	
Enterprise Value (mil.)	\$77	
Debt to Capital	0%	
Book Value/Share	\$2.20	
Price/Book	-	
Average Three Months Trading Volume (K)	97	
Insider Ownership	2.0%	
Institutional Ownership	7.9%	
Short Interest (mil.)	0.4%	
Dividend / Yield	\$0.00/0.0%	

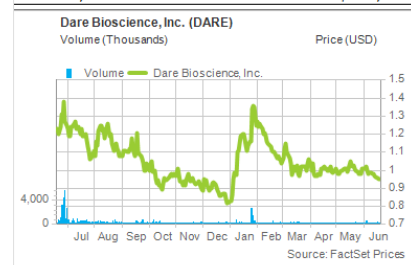


Exhibit 1. Income Statement

DARE Income Statement (\$'000)																	
YE December	2018A	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022A	1Q23A	2Q23E	3Q23E	4Q23E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Revenue:																	
DARE-BV1				-		-	-	-	-	-	61,058	90,740	132,156	157,122	204,318	233,807	265,341
Opavrene						-				-	97,747	312,168	539,450	780,176	1,034,949	1,304,400	1,589,181
Sildenafil Cream											-	1,479,033	2,245,765	2,947,017	3,446,180	3,715,473	3,865,579
Total Product Sales				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158,805	1,881,942	2,917,371	3,884,315	4,685,447	5,253,680	5,720,100
DARE-BV1 Royalty Revenue (US)				-		-	-	-	-	-	15,264	22,685	33,039	39,281	51,079	58,452	66,335
Opavrene Royalty Revenue (US)						-				-	24,437	50,350	77,805	106,873	137,626	170,139	204,490
Opavrene Royalty Revenue (EU)						-	-	-	-			27,692	57,057	88,171	121,111	155,961	192,805
Sildenafil Cream Royalty Revenue (US)											-	230,994	330,448	406,307	455,238	473,630	492,765
Sildenafil Cream Royalty Revenue (EU)												138,765	230,994	330,448	406,307	455,238	473,630
Total royalties, collaborative revenue				-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	39,701	470,485	729,343	971,079	1,171,362	1,313,420	1,430,025
Total Revenue Received by Dare		-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	39,701	470,485	729,343	971,079	1,171,362	1,313,420	1,430,025
Expenses:																	
Costs of Goods Sold				-		-	-	-	-	-	6,749	79,983	123,988	165,083	199,131	223,281	243,104
%COGS		17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%
General & Administrative	4,656	5,266	6,550	8,351	11,243	3,337	2,844	3,215	2,970	12,367	13,604	14,964	16,461	18,107	19,918	21,909	24,100
Research & Development	6,414	8,546	20,769	30,618	30,042	5,020	7,255	8,202	11,068	31,544	34,699	34,005	33,325	32,658	31,352	30,098	29,496
License Expense	625	533	83	100	100	25	27	25	27	105	110	116	122	128	134	141	148
Impairment of Goodwill	5,188																
Total Expenses	16,882	14,345	27,402	39,069	41,385	8,382	10,127	11,442	14,065	44,017	48,413	49,085	49,907	50,893	51,404	52,148	53,744
Operating Income (Loss)	(16,882)	(14,345)	(27,402)	(39,069)	(31,385)	(8,382)	(10,127)	(11,442)	(14,065)	(44,017)	(8,712)	51,642	117,994	183,432	258,413	332,404	409,886
Other income (expense)	143	81	2	2	438	340	124	115	(119)	460	483	507	532	559	587	616	647
Trigger Down Dvd & Fx		(790)	(7)	2,520	(196)	(22)											
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Pretax Income	(16,739)	(15,054)	(27,408)	(38,696)	(31,144)	(8,064)	(10,003)	(11,327)	(14,185)	(43,579)	(8,229)	52,149	118,527	183,990	259,000	333,020	410,533
Income Taxes											-	7,822	23,705	55,197	85,470	123,217	151,897
Tax Rate											0%	15%	20%	30%	33%	37%	37%
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	(16,817)	(15,061)	(27,408)	(38,645)	(31,376)	(8,064)	(10,003)	(11,327)	(14,185)	(43,579)	(8,229)	52,149	118,527	183,990	259,000	333,020	410,533
Fx Translation	(79)		11	64													
GAAP Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	-	(15,061)	(27,397)	(38,759)	(31,376)	(8,064)	(10,003)	(11,327)	(14,185)	(43,579)	(8,229)	52,149	118,527	183,990	259,000	333,020	410,533
GAAP-EPS	(1.57)	(0.97)	(0.91)	(0.63)	(0.37)	(0.09)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.16)	(0.50)	(0.09)	0.55	1.21	1.81	2.44	3.02	3.58
Fully Diluted EPS	(1.69)	(0.90)	(0.91)	(0.63)	(0.37)	(0.09)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.16)	(0.50)	(0.09)	0.55	1.21	1.81	2.44	3.02	3.58
Wgtd Avg Shrs (Bas) - '000s	10,732	15,799	30,091	61,154	84,571	85,517	86,372	87,236	88,108	86,808	90,333	94,001	97,818	101,790	105,923	110,224	114,699
Wgtd Avg Shrs (Dil) - '000s	11,422	16,736	30,091	61,154	84,571	85,517	86,372	87,236	88,108	86,808	90,333	94,001	97,818	101,790	105,923	110,224	114,699

Source: Dawson James estimates, company reports

Risk Analysis

In addition to the typical risks associated with development-stage specialty pharmaceutical companies, potential risks specific to Daré are as follows:

Financial risk. The company may need to raise capital in the marketplace in order to successfully push its products into the next phase, and there can be no assurances that the company will be able to successfully raise capital and or do so on favorable terms.

Clinical and regulatory risk. Lead products must start and complete clinical trials. Trials may not produce results sufficient for regulatory approval.

Partnership risk. Daré may seek partnerships for clinical development support and commercialization. We have no specific knowledge of any discussions with possible partners today, and there can be no assurances that the company will be able to secure a favorable partnership.

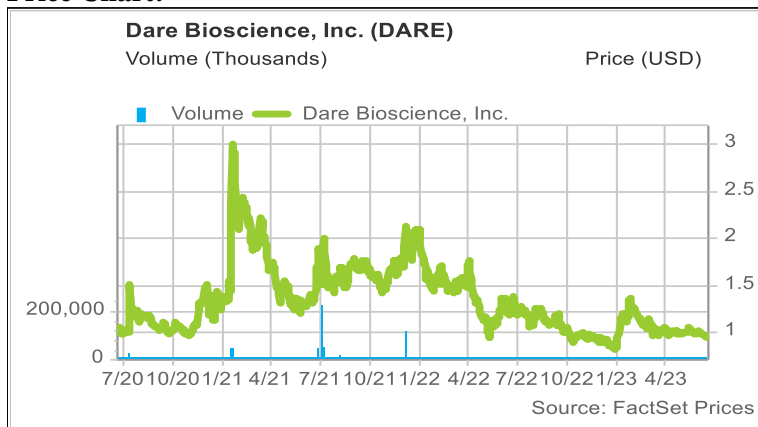
Commercial risk. There are no assurances that the company will be able to secure favorable pricing, commercially launch products, and achieve significant market share to become profitable.

Legal and intellectual property risk. The company may have to defend its patents and technical know-how, and there can be no assurances that the patents will not be infringed or will be held as valid if challenged, and or that the company may infringe on third parties' patents.

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 Update Report – Buy – 9/6/2018 – Price Target \$8.00
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 Update Report – Buy – 8/13/2019 – Price Target \$4.00
 Update Report – Buy – 8/15/2019 – Price Target \$4.00
 Update Report – Buy – 9/10/2019 – Price Target \$4.00
 Update Report – Buy – 11/11/2019 – Price Target \$4.00
 Update Report – Buy – 11/12/2019 – Price Target \$4.00
 Update Report – Buy – 12/11/2019 – Price Target \$4.00
 Update Report – Buy – 1/13/2020 – Price Target \$4.00
 Update Report – Buy – 1/27/2020 – Price Target \$4.00
 Price Target Change – Buy – 3/31/2020 – Price Target changed from \$4.00 to \$3.00
 Update Report – Buy – 5/15/2020 – Price Target \$3.00
 Update Report – Buy – 9/1/2020 – Price Target \$3.00
 Update Report – Buy – 11/13/2020 – Price Target \$3.00
 Price Target Change – Buy – 12/7/2020 – Price Target changed from \$3.00 to \$4.00
 Price Target Change – Buy – 3/30/2021 – Price Target changed from \$4.00 to \$3.00
 Update Report – Buy – 4/27/2021 – Price Target \$3.00

Update Report – Buy – 5/13/2021 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 6/29/2021 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 8/9/2021 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 8/12/2021 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 11/23/2021 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 12/8/2021 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 2/28/2022 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 3/31/2022 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 4/20/2022 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 5/12/2022 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 7/1/2022 - Price Target \$3.00
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Update Report – Buy – 2/27/2023 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 4/13/2023 - Price Target \$3.00
Update Report – Buy – 6/20/2023 - Price Target \$3.00

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