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# Bluejay Diagnostics (NASDAQ: BJDX) – Lowering to Neutral from Buy

**Reverse Stock Split Announced 1 for 20** 

Bluejay recently announced a 1 for 20 reverse stock split. As a result, we have decided to lower our rating from Buy to Neutral. We expect it will take some time for the company to rebuild its shareholder base as the company works to bring its IL-6 Point of Care test to the market.

**Symphony is Something New – "DeNovo".** It is an automated diagnostic system consisting of a fluorescence immuno-analyzer that uses a single-use diagnostic test cartridge with reagents integrated into the cartridge. Symphony utilizes a 'sample-to-result' format, which means that once a specimen is taken from the patient, it is placed in the cartridge. Then the cartridge is placed inside the analyzer, where the test is run in minutes without further technician intervention or additional reagent.

**A Point of Care Rapid Test for IL-6:** Bluejay's IL-6 test for sepsis triage is intended to measure IL-6 levels in whole blood samples in near-patient settings. Interleukin-6 (IL-6) is an established biomarker of immune system activation. It is elevated in infection, inflammation, and cancer. IL-6 presents as an early "first responder" and needs to be measured quickly and reliably.

**How is testing done today?** Currently, testing is generally performed in a laboratory, and the transportation and associated logistics of moving the samples to the lab and obtaining the result typically takes between 8 and 48 hours. This compares to Bluejay's platform, which represents a "sample-to-result system" that has been shown in a clinical study to provide results in 24 minutes. We see this as a paradigm shift.

**Valuation:** As we are neutral rated, we do not publish our target. We do maintain a model including valuation. In that model we apply a conservative 10% success probability to our projected revenues in our Symphony product model in addition to our 30% risk rate applied in our Free Cash Flow to the Firm (FCFF), discounted EPS (dEPS), and Sum-of-the-Parts (SOP) models, which are then equal-weighted and averaged and rounded to the nearest whole number.

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**Risks to our thesis** include: (1) Regulatory Approvals; (2) Clinical Science (3) Dependence on OEM suppliers; (4) Development of the target markets (5) Intellectual Capital (6) Dilution Risks. In addition, the company details the following additional risks:

- The company is likely to incur losses for the foreseeable future until it is able to generate sufficient revenue from product sales.
- Losses from operations could raise doubts regarding the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The ability to continue as a going concern likely requires additional funding to finance the company's operations.
- The company's product candidates are dependent on its license agreement with Toray. The license agreement imposes significant obligations on the company, including the potential obligation to pay the minimum royalties upon regulatory approval. If the company's license agreement with Toray is terminated for any reason, the company may not be able to generate revenues, and its business could cease.
- The regulatory approval pathway the company must navigate may be expensive, time-consuming and uncertain, and may prevent the company from obtaining approval for the marketing of its product candidates.
- There can be no assurance that the company will successfully complete any clinical evaluation studies necessary to receive regulatory approvals.
- The company's success is highly dependent on its IL-6 product candidates, which are yet to be approved and, even if approved, may not be accepted by the marketplace.
- The company is dependent on third parties to manufacture its product candidates.
- If Toray is unable to successfully protect or enforce its intellectual property and proprietary rights or elects not to do so, the company's competitive position will be harmed.
- If others claim that the company or Toray are infringing on their intellectual property rights, the company may be subject to costly and time-consuming litigation.
- The company may face competition from companies that have greater resources creating a tough-to-compete environment.



# Exhibit 1. Income Statement

BJDX., Inc. Income Statement (\$000)																		
YE Dec. 31	2021A	2022A	1Q23A	2Q23E	3Q23E	4Q23E	2023E	1Q24E	2Q24E	3Q24E	4Q24E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Revenue (\$000)																		
Symphony Revenues - IL6 (risk adjusted probability)	-	-	-	-	-	-							5,054	7,862	13,478	22,651	27,181	31,712
Symphony Revenues - Non-IL6															5,000	10,000	12,000	14,000
Total Revenues		249				- 7						7	5,054	7,862	18,478	32,651	39,181	45,712
Expenses																		
COGS	-	200	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	T		2,022	2,752	5,544	9,795	11,754	13,714
% COGS			50%	50%	50%	50%		50%	50%	50%	50%	#DIV/0!	40%	35%	30%	30%	30%	30%
Gross Profit	-	49	-				-	-	-	-	T		3,033	5,111	12,935	22,856	27,427	31,998
Research & Development	1,148	4,152	1,355	1,000	1,000	645	4,000	480	500	500	520	2,000	2,040	2,081	2,122	2,165	2,208	2,252
General & Administrative	1,792	4,763	1,177	1,215	1,215	1,252	4,858	1,189	1,239	1,239	1,288	4,956	5,055	5,156	5,259	5,364	5,471	5,581
Marketing & Business Development	290	451	148	156	156	164	625	480	500	500	520	2,000	4,000	6,000	6,120	6,242	6,367	6,495
Total expenses	3,230	9,366	2,680	2,371	2,371	2,062	9,483	2,149	2,239	2,239	2,328	8,956	11,095	13,237	13,501	13,771	14,047	14,328
Operating Profit	(3,230)	(9,318)	(2,680)	(2,371)	(2,371)	(2,062)	(9,483)	(2,149)	(2,239)	(2,239)	(2,328)	(8,956)	(8,062)	(8,126)	(566)	9,085	13,380	17,671
Oper Margin																		
Interest Income (expense)	(258)	258					-					-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	(237)	140				140					-	-	-		-	-	-
Pre-tax income	(3,488)	(9,297)	(2,540)	(2,371)	(2,371)	(2,062)	(9,344)	(2,149)	(2,239)	(2,239)	(2,328)	(8,956)	(8,062)	(8,126)	(566)	9,085	13,380	17,671
Pretax Margin																-		
Income Tax (Benefit)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(813)	(113)	2,725	5,352	7,068
TaxRate		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	40%
GAAP Net Income	(3,488)	(9,297)	(2,540)	(2,371)	(2,371)	(2,062)	(9,344)	(2,149)	(2,239)	(2,239)	(2,328)	(8,956)	(8,062)	(7,313)	(453)	6,359	8,028	10,602
GAAP-EPS	(0.41)	(0.46)	(0.12)	(0.08)	(1.56)	(1.35)	(3.11)	(1.41)	(1.46)	(1.46)	(1.51)	(5.84)	(5.22)	(4.70)	(0.29)	4.03	5.06	6.63
Non GAAP EPS (dil)	(0.41)	(0.46)	(0.12)	(0.08)	(1.56)	(1.35)	(3.11)	(1.41)	(1.46)	(1.46)	(1.51)	(5.84)	(5.22)	(4.70)	(0.29)	4.03	5.06	6.63
Wgtd Avg Shrs (Bas) - '000s	8,522	20,164	20,375	30,416	1,524	1,527	13,460	1,530	1,533	1,536	1,539	1,535	1,547	1,559	1,572	1,584	1,597	1,610
Wgtd Avg Shrs (Dil) - '000s	8,522	20,164	20,375	30,416	1,524	1,527	13,460	1,528	1,531	1,535	1,538	1,533	1,544	1,555	1,566	1,576	1,588	1,599

Source: Dawson James

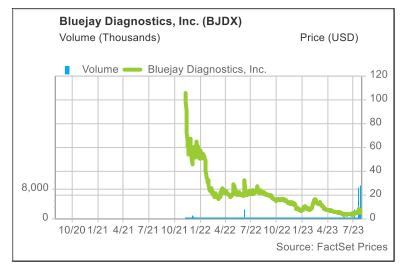


#### Companies mentioned in this report:

Toray (Japan)

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	Company		Investment	
	Coverage		Banking	
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Ratings Distribution	# of Companies	% of Total	# of Companies	Totals
Market Outperform (Buy)	24	69%	2	5.70%
Market Perform (Neutral)	11	31%	2	5.70%
Market Underperform (Sell)	0	0%	0	0.00%
Total	35	100%	4	11.40%

Current as of 1-Aug-23

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