

ORAMED PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

ORMD: Oramed Announces Successful Phase 2b Study Results for ORMD-0801

ORMP (NASDAQ)

Company & Market Data

Closing Price (as of 11/11/2019):	\$2.99
Rating:	BUY
Price Target:	\$7.00
52 Week Range:	\$2.78 - \$4.50
Shares Outstanding (MM):	17.4
Market Capitalization (MM):	\$52
Cash (MM):	\$37.0
Fiscal Year End:	Aug

Estimates

EPS	2018A	2019E	2020E
1Q	\$(0.18)	\$(0.25)A	\$(0.23)
2Q	\$(0.20)	\$(0.21)A	\$(0.21)
3Q	\$(0.30)	\$(0.23)A	\$(0.17)
4Q	\$(0.20)	\$(0.26)	\$(0.03)
Full Year	\$(0.86)	\$(0.88)	\$(0.61)
Revenue (MM)	2018A	2019E	2020E
1Q	\$0.6	\$0.7A	\$0.6
2Q	\$0.6	\$0.7A	\$0.6
3Q	\$0.7	\$0.7	\$0.6
4Q	\$0.6	\$0.7	\$3.7
Full Year	\$2.6	\$2.6	\$5.6

Ratios

P/E	NA	NA	NA
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Oramed Pharmaceuticals is developing products based on its Protein Oral Delivery technology (POD). Its lead product is an oral insulin capsule, currently in Phase 2b trials. Additional indications and products are in clinical development.

Summary: Oramed announced successful results of its Phase 2b clinical trial testing ORMD-0801, its proprietary oral insulin. The study met its primary efficacy endpoint, the change in HbA1c at 90 days for the once and twice daily dosage groups. We expect the company to move forward to Phase 3 with either once or twice daily dosing. Oramed will host an investor meeting on November 18 to fully discuss the data.

Discussion: Oramed has developed ORMD-0801 as an oral insulin capsule using its proprietary oral delivery technology for delivering large proteins through the GI system. ORMD-0801 had completed a Phase 2 study showing that the drug lowered overnight bloodstream glucose and had statistically significant changes in HbA1c after 28 days of treatment. The Phase 2b study announced today had a primary endpoint of HbA1C levels after 90 days of treatment to meet FDA approval requirements.

Two Dose Levels Met the Primary Endpoint: The Phase 2b trial enrolled 268 patients with Type 2 diabetes. Patients were randomized into three dose levels or placebo. The treatment groups received 32mg doses given either once a day, twice a day, or three times a day. The primary endpoint was a reduction in HbA1C, an accepted measure of bloodstream glucose levels.

The once daily treatment arm showed an HbA1C reduction from baseline of 0.60%, or 0.54% with placebo adjustment, and statistical significance ($p < 0.036$). The twice daily treatment group had a reduction of 0.059%, or 0.053% with placebo adjustment, and statistical significance ($p < 0.042$). The three times daily group did not meet statistical significance ($p < 0.093$).

Interpretation: We see the data from the two lower dose arms as clinically successful and consistent with the previous Phase 2a study. The lack of statistical significance for the three times daily dosing group could be due to physiologic feedback related to normal glucose control. We await additional data analysis, but do not see the high dose group as a contradictory result.

A second cohort treated with a 16 mg dose administered once, twice, or three times daily is also in progress. This study has overlapping total daily doses with the first cohort that should provide interesting comparisons.

Conclusion: We see the Phase 2b as a successful trial that shows a positive effect of ORMD-0801 on glucose control. While the effect may seem numerically small, the long term impact of ORMD-0801 on the progression of diabetes is clinically meaningful. As an orally administered insulin it could be added to existing diabetes regimens for better glucose control and reduction in the many co-morbidities caused by high glucose levels.

We reiterate our Buy rating and \$7 price target, based on our 2026 discounted EPS estimate of \$2.26 applying a discount rate of 30% with a multiple of 15X.

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Regulatory risk: The company has conducted Phase 2 trials, and although we believe the pre-clinical and early clinical data indicate efficacy, further testing is needed before market approval. The findings from clinical trials must be reviewed by the FDA before the company receives approval to continue clinical testing. Analysis by the FDA may not agree with the analysis presented by the company. Approval of the application cannot be assumed.

Exchange and market risk: ORMP shares trade on the NASDAQ exchange with relatively small daily volume. The company is expected to raise additional capital to fund operations before its products reach the market, which is subject to market conditions.

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Oramed: Income Statement (in thousands)																		
Fiscal Year Ended August 31	2017A	2018A	1Q19A	2Q19A	3Q19A	4Q19E	2019E	1Q20E	2Q20E	3Q20E	4Q20E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
License and Milestone Payments	2,456	2,535	674	666	682	650	2,672	650	650	650	3,650	5,600	5,950	6,950	6,950			
Royalties																		
ORMD-0801 Type 2 diabetes - China																15,525	80,775	117,000
ORMD-0801 Type 2 diabetes - US only																		32,760
Total Product Revenues	2,456	2,535	674	666	682	650	2,672	650	650	650	3,650	5,600	5,950	6,950	6,950	15,525	80,775	149,760
Expenses																		
Cost of Goods Sold	187	-	35	55			90									2,329	10,247	14,976
		<i>%COGS</i>														15%	13%	10%
Research and Development	10,281	11,979	4,347	3,114	3,861	4,100	15,422	3,700	3,500	3,600	3,500	14,300	18,500	23,000	28,000	31,000	35,000	37,750
General and Administrative	2,759	4,083	932	1,065	899	950	3,846	1,200	1,100	960	1,074	4,334	5,200	7,500	11,000	14,500	16,000	17,000
Total expenses	13,227	16,062	5,314	4,234	4,760	5,050	19,358	4,900	4,600	4,560	4,574	18,634	23,700	30,500	39,000	47,829	61,247	69,726
Operating Income (Loss)	(10,771)	(13,527)	(4,640)	(3,568)	(4,078)	(4,400)	(16,686)	(4,250)	(3,950)	(3,910)	(924)	(13,034)	(17,750)	(23,550)	(32,050)	(32,304)	19,529	80,034
Financial income	792	903	286	273	263	250	1,072	225	215	200	175	815	805	730	820	910	915	950
Other financial expenses	(101)	(103)	(8)	(19)	(14)	(15)	(56)	(14)	(16)	(18)	(21)	(69)	(69)	(71)	(85)	(122)	(130)	(140)
Income from changes in fair value of investments			60	(87)	(243)	(270)	(270)											
Total other income	691	800	338	167	6	235	746	211	199	182	154	746	736	659	735	788	785	810
Pretax Income	(10,080)	(12,727)	(4,302)	(3,401)	(4,072)	(4,165)	(15,940)	(4,039)	(3,751)	(3,728)	(770)	(12,288)	(17,014)	(22,891)	(31,315)	(31,516)	20,314	80,844
Income Tax Provision (benefit)	400			300		350	650											8,084
Tax Rate																		10%
Net income (loss)	(10,480)	(12,727)																
Unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale securities	295	301																
Net Income (loss)	(10,185)	(12,426)	(4,302)	(3,701)	(4,072)	(4,515)	(15,290)	(4,039)	(3,751)	(3,728)	(770)	(12,288)	(17,014)	(22,891)	(31,315)	(31,516)	20,314	72,760
EPS (basic)	(\$0.79)	(\$0.86)	(\$0.25)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.26)	(\$0.88)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.03)	(\$0.61)	(\$0.68)	(\$0.83)	(\$1.06)	(\$0.99)	\$0.63	\$2.26
EPS (diluted)	(\$0.79)	(\$0.86)	(\$0.25)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.26)	(\$0.88)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.03)	(\$0.61)	(\$0.68)	(\$0.83)	(\$1.05)	(\$0.99)	\$0.63	\$2.26
Weighted Avg Shrs (Basic) - (thousands)	13,309	14,882	17,449	17,454	17,457	17,474	17,458	17,492	17,509	22,527	22,549	20,019	25,107	27,714	29,826	31,950	32,078	32,207
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Source: Company reports and Ladenburg Thalmann estimates

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COMPANY BACKGROUND

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VALUATION METHODOLOGY

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RATINGS DISPERSION AND BANKING RELATIONSHIPS AS OF (November 12, 2019)

Rating	%	IB %
BUY	73.1	56.5
NEUTRAL	26.9	42.6
SELL	0.0	0.0

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Oramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Rating History as of 11/11/2019

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