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Oramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

The First Phase 3 Trial Has Started on Schedule

ORMP (NASDAQ)

Company & Market Data

Closing Price (as of 11/27/2020):	\$4.45
Rating:	BUY
Price Target:	\$6.00
52 Week Range:	\$2.40 - \$6.05
Shares Outstanding (MM):	23.7
Market Capitalization (MM):	\$105
Cash (MM):	\$32.5
Fiscal Year End:	Aug

Estimates

EPS	2019A	2020E	2021E
1Q	\$(0.25)	\$(0.15)A	\$(0.29)
2Q	\$(0.21)	\$(0.35)A	\$(0.32)
3Q	\$(0.23)	\$(0.44)A	\$(0.36)
4Q	\$(0.15)	\$(0.36)	\$(0.23)
Full Year	\$(0.82)	\$(1.28)	\$(1.19)
Revenue (MM)	2019A	2020E	2021E
1Q	\$0.7	\$0.6A	\$0.6
2Q	\$0.7	\$1.3A	\$0.6
3Q	\$0.7	\$2.0A	\$0.6
4Q	\$0.7	\$3.7	\$4.0
Full Year	\$2.6	\$7.7	\$5.9

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 ORMD-0801, an oral insulin capsule that recently began Phase 3 trials. Additional indications and products are in clinical development.

Summary: Oramed announced that it has begun screening patients for the first of the two Phase 3 trials of ORMD-0801, its oral insulin for treatment of type 2 diabetes (T2D). This meets the planned 4Q20 timeframe for the start of the trial. Patients receive six months of treatment, so that the first patients should be completing the study in mid-2021. First efficacy data could be available as soon as 3Q21.

Patients in the first study, ORA-013-1, will be taking up to three diabetes medications and have inadequate glucose control for 6 to 12 months. This study will test two dosage regimens against placebo.

The second study, ORA-013-2, will enroll patients who can control their blood glucose with either diet alone or diet with metformin. This trial will randomize patients into two arms, one with 8 mg active drug, the other with placebo.

The first study has a target enrollment of 675 patients, while the second has a target of 450 patients. The primary endpoint in both trials is an improvement in glucose control as measured by HbA1c at 26 weeks. Secondary endpoints include change from baseline in fasting glucose at 26 weeks.

If the endpoints are met, we believe the clinical benefit, length of treatment, and size of the studies could justify product approval with a broad label for use in diabetes.

Dosing Regimen in the ORA-013-1 Study: The first study will randomize 675 patients who can be taking up to 3 diabetes drugs, randomized into three treatment groups. The first group will receive two active doses, with 8mg administered before bedtime and 8mg the next morning before breakfast. The second group will receive one active dose and one placebo, with 8 mg at night and placebo the next morning. The third group will receive two placebo doses, one at night and another the next morning. This "double-dummy" design is intended to determine the best dosing for glucose control. Patient recruitment will be at 75 sites in the US, Europe, and Israel.

Study ORA-013-2 Is Expected to Begin Shortly: The second study, ORA-013-2, will enroll 450 patients who can control their blood glucose with diet or diet plus metformin. Patients in this study will be randomized into a group receiving active drug once daily or placebo, both administered before bedtime. Patients will be treated at 61 sites in the US, Europe, and Israel.

Conclusion: The start of the first Phase 3 trial in 4Q20 meets our expected timeframe. With a planned enrollment of 1,125 patients in at least 75 sites in the US, Europe, and Israel, these two ORA-013 studies should provide a globally diverse population to justify approval around the world. If the studies are positive, the oral administration of insulin could change the way T2D is treated. We maintain our Buy rating and price target of \$6 per share.

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Oramed: Income Statement (in thousands)																
Fiscal Year Ended August 31	2019A	1Q20A	2Q20A	3Q20A	4Q20E	2020E	1Q21E	2Q21E	3Q21E	4Q21E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
License and Milestone Payments	2,703	674	1,348	2,029	3,650	7,701	650	650	650	4,000	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	2,703	674	1,348	2,029	3,650	7,701	650	650	650	4,000	5,950	6,950	6,950	15,525	80,775	149,760
Expenses																
Cost of Goods Sold	90										-			2,329	10,247	14,976
		%COGS												15%	13%	10%
Research and Development	13,522	2,022	5,342	7,267	8,500	23,131	8,500	9,500	10,500	11,000	39,500	47,000	46,000	43,000	42,000	40,400
General and Administrative	3,722	1,081	2,472	3,502	3,750	10,805	1,200	1,200	1,400	1,400	5,200	7,500	11,000	16,000	22,000	24,000
Total expenses	17,334	3,103	7,814	10,769	12,250	33,936	9,700	10,700	11,900	12,400	44,700	54,500	57,000	61,329	74,247	79,376
Operating Income (Loss)	(14,631)	(2,429)	(6,466)	(8,740)	(8,600)	(26,235)	(9,050)	(10,050)	(11,250)	(8,400)	(38,750)	(47,550)	(50,050)	(45,804)	6,529	70,384
Financial income	1,061	209	369	569	175	1,322	225	215	190	175	805	730	820	910	915	950
Other financial expenses	(485)	(20)	(13)	(21)	(21)	(75)	(16)	(16)	(18)	(19)	(69)	(71)	(85)	(122)	(130)	(140)
Income from changes in fair value of investments		(303)	(121)	(323)												
Total other income	576	(114)	235	225	154	1,247	209	199	172	156	736	659	735	788	785	810
Pretax Income	(14,055)	(2,543)	(6,231)	(8,515)	(8,446)	(24,988)	(8,841)	(9,851)	(11,078)	(8,244)	(38,014)	(46,891)	(49,315)	(45,016)	7,314	71,194
Income Tax Provision (benefit)	300															7,119
Tax Rate																10%
Net Income (loss)	(14,355)	(2,543)	(6,231)	(8,515)	(8,446)	(24,988)	(8,841)	(9,851)	(11,078)	(8,244)	(38,014)	(46,891)	(49,315)	(45,016)	7,314	64,075
EPS (basic)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.35)	(\$0.44)	(\$0.36)	(\$1.28)	(\$0.29)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.36)	(\$0.23)	(\$1.19)	(\$1.31)	(\$1.30)	(\$1.12)	\$0.18	\$1.58
EPS (diluted)	(\$0.82)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.35)	(\$0.44)	(\$0.36)	(\$1.28)	(\$0.29)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.36)	(\$0.23)	(\$1.19)	(\$1.31)	(\$1.30)	(\$1.12)	\$0.18	\$1.58
Weighted Avg Shrs (Basic) - (thousands)	17,458	17,472	17,645	19,496	23,700	19,578	30,724	30,754	30,785	35,816	32,020	35,906	38,050	40,208	40,369	40,531
Weighted Avg Shrs (Diluted) - (thousands)	17,458	17,472	17,645	19,496	23,700	19,578	30,724	30,754	30,785	35,816	32,020	35,906	38,050	40,208	40,369	40,531

Source: Company reports and Ladenburg Thalmann estimates

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VALUATION METHODOLOGY

We value the company based on our 2026 discounted EPS, applying a discount rate of 30% with a multiple of 15X to derive our price target of \$6.00 per share.

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Buy: The stock's return is expected to exceed 12.5% over the next twelve months.

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RATINGS DISPERSION AND BANKING RELATIONSHIPS AS OF (November 30, 2020)

Rating	%	IB %
BUY	76.4	58.9
NEUTRAL	22.5	51.2
SELL	1.1	50.0

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Oramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Rating History as of 11/27/2020

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