

Kazia Therapeutics

An agile pivot

Kazia Therapeutics has [announced](#) that GDC-0084, its promising glioblastoma drug, will join (subject to definitive agreement) the pivotal GBM AGILE trial. AGILE is a clinician-led trial that currently enables fast access to 11 US glioblastoma centres. GDC-0084 could be dosed from Q2/Q3 CY20. Data from the 20-patient stage of the GDC-0084 Phase II should be available during 2020. Our indicative value remains at A\$137m.

Year end	Revenue (A\$m)	PBT* (A\$m)	EPS* (c)	DPS (c)	P/E (x)	Yield (%)
06/18	2.9	(11.0)	(22.2)	0.0	N/A	N/A
06/19	1.5	(7.7)	(12.9)	0.0	N/A	N/A
06/20e	1.5	(8.7)	(12.6)	0.0	N/A	N/A
06/21e	1.5	(11.1)	(17.9)	0.0	N/A	N/A

Note: *PBT and EPS are normalised, excluding exceptionals and share-based payments.

AGILE: A new approach to a potentially pivotal study

The Glioblastoma (GBM) Adaptive Global Innovative Learning Environment (GBM AGILE, [NCT03970447](#)) trial is an adaptive Phase II/III platform designed to evaluate multiple therapies against one rolling control group; it currently has 11 US centres and plans to add leading international centres to its network. It is a clinician-led trial with an FDA-agreed single Master Clinical Trial Application. On entering the study, the newly diagnosed GBM AGILE patients undergo surgery to remove the tumour followed by radiation therapy combined with temozolomide (TMZ) (Stupp regimen). The difference tested is overall survival in the randomised maintenance phase using either TMZ or GDC-0084.

AGILE uses a stage 1, which recruits up to 150 patients to assess efficacy compared against patients with a similar profile in the control arm. If this stage appears positive, up to 50 patients might be recruited to a stage 2 expansion cohort for confirmatory data. Currently, the kinase inhibitor regorafenib ([Stivarga](#), Bayer), approved for advanced gastrointestinal cancers but not GBM, is being tested. AGILE has several advantages: a faster start, an existing design and an expanding infrastructure plus involvement of key opinion leaders, a big benefit in the event of positive data, regulatory review and launch. However, Kazia will not have direct control over the study, so any problems or delays might take longer to resolve.

Kazia presented a [poster](#) in 2019 on the Phase IIa ([NCT03522298](#)) GDC-0084 dose-ranging results showing median progression-free survival (PFS) of 8.4 months in TMZ-resistant patients. Published studies indicate comparison PFS values of 5.9 months. Kazia is recruiting a 20-patient expansion cohort and further data should be available during 2020; this will help to inform AGILE expectations.

Cantrixil efficacy indications expected in 2020

Cantrixil is in a small Phase I study, with results expected by management in H120. Cantrixil could become a standard treatment for third-line ovarian cancer patients who now have few therapy alternatives. Interim data were presented in [September](#).

Valuation: Indicative value of A\$137m

Kazia is aiming for a 2024 GDC-0084 US launch. It had A\$5.4m cash at 30 June 2019, boosted in H120 by a A\$3.8m net placing and the expected cash A\$1.4m tax credit in December. We maintain our indicative value of A\$137m (A\$1.91/share). We have assumed that Cantrixil will be partnered if the current trial data is strong.

GDC-0084 Phase II/III

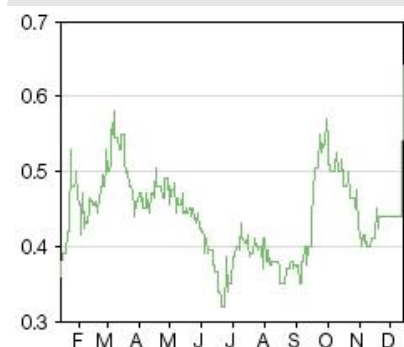
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Price **A\$0.63**
Market cap **A\$46m**
 US\$0.68/A\$

Cash (A\$m) at 30 June 2019 5.4
 Shares in issue 72.17m
 Free float 91%
 Code KZA
 Primary exchange ASX
 Secondary exchange Nasdaq

Share price performance



%	1m	3m	12m
Abs	(1.6)	20.0	82.6
Rel (local)	(4.8)	13.5	51.8
52-week high/low	A\$0.74	A\$0.32	

Business description

Kazia Therapeutics is an ASX- and Nasdaq-listed biotechnology company. It is developing the PI3K/mTOR inhibitor GDC-0084 for drug-resistant brain cancer and Cantrixil for ovarian cancer.

Next events

Cantrixil Phase I preliminary efficacy data H120
 Interim FY20 results Q120
 AGILE recruitment Q2/Q320

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Exhibit 1: Financial summary

	A\$000s	2018	2019	2020e	2021e
Year end 30 June		AASB	AASB	AASB	AASB
PROFIT & LOSS					
Sales, royalties, milestones		693	34	0	0
Other (includes R&D tax rebate)		2,200	1,431	1,500	1,500
Revenue		2,893	1,465	1,500	1,500
R&D expenses		(9,774)	(6,476)	(7,200)	(9,100)
SG&A expenses		(4,051)	(2,594)	(3,000)	(3,500)
Other		0	0	0	0
EBITDA		(10,932)	(7,604)	(8,700)	(11,100)
Operating Profit (before amort. and except.)		(11,142)	(7,711)	(8,700)	(11,100)
Intangible Amortisation		(1,336)	(1,084)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Exceptionals		8,411	0	0	0
Operating Profit		(6,687)	(10,568)	(9,700)	(12,100)
Net Interest		119	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax (norm)		(11,023)	(7,711)	(8,700)	(11,100)
Profit Before Tax (reported)		(6,344)	(10,568)	(9,700)	(12,100)
Tax benefit		305	298	0	0
Profit After Tax (norm)		(10,718)	(7,413)	(8,700)	(11,100)
Profit After Tax (reported)		(6,039)	(10,270)	(9,700)	(12,100)
Average Number of Shares Outstanding (m)		48.4	57.5	68.9	72.2
EPS - normalised (c)		(22.2)	(12.9)	(12.6)	(17.9)
EPS - diluted (c)		(21.1)	(12.4)	(12.2)	(14.9)
EPS reported (c)		(12.5)	(17.9)	(14.1)	(16.8)
Dividend per share (c)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BALANCE SHEET					
Fixed Assets		18,915	13,662	12,662	11,662
Intangible Assets		14,579	13,494	12,494	11,494
Tangible Assets		1	0	0	0
Investments		4,335	168	168	168
Current Assets		9,260	7,514	3,814	3,714
Stocks		0	0	0	0
Debtors		2,535	1,711	1,711	1,711
Cash		5,956	5,433	533	433
Other		768	370	370	370
Current Liabilities		(3,888)	(1,900)	(1,900)	(1,900)
Creditors		(2,067)	(1,764)	(1,764)	(1,764)
Short term borrowings		0	0	0	0
Other		(1,821)	(136)	(136)	(136)
Long Term Liabilities		(5,046)	(5,081)	(10,081)	(21,081)
Long term borrowings		0	0	0	(11,000)
Other long-term liabilities		(5,046)	(5,081)	(5,081)	(5,081)
Net Assets		19,242	14,195	4,495	(7,605)
CASH FLOW					
Operating Cash Flow		(8,780)	(6,714)	(8,700)	(11,100)
Net Interest		119	0	0	0
Tax		0	0	0	0
Capex		0	0	0	0
Acquisitions/disposals		150	2,359	0	0
Equity Financing		0	3,816	4,000	0
Dividends		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	(200)	11,000
Net Cash Flow		(8,511)	(539)	(3,900)	(100)
Opening net debt/(cash)		(14,455)	(5,956)	(5,433)	(533)
HP finance leases initiated		0	0	0	0
Other		13	16	0	(11,000)
Closing net debt/(cash)		(5,956)	(5,433)	(533)	10,567

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