

NUVILEX, INC.Five Reasons Why Nuvilex Is Set to Ride New "High"

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NUVILEX, INC. (OTC:QB - NVLX - \$0.1315)	
Price Target: \$0.75	Rating: Speculative Buy

COMPANY SNAPSHOT

Nuvilex is a biotechnology company with the rights to a novel cellulose-based live-cell encapsulation technology, called Cell-in-a-BoxTM, that will be used as a platform upon which treatments for several types of cancer, including advanced, inoperable pancreatic cancer, and diabetes are being built. Nuvilex's treatment for pancreatic cancer involves the use of the widely used anticancer prodrug. ifosfamide, together encapsulated live cells that convert ifosfamide into its active or "cancer-killing" form. Nuvilex's subsidiary, Medical Marijuana Sciences, Inc., is dedicated to the development of cancer treatments based upon the wellknown chemical constituents of marijuana. Nuvilex is exploring ways in which the Cell-in-a-Box $^{\text{TM}}$ technology may play a role in these efforts.

KEY STATISTICS

Price as of 1/21/14	\$0.1315
52 Wk High – Low	\$0.22 - 0.03
Est. Shares Outstanding	593.4M
Market Capitalization	\$77M
3 Mo Avg Vol	1,889,000
Exchange	OTC:QB

COMPANY INFORMATION

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Conclusion: Aided by what is likely to be a surge of interest in, and validation of, medical marijuana, we believe that shares of Nuvilex are set to reach their highest trading level in nearly a year.

Trigger #1: President Obama Endorses Marijuana In a just published article in The New Yorker, President Obama referred to marijuana as "less dangerous than alcohol" and made several favorable references to the new recreational marijuana sales laws that went into effect in Colorado and Washington. These comments give a huge shot in the arm to the medical marijuana space, which has recently experienced a solid spike of support by physicians (such as the high profile Dr. Sanjay Gupta), politicians, and Americans across the country. This favorable stance could prove to stymie the opposition and prompt a landslide of changes to state marijuana and medical marijuana laws which will lead to broad use and the laws' implementation, not to mention changes down the road to federal laws. Obama knows a trend when he sees one. A recent CNN poll found that 55% of Americans believe marijuana should be legalized.

Trigger #2: Money, Money, Money

Exceeding all expectations, Colorado pot shops cannot keep product in the stores fast enough which may result in higher tax collections on these sales than previously ascertained. Cash-strapped states and municipalities may view a softening stance on this topic as tangible opportunity to generate real revenue.

Trigger #3: Super Bowl is Now The Marijuana Bowl Proponents of medical marijuana will likely use the 2-week Super Bowl marketing period to flood the media with stories on the topic, placing it near the top of the talking points food chain. Of course it doesn't hurt that the two Super Bowl representatives are from the two states that have legalized marijuana.

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Trigger #4: Nuvilex Offers a very Compelling Opportunity at a Favorable Valuation---Just for its Core Biz

In our view, Nuvilex's anti-cancer and diabetes initiatives alone warrant our recommendation on these shares. Plus, given recent trends in biotech, the potential valuation may prove to be too low. Since the start of 2014, investors are scrambling to find the next Intercept Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ – ICPT) or Rexahn Pharmaceuticals (NYSE – RNN). ICPT jumped (literally) \$300 in 2 days following favorable late-stage clinical trials for the treatment of liver disease. At one point last week, RNN more than tripled following the commencement of 2 early-stage trials. Interestingly, given their similar paths, we believe that Nuvilex and RNN, which currently trades at a \$160M market cap, are great comps to one another, just like Merrimack (NASDAQ – MACK) and Threshold (NASDAQ – THLD), which also have enjoyed swift moves higher.

RNN is a pure anti-cancer biotech with drugs in the mid-stage phases of development to treat pancreatic cancer and renal cell carcinoma, and a drug in Phase I trials to treat various solid tumors.

Nuvilex is a biotechnology company with the rights to the novel Cell-in-a-Box[™] technology. In developing cancer treatments utilizing the Cell-in-a-Box[™] live-cell encapsulation technology, living cells that are capable of converting anti-cancer drugs into their cancer-killing forms are enclosed in protective cellulose-based, pin-head-sized capsules that are implanted in or near a cancer tumor. Following implantation of the Cell-in-a-Box[™] capsules; the anticancer drugs are then administered. The combination of the Cell-in-a-Box[™] technology with the anti-cancer drug ifosfamide has been shown in Phase 1/2 trials conducted in the early 2000s to be very effective in treating patients with advanced inoperable pancreatic cancer. When the data from those trials were compared with historical data for Gemzar[®] (the only drug approved to date as a single agent for the treatment for advanced pancreatic cancer), the median survival time was increased to 11 months (from 5.7 months for Gemzar[®]) using Nuvilex's treatment and the one-year survival rate with Nuvilex's treatment (36%) was double that seen with Gemzar[®] (18%). Tumor sizes were also reduced from 25-50% in 4 out of 14 patients and no serious treatment-related side-effects were experienced using the Cell-in-a-Box[™] plus ifosfamide combination. This is because only one-third the dose of ifosfamide normally employed in treating other forms of cancer was used in the trials because of the unique nature of the Cell-in-a-Box delivery system. Future trials are in the offing.

Although RNN currently has 3 drugs in various stages of clinical, Nuvilex is clearly the compelling buy. First, RNN has already concluded its run and fallen back to earth; but, its rise is a great comparator for what Nuvilex investors can potentially expect to experience, as development milestones such as clinical trial commencements, occur. Moreover, Nuvilex trades at less than half of RNN's valuation which in our view is an unusually large discount, considering the value of the technology being used by Nuvilex and its overall market opportunity. Plus, this valuation clearly excludes any value for the potentially blockbuster medical marijuana subsidiary. Thus, biotech investors seeking the next great biotech mover would be wise to consider Nuvilex. After all, at current levels, it is as if the marijuana segment would be thrown in for free.

Trigger #5: No Contact High---Yet

Many medical marijuana stocks have had a big run early this year due in large part to the well-publicized legalization and sales progress in Colorado and Washington, as noted above. Interestingly, although Nuvilex



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has made major strides in its own right, the stock has not yet caught up with the rest of the space. For example, Nuvilex's subsidiary, Medical Marijuana Sciences, Inc., has been building an impressive list of leaders to its critical Scientific Advisory Board. The Board's experience with cannabinoids, cancer drugs and enzymology could prove to be invaluable in pursuing the goals of Medical Marijuana Sciences that include developing treatments, which employ constituents of Cannabis together with the Cell-in-a-Box™ cellulose-based live-cell encapsulation technology.

Based on our experience, since other stocks have already moved, many investors will seek to find stocks that have not yet run. In situations such as the current medical marijuana adoption cycle, all stocks tend to enjoy great accumulation. As a result, Nuvilex is primed to move higher.

The Bottom Line

A series of landmark events in the marijuana and medical marijuana space will serve as triggers prompting the accumulation and rise of Nuvilex's stock back to the levels enjoyed roughly 9 months ago, given its exposure to the sector via its Medical Marijuana Sciences subsidiary. Separately, major moves in other anti-cancer stocks have enhanced their valuations and biotech investors are seeking to invest in the next biotech slated to move in concert with the launch of upcoming events. With a series of milestone events ahead for the Company, investors could enjoy huge moves as these milestones are achieved, as evidenced by the achievements of its peer group and the subsequent rises in their stock prices.

Trading at a paltry \$74M market cap, we look for the stock to double during the first half of the year, as milestone events occur and the value of all companies in the medical marijuana space are adjusted higher.

We continue to rate these shares Speculative Buy with a \$0.75 price target.



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Recent Trading History For NVLX

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