

OKYO Pharma Ltd. (OKYO)

Overweight

FY '26: Recent Regulatory Update Provides Solid Path to Potential Approval

CONCLUSION

This morning, OKYO filed its FY2026 Annual Report (Form 20-F), highlighting a strengthened balance sheet and a clear regulatory path for its lead asset, urcosimod. Following a successful \$22M public offering in Feb. 2026, OKYO ended the fiscal year (March 31, 2026) with \$20.6M in cash, which mgmt confirms is sufficient to fund the global Phase 3 NEPTUNE pivotal trial to completion. With recent FDA alignment on a streamlined, Phase 3 design and potential for a single-trial registration, OKYO is positioned to initiate the NEPTUNE trial in 2H 2026, with topline data expected in 4Q27. With a \$50M market cap, we think OKYO offers a significant risk-reward potential given urcosimod is close to entering pivotal trials and has shown a promising profile in neuropathic corneal pain.

- **Pipeline & Regulatory Updates:** OKYO is advancing its lead candidate, urcosimod, toward a global Phase 3 pivotal trial (NEPTUNE) for the treatment of neuropathic corneal pain (NCP), with initiation targeted for 2H26. OKYO recently announced FDA alignment on a streamlined Phase 3 pivotal trial, with potential for the trial to support single-trial registration (see [note](#) for more details). The NEPTUNE study is designed as a randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled trial enrolling approximately 111 patients to evaluate a single-dose regimen (0.05% urcosimod vs placebo) over 12 weeks. The primary endpoint in NEPTUNE is ocular pain reduction on the 10-point VAS scale at Week 12, with FDA alignment that a >2-point improvement on VAS would be considered clinically meaningful. Topline data from NEPTUNE is anticipated in 4Q27. The company has disclosed that it plans to activate 14 clinical sites (9 in the U.S.; 5 in EU) and believes enrollment can complete in 9 months. Mgmt emphasized several placebo-mitigation strategies (anesthetic eye-drop responder screen, baseline pain stimulus test), along with enrollment restricted to a moderate-to-severe (VAS ≥5) patient population, which should enrich for hopefully a treatment responder population and reduce risk of placebo responders. As a result, we think the NEPTUNE trial is appropriately designed to optimize for a successful outcome.

- **Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Update:** OKYO ended the fiscal year on March 31, 2026, with a strengthened balance sheet, reporting cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$20.6M. This financial position was bolstered by a successful public offering in Feb '26 that raised ~\$22M in gross proceeds. Mgmt has confirmed that this capital infusion provides runway through completion of the global Phase 3 NEPTUNE pivotal trial. R&D expenses for the 2026 fiscal year were \$1.8M (vs our estimates of \$7.6M), with OKYO reporting basic and diluted EPS of (\$0.24)/share vs our estimate of (\$0.22)/share.

RISKS TO ACHIEVEMENT OF PT & RECOMMENDATION

Risks include clinical, regulatory, commercial, financing and IP.

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

OKYO is developing a first-in-class chemerin receptor agonist for Neuropathic Corneal Pain (NCP).

PRICE: US\$1.43

TARGET: US\$7.00

Our \$7 PT is based on a DCF through 2035E(15% discount rate) and assumes ~\$328Min peak risk-adjusted Uracosimod sales in Neuropathic Corneal Pain, Post Surgery and Dry Eye Disease, in both the US and EU.

Biren Amin

Sr. Research Analyst, Piper Sandler & Co.
732 284-6909, biren.amin@psc.com

Felicia Berben, PharmD

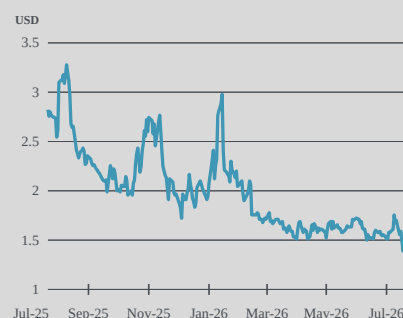
Research Analyst, Piper Sandler & Co.
212 284-9412, felicia.berben@psc.com

Michael Mazzola, Ph.D.

Research Analyst, Piper Sandler & Co.
212 284-9397, michael.mazzola@psc.com

Changes	Previous	Current
Rating	—	Overweight
Price Tgt	—	US\$7.00
FY26A Rev (mil)	—	US\$0.0
FY27E Rev (mil)	—	US\$0.0
FY26A EPS	US\$(0.22)	US\$(0.24)
FY27E EPS	US\$(0.34)	US\$(0.30)
52-Week High / Low	US\$3.35 / US\$1.34	
Shares Out (mil)	37.4	
Market Cap. (mil)	US\$53.5	
Avg Daily Vol (000)	82	
Div Yield	0.00%	
Fiscal Year End	Dec	

Price Performance - 1 Year



Source: Bloomberg

YEAR	REVENUE (US\$ m)					EARNINGS PER SHARE (US\$)				
	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	FY	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	FY
2025A	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	(0.08)	—	(0.05)	—	(0.12)
2026A	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	(0.07)	—	(0.17)	—	(0.24)
2027E	0.0	—	0.0	—	0.0	(0.15)	—	(0.15)	—	(0.30)

Piper Sandler does and seeks to do business with companies covered in its research reports. As a result, investors should be aware that the firm may have a conflict of interest that could affect the objectivity of this report. Investors should consider this report as only a single factor in making their investment decisions. This report should be read in conjunction with important disclosure information, including an attestation under Regulation Analyst Certification, found on pages 3 - 4 of this report or at the following site:

<http://www.pipersandler.com/researchdisclosures>.

OKYO P&L (data in \$M except EPS)	2024A	1H25A	2H25A	2025A	1H26A	2H26A	2026A	1H27E	2H27E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E	2034E	2035E
Product Revenue - US	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.0	22.7	36.1	61.5	100.1	129.3	162.6	210.5
Product Revenue - EU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.5	19.1	29.3	48.6	77.2	117.7
Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	32.2	55.2	90.8	148.7	206.5	259.4	328.2
COGS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	3.0	4.9	7.5	11.6	15.2	17.9	21.3
R&D	8.2	2.2	0.0	2.3	(0.0)	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.2	4.3	4.7	4.0	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0
Operating Expenses	7.5	1.1	3.7	4.8	2.5	4.1	6.7	3.5	3.6	7.0	57.4	75.2	79.0	83.0	87.1	91.5	96.0	100.8
Total operating expenses	15.7	3.3	3.8	7.1	2.5	6.0	8.5	5.6	5.8	11.3	63.2	82.3	87.3	93.2	101.6	109.5	116.9	125.1
Income (loss) from operations	(15.7)	(3.3)	(3.8)	(7.1)	(2.5)	(6.0)	(8.5)	(5.6)	(5.8)	(11.3)	(52.2)	(50.1)	(32.1)	(2.4)	47.1	97.0	142.5	203.1
Interest income (expense)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-operating income (expense)	(1.1)	(0.8)	(0.1)	(0.9)	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total non-operating income	(1.1)	(0.8)	(0.1)	(0.9)	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Earnings (loss) before taxes	(16.8)	(4.1)	(3.9)	(8.0)	(2.6)	(6.4)	(8.9)	(5.6)	(5.8)	(11.3)	(52.2)	(50.1)	(32.1)	(2.4)	47.1	97.0	142.5	203.1
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(0.0)	(1.4)	(1.8)	(3.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55.9
Net income (loss)	(16.8)	(2.7)	(2.0)	(4.7)	(2.6)	(6.4)	(8.9)	(5.6)	(5.8)	(11.3)	(52.2)	(50.1)	(32.1)	(2.4)	47.1	97.0	142.5	147.3
Other comprehensive gain (loss)	0.1	(0.5)	0.3	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	(\$16.6)	(\$3.2)	(\$1.7)	(\$4.9)	(\$2.9)	(\$6.7)	(\$9.6)	(\$5.6)	(\$5.8)	(\$11.3)	(\$52.2)	(\$50.1)	(\$32.1)	(\$2.4)	\$47.1	\$97.0	\$142.5	\$147.3
Basic EPS, GAAP	(\$0.57)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.12)	(\$0.07)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.24)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.89)	(\$0.85)	(\$0.54)	(\$0.04)	\$0.78	\$1.60	\$2.33	\$2.39
Diluted EPS, GAAP	(\$0.57)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.12)	(\$0.07)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.24)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.89)	(\$0.85)	(\$0.54)	(\$0.04)	\$0.78	\$1.60	\$2.33	\$2.39
Non-GAAP adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest (income) expense, net	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Depreciation and amortization	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.1	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.9	8.7	10.3	9.9	9.4	9.0	9.4	9.9	10.4
Stock-based compensation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-GAAP adjustments	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.1	1.6	3.4	3.5	6.9	13.7	15.3	14.9	14.4	14.0	14.4	14.9	15.4
Net income, Non-GAAP	(15.5)	(2.7)	(1.4)	(4.1)	(2.4)	(5.6)	(8.0)	(2.1)	(2.3)	(4.4)	(38.5)	(34.8)	(17.2)	(2.0)	61.1	111.4	157.4	162.7
Pro-forma EPS, Non-GAAP	(\$0.53)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.04)	(\$0.10)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.12)	(\$0.66)	(\$0.59)	(\$0.29)	\$0.20	\$1.01	\$1.84	\$2.58	\$2.64
Basic shares outstanding	29.3	33.6	39.5	39.5	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.6	37.8	37.8	58.7	59.1	59.5	59.9	60.3	60.7	61.1	61.5
Diluted shares outstanding	29.3	33.6	39.5	39.5	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.6	37.8	37.8	58.7	59.1	59.5	59.9	60.3	60.7	61.1	61.5

OKYO BS and CF statement (data in \$M)	2024A	1H25A	2H25A	2025A	1H26A	2H26A	2026A	1H27E	2H27E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E	2034E	2035E
Net Cash	1	0	1	1	3	15	15	9	5	5	112	72	50	57	113	219	372	529
Cash and cash equivalents	0.8	1.0	1.6	1.6	4.2	14.6	14.6	10.0	5.1	5.2	111.7	71.9	49.7	56.7	112.8	219.3	371.7	529.4
Debt	-	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in cash	(3.3)	0.2	0.6	0.7	2.7	10.4	13.0	(4.6)	(4.8)	(9.4)	106.5	(39.8)	(22.2)	7.0	56.1	106.4	152.4	157.7
Cash Flows from Operations	(9.5)	(0.2)	(1.6)	(1.8)	(1.5)	(4.4)	(5.9)	(2.1)	(2.3)	(4.4)	(38.5)	(34.8)	(17.2)	12.0	61.1	111.4	157.4	162.7
Net Income	(16.8)	(2.7)	(2.0)	(4.7)	(2.6)	(6.4)	(8.9)	(5.6)	(5.8)	(11.3)	(52.2)	(50.1)	(32.1)	(2.4)	47.1	97.0	142.5	147.3
SG&A	1.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.1	1.6	0.9	1.0	1.9	8.7	10.3	9.9	9.4	9.0	9.4	9.9	10.4
D/A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Other	6.2	2.0	0.1	2.2	0.5	0.9	1.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash Flows from Investing	-	-	(0.0)	(0.0)	-	(6.0)	(6.0)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)
CapEx	-	-	(0.0)	(0.0)	-	(6.0)	(6.0)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	(6.0)	(6.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash Flows from Financing	6.2	0.6	2.1	2.7	4.3	20.7	25.0	-	-	-	150.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equity raise/options exercise (buyback)	6.2	-	1.7	1.7	4.3	20.7	25.0	-	-	-	150.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt raise (payback)	-	0.6	0.4	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	0.0	(0.0)	(0.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Note: Non-Cash Conversion of Debt	-	-	-	-	-	(1.0)	(1.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fx	-	(0.2)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.1	(0.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Piper Sandler estimates & company filings

Current disclosure information for this company is located at <http://www.pipersandler.com/researchdisclosures>

IMPORTANT RESEARCH DISCLOSURES



Created by: BlueMatrix

Notes: The boxes on the Rating and Price Target History chart above indicate the date of the fundamental Equity Research Note, the rating and the price target. Each box represents a date on which an analyst made a change to a rating or price target, except for the first box, which may only represent the first Note written during the past three years.

Legend:

I: Initiating Coverage
R: Resuming Coverage
T: Transferring Coverage
D: Discontinuing Coverage
S: Suspending Coverage
OW: Overweight
N: Neutral
UW: Underweight
NA: Not Available
UR: Under Review

Distribution of Ratings/IB Services Piper Sandler				
Rating	Count	Percent	IB Serv./Past 12 Mos.	
			Count	Percent
BUY [OW]	494	62.69	145	29.35
HOLD [N]	285	36.17	46	16.14
SELL [UW]	9	1.14	2	22.22

Note: Distribution of Ratings/IB Services shows the number of companies currently covered by fundamental equity research in each rating category from which Piper Sandler and its affiliates received compensation for investment banking services within the past 12 months. FINRA rules require disclosure of which ratings most closely correspond with "buy," "hold," and "sell" recommendations. Piper Sandler ratings are not the equivalent of buy, hold or sell, but instead represent recommended relative weightings. Nevertheless, Overweight corresponds most closely with buy, Neutral with hold and Underweight with sell. See Stock Rating definitions below.

Analyst Certification

The analyst Biren Amin, primarily responsible for the preparation of this research report, attests to the following:

The views expressed in this report accurately reflect my personal views about the subject company and the subject security. In addition, no part of my compensation was, is, or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations or views contained in this report.

Piper Sandler research analysts receive compensation that is based, in part, on overall firm revenues, which include investment banking revenues.

Time of dissemination: 20 July 2026 11:50EDT.

Research Disclosures

Piper Sandler has had a client relationship or has received compensation for investment banking services from OKYO Pharma Ltd. within the past 12 months.

Piper Sandler was a managing underwriter of a public offering of, or a dealer manager of a tender offer for, the securities of OKYO Pharma Ltd. within the past 12 months.

Piper Sandler was a registered market maker in the securities of OKYO Pharma Ltd. at the time this research report was published.

Affiliate disclosures: Piper Sandler is the trade name and registered trademark under which the corporate and investment banking products and services of Piper Sandler Companies and its subsidiaries Piper Sandler & Co. and Piper Sandler Ltd. are marketed. This report has been prepared by Piper Sandler & Co. and/or its affiliate Piper Sandler Ltd. Piper Sandler & Co. is regulated by FINRA, NYSE and the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and its headquarters are located at 350 North 5th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401. Piper Sandler Ltd. is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, and is located at 6th Floor, 2 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7AD. This report is distributed in the European Union by Piper Sandler Europe SAS, a French “*société par actions simplifiée*” incorporated in France under the number RCS Paris 932 083 769 whose registered office is 10, place Vendôme, 75001, Paris, France. Disclosures in this section and in the Other Important Information section referencing Piper Sandler include all affiliated entities unless otherwise specified.

Rating Definitions

Stock Ratings: Piper Sandler fundamental research ratings are indicators of expected total return (price appreciation plus dividend) within the next 12 months. At times analysts may specify a different investment horizon or may include additional investment time horizons for specific stocks. Stock performance is measured relative to the group of stocks covered by each analyst. Lists of the stocks covered by each are available at www.pipersandler.com/researchdisclosures. Stock ratings and/or stock coverage may be suspended from time to time in the event that there is no active analyst opinion or analyst coverage, but the opinion or coverage is expected to resume. Research reports and ratings should not be relied upon as individual investment advice. As always, an investor's decision to buy or sell a security must depend on individual circumstances, including existing holdings, time horizons and risk tolerance. Piper Sandler sales and trading personnel may provide written or oral commentary, trade ideas, or other information about a particular stock to clients or internal trading desks reflecting different opinions than those expressed by the research analyst. Piper Sandler will buy and sell securities of the subject company on a principal basis, regardless of whether it is a registered market maker in those securities. In addition, Piper Sandler offers technical research products that are based on different methodologies, may contradict the opinions contained in fundamental research reports, and could impact the price of the subject security. Recommendations based on technical analysis are intended for the professional trader, while fundamental opinions are typically suited for the longer-term institutional investor.

Overweight (OW): Anticipated to outperform relative to the median of the group of stocks covered by the analyst.

Neutral (N): Anticipated to perform in line relative to the median of the group of stocks covered by the analyst.

Underweight (UW): Anticipated to underperform relative to the median of the group of stocks covered by the analyst.

Other Important Information

The material regarding the subject company is based on data obtained from sources we deem to be reliable; it is not guaranteed as to accuracy and does not purport to be complete. This report is solely for informational purposes and is not intended to be used as the primary basis of investment decisions. Piper Sandler has not assessed the suitability of the subject company for any person. Because of individual client requirements, it is not, and it should not be construed as, advice designed to meet the particular investment needs of any investor. This report is not an offer or the solicitation of an offer to sell or buy any security. Unless otherwise noted, the price of a security mentioned in this report is the most recently available closing market price. Piper Sandler does not maintain a predetermined schedule for publication of research and will not necessarily update this report. Piper Sandler policy generally prohibits research analysts from sending draft research reports to subject companies; however, it should be presumed that the fundamental equity analyst(s) who authored this report has had discussions with the subject company to ensure factual accuracy prior to publication, and has had assistance from the company in conducting diligence, including visits to company sites and meetings with company management and other representatives.

Notice to customers: This material is not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity if Piper Sandler is prohibited or restricted by any legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction from making it available to such person or entity. Customers in any of the jurisdictions where Piper Sandler and its affiliates do business who wish to effect a transaction in the securities discussed in this report should contact their local Piper Sandler representative, or as otherwise noted below. **Canada:** Piper Sandler & Co. is not registered as a dealer in Canada and relies on the “international dealer exemption” set forth in National Instrument 31-103 – Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations of the Canadian Securities Administrators. This research report has not been prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Dealer Member Rule 3400 – Research Restrictions and Disclosure Requirements of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada. **United Kingdom:** This material is for the use of intended recipients only and only for distribution to professional and institutional investors, i.e., persons who are authorised persons or exempted persons within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom, or persons who have been categorised by Piper Sandler Ltd. as professional clients under the rules of the Financial Conduct Authority. **European Union:** This material is intended only for institutional investors (professional clients and eligible counterparties within the meaning of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014)). Piper Sandler Europe SAS is not licensed as an investment services provider. It carries out the activity of a financial analyst not associated with an investment services provider as described in Articles 327-1 et seq. of the General Regulation of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (“RG AMF”). Piper Sandler Europe SAS complies, in particular, with Articles 327-2 to 327-6 of the RG AMF as well as the relevant provisions of the Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 (the Market Abuse Regulation or “MAR”) and the Commission Delegated Regulation n°2016/958 applicable to the production or dissemination of “investment recommendations” (as defined under MAR). Piper Sandler Europe SAS does not provide investment services. **United States:** This report is distributed in the United States by Piper Sandler & Co., member SIPC, FINRA and NYSE, Inc., which accepts responsibility for its contents. The securities described in this report may not have been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and, in such case, may not be offered or sold in the United States or to U.S. persons unless they have been so registered, or an exemption from the registration requirements is available. This report is produced for the use of Piper Sandler customers and may not be reproduced, re-distributed or passed to any other person or published in whole or in part for any purpose without the prior consent of Piper Sandler & Co. Additional information is available upon request. Copyright 2026 Piper Sandler. All rights reserved.