OKYO Pharma Limited (OKYO)
Rating: Buy

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New Chief Executive Officer Appointed; Reiterate Buy

Stock Data	1/2/2026
Price	$2.23
Exchange	NASDAQ
Price Target	$7.00
52-Week High	$3.35
52-Week Low	$0.90
Enterprise Value (M)	$80
Market Cap (M)	$84
Shares Outstanding (M)	37.6
3 Month Avg Volume	148,608
Short Interest (M)	0.07
Balance Sheet Metrics	
Cash (M)	$4.3
Total Debt (M)	$0.0
Total Cash/Share	$0.11
Book Value/Share	$(0.08)

Cash (M): pro forma

EPS ($) Diluted			
Full Year - Mar	2023A	2024A	2025E
1Q	--	--	(0.02)
2Q	(0.34)	(0.08)	(0.02)
3Q	--	--	(0.05)
4Q	(0.24)	(0.06)	(0.08)
FY	(0.50)	(0.12)	(0.19)

Revenue ($M)			
Full Year - Mar	2023A	2024A	2025E
1Q	--	--	0.0
2Q	0.0	0.0	0.0
3Q	--	--	0.0
4Q	0.0	0.0	0.0
FY	0.0	0.0	0.0

OKYO reports semiannually. Our projections are offered quarterly.

Industry veteran Robert J. Dempsey appointed as Chief Executive Officer. This morning, OKYO Pharma announced that Robert J. Dempsey will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer and executive Board member, effective immediately. Mr. Dempsey formerly served as the Group Vice President and Head of Global Ophthalmology at Shire, which was acquired by Takeda (TAK; not rated), where he established a highly regarded reputation for Shire as a new company in the ophthalmology and optometry markets. Notably, he built the ophthalmic franchise and led the Xiidra commercialization strategy that resulted in an industry leading launch. Mr. Dempsey is a seasoned ophthalmology executive who successfully launched two category-defining dry eye therapies, Xiidra and Restasis. He has previously held CEO roles across ophthalmic companies, where he progressed clinical-stage programs, led capital formation efforts, and consistently delivered value inflection points. With Mr. Dempsey on board, OKYO is well positioned to advance its lead asset urcosimod into the next phase of development, in our view. Of note, Gary S. Jacob, Ph.D., will transition to Chief Development Officer and continue to serve on the Board. This transition was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors. We reiterate our Buy rating and $7 price target.

Favorable changes in corneal nerve structure observed in the neuropathic corneal pain trial. Last month, OKYO Pharma announced favorable data from new analyses based on corneal images from the Phase 2 trial of urcosimod in neuropathic corneal pain (NCP) (n=18). The analyses showed that patients treated with 0.05% urcosimod demonstrated favorable changes in corneal nerve structure, which were not observed in the placebo group. Specifically, the urcosimod group showed median increases in total nerve fiber count (+2.0, n/0.16 mm², Inter Quartile Range (IQR) 0.54 to 3.63) and total nerve fiber length (+2.6 mm/mm², IQR 1.55 to 5.67; p=0.057 vs. placebo). In comparison, the placebo group showed median decreases in total nerve fiber count (-1.92, n/0.16 mm², IQR -2.79 to -0.04) and total nerve fiber length (-1.63 mm/mm², IQR -3.76 to 0.63). While this is an exploratory endpoint, the consistent and meaningful directional improvements demonstrate the potential of urcosimod to support corneal nerve restoration, in our view. Combined with previously announced data showing statistically significant reduction in mean pain scores, the improvements in corneal nerve structure suggest that targeting the chemerin receptor pathway could be a viable therapeutic approach for NCP, which has no FDA-approved therapy.

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Phase 2 data show statistically significant pain reduction in NCP. In July 2025, the company reported positive proof-of-concept data from a Phase 2 trial of urcosimod for the treatment of NCP. This double-masked, randomized, placebo-controlled study enrolled 18 patients at a single site and 17 patients have completed the study. Subjects were randomized in a 1:1:1 ratio to receive treatment with 0.05% urcosimod, or 0.1% urcosimod, or placebo four times daily for 12 weeks. The primary endpoint is change in mean pain scores from baseline (Visit 1, Day 0) to end of treatment (Visit 4, Day 84) as measured by a VAS score (on 0-10 scale where 0 is no pain and 10 is worst pain imaginable). Results showed that the 0.05% urcosimod group had a statistically significant reduction in mean pain scores of 5.5 (p=0.025), while the placebo group had a reduction in mean pain scores of 2.75 (p=0.035), thus demonstrating a delta of 2.75 between urcosimod and placebo following the 12-week treatment period. Of note, all the patients in the 0.05% urcosimod group had moderate to severe NCP pain scores, while 75% of placebo group patients had only mild NCP pain scores at baseline, indicating a worse baseline condition for the 0.05% urcosimod group. In addition, 67% of patients in the 0.05% urcosimod group demonstrated greater than 50% improvement in pain compared to 33% in the placebo group, and 0.05% urcosimod showed a marked reduction in pain scores as early as Week 4.

Valuation and risks. Our 12-month price target is derived from an estimated market value of the firm at $300M. This includes a discounted cash flow (DCF) analysis-based asset value of $300M for urcosimod (formerly OK-101), using a 15% discount rate and 1% terminal growth rate, and conservatively excludes the cash position. Assigned probability of approval is 15% for DED and 20% for NCP. Assuming 43M shares outstanding at the end of September 2026, this yields a value of approximately $7 per share. Risks to price target achievement include, but are not limited to: (1) failure of urcosimod in clinical trials; (2) failure of urcosimod to secure regulatory approval in the U.S.; (3) failure of urcosimod to achieve commercial success due to market size, penetration rate, and/or competition; and (4) dilution risk.

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Table 1: OKYO Pharma Limited (OKYO)—Historical Income Statements, Financial Projections

FY end March 31
$ in thousands, except per share data

			2025A			2026E					
	2023A	2024A	1HA	2HA	2025A	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	2026E
Revenue											
Product revenue	-	-			-						-
Other revenue	-	-			-						-
Total revenue	-	-	- -	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses											
Cost of sales	-	-	-	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Research and development	6,338	8,244	2,216	38	2,254	50	50	1,000	2,000	3,100	
General and administrative	6,850	7,506	1,123	3,714	4,838	800	800	1,200	1,500	4,300	
Total expenses	13,187	15,750	- 3,339	- 3,753	7,092	850	850	2,200	3,500	7,400	
Gain (loss) from operations	(13,187)	(15,750)	- (3,339)	- (3,753)	(7,092)	(850)	(850)	(2,200)	(3,500)	(7,400)	
Other income/expense											
Finance costs	(97)	(1,053)	(758)	(120)	(878)						-
Finance income	-	-			-						-
Total investment income and other	(97)	(1,053)	- (758)	- (120)	(878)	-	-	-	-	-	
Loss before provision for income taxes	(13,284)	(16,803)	- (4,098)	- (3,872)	(7,970)	(850)	(850)	(2,200)	(3,500)	(7,400)	
Provision for income taxes	12	(22)	1,418	1,846	3,264						-
Net income (loss)	(13,272)	(16,825)	- (2,680)	- (2,026)	(4,706)	(850)	(850)	(2,200)	(3,500)	(7,400)	
Net loss per share (basic)	(0.60)	(0.50)	(0.08)	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.19)	
Net loss per share (diluted)	(0.60)	(0.50)	(0.08)	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.19)	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (basic)	22,257	33,336	33,573	36,021	39,488	36,816	37,618	40,133	42,648	39,304	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (diluted)	22,257	33,336	33,573	36,021	39,488	36,816	37,618	40,133	42,648	39,304	

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Table 2: OKYO Pharma Limited (OKYO)—Historical Balance Sheets, Financial Projections

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			2025A			2026E					
	3/31/2023	3/31/2024	9/30/2024	3/31/2025	3/31/2025	6/30/2025	9/30/2025	12/31/2025	3/31/2026	3/31/2026
Assets										
Current assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	4,045	827	987	1,561	1,561	3,646	2,996	10,296	6,996	6,996
Related party receivables		-			-	-	-	-	-	-
Current taxation receivable	559	559	1,483	1,872	1,872	1,872	1,872	1,872	1,872	1,872
Other receivables	592	152	356	242	242	242	242	242	242	242
Total current assets	5,197	1,538	- 2,827	- 3,675	3,675	5,761	5,111	12,411	9,111	9,111
Property and Equipment, net	7	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Right of use asset		-			-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	5,204	1,541	- 2,829	- 3,677	3,677	5,763	5,113	12,413	9,113	9,113
Liabilities and shareholder equity										
Current liabilities										
Trade and other payables	4,263	7,062	9,607	8,368	8,368	8,368	8,368	8,368	8,368	8,368
Related party payable	779	359	446	859	859	859	859	859	859	859
Loan payable to related party	2,215	-	2		-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease liabilities - current		-			-	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	7,257	7,421	- 10,054	- 9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227
Lease liabilities - non current	-	-	-	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	7,257	7,421	- 10,054	- 9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227	9,227
Shareholder's equity										
Ordinary share capital		-			-	-	-	-	-	-
Share premium	131,386	143,113	144,050	146,717	146,717	149,453	149,453	158,753	158,753	158,753
Accumulated dificit	(125,698)	(142,523)	(145,203)	(143,025)	(143,025)	(143,675)	(144,325)	(146,325)	(149,625)	(149,625)
Share options reserve	3,629	4,749	5,075	1,185	1,185	1,185	1,185	1,185	1,185	1,185
Warrants reserve	82	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94	94
Shares to be issued (Loan Notes) - Equity		-	115		-	-	-	-	-	-
Convertible Loan Note reserve		-	435	950	950	950	950	950	950	950
Foreign currency translation reserve	(11,453)	(11,311)	(11,792)	(11,470)	(11,470)	(11,470)	(11,470)	(11,470)	(11,470)	(11,470)
Total stockholders' equity	(2,053)	(5,880)	- (7,226)	- (5,550)	(5,550)	(3,464)	(4,114)	3,186	(114)	(114)
Total liability and shareholder's equity	5,204	1,541	- 2,829	- 3,677	3,677	5,763	5,113	12,413	9,113	9,113

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