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GENEURO (BUY, FV EUR10.6) | Report of ongoing constructive discussions for temelimab in MS

- GeNeuro today reports its cash position at the end of June which was EUR10.1m i.e. a cash burn of EUR3.2m over the past quarter, similar to the previous one and therefore offering visibility until Q1/Q2 2020.
- By then, GeNeuro is expected to conclude a partnership for temelimab (in MS, but actually for the whole product across potentially different indications including T1D) and the company mentions in the press release that “constructive discussions” are ongoing.
- Actually recent publications in renown scientific journals like PNAS summarizing the key role of human endogenous viruses in the damage of myelinated axons in MS and the promises of an antibody like temelimab in the clinic, should help conducting these discussions and finalizing an agreement.
- We would expect GeNeuro to have a much clearer view now about what remains to be done from a regulatory standpoint to move forward with the compound in MS. In this context and since MS remains a buoyant market where Roche is incredibly successful with Ocrevus, where Novartis is launching Mayzent and expecting phase III data with ofatumumab while many players are thinking about the future of their franchise, temelimab is a highly valuable asset. Moreover, a preferred positioning in non-active SPMS can offer a place with little to no competition.

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