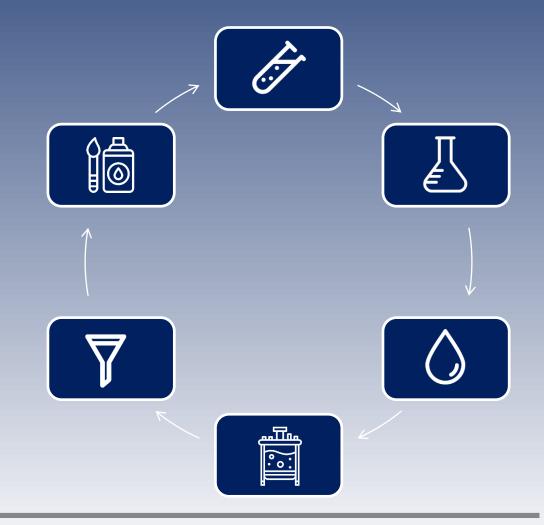


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Concord Biotech

Concord Biotech Limited is a R&D driven biopharma company that manufactures API through fermentation & semisynthetic process and finished formulations. Founded in the year 2000, the company has transformed from a singleproduct company to a broad-spectrum solution provider, offering products across diversified therapeutic segments. Concord is globally known for its products and has a presence in more than 70 countries worldwide with efficient distribution infrastructure in markets like the USA, Europe, Japan, Latin America, Africa, Asia, besides significant presence in Indian market. Concord is actively expanding its horizons by partnering with leading global pharmaceutical companies by meeting their product development needs for APIs & finished formulations.

Investment Rationale

- Market Leadership in differentiated API offerings: Concord has one of the widest range of small molecule fermentationbased immunosuppressant APIs and is also one of the leading global developers and manufacturers of immunosuppressants and oncology APIs. The company's strength lies in its focused niche fermentation API's which is backwardly integrated to KSM. It commands a market share of over 20% (by volume) across key identified fermentation-based API products. It is also one of the very few companies with a presence in all the key regions, including the US, Europe, and Japan. Future growth of the fermentation based API segment will be led by market share gains due to increasing the wallet share from existing API customers and new client addition; and expansion of API portfolio in the lowvolume high value segment. We estimate the API segment to register robust CAGR of 14.8% between FY23-26E.
- Significant entry barriers creating competitive edge: Fermentation API business has significant entry barriers due to: 1) **Requirement of technical capabilities:** The Fermentation as a core component of manufacturing process presents unique challenges. It involves the intricate management of microbial strains, the precise control of multiple interconnected processes, and the execution of various purification steps. Hence, this approach stands in stark contrast to chemical synthesis, requiring a highly specific, scientific, and quality-centric approach; 2) Long gestation period: It takes around 6 to 7 years to develop the molecule in the fermentation space; 3) In addition, there is substantial capital investment into infrastructure such as large scale fermenters, effluent treatment facilities and disposal of biologically hazardous waste. Concord has over the year's built a portfolio of 23 fermentation APIs, scaled manufacturing capabilities and backwardly integrated its API to KSM creating a competitive edge in the industry.
- Completion of significant capex towards large manufacturing capacities provides growth opportunities: Between FY20-23, the company incurred an aggregate capex of Rs. 6.6bn towards capacity expansion viz. 1) New API facility (Unit 3) at Limbasi, Gujarat with a capacity of 800 cu. mtr.; 2) Expansion of Formulation facility (Unit 2) at Valthera, Gujarat from 523mn units to 802mn units; and 3) New injectable line at Unit 2. We understand the significant capex is completed and there may not be major investment in capacities in next couple of years. We expect the company to reap benefits of the huge capacity and improve its utilisation going forward. We estimate the company to generate FCFF of Rs. ~8.5bn between FY24E-26E and improve its ROIC by 600-700bps.
- Outlook & Valuation: We are optimistic on Concord Biotech due to: 1) Fermentation APIs gaining market share with expansion of API portfolio in the low-volume high value segment; 2) Formulations segment picking-up on the back of new launches and the addition of injectables portfolio; 3) Ready capacities and low utilization levels providing opportunities for operating leverage and margin expansion; and 4) Completion of significant capex to result in FCFF generation. We estimate FY23-26E Revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 21.4%/26%/27.5%. We value the stock at 36x FY26E EPS to arrive at a target price of Rs.1,715 and initiate our coverage with an **OUTPERFORM** rating on the stock.

OUTPERFORM

CMP (Rs)	1,470
Target Price (Rs)	1,715
Potential Upside (%)	17
	CMP (Rs) as on 29 th Dec 2023

Company Info BB Code CONCORDB IN ISIN INE338H01029 Face Value (Rs.) 1.0 52 Week High (Rs.) 1,535 900 52 Week Low (Rs.) Mkt Cap (Rs bn.) 153.8 Mkt Cap (\$ bn.) 1.85 Shares o/s (Mn.)/Free Float (%) 104.6/17 22.9 EPS FY23 (Rs) EPS FY25E (Rs) 47.6

Shareholding Pattern (%)

	Sep-23
Promoters	44.08
FII's	7.30
DII's	8.12
Public	40.50

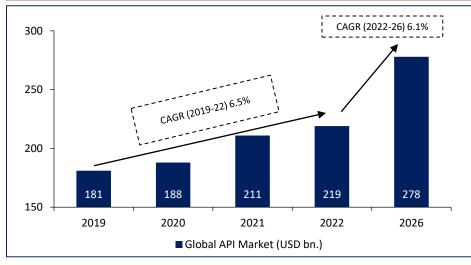
Relative Performance (%)

YTD	1M	3M	Till Date
BSE HC	5.6	10.7	13.5
Concord	14.3	35.6	56.1

Rebased Price Performance

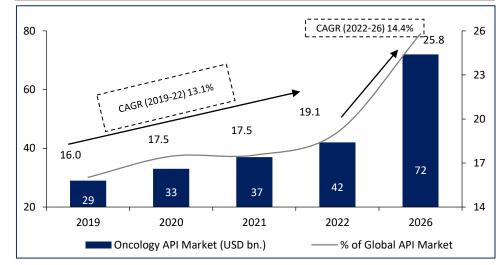


Market Dynamics - Global API Market



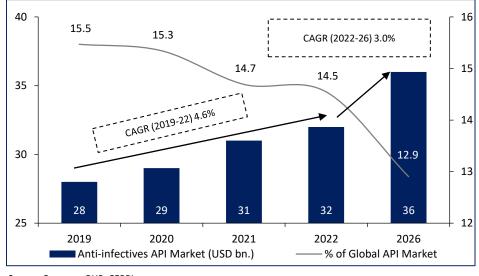
Global API market is expected to register CAGR of 6.1% between 2022-26





Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

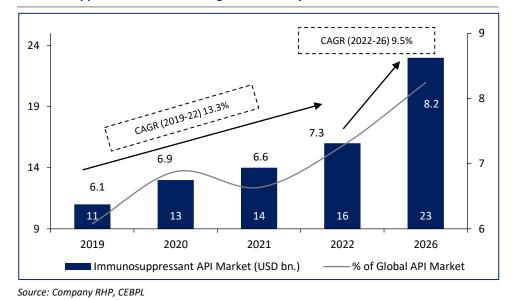
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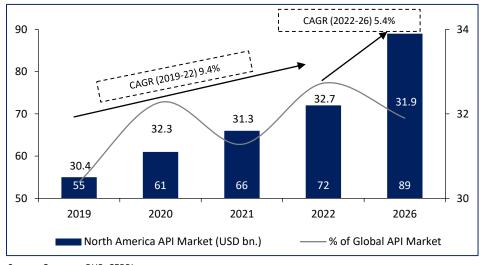
Global anti-infectives API market is expected to be slowing down

Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

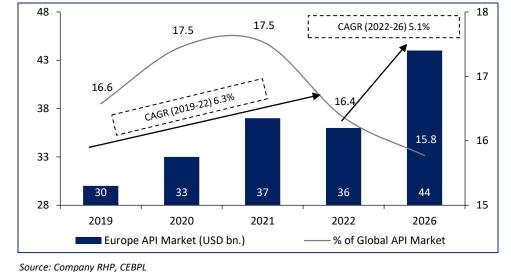
Immunosuppressant API market to grow at healthy CAGR of 9.5% in 2022-26



Market Dynamics - Global API Market by Geography

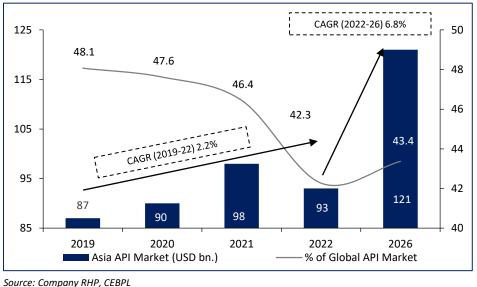


North America API market expected to see slow down



Europe market is expected to continue the modest growth

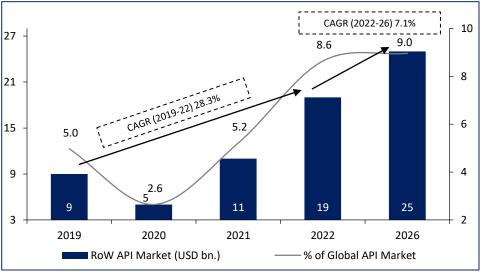
Source: Company RHP, CEBPL



Asia, the largest API market to grow faster than the developed markets

Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

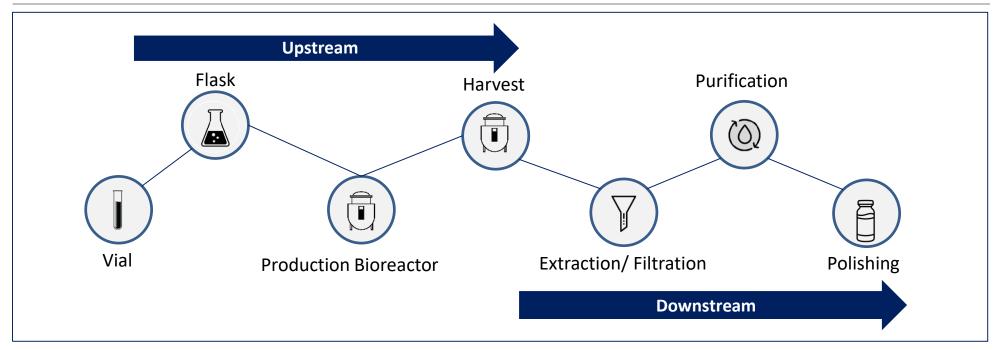
RoW market expected to register CAGR of 7.1% between 2022-26



Choice

Fermentation based API

Overview of Fermentation Process: Complex process requiring technical expertise

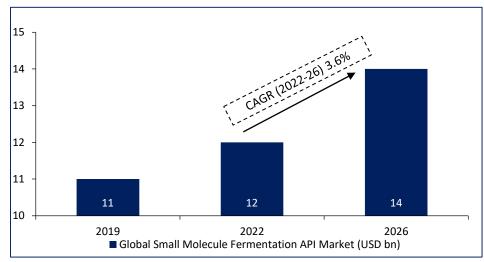


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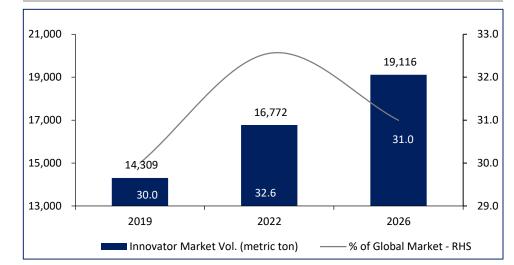
Understanding the process

- Fermentation API: These are active ingredients or intermediates made using microbial or cell line host fermentation. Fermentation products can be naturally derived as well as semi-synthetically processed with a combination of fermentation and chemical synthesis.
- Application or Usage: Used in wide range of products from vaccines to anti-cancer cytotoxic drugs, antibiotics and antifungals, hormonal products, immunosuppressants, and vitamins.
- Micro-organisms used: A wide array of micro-organisms such as bacteria, yeast, fungi, and streptomycetes are used in fermentation.
- Molecules Produced: 1. Small and low weight molecules such as peptides, organic molecules. 2. Large molecules such as proteins, nucleic acids (DNA and RNA), and macromolecules such as lipids and carbohydrates,
- Market Dominance: Until 2021, China dominated the small molecule fermentation APIs market and accounted for nearly 70% of the global market supply. However, several API manufacturing units were shut down with the growing environmental and quality concerns. This created an opportunity for India to revive its fermentation API industry.

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market



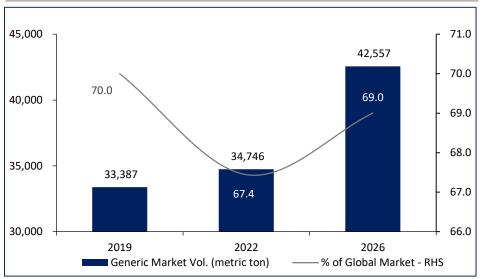
Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market is expected to post CAGR of 3.6%



Global Fermentation based Innovator API market by Volume

Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

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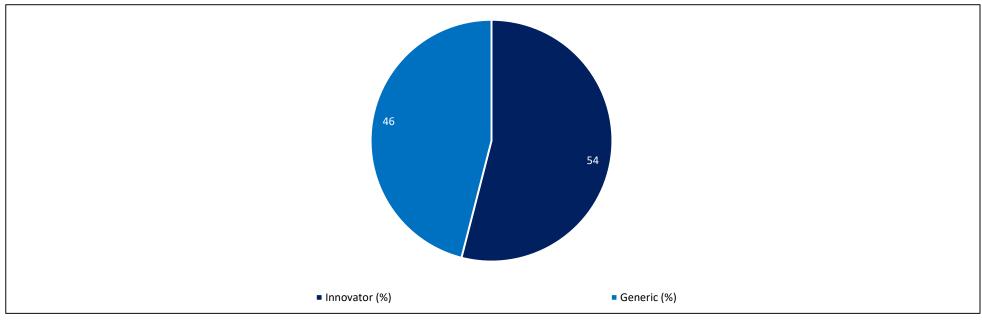
Global Fermentation based Generic API market by Volume

- Generic API market has the lion's share in terms of volume. Between 2019-22, it
 has grown at a CAGR of 5.2%. With the increasing thrust of adopting low-cost
 alternatives, the overall market is expected to further shift in favor of generic
 drugs. Hence, the volume is forecasted to grow at CAGR of 5.2% between 202226.
- Innovator API market is a low volume and high value market. The growth of the market is expected to be muted (3.3% CAGR between 2022-26) as against 5.4% CAGR between 2019-22.

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market - Immunosuppressant

Small molecule immunosuppressant drugs are the mainstay for organ transplant patients, as many patients need to use these drugs throughout their lifetime. As of 2022, approximately more than 90% of the approved and commonly prescribed small molecule organ transplant drugs were fermentation-based. With the increase in organ transplants such as liver and kidney transplants worldwide, it is further expected to bolster the growth of APIs.

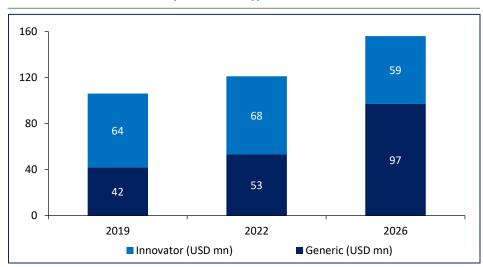
Immunosuppressant Fermentation based API by Innovation Type: Volume (%) 2022



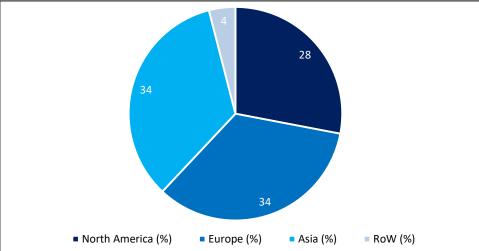
- Value share in 2022: 9-11% (approx. USD 1bn)
- Volume share in 2022: 2%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 9-11%
- API Molecules: Tacrolimus, Sirolimus, Mycophenolic Acid, Mycophenolate Mofetil, and Cyclosporine

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Immunosuppressant – Tacrolimus API

Tacrolimus is indicated for preventing organ transplant rejection and treating moderate to severe atopic dermatitis. Since this drug can be a life-long drug in some transplant patients, and given the preference for consistency of drug regimen, the market will maintain volume sales from existing users and gain from new organ transplant patients.



Tacrolimus API market sales by Innovation type



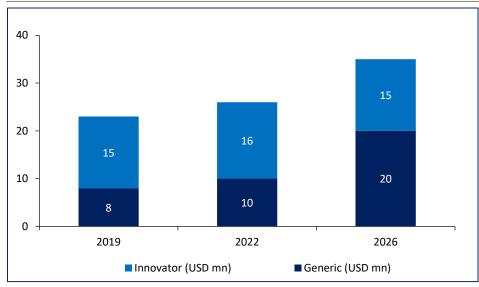
Tacrolimus API market volume distribution by geography

Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

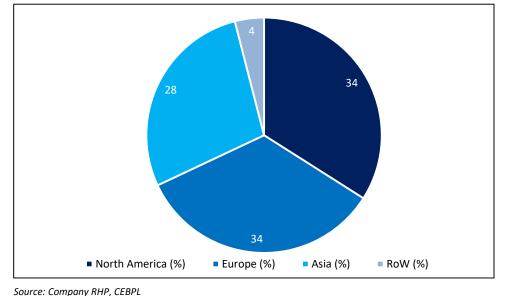
- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 16.4%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): (3.5)%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 9-11%
- Patent Expiry: Year 2008
- Key API Consumers (by volume): Astellas Pharma Inc. (38%), Novartis AG (13%) and Intas Pharma (7%)
- Regulated market API suppliers: A total of 18 regulated market API suppliers, there are only 3 suppliers, including Concord Biotech, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, and Chunghwa Chemical Synthesis & Biotech Co. with registered DMFs in all the key markets.
- Concord's Prowess: 1) Estimated volume share of more than 40% in 2022; 2) Serving 2 out of the top 5 global API consumers

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Immunosuppressant – Mycophenolate Sodium API

• Mycophenolate Sodium is the sodium salt of mycophenolic acid used as an immunosuppressive prophylactic to prevent rejection during organ transplantation



Mycophenolate Sodium API market sales by Innovation type

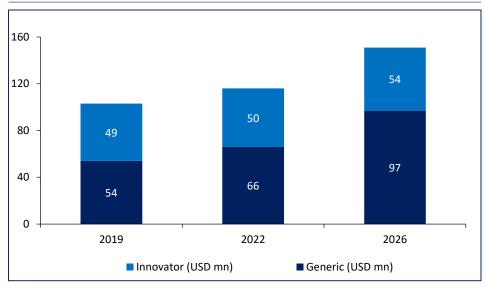


Mycophenolate Sodium API market volume distribution by geography

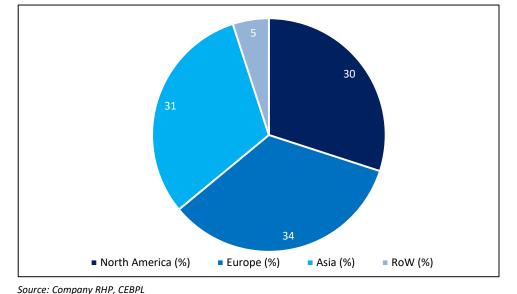
- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 17.4%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): (1.6)%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 7.1%
- Patent Expiry: Year 2014
- Key API Consumers (by volume): Novartis (57%), Intas Pharma, Apotex Inc. and Lupin cumulatively have 29% volume share.
- API suppliers: 10 with active U.S. DMF while there are 4 suppliers from India with active DMFs.
- Concord's Prowess: 1) Estimated volume share of approx. 28% in 2022; 2) Working with one of the top 5 global formulation companies.

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Immunosuppressant – Mycophenolate Mofetil

 Mycophenolate Mofetil is indicated for prophylaxis of organ rejection in patients and treatment of primary and secondary glomerulopathies, uveitis, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus.



Mycophenolate Mofetil API market sales by Innovation type



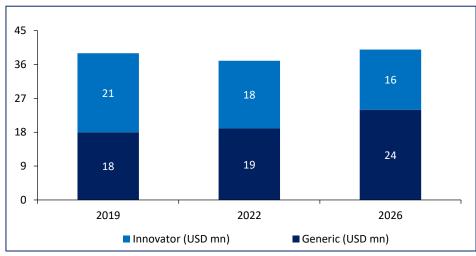
Mycophenolate Mofetil API market volume distribution by geography

- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 10%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): 2%
- Patent Expiry: Year 2007
- API suppliers: There are 17 companies with active DMFs for mycophenolate mofetil API, there are only 2 companies viz. Concord Biotech and Teva with active DMFs across all 3 highly regulated regions
- Concord's Prowess: 1) Around 15% volume share in 2022; 2) Serving at least one out of the top 5 API consumers

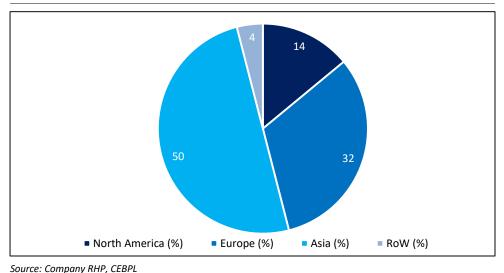
Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Immunosuppressant – Cyclosporine

Cyclosporine is an immunosuppressant for preventing organ rejection in kidney, liver, and heart allogeneic transplants. It is also prescribed for psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, and uveitis.

Cyclosporine API market sales by Innovation type



Cyclosporine API market volume distribution by geography



- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 6.9%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): (3.1)%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 2.4%
- Key API Consumers (by volume): Novartis, Huadong Medicine, and Teva accounted for 72% volume share.
- Regulated market API suppliers: There are 12 Cyclosporine API suppliers to regulated markets, however, a large number of companies with active DMFs, such as Novartis, AbbVie Inc., Teva, and Huadong Medicine, potentially manufacture APIs for captive use. Hence, the number of suppliers supplying across regulated merchant markets is very few.
- Concord's Prowess: 1) Only supplier of Cyclosporine API from India to all major regulated markets; 2) A volume share of over 30% in 2022; 3) Catering to 2 of the top 5 formulation companies.

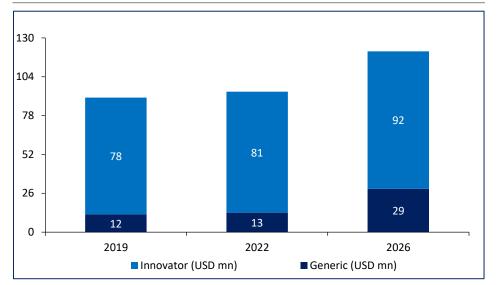
Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Immunosuppressant – Pimecrolimus API

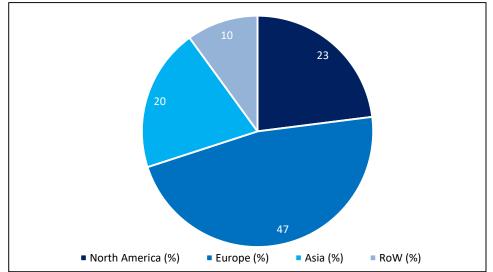
Pimecrolimus is prescribed as a second-line therapy to treat mild to moderate atopic dermatitis (eczema) in patients who have already been treated with other medicines that did not work well.

Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

Pimecrolimus API market sales by Innovation type



Pimecrolimus API market volume distribution by geography

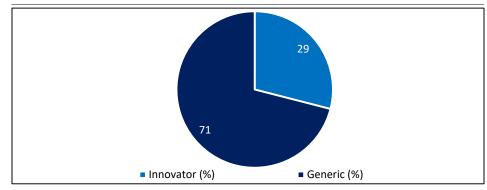


- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 22%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): 3.2%
- Generic volume CAGR between 2022-26: 24.5%
- Key API Consumers (by volume): Viatris and Bausch Health, accounting for a cumulative volume share of 78%.
- Regulated market API suppliers: Only 5 companies with active U.S. DMF as of the first half of 2023.
- **Concord's Prowess:** 1) Estimated volume share of 4% in 2022.

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market - Oncology

The growing incidence of cancer and rapidly increasing R&D activity pertaining to anti-cancer drugs are primarily driving the market for oncology products. The increasing demand for more targeted, curative, and safer drugs is further propelling the R&D pipeline. Many anti-cancer drugs (approximately 60%) approved since 1981 are natural products derived from microorganisms.

Oncology Fermentation based API by Innovation Type: Volume (%) 2022

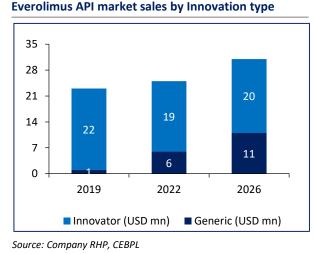


- Value share in 2022: 12-14% (approx. USD 1.4bn)
- Volume share in 2022: 1%
- API Molecules: Everolimus, Temsirolimus, Rubicins, Taxels, etc

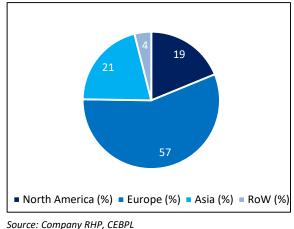
Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Oncology – Everolimus API

• Everolimus is used for the treatment of breast cancer and tuberous sclerosis complex and for prophylaxis of organ rejection in adult patients receiving organ transplants.



Everolimus API market volume distribution (%)

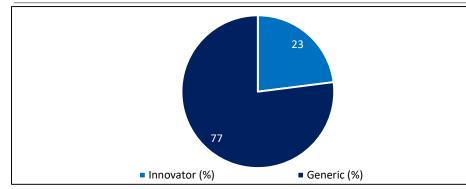


- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 14.0%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): 1.9%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 7.5%
- Patent Expiry: Year 2020
- Key API Consumers (by volume): Novartis, Biocon, and Hikma Pharma accounting for 78% share by volume
- Concord's Prowess: 1) Estimated volume share of 9% in 2022.

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Anti-Infectives

Since several anti-infective drugs, particularly the antibacterial and antifungals, are fermentation-derived, the anti-infective drug APIs accounted for the lion's share
in 2022 by volume. Anti-bacterial were amongst the first fermentation-derived APIs. Antibiotics are used to treat a wide variety of bacterial infections, such as
respiratory and gastrointestinal infections, sexually transmitted infections, dermatological infections, ear, and eye infections, resulting in consistent growth in the
segment.

Anti-Infectives Fermentation based API by Innovation Type: Volume (%) 2022

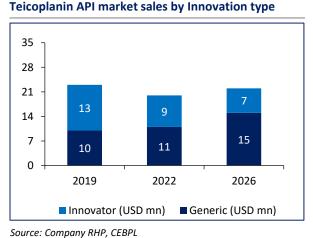


- Value share in 2022: 28-30% (approx. USD 3.2bn)
- Volume share in **2022**: 74%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 2-4%

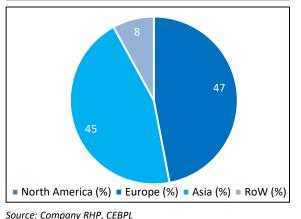
Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Anti-Infectives – Teicoplanin API

Teicoplanin is an antibiotic used to treat severe bacteremia, complicated skin and soft tissue infections, bone and joint infections, infective endocarditis, peritonitis, community-acquired pneumonia, and community-acquired urinary tract infections.



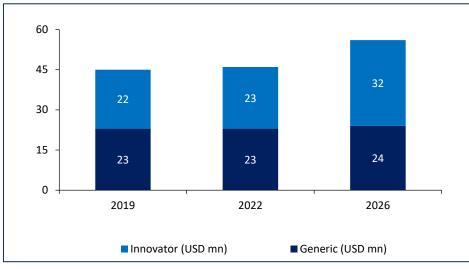
Teicoplanin API market volume distribution (%)



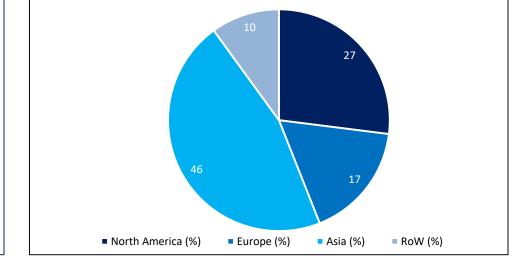
- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 8.3%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): (4.2)%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 3.3%
- Key API Consumers (by volume): Sanofi (38%), Hikma, Kolmar Korea, and Zhejiang Medicine Co with 10% each.
- Regulated market API suppliers: Only 5 companies with active DMF.

Market Dynamics - Global Small Molecule Fermentation API Market – Anti-Infectives – Mupirocin and Mupirocin Calcium

 Mupirocin is an anti-bacterial ointment used to treat superficial skin infections such as impetigo caused due to bacteria such as Staphylococcus aureus and Streptococcus pyogenes.



Mupirocin and Mupirocin Calcium API market sales by Innovation type



Mupirocin and Mupirocin Calcium API market volume distribution by geography

Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

- Generic CAGR (2022-26): 0.7%
- Innovator CAGR (2022-26): 9.1%
- Volume CAGR between 2022-26: 5.2%
- Key API Consumers (by volume): GSK plc. (23%) and Glenmark Pharma, Teva and Sun Pharma cumulatively accounted for 27%
- Regulated market API suppliers: A total of 8 regulated market API suppliers
- Concord's Prowess: 1) Estimated volume share of approx. 22% in 2022; 2) working with at least one global formulation company amongst the top five.

Fermentation based API Segment –Differentiated offerings built over time

- Macro Discussion: There are more than 3,000 API manufacturers worldwide. However, only 542 API manufacturers can meet the cGMP requirements. The number shrinks further for fermentation API companies. As fermentation is a challenging process, there are a limited number of companies globally that have successfully and sustainably established and scaled up fermentation-based API manufacturing capabilities.
- Company Attributes: Concord Biotech is one of the leading global developers and manufacturers of fermentation based APIs. The company's strength lies in its focused niche fermentation API's which is backwardly integrated to KSM. It has an expansive portfolio of fermentation-based APIs across a wide range of therapeutic areas including immuno-suppressants, oncology and anti-infective including anti-bacterial and anti-fungal. The company has 128 DMF filings across several countries and 23 fermentation APIs. It is one of the very few companies when compared to peers with a presence in all the key regions, including the US, Europe, and Japan

Therapies	Molecule	Concord Biotech	Biocon	Brightgene	ССЅВ	CKD Bio	Hisun	Huadong Medicine	Теvа
	Cyclosporine	US, JAP,EU				US, EU		US, JAP,EU	US, JAP,EU
	Mycophenolate Mofetil	US, JAP,EU	US,EU		US	US	US,EU		US, JAP,EU
	Mycophenolate Sodium	US,EU	US		US				US
Immuno- Suppressants	Mycophenolic Acid	EU					US		
	Pimecrolimus	US	US	US					
	Sirolimus	US, JAP	US	US	US, JAP		US	US	
	Tacrolimus	US, JAP,EU	US,EU		US, JAP,EU	US, JAP	US,EU	US	US, JAP,EU
	Mupirocin	US,EU						US,EU	US,EU
Anti- Bacterial	Mupirocin Calcium	US,EU						US,EU	US, JAP,EU
	Vancomycin	US,EU				US,EU			JAP
	Dactinomycin	US					US		
	Everolimus	US,JAP	US, EU	US,JAP	US, EU	US, EU		US	
Oncology	Midostaurin	US		US	US				
Oncology	Mitomycin	US,EU					US,EU		US, JAP,EU
	Romidepsin	US							US
	Temsirolimus	US	US						
	Lovastatin	US,EU	US				US,EU		US,EU
Others	Pravastatin	US,EU	US, JAP,EU		US, JAP,EU		US, JAP,EU		US, JAP,EU
	Staurosporine	US		US					

Fermentation based API Segment – Competitive edge established in niche and complex APIs

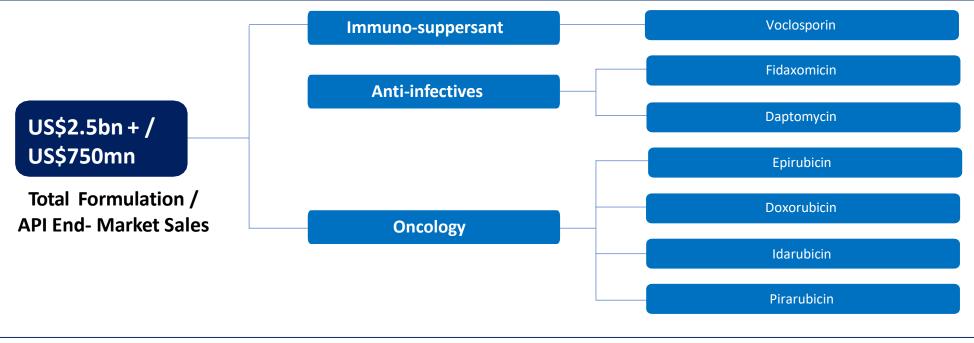
 Concord Biotech has one of the widest range of small molecule fermentation-based immunosuppressant APIs is one of the leading global developers and manufacturers of immunosuppressants and oncology in terms of market share based on volume in 2022. The company commanded a market share of over 20% by volume in 2022 across identified fermentation-based API products, including tacrolimus, mycophenolate sodium, cyclosporine, sirolimus, and mupirocin.

Therapy	Molecules	Market Size*	Concord's Market Share by Volume	DMF Fillings
	Tacrolimus	~US\$ 3 bn	40%+	
Immuno-Suppressants	Cyclosporine	~US\$ 3 bn	30%+	
	Mycophenolate Sodium	~US\$ 364 mn	~28%	
	Mycophenolate Mofetil	~US\$ 973 mn	~15%	
	Pimecrolimus	~US\$ 228 mn	4%+	
Oncology	Everolimus	~US\$ 1 bn	~9%	
Anti-Infectives	Mupirocin and Mupirocin Calcium	~US\$ 291 mn	~22%	

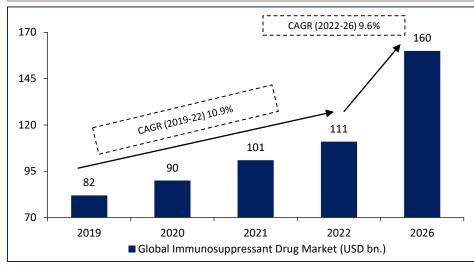
Fermentation based API Segment – Key growth drivers

- The company's API segment will continue to be the core focus of the business. Further, in order to leverage its leadership position across therapeutics areas and to keep expanding the API business, it plans to do the following:
- Increasing the wallet share from existing API customers: Concord has plans of increasing the sales to existing customers and also focus on cross-selling other API products. For the purpose of execution capabilities, it has significantly invested and expanded its manufacturing capacities with new facility at Limbasi (800 cu.m in FY22). This has enabled the company to be in a strong position to increase its wallet share.
- Marketing existing APIs to new customers: The investment towards expansion of manufacturing capacities has resulted in capabilities to serve additional customers
 with existing API portfolio. Hence, the company intends to acquire new customers globally and expand its international customer base, by increasing marketing
 activities for its APIs. It has been able to add around 25 companies in the API and formulation business in H1FY24.
- Expanding the API portfolio: Concord has plans to leverage its technical expertise in developing niche and complex fermentation-based products. It wants to capture the opportunities in the low-volume high value fermentation-based APIs which will go off-patent. The product pipeline includes 6-7 molecules in the development stage across therapies such as oncology and anti-infectives which are slated for commercialization over the next 2-3 years. The addressable market for the new products is ~\$2.5bn at the formulation level and ~\$750mn on the API level.

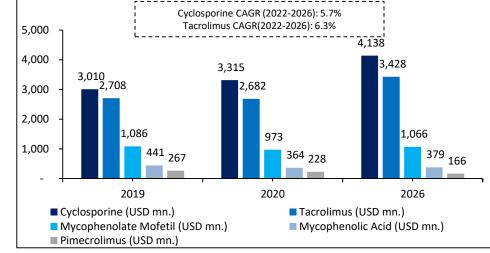
Expanding the API portfolio – Attractive API Product pipeline



Formulation Segment: Market Dynamics - Global Drug Market



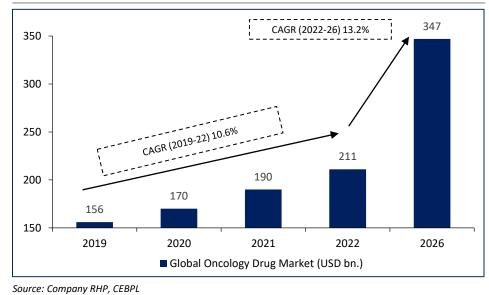
Global Immunosuppressant drug market to register CAGR of 9.6% between 2022-26



Select Immunosuppressant Drug Market

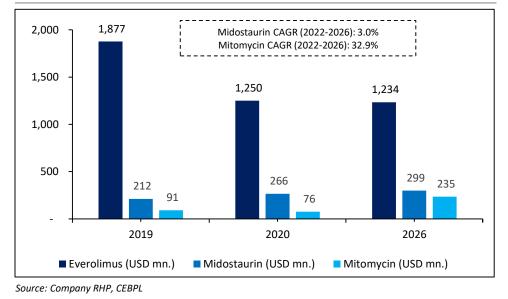
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Global Oncology drug market expected to outperform the historical growth

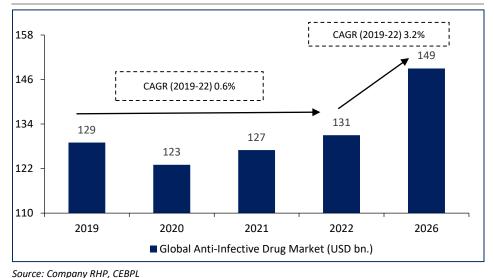


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Select Oncology Drug Market – Mitomycin to grow at robust rate

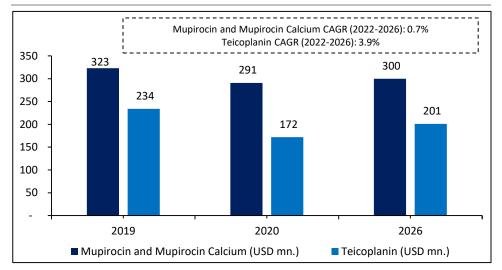


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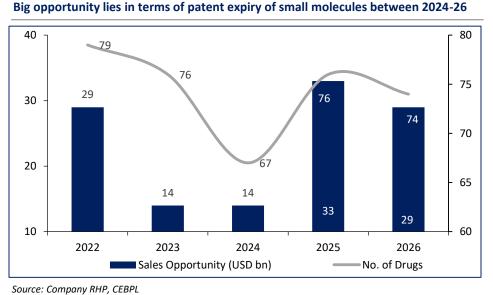


Global Anti-Infective drug market to register healthy CAGR of 3.2% between 2022-26

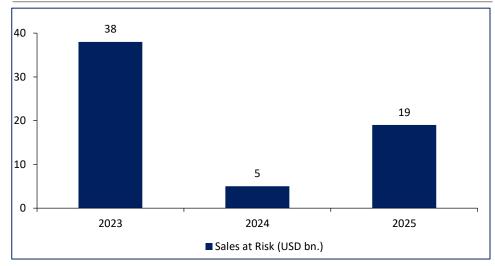
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Source: Company RHP, CEBPL



USD 24bn worth sale of Fermentation-based Formulations are at risk of patent Expiry



Formulation Segment – Wide range of product portfolio spread across markets

The company forayed into the formulation business in 2016 to capitalize on the benefits of backward integration. It manufactures immunosuppressant formulations which are offered under own brands in India, and sold across emerging countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the United States, primarily through arrangements with distributors. In addition, it offers nephrology drugs and anti-infectives for critical care which are in-licensed in India under its own brands. Concord has 77 approved formulation products and 4 ANDA approvals for 6 products from US FDA.

Immunosuppressants – Covering 7 formulations

Sr. No.	Molecule	Geography	Trade name	Doasge Form
		India	Tacrocord	Capsules
1	Tacrolimus	US	Tacrolimus Capsules USP	Capsules
		Others	Tacrocord & Placord	Capsules
		India	Mofecon	Tablets
		Inula	Mofecon OS	Oral suspension
2	Mycophenolate Mofetil	US	Mycophenolate Mofetil USP	Capsules
2		03	Mycophenolate Mofetil USP	Tablets
		Others	Mofecon & MMF Cord	Capsules
				Tablets
	India	India	Mofecon-S	Tablets
3	Mycophenolate Sodium	US	Mycophenolic Acid Delayed Release Tablets	Tablets
		Others	Mycophenolic Acid Delayed Release Tablets	Tablets
Λ	Cuclosperine	India	Conimune ME	Capsules
4	Cyclosporine	India	Cyclograf ME	Oral solution
5	Everolimus	India	Evercon	Tablets
6	Rituximab	India	Conimab	Injection
7	Valganciclovir	India	Valocon	Tablets

Nephrology Drugs – 17 nephrology drug (in-licensed in India) manufactured by third parties under Concord's brands'

Sr. No.	Molecule	Trade name	Form
1	Darbepoetin Alfa	Darbecon	Injection
2	Iron Sucrose	Coniron	Injection
3	Cinacalcet	Cinacet	Tablets
4	Sevelamer Carbonate	Sevecord	Tablets
5	Pre-probiotics	Milipro90	Capsules
6	Aleba Kataanalagua	Velelar	Tablets
6	Alpha Ketoanalogue Valolog	valolog	Sachets
7	Sunflower Oleodistillate	UPShield	Cream
8	Sodiumbicarbonate	Nabosis	Tablets
9	Calcium Acetate	Cacecon	Tablets
10		Kardha	Tablets
10	Levocarnitine	Kanilev	Injection
11	Calcium Polysterene Sulphonate	Picatol	Sachets
12	Calcitriol	Kalcord	Capsules
13	Febuxostat	Unuric	Tablets
14	Acetyl Cysteine + Taurine	Noxiteine	Tablets
15	Erythropoietin	Epocord	Injection
16	Amphoticin B Liposmal	Amfoeva	Injection
17	Enoxaparin Sodium	Anxacord	Injection

Anti-infectives for Critical Care – 20 anti-infective drugs being manufactured from third parties under Concord's brands

Sr. No.	Molecule	Trade name	Form
1	Anidulafungin	Anicord	Injection
2	Micafungin	Micacord	Injection
3	Daptomycin	Dapute	Injection
4	Teicoplanin	Teicocord	Injection
5	Meropenem	Mepecon & Meroeva	Injection
6	Meropenem + Sulbactam	Mepecon-SB	Injection
7	Tigecycline	Tigicon	Injection
8	Colistimethate Sodium	Cricolist	Injection
9	Polymyxin B	Pobix	Injection
10	Fosfomycin Sodium	Fosutrac	Injection
11	Vancomycin Hydrochloride	Vanogard	Injection
12	Minocycline	Mnocrit	Injection
13	Voriconazole	Vorixia	Tablets
14	Liposomal Amphotericin-B	Amfoterol	Injection
15	Tofacitinib	Tofajoint	Tablet
16	Leflunomide	Arthimide	Tablet
17	Polymixin B	Pobix	Injection
18	Meropenem	Mepecon EDTA	Tablet
19	Anidulafungin	Anideva	Injection
20	Ceftazidime + Avibactam	Avycord	Injection

Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

Other Formulation Drugs

Sr. No.	Molecule	Trade name	Therapeutic Area	Form
1	Caspofungin Acetate	Caspocon & Caspoeva	Anti-fungal	IV
2	Muprocin	Muprevent	Anti-bacterial	Ointment
3	Piperacillin and Tazobactam	Primataz & Hopeva	Anti-bacterial	IV
4	Cefoperazone + Sulbactam	Nexmatch & Inpeva	Anti-bacterial	IV
5	Cefoperazone + Sulbactam	Nexmatch Forte & Inpeva Forte	Anti-bacteria	IV
6	Human Normal Albumin 20%	Obulin & Conalb	Plasma derivative	IV
7	Posaconazole	Picocord	Anti-fungal	Tablets (Gastroresistant)
8	Human Normal Immunoglobulin 5%	Gamacon & Gammacord	Plasma derivative	IV

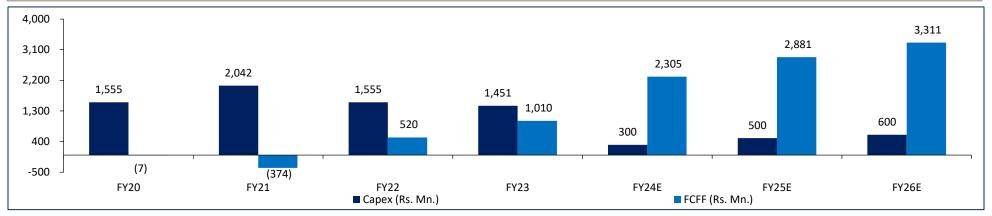
Formulation Segment – Key growth drivers

- Concord Biotech has plan to grow formulation business by expanding geographic reach, launching newer dosage forms, and expanding formulation portfolio with a focus on improving profitability as well as utilizing the manufacturing capacity more efficiently.
- Expanding geographic reach: 1) India Focus on growing presence through own sales force as well as distribution network with own brands. It plans further expand sales and distribution network in order to enter new geographies in the country; 2) Emerging markets: There are plans to expand portfolio of registrations and approvals across the emerging markets. It is in the process of filing new dossiers across emerging markets, including Mexico, Brazil and Indonesia; 3) US: Concord plans to expand its formulation business in the US by increasing sales of the existing products as well as launching new products and to make ANDA filings.
- Launching new dosage forms: Concord's existing formulations are primarily oral solids and oral liquids. It is expanding manufacturing facility to include a new injectables section. The injectable facility will manufacture delivery forms such as liquid vials and lyophilized vials, dry powder injections and sterile powder lyophilization. This is expected to be ready by end of FY24 and anticipate commercial production to commence from Q1FY25. It intends to use the facility to serve customers in India and emerging markets. The addition of injectables will diversify Concord's revenue streams and positively contribute to profitability. The facility will also allow it to further forward integrate some of its APIs into formulations and provide a platform to grow CDMO business.
- Expanding the API portfolio: Concord has plans to leverage its API capabilities to continue to develop new formulations. It intends to expand into new formulations having relatively higher growth potential and continually calibrate product mix to improve profitability. The company has 8 to 10 molecules in the pipeline (at different life cycles within the development and R&D stage) across different segments such as the Immunosuppressant, Oncology, and anti-infectives in the fermentation space which takes 6 to 7 years to develop the molecule. It intends to commercialize 1-2 molecules p.a.

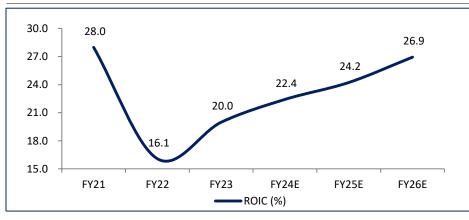
Completion of significant capex to result in FCFF generation and drive ROIC upwards

- Between FY20-23, the company incurred an aggregate capex of Rs. 6.6bn towards capacity expansion viz. 1) New API facility (Unit 3) at Limbasi, Gujarat with a capacity of 800 cu. mtr.; 2) Expansion of Formulation facility (Unit 2) at Valthera, Gujarat from 523mn units to 802mn units; and 3) New injectable line at Unit 2.
- We understand the significant capex is completed and there may not be major investment in capacities in next couple of years.
- We anticipate the company to reap benefits of the huge capacity and improve utilisation going forward. We estimate the company to generate FCFF of Rs. ~8.5bn between FY24E-26E and improve its ROIC by 600-700bps.

Capex cycle and FCFF generation trend

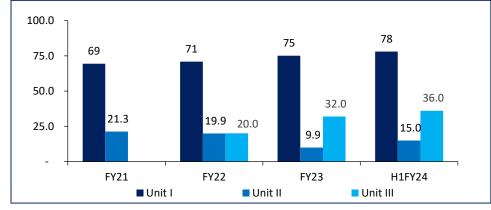


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ROIC curve indicating efficient utilization of capital

Current utilisation level providing room for growth and operating leverage



Source: Company RHP, CEBPL

R&D Strength

Concord has dedicated R&D units for APIs and formulations segment located in Dholka and Valthera. These units are approved by DSIR, India. The company employed 148 personnel at its R&D units, which constituted 11.99% of total permanent employees.

• API R&D Unit, Dholka

Facilities: Isolation of strain, mutation and passive selection of microbial strains and strain improvement, laboratory fermenters and pilot plant facility for scale-up of fermentation process.

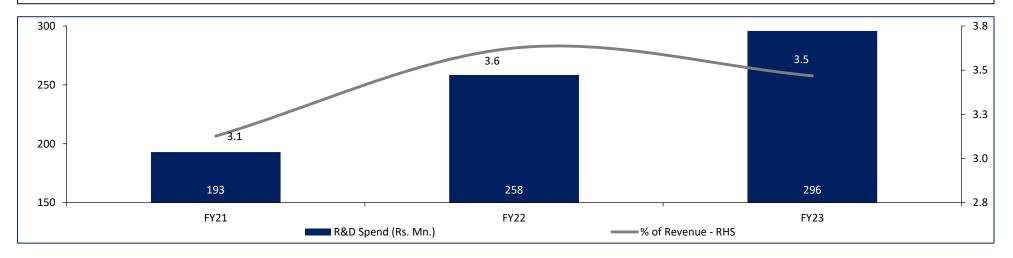
R&D focus: On (i) fermentation technology, including strain improvement, media optimization, process development, process scale-up, technology transfer at commercial scale, and process improvement; and (ii) chemical process, including downstream process development, semi-synthetic process development, non-infringing process development, process yield improvement, analytical method development and validation, impurity profiling, method transfer to quality control and technology transfer at commercial scale.

Formulations R&D Unit, Valthera:

Facilities: Equipped with facilities to develop and commercialize niche formulations.

R&D focus: On (i) formulation development, including immediate and extended release oral solids, oral liquids, topical ointments and creams and liquid, lyophilized and dry powder parenterals; and (ii) analytical capabilities, including physical, chemical, microbiological and instrument analysis as per current Good Laboratory Practices (cGLP) requirements, stability indicating method development and method validation and material compatibility studies.

Services offered: Concord offers a series of contract research and manufacturing services, including: (i) strain improvement; (ii) media optimization; (iii) process
 development and optimization to achieve efficiency and cost effectiveness; (iv) process scale-up to commercial scale; and (v) development of optimized
 biotransformation processes, (vi) pre-formulation and formulation development for wide range of sterile and non-sterile dosage forms for global markets.



Choice

Manufacturing Capabilities

Particulars	Unit I	Unit III	Unit II	Injectable Facility
Location	Dholka, Gujarat	Limbasi, Gujarat	Valthera, Gujarat	Valthera, Gujarat
Segment	APIs		Formula	
Commercialization (Year)	2000 USFDA, Govt. of	2021	2016	Q1FY25
Regulatory Standards	Upper Bavaria, Germany, PMDA of Japan and MFDS of Korea	US FDA	US FDA	NA
Installed Capacity	cu. mtr.		mn. units	
FY21 / FY22 / FY23	450	800	802	NA
Capacity Utilisation (%)				
FY21 / FY22 / FY23 / H1FY24	69.4 / 70.9 / 75.1 / 78	NA / 20 / 32 / 36	21.3 / 19.9 / 9.9 / 15	NA
Other Details	 Comprises of 22 manufacturing blocks. Received 6 insppections from USFDA, 4 from Govt. of Upper Bavaria for EUGMP certification, 2 from PMDA of Japan and 1 from MFDS of Korea 	 Comprises of 22 manufacturing blocks (6 fermentation and 13 downstream processing blocks) It has 24 fermenters, 30 cu. mtr. each, 6 fermentation blocks as well as seed fermenters Capabilities to handle whole broth extraction, liquid- liquid separation, micro- filtration, nano-filtration, ultra-filtration and column chromatography with the downstream processing blocks. 	 Manufactures oral solids, including tablets and capsules, and oral liquids, including oral solutions and oral suspensions aim to develop specialty formulations Received 4 inspections from USFDA and 1 from WHO for GMP 	Liquid and lyophilized vials, a dry powder injectable and a sterile powder bulk lyophilization dedicated to manufacturing of injectables, including injectable liquids, lyophilized injectables and dry powder injectables

Shareholding Structure

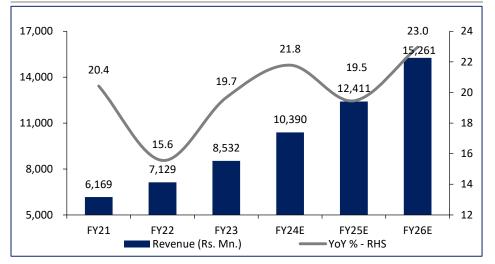
	Sep-23
Promoters (A)	44.08%
Sudhir Vaid	28.84
Manju Vaid	9.55
Sudman Consultants LLP	4.54
Ankur Sudhir Vaid	0.56
Vaid Megha Ankur	0.52
Sonal Kumra	0.07
FIIs-	7.30%
Government Pension Fund Global	1.82
DIIs- (B)	8.12%
Max Life Insurance Co Ltd A/C Participating Fund	1.20
Public- (C)	40.50%
Aryavir Jhunjhunwala Discretionary Trust	8.03
Aryaman Jhunjhunwala Discretionary Trust	8.03
Nishtha Jhunjhunwala Discretionary Trust	8.03
1575773 Ontario Inc	5.39
Amal N Parikh	1.93
Ravindra Raichand Dharamshi	1.93
Chanakya Corporate Services Private Limited	1.11
Total (A+B+C)	100.00%

Leadership & Management Team

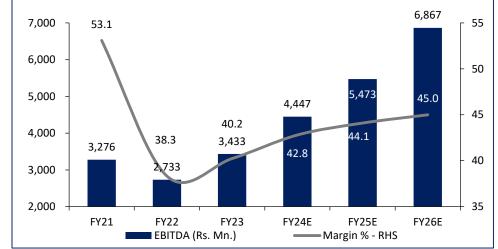
Name and Designation	Brief Description
Mr. Sudhir Vaid Chairman & Managing Director	Sudhir Vaid is a Promoter of the company and currently serves as its Chairman and Managing Director. He holds a science degree from Punjab Agricultural University. Before assuming his present position, he gained experience at Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited and Lupin Chemicals Limited. In his capacity as a consultant at M/s. Sudman Consultants, he offered his expertise to companies such as Plus Chemicals S.A., Lek Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals Co., and Biocon India Limited.
Mr. Ankur Vaid Joint MD and CEO	Ankur Vaid serves as one of the promoters, Joint Managing Director, and Chief Executive Officer of the company. He graduated with a Bachelor of Technology in Chemical Engineering from Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University and holds a Master's in Business Administration from the Rochester Institute of Technology. With a tenure dating back to 2009, he brings over 15 years of expertise to the pharmaceutical industry. Throughout his association with the company, he played a pivotal role in establishing and enhancing the Research and Development division, and has made significant contributions to the company's market strategy.
Mr. Lalit Sethi Chief Financial Officer	Lalit Sethi currently serves as the Chief Finance Officer of the company since March 14, 2022. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a bachelor's degree in commerce from Delhi University. Prior to his role at the current company, he gained experience with organizations such as Tilaknagar Industries Limited, High Polymer Labs Limited, Dabur India Limited, British Health Products (India) Limited, East India Hotels Limited, and American Express Bank Limited.
Mr. Prakash Sajnani Company Secretary	Prakash Sajnani holds the position of Company Secretary, Compliance Officer, and Assistant Vice President (Finance) at the company, having been part of the organization since February 15, 2006. He earned a bachelor's degree in commerce from LJ Commerce College, Gujarat University, and a master's degree in commerce from the University School of Commerce, Gujarat University. Additionally, he is a member of the Institute of Costs and Work Accountants and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India. With over 18 years of dedicated service, he has served as a General Manager overseeing various functional areas, including company secretarial, accounts finance, costing, and ensuring compliance with legal requirements.

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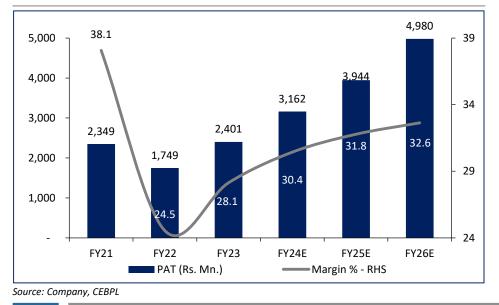
Revenue to register a healthy CAGR of 21.4% between FY23-26E



EBITDA Margin expansion of 220bps anticipated between FY23-26E



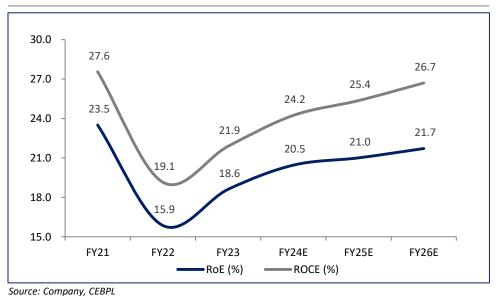
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PAT to grow CAGR of 27.5% between FY23-26E

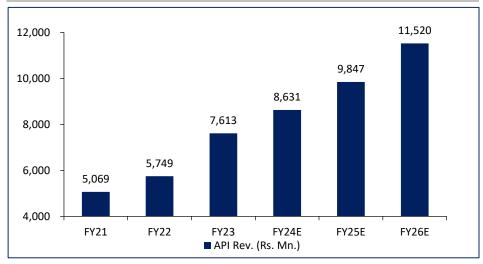
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RoE and ROCE curve to move upwards

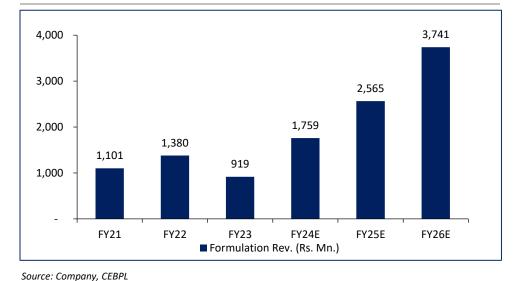


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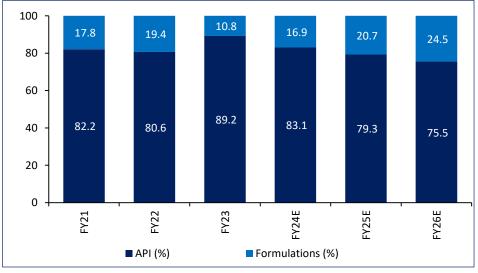
API Segment Revenue expected to grow at CAGR of 14.8% between FY23-26E



Formulations segment to witness robust growth



Source: Company, CEBPL



Formulations revenue share to increase between FY23-26E

Source: Company, CEBPL

Peer Company Analysis

C	Revenue (INR bn.)			Rev. CAGR	EBITDA (INR bn.)			EBITDA CAGR	Margin (%)			
Company	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	(FY23-26E)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	(FY23-26E)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Divi's Lab	80.0	92.6	107.6	12.0	23.6	30.3	37.5	16.5	29.5	32.7	34.8	
Biocon	147.5	173.6	209.9	23.4	33.4	42.3	53.1	35.8	22.6	24.4	25.3	
Suven Pharma	12.3	14.7	16.5	7.4	5.6	6.9	7.3	8.8	45.6	46.8	44.2	
Laurus Labs	55.2	64.0	72.8	6.6	10.3	15.0	18.7	5.9	18.7	23.5	25.6	
Concord Biotech	10.4	12.4	15.3	21.4	4.4	5.5	6.9	26.0	42.8	44.1	45.0	

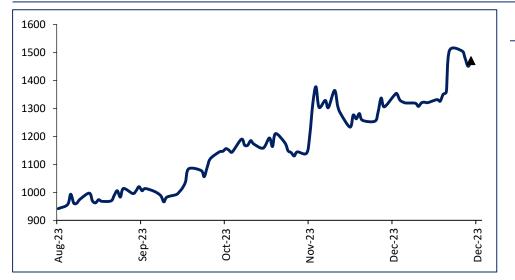
Co	PAT (INR bn.)			PAT CAGR	ROE (%)			ROCE (%)			РЕ (х)		
Company	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	(FY23-26E)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Divi's Lab	17.1	21.9	27.1	14.1	13.1	15.3	17.0	12.6	14.7	16.0	60.7	47.3	38.2
Biocon	7.4	13.1	18.4	58.4	4.6	7.0	7.5	28.7	29.8	33.4	40.5	23.0	16.3
Suven Pharma	4.2	5.2	5.3	9.0	22.0	21.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	43.8	35.9	34.8
Laurus Labs	3.6	6.9	9.4	6.0	9.9	16.4	18.1	9.1	14.2	16.1	64.2	33.4	24.6
Concord Biotech	3.2	3.9	5.0	27.4	20.5	21.0	21.7	24.2	25.4	26.7	48.9	39.4	31.2

Initiating Coverage

Choice

Concord Biotech (INR mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	Concord Biotech	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY2
Income Statement						Growth Ratios					
Revenue	7,129	8,532	10,390	12,411	15,261	Revenue (%)	15.6	19.7	21.8	19.5	23.
Gross profit	5,489	6,730	8,229	9,867	12,086	EBITDA (%)	(16.6)	25.6	29.5	23.1	25.
EBITDA	2,733	3,433	4,447	5,473	6,867	PAT (%)	(25.5)	37.2	31.7	24.7	26.
Depreciation	501	540	626	682	738		(23.3)	57.2	51.7	27.7	20.
EBIT	2,232	2,893	3,821	4,791	6,129	Margin Ratios	20.2	40.0	42.0		45
Other Income	234	353	400	450	475	EBITDA margins (%)	38.3	40.2	42.8	44.1	45.
Interest Expense	55	45	38	22	10	PAT Margins (%)	24.5	28.1	30.4	31.8	32.
EO Items	-	-	-	-	-	Performance Ratios					
Reported PAT	1,786	2,381	3,137	3,914	4,945	OCF/EBITDA	75.9	71.7	58.6	61.7	56.
Adjusted PAT	1,749	2,401	3,162	3,944	4,980	OCF/IC	19.3	19.3	17.6	19.8	19.
EPS NOPAT	16.7	22.9	30.2	37.7 2,958	47.6 3,735	RoE (%)	15.9	18.6	20.5	21.1	21.
Balance Sheet	1,295	1,786	2,372	2,958	3,/35	ROCE (%)	19.1	21.9	24.2	25.3	26
Net worth	11,032	12,900	15,462	18,707	22,887	RoIC (Post tax) (%)	16.1	20.0	22.4	24.2	26
Deferred tax	210	234	204	164	144	Turnover Ratio (Days)					
Total debt	625	314	300	200	100	Inventory	100	91	89	86	Ę
Other liabilities & provisions	19	23	21	18	25	Debtors	100	117	115	112	11
Total Net Worth & liabilities	11,886	13,472	15,988	19,089	23,156	Payables	43	40	40	38	3
Net Fixed Assets	5,730	5,930	6,303	6,421	6,482	Cash Conversion Cycle	176	168	164	160	15
Capital Work in progress	742	1,727	1,027	727	527		170	108	104	100	1.
Investments & Others	1,065	, 1,575	3,101	4,652	6,204	Financial Stability Ratios	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(2
Cash & bank balance	889	434	930	1,838	3,143	Net debt to Equity (x)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.:
Loans, Advances & Other Assets	430	612	642	674	708	Net debt to EBITDA (x)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.4
Net Current Assets	4,350	4,240	5,556	7,289	9,943	Interest Cover(x)	40.7	64.1	101.8	217.6	612.
Total Assets	11,886	13,472	15,988	19,089	23,156	Valuation Metrics					
		-	•			Fully diluted shares (mn)	105	105	105	105	10
Capital Employed	11,657	13,214	15,762	18,907	22,987	Price (INR)	1470	1470	1470	1470	147
Invested Capital	10,768	12,780	14,833	17,068	19,844	Market Cap(INR Mn)	1,53,786	1,53,786	1,53,786	1,53,786	1,53,78
Net Debt	(264)	(120)	(630)	(1,638)	(3,043)	PE(x)	88	64	49	39	Э
Cash Flows						EV (INR Mn)	1,53,521	1,53,665	1,53,156	1,52,148	1,50,74
Cash flows from Operations	2,075	2,460	2,605	3,374	3,905	EV/EBITDA (x)	56	45	34	28	
Сарех	(1,555)	(1,451)	(300)	(500)	(600)						2
FCF	520	1,010	2,305	2,874	3,305	Book Value (INR/share)	105	123	148	179	21
Cash flows from Investing	(1,118)	(1,580)	(1,801)	(2,001)	(2,102)	Price to BV (x)	14	12	10	8	
Cash flows from Financing	(1,002)	(852)	(652)	(822)	(910)	EV/OCF (x)	74.0	62.5	58.8	45.1	38

Recommendations and Target Price



Concord Biotech

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