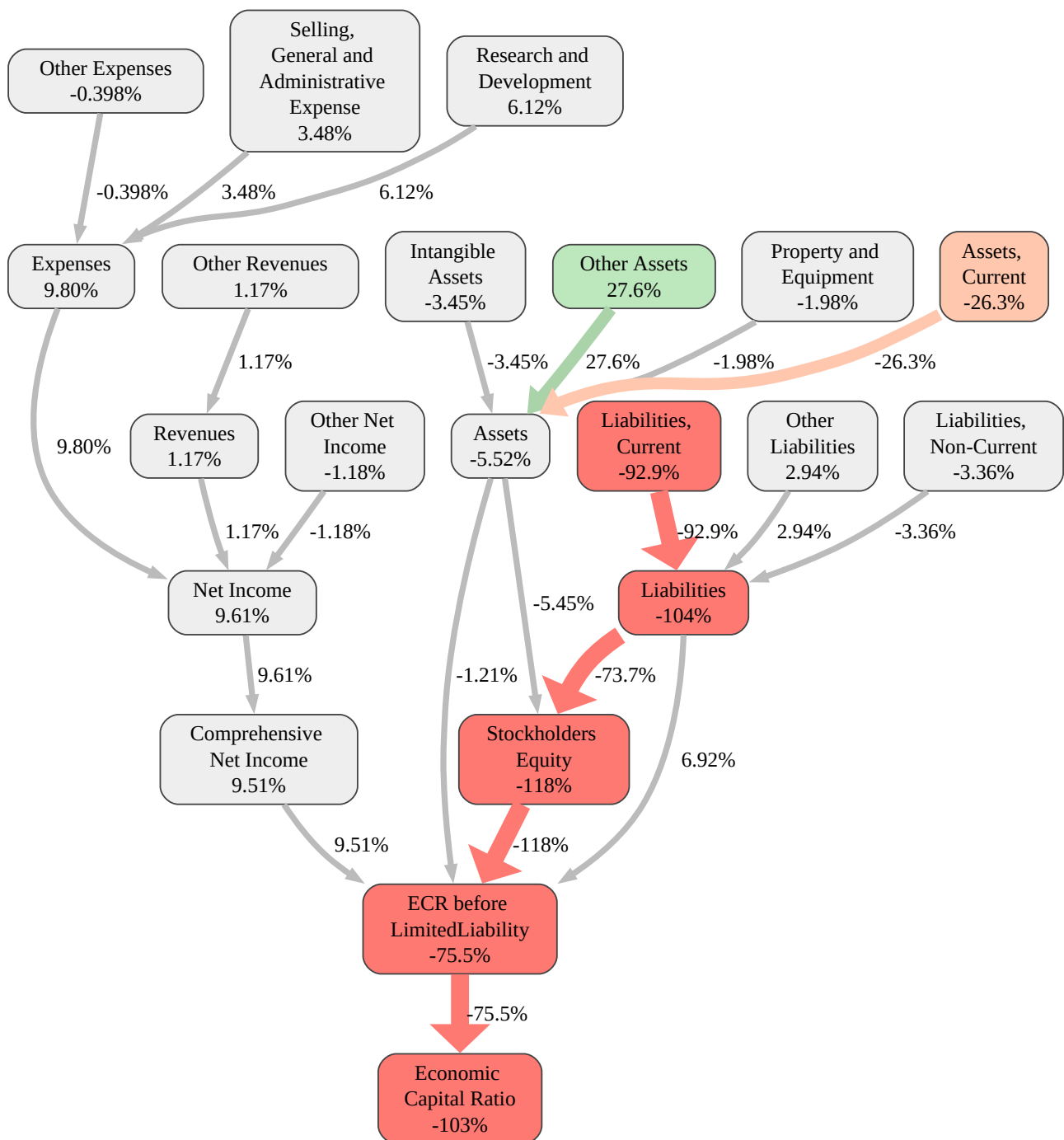




The relative strengths and weaknesses of Vivus INC are analyzed with respect to the market average, including all of its competitors. We analyzed all variables having an effect on the Economic Capital Ratio.

The greatest strength of Vivus INC compared to the market average is the variable Other Assets, increasing the Economic Capital Ratio by 28% points. The greatest weakness of Vivus INC is the variable Stockholders Equity, reducing the Economic Capital Ratio by 118% points.

The company's Economic Capital Ratio, given in the ranking table, is 135%, being 103% points below the market average of 238%.

Input Variable	Value in 1000 USD
Assets, Current	96,800
Cost of Goods Sold	15,671
Intangible Assets	0
Liabilities, Current	225,146
Liabilities, Non-Current	61,784
Other Assets	121,275
Other Compr. Net Income	235
Other Expenses	32,541
Other Liabilities	602
Other Net Income	-20,513
Other Revenues	69,760
Property and Equipment	233
Research and Development	10,467
Selling, General and Administrative Expense	22,071

Output Variable	Value in 1000 USD
Assets	218,308
Liabilities	287,532
Expenses	80,750
Revenues	69,760
Stockholders Equity	-69,224
Net Income	-31,503
Comprehensive Net Income	-31,386
BaseVar	338,549
ECR before LimitedLiability	-72%
Economic Capital Ratio	135%