This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Renal disease				
Diabetic neuropathy	MicroRNA-216a (miRNA-216a); miRNA-217	<i>In vitro</i> studies suggest that inhibiting miRNA-216a or miRNA-217 could help treat kidney disorders. In mouse glomerular mesangial cells, mimics of either miRNA increased features of diabetic neuropathy, whereas anti-miRNA-216a or anti-miRNA-217 reversed the effects. Next steps include preclinical studies to confirm the findings. SciBX 2(25); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1021 Published online June 25, 2009	Findings unpatented; unavailable for licensing	Kato, M. <i>et al. Nat. Cell Biol.</i> ; published online June 21, 2009; doi:10.1038/ncb1897 Contact: Rama Natarajan, City of Hope, Duarte, Calif. e-mail: rnatarajan@coh.org Contact: Mitsuo Kato, same affiliation as above e-mail: mkato@coh.org