This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Infectious disease				
HCV	IL-2	<p>Studies in humans suggest that IL-2-activated, NK cell-enriched lymphocytes could help prevent recurrent HCV infection associated with liver transplantation in HCV patients. Infusion of activated lymphocytes three days after liver transplantation led to lower serum levels of HCV RNA than those in untreated transplant patients. Next steps include developing a method for expanding donor liver-derived NK cells using peripheral blood mononuclear cells.</p> <p>SciBX 2(39); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1475 Published online Oct. 8, 2009</p>	Unpatented; unavailable for licensing	<p>Ohira, M. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i>; published online Oct. 1, 2009; doi:10.1172/JCI38374</p> <p>Contact: Hideki Ohdan, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan e-mail: hohdan@hiroshima-u.ac.jp</p> <p>Contact: Kazuaki Chayama, same affiliation as above e-mail: chayama@hiroshima-u.ac.jp</p>