This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Renal disease				
Renal damage	Serum amyloid P component (SAP; APCS)	<p>Studies in mice suggest that SAP could be useful for treating kidney fibrosis. In two mouse models of kidney fibrosis, animals treated with SAP purified from human serum showed less kidney fibrosis than mice receiving human serum albumin. Next steps include additional preclinical studies of SAP's profibrotic mechanism.</p> <p>PRM-151, a recombinant form of human SAP from Promedior Inc., is in Phase I testing to treat fibrotic diseases.</p> <p>SciBX 2(45); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1678 Published online Nov. 19, 2009</p>	Findings unpatented; unavailable for licensing	<p>Castaño, A.P. <i>et al. Sci. Transl. Med.</i>; published online Nov. 4, 2009; doi:10.1126/scitranslmed.3000111</p> <p>Contact: Jeremy S. Duffield, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass. e-mail: jduffield@rics.bwh.harvard.edu</p>