This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Inflammation				
Inflammation	N-Acylsphingosine amidohydrolase-like (ASAHL; NAAA)	<p>A study in mice suggests that inhibiting NAAA could help treat inflammation. In mice, an NAAA inhibitor decreased spinal cord injury-induced neural inflammation and motor deficits compared with saline control ($p < 0.05$). Next steps include evaluating a pool of NAAA inhibitors to select a clinical candidate.</p> <p>SciBX 2(48); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1765 Published online Dec. 17, 2009</p>	<p>Patent application filed covering compounds and their use in pain, inflammation and associated disorders; available for licensing from the University of California, Irvine Office of Technology Alliances</p>	<p>Solorzano, C. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i>; published online Nov. 16, 2009; doi:10.1073/pnas.0907417106 Contact: Daniele Piomelli, University of California, Irvine, Calif. e-mail: piomelli@uci.edu</p>