This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Pulmonary disease				
Pulmonary fibrosis	IL-22	<p>Studies in mice suggest that increasing IL-22 expression could help protect against inflammation-induced pulmonary fibrosis. In a mouse model of hypersensitivity pneumonitis, inhibiting IL-22 expression increased lung inflammation and fibrosis compared with those seen using vehicle control. In the same model, recombinant IL-22 decreased lung inflammation and fibrosis compared with vehicle control. Next steps could include developing a long-term pulmonary delivery method for IL-22.</p> <p>SciBX 3(39); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1191 Published online Oct. 7, 2010</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Simonian, P.L. <i>et al. J. Exp. Med.</i>; published online Sept. 20, 2010; doi:10.1084/jem.20100061</p> <p>Contact: Andrew P. Fontenot, University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, Colo. e-mail: andrew.fontenot@ucdenver.edu</p>