This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Infectious disease				
Sepsis	Hemopexin (HPX)	<p>Mouse and patient sample studies suggest that delivering the heme-binding protein HPX could help treat severe sepsis. In sepsis patients, serum levels of HPX correlated with survival. In wild-type mice with a lethal sepsis-causing infection, exogenous HPX decreased lethality compared with a non-heme-binding control protein. Next steps could include developing therapeutic strategies for lowering free heme levels.</p> <p>SciBX 3(40); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1210 Published online Oct. 14, 2010</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Larsen, R. <i>et al. Sci. Transl. Med.</i>; published online Sept. 30, 2010; doi:10.1126/scitranslmed.3001118</p> <p>Contact: Miguel P. Soares, Gulbenkian Science Institute, Oeiras, Portugal e-mail: mpsoares@igc.gulbenkian.pt</p>