This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Endocrine disease				
Diabetes	BCL2/adenovirus E1B 19kDa interacting protein 3-like (BNIP3L; NIX)	Studies in mice suggest that inhibiting NIX could help treat diabetes. In a mouse model of diabetes, deletion of the proapoptotic gene <i>Nix</i> decreased β cell apoptosis, preserved islet architecture and prevented disease compared with what was seen in control mice. Next steps could include the development of NIX inhibitors. SciBX 3(42); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1266 Published online Oct. 28, 2010	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Fujimoto, K. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i> ; published online Oct. 11, 2010; doi:10.1172/JCI44011 Contact: Kenneth S. Polonsky, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo. e-mail: Polonsky@dom.wustl.edu Contact: Gerald W. Dorn II, same affiliation as above e-mail: gdorn@dom.wustl.edu