This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cardiovascular disease				
Atherosclerosis	CD40; tumor necrosis factor receptor-associated factor 6 (TRAF6)	Studies in mice suggest that blocking TRAF6 signaling could help treat atherosclerosis. In a mouse model of atherosclerosis, deficient Cd40- Traf6 signaling reduced disease in the vasculature compared with normal Cd40-Traf6 signaling. Next steps include screening for small molecules that target the TRAF6-binding domain on CD40 or the CD40-binding domain on TRAF6. SciBX 3(6); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.183 Published online Feb. 11, 2010	Work unpatented; not available for licensing	Lutgens, E. <i>et al. J. Exp. Med.</i> ; published online Jan. 25, 2010; doi:10.1084/jem.20091293 Contact: Esther Lutgens, University of Maastricht, Maastricht, the Netherlands e-mail: E.Lutgens@path.unimaas.nl