This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Renal disease				
Glomerulonephritis	Macrophage mannose receptor (MR)	<p>Mouse studies suggest that inhibiting MR could help treat crescentic glomerulonephritis, which can lead to end-stage kidney disease. In a mouse model of nephrotoxic nephritis, MR knockout protected against renal injury and led to normal renal function compared with what was seen in wild-type mice. Next steps could include identifying what role MR plays in other glomerular diseases.</p> <p>SciBX 3(18); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.566 Published online May 6, 2010</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Chavele, K. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i>; published online April 19, 2010; doi:10.1172/JCI41560</p> <p>Contact: Alan D. Salama, Imperial College London, London, U.K. e-mail: A.salama@imperial.ac.uk</p>