This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cardiovascular disease				
Heart failure	Endonuclease G (ENDOG)	<p>A study in mice suggests agonizing ENDOG could help prevent heart failure. In a mouse model of blood pressure-independent cardiac hypertrophy, Endog deficiency led to greater left ventricular mass, a risk factor for heart failure, than that seen in wild-type controls. Ongoing work includes developing small molecules that affect ENDOG activity.</p> <p>SciBX 4(41); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.1143 Published online Oct. 20, 2011</p>	Patent application filed; available for licensing	<p>McDermott-Roe, C. <i>et al. Nature</i>; published online Oct. 5, 2011; doi:10.1038/nature10490 Contact: Stuart A. Cook, Imperial College London, London, U.K. e-mail: stuart.cook@imperial.ac.uk Contact: Daniel Sanchis, University Lleida, Lleida, Spain e-mail: daniel.sanchis@cmb.udl.cat</p>