This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cardiovascular disease				
Cardiovascular disease	<i>Fc γ-receptor IIa</i> (CD32A; FCGR2A)	A genomewide association study identified a SNP in <i>FCGR2A</i> that could help predict susceptibility to Kawasaki disease, which is characterized by systemic vasculitis. In 2,173 patients and 9,383 controls, rs1801274 in <i>FCGR2A</i> was associated with increased disease risk ($p=7.35\times 10^{-11}$). Next steps could include determining the functional relationship between <i>FCGR2A</i> variants and susceptibility to Kawasaki disease.	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Khor, C.C. <i>et al. Nat. Genet.</i> ; published online Nov. 13, 2011; doi:10.1038/ng.981 Contact: Martin L. Hibberd, Genome Institute of Singapore, Singapore e-mail: hibberdml@gis.a-star.edu.sg
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