This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Neurology				
Neurology	Protein phosphatase 1 regulatory inhibitor subunit 15A (PPP1R15A; PEG-3)	An <i>in vitro</i> study suggests that the generic antihypertensive guanabenz could help treat neurodegenerative diseases. In HeLa cells, guanabenz decreased accumulation of pathogenic misfolded proteins compared with no treatment. Next steps include testing the effects of guanabenz in animal models of neurodegenerative diseases. <i>SciBX</i> 4(12); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.345 Published online March 24, 2011	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	Tsaytler, P. <i>et al. Science</i> ; published online March 3, 2011; doi:10.1126/science.1201396 Contact: Anne Bertolotti, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, U.K. e-mail: aberto@mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk