This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Endocrine disease				
Diabetes	<i>Early growth response 1 (EGR1)</i>	<p>Mouse studies suggest inhibiting <i>EGR1</i> could help treat type 2 diabetes. In a mouse model of diabetes, adenovirus-mediated <i>Egr1</i> inhibition increased glucose tolerance and insulin sensitivity compared with what was seen using a control vector. Next steps include evaluating the effects of genetically knocking out <i>Egr1</i> in mice.</p> <p>SciBX 4(31); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.881 Published online Aug. 11, 2011</p>	Unpatented; unavailable for licensing	<p>Yu, X. <i>et al. EMBO J</i>; published online Aug. 9, 2011; doi:10.1038/EMBOJ.2011.277 Contact: Chao-Jun Li, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China e-mail: licj@nju.edu.cn Contact: Bin Xue, same affiliation as above e-mail: xuebin@nju.edu.cn</p>