This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Infectious disease				
Schistosomiasis	IL-10	<p>A study in mice suggests blocking IL-10 in combination with antihelminthic compounds could help protect against recurrent schistosomiasis. In <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>-infected mice, an anti-IL-10 antibody plus praziquantel decreased susceptibility to a subsequent disease challenge compared with an antibody control plus the drug. Next steps could include investigating IL-10 inhibition in additional models of parasitic infection. Praziquantel is a generic small molecule that is used to treat schistosomiasis.</p> <p>SciBX 4(33); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.937 Published online Aug. 25, 2011</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Wilson, M.S. <i>et al. PLoS Pathog.</i>; published online Aug. 4, 2011; doi:10.1371/journal.ppat.1002171 Contact: Mark S. Wilson, National Institute for Medical Research, London, U.K. e-mail: mwilson@nimr.mrc.ac.uk</p>