This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Hepatic disease				
Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)	Protein peptidylprolyl <i>cis/trans</i> isomerase NIMA-interacting 1 (PIN1)	<p>Mouse studies suggest inhibiting PIN1 could help treat and prevent NASH. In mice fed a NASH-inducing diet, <i>Pin1</i> knockouts had lower markers of liver injury, inflammation and fibrosis than wild-type controls. Next steps could include developing PIN1 inhibitors and evaluating them in models of NASH.</p> <p>SciBX 5(46); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.1209 Published online Nov. 29, 2012</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Nakatsu, Y. <i>et al. J. Biol. Chem.</i>; published online Oct. 29, 2012; doi:10.1074/jbc.M112.397133 Contact: Tomoichiro Asano, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan e-mail: asano-ky@umin.ac.jp</p>