This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Endocrine/metabolic disease				
Diabetes	MAP kinase kinase kinase 14 (MAP3K14; NIK)	<p>Mouse studies suggest inhibiting NIK in the liver could help treat type 2 diabetes. In mouse models of high-fat diet-induced and leptin deficiency-induced obesity, Nik activity in the liver was greater than that in mice with normal diets and in nondeficient mice. Next steps include identifying small molecules that target NIK in the liver.</p> <p>SciBX 5(23); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.603 Published online June 7, 2012</p>	Unpatented; unavailable for licensing	<p>Sheng, L. <i>et al. Nat. Med.</i>; published online May 13, 2012; doi:10.1038/nm.2756</p> <p>Contact: Liangyou Rui, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Mich. e-mail: ruily@umich.edu</p>