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Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Renal disease				
Action myoclonus–renal failure syndrome (AMRF)	Scavenger receptor class B member 2 (SCARB2)	Genotyping studies identified mutations in *SCARB2* that could help diagnose the autosomal recessive disorder AMRF. *SCARB2* encodes a lysosomal membrane protein. Mutations in the gene were identified in five AMRF-affected families and were associated with SCARB2 protein deficiency. Further studies are necessary to confirm the mutation's causal role in AMRF.	Research not patented; licensing status not applicable	Berkovic, S. *et al. Am. J. Hum. Gen.*; published online Feb. 28, 2008; doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2007.12.019 **Contact:** Sam Berkovic, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia e-mail: s.berkovic@unimelb.edu.au

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