

### This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
<b>Endocrine disease</b>				
Obesity	Fat mass and obesity associated (FTO)	<p>Studies in mice suggest that inhibiting FTO could help treat obesity. Mice with reduced FTO function had lower body weight and fat mass than wild-type mice. Next steps could include testing the effects of FTO inhibition in obese animals.</p> <p><b>SciBX 2(34); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1312</b>                      Published online Sept. 3, 2009</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Church, C. <i>et al. PLoS Genet.</i>; published online Aug. 14, 2009; doi:10.1371/journal.pgen.1000599</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Roger D. Cox, MRC Harwell, Harwell, U.K.                      e-mail: <a href="mailto:r.cox@har.mrc.ac.uk">r.cox@har.mrc.ac.uk</a></p>