

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Autoimmune disease				
Arthritis	Unknown	A study in cell culture suggests that generic sulfonylurea drugs could be useful for treating gout and other inflammatory diseases. In cultured murine macrophages, treatment with the generic sulfonylurea glyburide prevented production of proinflammatory IL-1 β and lowered apoptosis compared with no treatment. Next steps include identifying the molecular target of glyburide.	Roche's Genentech Inc. unit declined to disclose patent and licensing status	Lamkanfi, M. <i>et al. J. Cell Biol.</i> ; published online Oct. 5, 2009; doi:10.1083/jcb.200903124 Contact: Vishva M. Dixit, Genentech Inc., South San Francisco, Calif. e-mail: Dixit.vishva@gene.com
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