

## This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
<b>Endocrine disease</b>				
Obesity	Prolylcarboxypeptidase (angiotensinase C; PRCP)	A study in mice suggests that inhibiting PRCP could help treat obesity. In mice fed a high-fat diet, a PRCP inhibitor led to 5% weight loss compared with 0% for vehicle control. Next steps could include correlating efficiency of weight loss with the level of PRCP inhibition.  <i>SciBX</i> 3(39); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1183 Published online Oct. 7, 2010	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	Zhou, C. <i>et al. J. Med. Chem.</i> ; published online Sept. 21, 2010; doi:10.1021/jm101013m <b>Contact:</b> Yusheng Xiong, Merck Research Laboratories, Rahway, N.J. e-mail: <a href="mailto:yusheng_xiong@merck.com">yusheng_xiong@merck.com</a>