

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Autoimmune disease				
Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP)	CD44	<p>Mouse studies suggest that anti-CD44 mAbs could help treat ITP. In a mouse model of thrombocytopenia, anti-CD44 mAbs alleviated symptoms of ITP at lower doses than standard of care i.v. IgG. Next steps could include humanizing anti-CD44 mAbs.</p> <p>SciBX 3(45); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1346 Published online Nov. 18, 2010</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Crow, A.R. <i>et al. Blood</i>; published online Nov. 2, 2010; doi:10.1182/blood-2010-05-280115</p> <p>Contact: Alan H. Lazarus, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada e-mail: lazarusa@smh.ca</p>