This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cardiovascular disease				
Myocardial infarction (MI)	Secreted frizzled- related protein 2 (SFRP2)	Studies in rats suggest that SFRP2 could help treat MI. In a rat model of acute MI, Sfrp2 reduced MI-induced fibrosis compared with vehicle. In a long-term rat MI model, Sfrp2 decreased fibrosis and increased left ventricular function compared with vehicle. Next steps could include studying the mechanism by which SFRP2 mediates its antifibrotic effect in MI. SciBX 3(47); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1412 Published online Dec. 9, 2010	Patent and licensing status unavailable	He, W. <i>et al.</i> <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online Nov. 15, 2010; doi:10.1073/pnas.1004708107 Contact: Victor J. Dzau, Duke Medicine, Durham, N.C. e-mail: victor.dzau@duke.edu