



This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Various				
Colitis; inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)	Apolipoprotein E (APOE)	Studies in mice suggest that the APOE mimetic peptide COG112 could help treat colitis and other forms of IBD. In two mouse models of colitis, COG112 decreased the severity of disease symptoms compared with saline control. Next steps include submitting an IND and obtaining funding for a clinical trial. COG112, an APOE mimetic peptide from Cognosci Inc., is in preclinical development to treat multiple sclerosis (MS).	Multiple patents pending covering COG112 and methods of use; available for licensing from Cognosci Contact: Michael Vitek, Cognosci Inc., Research Triangle Park, N.C. e-mail: mikevitek@cognosci.com	Singh, K. et al. J. Biol. Chem.; published online Nov. 29, 2010; doi:10.1074/jbc.M110.176719 Contact: Keith T. Wilson, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tenn. e-mail: keith.wilson@vanderbilt.edu
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