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This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Endocrine disease				
Diabetes	CREB-regulated transcription coactivator 2 (CRTC2; TORC2); cAMP responsive element binding protein 1 (CREB1; CREB)	<i>In vitro</i> and mouse studies suggest that inhibiting CRTC2 could help treat type 2 diabetes. In mice, disruption of the <i>CRTC2</i> gene lowered fasting plasma glucose levels and improved insulin sensitivity to a high-fat diet compared with those in wild-type controls. Next steps could include designing CRCT2 inhibitors. <i>SciBX</i> 3(6); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.185 Published online Feb. 11, 2010	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Wang, Y. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.</i> <i>USA</i> ; published online Jan. 18, 2010; doi:10.1073/pnas.0914897107 Contact: Marc Montminy, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, La Jolla, Calif. e-mail: montminy@salk.edu