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Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Neurology				
Aneurysm	Transforming growth factor-β1 (TGFB1; TGFβ1)	Studies in mice suggest that enhancing TGFB1 activity could help protect against abdominal aortic aneurysm. In nonatherosclerotic mice, a TGFB1 antagonist increased susceptibility to angiotensin II–induced aneurysm compared with vehicle control. TGFB1 neutralization also led to increased monocyte invasiveness and inflammation in the mice. Next steps include developing TGFB1 agonists and testing them *in vivo*. *SciBX* 3(6); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.194 Published online Feb. 11, 2010	Animal model patented; available for licensing	Wang, Y. *et al. J. Clin. Invest.*; published online Jan. 25, 2010; doi:10.1172/JCI38136 **Contact:** Ziad Mallat, Paris Cardiovascular Research Center, Paris, France e-mail: ziad.mallat@inserm.fr