

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Autoimmune disease				
Multiple sclerosis (MS)	Cas-Br-M ecotropic retroviral transforming sequence b (CBLB)	Genomewide association studies have identified a SNP that could help predict the risk of MS. Genetic analysis of MS patients and healthy controls of European descent showed that rs9657904 on <i>CBLB</i> was significantly associated with MS ($p=1.6 \times 10^{-10}$). Future studies could include investigating what role the SNP plays in MS pathogenesis.	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Sanna, S. <i>et al. Nat. Genet.</i> ; published online May 9, 2010; doi:10.1038/ng.584 Contact: Francesco Cucca, National Research Council, Monserrato, Italy e-mail: francesco.cucca@inn.cnr.it
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