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This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cardiovascular disease				
Thrombosis	Ubiquitin associated and SH3 domain containing B (UBASH3B; TULA-2)	<i>In vitro</i> and mouse studies suggest that increasing TULA-2 expression could help prevent thrombosis. In platelets, <i>Tula-2</i> knockout led to greater aggregation than was seen in wild-type platelets. In a mouse model of thrombosis injury, <i>Tula-2</i> knockout reduced time to occlusion and increased thrombus stability compared with normal <i>Tula-2</i> expression. Next steps include identifying small molecule TULA-2 activators. <i>SciBX</i> 3(27); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.825 Published online July 15, 2010	Findings unpatented; licensing status not applicable	Thomas, D.H. <i>et al. Blood</i> ; published online June 28, 2010; doi:10.1182/blood-2010-02-268136 Contact: James L. Daniel, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa. e-mail: jdaniel@temple.edu Contact: Alexander Y. Tysgankov, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa. e-mail: tsygan@temple.edu