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This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Hematology				
Sickle cell disease	Nuclear receptor subfamily 2 group C member 1 (NR2C1; TR2); NR2C2 (TR4)	Studies in mice suggest upregulating TR2 and/ or TR4 could help treat sickle cell disease. In a mouse model of sickle cell disease, artificially high expression of TR2 and TR4 in the blood reduced anemia and organ damage compared with normal TR2 and TR4 expression. Next steps include screening for drugs that modulate TR2 and/or TR4 activity. <i>SciBX</i> 4(44); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.1237 Published online Nov. 10, 2011	Patent application filed; available for licensing	Campbell, A.D. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad.</i> <i>Sci. USA</i> ; published online Oct. 31, 2011; doi:10.1073/pnas.1104964108 Contact: James Douglas Engel, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Mich. e-mail: engel@umich.edu Contact: Osamu Tanabe, same affiliation as above e-mail: otanabe@umich.edu