

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Renal disease				
Polycystic kidney disease (PKD)	Signal transducer and activator of transcription 6 (STAT6)	A study in mice suggests inhibiting STAT6 may help treat PKD. In PKD mice, Stat6 deficiency or Stat6 inhibition decreased cyst diameter and increased renal function compared with normal Stat6 expression. Undisclosed next steps are being pursued in collaboration with an undisclosed industry partner.	Patent status undisclosed; licensing status not applicable	Olsan, E.E. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online Oct. 24, 2011; doi:10.1073/pnas.1111966108 Contact: Thomas Weimbs, University of California, Santa Barbara, Calif. e-mail: weimbs@lifesci.ucsb.edu
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