## This week in therapeutics

| Indication | Target/marker/ pathway | Summary | Licensing status | Publication and contact information |
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| **Infectious disease** | | | | |
| Tuberculosis (TB) | *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* lipoamide dehydrogenase (*Mtb*lpd) | Studies in mice suggest that inhibiting *Mtb*lpd could help treat TB. In mice, infection with an *M. tuberculosis lpd* knockout strain led to rapid clearance of infection from the lung compared with wild-type *M. tuberculosis* infection. Next steps include screening for lpd inhibitors that can target *M. tuberculosis*.<br><br>*SciBX* 4(7); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.196<br>Published online Feb. 17, 2011 | Unpatented; unavailable for licensing | Venugopal, A. *et al. Cell Host Microbe*; published online Jan. 20, 2011; doi:10.1016/j.chom.2010.12.004<br>**Contact:** Carl Nathan, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, N.Y.<br>e-mail: cnathan@med.cornell.edu |