

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Gastrointestinal disease				
Colitis	Epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR); <i>Lactobacillus rhamnosus</i> GG p40 surface antigen (p40)	<p>Mouse studies suggest <i>L. rhamnosus</i> p40 could help treat and prevent colitis. In mouse models of acute and chronic colitis, p40-containing hydrogel beads delivered to the colon reduced and prevented disease pathology compared with control hydrogel beads. Next steps could include testing the beads in additional models of GI autoimmune diseases.</p> <p>SciBX 4(23); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.658 Published online June 9, 2011</p>	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	<p>Yan, F. <i>et al.</i> <i>J. Clin. Invest.</i>; published online May 23, 2011; doi:10.1172/JCI44031</p> <p>Contact: Fang Yan, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn. e-mail: fang.yan@vanderbilt.edu</p>