

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Various				
Dermatitis; allergy	Suppressor of cytokine signaling 2 (SOCS2)	<p>Studies in mice suggest that increasing SOCS2 activity could help treat atopic dermatitis and allergy. In both an allergic airway inflammation and an atopic dermatitis mouse model, Socs2-deficient mice had greater susceptibility to inflammation and dermatitis than wild-type mice. Next steps include trying to target the activity of SOCS2-containing E3 ligase complexes.</p> <p>SciBX 4(25); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.718 Published online June 23, 2011</p>	Unpatented; licensing status not applicable	<p>Knosp, C.A. <i>et al. J. Exp. Med.</i>; published online June 6, 2011; doi:10.1084/jem.20101167</p> <p>Contact: James A. Johnston, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, U.K. e-mail: jim.johnston@qub.ac.uk</p> <p>Contact: Adrien Kissenpfennig, same affiliation as above e-mail: a.kissenpfennig@qub.ac.uk</p>