This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Pulmonary disease				
Pulmonary fibrosis	Transforming growth factor- β receptor II (TGFB β 2; TGF β -RII)	<p>A study in mice suggests that antagonizing TGFBβ2 could help treat idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). In a mouse model of pulmonary fibrosis, TGFBβ2 deficiency in the lung epithelium decreased lung damage and increased survival compared with no TGFBβ2 deficiency. Next steps include developing antibodies that block TGFBβ2.</p> <p>SciBX 4(3); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.82 Published online Jan. 20, 2011</p>	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	<p>Li, M. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i>; published online Dec. 6, 2010; doi:10.1172/JCI42090</p> <p>Contact: Parviz Minoos, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. e-mail: minoo@usc.edu</p> <p>Contact: Zea Borok, Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. e-mail: zborok@usc.edu</p>