This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Inflammation				
Inflammation	IL-33 (NF-HEV)	<p><i>In vitro</i> and mouse studies suggest inhibiting the cleavage products of IL-33 could help treat inflammatory diseases. In mice, injection of IL-33 cleavage products increased spleen weight and inflammatory responses compared with saline injection. Next steps include testing inhibition of the IL-33 cleavage products in undisclosed indications.</p> <p>SciBX 5(4); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.101 Published online Jan. 26, 2012</p>	Patent application filed; available for licensing	<p>Lefrançois, E. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i>; published online Jan. 17, 2012; doi:10.1073/pnas.1115884109 Contact: Corinne Cayrol, Institute of Pharmacology and Structural Biology, Toulouse, France e-mail: corinne.cayrol@ipbs.fr Contact: Jean-Philippe Girard, same affiliation as above e-mail: jean-philippe.girard@ipbs.fr</p>