This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Pancreatic cancer	Somatostatin receptor 2 (SSTR2); thrombospondin-1 (TSP-1; THBS1)	A study in tissue culture suggests that increasing the activity of TSP-1 could help treat pancreatic cancer. In a chick tissue xenograft model of pancreatic cancer, small interfering RNA knockdown of TSP-1 led to greater expression of the tumor suppressor SSTR2 and reduced tumor growth compared with what was seen in controls. Researchers declined to disclose next steps. <i>SciBX</i> 2(39); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1471 Published online Oct. 8, 2009	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	Laklai, H. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online Sept. 28, 2009; doi:10.1073/pnas.0908674106 Contact: Corinne Bousquet, Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (INSERM) E0113, University Bordeaux 1, Talence, France e-mail: corinne.bousquet@inserm.fr