This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
B cell lymphoma	Mucosa associated lymphoid tissue lymphoma translocation gene 1 (MALT1)	A study in cell culture suggests that inhibiting the protease MALT1 could help treat diffuse large B cell lymphoma. In a lymphoma cell line, a MALT1-specific protease inhibitor lowered expression of genes associated with tumor survival compared with that in mock-treated controls. The treated cells also had higher levels of apoptosis than mock-treated controls. Next steps include developing an animal model of diffuse large B cell lymphoma and optimizing MALT1 inhibitors.	Patents pending; available for licensing	Hailfinger, S. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online Nov. 6, 2009; doi:10.1073/pnas.0907511106 Contact: Margot Thome, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland e-mail: margot.thomeMiazza@unil.ch
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