This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Tumor protein p63 (TP63; p63); p53 (TP53)	<p>Studies in mice suggest that inducing the expression of particular p63 isoforms could help treat cancer. In mice injected with tumorigenic, p53-deficient fibroblasts, expression of any of three different p63 isoforms containing a p53-like transactivation domain helped prevent tumor formation. In the same mice, expression of one of the p63 isoforms also halted tumor progression. Next steps could include developing strategies to increase the expression of the p63 isoforms and testing them in animal cancer models.</p> <p>SciBX 2(46); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1690 Published online Dec. 3, 2009</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Guo, X. <i>et al. Nat. Cell Biol.</i>; published online Nov. 8, 2009; doi:10.1038/ncb1988</p> <p>Contact: Alea A. Mills, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. e-mail: mills@cshl.edu</p>