This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Multiple myeloma (MM)	Exostosin 1 (EXT1); syndecan 1 (SDC1; CD138)	A study in mice suggests that inhibiting EXT1 could help treat MM. In a mouse model of human MM, knockdown of <i>Ext1</i> , an enzyme required for the biosynthesis of MM-associated CD138, blocked tumor growth compared with <i>Ext1</i> expression ($p \leq 0.001$). Next steps could include screening for EXT1 inhibitors. SciBX 2(48); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1758 Published online Dec. 17, 2009	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Pals, S.T. <i>et al. Blood</i> ; published online Nov. 13, 2009; doi:10.1182/blood-2009-02-204396 Contact: Steven T. Pals, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands e-mail: s.t.pals@amc.uva.nl