This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Ophthalmic disease				
Ophthalmic; dental	Cyclin M4 (CNNM4)	<p>A genetic study in humans suggests that mutations in <i>CNNM4</i> may be useful biomarkers for Jalili syndrome, a rare condition characterized by congenital cone-rod dystrophy and abnormal tooth biomineralization. In seven families with the condition, genetic analysis identified nine mutations in <i>CNNM4</i> encoding a putative metal transporter that consistently co-segregated with disease phenotype. Next steps include confirming the metal ion transport function of CNNM4.</p> <p>SciBX 2(8); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.333 Published online Feb. 26, 2009</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Parry, D.A. <i>et al. Am. J. Hum. Genet.</i>; published online Feb. 13, 2009; doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2009.01.009 Contact: Chris F. Inglehearn, University of Leeds, Leeds, U.K. e-mail: c.inglehearn@leeds.ac.uk</p>