This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Brain abundant, membrane attached signal protein 1 (BASP1)	<p>A study in avian cell culture suggests that inducing BASP1 expression may be useful for preventing cancer. In quail embryonic fibroblasts, BASP1 overexpression prevented the activation of target genes of the oncogene <i>c-Myc</i> (<i>MYC</i>) and lowered MYC-induced tumor-like growth compared with what was seen in controls. Next steps could include characterizing the tumor-suppressing mechanisms of BASP1 and targeting it in <i>in vivo</i> cancer models.</p> <p>SciBX 2(12); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.482 Published online March 26, 2009</p>	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	<p>Hartl, M. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i>; published online March 16, 2009; doi:10.1073/pnas.0812101106 Contact: Klaus Bister, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria e-mail: klaus.bister@uibk.ac.at Contact: Markus Hartl, same affiliation as above e-mail: markus.hartl@uibk.ac.at</p>