This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Melanoma	Family with sequence similarity 129, member B (FAM129B; MINERVA)	Studies in cell culture suggest that levels of phosphorylated FAM129B could help predict therapeutic response in melanoma. In FAM129B-deficient melanoma cells, expression of a mutant FAM129B containing a substitution at one of its phosphorylation sites repressed cell invasion, whereas expression of wild-type FAM129B promoted cell invasion. Next steps include validating the results in clinical melanoma samples. <i>SciBX</i> 2(15); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.618 Published online April 16, 2009	Unpatented; unlicensed	Old, W. <i>et al. Mol. Cell</i> ; published online April 9, 2009; doi:10.1016/j.molcel.2009.03.007 Contact: Natalie G. Ahn, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, Colo. e-mail: natalie.ahn@colorado.edu