This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Pancreatic cancer	Not applicable	<p>A genomic study suggests that early detection of pancreatic cancer might provide a therapeutic window to prevent death due to metastasis. A mathematical model applied to mutation data from pancreatic cancer patients estimated that metastatic cell formation takes an average of about 7 years to occur after the initial tumor cell formation and an additional 2.7 years until patient death. Next steps include identifying biomarkers that could be used for early cancer detection.</p> <p>SciBX 3(45); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1353 Published online Nov. 18, 2010</p>	Unpatented; licensing status not applicable	<p>Yachida, S. <i>et al. Nature</i>; published online Oct. 27, 2010; doi:10.1038/nature09515 Contact: Christine A. Iacobuzio-Donahue, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, Md. e-mail: ciacobu@jhmi.edu</p>