This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Gallbladder cancer	Liver X receptor- β (NR1H2; LXR- β)	Studies in mice suggest that agonizing LXR- β could help treat gallbladder cancer in women. <i>Lxr-β</i> knockout led to gallbladder carcinoma in 30% of female mice, whereas no carcinoma developed in wild-type female controls. Next steps include measuring levels of LXR- β and its ligands in human gallbladder cancer samples.	Unpatented; licensing status undisclosed	Gabbi, C. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online Aug. 2, 2010; doi:10.1073/pnas.1009483107 Contact: Jan-Åke Gustafsson, Karolinska Institute, Novum, Sweden e-mail: jan-ake.gustafsson@mednub.ki.se
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