This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Granulin (GRN)	<p>Mouse and human sample studies suggest that inhibiting GRN could help treat cancer. In mice implanted with poorly tumorigenic human cells, GRN increased the number and size of tumors formed by those cells compared with vehicle controls. In tumor tissues from breast cancer patients, high GRN expression significantly correlated with aggressive tumors and low patient survival ($p < 0.04$). Planned work includes testing GRN inhibition in animals with xenograft tumors.</p> <p>SciBX 4(6); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.156 Published online Feb. 10, 2011</p>	Patented by the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and Brigham and Women's Hospital; available for licensing or partnering	<p>Elkabets, M. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i>; published online Jan. 27, 2011; doi:10.1172/JCI43757</p> <p>Contact: Sandra S. McAllister, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Mass. e-mail: smcallister1@partners.org</p>