This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	MicroRNA-31 (miR-31)	<p>Mouse studies suggest that miR-31 could help treat cancer metastasis. In mice with metastatic breast cancer, inducing miR-31 expression led to less development of lung metastases, regression of established metastatic tumors and improved survival compared with no miR-31 induction. Next steps include conducting additional toxicity studies and developing a stable delivery method.</p> <p>SciBX 4(13); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.366 Published online March 31, 2011</p>	Findings patented; available for licensing through the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research	<p>Valastyan, S. <i>et al. Genes Dev.</i>; published online March 15, 2011; doi:10.1101/gad.2004211</p> <p>Contact: Robert A. Weinberg, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. e-mail: weinberg@wi.mit.edu</p>