This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Renal cancer	MicroRNA-708 (miR-708)	<i>In vitro</i> and mouse studies suggest miR-708 could help treat renal cell carcinoma (RCC). In human RCC lines, compared with normal tissue, miR-708 was downregulated. In a mouse xenograft model of human RCC, intratumoral delivery of miR-708 inhibited tumor growth compared with delivery of a control miRNA. Next steps could include testing the strategy in additional animal RCC models. SciBX 4(35); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.986 Published online Sept. 8, 2011	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Saini, S. <i>et al. Cancer Res.</i> ; published online Aug. 18, 2011; doi:10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-11-0073 Contact: Rajvir Dahiya, University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, San Francisco, Calif. e-mail: rdahiya@urology.ucsf.edu