This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Periostin (POSTN)	Mouse studies suggest inhibiting POSTN could help treat metastatic cancer. In a mouse model of metastatic breast cancer, Postn expression was greater in pulmonary metastases than in primary tumors. Mice lacking Postn had fewer metastases than animals expressing <i>Postn</i>. Next steps include developing antibodies against POSTN and testing whether the molecules prevent metastasis in mouse models. <i>SciBX</i> 5(2); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.38 Published online Jan. 12, 2012	Patent application being filed; available for licensing	Malanchi, I. <i>et al. Nature</i>; published online Dec. 7, 2011; doi:10.1038/nature10694 Contact: Joerg Huelsken, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland e-mail: joerg.huelsken@epfl.ch