This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Colorectal cancer	Tumor necrosis factor receptor-associated factor 2 (TRAF2)	<p>Mouse and patient sample studies suggest inhibiting TRAF2 could help treat colon cancer. In samples from 40 patients, TRAF2 levels in tumor tissues were higher than those in matched normal tissue. In a mouse xenograft model of human colon cancer, small hairpin RNA against <i>Traf2</i> decreased tumor growth compared with control shRNA. Next steps include determining whether TRAF2 could be useful as a marker or therapeutic target in various cancers.</p> <p><i>SciBX</i> 5(26); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.675 Published online June 28, 2012</p>	Unpatented; available for licensing	<p>Peng, C. <i>et al.</i> <i>J. Biol. Chem.</i>; published online June 8, 2012; doi:10.1074/jbc.M112.359521 Contact: Zigang Dong, University of Minnesota, Austin, Minn. e-mail: zgdong@hi.umn.edu</p>