This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Nicotinamide N-methyltransferase (NNMT)	Cell culture studies suggest inhibiting NNMT could help treat cancer. Aggressive cancer cell lines showed higher NNMT levels and NNMT activity than nonaggressive cancer cell lines. In aggressive cancer cell lines, knockdown of NNMT decreased expression of multiple cancer-associated genes and invasiveness compared with no knockdown. Next steps include developing NNMT inhibitors and testing them in preclinical cancer models. <i>SciBX</i> 6(11); doi:10.1038/scibx.2013.259 Published online March 21, 2013	Unpatented; licensing status not applicable	Ulanovskaya, O.A. <i>et al. Nat. Chem. Biol.</i> ; published online March 3, 2013; doi:10.1038/nchembio.1204 Contact: Benjamin F. Cravatt, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, Calif. e-mail: cravatt@scripps.edu