This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Neuropilin 2 (NRP2)	<p>Patient sample and mouse studies suggest inhibiting NRP2 could help prevent cancer metastasis. In multiple mouse xenograft models for human cancer, small hairpin RNA against <i>NRP2</i> decreased metastasis compared with control shRNA but had no effect on primary tumor growth. In patient samples, increased <i>NRP2</i> expression in metastatic tumors correlated with advanced tumor stage. Next steps could include developing NRP2 inhibitors.</p> <p><i>SciBX</i> 6(24); doi:10.1038/scibx.2013.595 Published online June 20, 2013</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Cao, Y. <i>et al. Cancer Res.</i>; published online May 20, 2013; doi:10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-13-0529 Contact: Debabrata Mukhopadhyay, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. e-mail: mukhopadhyay.debabrata@mayo.edu</p>