



This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Ovarian cancer	Unknown	A genomewide association study identified 9p22.2 as a locus that could help predict susceptibility to ovarian cancer. In three cohorts, 12 SNPs were identified on chromosome 9p22.2 that were significantly associated with ovarian cancer risk ( $p$ <1×10 <sup>-8</sup> ). Out of the 12 SNPs, rs3814113 was most strongly associated with a reduced risk for ovarian cancer in those carrying the minor allele ( $p$ =2.5×10 <sup>-17</sup> ). Next steps could include studying the mechanism behind how the 9p22.2 locus affects ovarian cancer risk.	Work unpatented; licensing status not applicable	Song, H. et al. Nat. Genet.; published online Aug. 2, 2009; doi:10.1038/ng.424  Contact: Paul Pharoah, University o Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K. e-mail: paul1@srl.cam.ac.uk
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