

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Brain cancer	Unknown	An SAR study identified a prodrug derivative of plant-derived narciclasine that could help treat cancer. In mouse xenograft models of human glioma, i.v. and oral delivery of the prodrug increased survival compared with that seen in mice receiving vehicle control. Next steps include identifying an optimized lead compound and evaluating it in preclinical studies.	Patent application filed; available for licensing from Unibioscreen S.A. Contact: Unibioscreen S.A., Brussels, Belgium e-mail: business@unibioscreen.com	Ingrassia, L. <i>et al. J. Med. Chem.</i> ; published online Jan. 26, 2009; doi:10.1021/jm8013585 Contact: Robert Kiss, Free University of Brussels, Brussels, Belgium e-mail: rkiss@ulb.ac.be
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