

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Transplantation				
Renal transplant rejection	MicroRNA-142-5p (miRNA-142-5p); miRNA-155; miRNA-223; miRNA-10b; miRNA-30a-3p	Human miRNA profiling identified miRNA signatures that may be useful biomarkers for acute renal transplant rejection. In human renal allograft samples, miRNA expression profiling identified and validated an acute rejection-specific signature characterized by upregulation of miRNA-142-5p, miRNA-155 and miRNA-223 and downregulation of miRNA-10b and miRNA-30a-3p. Next steps could include studies to quantify miRNA profiles in graft-infiltrating cells and epithelial cells taken from acute renal transplant rejection biopsies.	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Anglicheau, D. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online March 16, 2009; doi:10.1073/pnas.0813121106 Contact: Manikkam Suthanthiran, New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York, N.Y. e-mail: msuthan@med.cornell.edu
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