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This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Ninein-like (NINL; NLP)	Studies in primary tumors, in cell culture and in mice suggest that inhibiting NINL could help treat cancer. NINL was overexpressed in more than 78% of primary human breast and lung tumor samples. Almost all normal mice injected with <i>Ninl</i> -expressing murine cells developed spontaneous breast, ovary or testicular tumors, whereas no control mice did. Next steps could include identifying and testing NINL inhibitors in animal models of cancer.	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Shao, S. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i> ; published online Jan.18, 2010; doi:10.1172/JCI39447 Contact: Qimin Zhan, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Peking Union Medical College, Beijing, China e-mail: zhanqimin@pumc.edu.cn
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