

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	LIM and senescent cell antigen-like domains 1 (LIMS1; PINCH1)	<p>Studies of patient samples and of mice suggest that inhibiting overexpression of PINCH1 on tumors could help overcome radio- and chemoresistance. In samples from human lung, colon, breast and prostate tumors, PINCH1 expression was significantly higher than that in healthy tissues ($p < 0.0005$). In mice with <i>Pinch1</i>-deficient tumors, as compared to mice with tumors expressing <i>Pinch1</i>, tumor growth was delayed and recurrence-free survival was increased following radiation. Next steps could include assessing the potential side effects of targeting PINCH1.</p> <p>SciBX 3(25); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.763 Published online June 24, 2010</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Eke, I. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i>; published online June 7, 2010; doi:10.1172/JCI41078</p> <p>Contact: Nils Cordes, Dresden University of Technology, Dresden, Germany e-mail: Nils.Cordes@Oncoray.de</p>