

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Multiple myeloma (MM)	Dickkopf homolog 1 (DKK1)	<p>Studies in mice suggest DKK1 vaccination could help treat MM. In a mouse model of MM, injection of a DNA vector encoding Dkk1 plus adjuvant induced anti-Dkk1 antibodies and lowered tumor growth compared with control vector injection. Next steps include running a Phase I trial in MM patients.</p> <p>BHQ880, a neutralizing antibody to DKK1 from Novartis AG and MorphoSys AG, is in Phase I/II testing to treat MM.</p> <p>SciBX 4(47); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.1323 Published online Dec. 8, 2011</p>	Patent application filed; available for licensing	<p>Qian, J. <i>et al. Blood</i>; published online Nov. 2, 2011; doi:10.1182/blood-2011-07-368472</p> <p>Contact: Qing Yi, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas</p> <p>e-mail: qyi@mdanderson.org</p>