

### This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
<b>Cancer</b>				
Bladder cancer	CD24	<p>Studies in patient samples and in mice suggest that inhibiting CD24 could help treat metastatic bladder cancer. In bladder cancer patient tissue samples, CD24 expression was greater in metastatic tissue than in primary tumor tissue. In a xenograft mouse model of metastatic bladder cancer, an anti-CD24 antibody prevented the development of metastasis and decreased established lung metastasis compared with control IgG. Next steps include additional mechanistic studies to determine how CD24 expression drives cancer metastasis.</p> <p><i>SciBX</i> 4(17); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.477 Published online April 28, 2011</p>	Provisional patent application filed; available for licensing	<p>Overdevest, J.B. <i>et al. Cancer Res.</i>; published online April 11, 2011; doi:10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-11-0519</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Dan Theodorescu, University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, Colo. e-mail: <a href="mailto:dan.theodorescu@UCDenver.edu">dan.theodorescu@UCDenver.edu</a></p>