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This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Cancer	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 1 (FGFR1; CD331)	In vitro studies identified a series of acenaphtho[1,2-b]pyrolle derivatives that inhibit FGFR1 and help treat cancers. An ELISA-based drug screening platform showed that the derivative selectively inhibited FGFR1 compared with other FGFRs and tyrosine kinases. In FGFR1-expressing human pancreatic and bladder cancer cell lines, compared with control cells, the derivatives had submicromolar antiproliferative activity. Next steps could include testing the compounds in animal models.	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Chen, Z. et al. J. Med. Chem.; published online April 25, 2011; doi:10.1021/jm200258t Contact: Xuhong Qian, East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China e-mail: xhqian@ecust.edu.cn Contact: Yufang Xu, same affiliation as above e-mail: yfxu@ecust.edu.cn
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