

## This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
<b>Cancer</b>				
Prostate cancer	Androgen receptor; FK506 binding protein 4 (FKBP4); prostate-specific antigen (KLK3; PSA)	Cell culture studies identified compounds that block FKBP4–androgen receptor interactions and could help treat prostate cancer. In cell culture, a lead compound inhibited androgen receptor signaling at low micromolar concentrations. In cultured prostate cancer cells, the compound lowered PSA concentrations and inhibited androgen-dependent prostate cell proliferation compared with vehicle. Next steps include optimizing molecules for potency and solubility and testing them <i>in vivo</i> .	Patent applications filed; available for licensing from the NIH <b>Contact:</b> Sabarni Chatterjee, NIH Office of Technology Transfer, Rockville, Md. e-mail: <a href="mailto:chatterjeesa@mail.nih.gov">chatterjeesa@mail.nih.gov</a>	De Leon, J.T. <i>et al.</i> <i>Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online July 5, 2011; doi:10.1073/pnas.1105160108 <b>Contact:</b> Marc B. Cox, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas e-mail: <a href="mailto:mbcox@utep.edu">mbcox@utep.edu</a>
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