



This week in therapeutics

| Indication | Target/marker/pathway | Summary | Licensing status | Publication and contact information |
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| Cancer | | | | |
| Leukemia | Myeloid-lymphoid or mixed- lineage leukemia (MLL; HRX); multiple endocrine neoplasia I (MEN1; Menin) | In vitro studies identified thienopyrimidine-based MEN1 inhibitors that could help treat leukemias. In a panel of human MLL cell lines, inhibitors that blocked the interaction between MEN1 and MLL decreased cell proliferation and expression of target genes and increased apoptosis compared with vehicle. Ongoing studies include developing more potent compounds that will be tested in animal models of MLL. SciBX 5(6); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.148 Published online Feb. 9, 2012 | Patent application filed; available for licensing | Grembecka, J. et al. Nat. Chem. Biol.; published online Jan. 29, 2012; doi:10.1038/nchembio.773 Contact: Tomasz Cierpicki, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. e-mail: tomaszc@umich.edu Contact: Jolanta Grembecka, same affiliation as above e-mail: jolantag@umich.edu |