

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Multiple myeloma (MM)	Nuclear SET domain-containing protein 2 (NSD2; MMSET; WHSC1)	<p>Mouse and cell culture studies suggest inhibiting NSD2 activity could help treat t(4;14)-translocated MM. t(4;14) translocations are found in about 10%–20% of MM cases and drive overexpression of NSD2 and fibroblast growth factor receptor 3 (FGFR3; CD333). In MM cell lines with the t(4;14) translocation, small hairpin RNA knockdown of NSD2 decreased proliferation on and adherence to bone marrow stroma compared with no knockdown. In mice injected with MM cells that had doxycycline-inducible NSD2 knockdown, doxycycline decreased tumorigenesis and disease progression compared with no treatment. Next steps could include developing inhibitors of NSD2.</p> <p>SciBX 6(39); doi:10.1038/scibx.2013.1090 Published online Oct. 10, 2013</p>	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	<p>Huang, Z. <i>et al. Cancer Res.</i>; published online Aug. 26, 2013; doi:10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-13-1000 Contact: Min Hu, Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Shanghai, China e-mail: min.hu@novartis.com</p>