This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Cancer				
Pancreatic cancer	Regenerating islet-derived 3 β (REG3B)	<p>Mouse studies suggest inhibiting REG3B could help treat pancreatic cancer. REG3B expression has previously been shown to be greater in primary pancreatic tumors than in healthy tissue. In a model of murine pancreatic cancer, <i>Reg3b</i> deficiency decreased tumor growth, tumor vasculature density and metastases in the liver and intestines compared with normal <i>Reg3b</i> expression. Future studies could include identifying and testing REG3B inhibitors in mice with xenograft pancreatic tumors.</p> <p>SciBX 6(33); doi:10.1038/scibx.2013.890 Published online Aug. 29, 2013</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Gironella, M. <i>et al. Cancer Res.</i>; published online July 18, 2013; doi:10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-12-3057 Contact: Emma Folch-Puy, Institute of Biomedical Research of Barcelona, Spanish National Research Council, Barcelona, Spain e-mail: emma.folch@iibb.csic.es</p>