This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Disease models			
Mice cloned from induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells	Cloning of whole mice from iPS cells could accelerate the development of murine models of disease. Mouse tetraploid embryos were injected with iPS cells derived from murine fibroblasts. The iPS cells developed into embryonic cells. When the embryo was implanted into a surrogate mother, it developed into an animal capable of reproducing. Next steps include developing screening procedures to select the best reprogramming methods for both mouse and possibly human iPS cells. SciBX 2(33); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1293 Published online Aug. 27, 2009	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	Boland, M.J. <i>et al. Nature</i> ; published online Aug. 2, 2009; doi:10.1038/nature08310 Contact: Kristin Baldwin, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, Calif. e-mail: kbaldwin@scripps.edu