This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Imaging			
Replication-competent adenovirus expressing green fluorescent protein to detect circulating tumor cells	OBP-401, an adenovirus-based imaging agent, could help quantify levels of circulating tumor cells in peripheral blood. In peripheral blood samples from 37 gastric cancer patients and 9 patients with other malignancies, OBP-401 enabled the detection of circulating tumor cells. Next steps include large-scale clinical studies in cancer patients to confirm that the approach is useful for monitoring disease status. TelomeScan (OBP-401), from AntiCancer Inc. and Oncolys BioPharma, is in preclinical development. SciBX 2(35); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1360 Published online Sept. 10, 2009	Original telomerase-dependent adenovirus vector (OBP-301) is patented; additional Japanese and patent cooperation treaty patents filed; available for licensing from Oncolys BioPharma	Kojima, T. <i>et al. J. Clin. Invest.</i> ; published online Sept. 1, 2009; doi:10.1172/JCI38609 Contact: Toshiyoshi Fujiwara, Okayama University Hospital, Okayama, Japan e-mail: toshi_f@md.okayama-u.ac.jp