This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Assays & screens			
Screening for variation in triplet repeat length polymorphisms (RLPs)	<p>A catalog of triplet RLPs in the human genome could guide the development of whole-genome screens for susceptibility markers in conditions such as Huntington's disease and spinobulbar muscular atrophy. A scan of three human genome samples provided the basis for designing a microarray screen for RLPs in humans. Next steps require collaboration with a DNA microarray company to further develop the screening technology for diagnostic applications.</p> <p>SciBX 2(37); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1424 Published online Sept. 24, 2009</p>	Patent application filed in U.S.; assay and repeat library available for licensing	<p>Molla, M. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i>; published online Sept. 14, 2009; doi:10.1073/pnas.0907112106 Contact: Charles Cantor, Boston University, Boston, Mass. e-mail: ccantor@sequenom.com Contact: Michael Molla, same affiliation as above e-mail: molla@bu.edu</p>