This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Chemistry			
Synthesis of iminocyclitols	<p>A two-step synthetic method could help produce high yields of iminocyclitols, a class of compounds with antiviral, anticancer and antidiabetic activities. The method used an aryl-boronic acid, off-the-shelf reagents and mild reaction conditions to convert sugars and dialdehydes to iminocyclitols with yields of 44–60%.</p> <p>SciBX 2(23); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.955 Published online June 11, 2009</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Hong, Z. <i>et al.</i> <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>; published online May 28, 2009; doi:10.1021/ja901656e</p> <p>Contact: Chi-Huey Wong, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, Calif. e-mail: wong@scripps.edu</p>