This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Drug delivery			
Cationic spermine-conjugated small interfering RNA for intracellular delivery of therapeutic siRNA	<i>In vitro</i> studies suggest that cationic spermine-conjugated siRNAs could be useful for delivering siRNA therapy. <i>In vitro</i> , spermine-conjugated siRNA was more effective at silencing its target gene than the siRNA alone. Next steps include testing disease-relevant siRNA conjugates in animal models. SciBX 3(1); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.28 Published online Jan. 7, 2010	Patent application filed covering findings; available for licensing	Nothisen, M. <i>et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> ; published online Nov. 23, 2009; doi:10.1021/ja908017e Contact: Jean-Paul Behr, University of Strasbourg and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Illkirch, France e-mail: behr@unistra.fr