This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Disease models			
Mouse models of folate deficiency	<p>Mice lacking the folate transporter solute carrier family 46 member 1 (Slc46a1; Pcf1) could be useful for evaluating treatments for folate deficiency. Mice with low levels of Pcf1 had impaired erythropoiesis and decreased survival compared with wild-type controls. Next steps include using the model to evaluate treatments for hereditary folate malabsorption syndrome.</p> <p>SciBX 4(11); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.323 Published online March 17, 2011</p>	Patent status undisclosed; model available for licensing	<p>Salojin, K.V. <i>et al. Blood</i>; published online Feb. 23, 2011; doi:10.1182/blood-2010-04-279653</p> <p>Contact: Konstantin V. Salojin, Lexicon Pharmaceuticals Inc., The Woodlands, Texas e-mail: ksalojin@lexpharma.com</p>