This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Drug platforms			
B _{reg} cells for treating stroke	<p>A study in mice suggests B_{reg} cells could be useful for preventing brain inflammation associated with stroke. In a mouse model of stroke, mice lacking B cells had larger infarct size and worse neurological performance than wild-type mice. In the B cell-deficient mice, reintroduction of wild-type B cells decreased stroke severity compared with no treatment. Next steps include identification of the B_{reg} cell subtypes responsible for the effect.</p> <p>SciBX 4(24); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.697 Published online June 16, 2011</p>	Unpatented; licensing status not applicable	<p>Ren, X. <i>et al. J. Neurosci.</i>; published online June 8, 2011; doi:10.1523/JNEUROSCI.1623-11.2011 Contact: Halina Offner, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, Ore. e-mail: offnerva@ohsu.edu</p>