This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Disease models			
Zebrafish model for narcolepsy	A zebrafish model for narcolepsy could be used to identify new targets or therapeutic leads for the sleep disorder. In zebrafish, selective disruption of hypothalamic hypocretin neurons increased both sleep time during the day and fragmented sleep during the night compared with no disruption. Next steps could include genetic or pharmacological screens to identify targets or compounds that reverse these sleep alterations. SciBX 5(39); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.1043 Published online Oct. 4, 2012	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	Elbaz, I. <i>et al.</i> <i>J. Neurosci.</i>; published online Sept. 12, 2012; doi:10.1523/JNEUROSCI.1284-12.2012 Contact: Lior Appelbaum, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel e-mail: lior.appelbaum@biu.ac.il