This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Drug platforms			
Method for generating disulfide-linked cyclic peptides	<p>A method for generating disulfide-linked cyclic peptides could be useful as a platform for identifying new therapeutic leads. The method involves designing peptides with cysteine residues at appropriate intervals that result in their spontaneous folding into bicyclic or tricyclic structures. Next steps include identifying specific multicyclic scaffolds with high stability and resistance to degradation that can then be used to screen for therapeutic leads.</p> <p>SciBX 5(46); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.1219 Published online Nov. 29, 2012</p>	Unpatented; licensing status not applicable	<p>Wu, C. <i>et al. Nat. Chem.</i>; published online Oct. 28, 2012; doi:10.1038/nchem.1487 Contact: Marc A. Gauthier, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ), Zurich, Switzerland e-mail: marc.gauthier@pharma.ethz.ch Contact: Jean-Christophe Leroux, same affiliation as above e-mail: jlroux@ethz.ch</p>