This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Drug platforms			
Peptide-linked microparticles for inducing immune tolerance	<p>Mouse studies suggest peptide-linked microparticles that induce immune tolerance could be useful for treating immune-mediated diseases such as multiple sclerosis (MS). In a mouse model of experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE), i.v. infusion of polystyrene or poly(lactide-co-glycolide) (PLG) microparticles linked to encephalitis-associated peptides induced tolerance and decreased symptom severity compared with microparticles linked to a control peptide. Next steps include evaluating other peptide-linked PLG microparticles in models of other immune-mediated diseases.</p> <p><i>SciBX</i> 5(47); doi:10.1038/scibx.2012.1246 Published online Dec. 6, 2012</p>	Patent pending; available for licensing from the Myelin Repair Foundation	<p>Getts, D.R. <i>et al. Nat. Biotechnol.</i>; published online Nov. 18, 2012; doi:10.1038/nbt.2434 Contact: Stephen D. Miller, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. e-mail: s-d-miller@northwestern.edu</p>