This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Markers			
Copy number alteration (CNA) burden to predict prostate cancer recurrence	<p>Studies in patient samples suggest CNA burden could help predict prostate cancer recurrence and metastasis. In primary prostate tumor samples from 272 patients, high CNA burden, calculated as total CNA relative to total autosomal tumor genome, was associated with high recurrence risk and increased long-term risk of metastasis. Next steps could include developing an assay to quantify CNA burden using samples from thin needle biopsies.</p> <p>SciBX 7(31); doi:10.1038/scibx.2014.939 Published online Aug. 14, 2014</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Hieronymus, H. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i>; published online July 14, 2014; doi:10.1073/pnas.1411446111</p> <p>Contact: Charles L. Sawyers, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, N.Y. e-mail: sawyersc@mskcc.org</p>