

This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Disease models			
Knockout mouse model of malignant mesothelioma	A new mouse model of malignant mesothelioma could offer improved strategies over other rodent models for identifying potential therapeutic targets. Mesothelium-specific knockout mice were generated with gene disruptions in the same signaling pathways that are affected in human malignant mesothelioma. Mice with conditional single or compound knockouts in the Nf2, p53 and Ink4a (Arf) pathways displayed a high incidence of disease, with median survival times of 20–30 weeks. The model is being used to test compounds.	Not patented; available for nonexclusive licensing	Jongsma, J. <i>et al. Cancer Cell</i> ; published online March 12, 2008; doi:10.1016/j.ccr.2008.01.030 Contact: Anton Berns, The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands e-mail: a.berns@nki.nl