

This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Drug platforms			
DNA vaccine with cardiotoxin adjuvant to help treat lymphomas	<p>Studies in mice suggest that DNA vaccines given with the cardiotoxin adjuvant myotoxin could be useful for treating lymphomas. A DNA vaccine plus myotoxin protected mice against tumor challenges compared with other adjuvants or the vaccine alone. Myotoxin also caused a local inflammatory response at the injection site, which induced the tumor antigen-specific T cells necessary for protection. Next steps include further optimization of the strategy.</p> <p>SciBX 2(38); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.1456 Published online Oct. 1, 2009</p>	Therapeutic method patented by the National Cancer Institute; available for licensing	<p>Qin, H. <i>et al. Blood</i>; published online Sept. 11, 2009; doi:10.1182/blood-2009-05-219683</p> <p>Contact: Larry W. Kwak, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas e-mail: lkwak@mdanderson.org</p>