

## This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
<b>Drug platforms</b>			
Detection of prenyltransferase inhibitor activity	Studies <i>in vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> suggest that Rab GTPases tagged with biotin-geranylpyrophosphate could help measure the activity of prenyltransferase inhibitors, a class of cancer therapies. The method used mass spectrometry and measured prenyltransferase inhibition levels. The next step is developing a kit to detect the activity of the inhibitors.  <i>SciBX</i> 2(8); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.340 Published online Feb. 26, 2009	Unpatented; licensing status not applicable	Nguyen, U. <i>et al. Nat. Chem. Biol.</i> ; published online Feb. 15, 2009; doi:10.1038/nchembio.149 <b>Contact:</b> Kirill Alexandrov, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia e-mail: <a href="mailto:k.alexandrov@imb.uq.edu.au">k.alexandrov@imb.uq.edu.au</a>