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Disease models			
Mice expressing mutant nuclear factor of κ light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells inhibitor-α (NFKBIA; IKBA) as models of Sjögren's syndrome	A mouse model could help identify new therapies for Sjögren's syndrome. Mice expressing mutant *Ikba* had immune cell infiltration of the liver, lungs, pancreas, tear ducts and salivary glands, dysregulated NF-κB expression and autoantibodies in blood plasma, all characteristic of the syndrome and all absent in wild-type mice. Next steps could include screening for IKBA agonists in the mouse model of Sjögren's syndrome. ***SciBX*** **3(33); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1021** **Published online Aug. 26, 2010**	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Peng, B. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*; published online Aug. 9, 2010; doi:10.1073/pnas.1005533107 **Contact:** Paul J. Chiao, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas e-mail: pjchiao@mdanderson.org