This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
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An 11-gene network associated with lipid levels	A study in human samples defined an immune response network associated with serum lipid levels that could help predict risk for atherosclerosis. In blood extracts from a cohort of 631 unrelated Finnish individuals, genomewide analysis was used to define an 11-gene immune response network that was associated with serum apolipoprotein B (APOB; $p=3.06\times10^{-6}$), high-density lipoprotein cholesterol ($p=5.62\times10^{-7}$) and triglyceride ($p=2.44\times10^{-29}$) levels. Next steps could include developing a genetic test to assess atherosclerosis risk based on this group of genes. *SciBX* 3(38); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.1164 Published online Sept. 30, 2010	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Inouye, M. *et al. PLoS Genet.*; published online Sept. 9, 2010; doi:10.1371/journal.pgen.1001113 **Contact:** Michael Inouye, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Hinxton, U.K. e-mail: inouye@wehi.edu.au