

This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Markers			
Complexity index in sarcomas (CINSARC) profile for predicting clinical outcome in cancer patients	<p>The CINSARC profile could help improve disease prognosis in cancer patients. CINSARC is a gene expression signature made up of 67 genes involved in mitosis and chromosome management. In cohorts of cancer patients, CINSARC was better at grouping patients based on risk for metastatic outcome than a standard tumor-grading system. In cohorts of patients with gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST), breast cancer or diffuse large B cell lymphomas, CINSARC separated patients into groups with different risk for metastatic outcome and overall survival. Next steps include validating the CINSARC profile and using it to stratify patients in a prospective clinical trial.</p> <p>SciBX 3(27); doi:10.1038/scibx.2010.844 Published online July 15, 2010</p>	<p>Patented for use in sarcomas and GIST diagnosis and prognosis; available for licensing from Aquitaine Valo at the University of Bordeaux Contact: Célia Carpentier, Aquitaine Valo, Bordeaux, France e-mail: c.carpentier@aquitaine-valo.fr</p>	<p>Chibon, F. <i>et al. Nat. Med.</i>; published online June 27, 2010; doi:10.1038/nm.2174 Contact: Frédéric Chibon, Bergonie Institute, Bordeaux, France e-mail: chibon@bergonie.org</p>