This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Disease models			
Mouse model of mutant *lamin A/C* (*LMNA*)-driven Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome (HGPS)	A mutant *LMNA*-driven mouse model of HGPS could help guide the development of therapeutics for the disease. Knock-in mice carrying a point mutation in *Lmna* developed symptoms of HGPS including age-related reduced body weight and premature death. In the same mice, an antisense *Lmna*-targeted oligonucleotide increased survival compared with a control oligonucleotide. Next steps include using the animal model for testing other strategies to correct splicing defects in HGPS. *SciBX* 4(44); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.1248 Published online Nov. 10, 2011	Patent application filed; available for licensing	Osorio, F.G. *et al. Sci. Transl. Med.*; published online Oct. 26, 2011; doi:10.1126/scitranslmed.3002847 **Contact:** Carlos López-Otín, University of Oviedo, Oviedo, Spain e-mail: clo@uniovi.es **Contact:** Fernando G. Osorio, same affiliation as above e-mail: fergaros@gmail.com