This week in techniques

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T helper cell quantification to predict pancreatic cancer prognosis	<p>Studies in patient samples suggest that the ratio of T helper type 2 (Th2) cells to Th1 cells could help predict pancreatic cancer outcomes. In pancreatic tissue samples resected from 69 patients, a ratio of Th2 cells to Th1 cells >5.2 reflected lower survival than a ratio of <5.2. Next steps include identifying cytokines and cells that lead to Th2 cell type inflammation in pancreatic cancer and determining how Th2 cells promote disease progression.</p> <p>SciBX 4(10); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.298 Published online March 10, 2011</p>	Unpatented; unavailable for licensing	<p>De Monte, L. <i>et al. J. Exp. Med.</i>; published online Feb. 21, 2011; doi:10.1084/jem.20101876 Contact: Maria Pia Protti, San Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan, Italy e-mail: m.protti@hsr.it</p>