

This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Drug platforms			
Preventing HIV-associated B cell exhaustion	<p><i>In vitro</i> studies suggest lowering memory B cell exhaustion could help treat HIV infection. In B cells from HIV-infected individuals, small interfering RNA against Fc receptor-like 4 (FCRL4) plus B cell stimulation led to greater numbers of HIV-specific antibody-secreting cells and B cell-associated chemokines and cytokines than control siRNA plus B cell stimulation. Next steps include studies to further understand the biological role of FCRL4.</p> <p>SciBX 4(23); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.673 Published online June 9, 2011</p>	Unpatented; unavailable for licensing	<p>Kardava, L. <i>et al. Nat. Med.</i>; published online June 1, 2011; doi:10.1172/JCI45685</p> <p>Contact: Susan Moir, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. e-mail: smoir@niaid.nih.gov</p>