This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Disease models			
Major histocompatibility complex class I E (HLA-E) in cervical and ovarian cancers	HLA-E expression profiles could help predict susceptibility to cervical and ovarian cancers. Samples from 150 cervical cancer patients showed that high HLA-E expression was associated with decreased risk of death (p=0.02). Samples from 270 ovarian cancer patients showed that high HLA-E expression negated the survival benefit of high CD8[+] T cell levels. Next steps include validating the statistical associations in additional patient cohorts and developing mAbs that block HLA-E. *SciBX* **4(25); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.721** **Published online June 23, 2011**	Work unpatented; licensing status not applicable	Gooden, M. *et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*; published online June 13, 2011; doi:10.1073/pnas.1100354108 **Contact:** Thorbald van Hall, Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden, the Netherlands e-mail: t.van_hall@lumc.nl