

This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Drug delivery			
Adjuvant and antigen co-delivery with nickel-chelating lipid nanoparticles	<p>Nickel-chelating lipid nanoparticles that co-deliver antigens and adjuvants could be useful for vaccine delivery. Nickel-chelating lipid nanoparticles were formulated to carry the adjuvants monophosphoryl lipid A or cholesterol-modified CpG oligodeoxynucleotides and histidine-tagged recombinant viral or bacterial antigens. In mice, injection of the particles resulted in fivefold to sevenfold higher antibody titers than co-delivery of adjuvant and antigen as separate entities. Next steps could include testing the efficacy of the lipid nanoparticles in mouse models for viral and bacterial infection.</p> <p>SciBX 6(6); doi:10.1038/scibx.2013.152 Published online Feb. 14, 2013</p>	Patent and licensing status unavailable	<p>Fischer, N.O. <i>et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i>; published online Jan. 18, 2013; doi:10.1021/ja3063293 Contact: Craig D. Blanchette, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, Calif. e-mail: blanchette2@llnl.gov Contact: Paul D. Hoepflich, same affiliation as above e-mail: hoepflich2@llnl.gov</p>