

This week in techniques

Approach	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Disease models			
Induced neuroblastoma stem cells	An induced stem cell-like neuroblastoma cell line could be useful for studying the cancer. In culture, treatment of a standard neuroblastoma cell line with inhibitors of DNA methylation and histone deacetylation led to long-term expression of stem cell-associated markers. Mice grafted with these stem cell-like neuroblastoma cells showed higher rates of tumor formation and metastasis than mice receiving a standard neuroblastoma cell line. Next steps could include testing therapeutic candidates against the induced neuroblastoma stem cells.	Patent and licensing status undisclosed	Ikegaki, N. <i>et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA</i> ; published online March 11, 2013; doi:10.1073/pnas.1118262110 Contact: Xao X. Tang, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Ill. e-mail: xaotang@uic.edu
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