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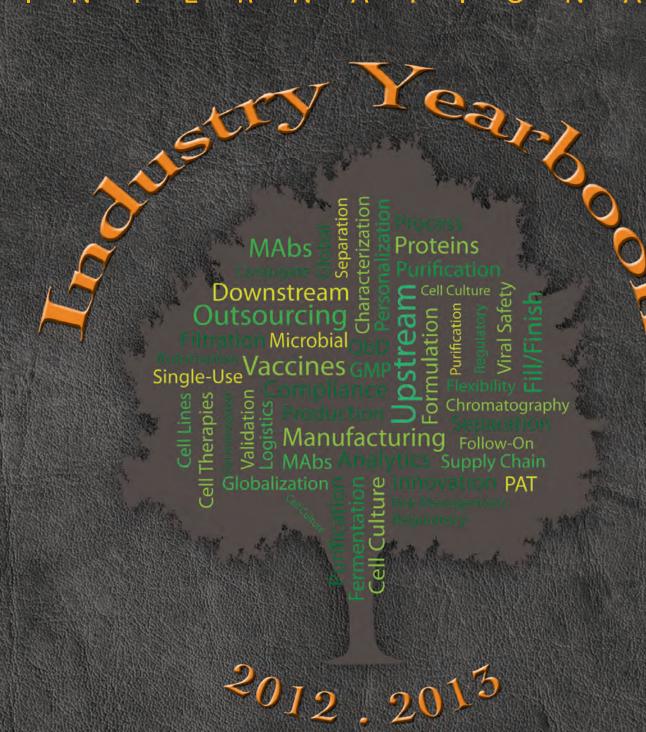




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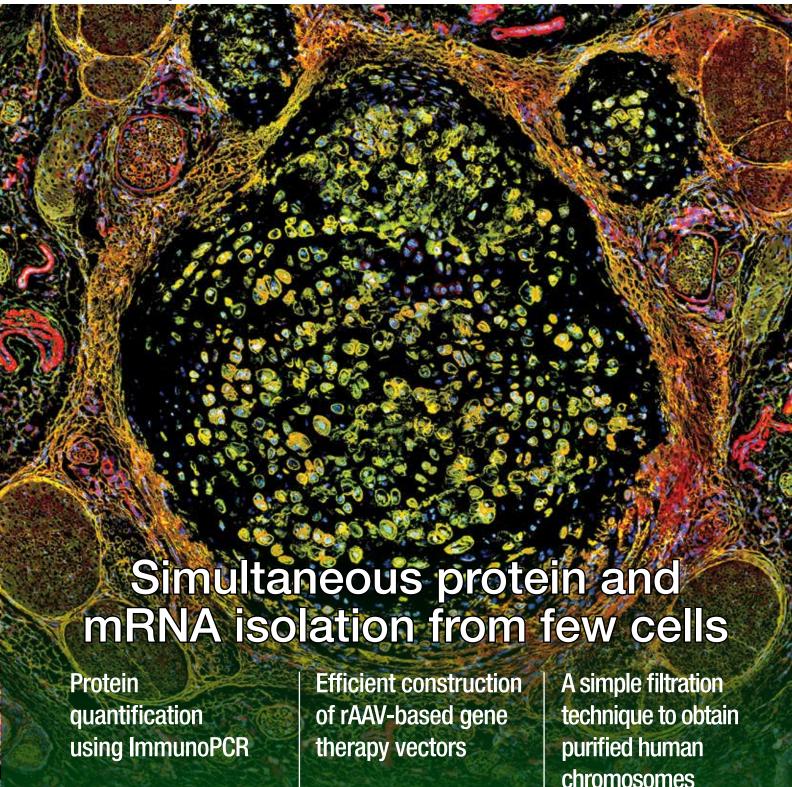
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I'm not always a fan of change. Why change something that works? I know some would argue that 'new' might be even better, but there is a leap of faith required when making that decision. Which is why when discussion of a BioTechniques redesign first came up, I have to admit, I was concerned. To me, BioTechniques is a wonderful journal providing readers the latest in methods that can be quickly and effectively implemented in the lab. So, why change? Fortunately, we did move ahead with our redesign mission -- which turned out to be an amazing voyage of rediscovering the mission and purpose of the journal.

Welcome to the new look of BioTechniques! While the new design might seem at first glance to be quite a departure from our previous style, there is a rhyme and reason to everything in these pages. Based on extensive feedback from subscribers, we have put a new face on BioTechniques – one that is designed to both visually impress and maximize content that readers need for their work at the lab bench. You will find a number of our news features have been removed, including the Troubleshooting Forum and the Scientists Profile. Both of these features started in these pages almost a decade ago and in that time much has changed. Realizing this, we made the decision to move these features online, where the articles can be complemented with web links and multimedia resources to enhance their impact.

You will also notice that more pages are being devoted to primary research articles. In an effort to bring more cutting edge information to the readers, and listening to a common request for more methods and technique content, we will be expanding our article offerings in the future and add new article formats, such as our new Protocol Guides, to round out the information delivered to readers every month.

All the changes that you see are based on what is at the heart of BioTechniques – delivering the best methods and techniques that can be implemented immediately. While the look has changed, we are confident the new format will be engaging, and thought-provoking, and continue to make BioTechniques a fundamental resource in labs across the globe for decades to come. Please share your comments and thoughts with us on the new look and format at bioeditor@biotechniques.com.

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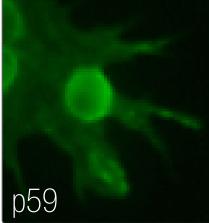
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