This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Other				
Tinnitus	Not applicable	<p>A study in rats suggests that combining tonal stimulation with vagus nerve stimulation could help treat tinnitus, which is ringing in the ears. In rats, vagus nerve stimulation plus multiple sound tones reversed the pathological changes in hearing caused by intense high-frequency noise compared with sham therapy. Next steps include a pilot clinical trial.</p> <p>SciBX 4(5); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.137 Published online Feb. 3, 2011</p>	Platform covered by one issued and multiple pending patents; exclusively licensed to Microtransponder Inc.; available for licensing from Microtransponder	<p>Engineer, N.D. <i>et al. Nature</i>; published online Jan. 12, 2011; doi:10.1038/nature09656</p> <p>Contact: Navzer D. Engineer, The University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas e-mail: navzer@utdallas.edu</p>