This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/ pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Neurology				
Pain	Transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily M member 8 (TRPM8)	<p>Studies in rats identified benzimidazole-based TRPM8 antagonists that could help treat neuropathic pain. In a rat model of neuropathic pain, TRPM8 antagonists decreased cold allodynia over five days of treatment compared with vehicle, with no development of tolerance. Next steps could include evaluating the TRPM8 antagonists in additional animal models of pain.</p> <p>SciBX 42; doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.53 Published online Jan. 13, 2011</p>	Patent application filed; licensing status unavailable	<p>Parks, D.J. <i>et al. J. Med. Chem.</i>; published online Dec. 3, 2010; doi:10.1021/jm101075v</p> <p>Contact: Mark R. Player, Janssen Research and Development, Spring House, Pa. e-mail: mplayer@its.jnj.com</p>