

This week in therapeutics

Indication	Target/marker/pathway	Summary	Licensing status	Publication and contact information
Neurology				
Pain	Not applicable	<p>A study in mice suggests the alkaloid conolidine may help treat neuropathic pain. In a mouse model of chemically induced and inflammation-derived pain, conolidine decreased pain compared with vehicle. Next steps include testing the molecule in additional pain models, determining the target responsible for conolidine's analgesic effects and conducting pharmacokinetic and toxicity studies.</p> <p>SciBX 4(23); doi:10.1038/scibx.2011.663 Published online June 9, 2011</p>	Patent application filed; available for licensing	<p>Tarselli, M.A. <i>Nat. Chem.</i>; published online May 23, 2011; doi:10.1038/nchem.1050</p> <p>Contact: Glenn C. Micalizio, Scripps Florida, Jupiter, Fla. e-mail: micalizio@scripps.edu</p> <p>Contact: Laura M. Bohn, same affiliation as above e-mail: lbohn@scripps.edu</p>