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Targeted Medicines for the Ear

OTO-313 Program Review

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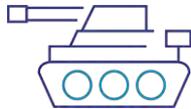


Tinnitus is perception of hearing noise when there is no sound



**~ 10% OF
U.S. ADULTS**
experience tinnitus

Can severely impact
**ABILITY TO SLEEP
OR RELAX,**
leads to anxiety and depression



#1 service-related disability in
U.S. MILITARY¹

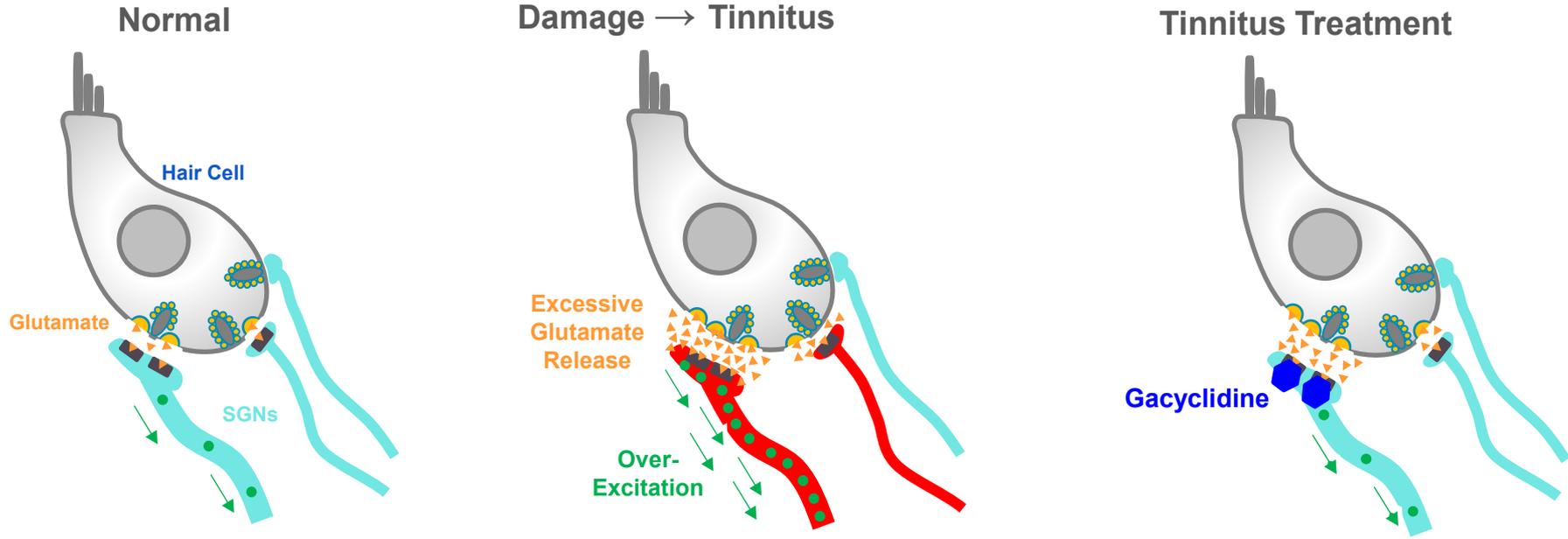


~ 8M report
**MODERATE
TO SEVERE**
bothersome level²



**NO FDA-APPROVED
DRUG TREATMENTS**
or standard of care for this condition

Rationale for NMDA Receptor Antagonist to Treat Tinnitus



During normal hearing, hair cells release glutamate to activate NMDA receptors on spiral ganglion neurons (SGNs) to relay sound information to the brain

Cochlear injury (e.g., from noise or trauma) can produce excessive glutamate release and over-activation of the NMDA receptor sub-type leading to tinnitus

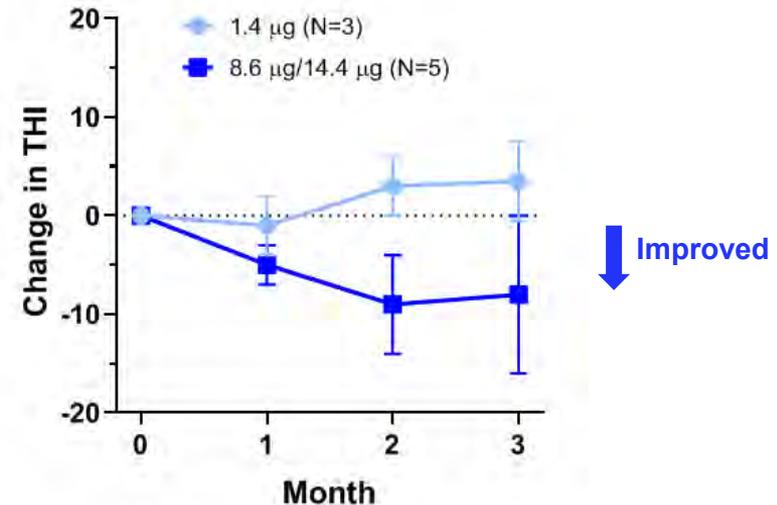
Inhibition of over-excited SGNs with a selective NMDA receptor antagonist can reduce tinnitus

OTO-313 Has Attractive Profile for Tinnitus Treatment



- OTO-313 is sustained-exposure formulation of gacyclidine – weeks of exposure from single IT injection
- Gacyclidine is a potent and selective NMDA receptor antagonist
- Preclinical data shows inhibition of spontaneous neuronal activity in SGNs and POC in tinnitus model
- Effect of gacyclidine on tinnitus demonstrated in pilot clinical study

Pilot Clinical Study Demonstrated Dose-Dependent Improvement in TINNITUS HANDICAP INVENTORY (THI)

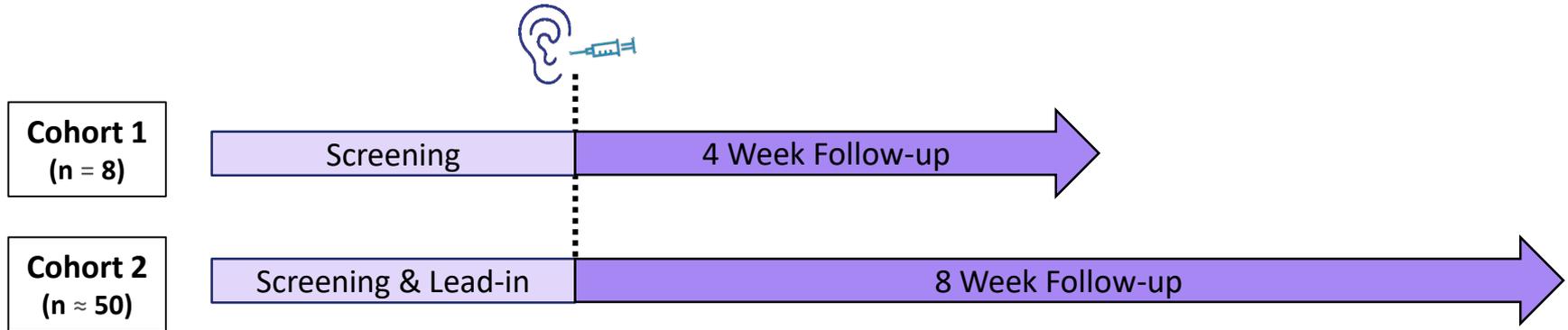


In open-label Phase 1 study conducted by NeuroSystec, gacyclidine was infused into the cochlea for 48 hours

- Phase 1 safety study in normal volunteers completed with OTO-311 (formulation of gacyclidine in thermosensitive polymer)
- Single intratympanic administration was safe and well-tolerated
- No serious adverse events reported
- Decision to move to different formulation based on improved pharmacokinetic properties with **OTO-313**

Randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled safety and exploratory efficacy study of OTO-313 given as a single intratympanic injection in subjects with tinnitus

- Initial patient cohort for safety and tolerability assessment (**enrollment completed**)
- Followed by ≈ 50 patients with subjective, unilateral, persistent tinnitus of cochlear origin
- Inclusion requires that patient's tinnitus severity exceeds specified level
- Randomized 1:1 for single intratympanic injection of OTO-313 or placebo



- Tinnitus Functional Index (TFI):
 - Validated clinical instrument that assesses tinnitus severity and functional impact on patient
 - Can be used to measure treatment-related changes
- Tinnitus Loudness Rating Scale
- Tinnitus Annoyance Rating Scale
- Patient Global Impression of Change (PGIC)

The Tinnitus Functional Index: Development of a New Clinical Measure for Chronic, Intrusive Tinnitus

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Editor's Note: The first author of this article, Dr. Mary B. Meikle, passed away on February 5, 2011. Her many years of research career in hearing research focused specifically on the diagnosis and clinical care of patients with tinnitus. This publication, presented as a collaborative research effort with coauthors from across the United States and from New Zealand, proposes a new tool for establishing a baseline measurement of tinnitus and its treatment outcomes. It is Dr. Meikle's final scientific publication.

Objective: Chronic subjective tinnitus is a prevalent condition that causes significant distress to millions of Americans. Effective tinnitus treatments are urgently needed, but evaluating them is hampered by the lack of standardized measures that are validated for both intake assessment and evaluation of treatment outcomes. This work was designed to develop a new self-report questionnaire, the Tinnitus Functional Index (TFI), that would have documented validity both for scaling the severity and negative impact of tinnitus for use in intake assessment and for measuring treatment-related changes in tinnitus (responsiveness) and that would provide comprehensive coverage of multiple tinnitus severity domains.

Design: To use existing knowledge concerning tinnitus-related problems, an Item Selection Panel (17 expert judges) surveyed the content (175 items) of nine widely used tinnitus questionnaires. From those items, the Panel identified 13 separate domains of tinnitus distress and selected 70 items most likely to be responsive to treatment effects. Eliminating redundant items while retaining good content validity and adding new items to achieve the recommended minimum of 5 to 4 items per domain yielded 43 items, which were then used for constructing TFI Prototype 1.

Prototype 1 was tested at five clinics. The 326 participants included consecutive patients receiving tinnitus treatment who provided informed consent—constituting a convenience sample. Construct validity of Prototype 1 as an outcome measure was evaluated by measuring responsiveness of the overall scale and its individual items at 3 and 6 mo follow-up with 65 and 42 participants, respectively. Using a predetermined list of criteria, the 30 best-functioning items were selected for constructing TFI Prototype 2.

Prototype 2 was tested at four clinics with 347 participants, including 155 and 66 who provided 3 and 6 mo follow-up data, respectively.

Analyses were the same as for Prototype 1. Results were used to select the 25 best-functioning items for the final TFI.

Results: Both prototypes and the final TFI displayed strong measurement properties, with few missing data, high validity for scaling of tinnitus severity, and good reliability. All TFI versions exhibited the same eight factors characterizing tinnitus severity and negative impact. Responsiveness, evaluated by computing effect sizes for responses at follow-up, was satisfactory in all TFI versions.

In the final TFI, Cronbach's alpha was 0.97 and test-retest reliability 0.76. Convergent validity ($r = 0.88$ with Tinnitus Handicap Inventory [THI]), $r = 0.75$ with Visual Analog Scale [VAS]) and discriminant validity ($r = 0.56$ with Beck Depression Inventory-Primary Care [BDI-PC]) were good. The final TFI was successful at detecting improvement from the initial clinic visit to 3 mo with moderate to large effect sizes and from initial to 6 mo with large effect sizes. Effect sizes for the TFI were generally larger than those obtained for the VAS and THI. After careful evaluation, a 12-point reduction was considered a preliminary criterion for meaningful reduction in TFI outcome scores.

Conclusions: The TFI should be useful in both clinical and research settings because of its responsiveness to treatment-related change, validity for scaling the overall severity of tinnitus, and comprehensive coverage of multiple domains of tinnitus severity.

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INTRODUCTION

Chronic subjective tinnitus (ringing or other sounds audible only to the affected individual) is a prevalent condition affecting millions of Americans, many of whom experience significant distress as a result (Hoffman & Reed 2004). The disabling effects of severe tinnitus resemble many effects associated with chronic pain (Møller 2007), typically including sleep interference, cognitive difficulties (particularly with concentration), difficulties at work, at home, and in social relationships, and negative emotional reactions including anxiety, frustration, anger, and depression (Tyler & Baker 1983; Stauffer & Tyler 1990; Axelsson 1992; Meikle 1992; Dobie 2004b).

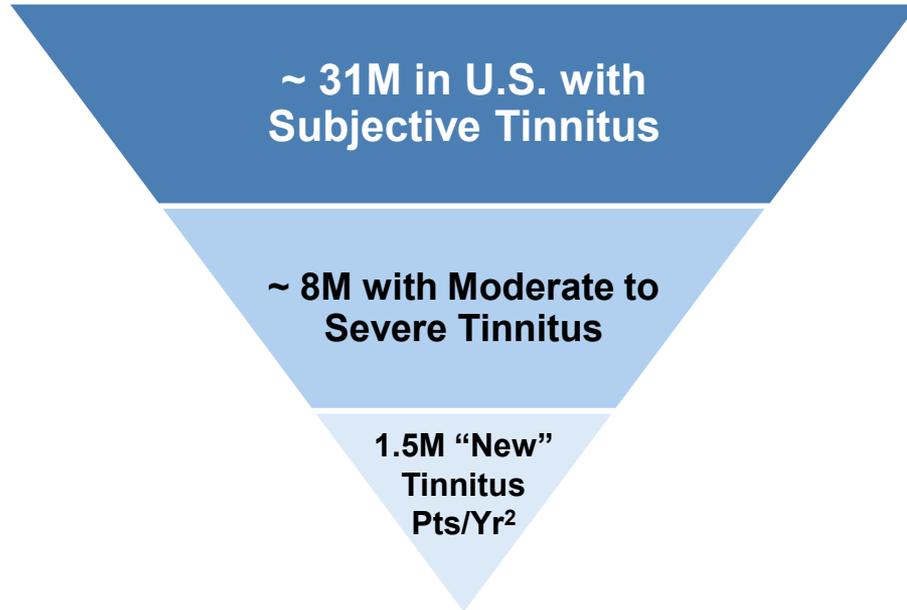
Despite many efforts to provide relief for tinnitus over the past three decades, there is little agreement concerning the relative merits of the various treatments used (Noble & Tyler 2007). Evaluating the efficacy of tinnitus treatments is hampered by the lack of standardized outcome measures (Axelsson 1992; Meikle 1992; Dobie 2004a; Kaminski et al. 2010). Clinical trials of proposed treatment efforts would benefit greatly from standardization of tinnitus measures. Standardization would improve comparability of treatment effects between different treatment

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- NMDA receptor antagonists represent a viable treatment approach for tinnitus based on the mechanism of action and preclinical data
- Gacyclidine is a potent and selective NMDA receptor antagonist
- An initial formulation of gacyclidine (OTO-311) was safe and well-tolerated in a Phase 1 safety study
- OTO-313 is an improved formulation, which provides increased inner ear exposure of gacyclidine
- Phase 1/2 clinical trial has been initiated with results expected in 1H20

Current Landscape¹



OTO-313 Market Potential

- No drug treatments approved by FDA; current therapies help patients cope but do not treat tinnitus pathophysiology
- Opportunity to create SOC treatment
- Initial focus on patients early after onset
- Buy-and-bill model; disease burden supports pricing comparable to CGRP's
- > \$1B U.S. sales potential¹