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“Somatosensory Tinnitus : Assessment and Treatment Options”

Tinnitus can be related to many different aetiologies such as: hearing loss or a noise trauma, but it can also be related to the somatosensory system, in which case it is called somatosensory or somatic tinnitus (ST). ST is characterized by several anamnestic and clinical cervical spine and temporomandibular joint related features. Additionally, treatment of cervical spine or temporomandibular dysfunctions can have a positive effect on the tinnitus loudness and severity. This presentation aims to give an overview of the latest evidence on ST diagnosis, treatment effects and prognostic indicators for positive outcome after treatment.