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**Cover:** The cover figure shows the stapes, one of the three ossicles, in the middle ear of a *Noggin*  $+/-$  mouse with conductive hearing loss. To the right of the stapes is an ectopic bone fragment that abnormally connects the stapes and temporal bone, impeding the mobility of the stapes during sound transduction. Running through the stapes is the stapedia artery. See Hwang and Wu, pp. 844–853 for more information.

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