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Meeting Minutes

Topic	The FDA Approval of ⁶⁸GA-PSMA-11 PET: an academic collaborative journey
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Any thoughts on beta vs alpha emitters for the radiotherapy side of the treatment?	<p>Alpha much higher energy deposition and double strand DNA damage incidence. Much higher anti-tumor effect than lutetium. Severe xerostomia is the main side-effect due to high uptake in salivary glands. Some work has been done to mitigate the side effects to an acceptable level. Under 100MBq/kg it seems to be manageable.</p> <p>The main limitation is the limited supply chain, especially for a high incidence cancer such as prostate cancer.</p> <p>Some people/companies are working on establishing a high capacity production of actinium.</p>
From your experience at what PSA value would you recommend a patient have a PSMA PET in biochemical recurrence?	<p>Clearly the PSA level is correlated to the positivity rate (see slide #042)</p> <p>For early biochemical recurrence after surgery, I would say that the chance to see something at PSA 0.2 is around 25%. So if it is free, I would say go for it, nothing to lose. Now paying 3300 USD out-of-pocket is a different story. We get a higher chance to see something maybe a PSA of 0.3-0.4 would be better.</p> <p>On the other hand, It has been showed that a negative PSMA PET has a good prognostic value for SRT outcome. (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31676727/)</p> <p>And the earlier you start SRT the better result you get.</p>
Can you give a sense of the effort needed for an academic institution to get abbreviated NDA approval to use ⁶⁸ GA PSMA?	<p>The work will focus mainly on the CMC section. The radiochemist/radiopharmacist/cyclotron team will have to establish a setup that can show the same final product ⁶⁸Ga-PSMA-11 with the same manufacturing methods.</p> <p>Consulting companies can help to put together the submission package.</p> <p>Details here: https://doi.org/10.2967/jnumed.120.260455 https://doi.org/10.2967/jnumed.120.260455</p>

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How far are we from commercial solutions?	NDAs submitted by Progenics (18F-DCFPyL) and Telix (kit based method for 68Ga-PSMA-11). Possible in Q3/Q4 2021? https://telixpharma.com/news-media/telix-new-drug-application-for-prostate-cancer-imaging-product-accepted-by-us-fda/ https://investor.lantheus.com/news-releases/news-release-details/lantheus-holdings-submits-new-drug-application-us-fda-pyltm-18f
Were there any studies done when the primary tumor was positive and biopsied?	Not the data used for the NDA. A lot in pubmed ! Please specify your question(s).

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Could you please comment on FDA's viewpoint of incorporating PSMA-PET findings to modify risk stratification in clinical trial of therapeutic regimen?	I believe the FDA would be interested to have therapeutic clinical trials that integrate PSMA PET in the selection and/or stratification of patients. It will be easier to do when approved and easily available everywhere.
Is there any additive value of combined 68Ga-PSMA-11 PET and MRI for primary prostate cancer detection, local recurrence detection after focal therapy, extra-capsular spread-seminal vesicles invasion and localization compared with multiparametric MRI?	Yes. There is always a part of the tumor lesion that is missed by PSMA PET and a part that is missed by MRI (only 40-60% of overlap) PSMA PET may be more sensitive to detect additional foci, bilateral disease or T3 disease (always toward T-upstaging). But the spatial resolution is too low, and the intra-prostatic read is difficult and therefore reader-dependent. So, for local T-staging PSMA PET/MRI is the best when available. Otherwise, MRI is clearly more robust and reliable than PSMA PET/CT. PSMA PET/CT should be used when MRI and/or biopsy are inconclusive/negative. PSMA PET/CT is the best for N and M staging.
From FDG PET we know any SUV change is directly related to metabolism. How is a	Multiple parameters. PSMA density/quantity can be related mostly just to the quantity of the tumor cells (ex: after surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy) and

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change in SUV related to this surface/membrane PSMA ligand be seen? Does an SUV increase mean growth, worsening in that lesion, treatment failure? Is it comparable?	<p>therefore represent a good surrogate marker of the quantity of tumor cells.</p> <p>BUT</p> <p>PSMA expression is in a complex relation with the up/down-regulation pathways of the Androgen Receptor. So any therapy that interacts with AR or PSMA will impact the PSMA expression and not linearly reflect the amount of cancer cells.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Initial staging, Treatment naïve disease, first line of ADT: decreasing uptake under ADT (response to ADT). So any In castrate sensitive setting, ADT will decrease the signal (and the size of the tumor lesions) significantly after a couple of weeks. So the sensitivity of the scan will be decreased significantly2. Castrate Resistant disease under first line ADT: increasing uptake indicating resistance/recurrence3. Castrate Resistant disease starting new AR-targeted therapy: short initial increase of PSMA expression (variable in time and intensity) followed by response and PSMA uptake decrease (long term)4. Progression under new AR-targeted therapy: increasing uptake indicating resistance/recurrence