

# Safety, biodistribution and radiation dosimetry of $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 in healthy adult volunteers

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## ABSTRACT

This first-in-human study investigated the safety, biodistribution and radiation dosimetry of the novel  $^{18}\text{F}$ -labeled radiohybrid prostate-specific membrane antigen (rhPSMA) positron emission tomography (PET) imaging agent,  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3. **Methods:** Six healthy volunteer subjects (3 males, 3 females) underwent multiple whole-body PET acquisitions at scheduled time points up to 248 minutes after the administration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 (mean activity 220; range, 210-228 MBq). PET scans were conducted in three separate sessions and subjects were encouraged to void between sessions. Blood and urine samples were collected for up to 4 hours post-injection to assess metabolite-corrected radioactivity in whole blood, plasma and urine. Quantitative measurements of  $^{18}\text{F}$  radioactivity in volumes of interest (VOIs) over target organs were determined directly from the PET images at 8 time points and normalized time–activity concentration curves were generated. These normalized cumulated activities were then inputted into the OLINDA/EXM package to calculate the internal radiation dosimetry and the subjects' effective dose. **Results:**  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 was well tolerated. One adverse event (mild headache, not requiring medication) was considered possibly related to  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3. The calculated effective dose was 0.0141 mSv/MBq when using a 3.5-hour voiding interval. The organs with the highest absorbed dose per unit of administered radioactivity were the adrenals (mean absorbed dose, 0.1835 mSv/MBq), the kidneys (mean absorbed dose, 0.1722 mSv/MBq), the submandibular glands (mean absorbed dose, 0.1479 mSv) and the parotid glands (mean absorbed dose, 0.1137 mSv/MBq). At the end of the first scanning session (mean time, 111 min post-injection), an average of 7.2% (range, 4.4-9.0%) of the injected radioactivity of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-

7.3 was excreted into urine. **Conclusions:** The safety, biodistribution and internal radiation dosimetry  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 are considered favorable for PET imaging.

**Keywords:**  $^{18}\text{F}$ ; biodistribution; dosimetry; PSMA; rhPSMA.

## INTRODUCTION

Prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) is a transmembrane enzyme that is overexpressed in prostate cancer cells compared with healthy tissue (1). Its extracellular catalytic site allows targeting with specific small molecule inhibitors or antibodies that may subsequently become internalized (2). Positron emission tomography (PET) radiopharmaceuticals such as  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -PSMA-11 utilize this ligand binding for the purpose of prostate cancer imaging, particularly in patients with biochemical recurrence (3). However, some characteristics of  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -PSMA-11, such as its rapid excretion into urine causing substantial accumulation in the urinary bladder can be a particular disadvantage for pelvic imaging in patients with prostate cancer (4,5).

$^{18}\text{F}$ -labeled PSMA agents are increasingly used in preference to  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -labeled ones because of the favorable characteristics of the  $^{18}\text{F}$  isotope. These include a longer half-life, capability for production of larger batches, a higher positron yield and lower positron energy, which results in decreased image noise and improved contrast resolution compared with  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -labeled counterparts (6,7). Many  $^{18}\text{F}$ -labeled PSMA ligands have been used clinically, in particular DCFPyL and PSMA-1007 have been used in large numbers of patients (8). The former has relatively high urinary excretion, whereas the latter has very low urinary excretion, since it is mainly eliminated via the bile (9). Although the *imaging* properties of DCFPyL, PSMA-1007, PSMA-11 (and several other diagnostic PSMA tracers) have been well described and all have their individual strengths, none of these radiopharmaceuticals are being used to *treat* patients. The current portfolio of therapeutic PSMA ligands consists of compounds such as PSMA-617, PSMA I&T or PSMA-R2, but no true theranostic pair is currently available.

Radiohybrid PSMA (rhPSMA) ligands are a new class of compounds that can be efficiently labeled with  $^{18}\text{F}$  or with radioactive metal isotopes and, consequently, offer diagnostic and therapeutic PSMA-targeting.  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7, which comprises four diastereoisomers, has shown promising preliminary imaging characteristics in patients with prostate cancer (10,11), and the single diastereoisomer form,  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3, is now under clinical development, seeking formal approval for registration in the US and in the EU.

Here, we present results of a Phase 1, open-label study designed to evaluate the safety, biodistribution and internal radiation dosimetry of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 in healthy adult volunteers. The quantification of the *in vivo* activity at multiple times post-administration is fundamental in the determination of the biodistribution of the radionuclide of interest. In almost all cases of the development of a diagnostic radiopharmaceutical (12-17), the biodistribution is initially measured in healthy volunteers. This is largely due to the impracticality of having patients undergo whole-body imaging at several acquisition time points, which are required for a complete assessment of biodistribution (18). Imaging times can be long and patient compliance (e.g., in terms of lack of patient motion) may be difficult to attain if the patient is in physical discomfort. In the present study design, the guidance provided by the European Medicines Agency was taken into account – the biodistribution in healthy volunteers can be considered *normal*, given the strict entry criteria regarding the patient's health, concomitant medication, and lifestyle (i.e. smoking and use of alcohol and drugs), in order to minimize the risk for confounding factors (19). In keeping with European practice, the estimated effective dose to

the healthy volunteers should not exceed 10 mSv (risk category IIb, (20)). Since uptake of PSMA tracers in other tumors has been described in the literature (21), the group of healthy volunteers should not be limited to male volunteers, but should also include female individuals to reflect the *normal* biodistribution of the tracer in both sexes. Following completion of this study, permission was received to include nine patients with prostate cancer to evaluate tumor uptake kinetics (22).

## **METHODS**

The study (NCT03995888) was authorized by the Finnish Medicines Agency, FIMEA. Ethical approval was received from the Ethics Committee of the Hospital District of Southwest Finland and all subjects signed a written informed consent. The study was conducted in accordance with GCP guidelines.

### **Subjects**

Six healthy adult volunteers (3 men, 3 women) meeting the following criteria were enrolled between the 18 June and 14 August 2019: age 21-65 years; able to provide informed written consent; body mass index <30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and body weight <90 kg; negative test results for drugs of abuse and alcohol; willing to abstain from sexual intercourse for 24 hours following <sup>18</sup>F-rhPSMA-7.3 administration; willing to practice effective contraception for 3 months following <sup>18</sup>F-rhPSMA-7.3 administration (males), or post-menopausal or surgically sterile (females). Exclusion criteria included participation in another clinical trial in the 3 months before planned

administration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3, significant exposure to ionizing radiation in the preceding 12 months; receiving monitoring of occupational ionizing radiation exposure; claustrophobia; bilateral hip prostheses, and positive test result for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or human immunodeficiency virus.

### **Radiopharmaceutical Preparation**

$^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 was produced on site at Turku PET Centre using a single-use cassette-based proprietary automated synthesis platform for radiolabeling, purification and formulation (Scintomics GRP, Scintomics GmbH, Fuerstenfeldbruck, Germany), and using an in-house remotely operated sterile filtration device for aseptic filling, in accordance with GMP and Turku PET Centre's standard procedures.

### **Subject Preparation and $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 Administration**

Subjects were requested not to eat for at least 4 hours before the administration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 and to remain well hydrated before the scan. Subjects were encouraged to void immediately prior to  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 injection. A venous cannula was placed in each arm.  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 (target radioactive dose,  $225 \text{ MBq} \pm 10\%$ ) was administered as an intravenous bolus injection, followed by a flush with 5 mL of saline solution. The viability of the cannula for blood samples was ensured by actively infusing saline ( $\leq 500 \text{ mL}$ ) through an intravenous drip for the duration of the scan.

### **Image Acquisition and Reconstruction**

All images were captured using a GE Discovery MI PET/computed tomography (CT) scanner (GE Healthcare, Milwaukee, WI, US). Subjects underwent three low-dose CT scans for attenuation correction and anatomic correlation, each followed by multiple whole-body PET acquisitions at scheduled time points up to 248 minutes post-injection (Figure 1). PET scans were conducted in three separate sessions as outlined in Figure 1 and Supplemental Table 1. The PET images were reconstructed using a 3D iterative algorithm (VuePoint Fx, GE Healthcare, Milwaukee, WI, US) with 4 iterations and 8 subsets and using a standard Z-axis filter with 7.0 mm filter cut-off.

### **Safety Assessments**

Any adverse event that occurred from the time of informed consent throughout the study period was recorded. Laboratory parameters (serum biochemistry, hematology, coagulation and urinalysis) were monitored during the 24 hours following  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 administration. Venous blood samples were collected at baseline and at 90, 180 and 250 minutes post-injection, with a further sample collected approximately 24 hours post-injection. Urine samples were collected at baseline and at 250 minutes and 24 hours post-injection. A standard physical examination was performed during the screening visit, with further brief examinations performed prior to the administration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 and again at discharge from the site. A 12-lead electrocardiogram was recorded during the screening visit, at baseline (twice; 120-15 minutes and 5 minutes pre-injection), at 90, 180 and 250 minutes and again approximately 24 hours post-injection. Resting vital signs (body temperature, respiration rate, supine systolic and diastolic blood pressure and heart rate) were measured during the



screening visit, at baseline, 5 minutes pre-injection, at 2, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60, 90, 180 and 250 minutes, and approximately 24 hours post-injection. The cannulation sites were checked regularly for signs of any adverse effects.

### **Assessment of Pharmacokinetics**

Blood and urine samples were collected in order to assess  $^{18}\text{F}$ -radioactivity in whole blood, plasma and urine. Blood samples for  $^{18}\text{F}$  radioactivity analysis were collected via a peripheral venous cannula, and the analysis was conducted with an automatic gamma counter (Wizard 1480 3", Wallac, Turku, Finland). Blood samples (2 mL) were collected at approximately 30 sec, 60 sec, 90 sec, 4 min 30 sec, 5 min, 6 min, 7 min, 8 min, 15 min, 31 min, 47 min, 75 min, 120 min, 180 min and 250 min post-injection.

Urine samples were collected prior to injection of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7, between scanning sessions I and II, between scanning sessions II and III, and after scanning session III (approximately: up to 5 min pre-injection, from 5 minutes pre-injection to 95 minutes post-injection, from 95 to 185 minutes post-injection, and from 185 to 255 minutes post-injection, respectively).

### **Biodistribution and Radiation Dosimetry**

Quantitative measurements of  $^{18}\text{F}$  radioactivity in volumes of interest (VOIs) over target organs captured in whole-body images were made at eight post-injection time points. The target areas comprised muscle, liver, lungs, cardiac wall, cardiac chambers' content, kidneys, brain, breasts (females only), spleen, stomach, urinary bladder content, thymus, cortical bone,

trabecular bone, parotid gland, submandibular salivary gland, sublingual salivary gland, lacrimal gland, upper and lower large intestine content, small intestine content, uterus (females only), pancreas, thyroid, red marrow, gallbladder content, adrenals and testis (males only).

Time–activity concentration curves were generated and were normalized to a 1 MBq injected dose and to the organ weights of a 70 kg reference man. Normalized curves were fitted with an exponential function until infinity in Microsoft Excel 2013. In cases of continuing uptake in the source organ, only the descending part of the curve was used. The area under the time–activity concentration curves was used to determine the cumulated activities in the source organs.

Two methods were used to account for the radioactivity in the urinary bladder. First, the cumulated activity in the urinary bladder content was calculated using VOIs and the volume of voided urine. The volume of urinary bladder content was first measured following scanning session 1 at 111 min (range, 103-126 min) and this value was multiplied by the urinary bladder content VOI values determined from the 6 scans in session 1. The second volume measurement was taken at 194 min (range, 190-198 min) and multiplied by the VOI value from scan 7. The third volume measurement (263 min; range, 257-271 min) was multiplied by the VOI value from scan 8. The second approach used the Dynamic Bladder Model (23) which estimates the biological half-life from the urine samples on the assumption that there is no other route of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 excretion. The data from the dynamic bladder model was used in the subsequent dosimetry analysis. We modelled for both 1-hour and 3.5-hour voiding intervals with this method.

For internal radiation dosimetry calculations, the cumulated tissue radioactivity estimates for each subject were fed into the OLINDA/EXM 1.0 program which makes use of the Medical Internal Radiation Dose schema (24,25). Absorbed doses in Medical Internal Radiation Dose-specified target regions were estimated using the Cristy–Eckerman 70 kg adult male phantom (26-28), and the subjects' effective dose calculated from these absorbed dose data. Organ mass values used in Olinda/EXM program were determined from the Cristy and Eckerman model but with the addition of further source organs in which PSMA uptake is known to be relatively high: parotid glands (25 g), sublingual salivary glands (12.5 g), submandibular salivary glands (12.5 g) and lacrimal glands (5 g).

### **Statistics**

Statistics in this dosimetry study were limited to descriptive statistics, i.e. mean values for the calculated doses and their standard deviations from the mean.

### **RESULTS**

The six participants had a mean age of 52 (range, 25-64) years and a mean body mass index of 26.1 (range: 23.2-29.7) kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Safety**

Five treatment-emergent adverse events were reported. Four of these (a focal liver lesion on scan [magnetic resonance imaging confirmed normal liver], dizziness, headache and

sinusitis) were mild or moderate and were judged not to be associated with  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3. One adverse event was judged to be possibly associated with  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3. The subject reported a mild headache that started after discharge from the site, 6 hours after the injection, and continued until the next morning (duration: 14 hours). The subject's 24-hour laboratory results were within reference ranges, and the physical examination results, vital signs and electrocardiogram showed no changes compared to previous findings. No medication was needed to treat this adverse event. Because of the temporal association with  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 injection, a causal relationship could not be excluded.

### **Biodistribution**

Figure 2 presents PET images of a representative subject captured following the administration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3. The mean decreasing decay-corrected concentration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 in whole blood as a function of time is presented in Figure 3. The curve presents data from all subjects and we observed no significant differences between the concentration curves derived from male and female subjects.

The subjects exhibited high initial (1 min post-injection)  $^{18}\text{F}$  uptake in the liver (mean proportion of injected radioactivity, 15.8%; range, 13.9-17.0%), heart content (mean proportion of injected activity, 7.4%; range, 6.5-9.2%) and cortical bone (mean proportion of injected activity, 3.5%; range, 3.0-4.4%). Skeletal muscle also showed relatively high initial uptake as a consequence of its large share of total body volume (mean proportion of injected activity, 24.3%; range, 19.2-29.3%). The brain and pancreas showed little initial uptake (mean

proportion of injected radioactivity, 0.8%; range, 0.6-1.1% and 0.6%; range, 0.4-0.9%, respectively).

Over the whole scan period, the organs with the highest relative uptake were skeletal muscle, the liver and the kidneys (Figure 4). The low initial  $^{18}\text{F}$  activity in the brain and pancreas decreased throughout the scanning period. The testes and gallbladder showed almost no uptake throughout the scans. The thymus and thyroid each only accounted for 0.1% of the injected radioactivity during the first few minutes and activity subsequently fell to zero. The lacrimal glands showed no uptake until 76 min post-injection whereupon 0.1% of the injected activity could be detected. Several organs (the adrenals, brain, breasts, upper and lower large intestine, pancreas, parotid gland, stomach, sublingual gland, submandibular gland, trabecular bone and uterus) showed a mean uptake of <1% of injected radioactivity for the entire scan period. The relative uptake in the lungs, red marrow, small intestine, spleen and heart wall was <3% throughout the scan period with all but the spleen and red marrow showing decreasing activities over the scanning period.

At the end of the first scanning session (mean time, 111 min post-injection) the mean results from the 6 participants indicated that 7.2% (range, 4.4-9.0%) of the injected radioactivity of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 was excreted into urine. The mean values for measured activities in urine samples and the relative proportion of injected activity in the urine are shown in Supplemental Table 2. The data reveal the mean cumulative proportion of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA in urine was 7.2%, 11.4% and 14.8% after scanning sessions 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

## Radiation Dosimetry

Biodistribution data from the six participants were used to calculate organ-specific and effective doses using the adult male phantom. The calculated effective dose was 0.0138 mSv/MBq when a 1-hour voiding interval was used and 0.0141 mSv/MBq with a 3.5-hour voiding interval (Table 1). All organs were found to have the same absorbed doses when modelled with a 1-hour or with a 3.5-hour voiding interval other than the urinary bladder wall, which had a mean  $\pm$  SD absorbed dose of  $0.006 \pm 0.001$  mGy/MBq with a 1-hour interval and  $0.012 \pm 0.003$  mGy/MBq with a 3.5-hour voiding interval. The organs with the highest mean absorbed doses per unit of administered radioactivity were the adrenals (0.184 mGy/MBq), the kidneys (0.172 mGy /MBq) and the submandibular glands (0.148 mGy /MBq) (Table 1. Individual patient data are available in Suppl Table 3).

## DISCUSSION

$^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 is a promising novel PET radiopharmaceutical for the imaging of PSMA, which is upregulated in prostate cancer cells. Here, we evaluated the clinical safety, biodistribution and internal radiation dosimetry of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 in six healthy adult volunteers.  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 was found to be well tolerated with all subjects showing normal laboratory parameters throughout. Five treatment-emergent adverse events occurred in two subjects. Only one of these events (headache) was considered possibly related to  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 administration.

The mean effective dose of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3, 0.0141 mSv/MBq, appears favorable and lower than the reported effective doses of other established PSMA ligands such as  $^{18}\text{F}$ -DCFPyL (0.0165 mSv/MBq)(29),  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -PSMA-11 (0.0158 mSv/MBq)(30) and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -PSMA-1007 (0.0220 mSv/MBq)(9). An injection of 300 MBq  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 would result in an effective dose of approximately 4.2 mSv. This is relatively low compared with common imaging procedures and therefore potentially allows the use of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 for repeated PET scans, for example, in therapeutic follow-up of patients with prostate cancer (31).

The present study represents a genuine Phase 1 safety and dosimetry study. It has always been common to perform (ethics-approved) radiation dosimetry studies of novel PET imaging agents in healthy volunteers before initiation of clinical trials in patients. Since the introduction of PSMA ligands, however, clinical use of these tracers has preceded the dosimetric and safety analyses. It is worth noting that only one other study with a PSMA PET tracer was conducted in healthy volunteers (9), whereas other evaluations were conducted in patients (29,30). Given the uptake of PSMA ligands in tumors, we believe that patient studies do not provide the best representation of a “normal” biodistribution. The value of determining the normal biodistribution of new radiopharmaceuticals should not be underestimated.

Furthermore, this study followed the classic design, establishing safety and dosimetry in both male and female volunteers. All other PSMA dosimetry studies have been conducted only in men. Given the fact that PSMA ligands can be used to image diseases other than prostate cancer (32-34), its safety and biodistribution in women has to be established for regulatory purposes if one might conduct studies or seek market authorization for other indications. The

data obtained in men and women can then safely be used in the “adult male model” described by Cristy and Eckerman, since it is hermaphroditic and could also represent a larger than average, i.e. >58 kg, adult female (28).

The extent of excretion of PSMA ligands in urine is a highly relevant product characteristic, given its potential interference with the interpretability of prostate bed scans. Our data suggest  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 is also cleared via the urinary system; excretion of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 into the bladder was notable from the second scan (7 min post-injection) and this further increased throughout the scanning period. Activity in the urinary bladder was visibly still present during the second and third scanning sessions despite the subjects voiding during the inter-session breaks and the decreasing excretion via the urine over time. Considerable inter-subject variation was observed in urinary excretion. The average excretion of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 in the urine was measured to be 7.2% (range, 4.4-9.0%). That is less than the average urinary excretion of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -DCFPyL (11%) (29) and  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -PSMA-11 (11%) (30) in the first two hours, but more than the average urinary excretion of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -PSMA-1007 in the first two hours (1.2 %) (9), since this compound is mainly excreted via bile.

To fully determine the potential of a new PET tracer, assessing the extent of physiological uptake in normal organs is essential in order to establish its usefulness for detecting disease in these organs. In general, the biodistribution of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 was found to be similar to that of other PSMA-based tracers, typically showing high uptake in salivary glands and the kidneys, and in line with the known expression of PSMA in these healthy tissues (1,35). Whilst possible binding to PSMA present in the kidneys may not negatively affect



prostate imaging, it may interfere with the detection of primary tumors of the kidney. Studies have shown that PSMA ligands can detect metastases of renal cell carcinoma (32,33), but that the primary tumors could not be visualized with the PSMA tracer (33). Furthermore, high uptake in and hence high absorbed doses to the kidneys may have a negative impact on therapeutic use of PSMA ligands labeled with beta or alpha emitters. The same holds true for the high uptake of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 in the salivary glands. Although this uptake does not interfere with the interpretability of the PET scan, absorbed doses from beta or alpha emitters bound to PSMA ligands can cause serious harm (36,37).

The tissue with the highest mean absorbed doses per unit of administered radioactivity was the adrenals. This seems higher than the doses reported by other studies, but the other studies did not draw VOIs around the adrenals (9, 30). That implies that the other studies only assumed radiation to the target, the adrenal glands, from other adjacent source organs (e.g. the kidneys), and not from the adrenals themselves. When assuming that the adrenals are also a source organ for their own absorbed dose, the absorbed dose evidently rises. Furthermore, inter-individual variation in the absorbed doses was largest in the adrenals along with other small organs such as the sublingual, lacrimal and submandibular glands. These were the smallest organs which were analyzed, and standardized organ weights were attributed to these glands. Inter-individual variation of the actual organ weight may have contributed to this variation in calculated doses. Furthermore, it is possible that small mismatches in aligning the discrete VOIs and the actual boundaries of the organs, as well as possible partial volume effects may have increased this variation.

Potential limitations of the present work include the use of standardized organ weights as discussed above and also the small number of study subjects, although this is standard for studies of this nature.

In summary, the present data acquired in healthy subjects indicate that  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 is a well-tolerated PET radiopharmaceutical with a favorable radiation dosimetry profile and an effective dose that is suitable for clinical imaging.

## KEY POINTS

**QUESTION:** Are the biodistribution, internal radiation dosimetry and safety profile of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 suitable for PET imaging?

**PERTINENT FINDINGS:** A PET/CT-based biodistribution and dosimetry study on 6 healthy volunteers imaged at multiple time points over a 4-hour period was performed.

The mean administered activity was 220 MBq (range, 210-228 MBq). There were no adverse or clinically detectable pharmacologic effects in any of the 6 subjects. No significant changes in vital signs or the results of laboratory studies or electrocardiograms were observed. The mean effective dose (0.0141 mSv/MBq) is favorable and lower than that of many established PSMA ligands.

**IMPLICATIONS FOR PATIENT CARE:** The biodistribution and radiation dosimetry of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 are favorable for PET imaging;  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 shows potential for safe use, even for repeated scans as might occur in therapeutic follow-up of prostate cancer.

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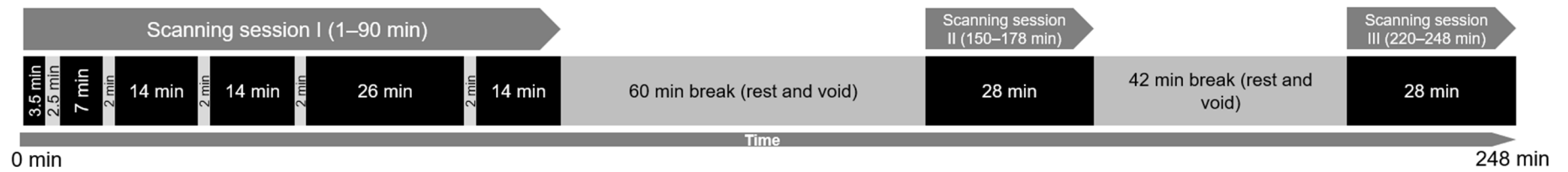
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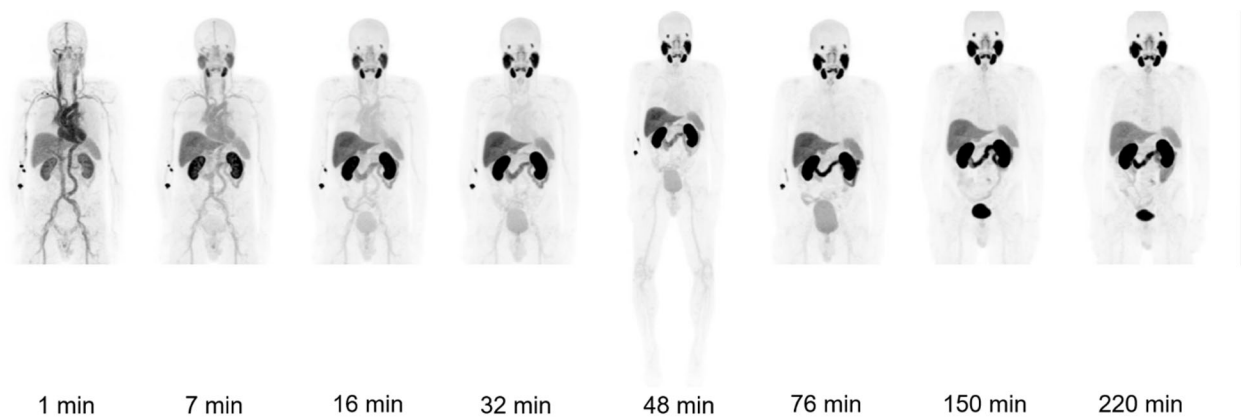
## Figure Legends

**Figure 1.**  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 PET schedule.



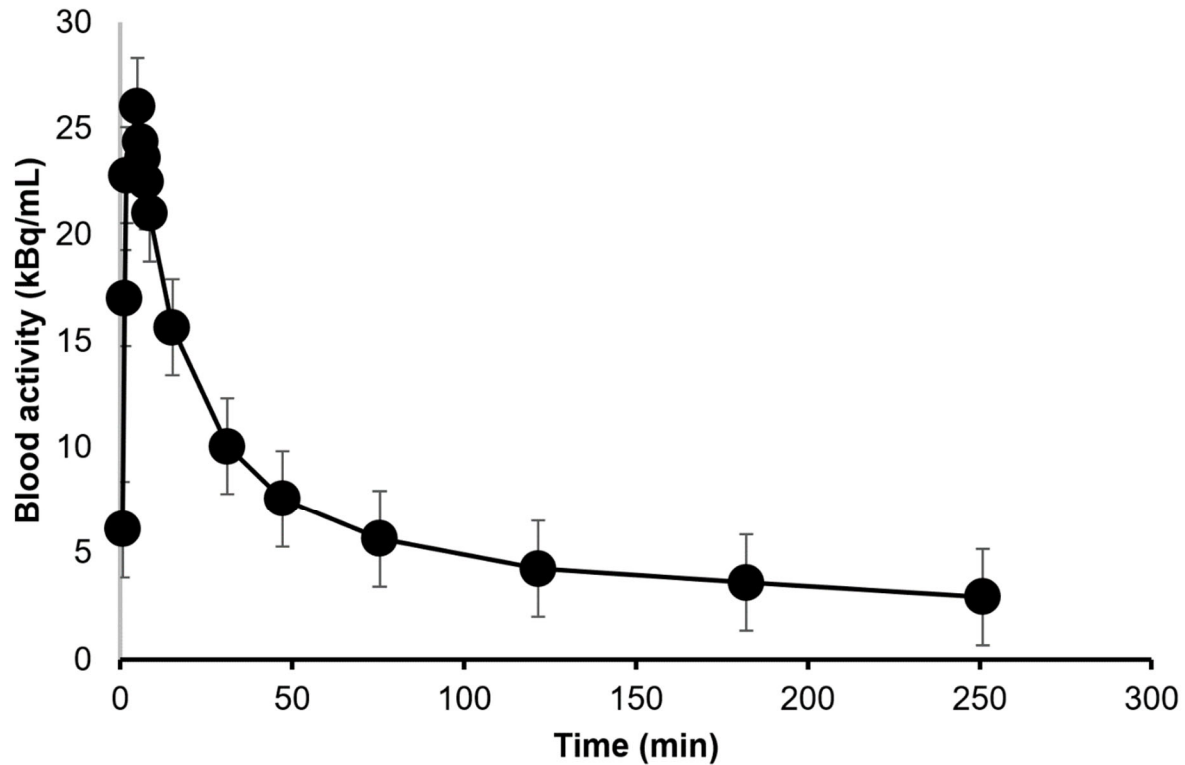
Scans and their total duration are represented by black boxes and breaks are represented as light grey boxes. All scans were conducted from vertex to mid-thigh apart from Scan 5 (26 min) which was conducted from vertex to feet.

**Figure 2.** PET images of a representative healthy volunteer following the administration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3.



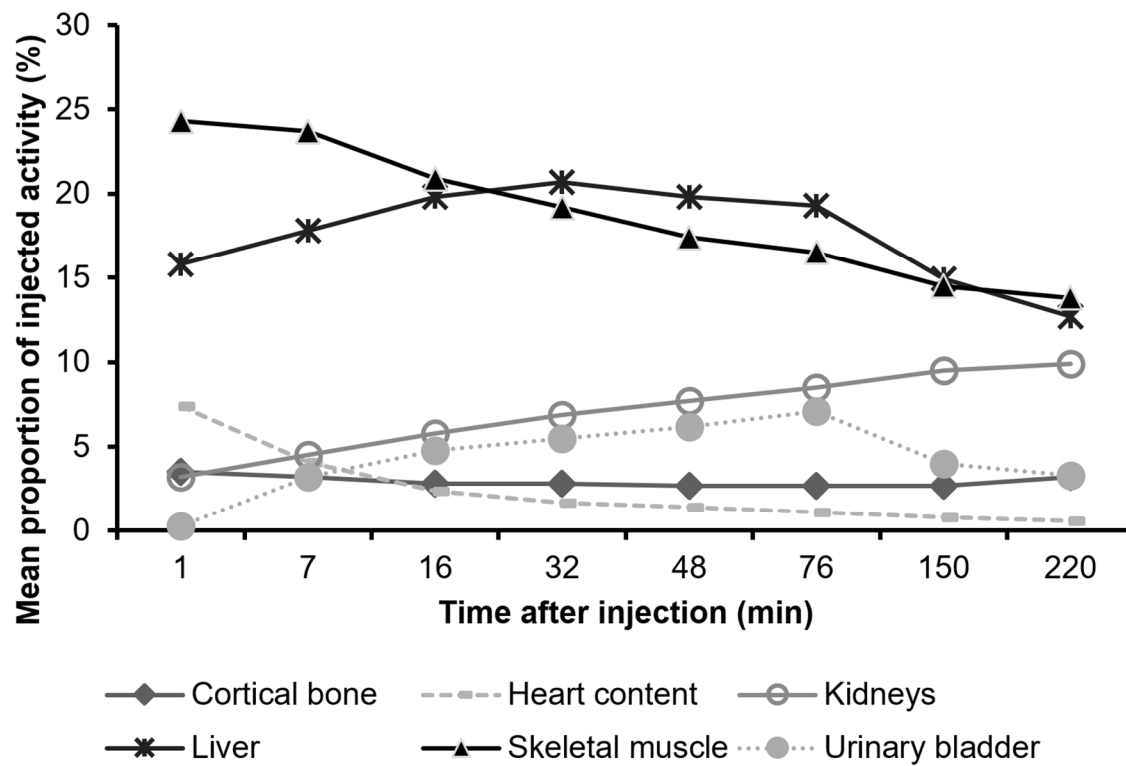
\*Note: The first scan session was from 1-90 minutes post-injection, the second from 150-178 and the third from 220-248 minutes post-injection. The subject was able/permitted to leave the PET scanner and void urine between sessions.

**Figure 3.** The radioactivity concentration of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -rhPSMA-7.3 in whole blood as a function of time.



X-axis values represent the mean time of sample collection, and Y-axis values the mean activity, from all subjects.

Figure 4. Organ-specific relative uptake (top six organs).



**Table 1.** Mean organ-specific absorbed doses and effective dose calculated using the Cristy and Eckerman adult male phantom and a 3.5-hour voiding interval.

Organ	Mean absorbed dose* mGy/MBq	Standard deviation
Adrenals	0.184	0.053
Kidneys	0.172	0.030
Submandibular glands	0.148	0.043
Parotid glands	0.114	0.025
Spleen	0.083	0.024
Lacrimal glands	0.080	0.038
Sublingual glands	0.065	0.036
Liver	0.062	0.006
Pancreas	0.028	0.005
Heart wall	0.020	0.003
Gallbladder wall	0.017	0.001
Urinary bladder wall	0.012	0.003
Stomach wall	0.012	0.001
Small intestine	0.012	0.003
Osteogenic cells	0.012	0.002
Uterus	0.011	0.008
Thymus	0.010	0.001
Upper large intestine wall	0.010	0.001
Lungs	0.010	0.001
Red marrow	0.010	0.002
Thyroid	0.010	0.002
Lower large intestine wall	0.007	0.002
Muscle	0.006	0.001
Testes	0.005	0.003
Ovaries	0.005	0.001
Breasts	0.004	0.002
Skin	0.002	0.000
Brain	0.002	0.000
<b>Mean effective dose</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>mSv/MBq*</b>		

\*Mean dose from all 6 subjects.

**Supplemental Table 1.** <sup>18</sup>F-rhPSMA-7.3 PET schedule.

Session	Scan	Axial extent	Duration per Axial FOV (min)	Total duration (min)	Start time (min)	End time (min)	
I	1	Vertex to mid-thigh (7 bed positions)	0.5	3.5	1	4.5	
	2.5 min break						
	2	Vertex to mid-thigh (7 bed positions)	1.0	7	7	14	
	2 min break						
	3	Vertex to mid-thigh (7 bed positions)	2.0	14	16	30	
	2 min break						
	4	Vertex to mid-thigh (7 bed positions)	2.0	14	32	46	
	2 min break						
	5	Vertex to feet (13 bed positions)	2.0	26	48	74	
	2 min break						
	6	Vertex to mid-thigh (7 bed positions)	2.0	14	76	90	
60 min break (rest and void)							
II	7	Vertex to mid-thigh (7 bed positions)	4.0	28	150	178	
42 min break (rest and void)							
III	8	Vertex to mid-thigh (7 bed positions)	4.0	28	220	248	

**Supplemental Table 2.** Radioactivity of <sup>18</sup>F-rhPSMA-7.3 in urine samples.

Subject	Injected dose, MBq	Urine sample collection period	Total volume of urine, mL	Measured activity in 2.5 mL sample, MBq	Time between injection and voiding, min	Activity in voided urine, MBq	Proportion of <sup>18</sup> F-rhPSMA in urine, %	Cumulative activity in urine, MBq	Cumulative proportion of <sup>18</sup> F-rhPSMA in urine, %
<b>1</b>	222	Post-scanning session 1	436	0.040	126	15.8	7.1	15.8	7.1
		Post-scanning session 2	247	0.031	195	10.8	4.8	26.6	12.0
		Post-scanning session 3	112	0.029	259	7.0	3.2	33.6	15.1
<b>2</b>	228	Post-scanning session 1	327	0.069	116	19.3	8.4	19.3	8.4
		Post-scanning session 2	95	0.066	198	8.9	3.9	28.2	12.4
		Post-scanning session 3	81	0.053	271	9.9	4.3	38.0	16.7
<b>3</b>	225	Post-scanning session 1	566	0.043	112	20.2	9.0	20.2	9.0
		Post-scanning session 2	90	0.091	190	11.1	4.9	31.3	13.9
		Post-scanning session 3	78	0.056	257	9.2	4.1	40.5	18.0
<b>4</b>	212	Post-scanning session 1	895	0.025	105	17.8	8.4	17.8	8.4
		Post-scanning session 2	127	0.049	198	9.0	4.3	26.8	12.7
		Post-scanning session 3	82	0.041	262	7.3	3.4	34.1	16.1
<b>5</b>	223	Post-scanning session 1	485	0.032	106	12.5	5.6	12.5	5.6
		Post-scanning session 2	148	0.043	192	8.9	4.0	21.4	9.6
		Post-scanning session 3	65	0.047	265	6.9	3.1	28.3	12.7
<b>6</b>	210	Post-scanning session 1	692	0.017	103	9.2	4.4	9.2	4.4
		Post-scanning session 2	176	0.028	190	6.7	3.2	16.0	7.6
		Post-scanning session 3	178	0.015	261	5.7	2.7	21.6	10.3
<b>Mean values for all subjects</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>Post-scanning session 1</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>0.038</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>
		<b>Post-scanning session 2</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>0.051</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>
		<b>Post-scanning session 3</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0.040</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>14.8</b>



**Suppl Table 3.** Organ-specific absorbed doses calculated using the Cristy and Eckerman adult male phantom and 3.5-hour voiding interval.

Organ	Absorbed dose mGy/MBq						Mean	Standard deviation
	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Subject 6		
<b>Adrenals</b>	0.141	0.180	0.109	0.255	0.196	0.220	0.184	0.053
<b>Kidneys</b>	0.162	0.162	0.126	0.215	0.188	0.180	0.172	0.030
<b>Submandibular glands</b>	0.203	0.118	0.083	0.150	0.155	0.179	0.148	0.043
<b>Parotid glands</b>	0.142	0.124	0.073	0.107	0.102	0.134	0.114	0.025
<b>Spleen</b>	0.121	0.077	0.098	0.068	0.079	0.053	0.083	0.024
<b>Lacrimal glands</b>	0.140	0.140	0.041	0.103	0.077	0.044	0.080	0.038
<b>Sublingual glands</b>	0.050	0.035	0.034	0.067	0.132	0.071	0.065	0.036
<b>Liver</b>	0.066	0.065	0.055	0.061	0.054	0.068	0.062	0.006
<b>Pancreas</b>	0.036	0.032	0.026	0.029	0.022	0.025	0.028	0.005
<b>Heart wall</b>	0.025	0.024	0.016	0.019	0.018	0.019	0.020	0.003
<b>Gallbladder wall</b>	0.018	0.019	0.016	0.018	0.015	0.018	0.017	0.001
<b>Urinary bladder wall</b>	0.009	0.012	0.014	0.016	0.013	0.006	0.012	0.003
<b>Stomach wall</b>	0.014	0.012	0.012	0.013	0.013	0.011	0.012	0.001
<b>Small intestine</b>	0.013	0.013	0.012	0.012	0.009	0.016	0.012	0.003
<b>Osteogenic cells</b>	0.014	0.013	0.010	0.011	0.012	0.010	0.012	0.002
<b>Uterus</b>	0.022	0.016	0.013	0.005	0.004	0.004	0.011	0.008
<b>Thymus</b>	0.011	0.012	0.010	0.010	0.009	0.008	0.010	0.001
<b>Upper large intestine wall</b>	0.011	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.008	0.011	0.010	0.001
<b>Lungs</b>	0.012	0.011	0.008	0.009	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.001
<b>Red marrow</b>	0.013	0.010	0.008	0.011	0.008	0.009	0.010	0.002
<b>Thyroid</b>	0.014	0.007	0.008	0.007	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.002
<b>Lower large intestine wall</b>	0.007	0.011	0.007	0.006	0.006	0.007	0.007	0.002
<b>Muscle</b>	0.006	0.008	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.001
<b>Testes</b>	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.009	0.006	0.008	0.005	0.003
<b>Ovaries</b>	0.005	0.006	0.005	0.005	0.004	0.005	0.005	0.001
<b>Breasts</b>	0.005	0.005	0.006	0.003	0.002	0.003	0.004	0.002
<b>Skin</b>	0.002	0.003	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.000
<b>Brain</b>	0.002	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.000



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