Preclinical evaluation of ²¹²Pb-based radiopharmaceutical therapy of prostate cancer

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Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA)



- Type II transmembrane protein
- Associated with aggressive prostate cancer (85-95% late stage patients)
- Present in solid tumor neovasculatures
- Marker of androgen signaling



High-affinity radiometal-based agents



Banerjee *et al.*

J Med Chem 2008, J Med Chem 2010, Angew Chem Int Ed 2011, Oncotarget 2011, J Med Chem 2013, J Med Chem 2014, J Nucl Med 2015, Angew Chem Int Ed. 2015, Bioconjug Chem 2016, Biomacromolecules 2017, Chemistry 2018, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging 2019, J Nucl Med 2020

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PSMA-based radiotherapeutics: Radiometals



To reduce toxicity in normal tissues

Selection of radiometal to match the disease stage

 \Box Risk/benefit of β - vs. α -particle radiometals

40–60% patient respond to ¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617



The decay chain of ²¹²Pb

- In vivo α-particle nanogenerator of ²¹²Bi
- Potential imaging (γ-ray) capabilities
- Half-life 10.6 hours





⁸⁶Y/⁶⁸Ga-labeled PET radiotracers



J Nucl Med 2015;56:628-34; Angew Chem Int Ed. 2015;54:10778-82

Advanced Accelerator Applications (AAA-Novartis)



Structure-activity relationship study: ¹⁷⁷Lu-labeled compounds



Preclinical evaluation by ²⁰³Pb-labeled analogs



Time-dependent tissue uptake (203Pb-labeled analogs)



Radiopharmaceutical therapy: ²¹²Pb-L2



Long-term radiotoxicity data

Dose-limiting organ: kidney Maximum tolerated activity: ~ 40 µCi (1.5 MBq) No hematologic toxicity









²²⁵Ac-L1 treatment efficacy (flank tumor model)



²²⁵Ac-L1 vs.¹⁷⁷Lu-L1



Alpha-camera imaging



²²⁵Ac-L1: Fast renal cortical clearance



Summary

Significant therapeutic efficacy in PSMA+ PC3 PIP flank tumor model

Efficacy of α -particle emitting agents (²¹²Pb/²²⁵Ac) in micrometastatic model

Optimized radiotheranostic agent, ⁶⁸Ga-/¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-R2 (NCT03490838)

Towards translation of ²¹²Pb as a clinical therapeutic; getting the lead in! (Brechbiel et al. 2011, Dalton Trans)

Development and dosimetry of ²⁰³Pb^{/212}Pb-labelled PSMA ligands: bringing "the lead" into PSMA-targeted alpha therapy? (Santos et al. 2019, Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging)



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