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Current status of 18 F-DOPA PET imaging in the detection of brain tumor recurrence

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Considering the intrinsic limits of fluorine-18-fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose positron emission tomography/computed tomography (18F-FDG PET/CT) for diagnosing brain tumors and tumor recurrence, several radiopharmaceuticals have been developed to detect brain tumor recurrence after treatment. Among others, a promising tracer is fluorine-18-desoxyphenylalanine (DOPA), due to its very low rate of physiological distribution in normal brain structures of white and grey matter. The aim of our study was to assess the feasibility of PET/CT with 18 F-DOPA in the detection of brain tumor recurrence aftertreatment, in comparison with MRI performance and other PET radiopharmaceuticals, currently employed in this field. The 18F-DOPA PET/CT seems to be useful in the diagnosis of patients with suspected brain tumor recurrence, because of low signal ratio in normal brain white and grey matter, in particular as compared to 18 F-FDG PET/CT low performance. Related data are presented for other fluorinated amino acid tracers. Magnetic resonance imaging is the gold standard of diagnosis and 18F-DOPA PET/CT is adjuvant to diagnosis. Further studies are needed to enrich our knowledge about this promising tracer, 18 F- DOPA, especially on its possible role on semi-quantitative measurements in brain tumors.

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