

⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET: towards a non-invasive clinical tool to measure target engagement of therapeutic antibodies in-vivo

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1 **ABSTRACT**

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3 **Rationale**

4 Zirconium-89-immuno-positron emission tomography (^{89}Zr -immuno-PET) is a promising non-invasive clinical tool to
5 measure target engagement of monoclonal antibodies (mAbs); in normal tissues to predict toxicity and in tumors to
6 predict efficacy. Quantification of ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET will need to move beyond standardized uptake values (SUV),
7 since total uptake may contain a significant non-target-specific contribution. Non-specific uptake is reversible (e.g.
8 blood volume) or irreversible (due to ^{89}Zr -residualization after mAb degradation). The aim of this study was to
9 assess non-specific uptake in normal tissues as a first critical step towards quantification of target engagement in
10 normal tissues and tumors using ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET.

11 **Methods**

12 Data from clinical studies with 4 ^{89}Zr -labeled intact IgG1 antibodies were collected, resulting in a total of 128 PET
13 scans (1 to 7 days p.i. from 36 patients: ^{89}Zr -antiCD20 (n=9), ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR (n=7), ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA (n=10) and ^{89}Zr -
14 HER2 (n=10). Non-specific uptake was defined as uptake measured in tissues without known target expression.
15 Patlak graphical evaluation of transfer constants was used to estimate the reversible (V_t) and irreversible (K_i)
16 contributions to the total measured uptake for the kidney, liver, lung and spleen. Baseline values were calculated
17 per tissue combining all mAbs without target expression (kidney: ^{89}Zr -antiCD20, ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR, ^{89}Zr -antiHER2; liver:
18 ^{89}Zr -antiCD20; lung: ^{89}Zr -antiCD20, ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR, ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA; spleen: ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR, ^{89}Zr -antiHER2).

19 **Results**

20 Baseline V_t for the kidney, liver, lung and spleen was 0.20, 0.24, 0.09 and 0.24 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$, respectively. Baseline K_i was
21 0.7, 1.1, 0.2 and 0.5 $\mu\text{L}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$ for the kidney, liver, lung and spleen. For ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA, a four-fold higher K_i was
22 observed for the kidney, indicating target engagement. In this case, non-specific uptake accounted for 66, 34 and
23 22% of the total signal in the kidney at 1, 3, 7 days p.i. respectively.

24 **Conclusion**

25 This study shows that non-specific uptake of mAbs for tissues without target expression can be quantified using
26 ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET at multiple time points. These results form a crucial base for measurement of target-engagement
27 by therapeutic antibodies *in-vivo* with ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET. For future studies, a pilot phase including at least 3 scans \geq

28 1 day p.i., is required to assess non-specific uptake as a function of time, to optimize study design for detection of
29 target engagement.

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31 **Keywords:**

32 Immuno-PET, Monoclonal antibodies, Zirconium-89, Molecular imaging, positron-emission tomography

33 INTRODUCTION

34 In-vivo assessment of target engagement is of interest to understand efficacy (tumor selectivity) and toxicity (due
35 to target expression in normal tissues) of treatment with monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) or mAb conjugates.
36 Currently, only plasma concentrations of mAbs can be easily measured in-vivo by obtaining blood samples. Direct
37 measurement in tissues is difficult, as this requires invasive tissue sampling, limiting clinical application.

38 ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET is a non-invasive, whole body technique with the potential to measure target
39 engagement of therapeutic antibodies (or mAb conjugates) *in-vivo* (1). Future applications of this clinical tool are
40 selection of mAbs during drug development and selection of patients who are likely to benefit from treatment (2).

41 Currently, it is common practice to report a single uptake value, expressed as standardized uptake value
42 (SUV) or percentage injected activity per mL (%IA/mL) for ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET. However, the measured uptake in
43 tissue is the sum of specific uptake (target engagement by the therapeutic antibody) and non-specific uptake (i.e.
44 activity in the blood vessels or in the interstitial space that does not interact with the target and therefore has no
45 pharmacologic effects). The ratio between specific uptake and non-specific uptake is expected to be time
46 dependent. Measured uptake at early time points mainly consists of the blood volume fraction, while specific
47 uptake increases over time. If specific uptake dominates, a single uptake value is an appropriate estimate to assess
48 target engagement (3). This measurement is then expected to correlate with target expression in biopsies
49 (determined by immunohistochemistry) and treatment outcome. However, also biopsy sampling has several
50 limitations, e.g. sampling error and heterogeneity in target expression. Although biopsies may not provide a true
51 gold standard for target engagement, it is the commonly available comparator. So far, clinical ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET
52 studies have reported equivocal results; sometimes suggesting a correlation and sometimes not (4-7). These results
53 indicate that a single uptake value could be insufficient due to the contribution of non-specific uptake. Therefore,
54 knowledge of non-specific uptake is required to optimize study design.

55 The aim of this study was to assess non-specific uptake for tissues without target expression, as a first step
56 towards quantification of target engagement using ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET.

57 Non-specific uptake is due to the blood volume fraction of the tissue, as well as antibody distribution
58 (entering the tissue interstitium through paracellular pores, and through endothelial cells mediated by the neonatal
59 Fc-receptor, leaving the tissue by convective transport through lymph flow) (Fig.1A)(8). At equilibrium, this

60 physiological component is linear with the plasma concentration (9) and is characterized as reversible uptake. In
61 addition, non-specific catabolism of antibodies occurs by pinocytosis (e.g. in endothelial cells) and subsequent
62 lysosomal proteolytic degradation (10,11). After the antibody is degraded, ^{89}Zr residualizes, leading to another
63 component of non-specific uptake (Fig.1B)(11,12,13). This component is proportional to the area under the plasma
64 time activity curve from the time of injection up to the scan time point, and is characterized as irreversible uptake.
65 For tissues without target expression, this uptake is solely due to residualization of ^{89}Zr after non-target-mediated
66 degradation of the mAb.

67 These two components of non-specific uptake can be quantified using graphical evaluation of transfer
68 constants, commonly known as the 'Patlak linearization' approach as used for ^{18}F -FDG-PET (14). For tissues without
69 target expression, we expect transfer constants in agreement with known literature for non-binding mAbs. For
70 tissues with target expression, transfer constants would potentially differ due to target engagement (Fig.1C)(15).

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72 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

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74 **Data Collection**

75 ^{89}Zr -immuno PET scans and blood sample data were obtained for ^{89}Zr -obinutuzumab (16), ^{89}Zr -cetuximab (17), ^{89}Zr -
76 huJ591 (18) and ^{89}Zr -trastuzumab (19)(Table 1). In the remainder of this report, the ^{89}Zr -labeled-mAbs used in these
77 studies will be denoted as ^{89}Zr -antiCD20, ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR, ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA and ^{89}Zr -antiHER2, respectively. Data were
78 selected based on the availability of scans at multiple time points (at least 3) for each patient, including plasma or
79 serum activity concentrations from venous blood sampled at each scan time point.

80 Data was collected from 1) Amsterdam UMC, the Netherlands, 2) CHU Lille, France and 3) Memorial Sloan
81 Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), USA. All studies were approved by an institutional review board and ethics
82 committee. At CHU Lille and MSKCC, PET scans were acquired on a GE Discovery PET/CT scanner (GE Healthcare,
83 Waukesha, WI, USA). At Amsterdam UMC, PET scans were acquired on a Philips Gemini TF-64 or Ingenuity TF-128
84 PET/CT scanner (Philips Healthcare, Best, the Netherlands). For all procedures, a low dose computed tomography
85 scan was used for attenuation and scatter correction. Volumes of interest (VOI) of the kidney, liver, lung and spleen

86 were manually delineated on each scan and characterized by the mean radioactivity concentration in $\text{Bq}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$. All
87 radioactivity concentrations were decay corrected to the time of injection.

88 For each antibody, the Human Protein Atlas (20) was used as reference for lack of target antigen expression in
89 tissues of interest.

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91 **Patlak Linearization**

92 Patlak linearization applied to multiple-time tissue activity concentration measurements allows an estimate of the
93 reversible and the irreversible contributions to the measured activity. The method was initially applied to blood-to-
94 brain transfer and considered the fate of a test solute to obtain transfer constants (14,21). For ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET,
95 we utilized this method to determine reversible and irreversible non-specific uptake of therapeutic antibodies. This
96 analysis was performed per patient, for each tissue (liver, spleen, lung, kidney).

97 Input data consisted of the activity concentration in plasma (AC_p in $\text{Bq}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$) and in tissue (AC_t in $\text{Bq}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$) as a
98 function of time post injection. The data were plotted as

$$99 \quad \frac{AC_t}{AC_p} = K_i \frac{\int_0^t AC_p(\tau) d\tau}{AC_p} + V_T,$$

100 with AC_t/AC_p along the y-axis and $\int AC_p(\tau) d\tau / AC_p$ along the x-axis (commonly known as a 'Patlak plot').

101 The $\int AC_p(\tau) d\tau$ term represents the area under the plasma curve from the time of injection up to the time of the
102 measurement, and will be referred to as AUC_p^{0-t} . The offset of the Patlak plot represents the distribution volume V_T
103 (in $\text{mL}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$) and the slope of the Patlak plot, K_i (in $\text{mL}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$), the net rate of irreversible uptake.

104 Late time points (defined as ≥ 1 day p.i.) were included in the linear fit, as equilibrium state was assumed for these
105 time points (1). Early time points (scans at 1h p.i.) were therefore not included.

106 The quality of the linear fit was assessed if at least 3 late time points were available. An r-value > 0.9 was considered
107 acceptable. Linear fits with an r-value < 0.9 were excluded from the analysis.

108 The reversible and irreversible contributions to the uptake of ^{89}Zr -mAb (AC^f) at each time point were calculated as

$$109 \quad AC_t^r = V_T \cdot AC_p, \text{ and } AC_t^i = K_i \cdot AUC_p^{0-t},$$

110 with superscript r for the reversible and i for the irreversible component. In addition, the percentage difference
111 between fitted ($AC^f = AC^r + AC^i$) and measured tissue activity concentrations per time point was calculated as $(AC^f -$
112 $AC^t)/AC^t \times 100$ (%).

113 **Predicted Values for Transfer Constants**

114 The transfer constants obtained were interpreted in terms of physiological components of antibody biodistribution.
115 A literature search was performed to obtain predicted values for these physiological components for a non-binding
116 intact IgG1 mAb.

117 To predict the value for the reversible component for a non-binding mAb, we used the proportionality
118 constant between the tissue and plasma concentration, referred to as the antibody biodistribution coefficient
119 (ABC). ABC for various tissues were obtained by a physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model of mAbs and
120 validated with experimental data (9). The reported ABC for brain was 0.004 (9), indicating that the plasma volume
121 fraction of 0.02 (22) was not included. Therefore, we defined the predicted value for V_T as the ABC plus the plasma
122 volume fraction (within a 2-fold error margin, as reported for all ABC). The volume fraction was calculated as the
123 plasma volume of the tissue (in mL) divided by the total volume of the tissue (in mL). Plasma and total tissue
124 volumes were obtained from previously published physiological model parameters for human (22). For example,
125 for the kidney, the reported ABC was 0.137 and the plasma volume fraction 0.055 (22), leading to a predicted V_T of
126 0.19. The predicted values for V_T for liver and spleen were 0.21 and 0.25 (9,22). The ABC for lung requires special
127 consideration, since lung has a density of $\sim 0.3\text{g/mL}$. Volumes of distribution are in $\text{mL}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$, and therefore the ABC
128 for lung was divided by three in order to compare with V_T values derived from ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET. For lung, the
129 predicted value for V_T was 0.10 (9,22).

130 For tissues without target expression, the entire irreversible component is due to non-target mediated
131 mAb degradation (and subsequent residualizing of ^{89}Zr). Endosomal mAb degradation is a non-specific catabolic
132 mechanism for all intact IgG molecules. Per day, 6.3% of the intravascular IgG pool is catabolized (23). Therefore,
133 the whole body catabolic rate was estimated at $7.8\text{ mL}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$, using a reference total plasma volume (22). The
134 contribution of individual tissues (experimentally determined in mice) was 6%, 30%, 1.3% and 2.8% for kidney,

135 liver, lung and spleen, respectively (11). These values were used to predict the irreversible component for tissues
136 without target expression.

137 To compare the ^{89}Zr -immuno-PET derived value for the net rate of irreversible uptake in $\mu\text{L}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$ to the
138 catabolic rate in $\text{mL}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$, K_i was multiplied by tissue volume (22).

139 Predicted values for V_T and K_i , including literature values used, are presented in Supplemental Table 1.

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141 **Statistical Analysis**

142 Values for V_T and K_i are presented per tissue, and per ^{89}Zr -mAb. Median values and interquartile ranges were
143 reported due to the small sample size per group.

144 In addition, a baseline value was obtained by combining the n values for tissues without target expression. For
145 example, no target expression in the kidney was reported for CD20, EGFR and HER2 (Table 1) (20). Therefore, ^{89}Zr -
146 antiCD20, ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR and ^{89}Zr -antiHER data were combined to determine the baseline value for V_T and K_i for
147 kidney tissue without target expression. Baseline values for liver consisted of ^{89}Zr -antiCD20. For lung, data on ^{89}Zr -
148 antiCD20, ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR and ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA were combined to obtain the baseline value. For spleen, the baseline
149 value consisted of ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR and ^{89}Zr -antiHER2.

150 The Wilcoxon signed rank test was used to determine whether the n values for V_T for tissues without
151 target expression (baseline values) differed from the predicted value. A p-value <0.05 was considered statistically
152 significant. Statistical tests were performed in GraphPad Prism, version 6.02.

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154 **RESULTS**

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156 **Patlak Linearization**

157 Per patient, Patlak linearization was conducted for each tissue (kidney, liver, lung, spleen) (Fig.2). An r -value of >0.9
158 was obtained for 71/80 linear fits for ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA and ^{89}Zr -antiHER2 (3 late time points available). Therefore, we
159 assumed that data for ^{89}Zr -antiCD20 and ^{89}Zr -EGFR were consistent with the assumptions under the Patlak method.
160 For these datasets, the r -value for the linear fit could not be obtained (only 2 late time points available). For ^{89}Zr -
161 antiHER2 an r -value <0.9 was obtained for 1/10 fits for kidney uptake, 2/10 for liver, 4/10 for lung and 2/10 for

162 spleen. The mean percentage difference between fitted and measured tissue activity concentrations per time point
163 for all fits through 3 time points with $r > 0.9$ was $\pm 4\%$, except for ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA in the kidney (Supplemental Table
164 2).

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166 **Volume of Distribution (V_T)**

167 Values for V_T per mAb are presented in Table 2. Non-specific, reversible uptake is reflected by baseline values for V_T
168 for tissues without target expression. For the kidney, liver, lung and spleen respectively, measured baseline values
169 for V_T were 0.20 (0.16-0.25), 0.24 (0.21-0.28), 0.09 (0.07-0.10) and 0.24 (0.20-0.27) $\text{mL}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$. For these tissues, the
170 predicted values for V_T (ABC + plasma volume fraction) were 0.19, 0.21, 0.10 and 0.25, respectively. No differences
171 were observed between the measured baseline value for V_T and the predicted value for kidney ($p=0.24$; $n=25$), liver
172 ($p=0.07$; $n=9$) and spleen ($p=0.12$; $n=15$). For lung, the measured baseline value for V_T (0.09, 0.07-0.10) was
173 statistically different ($p < 0.02$; $n=25$) from the predicted value of 0.10, but within the two-fold error range (0.05-
174 0.20) of the predicted value.

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176 **Net Rate of Irreversible uptake (K_i)**

177 Values for K_i per mAb are presented in Table 3. Non-specific, irreversible uptake is reflected by baseline values for K_i
178 for tissues without target expression. For kidney, liver, lung and spleen respectively, measured baseline values for
179 K_i were 0.7 (0.4-1.3), 1.1 (0.8-2.1), 0.2 (0.1-0.3) and 0.5 (0.3-0.7) $\mu\text{L}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$. For kidney, the baseline catabolic rate
180 was 0.23 $\text{mL}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$, equal to 3% of the whole body catabolic rate (predicted value 6%). Fractional catabolic rate of
181 liver, lung and spleen were 30%, 3% and 1%, respectively (predicted values were 30%, 1.3% and 2.8%).

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183 **Detection of Target Engagement**

184 In case of target engagement (Fig.1C), we expect to observe an increased rate of irreversible uptake compared to
185 the baseline value. Expression of PSMA was reported for the kidney (18) and therefore target engagement of ^{89}Zr -
186 antiPSMA is expected in this tissue. Patlak linearization for ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA was performed (Fig.3). In this case, a four-
187 fold higher K_i (2.8 vs 0.7) was obtained compared to the baseline value for the kidney, indicating target engagement
188 by irreversible uptake. For liver, an increased K_i was observed for ^{89}Zr -antiEGFR, ^{89}Zr -antiPSMA and ^{89}Zr -antiHER2

189 (3.8, 5.7 and 1.7 respectively compared to 1.1), corresponding with known target expression (20). No increased K_i
190 was observed for lung and spleen (Table 3).

191 **DISCUSSION**

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193 ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET is a promising, non-invasive clinical tool to measure antibody target engagement *in-vivo*. As a first
194 step towards quantification of target engagement, non-specific uptake for tissues without target expression was
195 assessed for four ⁸⁹Zr-labeled mAbs. This study showed that non-specific, reversible uptake (V_T) was similar to the
196 predicted value for a non-binding mAb. Non-specific, irreversible uptake (K_i) corresponded with the predicted value
197 for the fractional catabolic rate of IgG. Patlak linearization is applied to data obtained from a single subject. The
198 range of values observed for the baseline transfer constants reflects inter-patient variability. This method allows,
199 for a single subject, to assess whether target-mediated binding does occur in a certain normal tissue for the
200 antibody under investigation. Similar as for PKPD type analysis, Patlak linearization can be applied with sparse
201 temporal sampling, but does not require assumptions that underlying parameters are the same among patients.
202 Moreover, it uses the individually measured input functions, i.e. bioavailability of the tracer in blood over time and
203 it can therefore account for inter-individual variability of the tracer bioavailability in the central compartment (i.e.
204 blood). For these reasons this method was applied in our present study. An increase in K_i indicates target
205 engagement, as was observed for e.g. ⁸⁹Zr-antiPSMA in the kidney. In this study, baseline values for K_i and V_T were
206 tissue dependent. Especially for the liver, relatively high non-specific, irreversible uptake was observed compared
207 to other tissues, indicating that this organ is strongly involved in mAb catabolism. Therefore, detection of target
208 engagement with a single uptake value is expected to be more difficult in the liver.

209 Study design can have a significant impact of the ability to detect target engagement. For example, for
210 ⁸⁹Zr-antiCD20, no increase of irreversible uptake (K_i) was observed in the spleen, although expression of CD20 in
211 the spleen is known to be high (20). A plausible explanation for this observation is saturation of the CD20 receptors
212 due to high dose of unlabeled antiCD20 (1000mg), which was administered before the radiolabeled antibody. So,
213 antibody dose is a parameter to be taken into account in assessment of target engagement. Another important
214 consideration for design of ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET studies, is that scans obtained at multiple late time points are
215 required for the Patlak linearization to determine reversible and irreversible uptake. At least 3 late time points are
216 required to assess whether the data can be fitted to a straight line.

217 In some cases (9/80), the data could not be described by a linear fit. Especially for the lung (4/9), this could be
218 explained by a unfavorable signal to noise ratio (low signal and relative low tissue density). The observed
219 overestimation of fitted uptake data at 24h p.i. accompanied with an underestimation of the uptake at 48-120h p.i.
220 for ⁸⁹Zr-antiPSMA in the kidney only may indicate that the reversible uptake processes were not yet in the
221 equilibrium state at 24h p.i.. From a methodological perspective, collection of more data points would be
222 preferred. This method could be further validated in future preclinical ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET studies, where scans at
223 more time points can be acquired, including invasive tissue sampling to assess target expression by
224 immunohistochemistry.

225 Usually, ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET scans are analyzed at a single time point, representing the sum of all
226 physiological components of antibody distribution, being either target specific or non-specific. This study showed
227 how the various physiological components of antibody distribution contribute to the measured SUV (Figs.2 and 3).
228 For the kidney as an example, a SUV of around 2.5 was measured for ⁸⁹Zr-antiPSMA at 1 to 7days p.i.. Non-specific
229 uptake was estimated to account for a SUV of 1.6 (66%) at 1day p.i.. The contribution of non-specific uptake
230 decreased to a SUV of 0.6 (22%) at 7days p.i..

231 Detection of target engagement in normal tissues is of interest to assess which mAb has potential for further
232 development into an antibody-drug conjugate (ADC). For an ADC, absence of target engagement in normal tissues
233 is considered important to limit potential toxicity.

234 To understand and predict efficacy of mAb-based treatments, measurement of target engagement in
235 tumors is essential. However, the method described in this paper cannot be directly applied to tumors, as these are
236 expected to be more complex than normal tissues. Non-specific, reversible uptake in tumors (blood volume
237 fraction and non-target mediated antibody distribution to tumor tissue ("tight or leaky tissue")) may be more
238 variable between tumors and between patients. In addition, non-specific, irreversible uptake may be increased by
239 the rate of protein catabolism in the tumor and uptake in tumor immune filtrates (e.g. macrophages). In future
240 work, we aim to explore which method can be applied to measure target engagement for tumors. Especially target-
241 negative tumors are of interest to study factors that influence non-specific uptake.

242 In the present study, ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET was used as a non-invasive clinical tool to assess physiological
243 components of antibody distribution *in-vivo* and target engagement of therapeutic antibodies was observed. For

244 future studies to assess target engagement for other ⁸⁹Zr-labeled mAbs, a multiple time point pilot study (with at
245 least 3 late time points) is advised to determine the contribution of non-specific uptake as a function of time and
246 mAb dose. This knowledge can be used to optimize study design and assess whether single time point scanning to
247 detect target engagement is feasible and at which time point.

248 This concept is widely applicable as mAbs and mAb conjugates against many target antigens are developed for a
249 broad range of clinical indications.

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251 **CONCLUSION**

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253 This study shows that non-specific uptake of mAbs for tissues without target expression can be quantified using
254 ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET at multiple time points. These results form a crucial base for measurement of target-engagement
255 by therapeutic antibodies *in-vivo* with ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET. For future studies, a pilot phase including at least 3 scans
256 at ≥ 1 day p.i., is required to assess non-specific uptake as a function of time, to optimize study design for detection
257 of target engagement.

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260 **KEY POINTS**

261 **Question:** Can we move quantification of ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET beyond SUV, since total uptake may contain a
262 significant non-target specific contribution?

263 **Pertinent Findings:** In this retrospective analysis of clinical ⁸⁹Zr-immuno-PET studies, non-specific uptake was
264 quantified in normal tissues without target expression. The magnitude of non-specific uptake in normal tissues was
265 related to its physiological basis (i.e. blood volume, mAb biodistribution and ⁸⁹Zr-residualization after mAb
266 degradation).

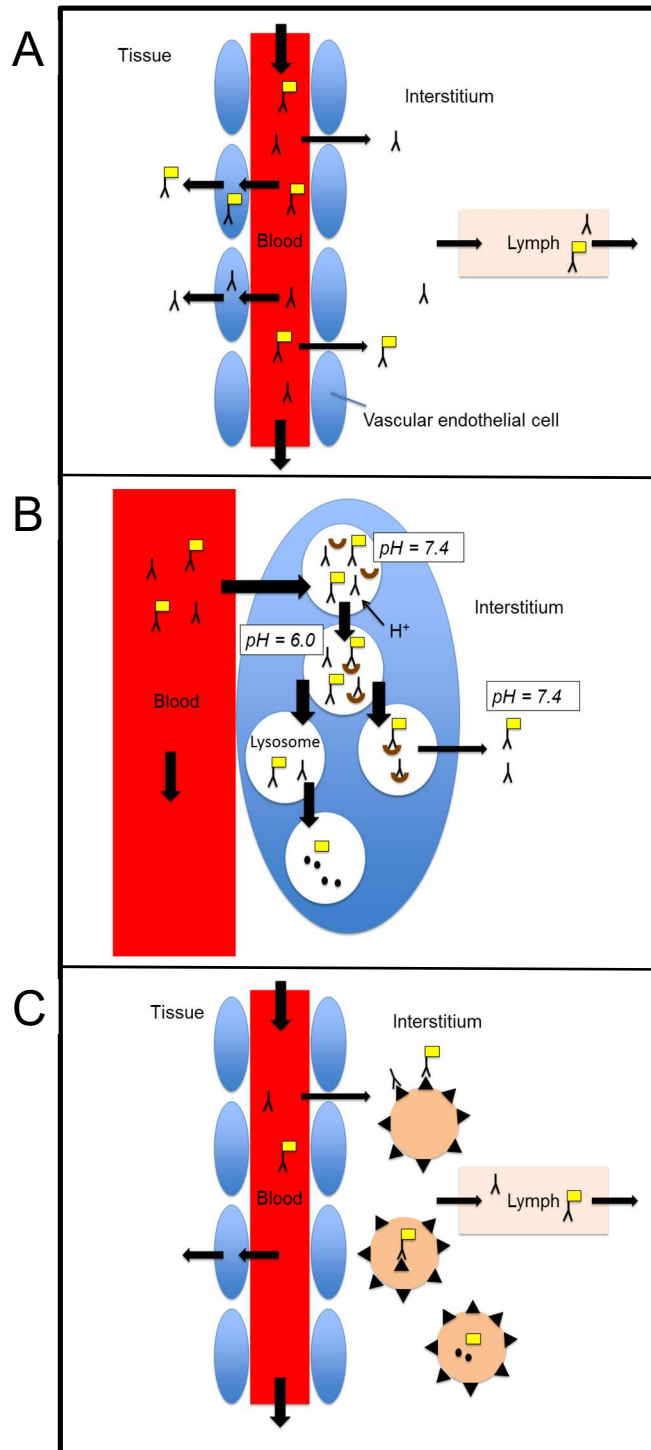
267 **Implications for Patient Care:** Non-specific uptake of ⁸⁹Zr-labeled mAbs in normal tissues can be quantified to
268 optimize detection of target engagement of therapeutic antibodies in-vivo.

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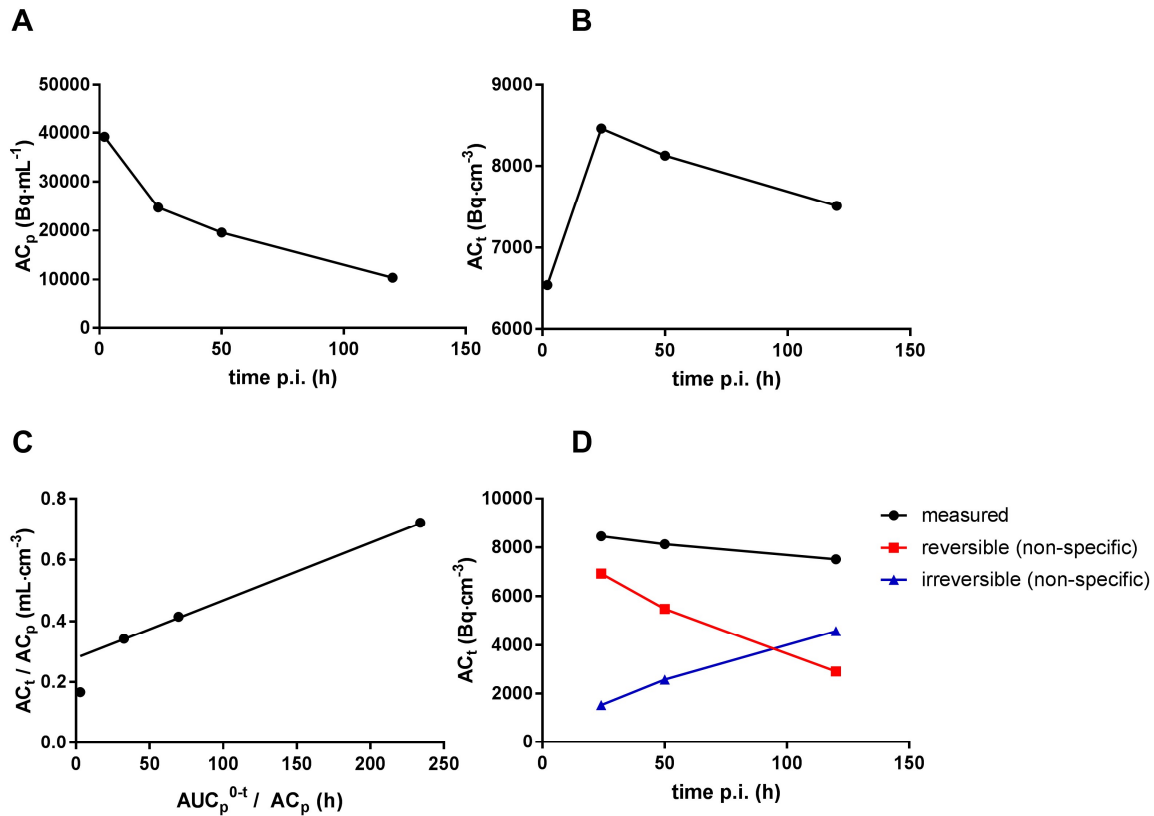
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325 **Figure 1 Biodistribution of a ^{89}Zr -labeled mAb: physiological components**

326 Reversible non-specific uptake (A) due to antibody in the vascular tissue compartment and antibody entering the
 327 tissue interstitium through paracellular pores, and through endothelial cells mediated by the neonatal Fc-receptor,
 328 leaving the tissue by convective transport through lymph flow. Irreversible non-specific uptake (B) due to mAb
 329 degradation in the lysosome, followed by residualization of ^{89}Zr . Specific uptake (C) due to target engagement
 330 (target binding and internalization of mAb-target antigen).
 331 *Adapted from Lobo 2004 (8) and Chen 2012 (10).*

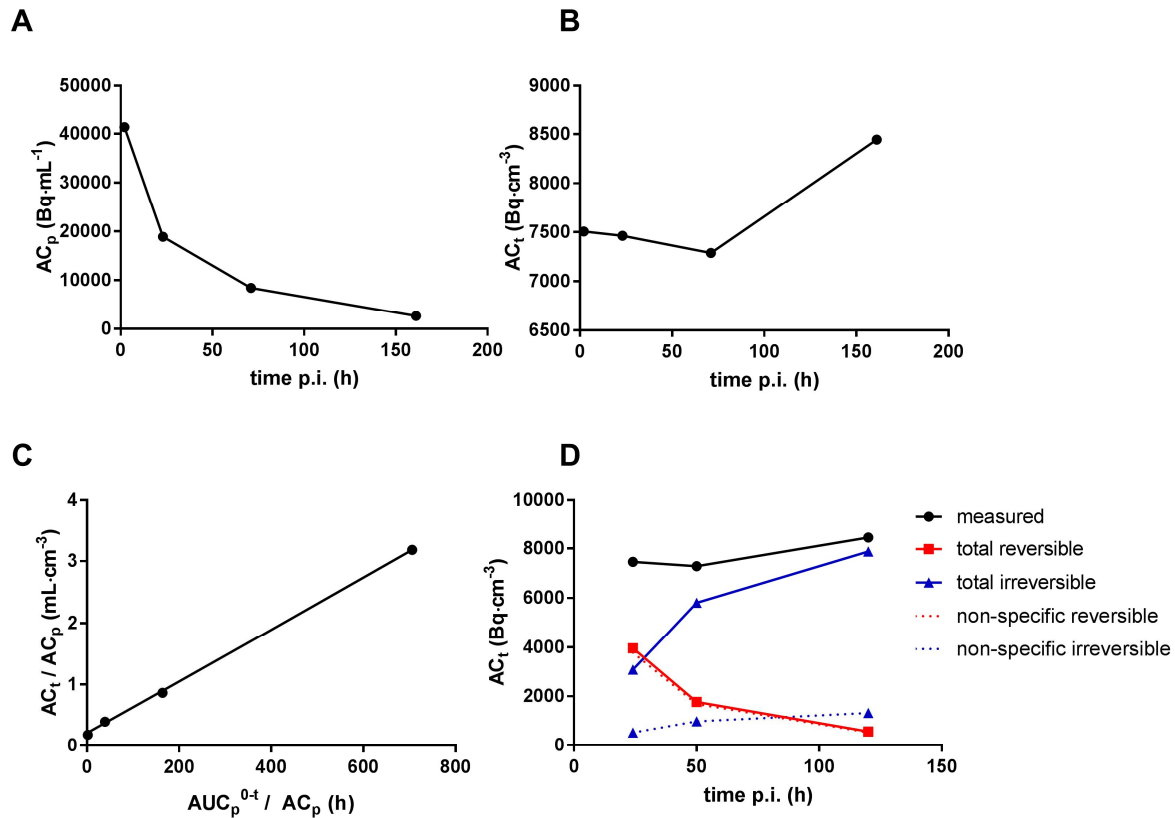


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333 **Figure 2 Transfer constants for ⁸⁹Zr-antiHER2 in the kidney**

334 Example for one patient in the ⁸⁹Zr-antiHER2 study, with (A) measured activity concentrations in serum and (B)
 335 measured activity concentrations in the kidney. Patlak linearization (C) to determine the offset (V_T) and slope (K_i) of
 336 the linear fit to the last three time points (same data). (D) Reversible (red line) and irreversible (blue line)
 337 contributions to the total measured signal (black line). No target expression has been reported for HER2 in the
 338 normal kidney. Therefore, we hypothesize that the total signal consists of non-specific uptake. After 100h p.i., total
 339 uptake predominantly consists of irreversible non-specific uptake due to ⁸⁹Zr-residualization after mAb
 340 degradation.

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343 **Figure 3 Transfer constants for ⁸⁹Zr-antiPSMA in the kidney**

344 Example for one patient in the ⁸⁹Zr-antiPSMA study, with (A) measured activity concentrations in serum (A) and (B)
 345 measured activity concentrations in the kidney. Patlak linearization (C) to determine the offset (V_T) and slope (K_i) of
 346 the linear fit to the last three time points (same data). (D) Total reversible (red line) and total irreversible (blue line)
 347 contributions to the measured signal (black line).

348 Dashed lines represent estimated values for non-specific reversible uptake (calculated as baseline $V_T \cdot AC_p$) and
 349 non-specific irreversible uptake (calculated as baseline $K_i \cdot AUC_p^{0-t}$).

350 Non-specific uptake accounts for 66, 34 and 22% of the total measured signal at 1,3 and 7 days p.i., respectively.
 351 The difference between total irreversible uptake (blue line) and estimated non-specific irreversible uptake (dashed
 352 blue line) indicates target-mediated uptake.

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Table 1 Data characteristics

	⁸⁹ Zr-antiCD20	⁸⁹ Zr-antiEGFR	⁸⁹ Zr-antiPSMA	⁸⁹ Zr-antiHER2
General information				
mAb	Obinutuzumab	Cetuximab	Hu-J591	Trastuzumab
Type	Humanized	Chimeric	Humanized	Humanized
IgG subclass	IgG1	IgG1	IgG1	IgG1
Target expression(20)				
- Kidney	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent
- Liver	Absent	Present	Present	Present
- Lung	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present
- Spleen	Present	Absent	Absent*	Absent
Study design				
Center	Amsterdam UMC(n=4) CHU Lille(n=5)	Amsterdam UMC	MSKCC	MSKCC
Patient category	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Colo-rectal carcinoma	Prostate cancer	Gastric cancer
Number of patients	9	7	10	10
Injected activity/mAb dose	37MBq/10 mg 1000mg unlabeled mAb	37MBq/10mg 500mg/m ² unlabeled mAb	185MBq/1.7mg total mass of 25mg mAb	185MBq/3mg total mass of 50mg mAb
Administration**	predose	predose	co-injection	co-injection
PET scan time points	1 hr,72h,144h p.i.	1hr,72h,144h p.i.	2-4h,24h,48-120h,144-168h p.i.	4h,24h,48-96h,120-192h p.i.
Blood sample***	plasma	plasma	serum	serum
Blood sampling timepoints	5,30,60,120min,24h****, 72h,144h p.i.	1-2h,24h,48h,72h,144h	5,30,60,120-240min,24h,48-120h, 144-168h p.i.	5,15,30,60min,2h,24h,48-96h, 120-192h p.i.
Reference	Jauw, et al.(16)	Menke, et al.(17)	Pandit-Taskar, et al.(18)	O'Donoghue,et al.(19)

*Expression of PSMA in the spleen has been reported(24)

**Administration: predose = ⁸⁹Zr-mAb within 2 hours after administration of unlabeled mAb.

co-injection = unlabeled mAb infused intravenously over 5min followed immediately by a 1min infusion of the radiolabeled mAb.

***Blood samples consisted of plasma or serum samples; assuming no practical difference between these assays for our purposes, since mAb binding does not occur to coagulation factors (the difference between plasma and serum).

****Blood samples obtained at 24h p.i. at CHU Lille(n=5), no 24h sample obtained at Amsterdam UMC

Table 2 Volume of distribution V_t

	^{89}Zr -antiCD20	^{89}Zr -antiEGFR	^{89}Zr -antiPSMA	^{89}Zr -antiHER2	Baseline
Kidney	0.18(0.15-0.20)	0.25(0.23-0.29)	0.28(0.21-0.32)	0.19(0.15-0.25)	0.20(0.16-0.25)
Liver	0.24(0.21-0.28)	0.64(0.54-0.91)	0.29(0.23-0.43)	0.24(0.22-0.29)	0.24(0.21-0.28)
Lung	0.08(0.08-0.10)	0.11(0.09-0.13)	0.07(0.06-0.09)	0.08(0.05-0.11)	0.09(0.07-0.10)
Spleen	0.20(0.18-0.21)	0.23(0.20-0.27)	0.22(0.20-0.28)	0.24(0.18-0.27)	0.24(0.20-0.27)

V_t ($\text{mL}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$) presented as median (interquartile range)

Table 3 Net rate of irreversible uptake K_i

	^{89}Zr -antiCD20	^{89}Zr -antiEGFR	^{89}Zr -antiPSMA	^{89}Zr -antiHER2	Baseline
Kidney	0.4(0.2-0.6)	0.7(0.4-1.2)	2.8(2.4-3.1)	1.5(0.9-1.8)	0.7(0.4-1.3)
Liver	1.1(0.8-2.1)	3.8(1.9-5.8)	5.7(4.9-8.4)	1.7(1.4-2.0)	1.1(0.8-2.1)
Lung	0.2(0.1-0.3)	0.4(0.2-0.6)	0.1(0.0-0.2)	0.2(0.0-0.5)	0.2(0.1-0.3)
Spleen	0.6(0.5-0.8)	0.5(0.3-0.5)	1.5(1.2-1.7)	0.7(0.4-0.8)	0.5(0.3-0.7)

K_i ($\mu\text{L}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$) presented as median (interquartile range)

Supplemental Table 1 Predicted and observed transfer constants

	Literature values						Predicted transfer constants		Observed transfer constants	
	ABC (2-fold error) (9)	total tissue volume (mL) (22)	tissue plasma volume (mL) (22)	plasma volume fraction * 	Fraction of whole body catabolic rate per tissue (11)	No target expression for (20)	V_t †	K_i ‡	Baseline V_t §	Baseline K_i §
kidney	0.137 (0.07-0.27)	332	18.2	0.055	0.06	CD20 EGFR HER2	0.19	1.41	0.20 (0.16-0.25)	0.7 (0.4-1.3)
liver	0.121 (0.06-0.24)	2143	183	0.085	0.30	CD20	0.21	1.13	0.24 (0.21-0.28)	1.1 (0.8-2.1)
lung	0.149 (0.07-0.30)	1000	55	0.055	0.013	CD20 EGFR PSMA	0.10	0.10	0.09 (0.07-0.10)	0.2 (0.1-0.3)
spleen	0.128 (0.06-0.26)	221	26.8	0.121	0.028	EGFR HER2	0.25	0.99	0.24 (0.20-0.27)	0.5 (0.3-0.7)

Observed values for V_t ($\text{mL}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$) and K_i ($\mu\text{L}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$) presented as median (interquartile range)

* Plasma volume divided by total tissue volume.

† ABC plus plasma volume fraction.

‡ Fraction of whole body catabolic rate per tissue multiplied by the estimated whole body catabolic rate of $7.8 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$, divided by the tissue plasma volume, multiplied by 1000.

§ To determine baseline values per tissue, data from ^{89}Zr -labeled mAbs, for which no target expression was reported, were used.

|| The ABC for lung was reported as 0.149 based on quantified tissue biodistribution per gram. To correct for the density of the lung in the calculation of predicted V_t (per ml), the ABC was multiplied by 0.3 g/mL.

Supplemental Table 2 Relative difference between fitted and measured tissue activity concentrations

	⁸⁹ Zr-antiHER2 24 h p.i.	⁸⁹ Zr-antiHER2 48-96 h p.i.	⁸⁹ Zr-antiHER2 120-192 h p.i.	⁸⁹ Zr-antiPSMA 24 h p.i.	⁸⁹ Zr-antiPSMA 48-120 h p.i.	⁸⁹ Zr-antiPSMA 144-168 h p.i.
kidney	-1.1 (11.0) n=10	3.3 (14.3) n=10	-1.1 (3.6) n=10	18.2 (14.5) n=9	-8.3 (6.6) n=9	2.0 (1.6) n=9
liver	3.5 (5.6) n=10	-3.3 (5.4) n=10	0.7 (2.1) n=10	0.5 (11.2) n=8	0.6 (6.2) n=8	0.1 (1.5) n=8
lung	-1.7 (6.1) n=10	3.0 (10.9) n=10	-0.6 (3.0) n=10	1.1 (5.0) n=6	-1.0 (10.4) n=6	0.0 (2.0) n=6
spleen	1.4 (4.0) n=10	-1.1 (4.9) n=10	0.2 (1.7) n=10	0.4 (8.2) n=8	0.2 (6.6) n=8	0.1 (1.4) n=8

Data presented as mean (SD) in %