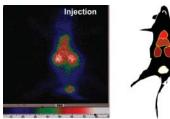
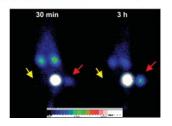
THIS MONTH IN

Weber looks at the potential for PET in improving the efficiency of the drug development process, focusing on heat shock protein 90, a molecular chaperon involved in protein folding in cellular signaling, proliferation, invasion, and an-

O'Donnell highlights the possibilities of cancer cell-targeting radiopharmaceuticals and previews an article in this issue on a novel radiolabeled monoclonal antibody approach with nuclear localizing se-



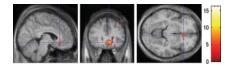




Van Laere and colleagues apply ¹⁸F-FDG PET to an exploration of the mechanisms behind beneficial effects observed in patients undergoing high-frequency anterior capsular stimulation for treatment of refractory obsessive-compulsive

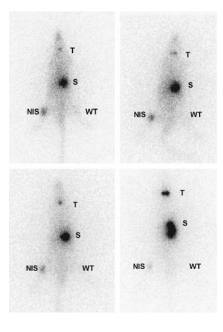
Newberg and colleagues measure the whole-body biokinetics and radiation dosimetry of 123I-IMPY and report on the pharmacologic safety of this novel radiopharmaceutical that selectively binds to amyloid plaques in Alzheimer's

Schöder and colleagues report on the utility and limitations of ¹⁸F-FDG PET/CT in identifying lymph node metastases in a segment of patients with oral cancer and clinically and radiographically negative neck findings. Page 755



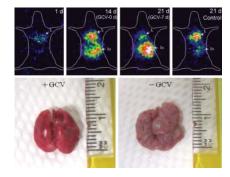
Beer and colleagues describe dosimetry studies with 18F-galacto-RGD, a novel PET tracer for imaging of αvβ3 expression, in a group of patients with various

de Geus-Oei and colleagues explore the potential of 18F-FDG PET for reducing the number of unnecessary hemithyroidectomies in the preoperative assessment of thyroid nodules in patients with inconclusive fine-needle aspiration biopsy



Floeth and colleagues assess the differential diagnostic value of PET using 18F-FET in patients with newly diagnosed solitary intracerebral lesions showing ring enhancement on contrast-enhanced

Millet and colleagues describe a novel quantitative approach with SPECT to study the interaction between 123I-IMZ and benzodiazepine receptors. Page 783



Smith-Jones and colleagues compare ⁶⁸Ga-DOTA-F(ab')₂-herceptin PET and ¹⁸F-FDG PET in a mouse model in predicting tumor response to 17AAG, one of a new class of drugs currently in early clinical trials for breast cancer. Page 793

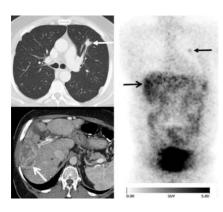
Hoffmann and colleagues provide detailed information on performing stateof-the-art coronary CT angiography, including patient preparation, image acquisition, and evaluation techniques, and review potential clinical applications and limitations. Page 797

Uusijärvi and colleagues investigate the suitability of several electron- and positron-emitting radiolanthanides for radionuclide therapy, with special reference to dosimetric and production possi-

Frankle and colleagues define an optimal analytic method to derive accurate 

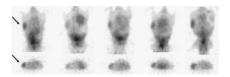
Cho and colleagues describe in vitro evaluations using ³H-AMP with tumor cell lines to explore the potential of ¹¹C-AMP for targeting the nucleoside transport pathway in PET imaging of tumors. *Page 837*

Tolmachev and colleagues perform in vitro and in vivo studies to determine whether an ¹¹¹In-labeled affibody molecule



Hosokawa and colleagues report on a method for identifying coronary vulnerable plaques with a catheter-based in-

Deng and colleagues describe the use of ¹³¹I-FIAU for assessing lung metastases in a mouse model and discuss the implications for future nuclear medicine techniques to monitor the efficacy of gene delivery and expression. *Page 877*



ON THE COVER

Images illustrating ¹⁸F-FET PET findings false positive for malignancy in a 50-y-old woman with a demyelinating lesion. MRI (top left) shows a ring-enhancing lesion; ¹⁸F-FET PET (top right) shows significant uptake, indicating neoplasia; photomicrography of a CD68-immunostained biopsy specimen (bottom left) shows an acute demyelinating lesion with massive invasion of macrophages; and immunohistochemistry for neurofilaments (bottom right) shows persisting axonal processes but also axonal damage within the lesion.

