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# Relevance of MEDICIS for nuclear medicine

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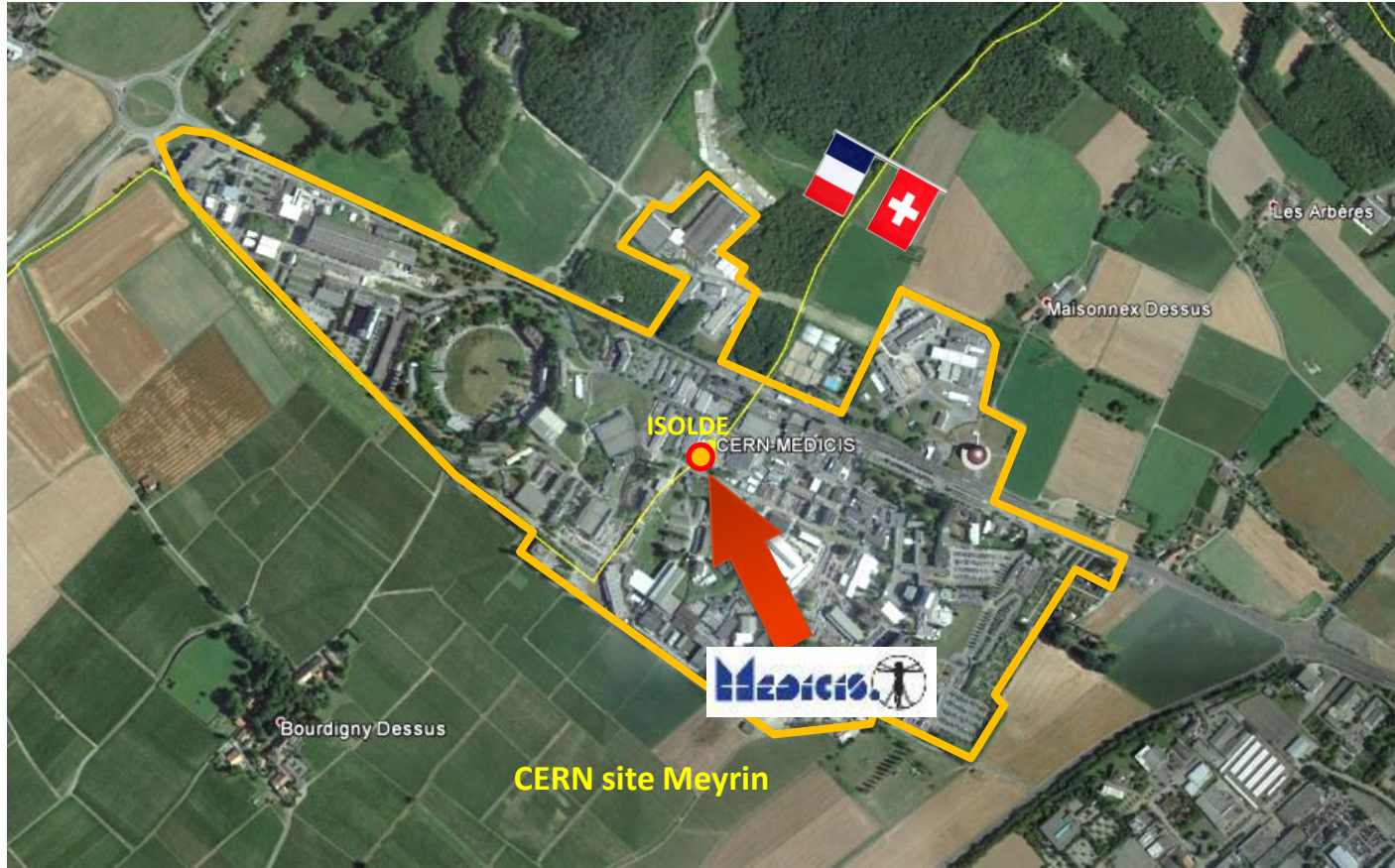
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“MEDICIS-produced radioisotope beams for  
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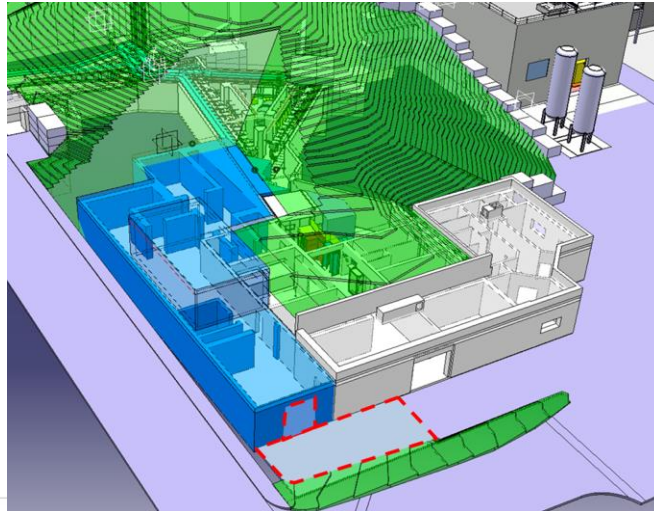


# MEDICIS : linked to ISOLDE



# CERN-MEDICIS

**First worldwide facility** dedicated to mass-separated radioisotope beams for **medical applications**



# CERN-MEDICIS

## World-unique facility for novel radioisotopes: CERN-MEDICIS



# Ground breaking ceremony 4.9.2013

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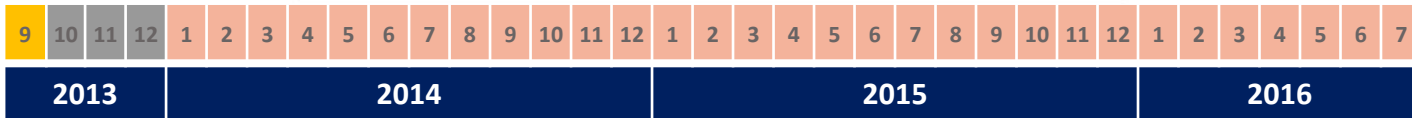
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핵심인자 예측으로 노벨 물리학상 수상자가 결정되는 순간 CERN은 축제분위기에 빠졌다. 그러나 CERN은 제2의 연구소로 재탄생하고 있다. 9월 4일 CERN의 중요 관계자들은 선 메디시스(CERN MEDICIS) 설립을 위한 기공식에 참여해 첫 삽을 떴다.



▲ 지난 9월4일 CERN 주요 관계자들이 의료용 방사성동위원소를 생산할 CERN MEDICIS 설립을 위한 기공식에서 첫 삽을 뜨고 있다. 가운데가 룰프 호이어 CERN 사무총장 ©CERN

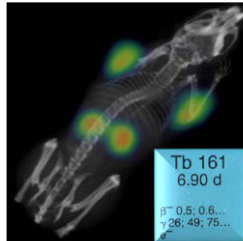


# Terbium: Swiss Army Knife of Nuclear Medicine

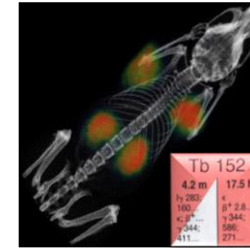
**$^{149}\text{Tb}$ -therapy**



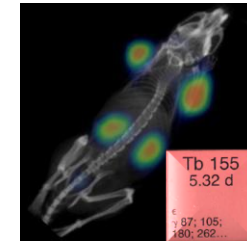
**$^{161}\text{Tb}$ -therapy & SPECT**



**$^{152}\text{Tb}$ -PET**



**$^{155}\text{Tb}$ -SPECT**



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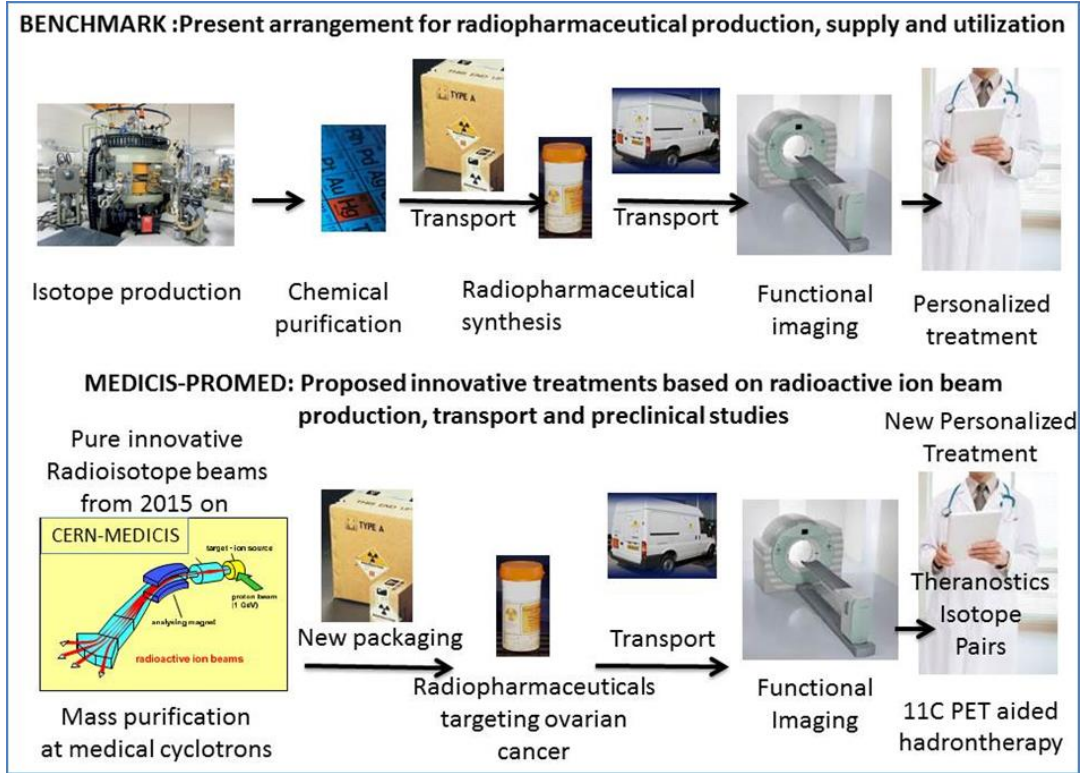
Müller et al., JNM 2012

In 2015 CERN-MEDICIS became the first worldwide facility dedicated to mass-separated radioisotope beams for medical applications.

Its network, consisting of university hospitals, hadron therapy centers and isotope distribution entrepreneurial companies across France, Italy and Switzerland, is leading the field of oncological research, imaging and personalized treatments.

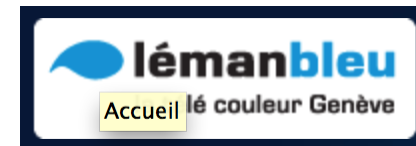
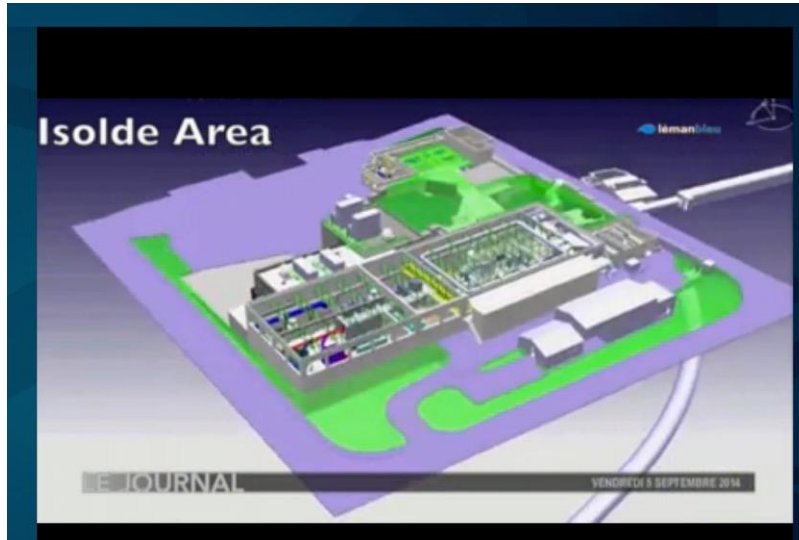
It will act as the seed for the extended MEDICIS-PROMED network and train a new generation of entrepreneurial scientists to develop systems for new personalized treatments throughout Europe.

(T. Stora, 2014)





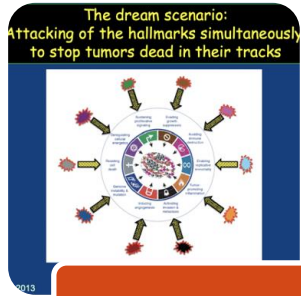
# H2020: Marie Curie ITN – € 3.9 mio. For training 15 PhD within CERN–MEDICIS



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# MEDICIS Journey

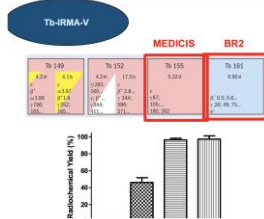
Medicis Day



2014

2nd  
Collaboration  
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of <sup>161</sup>Tb radiolabeled radiopharmaceu



2018

4th  
Collaboration  
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<sup>161</sup>Tb-labeled radioconjugates for can  
therapy with Auger electrons

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2019

5th  
Collaboration  
Board

**Sm-153 in medicine**

- Highly favorable decay properties
- $t_{1/2} = 1.95$  d
  - Stable daughter isotope <sup>153</sup>Eu
  - $\beta^-$  particle emission
  - $\gamma$  photon emission ( $\sim$ 99mTc)
- Perfect  
theranostic  
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2020

2024

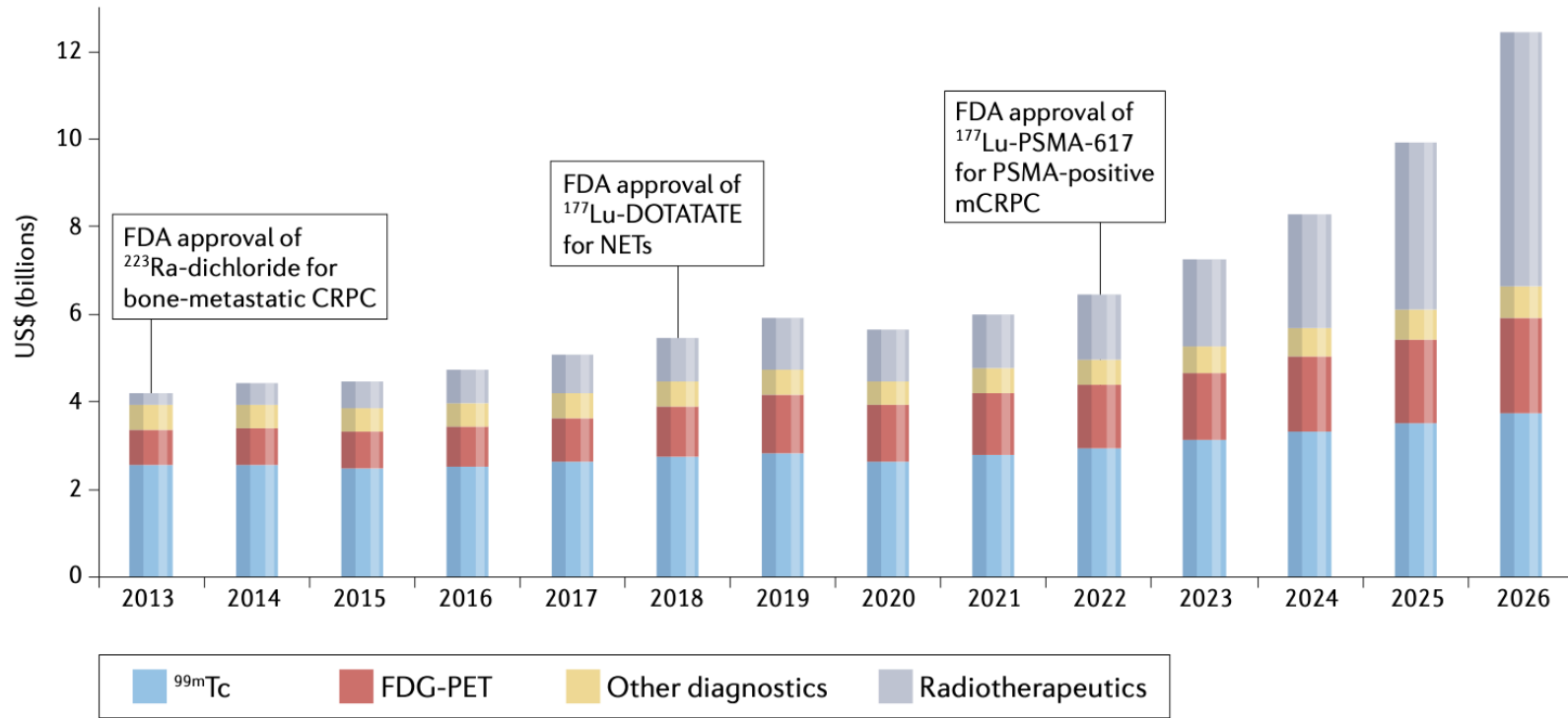
6th Collaboration Board (TODAY!)

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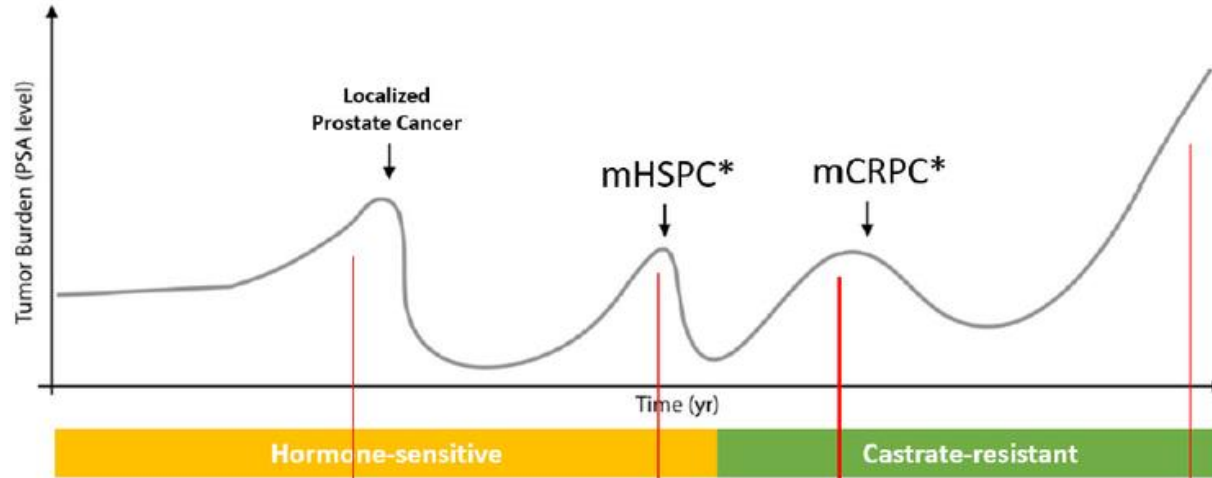
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# Potentials of Theranostics

# Predicted Nuclear Medicine Market 2013–26



# PSMA Theranostics Clinical Trials



Poor prognosis of metastatic prostate cancer

17 theranostics clinical trials (as of 2021)

### Neoadjuvant therapy for localized disease

1. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 (LuTectomy)

### First-line therapy for mCRPC

1. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-I&T (Bullseye)
2. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 + enzalutamide (ENZA-P)
3. PSMAfore

### First-line therapy for mHSPC

1. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 (UpFrontPSMA, PSMAddition)

### Second-line or later therapy for mCRPC

1. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 (LuPSMA,TheraP, VISION)
2. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 + olaparib (LuPARP)
3. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617 + pembrolizumab (PRINCE)
4. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-I&T (SPLASH)
5. <sup>225</sup>Ac-PSMA-617 (AcTION)
6. <sup>177</sup>Lu-J591 (NCT00538668)
7. <sup>225</sup>Ac-J591 (NCT04506567)
8. <sup>223</sup>Th-PSMA-TTC (NCT03724747)
9. <sup>131</sup>I-MIP-1095 + enzalutamide (ARROW)
10. <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-R2 (NCT03490838)

\*mHSPC (metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer)

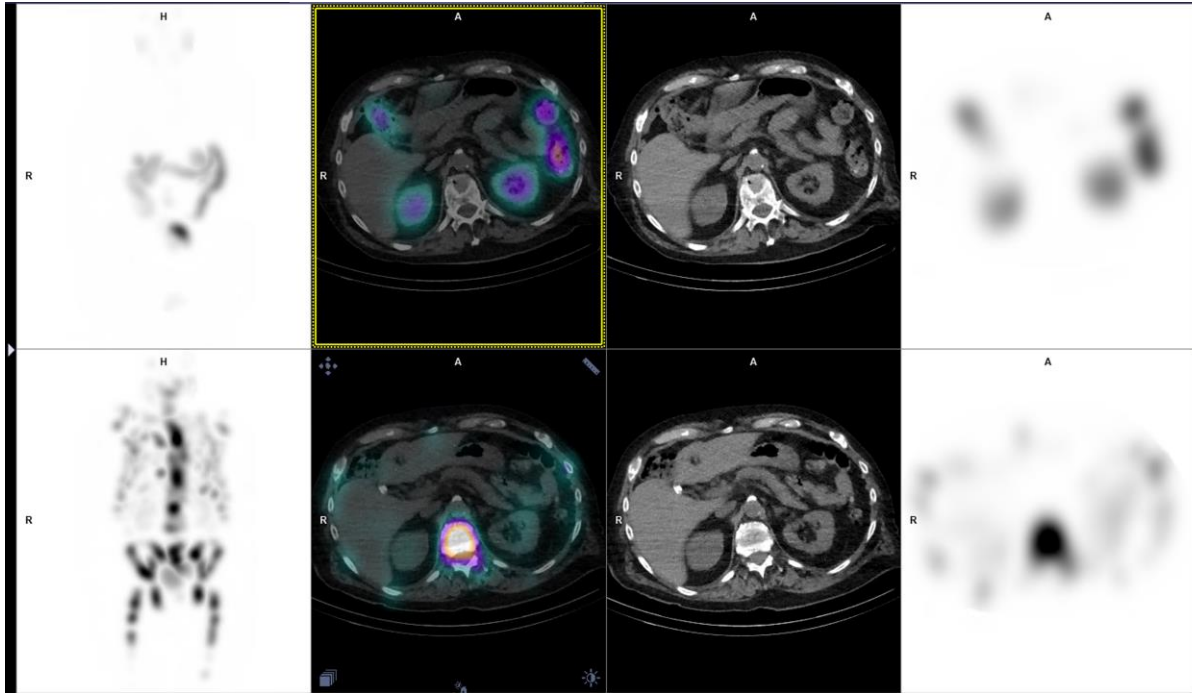
\*mCRPC (metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer)

\*Different colours represent various PSMA-targeted radiopharmaceuticals

<sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-617, <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-I&T, <sup>177</sup>Lu-J591, <sup>225</sup>Ac-J591, <sup>223</sup>Th-PSMA-TTC, <sup>131</sup>I-MIP-1095, <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA-R2

# Theranostics (Lu-177-based)

Therapy 2



PSA 6 µg/L

Therapy 1

PSA 212 µg/L

# Mass separation of $^{225}\text{Ac}$ from $^{227}\text{Ac}$ and from irradiated Th targets to support Targeted Alpha Therapy

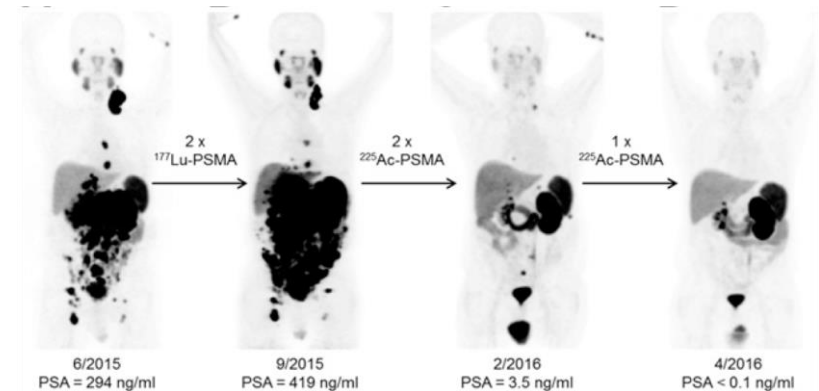
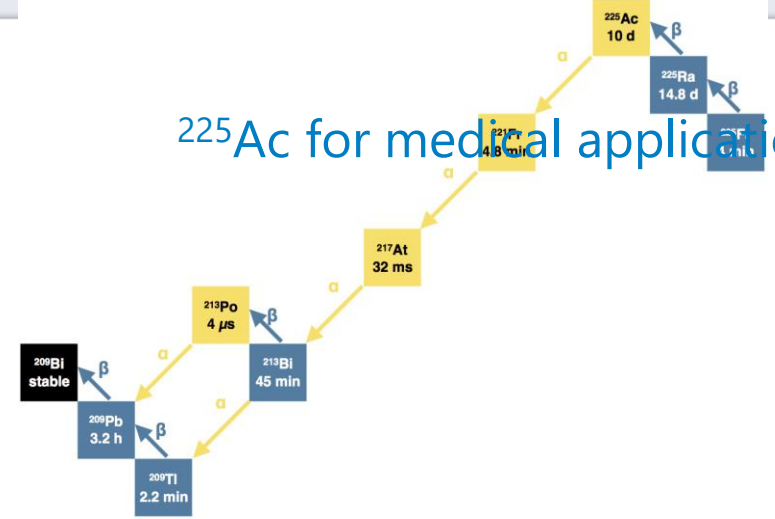
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18 September 2019

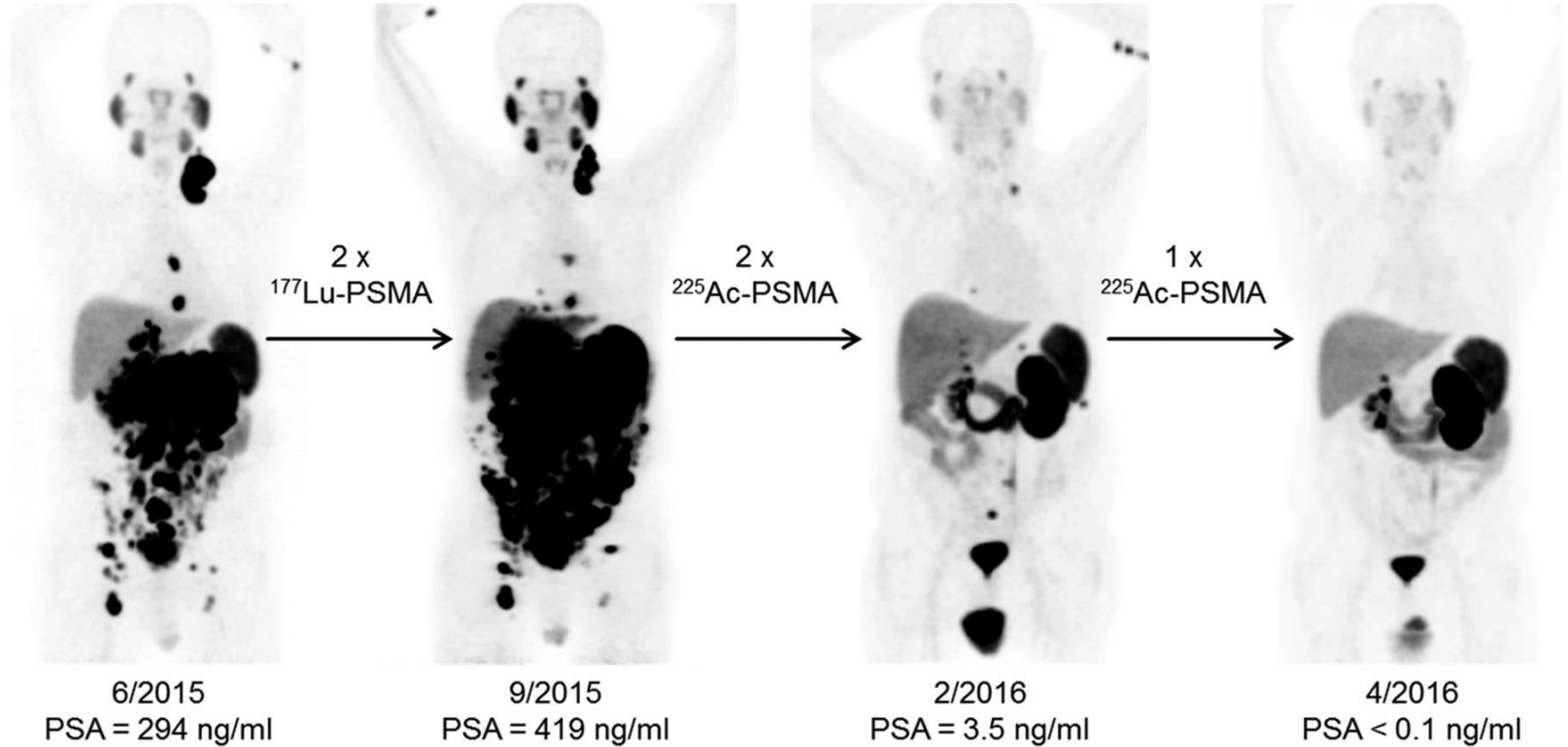
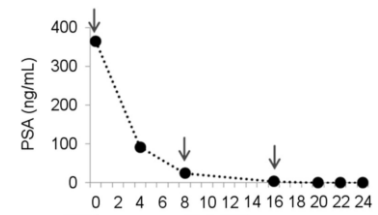
- Direct use as an  $\alpha$  emitter
  - 4  $\alpha$  particles in close succession
  - $T_{1/2} \sim 10$  days
- As a generator for  $^{213}\text{Bi}$ 
  - 100%  $\alpha$  emission
  - $T_{1/2} \sim 45$  min
- Can be combined with  $^{68}\text{Ga}$  for theranostics applications

## $^{225}\text{Ac}$ for medical application



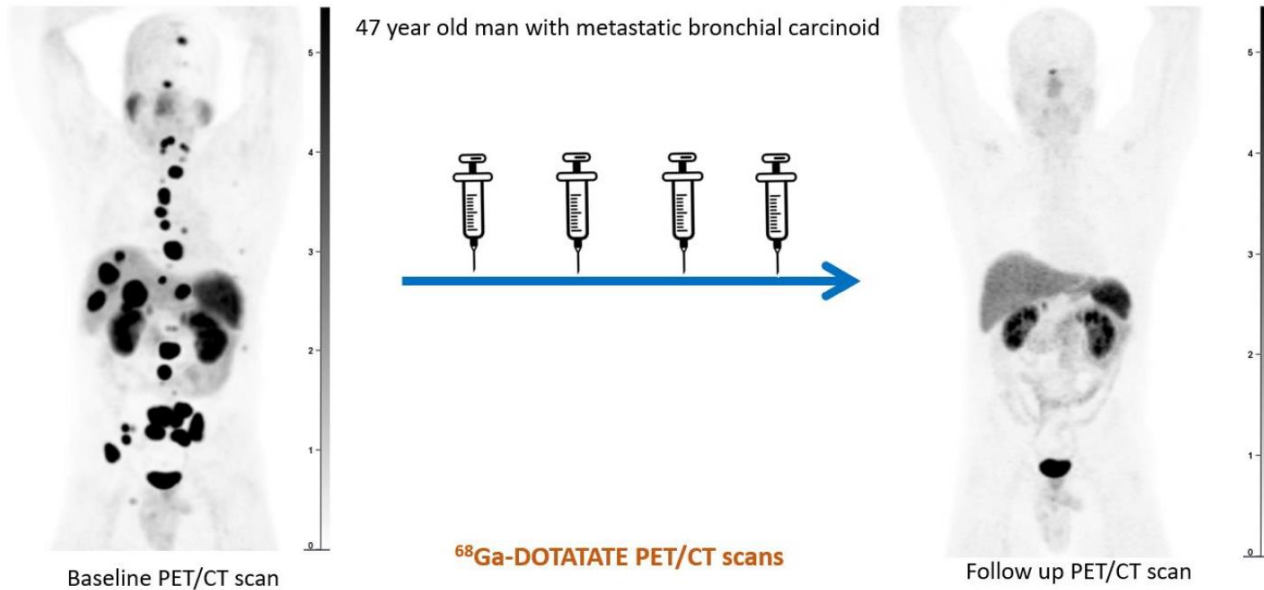


# $^{225}\text{Ac}$ -PSMA



# $^{212}\text{Pb}$ -DOTAMTATE

Phase 1 clinical trial of Alpha particle PRRT with  $^{212}\text{Pb}$ -DOTAMTATE

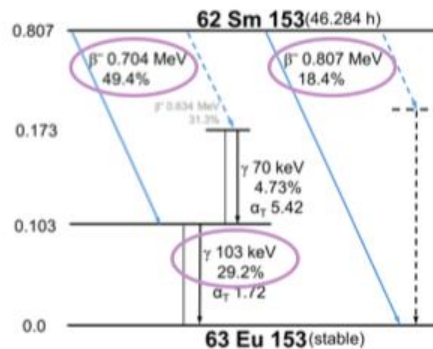


# Sm-153 in medicine

## Highly favorable decay properties

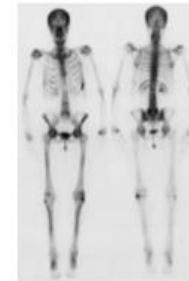
- $t_{1/2} = 1.95$  d
- Stable daughter isotope  $^{153}\text{Eu}$
- $\beta^-$  particle emission
- $\gamma$  photon emission ( $\sim^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ )

Perfect  
theranostic  
agent



## Current applications

- Irradiation cancer cells  $\rightarrow \beta^-$  particles  
 $\Rightarrow$  Bone pain management (palliation)
- Bone (tumor) imaging  $\rightarrow \gamma$  photons  
 $\Rightarrow$  Visualize infected areas human skeleton





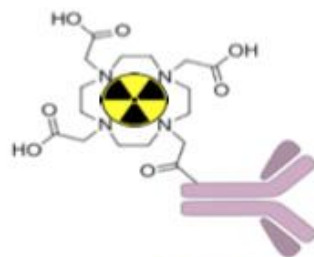
## Sm-153 production at BR2

Irradiation of enriched  $^{152}\text{Sm}$  targets with high thermal neutron flux



## Mass separation at CERN-MEDICIS

Isolation of  $^{153}\text{Sm}$  from  $^{152}\text{Sm}$  matrix and  $^{153}\text{Eu}$  and  $^{154}\text{Eu}$  impurities



## Radiolabeling studies

Radiolabeling with commercial chelators + comparison  $^{161}\text{Tb}$  and  $^{177}\text{Lu}$

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## Radiochemical treatment target

Opening of ampoules + dissolution of target material + evaporation onto Re boat

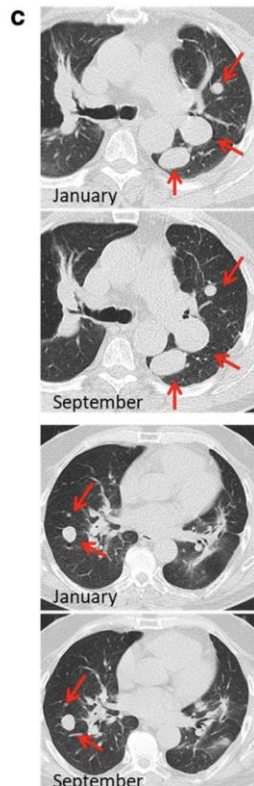
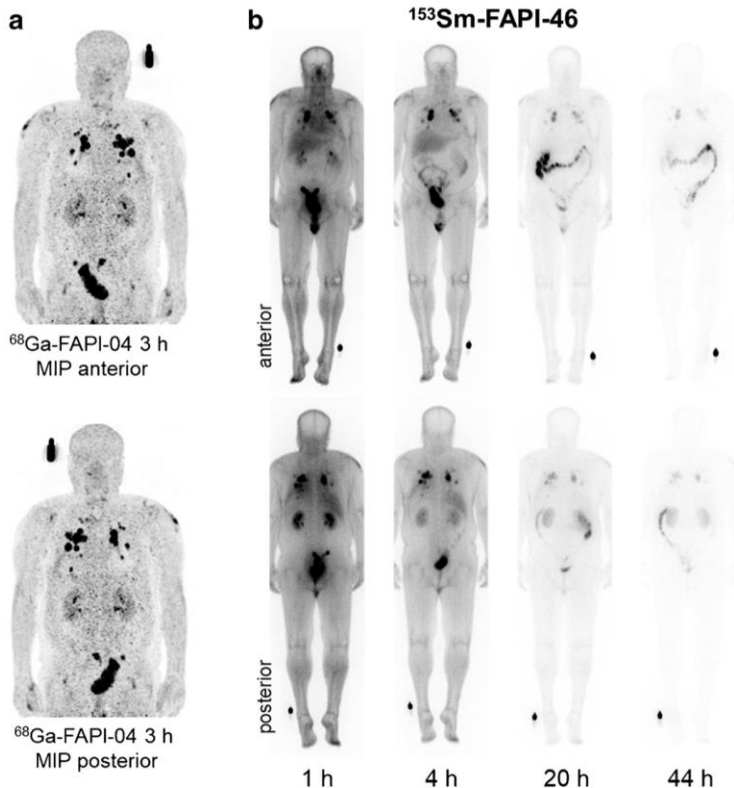


## Separation and quality control

Recovery of  $^{153}\text{Sm}$  from MS target foil + separation  $^{153}\text{Sm}/^{153}\text{Eu}$  + QC (gamma spectrometry, ICP-MS, ...)



# $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -FAPI-46 RADIOLIGAND THERAPY WITH HIGH-MOLAR ACTIVITY $^{153}\text{Sm}$



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<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00259-021-05273-8>

IMAGE OF THE MONTH



**[ $^{153}\text{Sm}$ ]Samarium-labeled FAPI-46 radioligand therapy in a patient with lung metastases of a sarcoma**

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FAPI-PET/CT demonstrated target positive tumor phenotype (a). Due to the relatively short biological tumor half-life of quinoline-based FAPI-46 [1], it was labeled with short physical half-life (46.3 h)  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ . Emission scans during therapy demonstrate tumor targeting up to 44 h p.i. and rapid clearance from normal organs (b). Three cycles with cumulative 20 GBq  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ - and 8GBq Y-90-FAPI-46 ( $^{153}\text{Sm}$  was not available with sufficiently high specific activity) were well tolerated and achieved stable disease for 8 months (c). Next treatment lines were pembrolizumab, experimentally enhanced with oncolytic parvovirus [4], and nab-paclitaxel. Under both therapies, the patient progressed after only 3 months.

# $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -FAP-46 RADIOLIGAND THERAPY WITH HIGH-MOLAR ACTIVITY $^{153}\text{Sm}$



Project proposal to the MEDICS Collaboration board



## $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -FAP-46 RADIOLIGAND THERAPY WITH HIGH-MOLAR ACTIVITY $^{153}\text{Sm}$

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Max 2 pages from Introduction to References and Funding

### Introduction & background: (state of the art and goal/motivation for the project)

New radioisotopes targeting fibroblast overexpressed in certain forms of cancers have recently been developed by the dept of nuclear medicine in Heidelberg and have shown important results in a range of different preclinical and clinical investigations. It demonstrates the potential of a new generation of radiopharmaceuticals targeting the Fibroblast Activation Protein (FAP), quinolone-based FAP inhibitors (FAPi) with a DOTA-chelator moiety and have shown potential benefits in both diagnosis and treatment, including patients presenting disseminated metastasis in lungs. As already investigated with FAPi-04, rapid tumor-targeting and kidney clearance but also a relatively short residency time in tumor is observed and therefore needs to find better suited radionuclides than  $^{90}\text{Y}$  or  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ , with shorter physical half-life, beta and photon emitting properties for theranostic investigations. A first pilot study was performed in Heidelberg with Low Molar Activity (LMA) Samarium-153 FAP-46. Samarium-153 has a half-life of 46.8h, beta particles (E<sub>ave</sub> 225keV, E<sub>max</sub> 806keV), and has a photon (103keV) making it an ideal radionuclide for theranostic investigations with FAPi. Further investigations to identify its potential in imaging contrast, biokinetics and ultimately therapeutic benefits with a High Molar Activity (HMA) grade  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -FAP-46 are required, because according to preliminary data presented at the “Nuklearmedizin-2022” (nuclear-medicine convention of the D-A-CH states), receptor-saturation due to poor specific activity of the radiopharmaceutical likely presents a relevant limitation for this kind of treatment. Indeed, the low molar activity form of Samarium-153 has long been known for pain palliation, marketed as Quadranet ® in the form of  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -EDTMP for patients suffering of an advanced staged cancers with bone metastasis. Until recently it was not possible to target other tumors because of the mode of production by target activation in a nuclear reactor and its production in LMA form. Recently the synthesis of high molar activity (HMA)  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -DOTA-TATE obtained from an activated target in a nuclear reactor and subsequent mass separation produced HMA  $^{153}\text{Sm}$  within MED-025 project has shown its suitability for imaging and therapeutic benefits in animal models to target NET tumors.

### Project description:

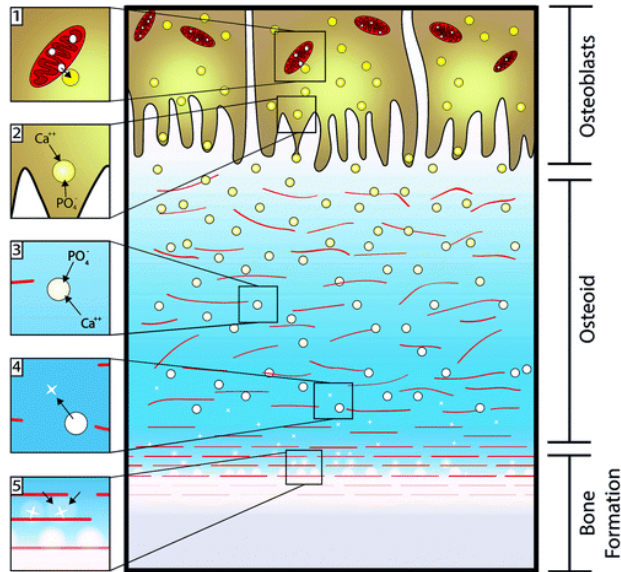
This is the development of a short pilot study about the potential of (HMA)  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -FAP-46 radio-ligand therapy in cancer treatment. Up to 5 patients pre-selected per  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -FAP-46 scans to have metastatic FAP-positive tumor diseases (e.g. metastatic breast cancer, metastatic sarcoma), that have already exhausted all approved treatment lines are offered to receive experimental therapy according to German Law (“Heilversuch” = compassionate care). Based on previous experience (with (LMA)  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -FAP-46 and  $^{90}\text{Y}$ -FAP-46), the treatment

## POTENTIAL STUDY

- Investigate the potential of (HMA)  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ -FAP-46 radioligand therapy in cancer treatment
- Up to 5 patients pre-selected per  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -FAP-46 scans to have metastatic FAP-positive tumor diseases (e.g., metastatic breast cancer, metastatic sarcoma)
  - With already exhausted all approved treatment lines
  - Will be offered to receive experimental therapy according to German Law (“Heilversuch” = compassionate care)

# Rational:

- $^{128}\text{Ba}/^{128}\text{Cs}$  enters the bone matrix as a surrogate of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  like  $^{223}\text{Ra}$  and  $^{89}\text{Sr}$
- It is metabolized, concentrated secreted through the matrix vesicles by the osteoblast



## Alpha Particle Radium 223 Dichloride in High-risk Osteosarcoma: A Phase I Dose Escalation Trial

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### Abstract

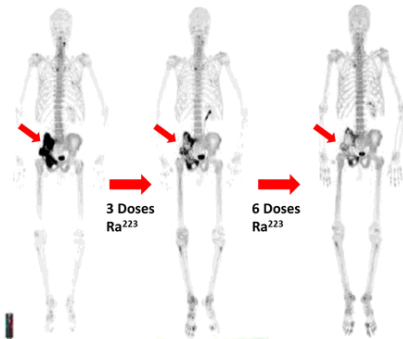
**Purpose:** The prognosis of metastatic osteosarcoma continues to be poor. We hypothesized that alpha-emitting, bone-targeting radium 223 dichloride ( $^{223}\text{RaCl}_2$ ) can be safely administered to patients with osteosarcoma and that early signals of response or resistance can be assessed by quantitative and qualitative correlative imaging studies and biomarkers.

**Patients and Methods:** A 3+3 phase I, dose-escalation trial of  $^{223}\text{RaCl}_2$  (50, 75, and 100 kBq/kg) was designed in patients with recurrent/metastatic osteosarcoma aged  $\geq 15$  years. Objective measurements included changes in standardized uptake values of positron emission tomography (PET): 18F-FDG and/or NaF-18) and single-photon emission CT (99mTc-MDP) as well as alkaline phosphatase and bone turnover markers at baseline, midstudy, and the end of the study.

**Results:** Among 18 patients enrolled (including 15 males) aged 15–71 years, tumor locations included spine ( $n = 12$ ,

67%), pelvis ( $n = 10$ , 56%), ribs ( $n = 9$ , 50%), extremity ( $n = 7$ , 39%), and skull ( $n = 2$ , 11%). Patients received 1–6 cycles of  $^{223}\text{RaCl}_2$ ; cumulative doses were 6.84–57.81 MBq. NaF PET revealed more sites of metastases than did FDG PET. One patient showed a metabolic response on FDG PET and NaF PET. Four patients had mixed responses, and one patient had a response in a brain metastasis. Bronchopulmonary hemorrhage from Grade 3 thrombocytopenia ( $N = 1$ ) was a DLT. The median overall survival time was 25 weeks.

**Conclusions:** The first evaluation of the safety and efficacy of an alpha particle in high-risk osteosarcoma shows that the recommended phase II dose for  $^{223}\text{RaCl}_2$  in osteosarcoma is 100 kBq/kg monthly (twice the dose approved for prostate cancer), with minimal hematologic toxicity, setting the stage for combination therapies.



**Figure 3.** NaF PET–CT in a patient with pelvic osteosarcoma showing decrease in NaF with subsequent doses of  $^{223}\text{RaCl}_2$ .

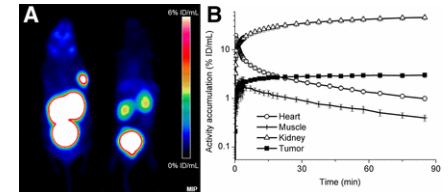
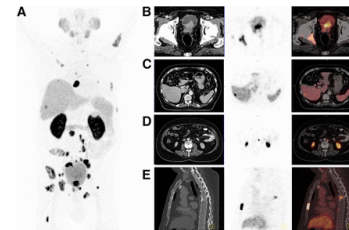
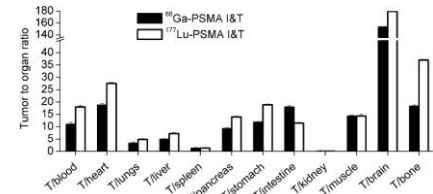
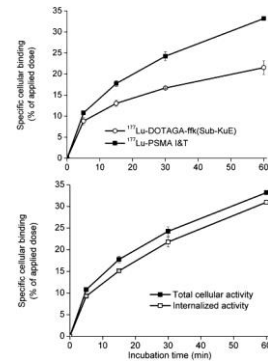
# Rational:

- The PSMA-I&T theranostic tracer is currently used to diagnose ( $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -PSMA-I&T) and treat ( $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -PSMA-I&T) patients with prostate cancer
- As Lutetium, Cerium belongs to the lanthanides, and chelation by DOTAGA-PSMA-I&T can be achieved following already established protocols
- The  $^{134}\text{Ce}/^{134}\text{La}$  in vivo generator will be used to be conjugated to DOTAGA-PSMA-I&T (PSMA-I&T) to target cancer cells expressing PSMA

## $^{68}\text{Ga}$ - and $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Labeled PSMA I&T: Optimization of a PSMA-Targeted Theranostic Concept and First Proof-of-Concept Human Studies

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# New treatments in nuclear medicine : a large and “recent” interest in Europe

## Physics & Chemistry Nobel Prizes



**The New York Times.**  
**MME. CURIE PLANS TO END ALL CANCERS**  
 Says Radium Is Sure Cure, Even in Deep-Rooted Cases, if Properly Treated.  
 Published: May 12th 1921  
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Helene Langevin-Joliot at MEDICIS, professor in nuclear physics, grand-daughter of Marie Curie (2017)

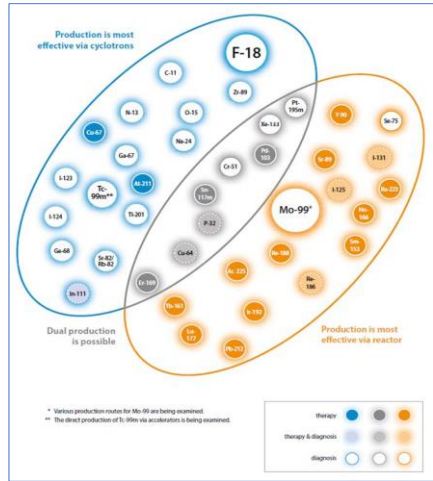


Figure 31 : Main medical radioisotopes production process

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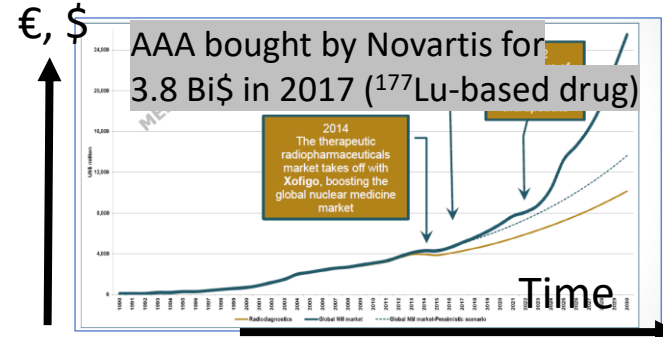
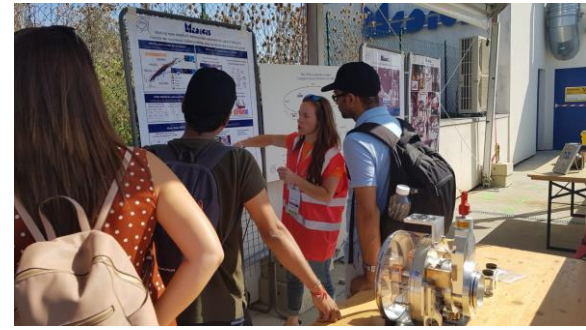


Figure 8 : Possible market evolution for radiotherapeutics – source MedRaysIntell (2016)

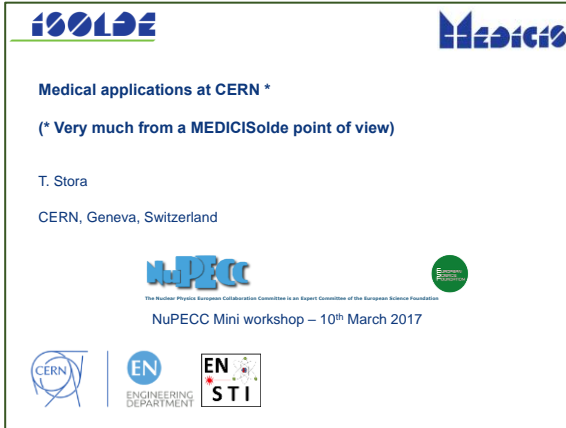
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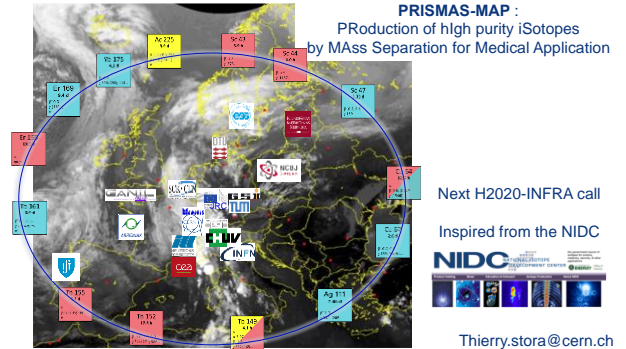
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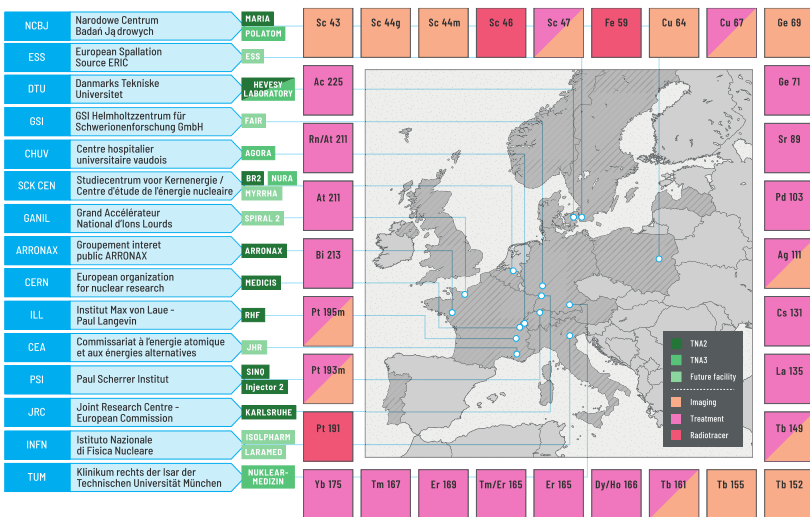
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Idea of INFRA 1st mentioned at the EURISOL-DF Town meeting in INFN-Pisa – Apr 2018  
2 “dedicated meetings”, many many phone calls, Emails, meetings, even some lunches

# PRISMAP – The European medical isotope programme



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