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Recently, great effort is put in development of personalised treatment, including precise diagnoses and therapy using the same molecular targeting vectors. Scandium radioisotopes give opportunity to obtain PET/CT images using ⁴⁴Sc ($\tau_{1/2} = 3.92$ h) and ⁴³Sc ($\tau_{1/2} = 3.89$ h) and to treat tumours with a low energy β -particles using ⁴⁷Sc ($\tau_{1/2} = 3.35$ d). The aim of our work was to develop simple production procedures of those radionuclides and to compare ⁴⁴Sc-DOTATATE labelling efficiency.

Highly enriched ⁴⁴CaCO₃, ⁴⁷TiO₂ and super pure natCaCO₃ were used as target materials. ⁴⁴Sc was obtained in ⁴⁴Ca(p,n)⁴⁴Sc and ⁴³Sc in ⁴⁰Ca(α ,p)⁴³Sc reaction in Joint Research Centre (Ispra, Italy), while ⁴⁷Sc was produced in research reactor "Maria" (Świerk, Poland) in ⁴⁷Ti(n,p)⁴⁷Sc reaction. CaCO₃ targets were dissolved in HCl and an ion exchange resin Chelex 100 was used to separate ⁴⁴/⁴³Sc from target material. The irradiated ⁴⁷TiO₂ was dissolved in HFconc (80 °C). An anion exchange bed, Dowex® 1X8, was used to separate ⁴⁷Sc from ⁴⁷Ti. For additional purification of ⁴⁷Sc, cation exchange column Dowex® 50WX4 was used. ⁴⁴Sc-DOTATATE was synthesised with different amounts of the peptide and in different pH.

The separation on the Chelex 100 and Dowex® 1X8 resins are efficient. We received high yield of DOTATATE labelling with the three radionuclides. For 15 nmol of the bioconjugate the labelling yield exceed 99%. We checked also the possibility of peptide labelling with ⁴⁴Sc without target separation using C18 Sep-Pak® column for purification of the ⁴⁴Sc-DOTATATE.

The three radionuclides can be produced in amount of several GBq. The proposed production procedures are simple and fast. The synthesis and purification procedure can be simplified using C18 Sep-Pak® columns. The ⁴⁴/⁴³Sc and ⁴⁷Sc matched pair gives opportunity to further development of peptide receptor radionuclide therapy.

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