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# Theranostic Intratumoral Convection-Enhanced Delivery of $^{124}\text{I}$ -Omburtamab in Patients with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma: Pharmacokinetics and Lesion Dosimetry

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## Abstract

Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) is a rare childhood malignancy with poor prognosis. There are no effective treatment options other than external beam therapy. We conducted a pilot, first-in-human study using  $^{124}\text{I}$ -omburtamab imaging and theranostics as a therapeutic approach using a localized convection-enhanced delivery (CED) technique for administering radiolabeled antibody. We report the detailed pharmacokinetics and dosimetry results of intratumoral delivery of  $^{124}\text{I}$ -omburtamab. **Methods:** Forty-five DIPG patients who received 9.0-370.7 MBq of  $^{124}\text{I}$ -omburtamab intratumorally via CED underwent serial brain and whole-body PET/CT imaging at 3-5 time points after injection within 4, 24-48, 72-96, 120-144, and 168-240 h from the end of infusion. Serial blood samples were obtained for kinetic analysis. Whole-body, blood, lesion, and normal-tissue activities were measured, kinetic parameters (uptake and clearance half-life times) estimated, and radiation-absorbed doses calculated using the OLINDA software program. **Results:** All patients showed prominent activity within the lesion that was retained over several days and was detectable up to the last time point of imaging, with a mean  $^{124}\text{I}$  residence time in the lesion of 24.9 h and dose equivalent of  $353 \pm 181$  mSv/MBq. Whole-body doses were low, with a dose equivalent of  $0.69 \pm 0.28$  mSv/MBq. Systemic distribution and activities in normal organs and blood were low. Radiation dose to blood was very low, with a mean value of  $0.27 \pm 0.21$  mGy/MBq. Whole-body clearance was monoexponential with a mean biologic half-life of 62.7 h and an effective half-life of 37.9 h. Blood clearance was biexponential, with a mean biologic half-life of 22.2 h for the rapid  $\alpha$  phase and 155 h for the slower  $\beta$  phase. **Conclusion:** Intratumoral CED of  $^{124}\text{I}$ -omburtamab is a novel theranostics approach in DIPG. It allows for delivery of high radiation doses to the DIPG lesions, with high lesion activities and low systemic activities and high tumor-to-normal-tissue ratios and achieving a wide safety margin. Imaging of the actual therapeutic administration of  $^{124}\text{I}$ -omburtamab allows for direct estimation of the therapeutic lesion and normal-tissue-absorbed doses.

**Keywords:**  $^{124}\text{I}$ -omburtamab; DIPG; convection-enhanced delivery; diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma; dosimetry; organ-absorbed doses.

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