Piflufolastat (18F) self-training educational material for healthcare professionals to interpret piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT

This educational material provides with recommendations to reduce and prevent misinterpretation risks from the use of piflufolastat (18F). Additional information regarding piflufolastat (18F) is available in the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) and package leaflet (PIL) on the Health Agency website.

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CHAPTER 1

Important information

▼ Piflufolastat (¹8F) is subject to additional monitoring.

This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via www.ravimiamet.ee.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product.

Purpose of the training

The purpose of the training is to help you familiarize yourself with the use of piflufolastat (18F) and ensure correct and reliable interpretation of piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT.

This training program is part of the Risk Management Plan (RMP) of piflufolastat (18F).

The accurate and timely acquisition and interpretation of piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT are the responsibility of the nuclear medicine physician at the PET/CT center.

Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT should only be interpreted by trained nuclear medicine physician.

Training in the interpretation of piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT, including suggested interpretation criteria presented on the following slides, is not intended to replace the independent medical judgment of the physician responsible for the management of each patient and is not a guarantee of specific clinical outcomes.

CHAPTER 2

Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA)

PSMA is a type II transmembrane protein with an extracellular binding site that is internalized after ligand binding.

PSMA tissue expression is high on the cell surface of prostatic tissues including prostate cancer.

Despite the name, PSMA is not specific to prostate tissue. The PSMA protein can be found in low concentrations in many other organs.

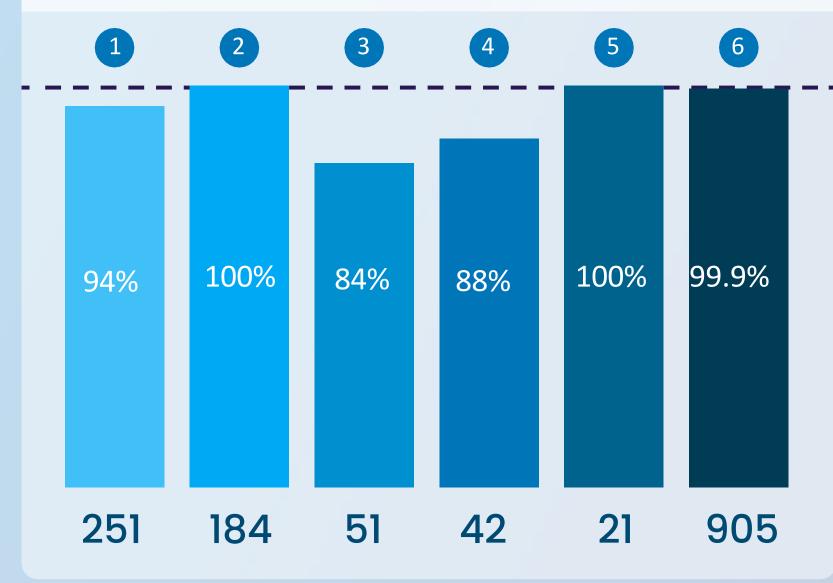
Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA)

PSMA Positive

Reported to be

% Cases

PSMA is overexpressed in app. 95% of primary and metastatic lesions in patients with prostate cancer.



Cases Studied

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Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA)

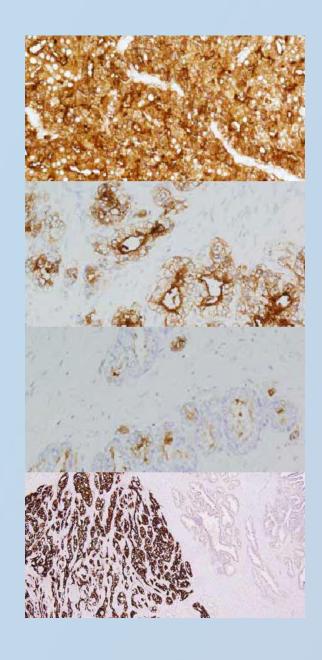
PSMA expression is increasing with histologic grade.

Gleason 5

Gleason 4

Gleason 3

Benign prostatic hyperplasia



PSMA expression

ISUP 5 = Gleason 9 or 10

ISUP 4 = Gleason 8

ISUP 3 = Gleason 7

ISUP 2 = Gleason 7

ISUP 1 = Gleason ≤6

4+5, 5+4, 5+5

4+4, 3+5, 5+3

4+3

3+4

≤3+3

CHAPTER 3

EANM Guidelines on PSMA-ligand PET/CT

Provide with guidance on:

- Indications for PSMA-ligand PET/CT
- Potential clinical applications of PSMA-ligand PET/CT
- Procedure and specification of the examination
- PSMA-ligand PET/CT acquisition protocol
- Normal biodistribution and dosimetry of PSMA ligands
- Important pitfalls of imaging with PSMA-ligands
- The standardised structured reporting system in staging, recurrent setting, advanced setting, and evaluation of therapeutic response

CHAPTER 4

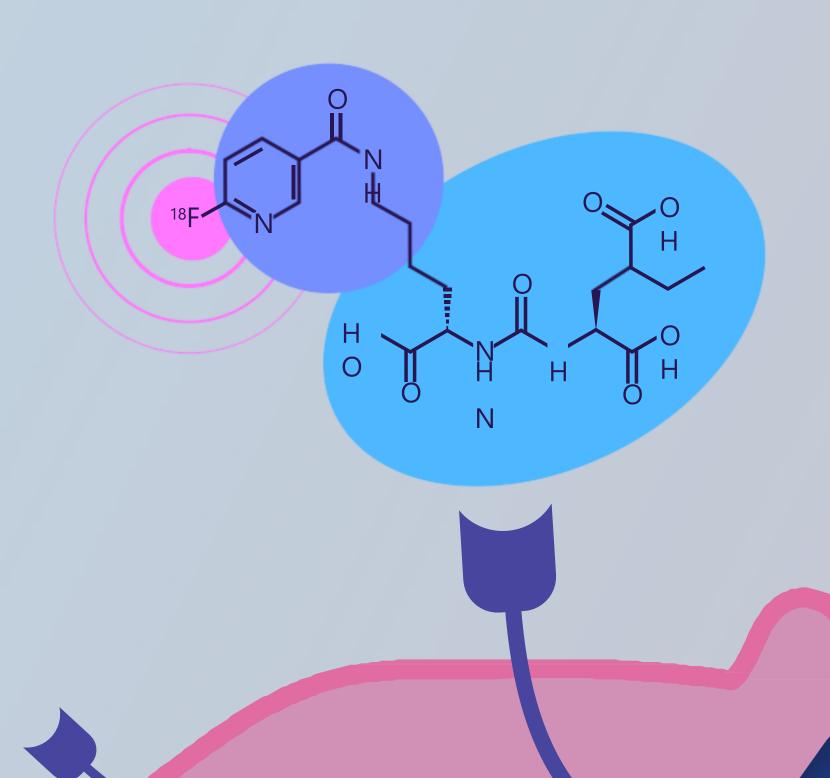
Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT

4.1

Chemical structure of piflufolastat (18F)

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2-(3-{1-carboxy-5-[(6-[18F]fluoro-pyridine-3-carbonyl)-amino]-pentyl}-ureido)-pentanedioic acid



4.2

Piflufolastat (18F):

Indications

Piflufolastat (18F): Indications

Piflufolastat (¹⁸F) is indicated for the detection of prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) positive lesions with positron emission tomography (PET) in adults with prostate cancer. Which clinical settings?

- 1 Primary staging of patients with high-risk prostate cancer prior to initial curative therapy.
- To localize recurrence of prostate cancer in patients with a suspected recurrence based on increasing serum PSA levels after primary treatment with curative intent.

4.3

Piflufolastat (18F):

Patient preparation, posology

Piflufolastat (18F): Patient preparation, posology

- No fasting requirement prior to the injection.
- Encourage patient to drink enough water prior to injection.
- Ongoing medications may be taken prior to injection.
- The mean recommended activity of piflufolastat (18F) is 4 MBq/kg of body weight and can vary from 3 to 5
 MBq/kg of body weight depending on the PET equipment and acquisition mode used.
- The minimum activity should not fall below 190 MBq and the maximum activity should not exceed 360 MBq.
- Bolus administration via an intravenous flexible catheter, followed by a flush of 5-10 mL sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection.
- Acquisition should be started 90 min to 120 min after the injection of piflufolastat (18F).
- Advise the patient to void immediately prior to acquisition.

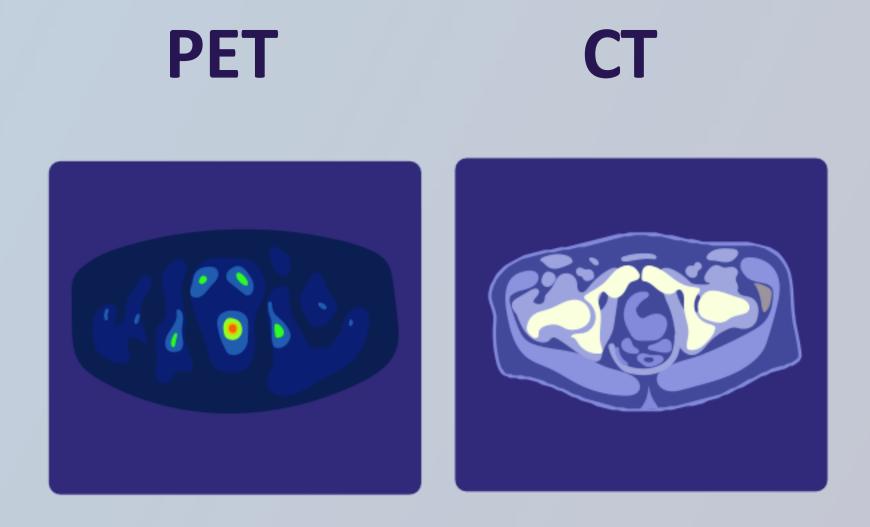
4.4

Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT:
Acquisition

Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT: Acquisition

A non-contrast enhanced low-dose CT scan is performed for attenuation correction and anatomic correlation, from the skull vertex to mid-thigh.

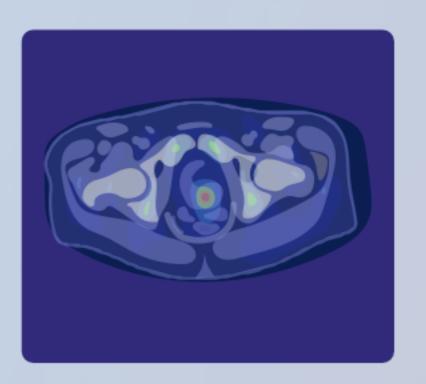
PET is performed from mid-thigh to the skull vertex.



Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT: Acquisition

When these two scans are fused together, we can view metabolic changes in the proper anatomical context.

PET/CT



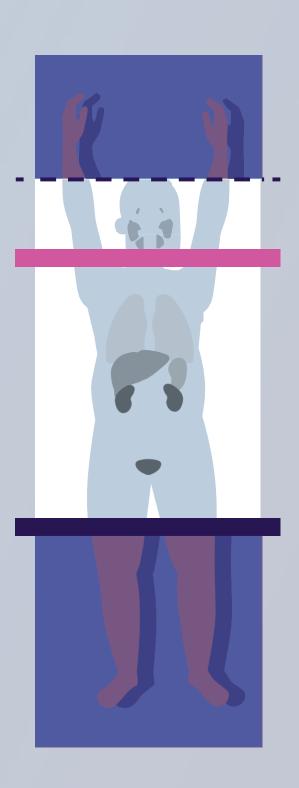
Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT: Acquisition

Patient should be positioned supine with both arms elevated above the head to avoid artefacts.

Acquisition duration is 12 to 40 minutes depending on the type of PET/CT cameras, number of bed positions (typically 6 to 8) and acquisition time per bed position (typically 2 to 5 minutes).

Late acquisitions can also be performed, thus reducing background activity.

Instruct patients to drink and void frequently for the first few hours following piflufolastat (18F) administration.



4.5

Physiological distribution and dosimetry

Piflufolastat (18F): Physiological distribution



60 min after the injection, the administrated activity is:

- 16.5% in kidneys.
- 9.3% in liver.
- 2.9% in lungs.

8 hours after the injection, approximately 50% of administered activity is excreted in the urine.

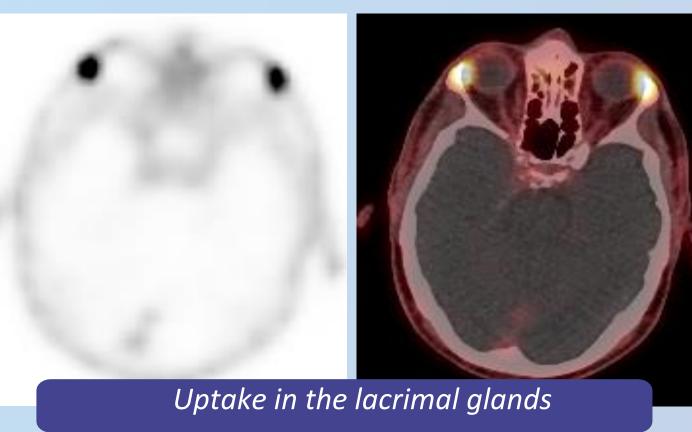
Piflufolastat (18F): Physiological distribution



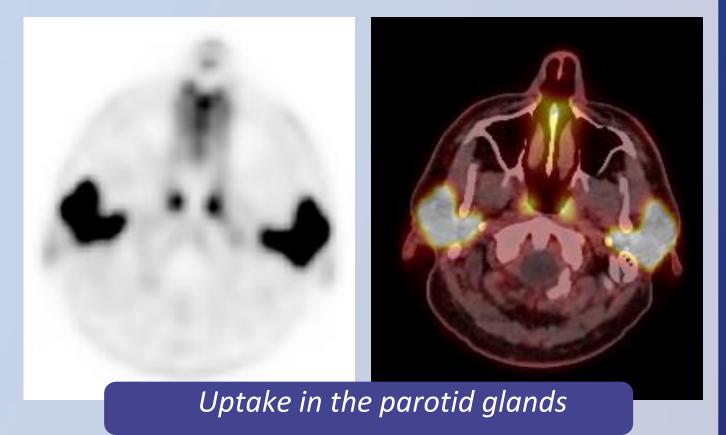
- Piflufolastat (¹⁸F) accumulates in healthy tissue where the density of PSMA is high including the:
 - ✓ Lacrimal glands
 - ✓ Salivary glands
 - ✓ Liver
 - ✓ Spleen
 - ✓ Kidneys
- Healthy organs demonstrate significant variability in the uptake of piflufolastat (¹⁸F)
- The expression of PSMA can predominantly be found in prostate cancer but can also be observed in other neoplasms (e.g. renal cell carcinoma, hepatocarcinoma, breast cancer, lung cancer and other malignancies) or non-malignant conditions (e.g hemangioma, ganglia, since they can mimic lymph nodes, benign bone disease as Paget's disease, or pulmonary sarcoidosis/granulomatosis)
- In patients with metastatic disease the impact of tumor burden on healthy organ/tissue uptake is minimal and unlikely to be clinically significant.

Piflufolastat (18F): Physiological distribution in the area of head and neck



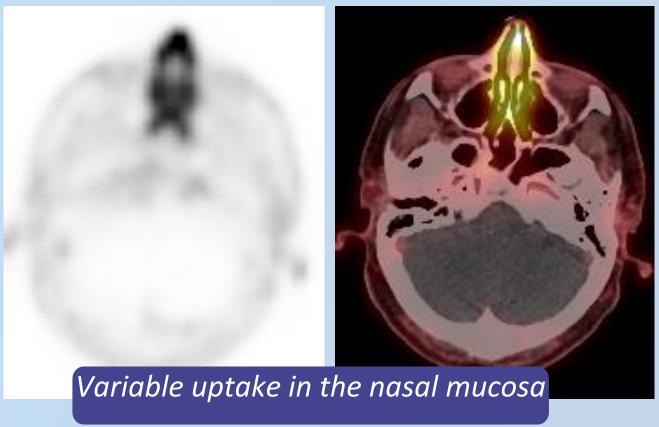


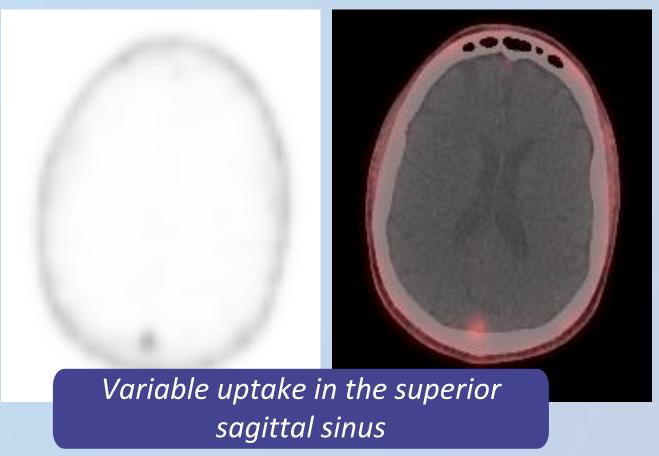


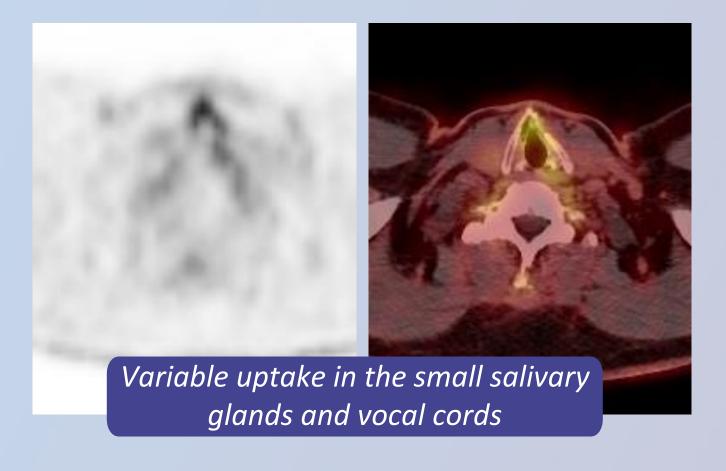


Piflufolastat (18F): Physiological distribution in the area of the head and neck





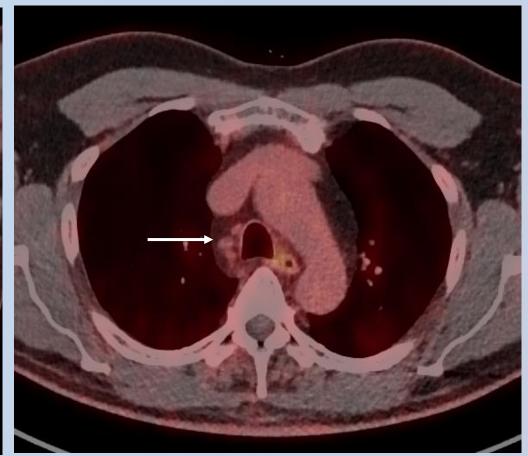




Piflufolastat (18F): Physiological distribution I in the thoracic area



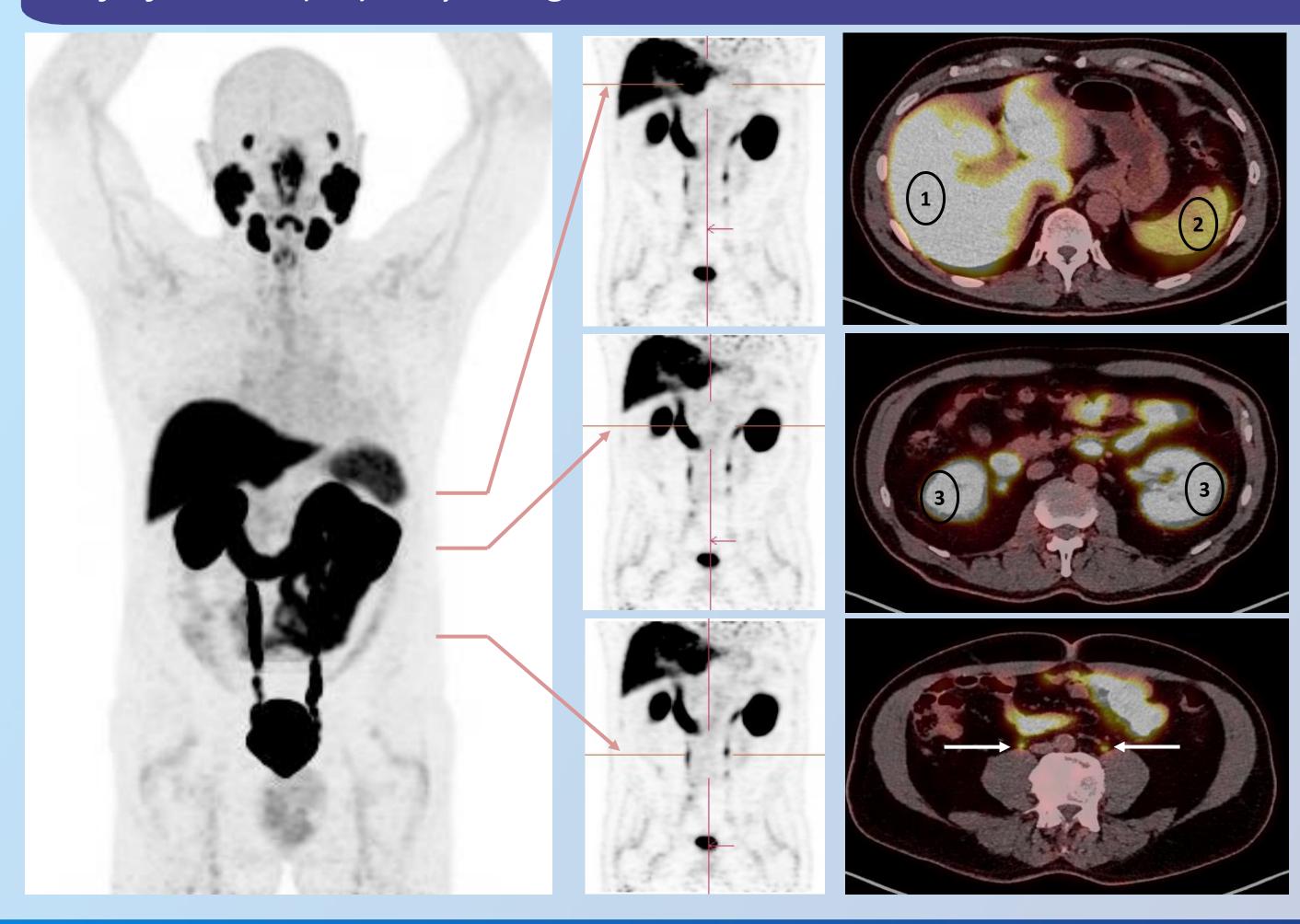






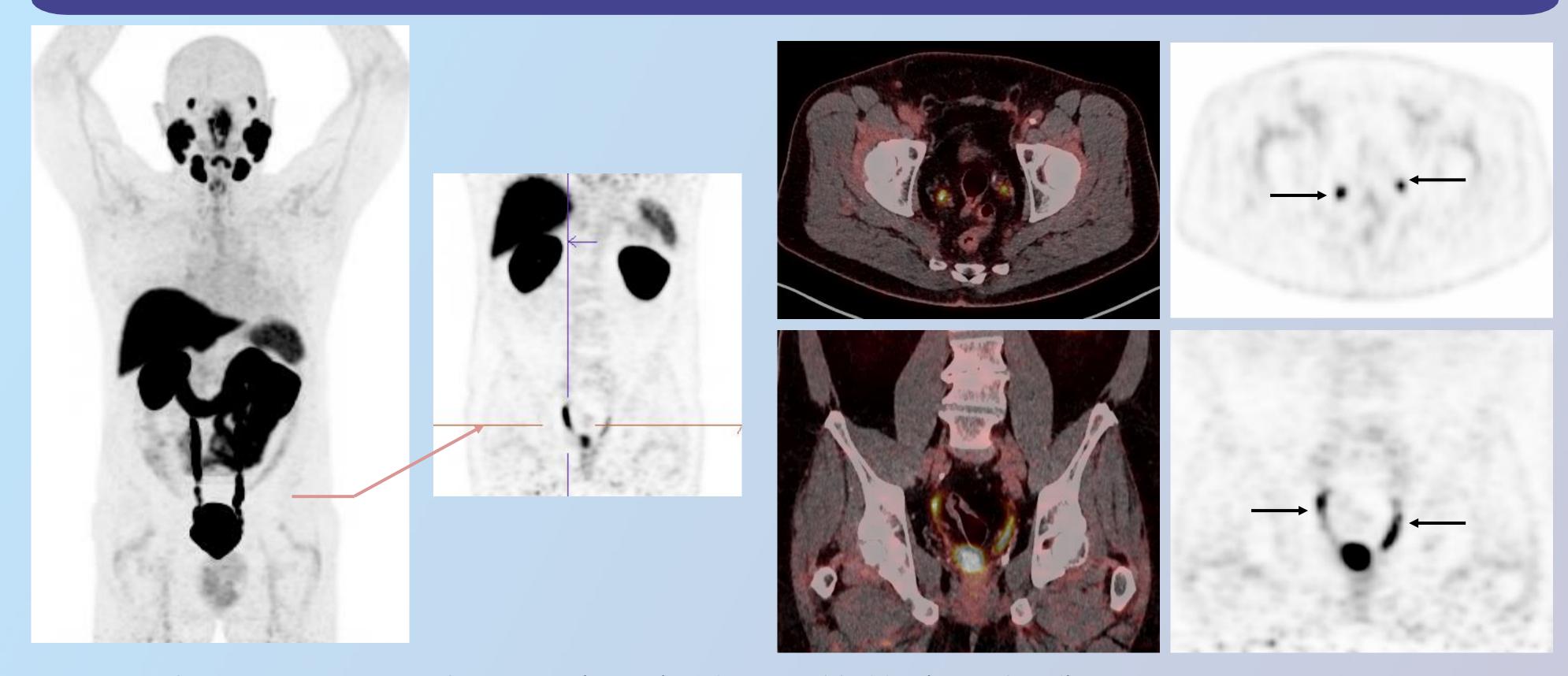
- No pathological organ or tissue uptake
- Possible mild variable uptake by mediastinal and/or hilar lymph nodes

Piflufolastat (18F): Physiological distributionI in the abdominal area



- Uptake in the
 - ✓ 1.Liver
 - ✓ 2. Spleen
 - ✓ 3. Kidneys
- Urinary elimination: activity in the ureters (arrow)
- Activity in the ureters must be distinguished from eventual metastatic retroperitoneal lymph nodes

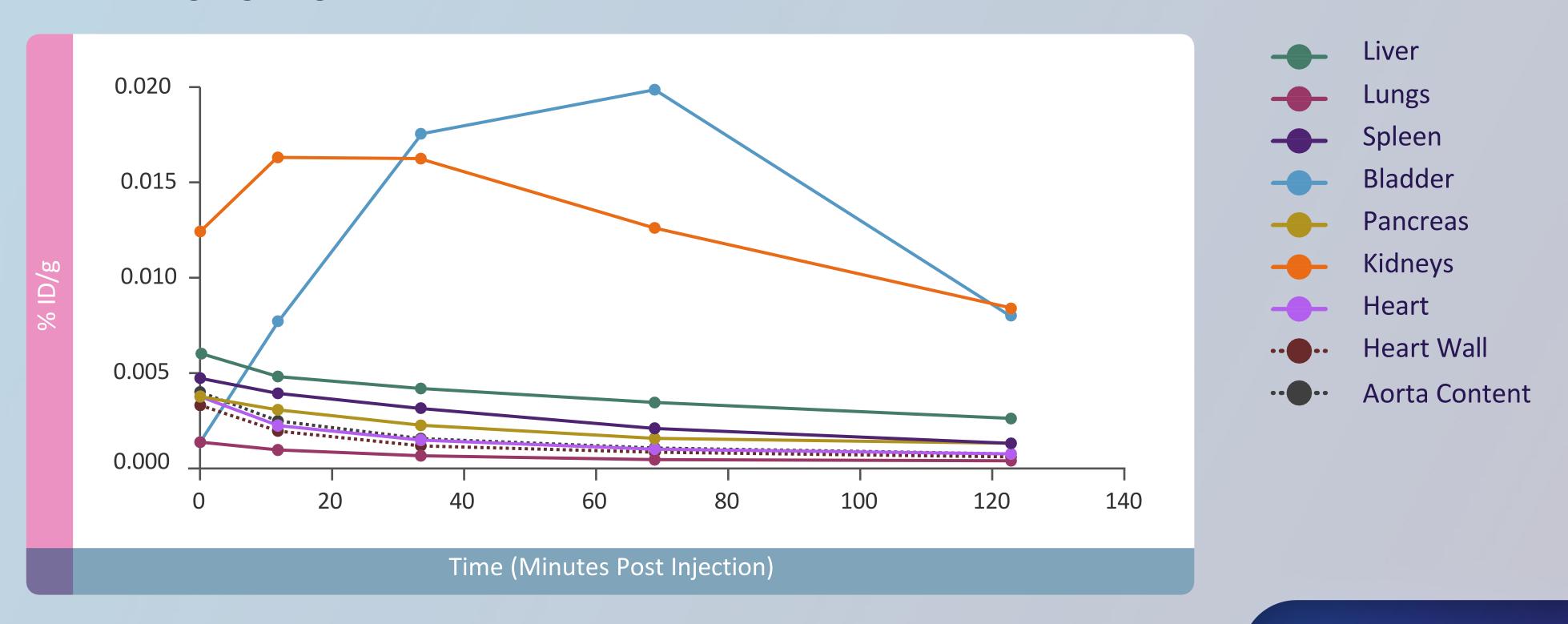
Piflufolastat (18F): Physiological distribution I in the pelvic area



- Urinary elimination: activity in the ureters (arrow) and urinary bladder (arrowhead)
- Activity in the ureters must be distinguished from eventual metastatic pelvic lymph nodes

Piflufolastat (18F): Dosimetry

The effective dose resulting from the administration of a maximal recommended activity of 360 MBq for an adult weighing 70 kg is about 4.2 mSv.

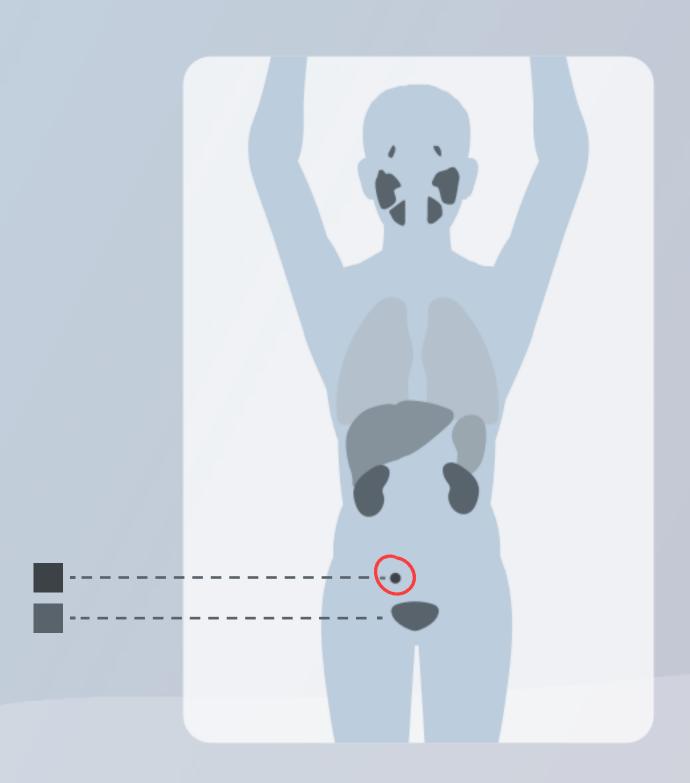


Szabo, Z. et al. (2015) 'Initial Evaluation of [(18)F]DCFPyL for Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen (PSMA)-Targeted PET Imaging of Prostate Cancer', Molecular Imaging and Biology, 17(4), pp. 565–574.

Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT should be interpreted by visual assessment.

Lesions should be considered suspicious if uptake is greater than physiologic uptake in that tissue or greater than adjacent background if no physiologic uptake is expected.

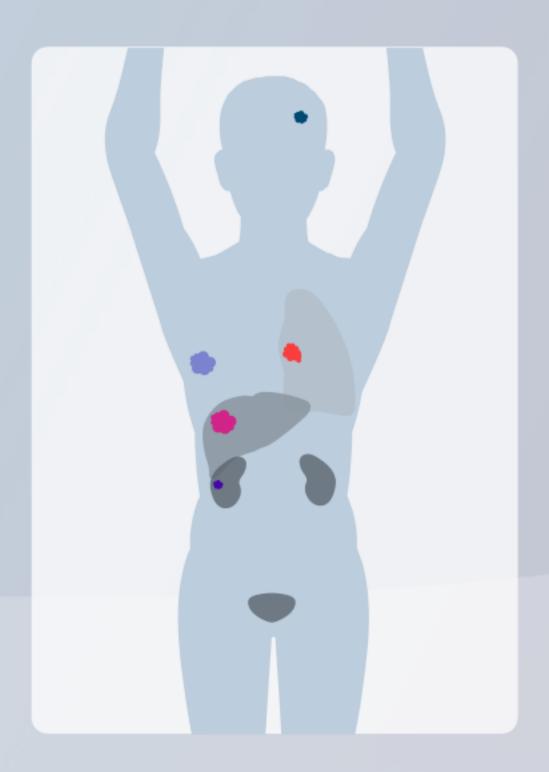
The examples of interpretation of piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT are provided in Chapter 5, Case reports.



PSMA can be expressed in prostate cancer, but can also be observed in other neoplasms (renal cell carcinoma, hepatocarcinoma, breast cancer, lung cancer and other malignancies).

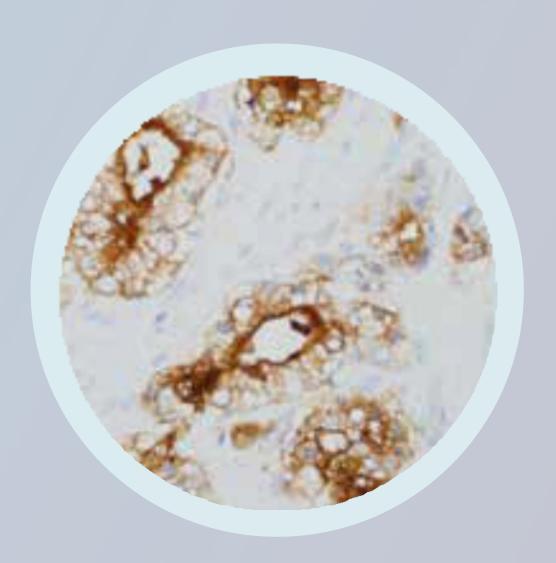
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Benign conditions (e.g. hemangioma, ganglia, Paget's disease, sarcoidosis, granulomatosis, etc.), potentially leading to false positive findings.

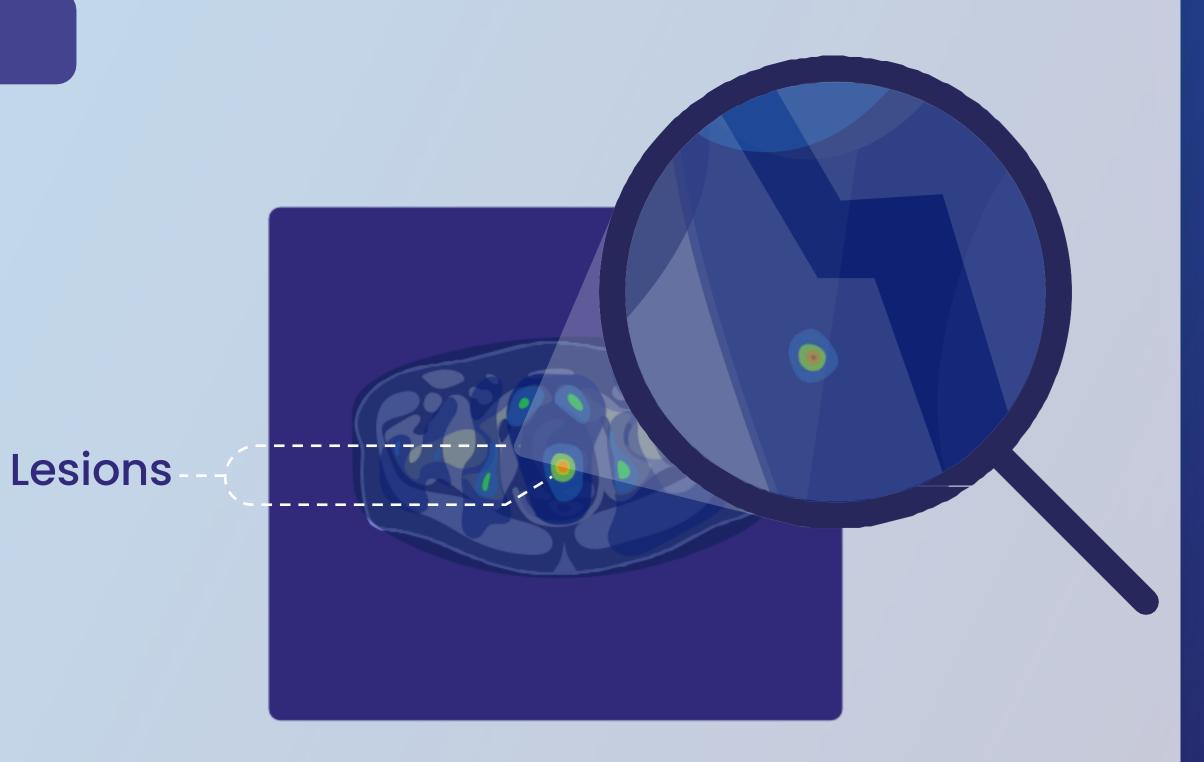


The diagnostic performance of piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT for metastatic pelvic lymph nodes prior to initial definitive therapy may be affected by metastatic risk factors of the disease such as Gleason score or initial serum PSA level.

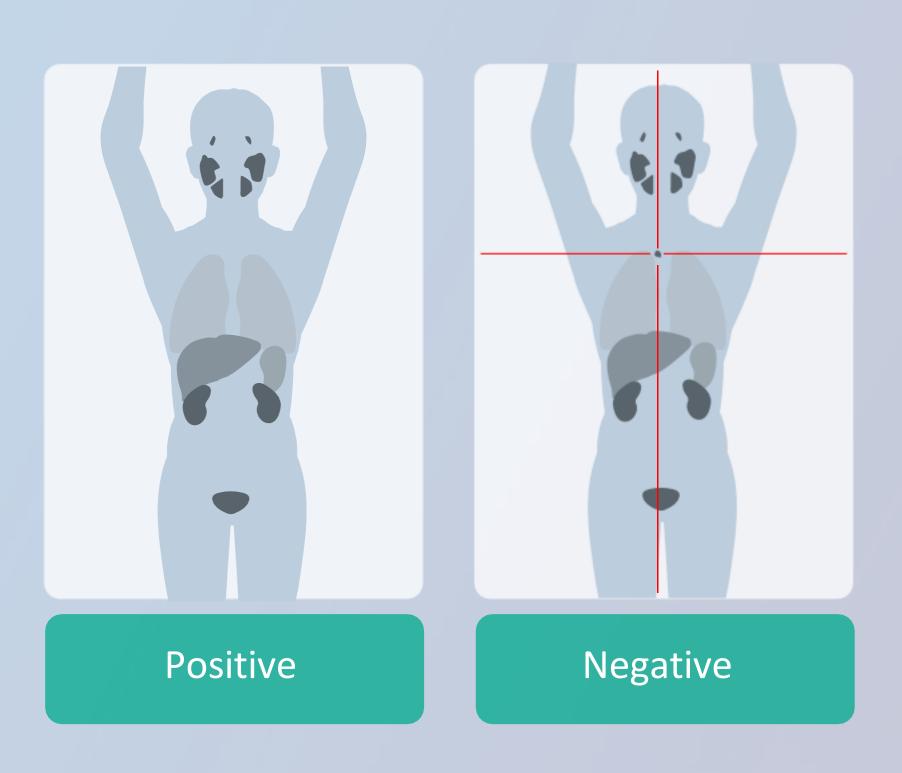
The diagnostic performance of piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT for imaging of patients with BCR may be affected by the tumour mass of prostate cancer and serum PSA levels.



Any lesion under spatial resolution of PET may be missed by piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT.



A negative piflufolastat (¹⁸F) PET/CT does not rule out the presence of prostate cancer and a positive PET/CT does not confirm the presence of prostate cancer.



CHAPTER 5

Case reports

5.1

Initial staging, biochemical recurrence, false positive findings, false negative findings, incidental findings

Case report on initial staging #1

Patient's history

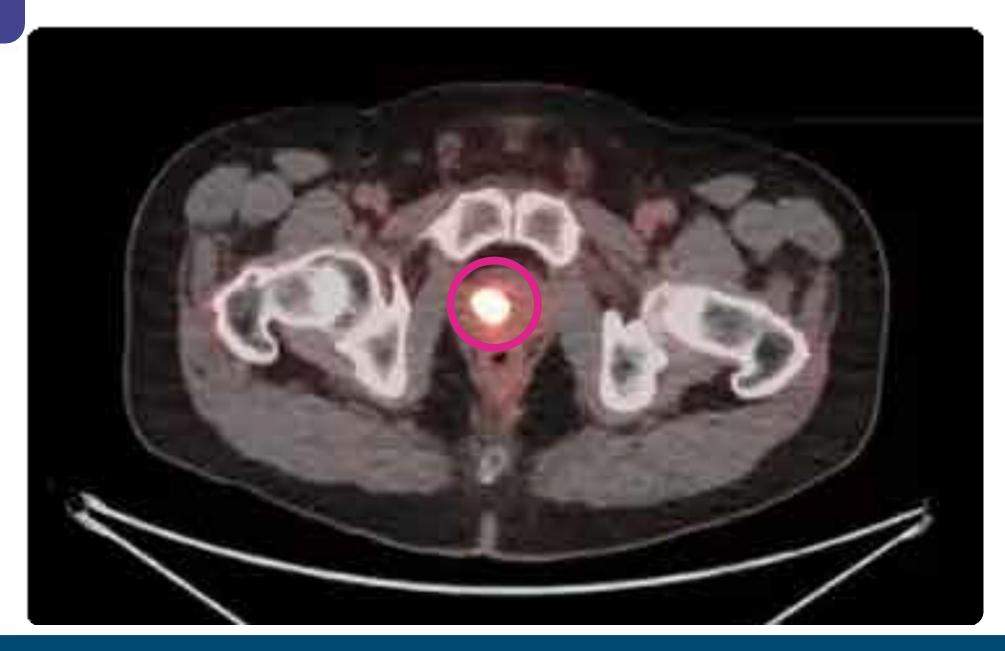
63-year-old man.

Gleason score 9 (4+5).

PSA 19.3 ng/mL.

Case report on initial staging #1





Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Increased uptake in the prostate.

No evidence of local or distant metastasis.

Case report on initial staging #2

Patient's history

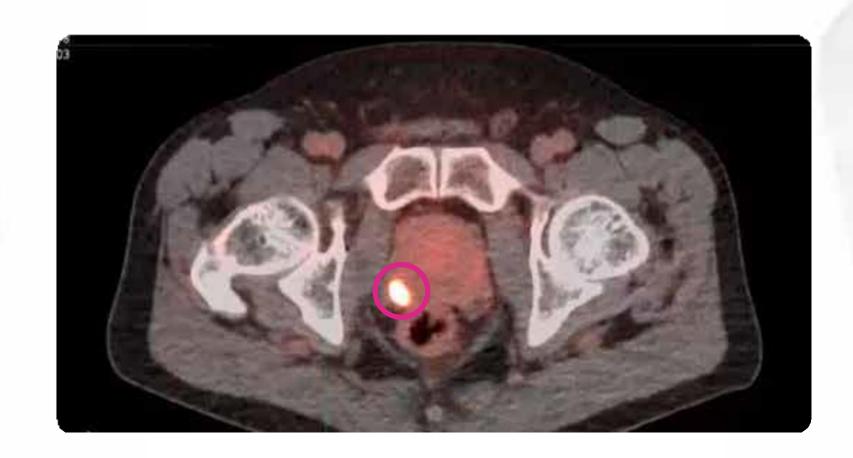
70-year-old man.

Gleason score 8 (4+4).

PSA 5.28 ng/mL.

Case report on initial staging #2

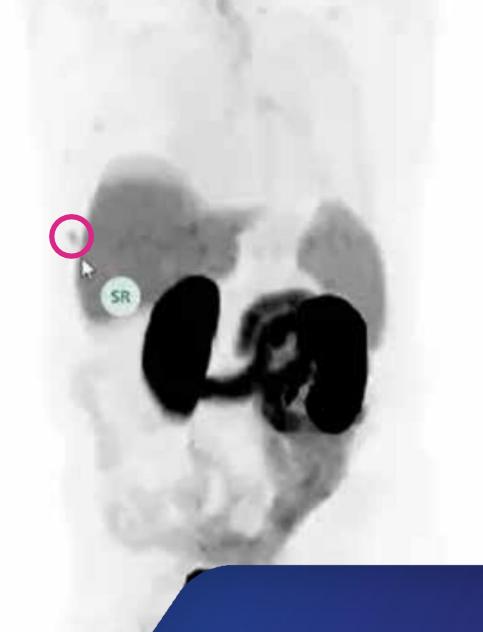




Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Increased uptake in the prostate.

Nonspecific uptake in the right rib.

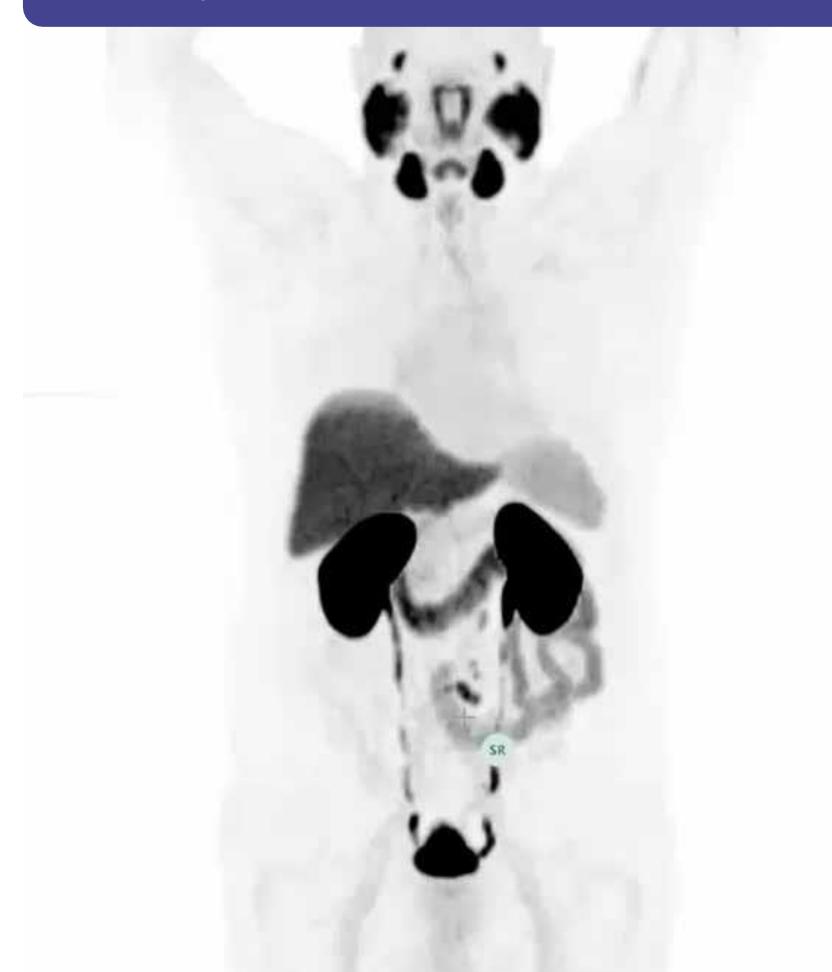


Patient's history

72-year-old man.

After radiotherapy.

PSA 7.24 ng/mL.





Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Increased uptake in the retroperitoneal lymph node.

Patient's history

58-year-old man.

History of radical prostatectomy + eLND and radiotherapy.

PSA 2.74 ng/mL.

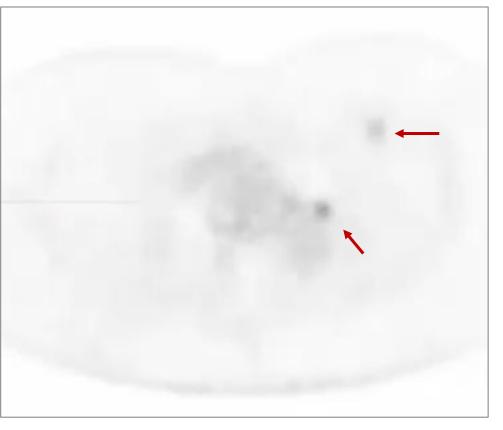


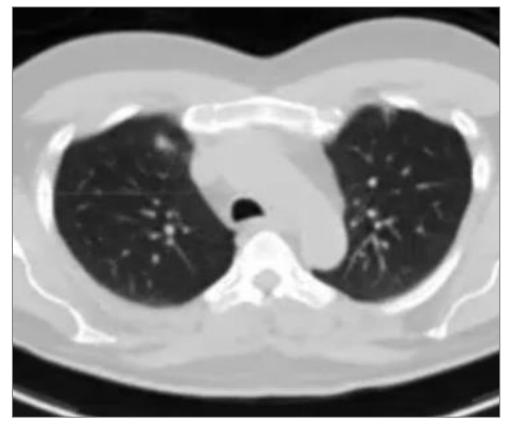


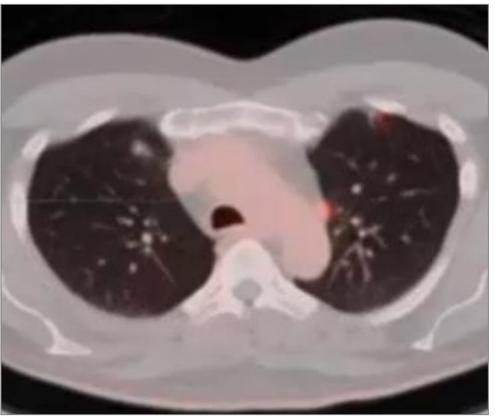
Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Increased uptake in the right hilar lymph node, confirmed as metastasis of prostate cancer and increased uptake in two small infiltrates in the left lung confirmed as metastases of prostate cancer by follow-up.







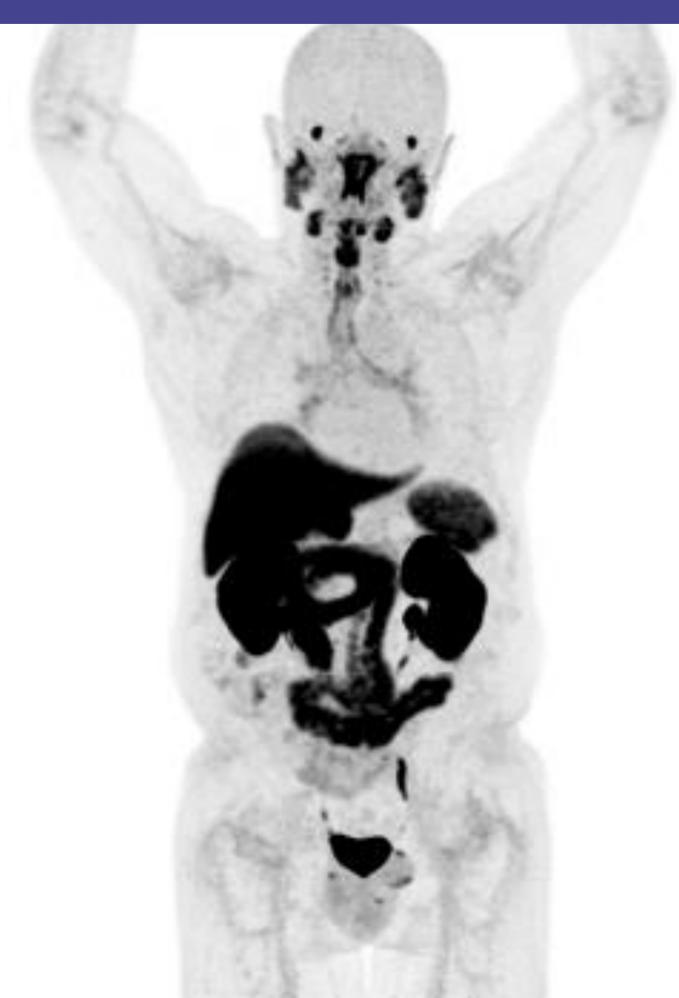


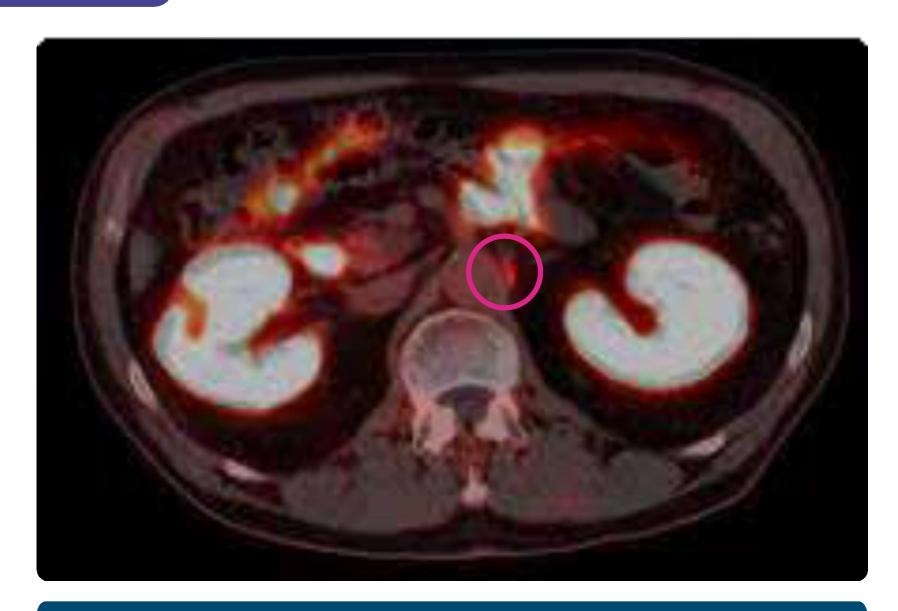
Patient's history

73-year-old man.

History of radical prostatectomy without eLND.

PSA 0.22 ng/mL.





Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Increased uptake in the left coeliac ganglia mimicking a paraaortic lymph node.

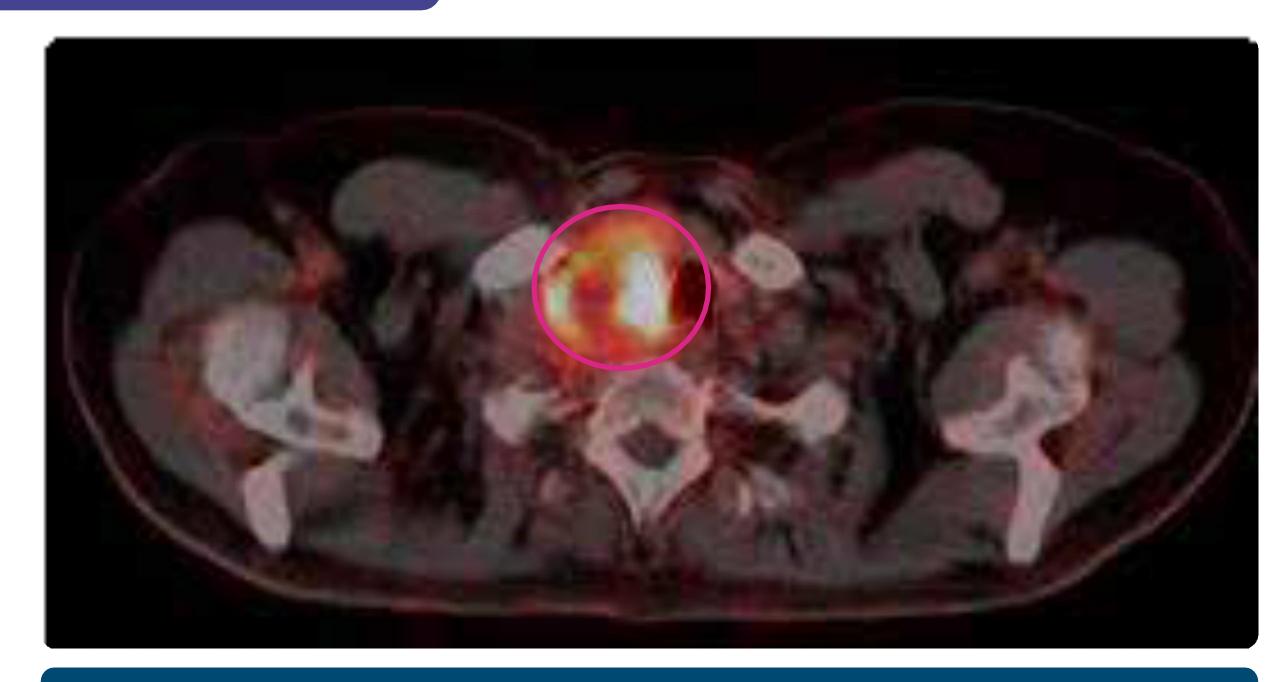
Patient's history

73-year-old man.

History of radical prostatectomy without eLND.

PSA 0.62 ng/mL.





Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Intense uptake in the voluminous nodule in the right lobe of the thyroid gland.

Patient's history

67-year old man.

History of radical prostatectomy with eLND

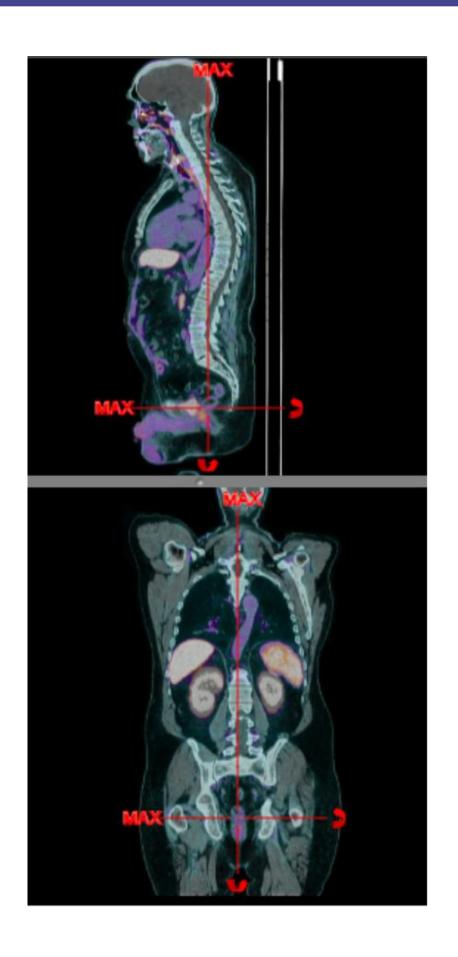
PSA 0,71 ng/mL

No clinical symptoms

Management after PET/CT

Salvage RT of the prostate bed.

PSA drop to 0.07 ng/mL at last follow-up (5 months after RT initiation).





Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

No pathological uptake in the prostate bed.

The finding was retrospectively interpreted as false negative since the serum PSA levels decreased after radiation therapy of the prostate bed suggesting the presence of the microscopic disease in the area, non-detectable by PET/CT.

Patient's history

76-year old man.
Proven high-risk prostate cancer
PSA 110 ng/mL

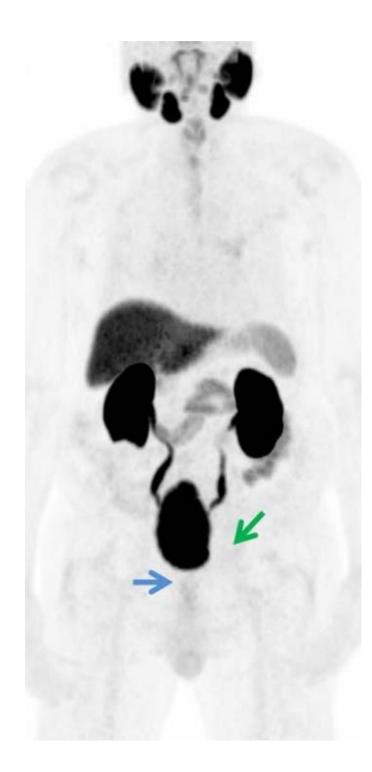
Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

No pathological uptake

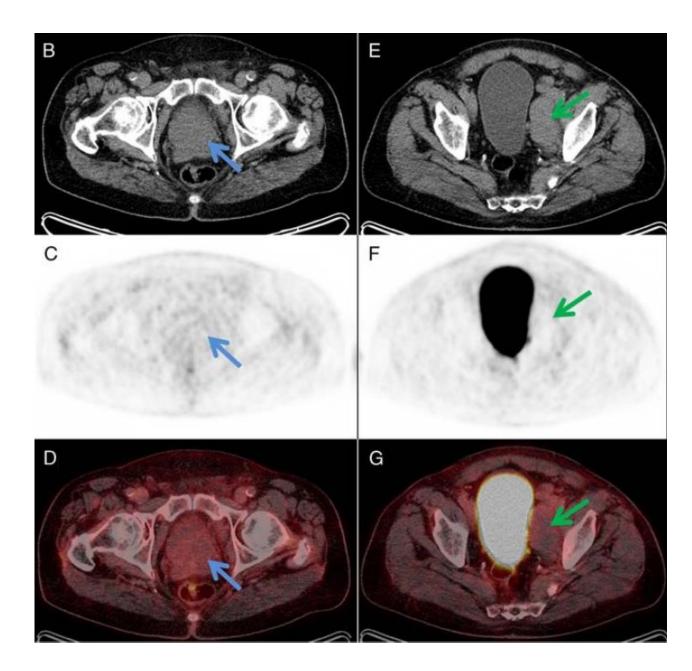
Management after PET/CT

Histopathology of LN revealed metastasis from an adenocarcinoma of the prostate without neuroendocrine differentiation.

The patient was treated with total androgen blockage and docetaxel. In 2 months, PSA decreased to 8.0 ng/mL.



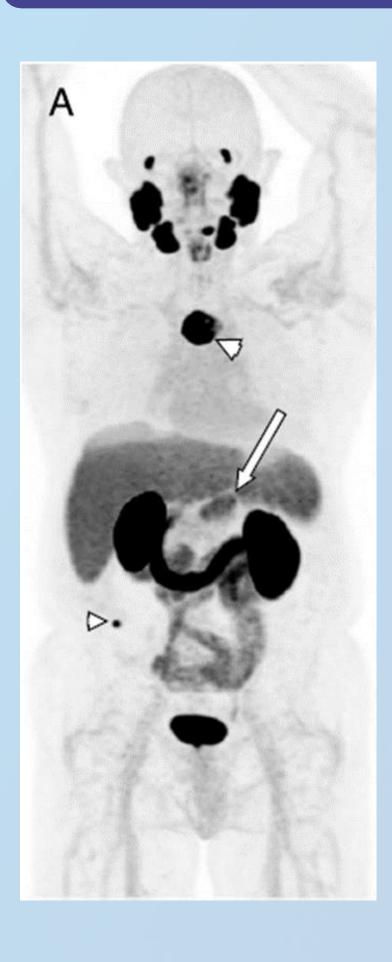
PET - MIP



Patient with confirmed prostate cancer with no neuroendocrine differentiation, with Gleason score 3+4=7 and initial serum concentration of PSA 110 ng/mL. The lymph node metastases of prostate cancer were confirmed by biopsy.

In this rare case, no increased piflufolastat (¹⁸F) uptake was visualized in the enlarged prostate (B–D, blue arrow). Low-dose CT for attenuation correction and anatomical mapping showed enlarged lymph nodes in the left parailiac region, of which the largest node had dimensions of 4.2 x 7.9 cm (E, green arrow). In those nodes, no increased piflufolastat (¹⁸F) uptake was visualized (F, G, green arrow).

Case report on incidental findings #1



Patient's history

79-year old man.

Gleason 9 (5+4)

Patient treated with radiation and hormonal therapy

PSA nadir: 0,1 ng/ml

PSA 22 months after the treatment: 3,2 ng/mL

Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

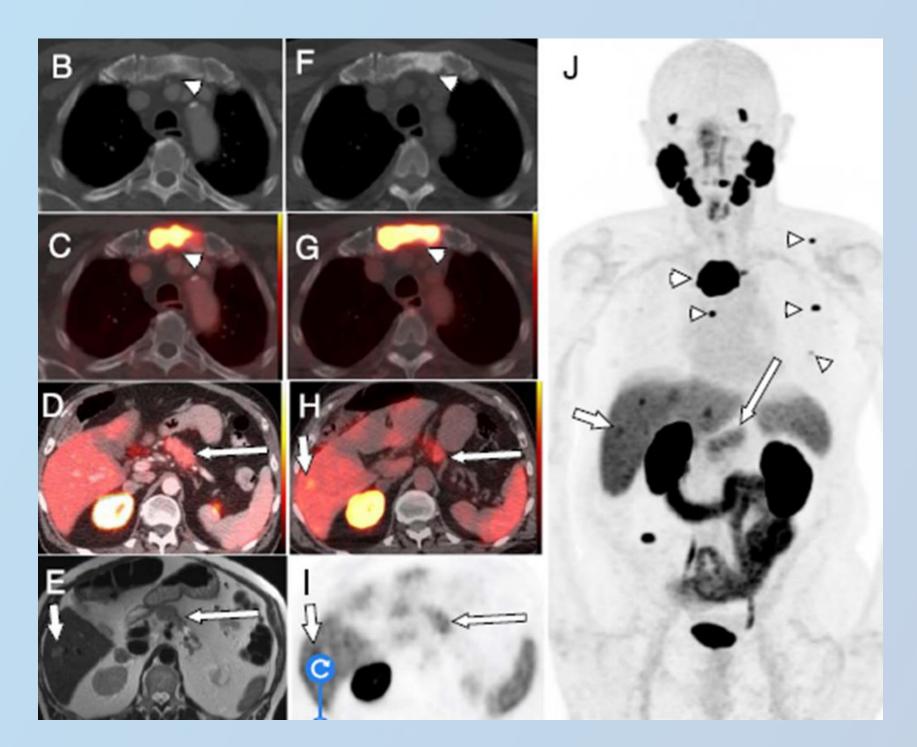
Increased uptake in upper sternum and right iliac bone consistent with bone metastases (small arrowheads)

Increased uptake in the pancreas (big arrowhead)

Management after PET/CT

abiraterone + prednisone

Case report on incidental findings #1



B: axial CT; C and D: fused axial CT; E: axial short T2 image, F: axial CT; G and H: fused axial CT; I:axial PET

Follow-up Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT 4 months later:

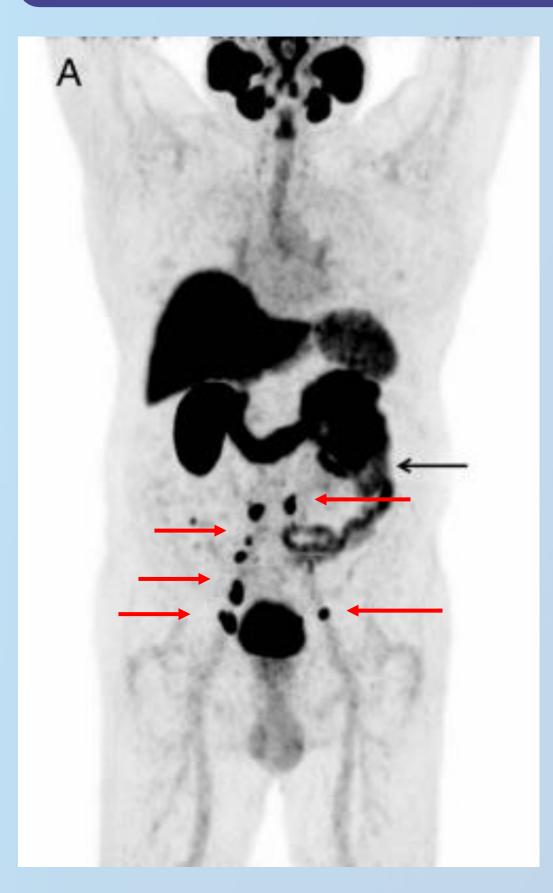
Increased uptake in the sternum, scapula, ribs, and spine (small arrowheads in J).

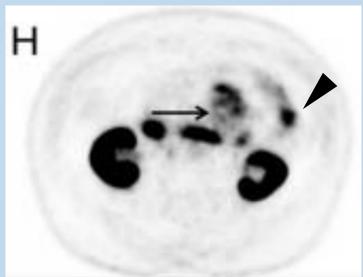
Increased uptake in the pancreas and liver (big arrowheads).

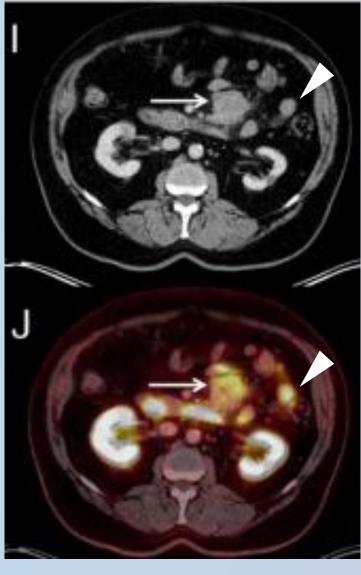
Liver lesion (short arrowheads in H–J) was biopsied and showed metastasis from a primary pancreatic acinar cell carcinoma.

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Case report on incidental findings #2







Patient's history

75-year old man

Gleason 9 (5+4), initial PSA 27 ng/mL

Treated with radiation therapy and hormonal therapy with PSA nadir 0.5 ng/mL

Nine years later, biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer with serum PSA level 4.1 ng/mL

Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Multiple pelvic and some para-aortic lymph nodes showed highly increased uptake (A, red arrows) suspected for recurrent prostate cancer

Incidental finding of a solid mesenteric mass (A, H, I, J, arrow) and mesenteric lymph nodes (H, I, J, arrowhead) with moderately increased uptake confirmed as low grade follicular lymphoma

5.2 Self testing

According to the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), which injected activity of piflufolastat (¹⁸F) is recommended? (one answer is correct)

- A 330 MBq for each patient
- B 180 MBq for each patient
- C 2 MBq/kg of body weight
- D 3-5 MBq/kg of body weight
- E 6 MBq/kg of body weight

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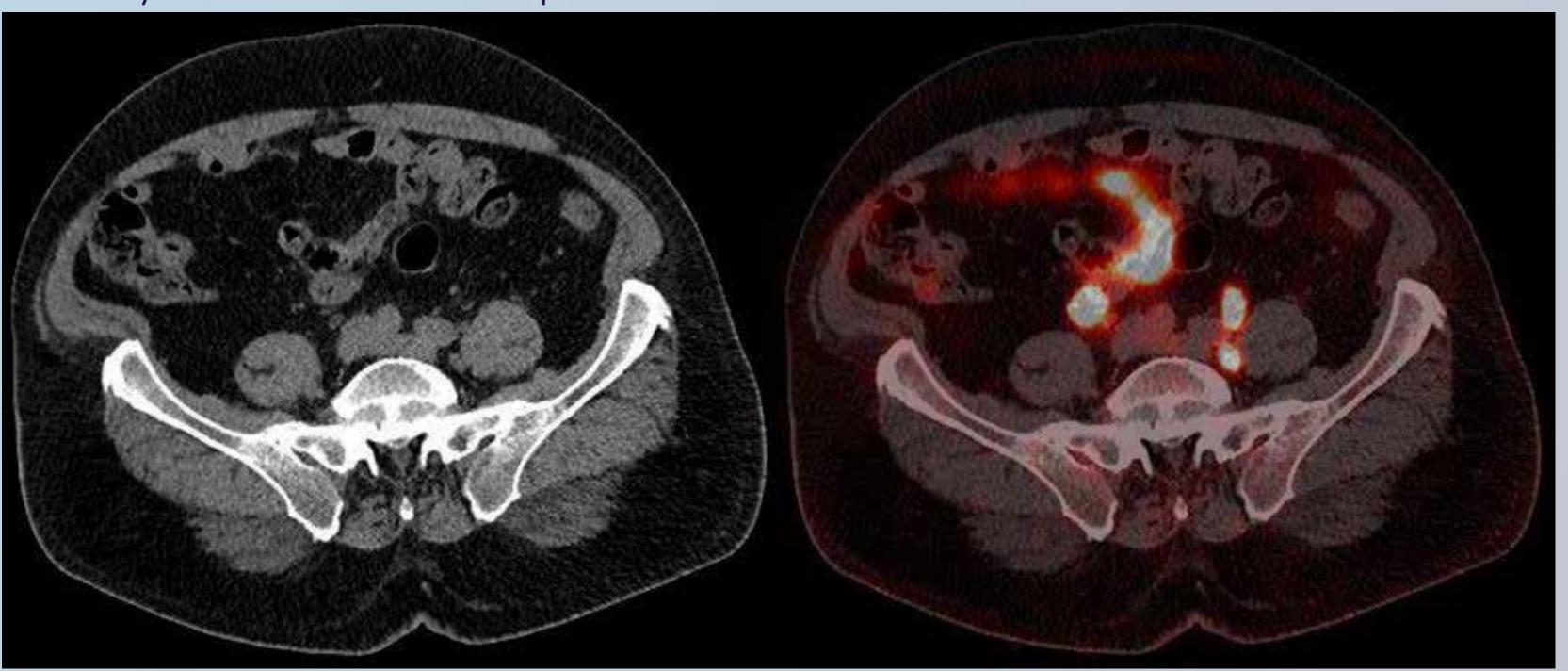
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- C Fluorocholine PET/CT
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Piflulolastat (18F) PET/CT in a patient with BCR of prostate cancer.

How many foci evocative of recurrent prostate cancer can be seen in this case?



How many foci evocative of recurrent prostate cancer can be seen?

A

B

C

D

E

How many foci evocative of recurrent prostate cancer can be seen?

A

B

C

D

E

Patient's history

85-year-old man. | PSA 10.8 ng/ml.

Gleason score 9 (4+5).

MRI: suspicion of prostate cancer with perineural invasion.

CT of the thorax: enlarged mediastinal lymph nodes and lung nodule.

Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

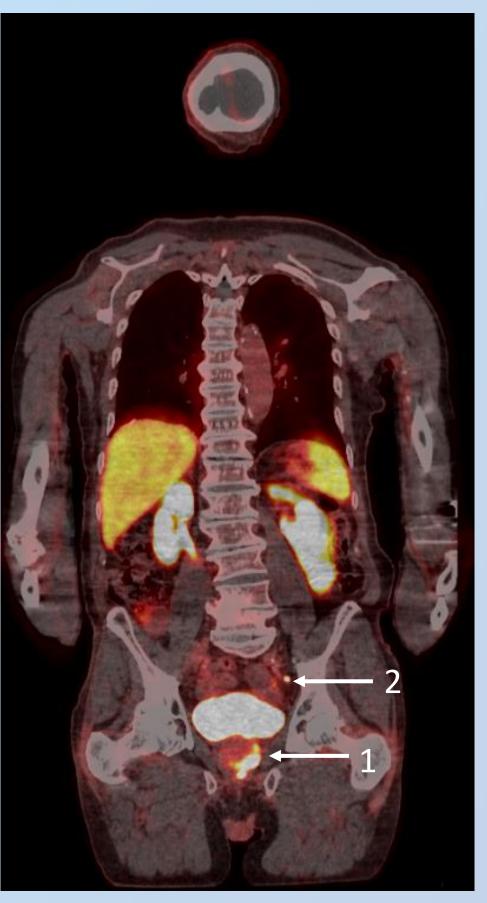
Uptake in the prostate, consistent with prostate cancer.

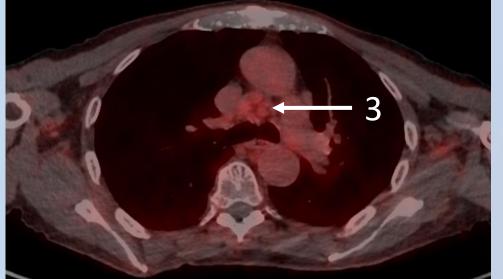
Uptake in the pelvic lymph node, consistent with lymph node metastasis.

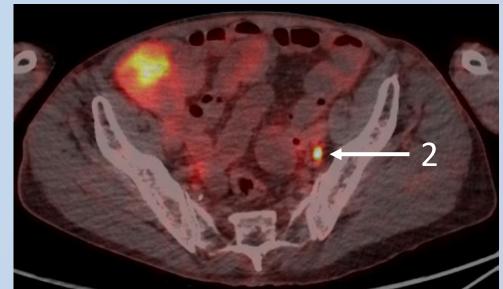
Mild uptake in the mediastinal lymph nodes, nonspecific.

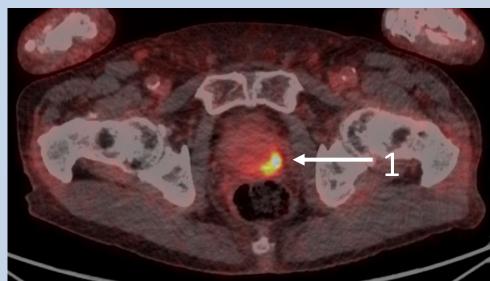
No uptake in the pulmonary nodule.











Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

- Uptake in the prostate, consistent with prostate cancer.
- Uptake in the pelvic lymph node, consistent with lymph node metastasis.
- Mild uptake in the mediastinal lymph nodes, nonspecific.

Mild piflufolastat (18F) uptake in the mediastinal lymph nodes is most probably consistent with: metastasis from prostate cancer inflammatory changes

Mild piflufolastat (18F) uptake in the mediastinal lymph nodes is most probably consistent with:

A metastasis from prostate cancer

B inflammatory changes

Patient's history

70-year-old man.

PSA 8.7 ng/ml.

Gleason score 8 (4+4).

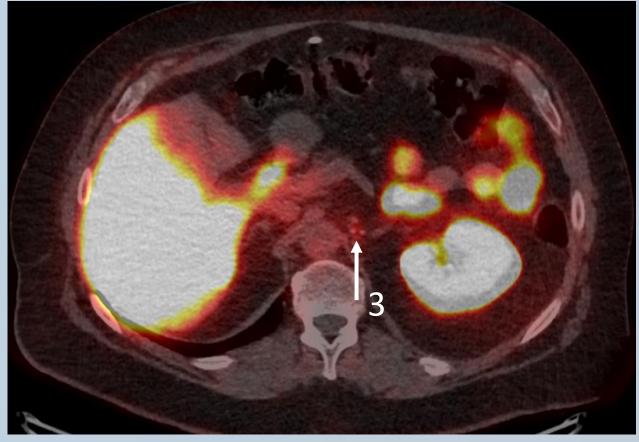
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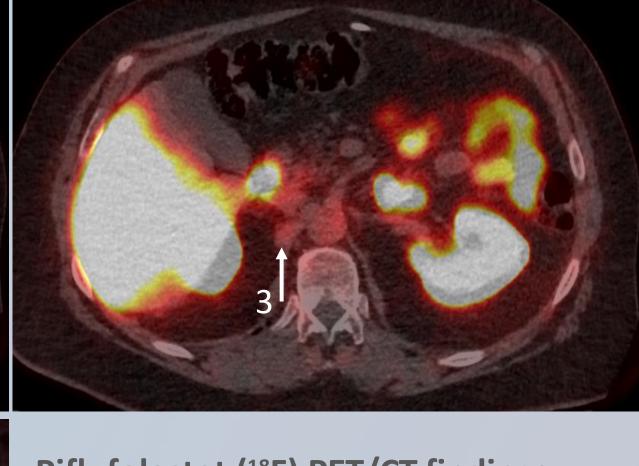
Uptake in the prostate, consistent with prostate cancer.

Uptake in the lumbar spine, consistent with degenerative changes.

Moderate physiological uptake in ganglias.





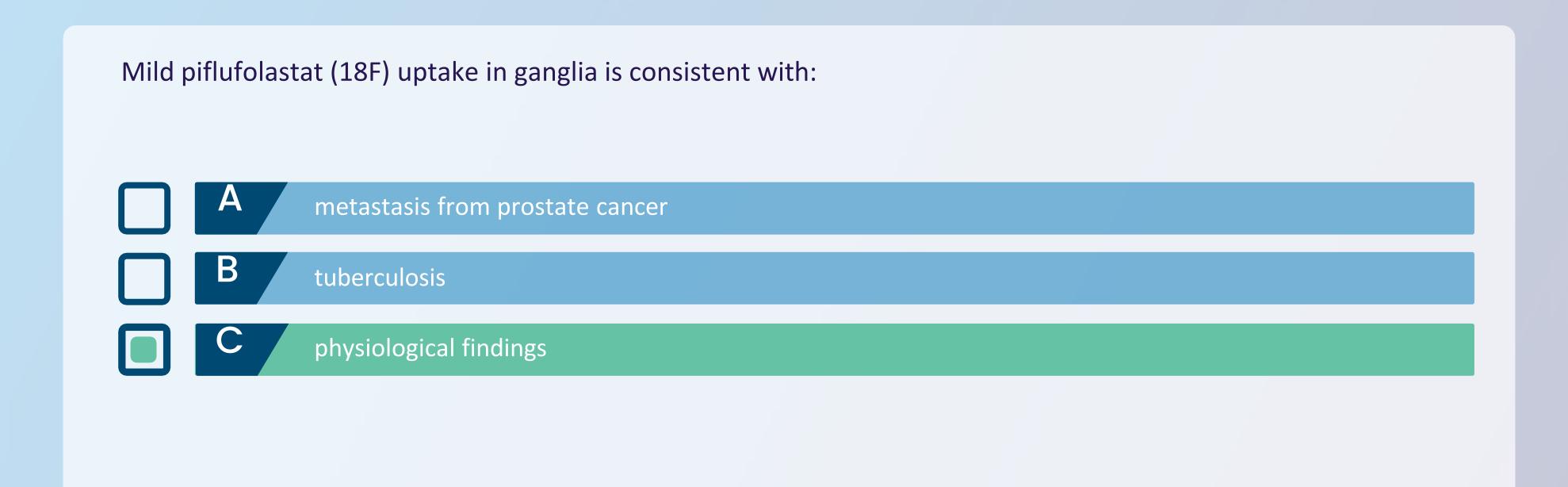




Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

- 1. Uptake in the prostate, consistent with prostate cancer.
- 2. Uptake in the lumbar spine, consistent with degenerative changes.
- 3. Moderate physiological uptake in ganglias.





Patient's history

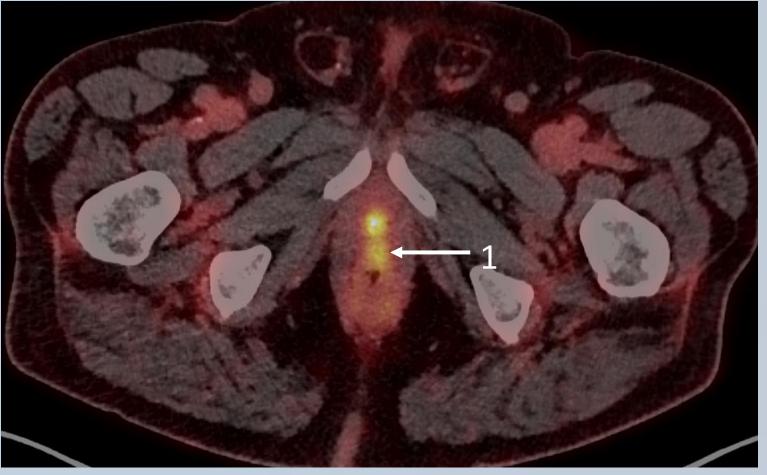
73-year-old man.

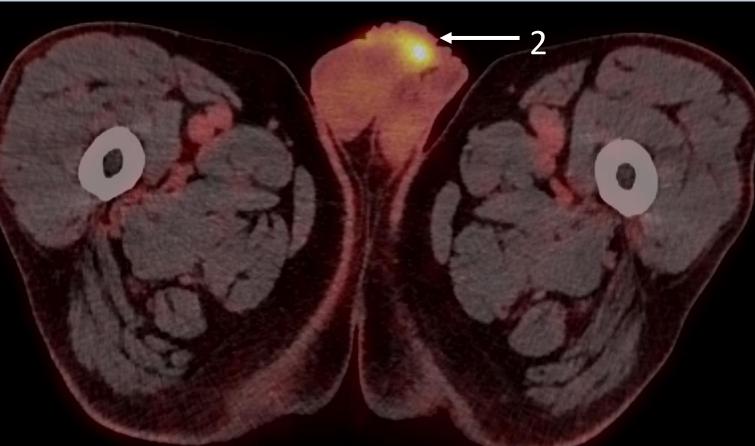
Gleason score 7 (4+3).

History of RP with ePLND.

PSA 0,59 ng/mL.

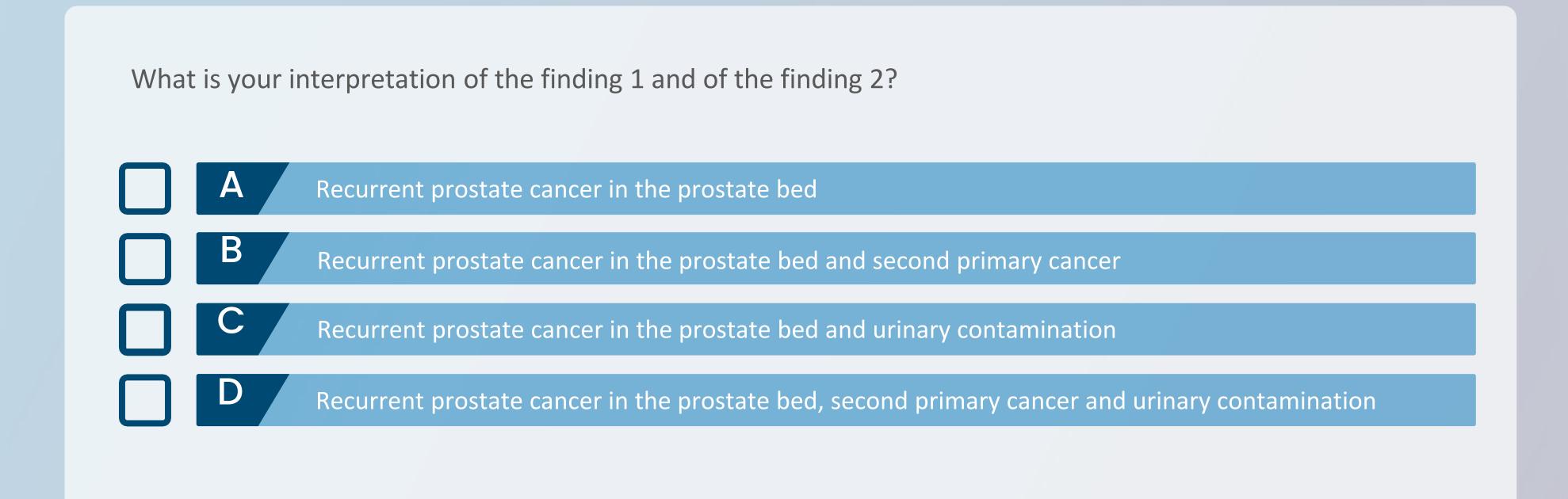


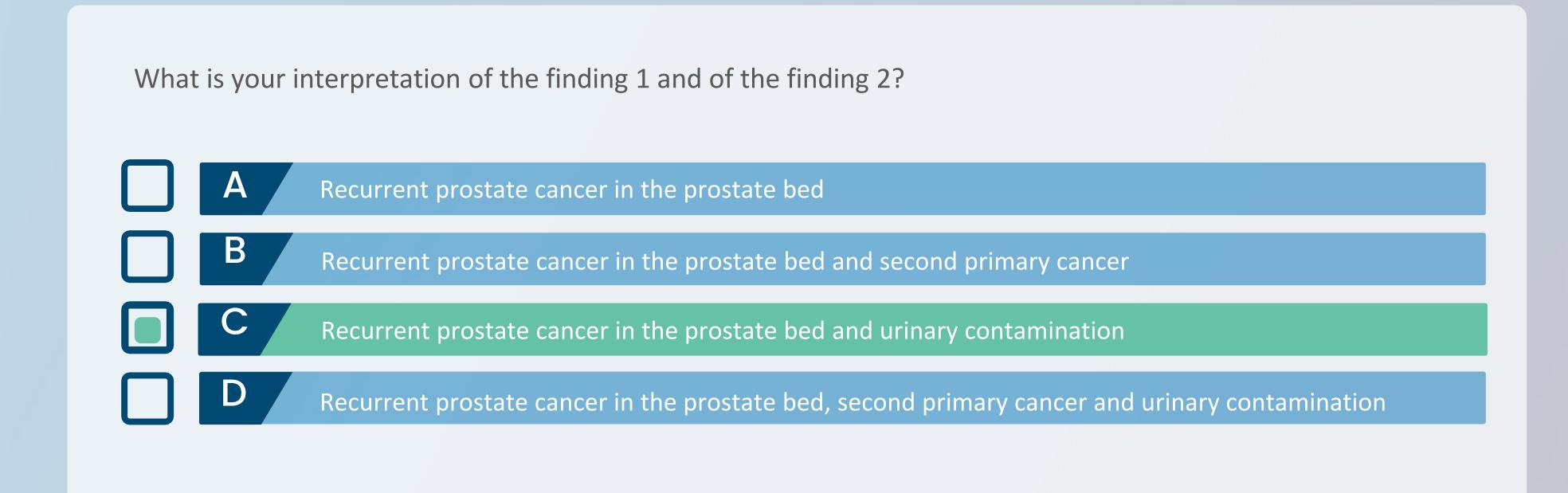




Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

What is your interpretation of the finding 1 and of the finding 2?





Patient's history

71-year-old man.

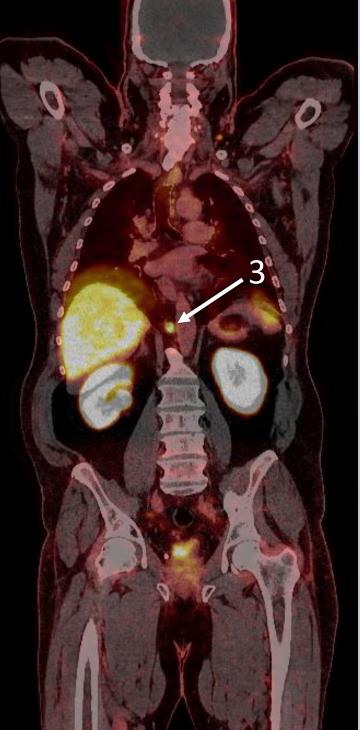
Gleason score 8 (4+4).

History of definitive RT of the prostate and the pelvis.

PSA 4,07 ng/mL.









Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

Uptake in the

- 1. prostate
- 2. pelvic lymph nodes
- paraaortic lymph nodes
- 4. supradiaphragmaticlymph nodes

How would yo	u interprete these piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings?
A	Intraprostatic recurrence of prostate cancer
В	Recurrence of prostate cancer in retroperitoneal and pelvic lymph nodes
	Recurrence of prostate cancer in supradiaphragmatic lymph nodes
	None of above
	A+B+C

How would you interprete these piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings? Intraprostatic recurrence of prostate cancer Recurrence of prostate cancer in retroperitoneal and pelvic lymph nodes Recurrence of prostate cancer in supradiaphragmatic lymph nodes None of above A+B+C

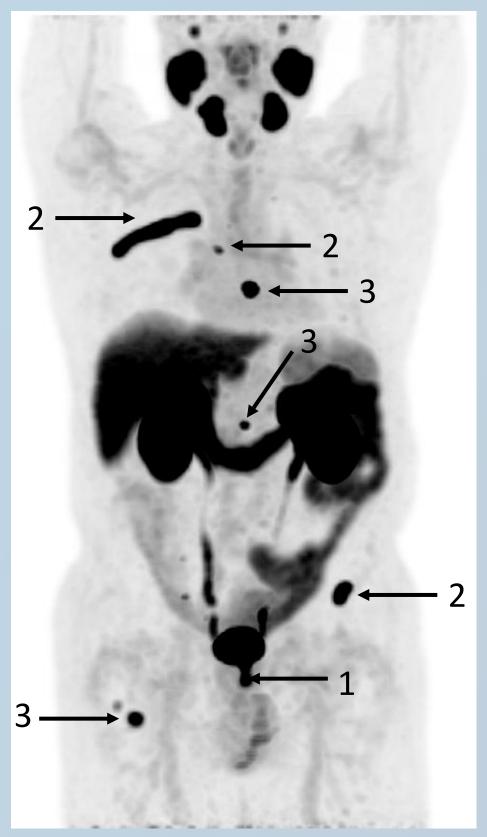
Patient's history

79-year-old man.

Gleason score 9 (5+4).

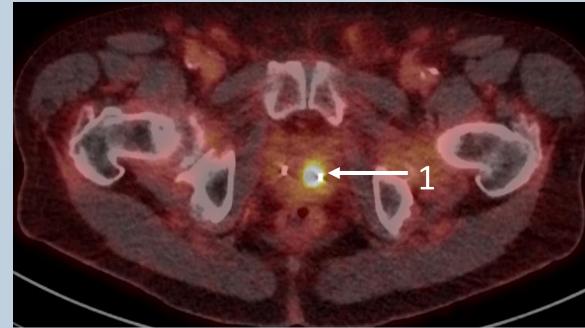
History of definitive RT of the prostate and the pelvis.

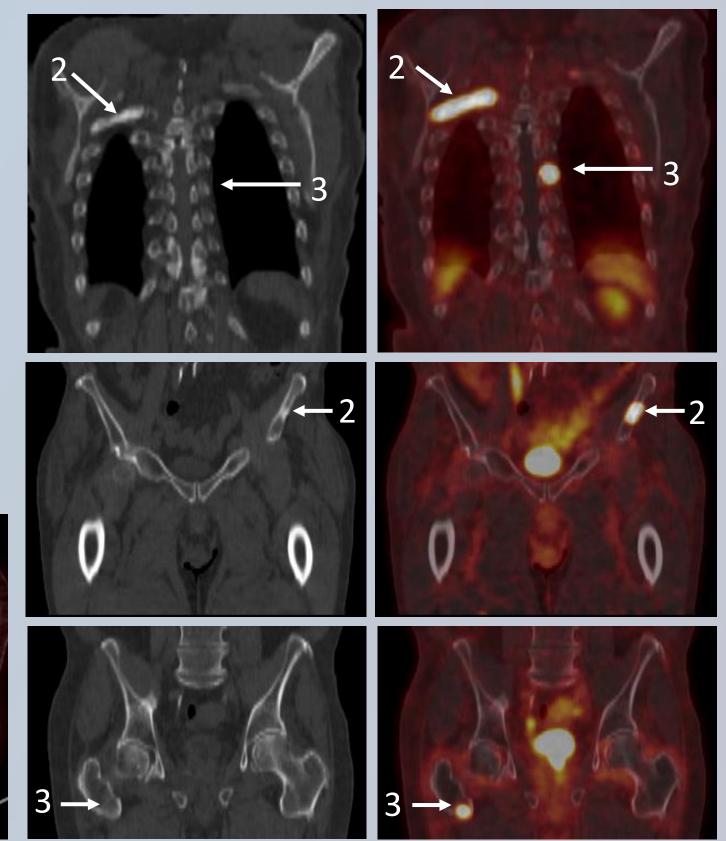
PSA 6,4 ng/mL.

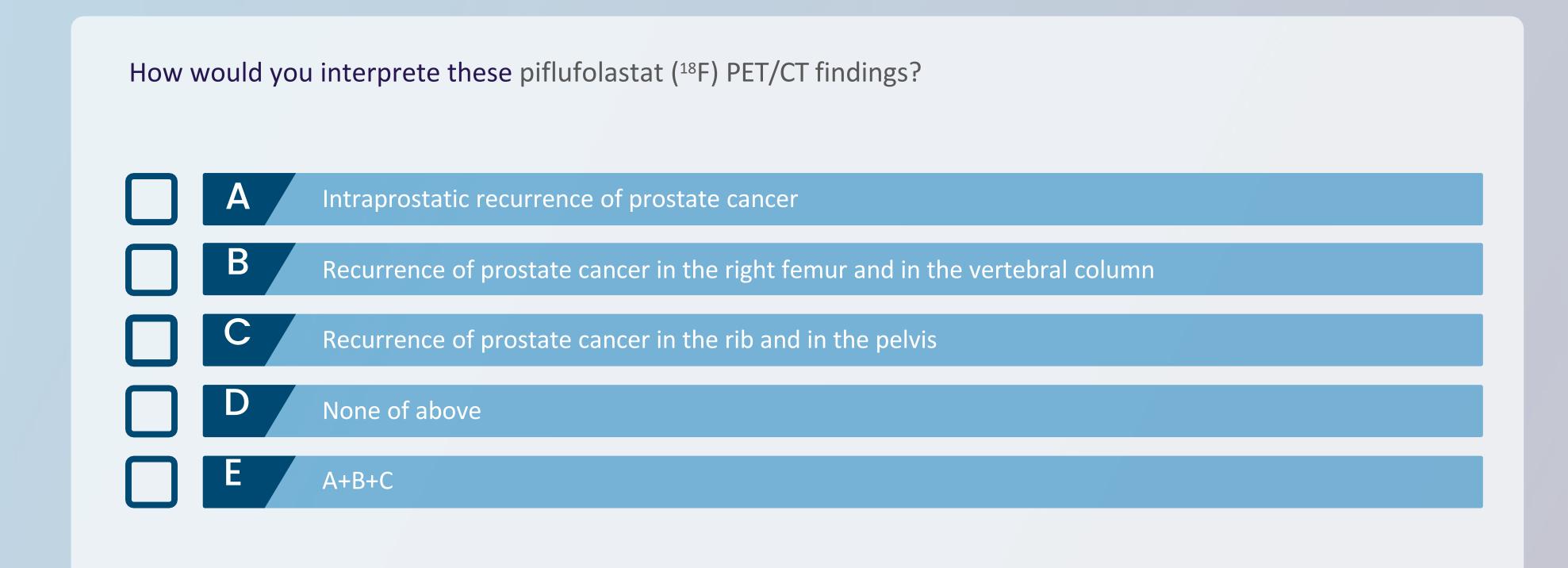


Piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings

- 1. Uptake in the prostate
- 2. Several uptakes in the skeleton,
- 3. Some of the areas of increased tracer uptake in the bones seen on PET, have no corresponding lesions on the CT







How would you interprete these piflufolastat (18F) PET/CT findings? Intraprostatic recurrence of prostate cancer Recurrence of prostate cancer in the right femur and in the vertebral column Recurrence of prostate cancer in the rib and in the pelvis None of above A+B+C

Your training is now complete

Thank you for your attention.