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INTRODUCTION

- Kinetic modeling of brain amyloid deposition with [¹⁸F]-florbetaben more accurately quantifies the binding density to amyloid plaques compared to standardized uptake ratios (SUVR) (Becker, JNM2013).
- The total-body EXPLORER PET scanners permits noninvasive Image-Derived Input Functions (IDIFs) for quantitative dynamic modeling.

We aim to quantify amyloid buildup with kinetic models that leverage PET signal dynamics in aorta IDIFs and the brain utilizing [¹⁸F]-florbetaben.

METHODS

- 15 adults aged 66-86 underwent dynamic totalbody [¹⁸F]-florbetaben PET up to 90-110min.
- Regions of interests were drawn in the middle descending aorta and eroded to derive IDIFs.
- Brain cropped PET volumes were motion corrected (FSL-MCFLIRT) and linearly registered (FSL-FLIRT) to T1W image. PET SUVR (90-110min) means were calculated from 7 brain index regions and referenced to the cerebellar gray matter.
- Dynamic time activity curves (TACs) were fit to the two-tissue compartment model (**2TCM**) using population metabolite-corrected IDIFs.
- Multi-linear Reference Tissue Model (MRTM) was used to calculate distribution volume ratio (**DVR**) with reference to cerebellar gray.
- **Fig 1**. **Aorta Region of Interest**



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KINETIC MODELING VS SUVR DVR [2TCM] **Fig 5**.

Linear regression analysis of amyloid quantification in brain index regions with correction for subject clustering

Absolute quantification of amyloid binding from total-body [¹⁸F]-florbetaben PET data is feasible using aorta IDIFs.

There is high agreement between dynamic binding parameters compared to SUVR in discriminating positive and negative scans.

Total-body EXPLORER PET enables high quality kinetic modeling for accurate, noninvasive measures of amyloid accumulation in clinical research of aging and dementia.

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