

## An alternative synthesis of [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]raclopride for routine use

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The standard method of [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]raclopride synthesis requires a large amount of its desmethyl precursor. We prepared [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]raclopride by methylation of a small amount of desmethyl derivative (0.3–0.5 mg) with [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]methyl iodide in a DMF solution containing NaH, with a decay-corrected radiochemical yield of 11–14% based on [ $^{11}\text{C}$ ]methyl iodide and with a specific activity of 48 TBq/mmol for 25 min from EOB. The reaction was reproducible and reliable.

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