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### ABSTRACT

A series of fluorine-containing PDE10A inhibitors were designed and synthesized to improve the metabolic stability of [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10. 20 of the 22 new analogues had high potency and selectivity for PDE10A: **18a-j**, **19d-j**, **20a-b**, and **21b** had IC<sub>50</sub> values <5 nM for PDE10A. Seven F-18 labeled compounds [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a-e**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18g**, and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** were radiosynthesized by <sup>18</sup>F-introduction onto the quinoline rather than the pyrazole moiety of the MP-10 pharmacophore and performed in vivo evaluation. Biodistribution studies in rats showed ~2-fold higher activity in the PDE10A-enriched striatum than non-target brain regions; this ratio increased from 5 to 30 min post-injection, particularly for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a-d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a**. MicroPET studies of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** in nonhuman primates provided clear visualization of striatum with suitable equilibrium kinetics and favorable metabolic stability. These results suggest this strategy may identify a <sup>18</sup>F-labeled PET tracer for quantifying the levels of PDE10A in patients with CNS disorders including Huntington's disease and schizophrenia.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Phosphodiesterase 10A (PDE10A) is a dual-specificity phosphodiesterase enzyme that is able to hydrolyze both cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) and cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP) to AMP and GMP, respectively.<sup>1-3</sup> PDE10A mRNA is highly expressed in the brain; expression in peripheral tissues, with the exception of the testis, is low.<sup>4</sup> Both PDE10A mRNA and protein are specifically enriched in the medium spiny neurons (MSNs) of the striatum.<sup>5</sup> Abnormal striatal levels of PDE10A play a major role in schizophrenia, Huntington's disease, addiction and other neuropsychiatric disorders.<sup>6-8</sup>

Positron emission tomography (PET) is a preclinical molecular imaging technique which permits quantitative noninvasive measurement of drug disposition and localization in animal models of human disease and an important tool for clinical studies. PDE10A inhibitors have shown promise as therapeutics in preclinical models of human disease, several have progressed to clinical trials.<sup>7, 9-16</sup> The highly potent ( $IC_{50} = 0.37$  nM) and highly inhibitor 2-[4-(1-methyl-4-pyridin-4-yl-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)selective (>100-fold) PDE10A phenoxymethyl]-quinoline (MP-10)<sup>17</sup> has been extensively evaluated as a therapeutic inhibitor of PDE10A and has completed several clinical trials in human subjects.<sup>18</sup> [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10 (Figure 1) was independently investigated by several groups as a PET tracer for quantifying PDE10A in vivo. Although variable success and significant species differences have been reported in preclinical studies, <sup>19-21</sup> [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10 remains a potentially viable PET tracer for clinical studies. Numerous other <sup>11</sup>C- and <sup>18</sup>F-labeled PDE10A inhibitors have been evaluated in preclinical rodent models and although several candidate tracers have proceeded to studies in nonhuman primates and human subjects, the search for a PET tracer with ideal pharmacological properties is ongoing.<sup>22-31</sup>

Although [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10 provides a clear anatomic image of the brain with high accumulation in the striatum of nonhuman primates (NHP), tissue time-activity curves in macaques revealed an increasing trend of radioactivity accumulation in both the target region (striatum) and the reference region (cerebellum) which may limit its utility.<sup>19</sup> Our metabolite analysis of [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10 suggested that a brain penetrant radiometabolite was formed by *O*-dealkylation of the pyrazole moiety of [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10.<sup>19</sup> An additional consideration in the search for an improved PET tracer is that the longer half-life of <sup>18</sup>F places fewer time constraints on production and permits longer scan sessions that usually result in improved target: non-target ratios and higher quality images.

Although a potent and selective quinoline analogue of MP-10 was formed by introducing a [<sup>18</sup>F]fluoroethyl group on the *N*-atom of the pyrazole moiety ([<sup>18</sup>F]**JNJ41510417**, Figure 1), <sup>32, 33</sup> slow equilibrium kinetics were reported in rodents and NHPs, possibly due to brain-penetrant radioactive metabolites that accumulate nonspecifically in the brain. To overcome this potential liability, we recently <sup>11</sup>C-labeled the quinoline moiety instead of the pyrazole moiety of several new PDE10A inhibitors ( $[^{11}C]$ **1-4**, Figure 1).<sup>34</sup> We hypothesized that this strategy might lead to the identification of a new analogue with (i) increased in vivo metabolic stability, and/or; (ii) a metabolic pathway which generates radioactive metabolites that do not cross the blood-brain barrier (BBB). Our earlier structure-activity relationship (SAR) study explored introduction of a methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) in the 3, 4 or 6-position of the 2-methylquinoline moiety of the MP-10 pharmacophore and the regioisomers of the new analogues. The most potent and selective compounds were the 3- and 4-methoxy substituted quinolines with an O-atom bridge linkage; little difference was seen in the in vitro biological activity of regioisomers.<sup>35</sup> Subsequent evaluation of the <sup>11</sup>C-labeled lead tracers showed prolonged favorable target: background ratios in rats for the 3- and 4-methoxy substituted quinolines with high selectivity in the target region and non-target region and promising kinetic behavior in both the target region (striatum) and the reference regions of NHPs.<sup>34</sup>

We have continued our exploration of <sup>18</sup>F-labeled PET radiotracers for PDE10A by introducing fluoro-, fluoromethyl, fluoropropyl or triazole fluoroethyl groups into the quinoline moiety of MP-10. We also explored the introduction of a short fluoroPEGylated (FPEG) unit. Incorporation of a short FPEG unit has been shown to: (i) enable facile <sup>18</sup>F-labeling of the target compound; (ii) improve the *in vivo* pharmacokinetics of molecules interacting with biologically interesting proteins or peptides;<sup>36, 37</sup> (iii) decrease the lipophilicity of molecules, which enhances their ability to cross the BBB.<sup>38</sup> Radiolabeling of [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10 also yielded the regioisomer ([<sup>11</sup>C]isoMP-10 Figure 1),<sup>19</sup> a slightly less potent PDE10A inhibitor reported in the discovery of MP-10;<sup>17</sup> [<sup>11</sup>C]isoMP-10 also showed selective binding in the rat striatum, though initial brain uptake was significantly lower than that of [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10.<sup>28</sup> We further expanded our synthetic efforts to include modification of the pyrazole moiety to generate regioisomers of the new fluorine-containing MP-10 quinoline analogues; this permitted expanded SAR studies. Here we report (i) the synthesis and screening of new analogues which allow

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<sup>18</sup>F-labeling in the quinoline moiety rather than the pyrazole moiety; (ii) <sup>18</sup>F-labeling of the potent and selective candidates and the in vivo evaluation of their suitability as PDE10A PET imaging agents using rats and macaques.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Chemistry.** The syntheses of target new PDE10A analogues was accomplished by a Mitsunobu reaction<sup>39</sup> of benzyl alcohols on quinoline moiety coupling with substituted phenols on pyrazole moiety **17a-b**, or a *O*-alkylation of substituted methyl bromide on quinoline moiety with substituted phenols **17a-b**.

Following the above strategy, quinoline fragments of molecules including fluorine-containing intermediates 6a-j and 15a were first synthesized as shown in Scheme 1. Different approaches were used for the synthesis of compounds 6a-i and 15a: (i) aniline 5 was converted to the arvl fluoride 6a via diazonium fluoroborates under the Balz-Schiemann conditions<sup>40</sup>; (ii) the alcohol 7 was converted directly into 6b by treatment with diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (DAST); (iii) treatment of compound 8 with 1,1,1-trifluoro-N-phenyl-N-((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)methane-sulfonamide afforded the triflate. Stille reaction<sup>41-43</sup> of the triflate with allyltributyltin in the presence of tetrakis triphenylphosphine palladium and lithium bromide generated compound 9. Hydroboration-oxidation of 9 to afford the alcohol, followed by fluorination generated compound **6c**: (iv) alkylation of commercially available **10** (ethyl 4-hydroxy guinoline-2-carboxylate) with 2-fluoroethyl bromide afforded ethyl 4-(2-fluoroethoxy)quinoline-2-carboxylate (6d) in 60% yield; (v) alkylation of the phenol group of 10 with either a -Cl atom or -OTs group afforded the corresponding alcohols which were converted using DAST to the corresponding fluoroPEGvlated intermediates **6e-g** in modest yields (60-71%): (vi) alkylation of (2-methylquinolin-4-vl)methanol 7 with 2-fluoroethyl bromide under basic conditions afforded 4-((2-fluoroethoxy)methyl)-2-methylquinoline 6h; (vii) the aniline group of 5 was protected using di*tert*-butyl dicarbonate to form the Boc-protected compound **11**, subsequent *N*-alkylation using 2-fluoroethyl bromide afforded 6i: (viii): 10 was brominated using POBr<sub>3</sub> to afford ethyl 4-bromoguinoline-2-carboxylate 12. which was converted to the azide compound and subjected to click reaction conditions.<sup>44</sup> followed by DAST fluorination to afford compound **6**; (ix) using Friedlander synthesis<sup>45</sup>, 2-aminobenzaldehyde **13** reacted with 1methoxypropan-2-one afforded the 3-methoxy-2-methylquinoline<sup>46</sup>, subsequent demethylation utilizing  $BBr_3$  followed by *O*-alkylation afforded compound **15a**.

The synthesis of intermediate compounds **16a-n** was accomplished using strategies shown in Scheme 2. (i) bromination of **6a** or **15d** using NBS afforded compound **16a** and **16n** respectively (Scheme 2, Method 1); (ii) the methylquinoline derivatives **6b-c**, **6h-i**, **15a-c** were oxidized using selenium dioxide (SeO<sub>2</sub>), followed by NaBH<sub>4</sub> reduction, while the ethyl quinoline-2-carboxylate **6d-g**, **6j** were reduced using NaBH<sub>4</sub> to afford the corresponding alcohols **16b-m** (Scheme 2, Methods 2-3). The detailed methods for synthesis of intermediates are provided in the Supporting Information.

The synthesis of final compounds **18a-j**, **19d-j**, **20a-d**, and **21b** was accomplished as shown in Scheme 3. Substituted phenols **17a-b** were prepared as previously published (Scheme 3).<sup>35</sup> **16b-m** were coupled with the phenol **17a** or **17b** with a Mitsunobu reaction<sup>39</sup> to afford **18b-j**, **20a-c**, **19d-j** and **21b**. Compounds **18a**, **20d** were made by *O*-alkylation of the substituted phenol **17a** with substituted methyl bromide **16a** or **16n**.

In vitro inhibition assays identified candidate potent and selective analogues for radiolabeling: **18a-e**, **18g** and **20a**. Schemes 4 and 5 outline the synthesis of the precursors for radiolabeling; the detailed methods for their synthesis are provided in the Supporting Information. Scheme 4 outlines the synthesis of precursors **23a**, **23d** and **24a**. The method described above for synthesis of **16d** from **6d** was used for the synthesis of **23a**. A methoxymethyl ether (MOM) group was used to protect phenols **10** and **24b** under basic conditions, the protected intermediates were reacted with the substituted phenol **17a** under Mitsunobu reaction conditions to afford **27a-b**. The MOM ether functional group was easily deprotected by TFA to afford precursors **23d** and **24a**.

The precursors 23b-c, 23e, 23g were obtained by following Scheme 5. Commercially available *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS) chloride was used as a silylation agent to protect alcohols 28a-d. The use of 1.7 eq. imidazole as base with 1.7 eq. of TBSCl and DMF as solvent proved effective and resulted in TBS-ethers 29a-d in high yield. Compounds 29a-d were converted to the respective alcohols 30a-d, which were coupled with the phenol 17a or 17b in the presence of Ph<sub>3</sub>P and di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate (DBAD) via a Mitsunobu *O*-alkylation<sup>39</sup> to afford compounds 31a-d. The TBS-ethers 31a-d were easily deprotected with a catalytic amount

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of tetrabutyl ammonium fluoride (TBAF), the intermediate alcohol was then chlorinated or sulfonated as indicated in Scheme 5 to afford precursors **23b-c**, **23e**, and **23g**.

**Radiochemistry.** An overview of the radiolabeling strategies for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a-e**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18g**, and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** is shown in Scheme 6. These tracers were labeled by the following strategies: (i) a one-step direct nucleophilic halogen exchange was used for labeling [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**18b**; (ii) a one-step direct nucleophilic aliphatic substitution with a tosylate (Ts) or mesylate (Ms) leaving group was used for labeling [<sup>18</sup>F]**18e**, and [<sup>18</sup>F]**18g**; (iii) a two-step strategy was used for labeling [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** using the 2-[<sup>18</sup>F]**18e**, and [<sup>18</sup>F]**18g**; (iii) a secondary labeling agent. The structures of the new fluorine-containing PDE10A inhibitors [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a-e**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18g**, and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** are shown in Figure 2.

Scheme 6 shows the conditions used for the successful radiolabeling of  $[^{18}F]$ **18a-e**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18g**, and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a**. Labeling of  $[{}^{18}F]$ **18b** was initially planned by a direct nucleophilic aliphatic substitution using a tosylate (Ts) or mesylate (Ms) leaving group. However, because heating the precursor with <sup>18</sup>F<sup>-</sup> at 85 °C for 15 min yielded only a trace of  $[^{18}F]$ **18b**, an alternative strategy of halogen exchange reaction was pursued, this was successfully performed using the chloride precursor 23b. As shown in Scheme 6, a one-step displacement reaction using mesylate and tosylate leaving groups was employed for radiolabeling  $[^{18}F]$ **18b**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18c**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18e**, and  $[^{18}F]$ **18g**. A two-step strategy was used for the radiosynthesis of  $[^{18}F]$ **18d** and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a** using the tosylate  $[^{18}F]$ **34** as a [<sup>18</sup>F]KF/4,7,13,16,21,24-Hexaoxa-1,10-diazabicyclo[8.8.8]hexacosane secondary labeling agent. First, (Kryptofix[222]) was substituted into the di-tosylate **33**. Second, the resulting 2-[<sup>18</sup>F]fluoroethyl tosylate.  $[^{18}F]$ **34**, was directly used in a nucleophilic substitution by reaction with the precursors to afford  $[^{18}F]$ **18d** and <sup>18</sup>F]**20a**. Details are provided in the Experimental section. All tracers were obtained with high specific activity (SA), and with a radiochemical yield sufficient for in vivo studies. The radiochemical purity of each tracer was > 99% and the chemical purity was >95%. Details of the radiosynthesis for each <sup>18</sup>F-labeled compound are provided in the Experimental section.

**In Vitro Assays.** We previously reported that the introduction of a 3- or 4- methoxy group on the quinoline fragment of MP-10 and isoMP-10 yielded potent and PDE10A selective analogues.<sup>35</sup> Here we report our continued exploration of fluorine-containing quinoline analogues as PDE10A inhibitors. In vitro potency and

section of the table contains analogs of MP-10 while the lower section contains select corresponding regioisomers which are analogues of isoMP-10. Comparison of the in vitro assay results for MP-10 analogues 18d-j and 20b, with the regioisomers 19d-j and 21b showed no significant difference for paired regioisomers, although the slightly lower  $IC_{50}$  values for the analogues based on MP-10 suggest they may be modestly more potent. New analogues with a fluorine-containing group into 4-position of the quinoline moiety of the MP-10 pharmacophore (18a-j, 19d-j), had high potency for PDE10A with *IC*<sub>50</sub> values <3 nM, particularly 18a-b, 18d-i and 19f-i with  $IC_{50}$  values <1 nM. These results are consistent with the SAR we reported for the methoxy-

We also explored substitution at the 3- and 6- positions. Compound 20a (3-fluoroethoxy substitution) demonstrated high PDE10A inhibition ( $IC_{50} = 0.26$  nM). Replacement of the hydrogen atom at 6-position of the quinoline moiety with fluoride(-F) yielded regioisomers 20b and 21b which demonstrated high potency with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.29 and 0.76 nM respectively, however, replacement of the hydrogen at 6-position using larger fluorine-containing groups resulted in analogues with low potency (20c,  $-CH_2F$ ,  $IC_{50} > 76$  nM; 20d, -

Selectivity of a PET ligand for PDE10A over the other subtypes is also an important consideration. Inhibition of PDE3A/B has been associated with arrhythmia and increased mortality.<sup>47, 48</sup> while PDE4 is widely expressed in the central nervous system.<sup>49, 50</sup> The potent new PDE10A inhibitors (20 compounds, PDE10A  $IC_{50}$ <5 nM) were also evaluated for inhibition of PDE3A/B and PDE4A/B. The results for final compounds 18a-j, **19d-i**, **20a-d**, and **21b** (Table 1) revealed almost all compounds had very low potency for inhibiting PDE3A/B and PDE4A/B with the  $IC_{50}$  value > 750 nM, except **18c** which had slight potency for PDE4A/B ( $IC_{50}$  460 nM for PDE4A and 380 nM for PDE4B). All of the new compounds, including **18c**, had >210-fold selectivity ratios for PDE10A vs PDE3A/B and PDE4A/B. This suggests that 18a-i, 19d-i, 20a-b and 21b are both potent and selective inhibitors of PDE10A.

Based on these screening results and our previous experience with the <sup>11</sup>C-labeled regioisomers, seven analogues of MP-10 were identified as candidate ligands for <sup>18</sup>F-labeleing: -F (18a), -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>F (18b, 18c), -

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OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>F (**18d**), -CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>F (**18e**), and -FPEG (**18g**, **20a**). The precursors were synthesized (details are provided in the Supporting Information) for the subsequent radiolabeling and the in vivo evaluation as PET tracers for quantification of PDE10A in rodents and nonhuman primates.

**Biodistribution.** The biodistribution of  $[^{18}F]$ **18a-e**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18g**, and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a** was evaluated in normal adult male Sprague-Dawley rats at 5, 30 and 60 min post-injection (p.i.) **Table 2** shows the uptake and washout in peripheral organs and whole brain for each of the seven tracers. The initial brain uptake values were 0.410 ± 0.063, 0.128 ± 0.012, 0.114 ± 0.015, 0.118 ± 0.012, 0.213 ± 0.039, 0.353 ± 0.052, and 0.092 ± 0.011 %ID/g for  $[^{18}F]$ **18a**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18b**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18c**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18d**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18g**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18g**, and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a**, respectively. At 5 min, 30 min, and 60 min p.i., brain uptake of each of the tracers was comparable to or higher than  $[^{11}C]$ MP-10 (0.162 ± 0.025, 0.066 ± 0.008, and 0.056 ± 0.006 %ID/g 5 min, 30 min and 60 min p.i.).<sup>19</sup> Modest but progressive accumulation of radioactivity in bone was observed for  $[^{18}F]$ **18a**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18b**, and  $[^{18}F]$ **18c**: bone activity increased from 0.522 ± 0.116, 0.421 ± 0.063, and 0.222 ± 0.014 %ID/g at 5 min to 6.300 ± 0.314, 5.620 ± 1.132, and 2.037 ± 0.303 %ID/g at 60 min p.i. respectively. This progressive increase in bone activity was most likely the result of metabolic defluorination. These results suggest that functional groups including –F (**18a**), -CH<sub>2</sub>F (**18b**), and -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>F (**18c**) on the quinoline fragment of MP-10 undergo in vivo metabolic defluorination in rodents. In contrast,  $[^{18}F]$ **18d**,  $[^{18}F]$ **18g** and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a** appeared more stable to in vivo defluorination.

The cerebellum and cortex are accepted reference (non-target) regions in kinetic modeling of PDE10A PET tracers.<sup>29</sup> Therefore, in addition to high striatal uptake and retention, a candidate tracer for clinical imaging should show low uptake and rapid washout in the cerebellum and cortex; this will facilitate high target: non-target ratios and yield high quality images. The new radiotracers displayed generally heterogeneous regional brain distribution with the highest uptake observed in the striatum; by 30 min p.i., the ratio of activity in the striatum versus non-target brain regions was > 2-fold for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18b**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18c**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d**, and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** (**Figure 3**). Between 5 and 30 min p.i., the striatum: cerebellum and striatum: cortex ratios increased for the five tracers, which suggests that they were rapidly cleared from non-target regions and displayed specific binding within the PDE10A-enriched-striatum.

Taken together, the rodent biodistribution and regional brain uptake and washout data identified 4-ACS Paragon Plus Environment fluoroethoxy [ $^{18}$ F]**18d** and 3-fluoroethoxy [ $^{18}$ F]**20a** as the more promising candidates for further evaluation in nonhuman primates. Both tracers appeared stable to metabolic defluorination and showed favourable ratios in the striatum versus non-target brain regions.

**MicroPET Imaging Studies of Cynomolgus Macaques.** The two fluoroethoxy lead PET radioligands for imaging PDE10A, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a**, underwent PET imaging studies (n = 3 for each tracer) in male cynomolgus monkeys (**Figure 4**) using a microPET Focus 220 scanner. The representative summed images from 0 to 180 min were co-registered with MRI images to accurately identify the anatomical regions of interest (ROI's) are shown in **Figure 4**. MicroPET studies of both [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** gave clear visualization of the PDE10A-enriched striatum. Both the caudate and putamen striatal regions had high uptake of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** ; the ratios of uptake in the striatum vs. non-target brain regions were > 3-fold by 40 min p.i. In particular, for [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a**, target: non-target ratios reached > 5-fold by 70 min p.i. More importantly, although the two tracers showed differences in striatal clearance, tissue time-activity curves of both [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** demonstrated improved washout kinetics from both target and non-target regions compared with [<sup>11</sup>C]MP-10. The improved washout kinetics suggest that the strategy of <sup>18</sup>F-labeling the quinoline rather than the pyrazole moiety reduced the formation of radioactive metabolites that cross the BBB.

Metabolite Studies in Cynomolgus Macaques. Initial NHP brain imaging of [ $^{18}$ F]18d and [ $^{18}$ F]20a showed improved kinetics over previously published PET tracers for PDE10A. To further investigate the in vivo metabolic stability of these tracers, HPLC analysis was performed to identify the percentage of parent compound versus radiometabolites in solvent extracts of NHP plasma obtained during microPET imaging studies of [ $^{18}$ F]18d and [ $^{18}$ F]20a. NHP arterial blood was obtained from cynomolgus macaques 5, 15, 30, 60 and 90 min p.i for [ $^{18}$ F]18d and [ $^{18}$ F]20a. Plasma was separated from packed red cells; ~ 65-75% of the radioactivity was in the plasma. Following solvent extraction and deproteination, ~90% of the plasma activity was in the supernatant and only 10% of the activity was in the protein pellet. The solvent extract was injected onto an HPLC to quantify the percentage of the radioactivity for the parent compound versus radiolabeled metabolites based on the different retention times. As shown in Table 3, HPLC analysis of NHP plasma revealed good metabolic stability for both [ $^{18}$ F]18d and [ $^{18}$ F]20a. Particularly, at 30 min p.i., solvent extracts of arterial blood

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contained ~90% parent compound for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d**. The major radioactive metabolite of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** was more polar (retention time  $\sim$ 3.5 min) than the parent compound (retention time  $\sim$ 10.5 min), negligible amounts of a minor radioactive metabolite (retention time  $\sim$ 7.5 min) were also observed. For [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a**, solvent extracts of arterial blood contained > 90% parent compound 15 min p.i., 73% parent remained 30 min p.i. The major radioactive metabolite was more polar (retention time  $\sim$ 3.5 min) than the parent compound (retention time  $\sim$ 10.5 min). The minor radioactive metabolite was < 14% of the recovered activity 90 min p.i. (retention time  $\sim$ 7.5 min). The results of the metabolite analysis confirmed that our new strategy of <sup>18</sup>F-labeling the quinoline rather than the pyrazole moiety resulted in significant metabolic stability in NHP blood.

## CONCLUSION

In the present study, we optimized the structure of MP-10 to identify new compounds that can be <sup>18</sup>F-labeled in the quinoline moiety instead of the pyrazole moiety. As a result, 20 highly potent compounds 18a-i, 19d-i, 20a**b** and **21b** ( $IC_{50} < 5$  nM) were identified which also displayed high selectivity for PDE10A against PDE3A/B. PDE4A/B. Among these potent compounds, 18a-e, 18g and 20a were evaluated as potential PET radioligands for quantifying the level of PDE10A. [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18b**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18c**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18e**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18g**, and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** are, to our knowledge, the first MP-10 analogues successfully <sup>18</sup>F-labeled in the quinoline instead of the pyrazole moiety. Rat biodistribution indicated  $[{}^{18}F]$ **18a**,  $[{}^{18}F]$ **18b**,  $[{}^{18}F]$ **18c**,  $[{}^{18}F]$ **18d**,  $[{}^{18}F]$ **18e**,  $[{}^{18}F]$ **18g**, and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a** can cross the blood-brain-barrier and accumulate in the PDE10A-enriched striatum.  $[^{18}F]$ **18d** and <sup>18</sup>F120a proceeded to further evaluation in NHPs. The preliminary microPET imaging studies in NHPs demonstrated that  $[^{18}F]$ **18d** and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a** provided very clear visualization of striatum. Although different patterns of striatal clearance were observed, both tracers showed rapid clearance from non-target brain regions. Compared with  $[^{11}C]MP-10$ ,  $[^{18}F]$ **18d** and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a** displayed more suitable washout kinetics in NHP brain. In addition, both tracers displayed favorable in vivo metabolic stability based on HPLC analysis of NHP plasma. These promising preliminary results suggest that our strategy has a high probability of identifying a clinical PET tracer for quantifying PDE10A in the human brain. Future NHP microPET imaging studies with [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and  $[^{18}F]$ **20a** will explore the specificity of the tracer uptake.

In summary, the strategy of introducing fluorine-containing group in a suitable position of the 2methylquinoline moiety of MP-10 identified new potent and selective PD10A inhibitors; this approach will help guide the design of potent and selective ligands with suitable lipophilicity as candidates for treating schizophrenia and other CNS diseases using PDE10A enzyme inhibition strategies. Further validation of these new analogues is ongoing to determine if either is a suitable PET tracer to quantify the level of PDE10A in the human brain.

### **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

**General.** All reagents and chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. All anhydrous reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an inert nitrogen atmosphere unless otherwise stated. When reactions involved extraction with DCM (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), chloroform (CHCl<sub>3</sub>), or ethyl acetate (EtOAc), the organic extracts were dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Free bases were converted into the corresponding oxalate salt by addition of oxalic acid for all final compounds. Melting points of salts were determined on the MEL-TEMP 3.0 apparatus and left uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz on a Varian Mercury-VX spectrometer with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvents and tetramethylsilane (TMS) was used as the internal standard. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were determined by Atlantic Microlab, Inc. Synthesis of starting materials and intermediates are shown in Supporting Online Information.

General Method for Synthesis of 18a-j, 19d-j, 20a-d, and 21b.

**4-Fluoro-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl)quinoline (18a). Sodium hydride (31 mg, 1.3 mmol) was added to a solution of 16a (251 mg, 1.00 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (20 mL) at 0 °C. After 30 min, <b>17a** (238 mg, 1.00 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture which was stirred overnight at rt. The reaction mixture was then diluted with water (30 mL), extracted with DCM ( $3 \times 60$  mL), washed with 1 N NaOH (30 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using MeOH: DCM (1:30, v/v) to afford **18a** as a light yellow solid (205 mg, 50%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.48 – 8.45 (m, 2H), 8.09 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.80 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.61 – 7.57 (m, ACS Paragon Plus Environment

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2H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.01 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H). mp: 176.2 – 177.2 °C. Anal. (C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.98, H: 3.93, N: 9.49. Found C: 58.78, H: 3.84, N: 9.26.

## 4-(Fluoromethyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy) methyl) quinoline (18b).

Triphenylphosphine (84 mg, 0.32 mmol) and DBAD (73 mg, 0.32 mmol) were added to a solution of **17a** (50 mg, 0.26 mmol) and **16b** (50 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (2 mL) and heated at 60 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with 1 N NaOH (50 mL), extracted DCM ( $3 \times 50$  mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography using MeOH: DCM (1:30, v/v) to afford **18b** as a yellow solid (55 mg, 65%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.55 – 8.37 (m, 2H), 8.22 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.80 – 7.70 (m, 2H), 7.63 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.93 (m, 2H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.39 (s, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H). mp: 174.4 – 174.5 °C. Anal. (C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 59.60, H: 4.17, N: 9.27. Found C: 59.89, H: 4.36, N: 9.15.

**4-(3-Fluoropropyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl) quinoline (18c). Compound 16c was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 18c as a yellow solid (40 mg, 49%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 8.45 (d,** *J* **= 5.0 Hz, 2H), 8.05 (m, 2H), 7.71 (t,** *J* **= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd,** *J* **= 14.5, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d,** *J* **= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d,** *J* **= 5.0 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d,** *J* **= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.56 (t,** *J* **= 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (t,** *J* **= 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.22 (t,** *J* **= 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.25 – 2.05 (m, 2H). mp: 125.3 – 125.5 °C. Anal. (C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 60.76, H: 4.62, N: 8.86. Found C: 60.86, H: 4.51, N: 8.63.** 

4-(2-Fluoroethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl) quinoline (18d). Compound 16d was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 18d as a white solid (82 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.46 (s, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (s, 1H), 7.64 – 7.46 (m, *J* = 22.3 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 7.00 (s, 3H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 47.9 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 26.9 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H). mp: 126.2126.3 °C. Anal. (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.68, H: 4.29, N: 8.83. Found C: 58.98, H: 4.19, N: 8.91.

**4-((2-Fluoroethoxy)methyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy) methyl)quinoline** (**18e).** Compound **16h** was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of **18b** to synthesize **18e** as a white solid (69 mg, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): $\delta$  8.45 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.61 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 4.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.71 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.58 – 4.49 (m, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H), 3.87 – 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.80 – 3.74 (m, 1H). mp: 126.8-127.4 °C. Anal. (C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N. Calcd. C: 59.26, H: 4.51, N: 8.64. Found C: 58.09, H: 4.77, N: 8.88.

**4-(2-(2-Fluoroethoxy)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy) methyl) quinoline (18f). Compound 16e was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 18f as a white solid (64 mg, 68%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 8.50 – 8.42 (m, 2H), 8.20 (d,** *J* **= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d,** *J* **= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t,** *J* **= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t,** *J* **= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,** *J* **= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d,** *J* **= 5.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 4.68 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.58 – 4.50 (m, 1H), 4.40 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.06 – 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.92 – 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.85 – 3.79 (m, 1H). mp: 170.1-170.3 °C. Anal. (C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: C: 58.41, H: 4.60, N: 8.26. Found C: 58.70, H: 4.81, N: 8.45.** 

## 4-(2-(2-(2-Fluoroethoxy)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)-

**methyl) quinoline (18g).** Compound **16f** was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of **18b** to synthesize **18g** as a white solid (55 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.47 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 8.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 3H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 4.63 – 4.56 (m, 1H), 4.51 – 4.44 (m, 1H), 4.41 – 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.01 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.83 – 3.71 (m, 6H). mp: 166.0-166.2 °C. Anal. (C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.17, H: 4.88, N: 7.75. Found C: 58.33, H: 4.98, N: 7.94.

## 4-(2-(2-(2-(2-Fluoroethoxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-

**yl)phenoxy) methyl)quinoline (18h).** Compound **16g** was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of **18b** to synthesize **18h** as a white solid (48 mg, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.46 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.05 – 6.95 (m, 3H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 4.61 – 4.55 (m, 1H), 4.49 – 4.42 (m, 1H), 4.35 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.82 – 3.62 (m, 10H). mp: 128.4-129.0 °C. Anal. (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>35</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 57.96, H: 5.13, N: 7.31. Found C: 58.06, H: 5.31, N: 7.50.

*N*-(2-Fluoroethyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy) methyl) quinolin-4-amine (18i). Compound 16i was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b, then used TFA for deprotection to afford 18i as a light yellow solid (42 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.47 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.61 (m, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.63 (s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 4.82 – 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.70 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.69 (m, 2H). mp: 210.6 – 210.7 °C. Anal. (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.77, H: 4.45, N: 11.05. Found C: 58.98, H: 4.34, N: 11.23.

## 4-(4-(2-Fluoroethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-

yl)phenoxy)methyl)quinoline (18j). Compound 16j was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 18j as a light yellow solid (59 mg, 64%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.52 – 8.44 (m, 2H), 8.23 – 8.17 (m, 1H), 8.02 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.96 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.88 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.65-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.19 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 5.45 (s, 2H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H). mp: 214.2-214.6°C. Anal. (C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>7</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 57.81, H: 4.12, N: 14.30. Found C: 57.97, H: 4.01, N: 14.42.

**4-(2-Fluoroethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-5-yl)phenoxy) methyl) quinoline (19d). Compound 16d with 17b (in place of 17a) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 19d as a white solid (86 mg, 70%)**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.38 (d, ACS Paragon Plus Environment *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 8.29 – 8.27 (m, 1H), 8.03-8.01 (m, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.45 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). mp: 189.1 – 189.3 °C. Anal. (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.68, H: 4.29, N: 8.83. Found C: 58.58, H: 4.49, N: 9.01.

**4-((2-Fluoroethoxy)methyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-5-yl)phenoxy) methyl)quinoline (19e). Compound 16h with 17b (in place of 17a) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 19e as a white solid (62 mg, 69%)**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.39 – 8.38 (m, 2H), 8.14 – 8.12 (m, 1H), 8.02 – 8.00 (m, 1H), 7.82 (s, 2H), 7.77 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.73 – 4.71 (m, 1H), 4.61 – 4.59 (m, 1H), 3.94 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.87 – 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H). mp: 121.3 – 121.8 °C. Anal. (C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 59.26, H: 4.51, N: 8.64. Found C: 59.45, H: 4.31, N: 8.51.

## 4-(2-(2-Fluoroethoxy)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-yl)phenoxy) methyl)

**quinoline (19f).** Compound **16e** with **17b** (in place of **17a**) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of **18b** to synthesize **19f** as a white solid (58 mg, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.39-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.04 (m, 7H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 4.69 (m, 1H), 4.53 (m, 1H), 4.41 (m, 2H), 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.94 – 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.75 (m, 3H). mp: 109.6 – 109.7 °C. Anal. (C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.41, H: 4.60, N: 8.26. Found C: 58.63, H: 4.79, N: 8.45.

## 4-(2-(2-(2-Fluoroethoxy)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)

**methyl)quinoline (19g).** Compound **16f** with **17b** (in place of **17a**) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of **18b** to synthesize **19g** as a white solid (52 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta 8.39 - 8.38$  (m, 2H), 8.25 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 4.3 Hz,1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.75 - 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.54 - 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.03 (m, 7H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 4.63 (m, 1H), 4.47 - 4.40 (m, 3H), 4.06 - 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.82-3.72 (m, 9H). mp: 82.0 - 82.1 °C. Anal. (C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.17, H: 4.88, N: 7.75. Found C: 58.35, H: 4.99, N: 7.62.

## (2-(2-(2-(2-Fluoroethoxy)ethoxy)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-

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yl)phenoxy) methyl)quinoline (19h). Compound 16g with 17b (in place of 17a) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 19h as a white solid (46 mg, 57%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.39 – 8.37 (m, 2H), 8.24 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz,1H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.53 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 4.50 – 4.58 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.46 (m, 1H), 4.40 – 4.38 (m, 2H), 4.40 – 4.38 (m, 2H), 3.81 – 3.67 (m, 13H). mp: 108.8 – 108.9 °C. Anal. (C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>35</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 57.96, H: 5.13, N: 7.31. Found C: 57.71, H: 5.33, N: 7.47.

*N*-(2-Fluoroethyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)methyl) quinolin-4-amine (19i). Compound 16i with 17b (in place of 17a) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b, then deprotection with TFA afforded 19i as a yellow solid (40 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.37 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81 – 7.77 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 5.33 (s, 2H), 4.82 – 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.70 – 4.67 (m, 1H), 3.76-3.69 (m, 5H). mp: 206.5 – 206.7 °C. Anal. (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>5</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.77, H: 4.45, N: 11.05. Found C: 58.53, H: 4.71, N: 11.22.

## 4-(4-(2-Fluoroethyl)-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-5-

yl)phenoxy)methyl)quinoline (19j). Compound 16j with 17b (in place of 17a) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 19j as a light yellow solid (62 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.38 – 8.36 (m, 2H), 8.22 – 8.20 (m, 1H), 7.99 – 7.97 (m, 2H), 7.87 – 7.84 (m, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.48 (s, 2H), 4.89 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H). mp: 172.3-172.7°C. Anal. (C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>7</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 57.81, H: 4.12, N: 14.30. Found C: 58.01, H: 4.02, N: 14.52.

3-(2-Fluoroethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl) quinoline (20a). Compound 16k was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 20a as a light yellow solid (60 mg, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.44 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – ACS Paragon Plus Environment 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 4.85 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). mp: 191.4 - 191.7 °C. Anal. (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.68, H: 4.29, N: 8.83. Found C: 58.73, H: 4.48, N: 8.99.

**6-Fluoro-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl) phenoxy) methyl) quinoline (20b). Compound 16l was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 20b as a white solid (56 mg, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) \delta 8.52 – 8.42 (m, 2H), 8.14 (d,** *J* **= 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd,** *J* **= 9.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d,** *J* **= 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.55 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 3.97 (s, 3H). mp: 213.3 – 213.5 °C. Anal. (C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.98, H: 3.93, N: 9.49. Found C: 59.09, H: 3.71, N: 9.57.** 

6-(Fluoromethyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy) methyl) quinoline (20c). Compound 16m was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 20c as a light solid (50 mg, 61%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.51 – 8.34 (m, 2H), 8.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.64 (m, 2H), 7.53 (s, 1H), 7.43 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 7.02 – 6.90 (m, 2H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.37 (s, 2H), 3.96 (s, 3H). mp: 220.7 – 220.8 °C. Anal. (C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>21</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 59.60, H: 4.17, N: 9.27. Found C: 59.78, H: 4.29, N: 9.15.

**6-(2-Fluoroethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy) methyl) quinoline (20d). Compound 16n was used as the starting material following the procedure described above for the preparation of <b>18a** to synthesize **20d** as a light yellow solid (290 mg, 61%). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.48 – 8.46 (m, 2H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz,1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz,1H), 7.64-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.57 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.09 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 5.35 (s, 2H), 4.90 – 4.88 (m, 1H), 4.78 – 4.76 (m, 1H), 4.38 – 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.31 – 4.29 (m, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H). mp: 228.8 – 228.9 °C. Anal. (C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.68, H: 4.29, N: 8.83. Found C: 58.83, H: 4.56, N: 8.73.

6-Fluoro-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)methyl)quinoline (21b). 6-Fluoroquinolin-2-yl)methanol (16l) with 17b (in place of 17a) were used as the starting materials following the procedure described above for the preparation of 18b to synthesize 21b as a white solid (53 mg, 65%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR ACS Paragon Plus Environment

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(CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.39 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 5.42 (s, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H). mp: 220.8 – 220.9 °C. Anal. (C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O • 2H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) C, H, N: Calcd. C: 58.98, H: 3.93, N: 9.49. Found C: 58.85, H: 4.11, N: 9.68.

**General Radiochemistry.** We used both one- and two-step approaches for radiolabeling; methods for each are described below. [<sup>18</sup>F]Fluoride is produced by a <sup>18</sup>O(p, n)<sup>18</sup>F reaction through proton irradiation of enriched <sup>18</sup>O water (95%) using Washington University's RDS-111 cyclotron (Siemens/CTI Molecular Imaging, Knoxville, TN, USA). [<sup>18</sup>F]Fluoride is first passed through an ion-exchange resin then eluted with 0.02 M potassium carbonate (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) solution.

Following the one- or two-step incorporation of [<sup>18</sup>F]Fluoride, the reaction mixtures were purified using a semi-preparative HPLC system which contains a 5-mL injection loop, a semi-preparative column, UV detector at 254 nm, and an in-line radioactivity detector which is used to identify the desired product for collection in a vial containing 50 mL sterile water. The diluted eluent was trapped on a C-18 Plus Sep-Pak cartridge, which was then rinsed with 10 mL sterile water; the product was eluted with 0.6 mL ethanol followed by 5.4 mL saline. After the diluted radiotracer was sterile-filtered through a 0.22  $\mu$ m syringe filter into a sterile glass vial, and an aliquot was removed for QC testing. The total synthesis time was ~ 2 h for one-step labeling and ~ 3 h for two-step labeling. Quality control was conducted on an analytical HPLC system with UV detection at 254 nm. The radioactive dose was authenticated by co-injection with the nonradioactive reference compound.

# Synthesis of [<sup>18</sup>F]18a: a one-step general procedure for radiosynthesis of [<sup>18</sup>F]18a, [<sup>18</sup>F]18b, [<sup>18</sup>F]18c, [<sup>18</sup>F]18e, and [<sup>18</sup>F]18g

4-(Fluoro-<sup>18</sup>F)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl)quinoline ([<sup>18</sup>F]18a). A sample of ~7.40 GBq [<sup>18</sup>F]/fluoride/K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was added to a reaction vessel containing Kryptofix [222] (6.5–7.0 mg), and dried by azeotropic distillation at 110 °C using MeCN ( $3 \times 1 \text{ mL}$ ) under a gentle flow of nitrogen. 1.0 – 3.0 mg of the bromide precursor **23a** dissolved in DMSO (200 - 300 µL) was then transferred to the reaction vessel which was capped, vortexed, and heated in an oil bath at 170 - 175 °C for 20 min. After the heat source ACS Paragon Plus Environment

was removed, the reaction mixture was diluted with 3.0 mL of HPLC mobile phase and purified using an Agilent SB-C18 column with MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (48/52, v/v) as the mobile phase at a flow rate of 4.0 mL/min; the retention time for the desired product was 19 - 21 min. QC was conducted on a Grace Alltima C-18 column (250 mm  $\times$  4.6 mm), with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (62/38, v/v) at 1.8 mL/min. The retention time of  $[^{18}F]$ **18a** was 5.1 min. The radiochemical purity was >99%, the yield was 4.2-4.8% (decay-corrected) and - SA was > 74 GBq/µmol (decay-corrected to EOS). 4-((Fluoro-<sup>18</sup>F)methyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy) methyl) quinoline  $([^{18}F]18b)$ . The chloride precursor 23b was used for the one-step radiolabeling of  $[^{18}F]18b$  as described above for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a**. The reaction temperature was 105 - 110 °C for 20 min. The reaction mixture was purified using an Agilent SB-C18 column with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (40/60, v/v) at 4.0 mL/min; the retention time for the desired product was 24 - 26 min. QC was performed using a Phenomenex Prodigy C-18 column (250 mm  $\times$  4.6 mm) with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (62/38, v/v) at 1.5 mL/min. The retention time of  $[^{18}F]$ **18b** was 4.9 min. The radiochemical purity was > 99%. the chemical purity was > 95%, the yield was 1.1-1.5% (decay-corrected) and the SA was > 74 GBq/µmol (decay-corrected to EOS).

**4-(3-(Fluoro-<sup>18</sup>F)propyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl) quinoline ([<sup>18</sup>F]<b>18c).** The mesylate precursor **23c** was used for the one-step radiolabeling of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18c** as described above for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a**. The reaction temperature was 75 - 80 °C for 20 min. The reaction mixture was purified using an Agilent SB-C18 column with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (50/50, v/v) at 4.0 mL/min; the retention time for the desired product was 17 - 18 min. QC was performed using an Agilent SB- C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (65/35, v/v) at 1.5 mL/min. The retention time of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18c** was 4.9 min. The radiochemical purity was > 99%, the yield was 10.1-12.2% (decay-corrected) and the SA was > 74 GBq/µmol (decay-corrected to EOS).

4-((2-(Fluoro-<sup>18</sup>F)ethoxy)methyl)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl) phenoxy) methyl)quinoline ([<sup>18</sup>F]18e). The mesylate precursor 23e was used for the one-step radiolabeling of [<sup>18</sup>F]18e as described above for [<sup>18</sup>F]18a. The reaction temperature was 85 - 90 °C for 15 min. The reaction mixture was

purified using an Agilent SB-C18 column with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (40/60, v/v) at 4.0 mL/min; the retention time was 21.8 min. QC was performed using a Grace Alltima- C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (62/38, v/v) at 1.8 mL/min. The retention time of  $[^{18}F]$ **18e** was 4.4 min. The radiochemical purity was >99%, the chemical purity was > 95%, the yield was 15-18% (decay-corrected) and the SA was > 74 GBq/µmol (decay corrected to EOS).

### 2-(2-((2-((4-(1-Methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl)quinolin-4-yl)oxy)ethoxy)-

ethoxy)ethyl hypofluorite-<sup>18</sup>F ([<sup>18</sup>F]18g). The tosylate precursor 23g was used for the one-step radiolabeling of [<sup>18</sup>F]18g as described above for [<sup>18</sup>F]18a. The reaction temperature was 95 - 100 °C for 15 min. The reaction mixture was purified using an Agilent SB-C18 column with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 6.5 (50/50, v/v) at 3.5 mL/min; the retention time for the desired product was 13 min. QC was performed using an Agilent SB-C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 6.5 (56/44, v/v) at 1.5 mL/min. The retention time of [<sup>18</sup>F]18g was 4.9 min. The radiochemical purity was > 95%, the yield was 27-30% (decay-corrected) and the SA was > 74 GBq/µmol (decay-corrected to EOS).

# Synthesis of [<sup>18</sup>F]20a: a two-step general procedure for radiosynthesis [<sup>18</sup>F]20a and [<sup>18</sup>F]18d

**3-((2-Fluoro-<sup>18</sup>F)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl) quinoline ([<sup>18</sup>F]20a). A sample of ~7.40 GBq [<sup>18</sup>F]/fluoride/K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was added to a reaction vessel containing Kryptofix [222] (7.0 – 8.0 mg). The syringe was washed with 2 × 0.4 mL ethanol, evaporated and dried by azeotropic distillation at 110 °C using MeCN (3 × 1 mL) under a gentle flow of N<sub>2</sub> gas. After all water was removed, 5.0-5.5 mg of the di-tosylate <b>33** was dissolved in MeCN (200  $\mu$ L) mixed, then transferred into the reaction vessel containing [<sup>18</sup>F]fluoride/Kryptofix[222]/K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> which was capped, mixed, and heated in an oil bath to 100 °C for 15 min. After the heat source was removed, the reaction mixture was diluted with 3.0 mL of HPLC mobile phase and passed through an alumina Neutral Sep-Pak Plus cartridge. The reaction mixture was then purified with an Agilent SB-C18 column (250 mm × 10 mm) with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 6.5 (50/50, v/v) at 4.0 mL/min; the retention time of the [<sup>18</sup>F]fluoroethyl tosylate product was 9.5-10

min. The retention time of the precursor was 23-24 min. The product was diluted with 50 mL sterile water then trapped on a C-18 Sep-Pak Plus cartridge. The trapped product was eluted with diethyl ether (2.5 mL).

The eluted solution formed two phases, the top organic phase was removed and reserved, and the bottom aqueous phase was extracted with 1 mL of ether. The ether extracts were combined and passed through two Sep-Pak Plus dry cartridges in series into a reaction vessel; the ether was evaporated under a stream of nitrogen. 1 - 2 mg of phenol precursor **24a** was then dissolved in 200  $\mu$ L DMSO and transferred to a vial containing 2.0 mg Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and vortexed for 1 min; this saturated Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution was added to the reaction vessel which was capped, mixed, and heated in an oil bath at 85-90 °C for 15 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with 3.0 mL HPLC mobile phase and purified using an Agilent SB C-18 column with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (40/60, v/v) at 4.0 mL/min; the retention time was 21.4 min. QC was performed using an Agilent Zorbax, SB-C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (56/44, v/v) at 1.5 mL/min. The retention time of [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** was 4.8 min. The radiochemical purity was > 99%, the chemical purity was > 95%, the yield was 65-72% (decay-corrected) and the SA was > 74 GBq/umol (decay-corrected to EOS).

**4-((2-Fluoro-<sup>18</sup>F)ethoxy)-2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1***H***-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)methyl) quinoline ([<sup>18</sup>F]<b>18d**). The phenol precursor **23d** was used for the two-step labeling of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** as described above for [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a**. The reaction temperature was 95-100 °C for 15 min. The reaction mixture was purified on an Agilent SB-C18 column with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (45/55, v/v) at 4.0 mL/min; the retention time was 16.2 min. QC was performed using an Agilent Zorbax, SB-C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm) with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer pH 4.5 (50/50, v/v) at 1.4 mL/min. The retention time of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** was 7.5 min. The radiochemical purity was >99%, the chemical purity was 95%, the yield was 30-35% (decay-corrected) and the SA was > 74 GBq/µmol (decay-corrected to EOS).

In vitro assay. The PDE10A in vitro screening assay followed our previously published procedures.<sup>35</sup> PDE activity was measured using the Phosphodiesterase [<sup>3</sup>H]cAMP Scintillation Proximity Assay (SPA) (Cat. #TRKQ7090, Perkin Elmer, Waltham, MA) with minor modifications. Recombinant human PDE10A containing catalytic domain of human PDE10A (Swiss-Prot accession number Q9Y233) was purchased from

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Enzo Life Sciences Inc., Farmingdale, NY. Recombinant human PDE3A and 3B, PDE4A and PDE4B were purchased from EMD Chemicals, Inc., San Diego, CA. Optimal concentrations of enzymes were tested in the linear range of the enzyme activation curves with substrate. Inhibitor compounds were tested along with compound whose  $IC_{50}$  values are known (e.g.: MP-10) as an internal control for each PDE assay. All inhibitors were dissolved in DMSO, and serial dilutions were performed to obtain desired concentrations. Diluted compounds (10  $\mu$ L/well) were added to a 96-well plate, after addition of 50  $\mu$ L diluted PDE enzyme in buffer the plate was incubated on ice for 5 min. 50  $\mu$ L of radiolabeled substrate ([<sup>3</sup>H]cAMP) at a fixed (1/3 of the  $K_m$ ) concentration of 1.48 kBq/mL was then added to each well and plates were incubated on ice for an additional 20 min to give ~30% substrate turnover before termination of the reaction with 50  $\mu$ L yttrium silicate SPA beads (8 mg/mL). Plates were allowed to settle for 1.5 h at rt, then counted on a Trilux Micro-Beta Counter (PerkinElmer, Waltham, MA). CPM values for each well were plotted against inhibitor concentration in GraphPad Prism (GraphPad Software, Inc., La Jolla, CA) and inhibitor  $IC_{50}$  values were calculated by nonlinear regression with Prism's one-site receptor competitive binding model. All compounds were independently assayed at least twice and fitting R<sup>2</sup> values were  $\geq$  90%; results are reported as fitted  $IC_{50} \pm$  SD.

**Biodistribution and regional brain uptake in rats.** All animal experiments were conducted in compliance with the Guidelines for the Care and Use of Research Animals under protocols approved by the Washington University Animal Studies Committee. For the biodistribution studies, 1.48 - 2.22 MBq of the radiotracer was injected in the tail vein of mature male Sprague-Dawley rats (250 - 400 g) under anesthesia (2.5% isoflurane in oxygen). At 5, 30, and 60 min post -injection (p.i.), rats (n=4 per study group) were anesthetized and euthanized. The whole brain was quickly removed and the hippocampus, striatum, cortex, thalamus, brain stem, and cerebellum were separated by gross dissection. The remainder of the brain was collected to determine total brain uptake. Peripheral tissues including blood, lung, heart, liver, kidney, muscle, fat, and bone were also collected. Samples were weighed and counted in an automated gamma counter (Beckman Gamma 8000 well counter) with a standard of diluted injectate, and the %ID/g was calculated.

**MicroPET brain imaging studies in male cynomolgus monkeys.** Three independent PET studies were done on adult male cynomolgus macaques (~4–6 kg) for each tracer with a microPET Focus 220 scanner **ACS Paragon Plus Environment**  (Concorde/CTI/Siemens Microsystems, Knoxville, TN). The animal was fasted for 12 h before PET study and initially anesthetized with ketamine (10 mg/kg) and glycopyrrolate (0.13 mg/kg) intramuscularly. Upon arrival at the scanner, the animal was intubated and percutaneous catheters were placed for venous tracer injection and arterial blood sampling. The head was positioned supine in the adjustable head holder with the brain in the center of the field of view. Anesthesia was maintained at 0.75-2.0% isoflurane in oxygen and core temperature maintained at  $\sim$ 37 °C. A 10 min transmission scan was performed to confirm positioning; this was followed by a 45 min transmission scan for attenuation correction. Subsequently, a 3 h dynamic emission scan was acquired after venous injection of 185 - 259 MBq of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** or [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a**.

**MicroPET image processing and analysis**. Acquired list mode data were histogrammed into a 3D set of sinograms and binned to the following time frames:  $3 \times 1 \text{ min}$ ,  $4 \times 2 \text{ min}$ ,  $3 \times 3 \text{ min}$ , and  $20 \times 5 \text{ min}$ . Sinogram data were corrected for attenuation and scatter. Maximum a posteriori (MAP) reconstructions were done with 18 iterations and a  $\beta$  value of 0.004. A 1.5 mm Gaussian filter was applied to smooth each MAP reconstructed image. These images were then co-registered with MRI images to accurately identify the anatomical regions of interest with Amira software (Visage Imaging, Inc., Carlsbad, CA). The 3D regions of interest were manually drawn through all planes of co-registered MRI images for the caudate, putamen, and cerebellum. The regions of interest were then overlaid on all reconstructed PET images to obtain time-activity curves (TACs). Activity measures were standardized to body weight and dose of radioactivity injected to yield standardized uptake value (SUV).

HPLC metabolite analysis of NHP plasma. Arterial blood samples (~1.5 mL) were collected 2, 15, 30, 60 and 90 min p.i. from a percutaneous catheter in a heparinized syringe and 1 mL aliquots were counted in a well counter then centrifuged to separate red blood cells from plasma. Plasma was deproteinated with 2 parts ice-cold methanol and plasma proteins were separated by centrifugation. The solvent extract (200  $\mu$ L) was injected on an Agilent SB C-18 analytic HPLC column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5  $\mu$ Å), with a mobile phase of MeCN/0.1 M ammonium formate buffer, pH 4.5 ([<sup>18</sup>F]**18d**, 50/50, v/v; ([<sup>18</sup>F]**20a**, 52/48, v/v), flow rate 0.9 mL/min, mass peaks were detected by UV at 254 nm. HPLC fractions were collected at 1 min intervals for 16 min and counted on a well counter and decay-corrected. The percent parent and percent radiolabeled metabolites for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and

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### **Abbreviations Used**

cGMP, cyclic guanosine monophosphate; DAST, diethylaminosulfur trifluoride; DBAD, di-*tert*-butyl azodicarboxylate; DIEA, *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine; DMC, dimethyl carbonate; EOS, end of synthesis; EtOH, ethanol; EtOAc, ethyl acetate; FPEG, fluoroPEGylated; MeCN, acetonitrile; MSNs, medium spiny neurons; MOM-Br, bromo(methoxy)methane; MP-10, 2-((4-(1-methyl-4-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl)phenoxy)- methyl)quinoline; NHP, nonhuman primate; phenyl triflimide, *N*-phenyl-bis(trifluoromethane sulfonamide); PDE3A, phosphodiesterase 3A; PDE3B, phosphodiesterase 3B; PDE4A, phosphodiesterase 4A; PDE4B, phosphodiesterase 4B; PDE10A, phosphodiesterase 10A; p.i., post-injection; QC, quality control; RCY, radiochemical yield; ROI, region of interest; SA, specific activity; TBSCl, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride; TEA, triethylamine.

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<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) HBF<sub>4</sub>, NaNO<sub>2</sub>, -10 °C to rt; (b) DAST, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C- rt; (c) phenyl triflimide, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DIPEA, MeCN, 92 °C; (d) LiBr, allyltributyltin, Pd[(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P]<sub>4</sub>, 90 °C; (e) i) 1.0 M borane THF complex, THF, 0 °C, ii) NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, sodium ascorbate, DMF, rt; (f) Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, 1-bromo-2-fluoroethane, DMF, rt; (g) 2-(2-chloroethoxy)ethanol or 2-(2-(2-chloroethoxy)ethoxy)ethanol, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF, 95-100 °C; or tetraethylene glycol p-toluenesulfonate, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF, 60 °C; (h) 1-bromo-2-fluoroethane, KOH, MeCN, 80 °C; (i) (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O, TEA, DMAP, THF, rt; (j) phosphorus(V) oxybromide, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeCN, 92 °C; (k) NaN<sub>3</sub>, DMF, 90 °C; (I) 3-butyn-1-ol, CuSO<sub>4</sub> 5H<sub>2</sub>O, sodium ascorbate, DMF, rt; (m) methoxyacetone, ethanolic KOH, ethanol, reflux; (n) BBr<sub>3</sub>, DMC, rt. ACS Paragon Plus Environment

## Scheme 2<sup>a</sup>





<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) NBS, CCl<sub>4</sub>, reflux; (b) SeO<sub>2</sub>, dioxane, reflux, then NaBH<sub>4</sub>, dioxane, EtOH, rt; (c) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, THF, MeOH, rt.





<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) 17a, NaH, DMF, rt; (b) 17a or 17b, DBAD, PPh<sub>3</sub>, dioxane, 60  $^{\circ}$ C; (c) 17a or 17b, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, DBAD, dioxane, 60  $^{\circ}$ C; then TFA, rt.



<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, THF: MeOH (20: 1), 0 <sup>o</sup>C to r.t; (b) **17a**, DBAD, PPh<sub>3</sub>, dioxane, 60 <sup>o</sup>C; (c) MOM-Br, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 <sup>o</sup>C; (d) SeO<sub>2</sub>, dioxane, reflux, then NaBH<sub>4</sub>, dioxane, EtOH, rt.(e) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, THF/MeOH; (f) TFA, DCM.



<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (a) imidazole, TBSCI, DMF, 80 °C; (b) SeO<sub>2</sub>, dioxane, reflux, then NaBH<sub>4</sub>, dioxane, EtOH, rt.; (c) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, THF, MeOH, rt.; (d) **17a**, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, DBAD, dioxane, 60 °C; (e) TBAF, THF, rt; (f) SOCI<sub>2</sub>, chloroform, 0 °C; (g) MsCI, TEA, CH<sub>2</sub>CI<sub>2</sub>; (h) Ts-CI, DMAP, DIEA, CH<sub>2</sub>CI<sub>2</sub>.

### Scheme 6. Radiosynthesis

I - One-step halogen exchange



## Table 1. PDE10A, PDE3A/B and PDE4A/B potency (IC<sub>50</sub>) of fluorinated MP-10 analogues<sup>a</sup>



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Compd.	$\mathbf{R}^{1}$	PDE10A (nM)	PDE3A (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> )	PDE3B (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> )	PDE4A (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> )	PDE4B (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> ))	LogD (7.4)°
18a	4-F	$0.71\pm0.12$	$199 \pm 16.0$	$103\pm10.0$	$8.35\pm0.60$	$6.42\pm0.27$	3.47
18b	$4-CH_2F$	$0.68\pm0.02$	$7.71\pm0.30$	$5.68\pm0.25$	$4.09\pm0.25$	$3.80\pm0.15$	3.75
18c	4-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$1.80\pm0.09$	$21.9\pm1.60$	$19.1\pm3.0$	$0.46\pm0.03$	$0.38\pm0.03$	4.43
18d	4-OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$0.32\pm0.18$	$29.5\pm0.23$	$7.76\pm0.11$	$1.01\pm0.14$	$1.77\pm0.16$	4.02
18e	4-CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$0.65\pm0.02$	$4.07\pm0.36$	$4.55\pm0.23$	$2.22\pm0.08$	$1.77\pm0.13$	3.49
18f	$4-(OCH_2CH_2)_2F$	$0.27\pm0.10$	$22.9\pm2.10$	$16.2\pm0.93$	$1.44\pm0.09$	$0.90\pm0.05$	3.62
18g	$4-(OCH_2CH_2)_3F$	$0.24\pm0.04$	$116\pm10.0$	$61.9\pm4.60$	$1.57\pm0.07$	$1.58\pm0.08$	3.26
18h	4-(OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> F	$0.33\pm0.07$	$144.4\pm27$	$29.6\pm0.27$	$9.89\pm0.23$	$10.3\pm0.47$	2.90
18i	4-NHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$0.52\pm0.24$	$3.74\pm0.18$	$3.48\pm0.66$	$5.97\pm0.28$	$4.80\pm0.34$	3.98
18j	4- <sup>N</sup> N	$3.07\pm0.27$	$4.51\pm0.24$	$3.56\pm0.86$	$1.57\pm0.14$	$18.3 \pm 1.7$	3.37
20a	3-OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$0.26\pm0.01$	$25.9\pm3.20$	$19.9\pm4.50$	$1.76 \pm 0.11$	$1.04\pm0.09$	4.10
20b	6-F	$0.29\pm0.01$	$38.5 \pm 12.0$	$23.9 \pm 5.10$	$2.33\pm0.39$	$2.55\pm0.26$	3.60
20c	6-CH <sub>2</sub> F	>76	$ND^b$	$ND^{b}$	$ND^{b}$	$ND^{b}$	3.75
20d	6-OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$33.5 \pm 0.81$	$ND^{b}$	$ND^{b}$	$ND^{b}$	$ND^{b}$	3.84



Compd.	$\mathbf{R}^2$	PDE10A (nM)	PDE3A (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> )	PDE3B (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> )	PDE4A (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> )	PDE4B (nM ×10 <sup>3</sup> )	Log (7.4)
19d	4-OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$1.16 \pm 0.43$	$3.77 \pm 0.36$	$5.61 \pm 3.10$	$3.72 \pm 0.45$	$1.02 \pm 0.06$	4.01
19e	4-CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$1.12\pm0.51$	$306\pm36$	>1000	$4.77\pm0.16$	$4.24\pm0.20$	3.49
19f	$4-(OCH_2CH_2)_2F$	$0.36\pm0.15$	$66.4\pm4.40$	$50.1\pm3.00$	$12.3\pm0.70$	$11.6\pm0.67$	3.62
19g	$4-(OCH_2CH_2)_3F$	$0.47\pm0.09$	$62.2\pm5.30$	$51.8\pm4.00$	$8.36\pm0.03$	$7.31\pm0.32$	3.26
19h	$4-(OCH_2CH_2)_4F$	$0.30\pm0.03$	$58.71\pm2.0$	$28.13 \pm 1.9$	$15.0\pm2.80$	$1.73\pm0.18$	2.90
19i	4-NHCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> F	$0.37\pm0.09$	$78.8 \pm 15.0$	$38.3\pm 6.0$	$12.4\pm2.40$	$1.59\pm0.19$	3.98
19j	4- <sup>N</sup> N	$4.98\pm0.45$	$0.81 \pm 0.01$	$16.2 \pm 8.00$	$1.86 \pm 0.32$	$0.90\pm0.09$	3.37
21b	6-F	$0.76 \pm 0.12$	$111 \pm 38.0$	$151 \pm 37$	9.73 ± 1.50	$0.76\pm0.07$	3.60

<sup>a</sup>  $IC_{50}$  is defined as the concentration of the inhibitor required to reduce the [<sup>3</sup>H]cAMP hydrolysis of recombinant human PED10A, PDE3A/3B, or PDE4A/4B by 50% in a scintillation proximity assay.

<sup>b</sup> Not determined

<sup>c</sup> Calculated Log D value at pH 7.4, ACD/I-Lab ver. 7.0 (Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc. Toronto, Ontario, Canada).

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**Table 2**. Biodistribution of [<sup>18</sup>F]**18a**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18b**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18c**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18e**, [<sup>18</sup>F]**18g** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** in male Sprague Dawley rats<sup>a</sup>

Organ	5 min	<u> 30 min</u>	60 min	5 min	<u> 30 min</u>	<u>60 min</u>
		[ <sup>18</sup> F] <b>18a</b>			[ <sup>18</sup> F] <b>18b</b>	
Blood	$0.353 \pm 0.063$	$0.376 \pm 0.033$	$0.150 \pm 0.021$	$0.471 \pm 0.040$	$0.416 \pm 0.062$	$0.201 \pm 0.026$
Liver	$6.87 \pm 1.27$	$3.00 \pm 0.91$	$1.60 \pm 0.87$	$10.16 \pm 1.86$	$4.01 \pm 1.34$	$3.10 \pm 0.61$
Kidney	$1.887 \pm 0.296$	$1.034 \pm 0.131$	$0.533 \pm 0.119$	$1.799 \pm 0.207$	$1.351 \pm 0.216$	$0.573 \pm 0.134$
Muscle	$0.339 \pm 0.053$	$0.236 \pm 0.019$	$0.092 \pm 0.010$	$0.227 \pm 0.042$	$0.174 \pm 0.042$	$0.107 \pm 0.032$
Fat	$0.404 \pm 0.102$	$0.576 \pm 0.154$	$0.477 \pm 0.099$	$0.343 \pm 0.153$	$0.352 \pm 0.081$	$0.222 \pm 0.029$
Bone	$0.522 \pm 0.116$	$4.035 \pm 0.153$	$6.300 \pm 0.314$	$0.421 \pm 0.063$	$4.055 \pm 1.305$	$5.620 \pm 1.132$
Brain	$0.410 \pm 0.063$	$0.191 \pm 0.036$	$0.125 \pm 0.009$	$0.128 \pm 0.012$	$0.094 \pm 0.023$	$0.069 \pm 0.008$
		[ <sup>18</sup> F] <b>18c</b>			[ <sup>18</sup> F] <b>18d</b>	
Blood	$0.459 \pm 0.049$	$0.345 \pm 0.043$	$0.345 \pm 0.043$	$0.362 \pm 0.048$	$0.226 \pm 0.073$	$0.215 \pm 0.008$
Liver	$9.99 \pm 1.27$	$5.67 \pm 0.73$	$6.79 \pm 2.49$	$6.88 \pm 1.15$	$6.98 \pm 0.99$	$3.29 \pm 0.56$
Kidnev	$2.471 \pm 0.487$	$1.364 \pm 0.077$	$1.216 \pm 0.180$	$2.200 \pm 0.158$	$1.055 \pm 0.218$	$0.765 \pm 0.153$
Muscle	$0.223 \pm 0.067$	$0.178 \pm 0.016$	$0.103 \pm 0.030$	$0.247 \pm 0.031$	$0.134 \pm 0.019$	$0.132 \pm 0.011$
Fat	$0.220 \pm 0.100$	$0.491 \pm 0.035$	$0.368 \pm 0.077$	$0.213 \pm 0.007$	$0.302 \pm 0.033$	$0.259 \pm 0.025$
Bone	$0.222 \pm 0.014$	$1.418 \pm 0.182$	$2.037 \pm 0.303$	$0.189 \pm 0.004$	$0.091 \pm 0.012$	$0.142 \pm 0.001$
Brain	$0.114 \pm 0.015$	$0.046 \pm 0.006$	$0.026 \pm 0.005$	$0.118 \pm 0.012$	$0.078\pm0.009$	$0.101 \pm 0.002$
		[ <sup>18</sup> F] <b>18e</b>			[ <sup>18</sup> F] <b>18</b> g	
Blood	$0.440\pm0.038$	$0.424 \pm 0.074$	$0.401 \pm 0.029$	$0.699 \pm 0.090$	$0.771 \pm 0.061$	$0.646 \pm 0.045$
Liver	$3.99 \pm 0.82$	$0.987\pm0.038$	$0.554 \pm 0.064$	$4.74 \pm 1.10$	$1.53 \pm 0.49$	$0.527 \pm 0.068$
Kidnev	$0.981 \pm 0.163$	$0.632 \pm 0.123$	$0.485 \pm 0.045$	$5.969 \pm 0.744$	$1.793 \pm 0.291$	$1.037 \pm 0.170$
Muscle	$0.155 \pm 0.040$	$0.265 \pm 0.117$	$0.228 \pm 0.058$	$0.419\pm0.090$	$0.488 \pm 0.086$	$0.379 \pm 0.027$
Fat	$0.139 \pm 0.031$	$0.139 \pm 0.037$	$0.066 \pm 0.018$	$0.225 \pm 0.086$	$0.254 \pm 0.051$	$0.123 \pm 0.021$
Bone	$0.133 \pm 0.028$	$0.170 \pm 0.030$	$0.337 \pm 0.072$	$0.487 \pm 0.044$	$0.441 \pm 0.049$	$0.490 \pm 0.035$
Brain	$0.213 \pm 0.039$	$0.353 \pm 0.021$	$0.343 \pm 0.033$	$0.353 \pm 0.052$	$0.509 \pm 0.038$	$0.421 \pm 0.028$
		[ <sup>18</sup> F] <b>20a</b>				
Blood	$0.343 \pm 0.061$	$0.306 \pm 0.016$	$0.287 \pm 0.010$			
Liver	$4.24 \pm 0.74$	$3.17 \pm 0.55$	$1.80 \pm 0.62$			
Kidnev	$1.789 \pm 0.332$	$1.022 \pm 0.103$	$0.841 \pm 0.087$			
Muscle	$0.166 \pm 0.017$	$0.156 \pm 0.014$	$0.134 \pm 0.009$			
Fat	$0.119 \pm 0.021$	$0.202 \pm 0.023$	$0.124 \pm 0.011$			
Bone	$0.182 \pm 0.003$	$0.144 \pm 0.006$	$0.224 \pm 0.015$			
	$0.002 \pm 0.011$	$0.120 \pm 0.005$	$0.140 \pm 0.013$			

Tracer	Time p.i. (min)	% Peak 1 <sup>a</sup>	% Peak 2 <sup>b</sup>	% Parent
	2	1	0	98
r1853403	15	4	0	93
[ <sup>10</sup> F] <b>18d</b>	30	7	1	90
	60	19	5	75
	90	32	9	57
	2	0	0	99
r18maa	15	6	2	90
[ <sup>10</sup> F]20a	30	15	8	73
	60	29	14	55
	90	39	14	45

**Table 3.** HPLC analysis of NHP plasma for [<sup>18</sup>F]**18d** and [<sup>18</sup>F]**20a** 

<sup>*a*</sup> Peak 1 (radiometabolite) retention time  $\sim$ 3.5 min <sup>*b*</sup> Peak 2 (radiometabolite) retention time  $\sim$  7.5 min

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Top panel-[<sup>18</sup>F]18d ( $IC_{50\_PDE10A} = 0.32 \pm 0.18 \text{ nM}$ ) Bottom panel-[<sup>18</sup>F]20a ( $IC_{50\_PDE10A} = 0.26 \pm 0.01 \text{ nM}$ )

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