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Late-Stage Fluorination for PET Imaging

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Abstract

The unnatural isotope fluorine-18 (^{18}F) is used as a positron emitter in molecular imaging. Currently, many potentially useful ^{18}F -labeled probe molecules are inaccessible for imaging, because no fluorination chemistry is available to make them. Syntheses must be rapid on account of the 110-minute half-life of ^{18}F and benefit from using [^{18}F]fluoride due to practical access and suitable isotope enrichment. But [^{18}F]fluoride chemistry has been limited in reaction and substrate scope. I will describe the development of novel, modern fluorination reactions and evaluate them based on their utility for F-18 and F-19 chemistry. Late-stage fluorination enables the synthesis of new drug candidates and conventionally unavailable positron emission tomography (PET) tracers for anticipated applications in pharmaceutical development as well as pre-clinical and clinical PET imaging.

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