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METASTATIC MELANOMA: STAGING WITH WHOLE BODY POSITRON-EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY (PET) AND FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH IMAGE FUSION PET SPIRAL COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

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Purpose: In melanoma patients, accurate staging and early detection of metastatic lesions are of great importance for the therapeutic procedure. In a prospective study the value of whole body PET with (F18)-fluoro-deoxy-glucose (FDG) in staging of 77 melanoma patients was evaluated.

Methods: Whole body FDG-PET was performed in 30 women and 47 men with known metastatic melanoma or with newly diagnosed melanoma (Breslow > 1.5 mm). Patients with suspected metastases also underwent CT and/or MRI. Diagnoses were confirmed histologically or in at least one imaging modality in addition to PET. Image fusion of PET and CT was performed in five cases in which lesions were newly diagnosed on PET having no morphologic correlation on CT.

Results: 91 lesions were evaluated of which 66 proved to be melanoma metastases. Whole body PET correctly demonstrated 60 sites of metastases. Six metastases were missed. In ten patients, PET detected new metastases. Overall accuracy of PET was 84.6%, sensitivity 90.9% and specificity 68.0%.

Conclusion: Whole body PET with (F18)-FDG is a very sensitive technique in the detection of melanoma metastases. In small lesions detected by PET only, image fusion is essential for exact lesion localization and thus a necessary prerequisite for planning surgical intervention.

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