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‘In a thousand different forms you may hide yourself, but all the same, my best-beloved, I will recognize you’

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
# List of Abbreviations

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<td>Aβ</td>
<td>Amyloid-β peptide</td>
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<td>A&lt;sub&gt;n&lt;/sub&gt;R</td>
<td>Adenosine A&lt;sub&gt;n&lt;/sub&gt; receptor</td>
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<td>AC</td>
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<td>Abnormal involuntary movement</td>
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<td>Area under the curve</td>
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<td>Blood brain-barrier</td>
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<td>Bₘₐₓ</td>
<td>Total density of target molecules</td>
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<td>BOLD</td>
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<td>BP&lt;sub&gt;ND&lt;/sub&gt;</td>
<td>Non-displaceable binding potential</td>
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<td>Da</td>
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<td>D&lt;sub&gt;n&lt;/sub&gt;R</td>
<td>Dopamine D&lt;sub&gt;n&lt;/sub&gt; receptor</td>
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<td>2D-OSEM</td>
<td>2-Dimensional ordered-subset expectation maximization algorithm</td>
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<td>DVR</td>
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ED  Effective dose

$ED_{50}$  Drug dose corresponds to 50% occupancy

ERK  Extracellular signal–regulated kinase

ESI-HRMS  Electro-spray ionization high-resolution mass spectrometry

fmol  Femtomole

fMRI  Functional magnetic resonance imaging

FDG  Fluo-2-rodeoxy-D-glucose

FOV  Field of view

g  Gram

GBq  Gigabecquerel

GCF  Global correction factor

GDNF  Glial cell line-derived neurotrophic factor

GPe  Globus pallidus pars externa

GPi  Globus pallidus pars interna

HCl  Hydrogen chloride

HD  Huntington’s disease

HIV  Human immunodeficiency virus

HPLC  High performance liquid chromatography

Hz  Herz

ICC  Intra-class correlation coefficient

ICRP  International Commission on Radiological Protection

keV  Kiloelectronvolt

$K_1$-$k_n$  Rate constant ‘n’

kBq  Kilobecquerel

kDa  Kilodalton

$K_d$  Dissociation constant

kg  Kilo gram

$K_i$  Inhibition constant

$K_i$  Metabolic rate constant

L-DOPA  Levodopa

LGA  Logan graphical analysis

LID  Levodopa-induced dyskinesia

LogD$_{7.4}$  Octanol water partition coefficient at pH7.4

mg  Minigram

min  Minute

mL  Minilitre

mm  Minimitre
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