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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>AₐR</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
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Tesla  
Time-activity curve  
Trans-activator of transcription  
n-Tissue compartment model  
Tetrahydrofuran  
Thin-layer chromatography  
Transmembrane  
Test-retest variability  
Translocator protein 18 kDa  
Ultra-high performance liquid chromatography  
Volume per volume  
Fractional blood volume  
Non-displaceable volume of distribution  
Volume of interest  
Volume of distribution  
Yellow fluorescent protein  
Microgram  
Microlitre  
Micromolar  
Micrometre  
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