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## Development of a Radiosynthesizer Module Designed to Produce Florbetapir F 18 ( $^{18}\text{F}$ -AV-45) for Clinical Trials

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Abstract:

Florbetapir F 18 is a radiopharmaceutical used for imaging  $\beta$  amyloid deposits in clinical trials in Argentina. Laboratorios BACON has pursued producing this imaging agent locally in the cyclotron facility.

The IBA Synthera has been a reliable platform for producing  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG worldwide via nucleophilic exchange of the radionuclide  $^{18}\text{F}^-$ . This reliability, together with its versatility makes an ideal combination for adapting more complicated processes (compared to  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG production) into the Synthera platform. We report herein, an IBA Synthera platform adapted synthesis of florbetapir F 18 wherein an HPLC semi preparative purification system and a reformulation module has been successfully integrated. The resulting system is highly reliable and capable of producing highly pure product (both radio-chemically and chemically) with high specific activity.