

# THERANOSTIC APPROACH WITH PSMA LIGANDS IN PROGRESSIVE METASTATIC CASTRATION-RESISTANT PROSTATE CANCER (mCRPC): FOCUS ON CHUV EXPERIENCE

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## Introduction

New radiopharmaceuticals targeting the PSMA receptor, a surface antigen highly expressed by tumor cells in prostate cancer (PC), have been studied for a **theranostic approach**. This technique consists in associating to a **same vector** a **diagnostic** or a **therapeutic** isotope (Fig1).

As part of the management of the mCRPC, the PET imaging with **<sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA** allows significant detection of tumor and metastatic sites. The **<sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA**, used secondarily to PET+ imaging, has a therapeutic action by delivering a  $\beta^-$  irradiation to cells expressing the PSMA and to the immediate microenvironment.

## Objective

The objective of this work is to offer a feedback upon the deployment of the theranostic approach in our unit after 5 years of use of PSMA tracers.

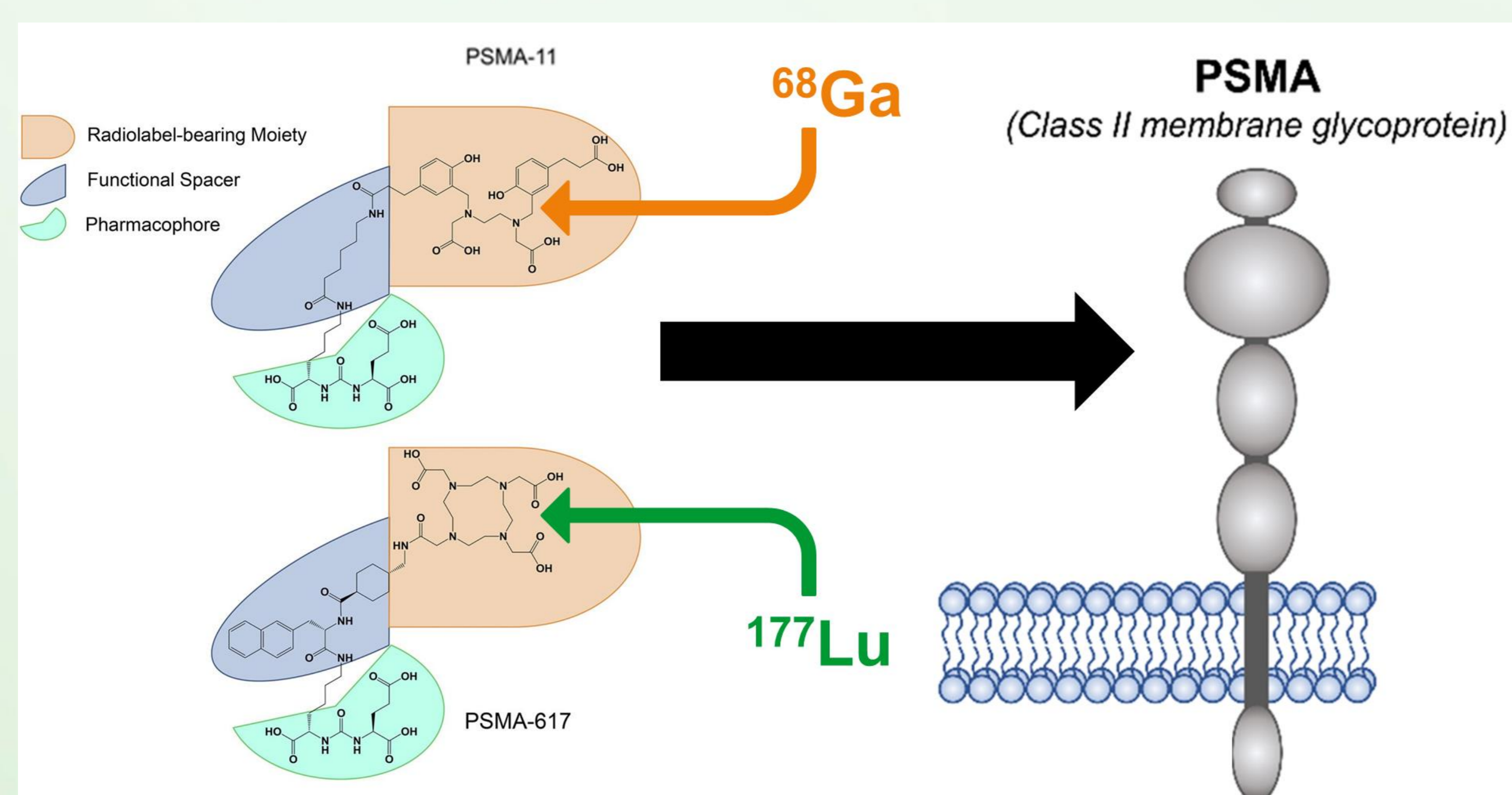


Figure 1 : Theranostic with PSMA tracers and PSMA target

## Methods

**<sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA** is indicated in the **initial PC extension assessment**, **biochemical recurrence** and the **pre-therapeutic assessment before vectorized internal radiotherapy (VIR)**. It has been used at the CHUV since 2017 and its production has been internalized by the Radiopharmacy unit (RPH) since 2019.

VIR with **<sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA** is indicated for **PSMA+ mCRPC, after failure of anti-androgens and taxanes treatments**. Two radiopharmaceuticals have been used, one ready to use since 2020 and the other one synthesized by RPH since 2021.

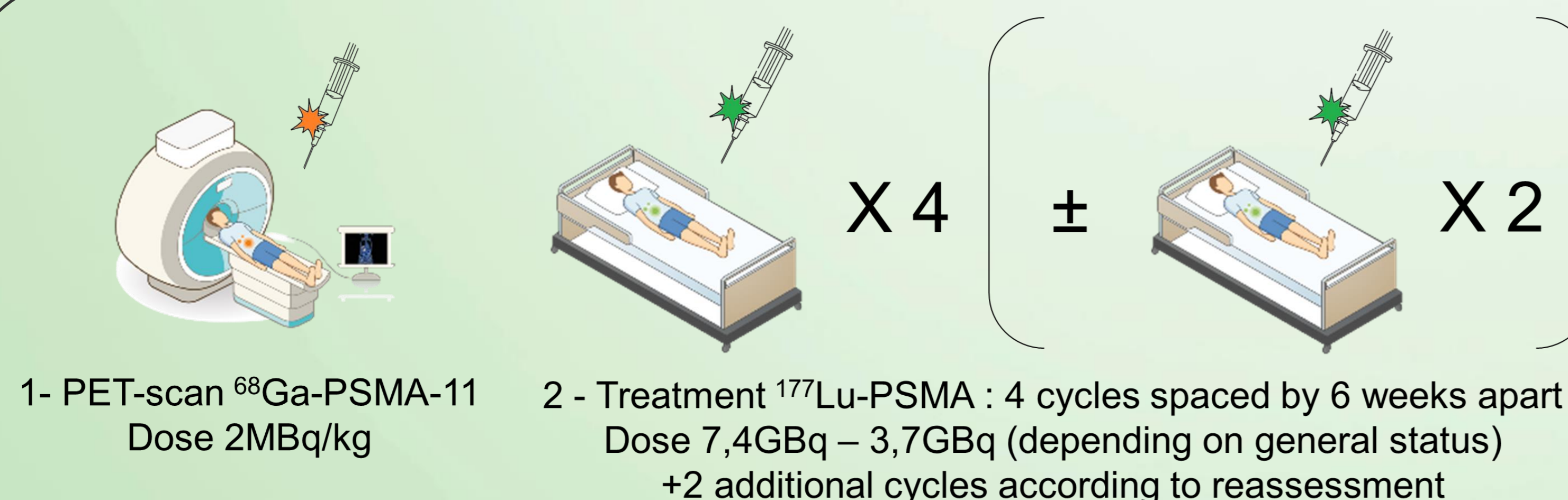


Figure 2 : treatment regimen for <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA

## Conclusion

The **<sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA/<sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA** couple highlights the interest and efficiency of theranostics in mCRPC.

The internalization of the production by the RPH has allowed an **increase in the number of patients treated** thanks to more **flexibility** in the management and a significant **reduction in costs**.

## Results

Since 2017, 723 patients received a **<sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA** dose for PET diagnosis, including 520 doses produced by RPH.

Since 2020, 293 doses of IVR **<sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA** have been administered, including 109 were prepared by RPH (as of 5.30.2022).

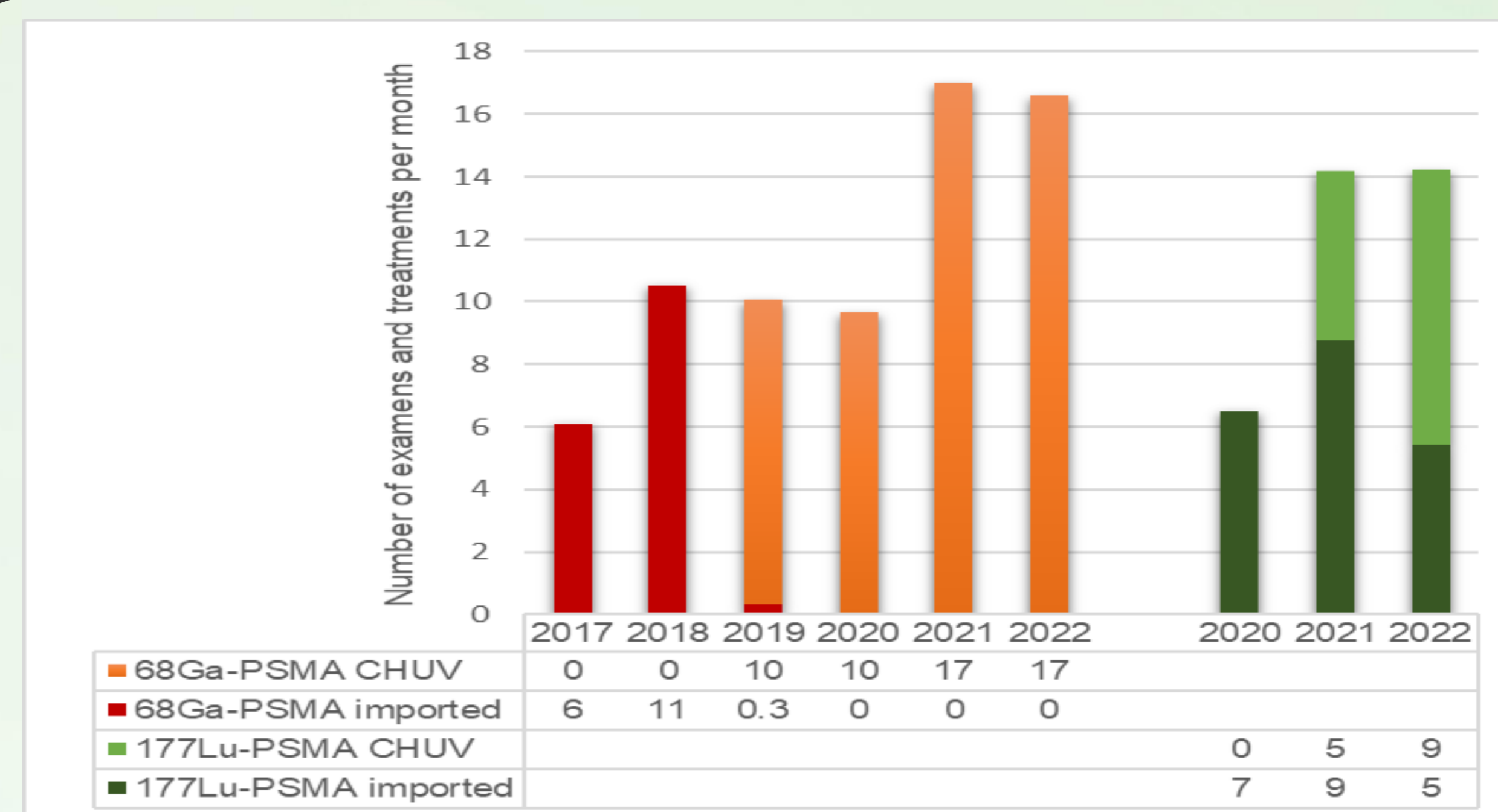


Figure 3 : number of <sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA and <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA doses per month

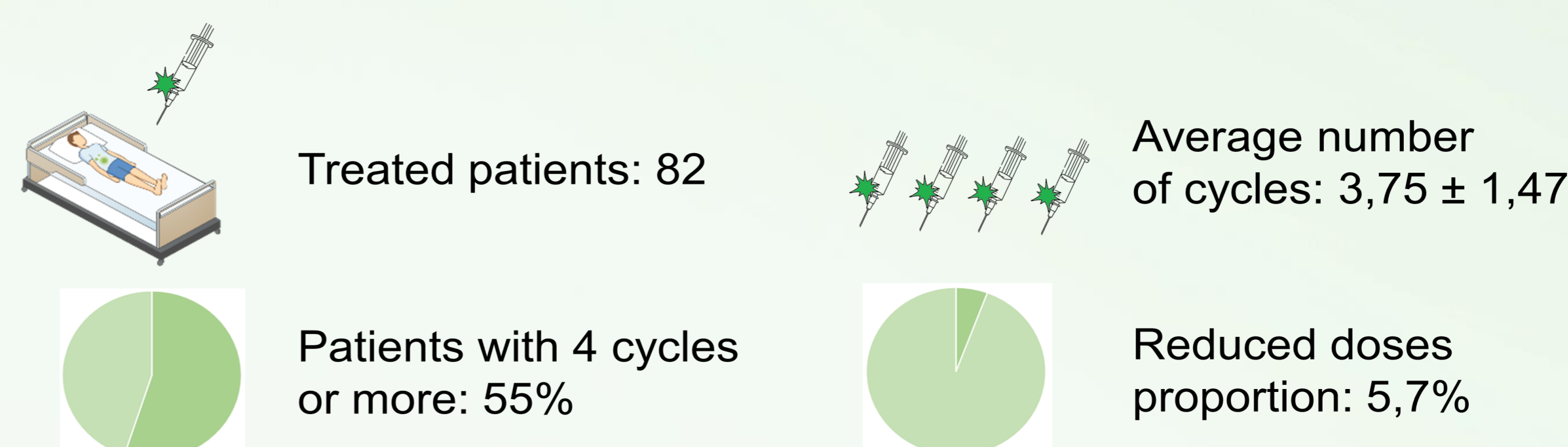


Figure 4 : Focus on <sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA treatments on date of 3.25.2022

The results obtained with **<sup>177</sup>Lu-PSMA** are consistent with those of large-scale clinical studies which record very favorable progression-free and overall survival scores (8,7 vs. 3,4 months and 15,3 vs. 11,3 months respectively)<sup>1</sup>.

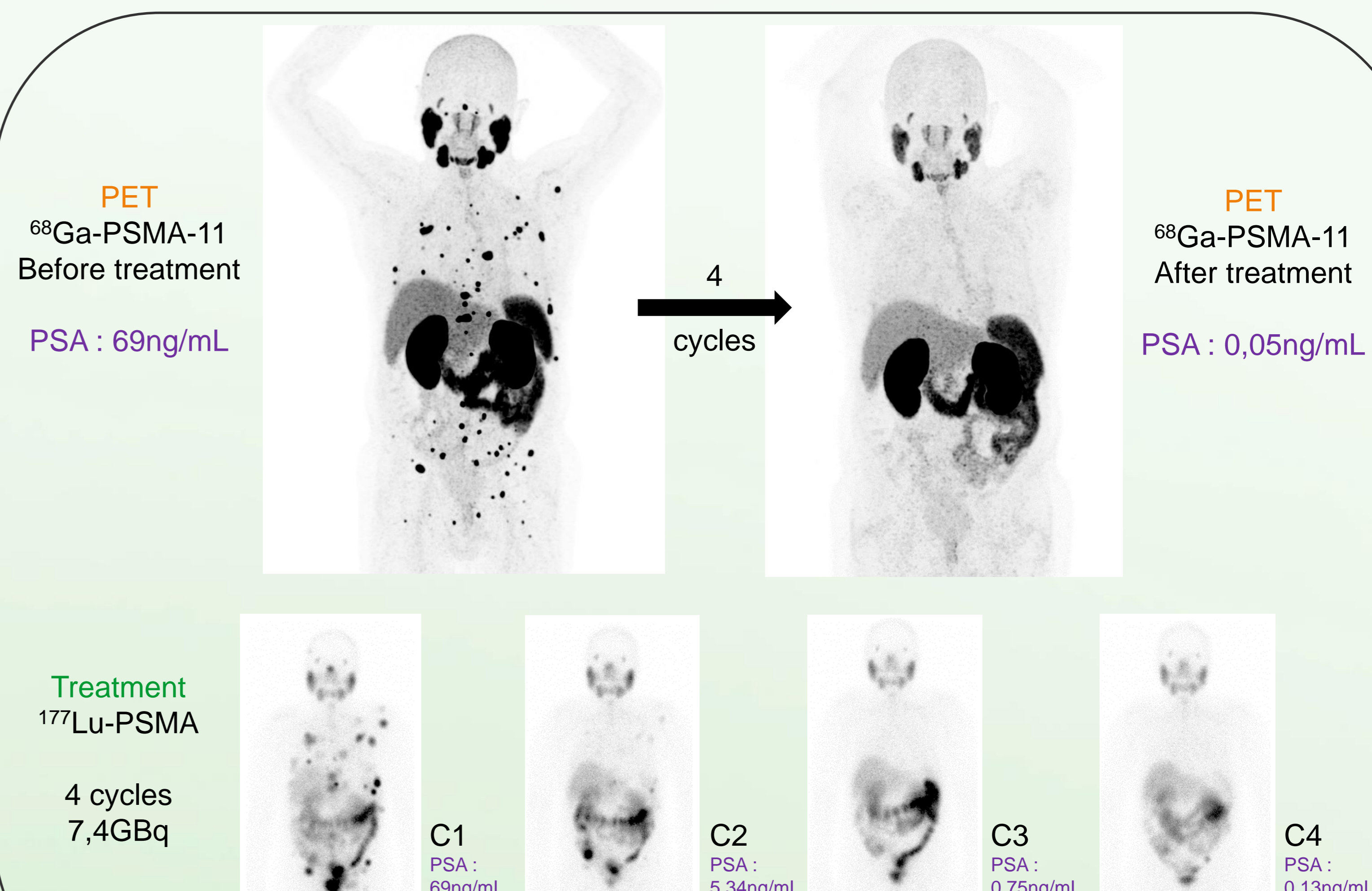


Figure 5 : Evolution of PSMA+ lesion of a patient treated at CHUV

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