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# Uniformly-labeled [U-13C]glucose

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A non-radioactive, naturally occurring carbon 13 (<sup>13</sup>C) glucose isotopomer in which all six carbons are <sup>13</sup>C, with potential imaging application. Upon administration of uniformly-labeled [U-<sup>13</sup>C] glucose, the glucose is taken up and metabolized by tumors and the <sup>13</sup>C-containing metabolites can be imaged by <sup>13</sup>C nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. Since tumor cells take up and metabolize glucose in higher amounts and through different pathways than normal cells, this agent may help assess the metabolic phenotype of the tumor.