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Syntheses and preclinical evaluations of ¹¹C-labeled radioligands for imaging brain orexin-1 and orexin-2 receptors with positron emission tomography

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Radio-HPLC chromatograms

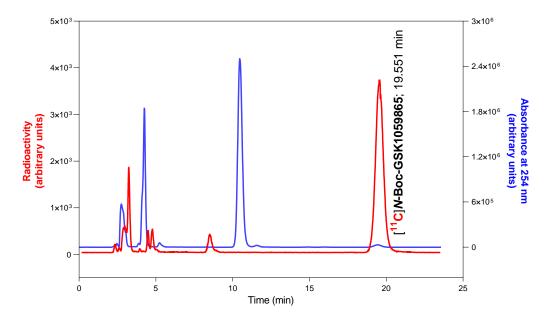


Figure S1. Semi-preparative HPLC chromatogram for crude [11C]*N*-Boc-GSK1059865.

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 10 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 6.0 mL/min with 0.1% TFA in H₂O (A)–MeCN (B) (32% A–68% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and for absorbance at 254 nm.

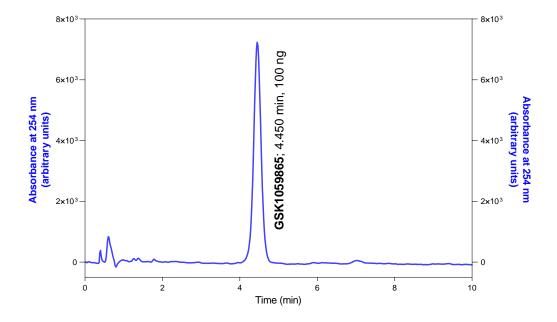
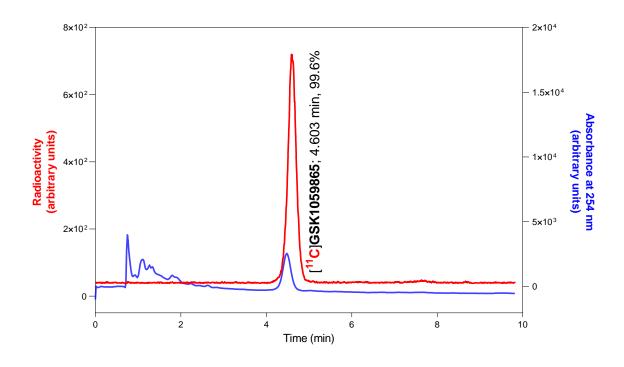


Figure S2. Analytical HPLC chromatogram for reference compound GSK1059865 (1).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 3.0 mL/min with H₂O (A)–MeCN (B) (40% A–60% B) and with the eluate monitored for absorbance at 254 nm.



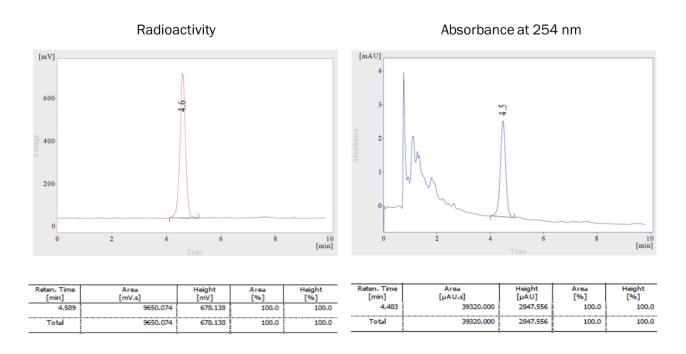


Figure S3. Analytical HPLC chromatogram of formulated [11 C]GSK1059865 ([11 C]**1**).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 3.0 mL/min with H₂O (A)–MeCN (B) (40% A–60% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and absorbance at 254 nm. Radioactivity injected = 0.0225 GBq.

Weight (ng)	AUC	Calibration curve to determine molar activity of [11C]1		
20	16817			
40	37015	120000		
60	56776	y = 960.06x		
80	75995	R ² = 0.9993		
100	98182	80000		
		AUC 60000		
MW of 1 (g/mol):	436.33			
QC area under the curve (AUC):	39320.00	40000		
Injected activity (µCi)	609.00	20000		
Mass (ng) = AUC / slope	40.95			
Molar mass (nmol) = mass (ng) / MW	0.094	0 20 40 60 80 100 120		
Molar activity (A_m) (mCi/ μ mol)	6488.30	Weight (ng)		
Molar activity (A _m) (GBq/μ mol)	240.07	S-1 (-8)		

Figure S4. Calibration curve for the determination of molar activity (A_m) of $[^{11}C]GSK1059865$ $([^{11}C]\mathbf{1})$.

Procedure: 1.00 mg of reference GSK1059865 (1) was dissolved in 10 mL MeCN (Stock # 1: 0.1 mg/mL); 100 μ L (10 μ g) of stock # 1 was diluted to 10 mL with MeCN/H₂O (1: 1, v/v) to obtain stock # 2 with the concentration of 1 as 1.0 μ g/mL (or 1 ng/ μ L). Samples of stock #2 [20 μ L (20 ng), 40 μ L (40 ng), 60 μ L (60 ng), 80 μ L (80 ng) and 100 μ L (100 ng)] were injected successively onto a reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm × 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 3.0 mL/min with H₂O (A)–MeCN (B) (40% A–60% B) and with the eluate monitored for absorbance at 254 nm. Retention time (t_R) of 1 = 4.45 min.

Mass of carrier =
$$\frac{\left(\frac{39320}{960}\right) \text{ ng}}{436.33 \text{ g/mol}} = 0.094 \text{ nmol}$$
; Molar Activity $(A_{\text{m}}) = \frac{0.0225 \text{ GBq}}{0.094 \text{ nmol}} = 240 \text{ GBq/}\mu\text{mol}$ at EOS

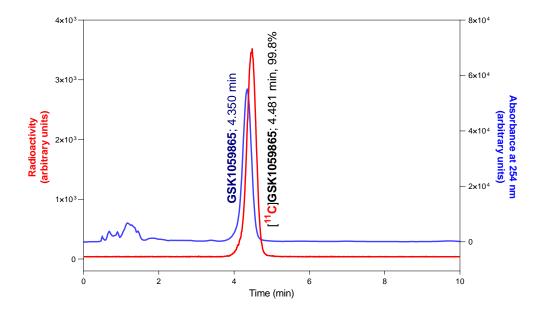


Figure S5. HPLC chromatogram from co-injection of formulated [¹¹C]GSK1059865 ([¹¹C]**1**) and GSK1059865 (**1**).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 3.0 mL/min with H₂O (A)–MeCN (B) (40% A–60% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and absorbance at 254 nm.

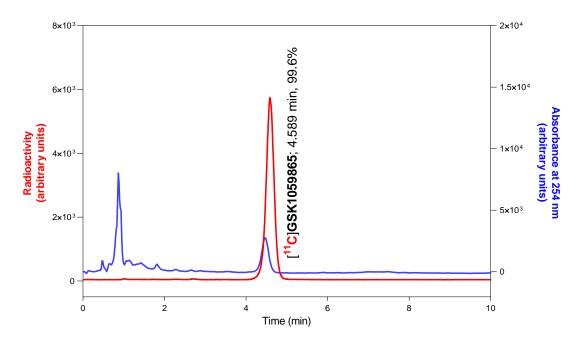


Figure S6. Determination of 1-hour time stability of formulated [¹¹C]GSK1059865 ([¹¹C]**1**).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 3.0 mL/min with H₂O (A)–MeCN (B) (40% A–60% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and absorbance at 254 nm.

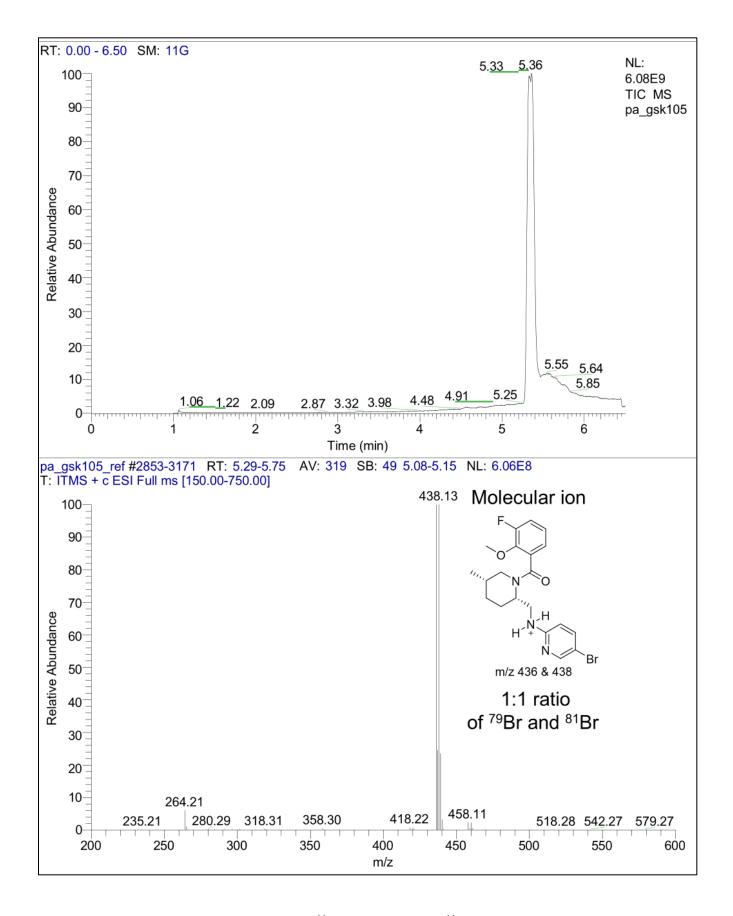


Figure S7. LC–MS spectrum of formulated [11 C]GSK1059865 ([11 C]1).

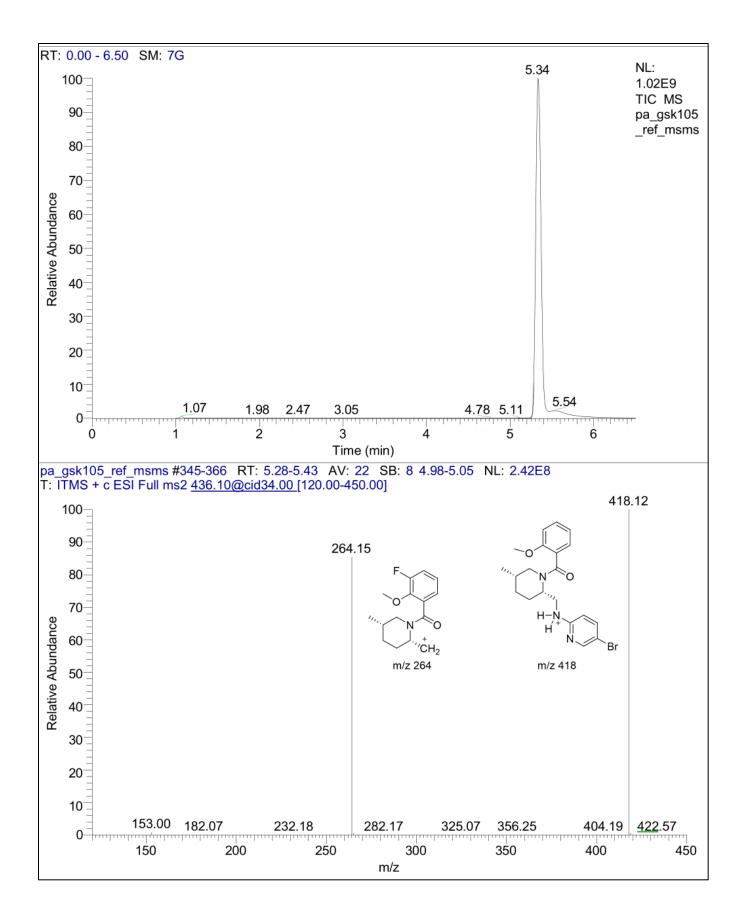


Figure S8. LC–MS/MS spectrum of formulated [11C]GSK1059865 ([11C]1).

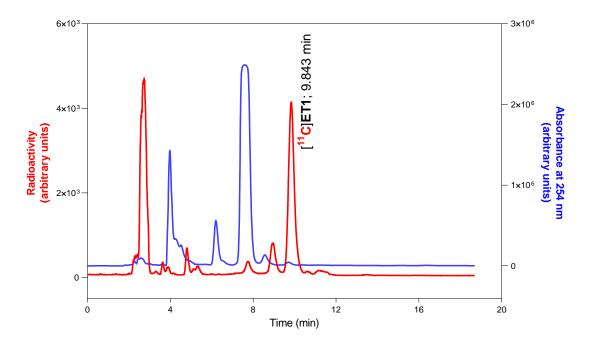


Figure S9. Semi-preparative HPLC chromatogram for crude [¹¹C]ET1 ([¹¹C]2).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 10 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 6.0 mL/min with 0.1 M aq. HCOONH₄ (A)–MeCN (B) (43% A–57% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and absorbance at 254 nm.

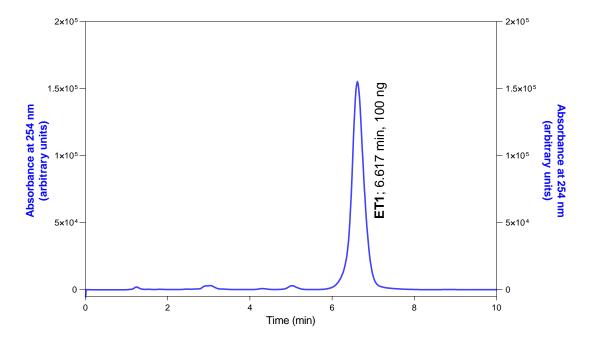
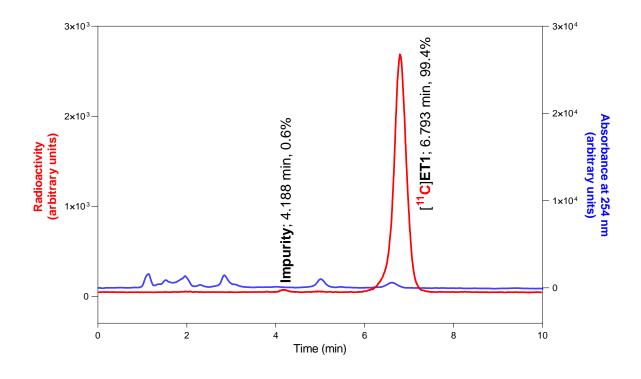


Figure S10. Analytical HPLC chromatogram for reference compound ET1 (2).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 2.0 mL/min with 0.1 M aq. HCOONH₄ (A)–MeCN (B) (45% A–55% B) and with the eluate monitored for absorbance at 254 nm.



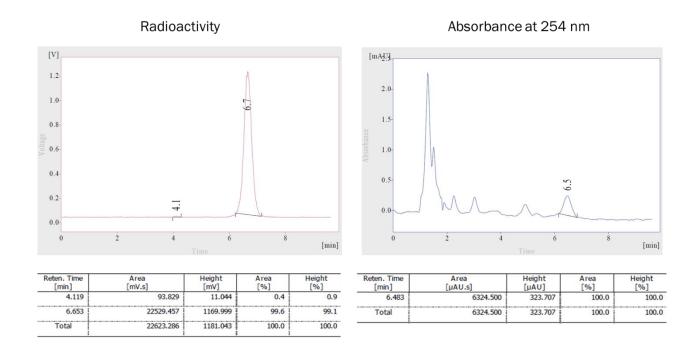


Figure S11. Analytical HPLC chromatogram of formulated [¹¹C]ET1 ([¹¹C]2).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 2.0 mL/min with 0.1 M aq. HCOONH₄ (A)–MeCN (B) (45% A–55% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and absorbance at 254 nm. Radioactivity injected = 0.00645 GBq.

Weight (ng)	AUC	Calibration curve to determine molar activity of [11C]2		
20	15134.0	, []		
40	28298.0	80000.0		
60	44277.0	70000.0 $y = 715x$ $R^2 = 0.9997$		
80	56775.0	60000.0		
100	70967.0	50000.0		
		On 40000.0		
MW of 2 (g/mol):	464.56	30000.0		
QC area under the curve (AUC):	6324.50	20000.0		
Injected activity (μCi)	175.00	• ····		
Mass (ng) = AUC / slope	8.85	10000.0		
Molar mass $(nmol) = mass (ng) / MW$	0.019	0.0		
Molar activity (A _m) (mCi/μ mol)	9190.94	0 20 40 60 80 100 120 Weight (ng)		
Molar activity (A _m) (GBq/µ mol)	340.06	weight (hg)		

Figure S12. Calibration curve for the determination of molar activity (A_m) of [11 C]ET1 ([11 C]2).

Procedure: 1.00 mg of reference ET1 (**2**) was dissolved in 10 mL MeCN (Stock # 1: 0.1 mg/mL); 100 μ L (10 μ g) of stock # 1 was diluted to 10 mL with MeCN/H₂O (1: 1, v/v) to obtain stock # 2: with a concentration of **2** at 1.0 μ g/mL (1 ng/ μ L). Samples of stock#2 [20 μ L (20 ng), 40 μ L (40 ng), 60 μ L (60 ng), 80 μ L (80 ng) and 100 μ L (100 ng)] were injected successively onto a reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm × 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 2.0 mL/min with 0.1 M aq. HCOONH₄ (A)–MeCN (B) (45% A–55% B) and with the eluate monitored for absorbance at 254 nm. Retention time (t_R) of **2** = 6.62 min.

Mass of carrier =
$$\frac{\left(\frac{6324.5}{715}\right) \text{ ng}}{464.56 \text{ g/mol}} = 0.019 \text{ nmol}$$
; Molar Activity $(A_{\text{m}}) = \frac{0.00645 \text{ GBq}}{0.019 \text{ nmol}} = 340 \text{ GBq/}\mu\text{mol}$ at EOS

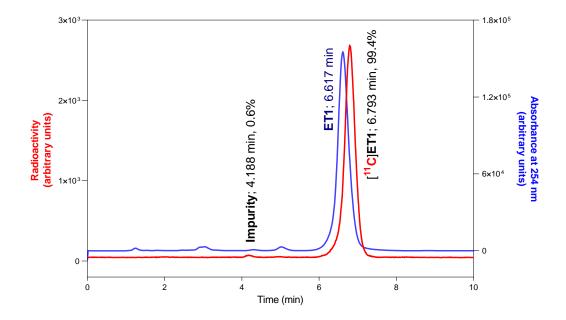


Figure S13. HPLC chromatogram from co-injection of formulated [11C]ET1 ([11C]2) and ET1 (2).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 2.0 mL/min with 0.1 M aq. HCOONH₄ (A)–MeCN (B) (45% A–55% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and absorbance at 254 nm.

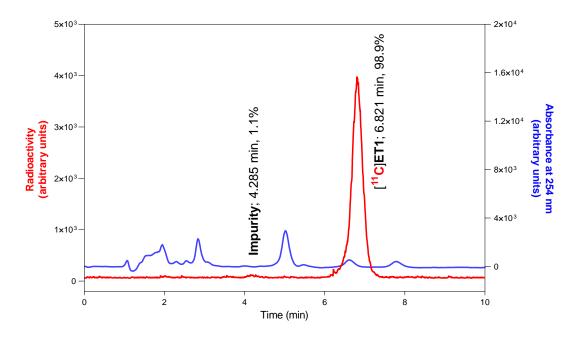


Figure S14. Determination of 1-hour time stability of formulated [11C]ET1 ([11C]2).

Method: Reversed phase column (Luna C18, 10 μ m, 100 Å, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm i.d.; Phenomenex) eluted isocratically at 2.0 mL/min with 0.1 M aq. HCOONH₄ (A)–MeCN (B) (45% A–55% B) and with the eluate monitored for radioactivity and absorbance at 254 nm.

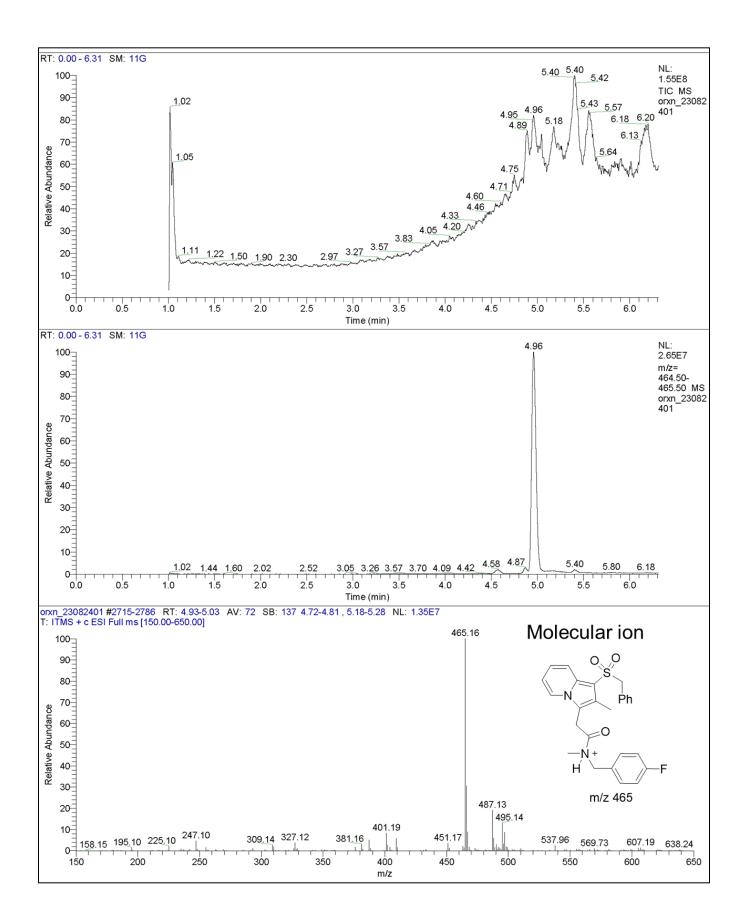


Figure S15. LC–MS spectrum of formulated [¹¹C]ET1 ([¹¹C]2).

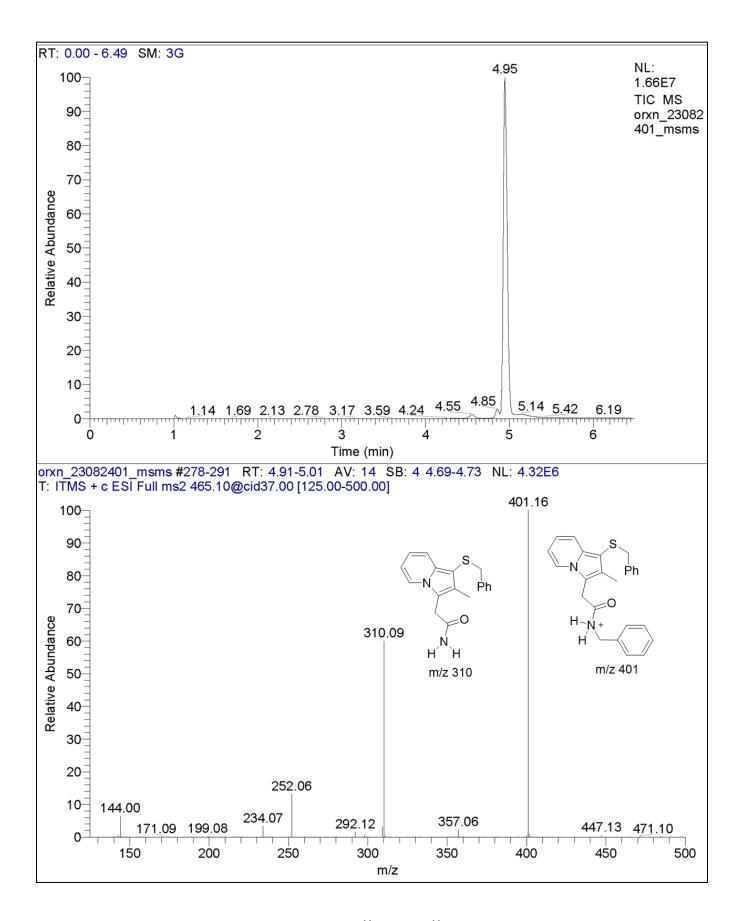


Figure S16. LC–MS/MS spectrum of formulated [11 C]ET1 ([11 C]2).

Table S1. V_T values for all monkey brain regions under baseline (BL) and preblock (BLK) conditions with $[^{11}C]$ **1**.

Brain region	V _T [mL/cm ³] BL	V _T [mL/cm ³] BLK (suvorexant, 0.5 mg/kg)	Increase (%)
Whole brain (WB)	0.56	0.83	48
Frontal cortex (FC)	0.55	0.83	51
Cingulate cortex (AC)	0.58	0.85	47
Striatum (ST)	0.57	0.84	47
Insula (Insul)	0.55	0.83	51
Temporal cortex (TE)	0.55	0.82	49
Amygdala (Amy)	0.56	0.81	45
Hippocampus (HP)	0.58	0.84	45
Thalamus (TH)	0.58	0.87	50
Parietal cortex (PA)	0.58	0.82	41
Occipital cortex (OC)	0.59	0.84	42
Cerebellum (CE)	0.57	0.84	47
Hypothalamus (HY)	0.58	0.81	40
Pons (Pons)	0.61	0.89	46
Midbrain (MB)	0.62	0.87	40
Average			46

Table S2. V_T values for all monkey brain regions under baseline (BL) and preblock (BLK) conditions with $[^{11}C]$ **2**.

Brain regions	V _T [mL/cm ⁻³] BL	V_T [mL/cm ⁻³] BLK (suvorexant, 0.5 mg/kg)	Increase (%)
Whole brain (WB)	1.25	1.45	16
Frontal cortex (FC)	1.29	1.50	16
Cingulate cortex (AC)	1.27	1.38	9
Striatum (ST)	1.22	1.40	14
Insula (Insul)	1.21	1.42	18
Temporal cortex (TE)	1.27	1.52	20
Amygdala (Amy)	1.23	1.43	17
Hippocampus (HP)	1.16	1.36	17
Thalamus (TH)	1.16	1.33	15
Parietal cortex (PA)	1.24	1.43	15
Occipital cortex (OC)	1.26	1.49	19
Cerebellum (CE)	1.22	1.35	11
Average			15