

Electronic Supplementary Information

In Vitro/In Vivo “Peeling” of Multilayered Aminocarboxylate Gold Nanoparticles Evidenced by a Kinetically Stable ^{99m}Tc-label: Implications for Glutathione-mediated Drug Release

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Table S1. Biodistribution results (mean \pm SD, n=3; expressed as %I.D./organ and %I.D./g of organ) for **BBN-Au-DTDTPA-^{99m}Tc** after i.v. administration in CD-1 mice.

Organ	(% ID/organ)		(% ID/g)	
	1 h	4 h	1 h	4 h
Blood	1.7 \pm 0.3	0.6 \pm 0.2	1.1 \pm 0.1	0.4 \pm 0.1
Liver	16.3 \pm 4.1	18.6 \pm 3.9	11.0 \pm 3.7	12.1 \pm 1.5
Intestine	5.2 \pm 0.8	5.2 \pm 0.5	2.1 \pm 0.2	2.1 \pm 0.4
Spleen	0.7 \pm 0.1	0.5 \pm 0.1	4.8 \pm 1.5	4.2 \pm 1.0
Heart	0.07 \pm 0.01	0.06 \pm 0.01	0.44 \pm 0.06	0.32 \pm 0.02
Lung	0.40 \pm 0.07	0.21 \pm 0.01	1.6 \pm 0.4	0.9 \pm 0.2
Kidney	12.8 \pm 2.3	11.2 \pm 0.8	32.3 \pm 7.8	31.3 \pm 4.8
Muscle	4.1 \pm 0.5	2.3 \pm 0.6	0.42 \pm 0.06	0.24 \pm 0.06
Bone	3.9 \pm 0.9	2.4 \pm 0.3	1.6 \pm 0.4	0.96 \pm 0.11
Stomach	0.47 \pm 0.08	0.15 \pm 0.01	0.85 \pm 0.02	0.27 \pm 0.07
Pancreas	0.08 \pm 0.01	0.05 \pm 0.01	0.45 \pm 0.03	0.35 \pm 0.02
Brain	0.02 \pm 0.01	0.01 \pm 0.00	0.07 \pm 0.05	0.03 \pm 0.01
Excretion	51.8 \pm 1.4	64.3 \pm 0.9	-	-

Table S2. Biodistribution results (mean \pm SD, n=3; expressed as %I.D./organ and %I.D./g of organ) for ^{99m}Tc -DTDTPA after i.v. administration in CD-1 mice.

Organ	(% ID/organ)		(% ID/g)	
	1 h	4 h	1 h	4 h
Blood	5.0 \pm 0.43	1.9 \pm 0.3	2.6 \pm 0.4	1.0 \pm 0.2
Liver	18.3 \pm 0.3	13.9 \pm 0.4	10.2 \pm 1.4	8.5 \pm 1.4
Intestine	18.1 \pm 1.1	19.0 \pm 1.9	5.3 \pm 0.3	6.6 \pm 0.4
Spleen	0.13 \pm 0.01	0.08 \pm 0.01	0.71 \pm 0.04	0.65 \pm 0.03
Heart	0.19 \pm 0.01	0.13 \pm 0.03	0.89 \pm 0.06	0.68 \pm 0.03
Lung	0.62 \pm 0.08	0.36 \pm 0.04	1.8 \pm 0.2	1.36 \pm 0.08
Kidney	3.9 \pm 0.3	3.6 \pm 0.5	7.7 \pm 0.1	8.2 \pm 1.1
Muscle	5.5 \pm 1.0	4.0 \pm 0.6	0.43 \pm 0.05	0.32 \pm 0.03
Bone	1.5 \pm 0.2	1.2 \pm 0.1	0.48 \pm 0.01	0.37 \pm 0.01
Stomach	0.8 \pm 0.1	0.5 \pm 0.1	0.86 \pm 0.02	0.7 \pm 0.2
Pancreas	0.21 \pm 0.01	0.14 \pm 0.01	0.71 \pm 0.02	0.6 \pm 0.1
Brain	0.06 \pm 0.01	0.02 \pm 0.00	0.15 \pm 0.02	0.05 \pm 0.01
Excretion	33.8 \pm 0.7	46.2 \pm 0.6	-	-

Table S3. NAA results (mean \pm SD, n=2; expressed as %I.D. (Au)/g of organ) for **BBN-Au-DTDTPA- ^{99m}Tc** after i.v. administration in CD-1 mice.

Organ	(% ID/g)	
	1 h	4 h
Blood	1.15 \pm 0.012	1.09 \pm 0.009
Liver	3.85 \pm 0.008	9.68 \pm 0.016
Pancreas	0.55 \pm 0.009	0.9 \pm 0.008

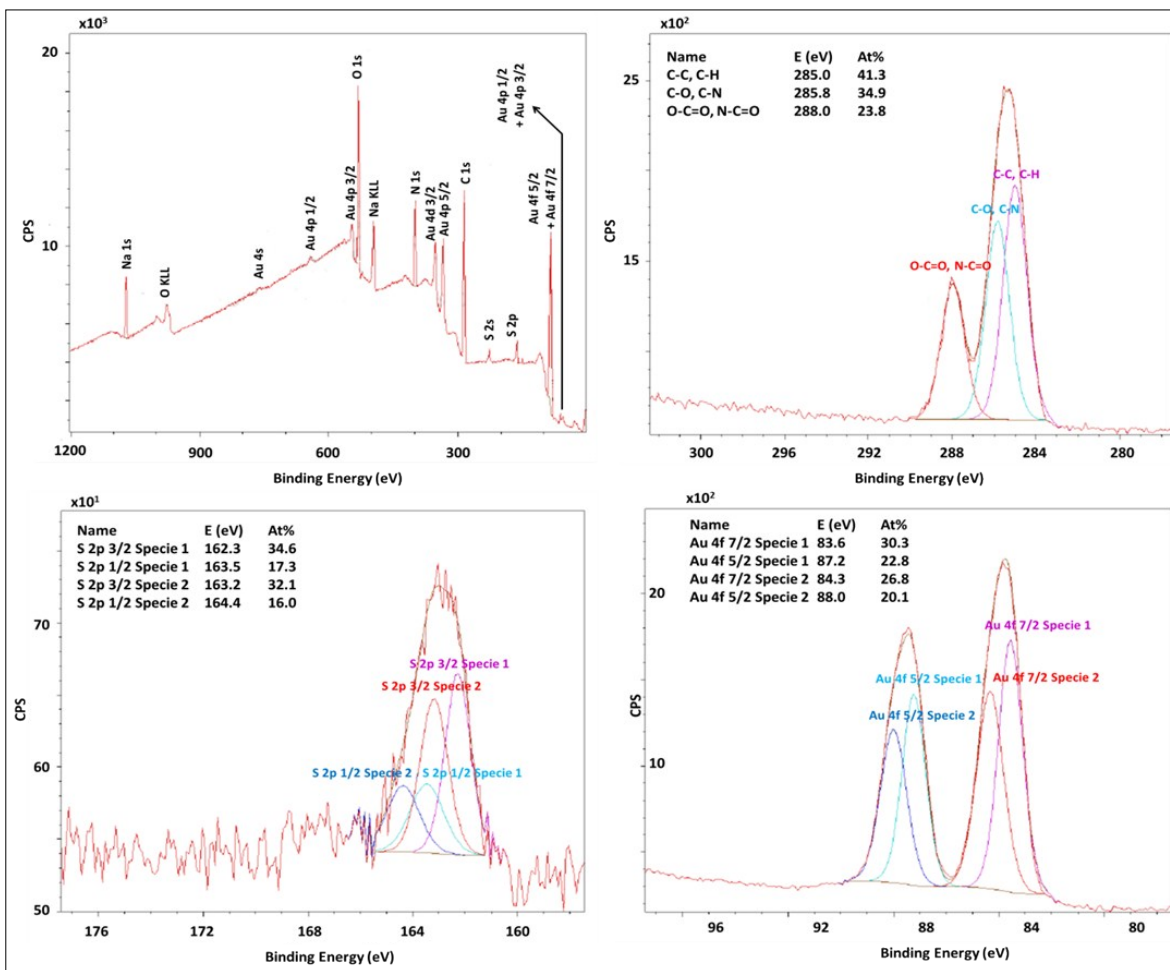


Figure S1. XPS spectrum and high-resolution XPS spectrum in the C1s, S2p and Au4f regions, for **BBN-Au-DTDTPA**.

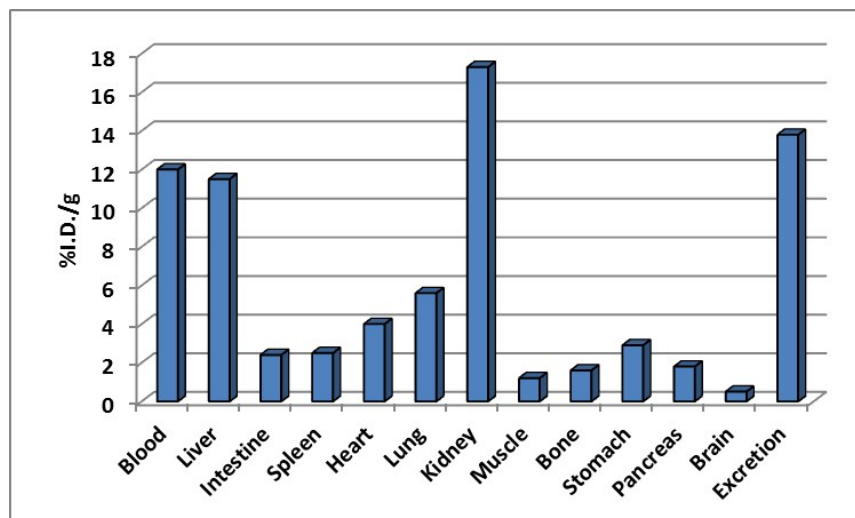


Figure S2. Biodistribution of $fac-[^{99m}Tc(H_2O)_3(CO)_3]^+$ in CD1 mice after tail vein injection, at 1 h p.i.. Data are expressed as mean of percentages of injected activity per gram of tissue (%ID/g), except for the overall excretion.

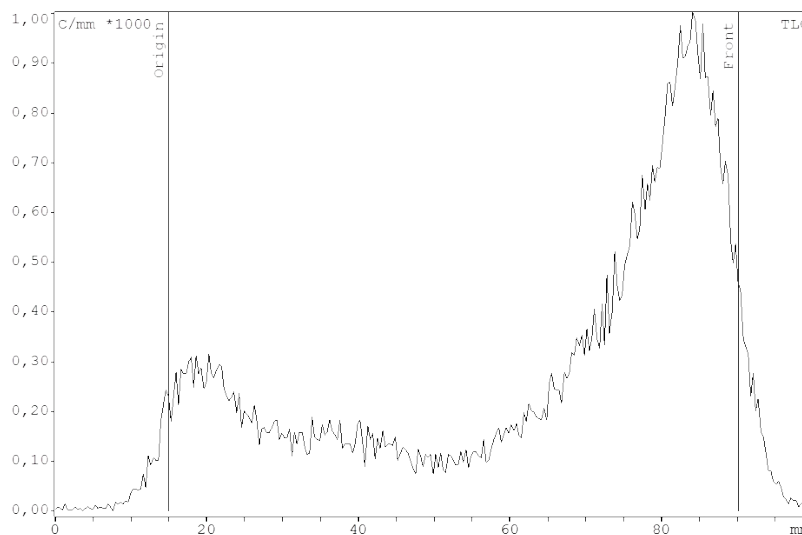


Figure S3: Radiochromatogram of a urine sample collected from a CD-1 mice injected with **BBN-Au-DTDTPA- ^{99m}Tc** , at 1 h p.i., obtained using ITLC-SG plates and 6 M HCl MeOH (5:95) as eluent.