Supplementary Figures

Evaluation of Methionine and Tryptophan derivatised vehicles: Met-ac-TE3A/Trp-ac-

TE3A for tumor imaging

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Supplementary Fig. 3 Species distribution diagram for the Cu^{II} complex of Met-ac-TE3A at $C_M=C_L=1 \times 10^{-3}$ M.

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Supplementary Fig. 1 Analytical HPLC chart of 6.

Chemical purity: > 99% by HPLC (Capcell Pack UG80 C_{18} column (4.6 mm i.d. × 250 mm). MeCN/H₂O/ Et₃N,

75/25/0.01 (v/v/v), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ_{uv} = 254 nm); retention time (t_R) = 9.7 min.



Supplementary Fig. 2 Analytical HPLC chart of 7.

Chemical purity: > 99% by HPLC (Capcell Pack UG80 C₁₈ column (4.6 mm i.d. × 250 mm). MeCN/H₂O/ Et₃N, 80/20/0.01 (v/v/v), flow rate = 1.0 mL/min, λ_{uv} = 254 nm); retention time (t_R) = 8.1 min.



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