Zirconium Tetraazamacrocycle Complexes Display Extraordinary Stability and Provide a New Strategy for Zirconium-89-Based Radiopharmaceutical Development

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Abbreviations Used:

DFO: Deferoxamine; DOTA: 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-1,4,7,10-tetraacetic acid; DOTP: 1,4,7,10-tetraaza cyclododecane-1,4,7,10-tetra(methylene phosphonic acid); DOTAM: 1,4,7,10-tetrakis(carbamoylmethyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane; EDTA: Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid; Zr(AcAc)₄: Zirconium(IV) acetylacetonate; Zr-(ox)₂: Zirconium(IV) Oxalate; TFA: Trifluoroacetic acid; MeOH: Methanol; HEPES: 4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)piperazine-1-ethanesulfonic acid; NMR: Nuclear magnetic resonance; UV-HPLC: Ultra-Violate High performance liquid chromatography; RT: retention time; R_f: retention factor; ESI-HR-MS: Electrospray Ionization High Resolution Mass Spectrometry; HS, human serum; ITLC: Instant Thin Layer Chromatography; kBq: Kilobecquerel; MBq: Megabecquerel; %ID/g: Percent Injected Dose Per Gram of Tissue; P.I.: Post-injection; ROI: Region of Interest; CPM: counts per minute; TLC: Thin Layer Chromatography; PET: Positron emission tomography; CT: Computed tomography

Materials and Methods

Zirconium-89 (⁸⁹Zr: (t_½ = 78.4 h, β^+ : 22.8 %, E_{β^+max} = 901 keV; EC: 77%, E_{γ} = 909 keV) was purchased from Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO) or Zevacor, Inc. (Dulles, VA). Unless otherwise noted, all other chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Co. (St. Louis, MO), and solutions were prepared using ultrapure water (18 M Ω -cm resistivity). Ligands (DOTA, DOTP, and DOTAM) were purchased from Marcocyclics, Inc. (Dallas, TX). High-resolution mass spectrometry data was acquired using a Thermo LTQ-FT (7 Tesla) system at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Mass Spectrometry Core Laboratory. NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker DRX 500 MHz spectrometer equipped with a 5mm tbi z-axis gradient probe. All data were collected and processed with Topspin 1.3 using standard Bruker processing parameters. 2D ¹H-¹H gsCOSY, gsHMQC and gsHMBC were collected as 2K by 256 point data sets at 25° C and processed to 1K x 512 blocks. 1H (500 MHz) chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the solvent resonances, taken as δ 4.79 for D₂O. Solvent suppression (1D 1H NMR) was</sub> carried out with pre-saturation of the HOD signal. 13C NMR (126 MHz) chemical shifts were referenced externally to TSP (0.00 ppm)

Radiochemistry reaction progress and purity were analyzed by using an analytical HPLC system (Waters, Milford, MA), which runs Empower software and is configured with a 1525 binary pump, 2707 autosampler, 2998 photodiode array detector, 2475 multichannel fluorescence detector, 1500 column heater, fraction collector, HYPERCARB C18 column (5 μ, 4.6 × 100 mm, Thermo Scientific) and a Carrol Ramsey 105-s radioactivity detector (Berkeley, CA). All ligands (DOTA, DOTP, and DOTAM) and associated ^{Nat}Zr-complexes were monitored at 201 nm using a mobile phase consisting of 0.1% TFA/H₂O (solvent A) and 0.1% TFA/acetonitrile (solvent B), and a gradient consisting of 0% B to 70% B in 20 min at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. In addition, radio-TLC was conducted on a Bioscan AR 2000 radio-TLC scanner equipped with a 10% methane:argon gas supply and a PC interface running Winscan v.3 analysis software (Eckert & Ziegler, Berlin, DE). Varian ITLC-SA strips and Merck C-18 TLC plates were employed using a 0.1 M EDTA (pH 5) and 1:1 MeOH:10% NH₄Cl solution as eluents respectively, and ⁸⁹Zr-Oxalate or ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ as a standard control. Radioactive samples were counted using a Perkin Elmer 2480 Wizard[®] gamma counter (Waltham, MA) with an energy window of 500-1500 keV. PET and CT images were acquired using a GE eXplore Vista small animal PET/CT scanner (Waukesha, WI).





Synthesis of Zr-DOTA. ZrAcAc (702 mg, 1.44 mmol) was added to a solution of DOTA (529 mg, 1.31 mmol) in 40 mL of methanol. The resulting solution was refluxed for 3 h. As the reaction proceeded, a white precipitate formed. It was filtered, washed with MeOH (2 X 10 mL), and dried in an oven (604 mg, 94% yield). Formation of Zr-DOTA complex was confirmed by HPLC (Fig. S1), NMR spectroscopy (Fig. S2 - S7), and HRMS analysis (Fig. S8, S9). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O): δ 3.40 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 4H), 3.15 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 4H), 2.99 (td, J = 14.4, 3.8 Hz, 4H), 2.58 (dd, J = 14.5, 3.5 Hz, 4H), 2.38 (td, J = 14.2, 3.5 Hz, 4H), 2.29 (dd, J = 14.7, 3.4 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, D₂O) δ 178.74, 67.02, 56.41; HRMS (ESI FT-ICR): Calculated for C₁₆H₂₅N₄O₈Zr, 491.0714 [(M+H)⁺] Found: 491.0709 [(M+H)⁺]. Crystals suitable for X-ray structure determination were grown by dissolving Zr-DOTA in water at 80 °C and allowing the solvent to slowly evaporate at room temperature.



Figure S1. UV-HPLC chromatogram (201nm) of DOTA ligand (top) and nonradioactive ^{Nat}Zr-DOTA complex (bottom)



Figure S2. ¹H-NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) of the Zr-DOTA complex



Figure S3. 13 C-NMR spectrum (D₂O-126 MHz) of the Zr-DOTA complex



Figure S4. 2-D COSY NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) of the Zr-DOTA complex



Figure S5. 2-D HMQC NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) of the Zr-DOTA complex



Figure S6. HMBC-2D-NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) of the Zr-DOTA complex



Figure S7. NOESY-2D-NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) of the Zr-DOTA complex



Figure S8. HR ESI FT-ICR MS (Positive mode) analysis of the Zr-DOTA complex



Figure S9. HR ESI FT-ICR MS (Positive mode) analysis of the Zr-DOTA complex



Scheme S2. Synthesis of zirconium complex of DOTP

Synthesis of Zr-DOTP. 0.1 M Na₂CO₃ (2.2 mL) was added to a solution of DOTP (514 mg, 0.94 mmol) and ZrCl₄ (240 mg, 1.03 mmol) in 40 mL of water to adjust pH to 7-7.2. The resulting clear solution was refluxed for 2 h, cooled, and filtered through a celite bed. Then filtrate was lyophilized to give a white solid, which was washed with EtOH (2 X 10 mL) and dried in an oven (548 mg, 92% yield). Formation of **Zr-DOTP** complex was confirmed by HPLC (Fig. S10), NMR spectroscopy (Fig. S11 – S14), and HRMS analysis (Fig. S15, S16). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O): δ 4.10 (td, J = 1J and 2J H-H 15 Hz, 4J 31P-1H 4H), 3.72 (dd, J = 2J 31P-1H 16 Hz, 2J 1H-1H 13 Hz, 4H), 3.35 (tt, 1J and 2J H-H 14 Hz, 4J 31P-1H Hz, 4H), 2.53-2.45 (m, 12H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, D₂O) δ 56.65 (d, 1J 31P-13C 138 Hz), 53.67, 52.63 (d, 3J 31P-13C 15 Hz); 31P{1H} NMR (202 MHz, D₂O) δ 33.63; HRMS (ESI FT-ICR): Calculated for C₁₂H₂₇N₄O₁₂P₄Zr, 632.9628 [(M-H)⁻] Found: 632.9636 [(M-H)⁻].



Figure S10. UV-HPLC chromatogram (201 nm) of DOTP ligand (top) and nonradioactive ^{Nat}Zr-DOTP complex (bottom)



Figure S11. ¹H- NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) of the Zr-DOTP complex



Figure S12. ¹H- NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) with ³¹P decoupling of the Zr-DOTP complex



Figure S13. ³¹P - NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) with ¹H decoupling of the Zr-DOTP complex



Figure S14. ¹³C- NMR spectrum (D₂O-126 MHz) of the Zr-DOTP complex



Figure S15. ESI FT-ICR MS (Negative mode) analysis of the Zr-DOTP complex



Figure S16. ESI FT-ICR MS (Negative mode) analysis of the Zr-DOTP complex



Scheme S3. Synthesis of Zirconium complex of DOTAM

Synthesis of Zr-DOTAM. ZrCl₄ (259 mg, 1.11 mmol) was added to a solution of DOTAM (405 mg, 1.01 mmol) in 40 mL of methanol. The resulting clear solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, and filtered through a celite bed. The filtrate was subjected to diethyl ether diffusion. The deposited crystals were collected and dried (452 mg, 91% yield). Formation of **Zr-DOTAM** complex was confirmed by NMR spectroscopy (Fig. S17, S18) and HRMS analysis (Fig. S19, S20). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, D₂O): δ 4.30 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 4H), 4.13 (d, J = 18 Hz, 4H), 3.78 (td, J = 14.8, 3.3 Hz, 4H), 3.26 (dd, J = 14.8, 3.8 Hz, 4H), 3.08-2.98 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, D₂O) δ 179.92, 64.52, 57.61, 56.81; HRMS (ESI FT-ICR): Calculated for C₁₆H₂₉N₈O₄Zr, 487.1341 [(M-3H)⁻] Found: 487.1333 [(M-3H)⁻].



Figure S17. ¹H- NMR spectrum (D₂O-500 MHz) of the Zr-DOTAM complex





Figure S19. ESI FT-ICR MS (Positive mode) analysis of the Zr-DOTAM complex



Figure S20. ESI FT-ICR MS (Positive mode) analysis of the Zr-DOTAM complex

Crystal Structure Analysis of Zr-DOTA (ZrO₈N₄C₁₆H₂₄ - 4.36 H₂O) (CCDC 1501174).

Experimental Details - Crystallography

Data Collection and Structure Solution. A clear colorless needle-like specimen of $C_{16}H_{32.72}N_4O_{12.36}Zr$, approximate dimensions 0.070 mm x 0.080 mm x 0.420 mm, was used for X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured on a Bruker APEX CCD system equipped with a graphite monochromator and a Mo K α sealed x-ray tube (λ = 0.71073 Å). X-rays were provided by a fine-focus sealed x-ray tube operated at 50kV and 30mA.

The total exposure time was 18.57 hours. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT Software¹ package using a narrow-frame algorithm. Integration of the data using a tetragonal unit cell yielded a total of 39,474 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 30.06° (0.71 Å resolution), of which 3278 were independent (average redundancy 12.042, completeness = 99.7%, R_{int} = 3.18%, R_{sig} = 1.51%) and 2866 (87.43%) were greater than $2\sigma(F^2)$. The final cell constants of a = 13.0201 (18) Å, b = 13.0201 (18) Å, c = 13.1802 (19) Å, volume = 2234.3 (7) Å³, are based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of 9915 reflections above 20 $\sigma(I)$ with 6.93° < 2 θ < 60.08°. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the multi-scan method (SADABS).² The ratio of minimum to maximum apparent transmission was 0.929. The calculated minimum and maximum transmission coefficients (based on crystal size) are 0.797 and 0.962.

The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package,³ using the space group P 4 c c - $C_{4\nu}^{5}$, (No. 103) with Z = 4 for the formula unit, $C_{16}H_{32,72}N_4O_{12,36}Zr$. The contents of the asymmetric unit for the refined model, Zr0.5O4N2C8H12 - 2.18 H2O, included 1 ordered (site occupancy 0.25) and 1 disordered (site occupancies: 0.17/0.08) Zr center. For the disordered Zr site, the 2 partial-occupancy $O_8N_4C_{16}H_{24}$ ligands, "DOTA", are rotated about the c axis by ~45° with respect to each other. The final model includes 6 "partial" occupancy water molecules for which 2 oxygens were refined anisotropically and 4 oxygens were refined isotropically; only 3 water hydrogens were included in the structural model. The final structural model incorporated isotropic thermal parameters for all included hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atoms of the DOTA ligand were included in the structural model as fixed atoms (using idealized sp³-hybridized geometry and a C-H bond length of 0.99 Å) "riding" on their respective carbon atoms. The isotropic thermal parameters for all

included hydrogen atoms were fixed at values 1.2 times the equivalent isotropic thermal parameter of the oxygen or carbon atom to which they are covalently bonded. The final anisotropic/isotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F² with 240 variables converged at R₁ = 4.32%, for the observed data and wR₂ = 11.19% for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.067. The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was 0.863 e⁻/Å³ and the largest hole was -0.816 e⁻/Å³ with an RMS deviation of 0.090 e⁻/Å³. Based on the final model, the calculated density was 1.695 g/cm³ and F(000), 1182 e⁻.

Refinement Details

Details of crystal data, data collection, and structure refinement are summarized in the tables below.

Computing details

Data collection: Bruker *SMART*; cell refinement: Bruker *APEX2* v2014.11-0; data reduction: Bruker *APEX2* v2014.11-0; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXL2014*; program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2014*; molecular graphics: Bruker *APEX2*v2014.11-0; software used to prepare material for publication: Bruker *APEX2*v2014.11-0.¹⁻⁵



Figure S21. Picture of crystal used for data collection for a31w



Figure S22. 50% probability plots for the 2 crystallographically-independent Zr centers in the asymmetric unit, Zr0.5O4N2C8H12 - 2.18 H2O. The ordered (Zr1) site is shown in 20a and the disordered (Zr2/Zr2') site is shown in 20b and 20c. The major (0.17 occupancy) Zr2 site is shown in 20b and the minor (0.08 occupancy) Zr2' site is shown in 20c.



Figure S23. Projections down a and c axes of the unit cell for $ZrO_8N_4C_{16}H_{24} - 4.36 H_2O$. Hydrogen atoms and selected disordered atoms omitted for clarity.

Table S1. Crystal structure data collection parameters

(a31w)

Crystal data

$C_{16}H_{32.72}N_4O_{12.36}Zr$	D _x = 1.695 Mg m ⁻³
<i>M_r</i> = 570.16	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
Tetragonal, <i>P</i> 4 <i>cc</i>	Cell parameters from 9915 reflections
<i>a</i> = 13.0201 (18) Å	$\theta = 3.5 - 30.0^{\circ}$
<i>c</i> = 13.1802 (19) Å	μ = 0.56 mm ⁻¹
V = 2234.3 (7) Å ³	<i>T</i> = 173 K
Z = 4	Needle, colorless
<i>F</i> (000) = 1182	0.42 × 0.08 × 0.07 mm

Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD diffractometer	3278 independent reflections
Radiation source: sealed tube	2866 reflections with $l > 2 \Box(l)$
Graphite monochromator	R _{int} = 0.032
ϕ and ω scans	$\theta_{max} = 30.1^\circ, \ \theta_{min} = 3.5^\circ$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	<i>h</i> = -18→18
Data were corrected for scaling and	
absorption effects using the multi-scan	
technique (SADABS). The ratio of	
minimum to maximum apparent	
transmission was 0.929. The calculated	
minimum and maximum transmission	
coefficients (based on crystal size) are	
0.797 and 0.962.	
$T_{\rm min}$ = 0.693, $T_{\rm max}$ = 0.746	<i>k</i> = -18→18
39474 measured reflections	/ = -18→18

Refinement

Refinement on <i>F</i> ²	Secondary atom site location: difference			
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: mixed			
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$	H atoms treated by a mixture of			
	independent and constrained refinement			
$wR(F^2) = 0.112$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0493P)^2 + 3.3847P]$			
	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$			
S = 1.07	(Δ/σ) _{max} < 0.001			
3278 reflections	Δ> _{max} = 0.86 e Å ⁻³			
240 parameters	Δ> _{min} = -0.82 e Å ⁻³			
5 restraints	Absolute structure: Flack x determined			
	using 1231 quotients [(I+)-(I-)]/[(I+)+(I-)]			
	(Parsons, Flack and Wagner, Acta Cryst.			
	B69 (2013) 249-259).			
Primary atom site location: structure-	Absolute structure parameter: -0.032 (14)			
invariant direct methods				

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles, and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Refinement.

Flack x = -0.060(108) by classical fit to all intensities

-0.032(14) from 1231 selected quotients (Parsons' method)

Table S2. Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	X	У	Z	U _{iso} */U _{eq}	Occ. (<1)
Zr1	0.0000	0.0000	0.64073 (11)	0.01366 (17)	
O1	0.0273 (3)	0.1420 (2)	0.7169 (3)	0.0289 (7)	
02	0.1290 (3)	0.2733 (3)	0.7516 (3)	0.0374 (8)	
N1	0.1234 (3)	0.0951 (3)	0.5413 (3)	0.0263 (8)	
C1	0.0725 (3)	0.1523 (4)	0.4566 (3)	0.0256 (8)	
H1A	0.0554	0.1041	0.4010	0.031*	
H1B	0.1199	0.2050	0.4295	0.031*	
C2	0.2028 (4)	0.0237 (4)	0.4948 (4)	0.0320 (10)	
H2A	0.2378	0.0590	0.4380	0.038*	
H2B	0.2551	0.0058	0.5464	0.038*	
C3	0.1757 (4)	0.1679 (4)	0.6113 (3)	0.0294 (10)	
H3A	0.1963	0.2301	0.5731	0.035*	
H3B	0.2387	0.1354	0.6384	0.035*	
C4	0.1061 (4)	0.1992 (3)	0.6996 (3)	0.0249 (8)	
Zr2	0.5000	0.5000	0.40214 (15)	0.0196 (6)	0.68
O3	0.3572 (4)	0.4804 (4)	0.4811 (4)	0.0317 (12)	0.68
O4	0.2211 (5)	0.3841 (5)	0.5157 (5)	0.0450 (15)	0.68
N2	0.3985 (5)	0.3809 (5)	0.3051 (5)	0.0283 (13)	0.68
C5	0.3441 (6)	0.4358 (8)	0.2217 (6)	0.0323 (16)	0.68
H5A	0.3931	0.4508	0.1662	0.039*	0.68
H5B	0.2890	0.3914	0.1942	0.039*	0.68
C6	0.4667 (7)	0.2989 (6)	0.2596 (6)	0.0321 (15)	0.68
H6A	0.4822	0.2463	0.3117	0.039*	0.68
H6B	0.4303	0.2648	0.2030	0.039*	0.68
C7	0.3232 (5)	0.3326 (5)	0.3747 (7)	0.035 (2)	0.68

H7A	0.3519	0.2674	0.4008	0.042*	0.68
H7B	0.2597	0.3164	0.3366	0.042*	0.68
C8	0.2964 (6)	0.4034 (6)	0.4648 (5)	0.0323 (15)	0.68
Zr2'	0.5000	0.5000	0.3626 (3)	0.0126 (8)	0.32
O3'	0.4128 (8)	0.3849 (8)	0.4402 (7)	0.025 (2)	0.32
O4'	0.3906 (10)	0.2214 (8)	0.4844 (7)	0.034 (3)	0.32
N2'	0.5099 (9)	0.3431 (10)	0.2616 (8)	0.020 (2)	0.32
C5'	0.6152 (11)	0.3306 (10)	0.2184 (11)	0.019 (2)	0.32
H5'A	0.6622	0.3032	0.2709	0.023*	0.32
H5'B	0.6135	0.2814	0.1611	0.023*	0.32
C6'	0.4309 (9)	0.3476 (8)	0.1829 (8)	0.015 (2)	0.32
H6'A	0.4220	0.2781	0.1539	0.018*	0.32
H6'B	0.4552	0.3932	0.1278	0.018*	0.32
C7'	0.4885 (10)	0.2560 (10)	0.3326 (10)	0.023 (2)	0.32
H7'A	0.5545	0.2273	0.3567	0.027*	0.32
H7'B	0.4519	0.2011	0.2953	0.027*	0.32
C8'	0.4209 (11)	0.2895 (10)	0.4287 (9)	0.022 (2)	0.32
O5	0.1122 (9)	0.5580 (8)	0.5822 (11)	0.100 (4)	0.68
H51	0.101 (11)	0.565 (12)	0.495 (3)	0.120*	0.68
H52	0.052 (8)	0.591 (10)	0.636 (7)	0.120*	0.68
O6	0.0630 (6)	0.6214 (7)	0.7872 (7)	0.101 (3)	0.9
H61	-0.024 (3)	0.622 (9)	0.798 (10)	0.121*	0.9
O5'	0.0000	0.5000	0.640 (8)	0.076 (14)*	0.14
O6'	-0.028 (5)	0.571 (5)	0.873 (5)	0.076 (16)*	0.1
07'	0.093 (2)	0.433 (2)	0.5030 (18)	0.080 (7)*	0.25
07"	0.025 (3)	0.499 (4)	0.436 (2)	0.081 (11)*	0.18
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Table S3. Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	<i>U</i> ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	<i>U</i> ¹²	<i>U</i> ¹³	U ²³
Zr1	0.0163 (2)	0.0163 (2)	0.0083 (3)	0.000	0.000	0.000
01	0.0373 (18)	0.0255 (16)	0.0238 (15)	-0.0056 (13)	-0.0025 (13)	-0.0013 (12)
02	0.050 (2)	0.0299 (17)	0.0324 (17)	-0.0112 (15)	0.0021 (16)	-0.0107 (14)
N1	0.0313 (19)	0.0250 (17)	0.0228 (17)	-0.0036 (15)	-0.0013 (14)	0.0012 (14)
C1	0.030 (2)	0.031 (2)	0.0159 (15)	0.0002 (17)	0.0041 (15)	0.0076 (15)
C2	0.027 (2)	0.042 (3)	0.027 (2)	0.000 (2)	0.0033 (17)	-0.0005 (19)
C3	0.032 (2)	0.031 (2)	0.0243 (18)	-0.010 (2)	0.0034 (15)	-0.0027 (15)
C4	0.032 (2)	0.0249 (19)	0.0175 (16)	-0.0050 (17)	-0.0005 (15)	-0.0003 (14)
Zr2	0.0176 (5)	0.0176 (5)	0.0235 (16)	0.000	0.000	0.000
O3	0.027 (2)	0.037 (3)	0.031 (3)	-0.002 (2)	-0.002 (2)	-0.007 (2)
04	0.039 (3)	0.050 (3)	0.046 (3)	-0.009 (3)	0.015 (2)	-0.003 (3)
N2	0.024 (3)	0.027 (3)	0.033 (3)	-0.006 (2)	0.007 (2)	-0.007 (2)
C5	0.036 (4)	0.037 (4)	0.023 (3)	-0.004 (4)	-0.008 (3)	-0.007 (4)
C6	0.040 (4)	0.025 (3)	0.032 (4)	-0.004 (3)	-0.002 (3)	-0.008 (3)
C7	0.026 (3)	0.023 (3)	0.055 (7)	-0.006 (2)	0.009 (3)	-0.006 (3)
C8	0.034 (4)	0.037 (4)	0.026 (3)	0.005 (3)	0.004 (3)	0.000 (3)
Zr2'	0.0170 (12)	0.0170 (12)	0.0038 (10)	0.000	0.000	0.000
O3'	0.035 (5)	0.030 (5)	0.010 (4)	-0.009 (4)	0.006 (4)	0.000 (4)
O4'	0.063 (7)	0.021 (4)	0.020 (4)	-0.011 (5)	0.019 (5)	0.006 (4)
N2'	0.009 (5)	0.034 (7)	0.016 (5)	-0.012 (4)	0.003 (4)	0.002 (4)
C5'	0.019 (6)	0.017 (5)	0.023 (6)	0.004 (5)	0.008 (6)	-0.007 (5)
C6'	0.022 (5)	0.013 (5)	0.009 (4)	0.001 (4)	0.000 (4)	-0.005 (4)
C7'	0.022 (6)	0.022 (6)	0.024 (5)	-0.001 (5)	-0.003 (4)	0.002 (5)
C8'	0.032 (7)	0.022 (6)	0.013 (4)	-0.015 (5)	-0.005 (5)	0.006 (4)
O5	0.103 (8)	0.073 (6)	0.124 (8)	0.037 (6)	-0.022 (7)	-0.035 (6)
O6	0.091 (6)	0.122 (7)	0.091 (5)	0.041 (5)	-0.027 (4)	0.000 (5)

Table S4. Geometric parameters (Å, °) for (a31w)

Zr1—01	2.133 (3)	C5—C6 ^v	1.486 (12)
Zr1—01 ⁱ	2.133 (3)	C5—H5A	0.9900
Zr1—O1 ⁱⁱ	2.133 (3)	C5—H5B	0.9900
Zr1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.133 (3)	C6—C5 ^{vi}	1.486 (12)
Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱ	2.415 (4)	C6—H6A	0.9900
Zr1—N1 ⁱ	2.415 (4)	C6—H6B	0.9900
Zr1—N1	2.415 (4)	C7—C8	1.543 (11)
Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.415 (4)	C7—H7A	0.9900
O1—C4	1.287 (5)	С7—Н7В	0.9900
O2—C4	1.221 (5)	Zr2'—O3'iv	2.140 (10)
N1—C3	1.488 (6)	Zr2'—O3' ^{vi}	2.140 (10)
N1—C1	1.496 (5)	Zr2'—O3'	2.140 (10)
N1—C2	1.519 (6)	Zr2'—O3'*	2.140 (10)
C1—C2 ⁱⁱⁱ	1.503 (7)	Zr2'—N2' ^v	2.443 (13)
C1—H1A	0.9900	Zr2'—N2'	2.443 (13)
C1—H1B	0.9900	Zr2'—N2' ^{vi}	2.443 (13)
C2—C1 ⁱ	1.503 (7)	Zr2'—N2' ^{iv}	2.443 (13)
C2—H2A	0.9900	O3'—C8'	1.255 (17)
C2—H2B	0.9900	O4'—C8'	1.217 (14)
C3—C4	1.531 (6)	N2'—C6'	1.461 (15)
С3—НЗА	0.9900	N2'—C5'	1.493 (17)
С3—Н3В	0.9900	N2'—C7'	1.496 (17)
Zr2—O3 ^{iv}	2.146 (5)	C5'—C6'vi	1.469 (17)
Zr2—O3 ^v	2.146 (5)	C5'—H5'A	0.9900
Zr2—O3 ^{vi}	2.146 (5)	C5'—H5'B	0.9900
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Zr2—O3	2.146 (5)	C6'—C5' ^v	1.469 (17)
Zr2—N2	2.406 (6)	C6'—H6'A	0.9900
Zr2—N2 ^{iv}	2.406 (6)	С6'—Н6'В	0.9900
Zr2—N2 ^v	2.406 (6)	C7'—C8'	1.603 (19)
Zr2—N2 ^{vi}	2.406 (6)	С7'—Н7'А	0.9900
O3—C8	1.295 (9)	С7'—Н7'В	0.9900
O4—C8	1.215 (9)	O5—H51	1.16 (3)
N2—C7	1.482 (9)	O5—H52	1.14 (3)
N2—C5	1.490 (10)	O6—H61	1.14 (3)
N2—C6	1.512 (9)	07"—07" ^{vii}	0.65 (7)
01—Zr1—O1 ⁱ	77.22 (8)	C7—N2—C5	110.2 (6)
01—Zr1—O1 ⁱⁱ	123.88 (18)	C7—N2—C6	109.6 (6)
01 ⁱ —Zr1—O1 ⁱⁱ	77.22 (8)	C5—N2—C6	109.0 (6)
01—Zr1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	77.22 (8)	C7—N2—Zr2	107.9 (5)
01 ⁱ —Zr1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	123.88 (18)	C5—N2—Zr2	110.1 (5)
01"—Zr1—O1"	77.22 (8)	C6—N2—Zr2	110.0 (4)
O1—Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱ	144.16 (13)	C6 ^v —C5—N2	110.5 (6)
O1 ⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱ	138.26 (13)	C6 ^v —C5—H5A	109.6
O1 ⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱ	72.53 (13)	N2—C5—H5A	109.6
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱ	76.37 (13)	C6 ^v —C5—H5B	109.6
O1—Zr1—N1 ⁱ	138.26 (13)	N2—C5—H5B	109.6
O1 ⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱ	72.53 (13)	H5A—C5—H5B	108.1
O1 ⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱ	76.37 (13)	C5 ^{vi} —C6—N2	110.8 (6)
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱ	144.16 (13)	C5 ^{vi} —C6—H6A	109.5
N1 ⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱ	72.88 (9)	N2—C6—H6A	109.5
01—Zr1—N1	72.53 (13)	С5 ^{vi} —С6—Н6В	109.5
O1 ⁱ —Zr1—N1	76.37 (13)	N2—C6—H6B	109.5

O1 ⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1	144.16 (13)	H6A—C6—H6B	108.1
O1 [™] —Zr1—N1	138.26 (13)	N2—C7—C8	111.9 (6)
N1 ⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1	114.28 (18)	N2—C7—H7A	109.2
N1 ⁱ —Zr1—N1	72.88 (9)	C8—C7—H7A	109.2
O1—Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	76.37 (13)	N2—C7—H7B	109.2
O1 ⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	144.16 (13)	C8—C7—H7B	109.2
01"—Zr1—N1"	138.26 (13)	H7A—C7—H7B	107.9
01 ⁱⁱⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.53 (13)	O4—C8—O3	124.2 (7)
N1"—Zr1—N1"	72.88 (9)	O4—C8—C7	118.9 (7)
N1 ⁱ —Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	114.28 (18)	O3—C8—C7	116.9 (6)
N1—Zr1—N1 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.88 (9)	03''v—Zr2'—O3'vi	76.8 (2)
C4—O1—Zr1	123.4 (3)	O3''v—Zr2'—O3'	123.0 (5)
C3—N1—C1	110.4 (4)	O3' ^{vi} —Zr2'—O3'	76.8 (2)
C3—N1—C2	109.2 (4)	03' ^{iv} —Zr2'—O3' ^v	76.8 (2)
C1—N1—C2	107.7 (3)	O3' ^{vi} —Zr2'—O3' ^v	123.0 (5)
C3—N1—Zr1	107.2 (3)	O3'—Zr2'—O3' ^v	76.8 (2)
C1—N1—Zr1	111.4 (3)	O3' ⁱ ν—Zr2'—N2'⊻	137.8 (4)
C2—N1—Zr1	111.0 (3)	03' ^{vi} —Zr2'—N2' ^v	144.9 (4)
N1—C1—C2 ⁱⁱⁱ	109.7 (3)	O3'—Zr2'—N2'⊻	77.3 (4)
N1—C1—H1A	109.7	O3' ^v —Zr2'—N2' [∨]	72.7 (4)
C2 ⁱⁱⁱ —C1—H1A	109.7	O3' ^{iv} —Zr2'—N2'	144.9 (4)
N1—C1—H1B	109.7	O3' ^{vi} —Zr2'—N2'	77.3 (4)
C2 ⁱⁱⁱ —C1—H1B	109.7	O3'—Zr2'—N2'	72.7 (4)
H1A—C1—H1B	108.2	O3'v—Zr2'—N2'	137.8 (4)
C1 ⁱ —C2—N1	110.4 (4)	N2'v—Zr2'—N2'	72.7 (3)
C1 ⁱ —C2—H2A	109.6	03' ^{iv} —Zr2'—N2' ^{vi}	77.3 (4)
N1—C2—H2A	109.6	03'vi—Zr2'—N2'vi	72.7 (4)
C1 ⁱ —C2—H2B	109.6	03'—Zr2'—N2' ^{vi}	137.8 (4)

N1—C2—H2B	109.6	03'v—Zr2'—N2'vi	144.9 (4)
H2A—C2—H2B	108.1	N2'v—Zr2'—N2'vi	113.9 (5)
N1—C3—C4	111.7 (4)	N2'—Zr2'—N2' ^{vi}	72.7 (3)
N1—C3—H3A	109.3	03'iv—Zr2'—N2'iv	72.7 (4)
C4—C3—H3A	109.3	03' ^{vi} —Zr2'—N2' ^{iv}	137.8 (4)
N1—C3—H3B	109.3	03'—Zr2'—N2' ^{iv}	144.9 (4)
C4—C3—H3B	109.3	03'v—Zr2'—N2'iv	77.3 (4)
НЗА—СЗ—НЗВ	107.9	N2'v—Zr2'—N2' ^{iv}	72.7 (3)
02—C4—O1	123.6 (4)	N2'—Zr2'—N2' ^{iv}	113.9 (5)
O2—C4—C3	119.5 (4)	N2' ^{vi} —Zr2'—N2' ^{iv}	72.7 (3)
O1—C4—C3	116.9 (4)	C8'—O3'—Zr2'	126.2 (9)
03 ^{iv} —Zr2—O3 ^v	76.39 (13)	C6'—N2'—C5'	112.4 (10)
03 ^{iv} —Zr2—O3 ^{vi}	76.39 (13)	C6'—N2'—C7'	110.1 (10)
O3 ^v —Zr2—O3 ^{vi}	122.0 (3)	C5'—N2'—C7'	109.1 (11)
O3 ^{iv} —Zr2—O3	122.0 (3)	C6'—N2'—Zr2'	108.4 (8)
O3 ^v —Zr2—O3	76.39 (13)	C5'—N2'—Zr2'	110.3 (8)
03 ^{vi} —Zr2—O3	76.39 (13)	C7'—N2'—Zr2'	106.4 (8)
O3 ^{iv} —Zr2—N2	144.1 (2)	C6' ^{vi} —C5'—N2'	109.1 (11)
03 ^v —Zr2—N2	138.7 (2)	C6' ^{vi} —C5'—H5'A	109.9
O3 ^{vi} —Zr2—N2	76.4 (2)	N2'—C5'—H5'A	109.9
03—Zr2—N2	72.9 (2)	C6' ^{vi} —C5'—H5'B	109.9
O3 ^{iv} —Zr2—N2 ^{iv}	72.9 (2)	N2'—C5'—H5'B	109.9
03 ^v —Zr2—N2 ^{iv}	76.4 (2)	H5'A—C5'—H5'B	108.3
O3 ^{vi} —Zr2—N2 ^{iv}	138.7 (2)	N2'—C6'—C5' ^v	114.4 (10)
O3—Zr2—N2 ^{iv}	144.1 (2)	N2'—C6'—H6'A	108.7
N2—Zr2—N2 ^{iv}	115.8 (3)	C5' ^v —C6'—H6'A	108.7
O3 ^{iv} —Zr2—N2 ^v	138.7 (2)	N2'—C6'—H6'B	108.7
03 ^v —Zr2—N2 ^v	72.9 (2)	C5'v—C6'—H6'B	108.7

O3 ^{vi} —Zr2—N2 ^v	144.1 (2)	H6'A—C6'—H6'B	107.6
O3—Zr2—N2 [∨]	76.4 (2)	N2'—C7'—C8'	113.0 (10)
N2—Zr2—N2	73.58 (15)	N2'—C7'—H7'A	109.0
N2 ^{iv} —Zr2—N2 ^v	73.58 (15)	C8'—C7'—H7'A	109.0
O3 ^{iv} —Zr2—N2 ^{vi}	76.4 (2)	N2'—C7'—H7'B	109.0
O3 ^v —Zr2—N2 ^{vi}	144.1 (2)	C8'—C7'—H7'B	109.0
O3 ^{vi} —Zr2—N2 ^{vi}	72.9 (2)	Н7'А—С7'—Н7'В	107.8
03—Zr2—N2 ^{vi}	138.7 (2)	O4'—C8'—O3'	128.4 (13)
N2—Zr2—N2 ^{vi}	73.58 (15)	O4'—C8'—C7'	117.1 (12)
N2 ^{iv} —Zr2—N2 ^{vi}	73.58 (15)	O3'—C8'—C7'	114.2 (10)
N2v—Zr2—N2vi	115.8 (3)	H51—O5—H52	120 (4)
C8—O3—Zr2	122.7 (5)		
C3—N1—C1—C2 ⁱⁱⁱ	-75.4 (5)	C6—N2—C7—C8	147.1 (6)
C2—N1—C1—C2 ⁱⁱⁱ	165.5 (4)	Zr2—N2—C7—C8	27.3 (7)
Zr1—N1—C1—C2 ⁱⁱⁱ	43.5 (4)	Zr2—O3—C8—O4	171.5 (6)
C3—N1—C2—C1 ⁱ	158.8 (4)	Zr2—O3—C8—C7	-8.3 (9)
C1—N1—C2—C1 ⁱ	-81.3 (5)	N2—C7—C8—O4	164.7 (7)
Zr1—N1—C2—C1 ⁱ	40.9 (4)	N2—C7—C8—O3	-15.5 (10)
C1—N1—C3—C4	92.9 (4)	C6'—N2'—C5'—C6'vi	79.8 (14)
C2-N1-C3-C4	-148.8 (4)	C7'—N2'—C5'—C6'vi	-157.8 (10)
Zr1—N1—C3—C4	-28.6 (5)	Zr2'—N2'—C5'—C6' ^{vi}	-41.3 (11)
Zr1—01—C4—02	-170.2 (4)	C5'—N2'—C6'—C5' ^v	-165.7 (12)
Zr1—O1—C4—C3	7.2 (5)	C7'—N2'—C6'—C5' ^v	72.5 (14)
N1—C3—C4—O2	-165.2 (4)	Zr2'—N2'—C6'—C5' ^v	-43.5 (12)
N1—C3—C4—O1	17.3 (6)	C6'—N2'—C7'—C8'	-91.9 (12)
C7—N2—C5—C6 ^v	74.9 (8)	C5'—N2'—C7'—C8'	144.3 (10)
C6—N2—C5—C6 ^v	-164.8 (7)	Zr2'—N2'—C7'—C8'	25.4 (11)

Zr2—N2—C5—C6 ^v	-44.1 (7)	Zr2'—O3'—C8'—O4'	162.6 (12)
C7—N2—C6—C5 ^{vi}	-159.0 (6)	Zr2'—O3'—C8'—C7'	-11.7 (16)
C5—N2—C6—C5 ^{vi}	80.3 (9)	N2'—C7'—C8'—O4'	172.2 (12)
Zr2—N2—C6—C5 ^{vi}	-40.5 (7)	N2'—C7'—C8'—O3'	-12.8 (16)
C5—N2—C7—C8	-93.0 (8)		

Symmetry codes: (i) *y*, -*x*, *z*; (ii) -*x*, -*y*, *z*; (iii) -*y*, *x*, *z*; (iv) -*x*+1, -*y*+1, *z*; (v) *y*, -*x*+1, *z*; (vi) -*y*+1, *x*, *z*; (vii) -*x*, -*y*+1, *z*.

Table S5. Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for (a31w)

<i>D</i> —H…A	<i>D</i> —H	H…A	D…A	D—H…A
O5—H52⋯O6	1.14 (3)	2.04 (10)	2.897 (15)	129 (9)
O6—H61⋯O2 ^{vii}	1.14 (3)	2.03 (10)	2.890 (8)	129 (9)

Symmetry code: (vii) -*x*, -*y*+1, *z*.

Least-squares planes (x,y,z in crystal coordinates) and deviations from them

(* indicates atom used to define plane)

0.0000 (0.0000) x + 0.0000 (0.0000) y + 13.1802 (0.0019) z = 9.4485 (0.0037)

- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O1
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O1_\$1
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O1_\$2
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O1_\$3
 - -1.0036 (0.0033) Zr1

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Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0000
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0.0000 (0.0000) x + 0.0000 (0.0000) y + 13.1802 (0.0019) z = 7.1345 (0.0040)

Angle to previous plane (with approximate esd) = 0.000 (0.008)

- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N1
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N1_\$1
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N1_\$2
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N1_\$3
 - 1.3104 (0.0038) Zr1

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0000

0.0000 (0.0000) x + 0.0000 (0.0000) y + 13.1802 (0.0019) z = 6.3413 (0.0054)

Angle to previous plane (with approximate esd) = 0.000 (0.008)

- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O3_a
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O3_\$4a
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O3_\$5a
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O3_\$7a
 - -1.0410 (0.0056) Zr2_a

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0000

0.0000 (0.0000) x + 0.0000 (0.0000) y + 13.1802 (0.0019) z = 4.0211 (0.0067)

Angle to previous plane (with approximate esd) = 0.000 (0.008)

- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2_a
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2_\$4a
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2_\$5a
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2_\$7a
 - 1.2792 (0.0068) Zr2_a

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0000

0.0000 (0.0000) x + 0.0000 (0.0000) y + 13.1802 (0.0019) z = 5.8016 (0.0089)

Angle to previous plane (with approximate esd) = 0.000 (0.008)

* 0.0000 (0.0000) O3'_b

- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O3'_\$4b
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O3'_\$5b
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) O3'_\$7b
 - -1.0218 (0.0100) Zr2'_b
- Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0000

0.0000 (0.0000) x + 0.0000 (0.0000) y + 13.1802 (0.0019) z = 3.4473 (0.0109)

Angle to previous plane (with approximate esd) = 0.000 (0.008)

- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2'_b
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2'_\$4b
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2'_\$5b
- * 0.0000 (0.0000) N2'_\$7b
 - 1.3325 (0.0115) Zr2'_b

Rms deviation of fitted atoms = 0.0000



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⁸⁹Zr-DOTA



DOTP

⁸⁹Zr-DOTP





Radiolabeling of Tetraazamacrocyclic ligands (DOTA, DOTP, and DOTAM) with ⁸⁹Zr(ox)₂. The complexation of ⁸⁹Zr with tetraazamacrocyclic ligands (DOTA, DOTP, and DOTAM) was achieved by reacting 10-50 μg (1-5 μL, 10 mg/mL in water) of each ligand with an aliquot of ⁸⁹Zr(ox)₂ (0.6 mCi, 22.2 MBq) diluted in 100 μL of water and pH adjusted to 7-7.5 using 1 M Na₂CO₃. Reactions were incubated at 99°C for 2 h in a thermomixer (550 rpm). Formation of ⁸⁹Zr-**DOTA**, ⁸⁹Zr-**DOTP**, and ⁸⁹Zr-**DOTAM** complexes was monitored by radio-TLC using Varian ITLC-SA strips and 0.1 M EDTA (pH 5) as the mobile phase.

Radiochemistry	Ligand (n = 20)					
conditions	DOTA	DOTP	DOTAM	DFO		
Quantity (µg)	10-50	10-50	10-50	10		
Temperature (°C)	99	99	99	24		
Reaction time (min)	120	120	120	15		
Reaction pH	7.0-7.5	7.0-7.5	7.0-7.5	7.0-7.5		
Radiochemical yield (%)	65 ± 9.6	70 ± 10.6	9 ± 1.3	100		

Table S6. Summary of optimized radiochemistry conditions to prepare ⁸⁹Zr-complexes with ⁸⁹Zr(ox)₂



Figure S24. Schematic diagram for the production of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ from ⁸⁹Zr(ox)₂

Preparation of [⁸⁹Zr]Zr-chloride. ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ was produced using a procedure modified from the literature. Briefly, a [⁸⁹Zr]Zr-oxalate solution in 1.0 M oxalic acid was loaded onto an activated Waters Sep-pak Light accell plus QMA strong anion exchange cartridge (300 Å pore size, 37–55 μm particle size, 230 μeq/gram ion exchange capacity), pre-washed with 6 ml MeCN, 10 ml 0.9% saline and 10 ml water. The cartridge was then washed with water (>50 ml) to remove oxalic acid and the activity eluted with 100% recovery of ⁸⁹Zr by chloride ion exchange with 400–500 μl of 1.0 M HCl(aq.).



DOTA

⁸⁹Zr-DOTA



DOTP

⁸⁹Zr-DOTP





Radiolabeling of Tetraazamacrocyclic ligand (DOTA, DOTP, and DOTAM) with ⁸⁹ZrCl₄.

⁸⁹**Zr-DOTA**: Complexing ⁸⁹Zr with the tetraazamacrocyclic ligand DOTA was achieved by reacting 10 µg (10 µL, 1.0 mg/mL in water) of ligand DOTA with an aliquot of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (1.1 mCi, 40.7 MBq) diluted in 100 µL of 0.5 M HEPES (pH 7.2) followed by 45 min incubation at 90°C in a thermomixer (550 rpm). Formation of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA complex was monitored by radio-TLC using a mobile phase consisting of 1:1 MeOH:10% NH₄Cl on C-18 plates and 0.1 M EDTA (pH 5) on Varian ITLC-SA strips. In the C-18 system, un-chelated ⁸⁹Zr remained at the origin (R_f = 0), while ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA complex moved near the solvent front (R_f = 0.85-0.90). In the ITLC-SA system, free ⁸⁹Zr formed a complex with EDTA and eluted with the solvent front (R_f = 1), while ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA complex moves from origin (R_f = 0.35-0.40) (Fig. S25). The identity of the radioactive complex ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA was further confirmed by comparing its radio-HPLC elution profile to the UV-HPLC spectrum of nonradioactive ^{Nat}Zr-DOTA (Fig. S26).



Figure S25. Quality control of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA by radio-TLC. C-18-TLC of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (a), ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA (b), and ITLC-SA of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (c), ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA (d)



Figure S26. Quality control of ⁸⁹**Zr-DOTA by radio-HPLC.** UV-HPLC chromatogram (201 nm) of nonradioactive ^{Nat}Zr-DOTA complex (top) compared with radio-HPLC chromatogram of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA (bottom)

⁸⁹**Zr-DOTP**: Complexation of ⁸⁹Zr by the tetraazamacrocyclic ligand DOTP was achieved by reacting 10 µg (10 µL, 1.0 mg/mL in water) of the ligand DOTP with an aliquot of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (1.1 mCi, 40.7 MBq) diluted in 100 µL of water and pH adjusted to 7-7.5 using 1 M Na₂CO₃. The reactions were incubated at 90°C for 45 min in a thermomixer (550 rpm). Formation of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP complex was monitored by radio-TLC using a mobile phase consisting of 6:4 MeOH:5% NH₄OH on C-18 plates and 0.1 M EDTA (pH 5) on Varian ITLC-SA strips. In the C-18 system, un-chelated ⁸⁹Zr remained at the origin (R_f = 0), while the ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP complex moved near the solvent front (R_f = 0.75-0.85). In the ITLC-SA system, free ⁸⁹Zr formed a complex with EDTA and eluted with the solvent front (R_f = 1), while the ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP complex remained near the origin (R_f = 0.15-0.20) (Fig. S27). The identity of the radioactive complex ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP was further confirmed by comparing its radio-HPLC elution profile to the UV-HPLC spectrum of nonradioactive ^{Nat}Zr-DOTP (Fig. S28).



Figure S27. Quality control of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP by radio-TLC. C-18-TLC of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (a), ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP (b), and ITLC-SA of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (c), ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP (d)



Figure S28. Quality control of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP by radio-HPLC. UV-HPLC chromatogram (201 nm) of nonradioactive ^{Nat}Zr-DOTP complex (top) compared with radio-HPLC chromatogram of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP (bottom).

⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM: Complexing ⁸⁹Zr with the tetraazamacrocyclic ligand DOTAM was achieved by reacting 10 µg (10 µL, 1.0 mg/mL in water) of the ligand DOTAM with an aliquot of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (1.1 mCi, 40.7 MBq) diluted in 100 µL of 1 M HEPES (pH 7.2) and 10 µL of 1 % sodium dodecyl sulfate followed by 45 min incubation at 90°C in a thermomixer (550 rpm). Formation of the ⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM complex was monitored by radio-TLC using Varian ITLC-SA strips and 0.1 M oxalic acid (pH 5) as the mobile phase. In this system, free ⁸⁹Zr formed a complex with oxalic acid and eluted with the solvent front (R_f = 1), while the ⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM complex remained at the origin (R_f = 0) (Fig. S29).



Figure S29. Quality control of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM by radio-TLC. ITLC of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (a), and ⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM (b)

Padia chemistry conditions	Ligand (n = 50)						
Radiochemistry conditions	DOTA	DOTP	DOTAM	DFO			
Quantity (µg)	10	10	10	10			
Temperature (°C)	90	90	90	24			
Reaction time (min)	45	45	45	15			
Reaction buffer	0.5 M HEPES	-	1 M HEPES	-			
Reaction pH	6.9-7.2	7.0-7.5	6.9-7.2	7.0-7.5			
Radiochemical yield (%)	100	100	100	100			
Specific activity (A_s ; MBq µmol ⁻¹)	1010 ± 8	1008 ± 10	989 ± 10	1005 ± 10			

In vitro EDTA challenge study. *In vitro* EDTA challenge study was carried out by adding 10 μ L of each ⁸⁹Zrlabeled complex (70 μ Ci, 2.59 MBq) to 500 μ L of EDTA (10 mM, 50 mM and 100 mM: pH 5 and pH 7) with a 1:100, 1:500, and 1:1000 ratio of ligand/EDTA. The solutions (n=4) were incubated at 37 °C for 7 days in a thermomixer. Samples were analyzed at 30 min, 1 h, 3 h, 6 h, 1 d, 3 d, 5 d and 7 d post administration to EDTA by radio-TLC using Varian ITLC-SA strips and 0.1 M EDTA (pH 5) as the mobile phase and gamma counting using an energy window of 500-1500 keV and standard protocols .

			% Intact of ⁸⁹ Zr-complexes (n = 4)							
Complex	EDTA	рН	30 min	1 h	3 h	6 h	1 d	3 d	5 d	7 d
	100-fold	7.0		100			100	100	100	100
		5.0		100			100	100	100	100
897- DOTA	500-fold	7.0		100			100	100	100	100
∞Zr-DUTA		5.0		100			100	100	100	100
	1000-fold	7.0		100			100	100	100	100
		5.0		100			100	100	100	100
	100-fold	7.0		99.8 ± 0.	1		98.6 ± 0.1	96.8 ± 0.3	94.5 ± 0.5	92.5 ± 0.4
⁸⁹ 7r-DOTP		5.0		98.6 ± 0.	3		91.8 ± 0.9	84.3 ± 0.7	78.6 ± 1.0	56.5 ± 1.4
Liboni	500-fold	7.0		99.5 ± 0.	3		98.2 ± 0.1	94.9 ± 1.1	91.4 ± 0.3	89.3 ± 0.6
		5.0		97.4 ± 0.4	4		89.4 ± 0.7	72.4 ± 1.4	66.7 ± 0.7	53.8 ± 0.8
	1000-fold	7.0		99.2 ± 0.	1		97.9 ± 0.1	91.5 ± 0.6	84.9 ± 0.6	79.4 ± 1.2
		5.0		96.3 ± 0.	5		87.3 ± 1.2	67.5 ± 1.1	58.9 ± 1.4	43.7 ± 1.1

Table S8. Stability of ⁸⁹Zr-complexes in EDTA (pH 5 and pH 7) in challenge study at 37 °C for 7 days

	100-fold	7.0		99.0 ± 0.2			90.9 ± 0.8	86.1 ± 1.1	75.7 ± 0.8	72.1 ± 2.0
⁸⁹ Zr-DOTAM		5.0		97.7 ± 0.2			84.4 ± 0.9	67.6 ± 0.9	49.6 ± 0.6	42.3 ± 1.2
	500-fold	7.0		98.5 ± 0.2			90.8 ± 0.9	77.5 ± 1.4	66.6 ± 0.5	58.1 ± 1.4
		5.0		97.5 ± 0.6			80.0 ± 1.2	47.0 ± 0.4	22.8 ± 1.8	12.2 ± 1.5
	1000-fold	7.0		98.3 ± 0.1			88.6 ± 0.4	69.9 ± 1.8	58.2 ± 1.3	47.4 ± 0.9
		5.0		96.5 ± 0.2			77.0 ± 1.3	38.3 ± 1.5	13.4 ± 1.6	5.7 ± 1.0
	100-fold	7.0	99.0 ± 0.4	96.6 ± 1.1	90.3 ± 0.8	89.4 ± 0.2	88.6 ± 0.2	87.2 ± 0.6	86.6 ± 0.3	83.9 ± 0.5
⁸⁹ Zr-DFO		5.0	93.0 ± 0.7	85.5 ± 0.9	59.6 ± 0.8	29.4 ± 0.7	6.6 ± 0.3	5.4 ± 0.3	4.4 ± 0.2	3.6 ± 0.1
	500-fold	7.0	90.3 ± 0.7	81.1 ± 1.1	58.6 ± 0.3	42.7 ± 1.2	36.2 ± 0.7	31.8 ± 1.1	30.4 ± 0.9	28.5 ± 0.4
		5.0	60.9 ± 1.0	33.9 ± 1.2	3.9 ± 0.4	0				
	1000-fold	7.0	85.6 ± 1.1	68.3 ± 1.2	45.4 ± 0.7	32.9 ± 0.5	28.1 ± 0.7	24.5 ± 0.8	21.4 ± 1.2	20.3 ± 0.5
		5.0	37.7 ± 1.1	14.6 ± 0.7	0					

In vitro Metal Competition study. To a solution of metal cations [iron (III) chloride, cobalt (II) chloride, zinc (II) chloride, copper (II) chloride, magnesium (II) chloride, gallium (III) nitrate, gadolinium (III) chloride] (1 mM, 200 μ L), was added ⁸⁹Zr-labeled complex (0.1 mM, 10 μ L, 80 μ Ci, 2.96 MBq) in PBS, pH 7.4. The resulting solutions (n = 3) were incubated at 37°C for 7 days in a thermomixer. Dissociation of ⁸⁹Zr from ⁸⁹Zr-complexes was monitored by radio-TLC at 2 h, 1 d, 4 d and 7 d time point. All studies were performed in triplicate.

Table S9. Stability of ⁸⁹Zr-complexes with various metals (PBS, pH 7.4) in competition study at 37 °C for

7 days

Time	Complex	% Intact of ⁸⁹ Zr-complexes (n = 4)						
Point		Fe ³⁺	Zn ²⁺	Co ²⁺	Cu ²⁺	Mg ²⁺	Gd³⁺	Ga³⁺
2 h	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTP	99.3 ± 0.1	99.0 ± 0.1	99.1 ± 0.2	98.4 ± 0.1	99.2 ± 0.2	99.5 ± 0.4	99.2 ± 0.1
	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTAM	92.4 ± 0.5	94.1 ± 0.5	92.6 ± 0.5	91.9 ± 0.1	93.6 ± 1.0	93.9 ± 0.3	92.9 ± 0.7
	⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	96.5 ± 0.2	99.5 ± 0.1	99.2 ± 0.2	98.9 ± 0.5	99.3 ± 0.1	99.4 ± 0.3	99.3 ± 0.2
1 d	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	89Zr-DOTP	96.8 ± 1.2	95.4 ± 0.3	97.2 ± 0.1	95.4 ± 0.2	99.4 ± 0.1	97.9 ± 0.4	98.2 ± 0.2
	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTAM	89.8 ± 0.2	89.4 ± 1.9	88.6 ± 0.3	86.7 ± 0.7	90.5 ± 0.5	90.6 ± 0.3	87.9 ± 0.7
	⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	76.1 ± 1.3	98.8 ± 0.3	98.3 ± 0.4	98.6 ± 0.4	98.6 ± 0.5	98.8 ± 0.1	93.4 ± 2.6
	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
4 d	89Zr-DOTP	89.5 ± 0.7	89.4 ± 1.5	95.3 ± 0.5	97.5 ± 0.7	98.1 ± 0.1	93.2 ± 1.0	93.6 ± 0.6
4 u	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTAM	87.2 ± 0.8	71.9 ± 1.7	85.8 ± 0.4	80.5 ± 0.8	87.4 ± 0.9	88.8 ± 0.6	86.6 ± 2.3
	⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	53.2 ± 3.8	97.7 ± 0.6	98.1 ± 0.3	97.3 ± 0.7	97.6 ± 0.8	98.4 ± 0.3	81.1 ± 0.5
7 d	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTP	84.0 ± 0.4	84.7 ± 2.7	93.5 ± 1.3	94.4 ± 1.3	96.3 ± 0.4	91.7 ± 2.0	91.1 ± 1.4
	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTAM	85.8 ± 0.8	57.0 ± 1.8	80.9 ± 1.0	74.1 ± 1.2	93.1 ± 0.8	86.3 ± 0.1	80.3 ± 0.4
	⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	33.9 ± 1.5	95.9 ± 0.7	95.4 ± 0.9	96.0 ± 1.0	96.8 ± 1.2	96.8 ± 0.2	72.6 ± 1.3

In vitro serum stability. *In vitro* serum stability was carried out by adding 10 µL of each ⁸⁹Zr-labeled complex (70 µCi, 2.59 MBq) to 500 µL of human serum. The solutions (n=4) were incubated at 37 °C for 7 days and were analyzed daily for 1 week by radio -TLC using Varian ITLC-SA strips and 0.1 M EDTA (pH 5) as the mobile phase and gamma counting using an energy window of 500-1500 keV and standard protocols . Serum samples were also analyzed after 7 days by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) using a Superdex 200 10/300 GL[™] column (GE Healthcare Life Sciences, Piscataway, NJ) and phosphate buffered saline (PBS) as eluent with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min.



Figure S30. Radio-ITLC of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA solution in human serum at 37 °C after 0 h (a) and 7 days (b).



Figure S31. Radio-ITLC of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP solution in human serum at 37 °C after 0 h (a) and 7 days (b).



Figure S32. Radio-ITLC of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM solution in human serum at 37 °C after 0 h (a) and 7 days (b).



Figure S33. Radio-ITLC of ⁸⁹Zr-DFO solution in human serum at 37 °C after 0 h (a) and 7 days (b).



Figure S34. Radio-ITLC of ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ solution in human serum at 37 °C after 0 h (a) and 7 days (b).

When samples of serum which contained unchelated ⁸⁹Zr were analyzed using radio-ITLC, we observed broad peaks ranging form the origin to the solvent front because unchelated ⁸⁹Zr could be bound to variety of serum protein components and migrate with different retention factors in our ITLC system. Therefore we elected to perform size exclusion chromatography to further characterize the stability of ⁸⁹Zr-complexes.



Figure S35. *In vitro* **serum stability by HPLC.** UV-SE-HPLC (220 nm, black, and green) and radio-SE-HPLC chromatogram (red) of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA (top), ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP (middle) and ⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM (bottom) in serum after 7 days. Black lines are the UV absorbance due to the human serum components, green lines are the UV absorbance associated with ^{Nat}Zr-complexes and red lines are the radiotracer associated with ⁸⁹Zr-complexes.



Figure S36. *In vitro* serum stability by HPLC. UV-SE-HPLC (220 nm, black, and green) and radio-SE-HPLC chromatogram (red) of ⁸⁹Zr-DFO (top), and ⁸⁹ZrCl₄ (bottom) in serum after 7 days. Black lines are the UV absorbance due to the human serum components, green lines are the UV absorbance associated with ^{Nat}Zr-complexes and red lines are the radiotracer associated with ⁸⁹Zr-complexes.

Table S10. Summary of *in vitro* serum stability of ⁸⁹Zr-complexes in human serum at 37 °C for 7 days

Day	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA (%)		⁸⁹ Zr-DOTP (%)		⁸⁹ Zr-DOTAM (%)		⁸⁹ Zr-DFO (%)	
	Radio-ITLC	Radio-HPLC	Radio-ITLC	Radio-HPLC	Radio-ITLC	Radio-HPLC	Radio-ITLC	Radio-HPLC
1	100	-	100	-	100	-	100	-
3	100	-	97.6 ± 0.2	-	100	-	100	-
5	100	-	95.9 ± 0.4	-	99.8 ± 0.1	-	100	-
7	100	100	95.1 ± 0.5	95.6 ± 0.2	99.1 ± 0.3	99.3 ± 0.4	100	99.8 ± 0.1

Determination of partition coefficients (logP).⁶ The partition coefficient (logP) for each complex was determined by adding 5 μ L of each ⁸⁹Zr-labeled complex (approx. 5 μ Ci; 0.19 MBq) to a mixture of 500 μ L of octanol and 500 μ L of water. The resulting solutions (n = 5) were vigorously vortexed for 5 min at room temperature, then centrifuged for 5 min to ensure complete separation of layers. From each of the five sets, 50 μ L aliquot was removed from each phase into screw tubes and counted separately in a gamma counter. Each organic phase was washed with water to remove any radioactivity remaining in the organic phase before gamma counting. The partition coefficient was calculated as a ratio of counts in the octanol fraction to counts in the water fraction. The logP values were reported in an average of five measurements.

Complex	log P (n = 5)
⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	-3.80 ± 0.04
⁸⁹ Zr-DOTP	-3.89 ± 0.02
⁸⁹ Zr-DOTAM	-1.40 ± 0.03
⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	-2.83 ± 0.04

 Table S11. Log P values for all ⁸⁹Zr-complexes

Biodistribution Studies. Biodistribution studies were conducted using a modified literature procedure.⁷ Briefly, female NIH Swiss mice (6-8 wk old, n=6) were injected with each ⁸⁹Zr-labeled complex (0.55 MBq (15 μ Ci)/mouse) via the tail vein, and sacrificed at 2, 4, 24, 48, 72 h post-injection. Organs and tissues of interest were excised, weighted, and counted on a Perkin Elmer 2480 Wizard[®] gamma counter (Waltham, MA). The percent injected dose per gram (%ID/g) and percent injected dose per organ (%ID/organ) were calculated by comparison to a weighed, counted standard for each group (Tables S9 – S12).

Statistical Methods. All of the data are presented as mean±SD or mean (95% Confidence Interval). For statistical classification a student's t test (two-tailed, unpaired) was performed using GraphPad Prism (San Diego, CA). Any p<0.05 was considered significant.

Tissue/Organ	2 h	4 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
Blood	0.010 ± 0.003	0.003 ± 0.002	0.001 ± 0.000	0.001 ± 0.000	0.000 ± 0.001
Heart	0.024 ± 0.008	0.020 ± 0.006	0.016 ± 0.004	0.015 ± 0.005	0.009 ± 0.004
Lung	0.069 ± 0.007	0.053 ± 0.008	0.025 ± 0.007	0.023 ± 0.004	0.014 ± 0.001
Liver	0.134 ± 0.017	0.123 ± 0.013	0.068 ± 0.004	0.035 ± 0.003	0.021 ± 0.002
Small intestine	0.311 ± 0.274	0.047 ± 0.008	0.033 ± 0.003	0.031 ± 0.006	0.022 ± 0.006
Large intestine	0.494 ± 0.185	0.281 ± 0.080	0.199 ± 0.055	0.189 ± 0.034	0.152 ± 0.051
Kidney	1.137 ± 0.163	0.757 ± 0.031	0.317 ± 0.054	0.131 ± 0.015	0.078 ± 0.009
Spleen	0.048 ± 0.004	0.042 ± 0.011	0.041 ± 0.004	0.029 ± 0.009	0.018 ± 0.008
Pancreas	0.015 ± 0.003	0.022 ± 0.007	0.009 ± 0.002	0.005 ± 0.002	0.003 ± 0.002
Stomach	0.073 ± 0.049	0.021 ± 0.006	0.027 ± 0.006	0.027 ± 0.009	0.024 ± 0.011
Muscle	0.007 ± 0.001	0.006 ± 0.002	0.004 ± 0.001	0.003 ± 0.002	0.002 ± 0.001
Fat	0.008 ± 0.003	0.008 ± 0.003	0.006 ± 0.004	0.005 ± 0.001	0.002 ± 0.001
Bone	0.027 ± 0.008	0.023 ± 0.005	0.036 ± 0.008	0.024 ± 0.005	0.025 ± 0.009

Table S12. Biodistribution (%ID/g) of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA in selected organs at 2, 4, 24, 48, and 72 h p.i.

Tissue/Organ	2 h	4 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
Blood	0.108 ± 0.022	0.039 ± 0.009	0.006 ± 0.002	0.003 ± 0.001	0.001 ± 0.001
Heart	0.048 ± 0.010	0.029 ± 0.003	0.016 ± 0.004	0.013 ± 0.003	0.010 ± 0.002
Lung	0.095 ± 0.010	0.071 ± 0.009	0.036 ± 0.005	0.023 ± 0.006	0.022 ± 0.002
Liver	0.064 ± 0.008	0.059 ± 0.009	0.052 ± 0.009	0.040 ± 0.003	0.036 ± 0.002
Small intestine	0.179 ± 0.050	0.054 ± 0.011	0.033 ± 0.007	0.027 ± 0.007	0.023 ± 0.007
Large intestine	0.235 ± 0.064	0.420 ± 0.048	0.136 ± 0.041	0.121 ± 0.028	0.100 ± 0.014
Kidney	1.037 ± 0.114	0.816 ± 0.115	0.609 ± 0.036	0.395 ± 0.011	0.316 ± 0.045
Spleen	0.059 ± 0.004	0.038 ± 0.006	0.033 ± 0.007	0.028 ± 0.003	0.025 ± 0.003
Pancreas	0.031 ± 0.006	0.023 ± 0.005	0.014 ± 0.005	0.013 ± 0.004	0.011 ± 0.002
Stomach	0.077 ± 0.027	0.027 ± 0.008	0.025 ± 0.009	0.020 ± 0.009	0.017 ± 0.006
Muscle	0.020 ± 0.007	0.016 ± 0.005	0.006 ± 0.002	0.008 ± 0.004	0.004 ± 0.001
Fat	0.021 ± 0.007	0.012 ± 0.003	0.006 ± 0.004	0.007 ± 0.003	0.005 ± 0.003
Bone	4.814 ± 0.745	3.364 ± 0.301	2.622 ± 0.433	2.373 ± 0.732	2.631 ± 0.124

Table S13. Biodistribution (%ID/g) of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP in selected organs at 2, 4, 24, 48, and 72 h p.i.
Tissue/Organ	2 h	4 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
Blood	0.533 ± 0.134	0.373 ± 0.097	0.041 ± 0.013	0.023 ± 0.010	0.015 ± 0.009
Heart	0.907 ± 0.252	1.464 ± 0.420	1.255 ± 0.236	1.128 ± 0.288	1.148 ± 0.342
Lung	2.865 ± 0.573	4.397 ± 1.093	2.640 ± 0.632	2.127 ± 0.489	2.158 ± 0.364
Liver	43.788 ± 7.980	52.116 ± 4.435	53.649 ± 5.774	54.116 ± 3.848	61.826 ± 2.268
Small intestine	0.139 ± 0.018	0.144 ± 0.031	0.150 ± 0.033	0.225 ± 0.043	0.183 ± 0.036
Large intestine	$e \ \ 0.049 \pm \ 0.010$	0.064 ± 0.010	0.090 ± 0.035	0.100 ± 0.014	0.119 ± 0.034
Kidney	1.276 ± 0.312	1.632 ± 0.155	1.326 ± 0.237	1.926 ± 0.100	1.697 ± 0.166
Spleen	58.831 ± 5.687	58.365 ± 9.312	82.889 ± 10.725	56.220 ± 15.581	60.382 ± 8.866
Pancreas	0.146 ± 0.068	0.115 ± 0.022	0.102 ± 0.013	0.139 ± 0.032	0.153 ± 0.028
Stomach	0.063 ± 0.029	0.171 ± 0.113	0.054 ± 0.022	0.061 ± 0.016	0.083 ± 0.012
Muscle	0.083 ± 0.037	0.047 ± 0.008	0.051 ± 0.012	0.105 ± 0.021	0.090 ± 0.030
Fat	0.086 ± 0.068	0.046 ± 0.009	0.041 ± 0.008	0.050 ± 0.026	0.099 ± 0.030
Bone	3.157 ± 0.788	4.145 ± 0.860	3.700 ± 0.644	6.831 ± 0.536	6.055 ± 0.802

Table S14. Biodistribution (%ID/g) of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTAM in selected organs at 2, 4, 24, 48, and 72 h p.i.

Tissue/Organ	2 h	4 h	24 h	48 h	72 h
Blood	0.009 ± 0.003	0.005 ± 0.001	0.001 ± 0.001	0.001 ± 0.001	0.000 ± 0.001
Heart	0.020 ± 0.003	0.019 ± 0.003	0.014 ± 0.002	0.010 ± 0.002	0.009 ± 0.004
Lung	0.060 ± 0.009	0.038 ± 0.006	0.024 ± 0.006	0.019 ± 0.005	0.017 ± 0.004
Liver	0.234 ± 0.023	0.163 ± 0.051	0.081 ± 0.012	0.070 ± 0.007	0.066 ± 0.009
Small intestine	0.357 ± 0.175	0.130 ± 0.080	0.013 ± 0.002	0.008 ± 0.001	0.006 ± 0.001
Large intestine	0.877 ± 0.435	1.020 ± 0.207	0.024 ± 0.004	0.009 ± 0.002	0.008 ± 0.001
Kidney	2.051 ± 0.238	1.848 ± 0.382	1.340 ± 0.137	0.957 ± 0.216	0.689 ± 0.098
Spleen	0.037 ± 0.005	0.036 ± 0.004	0.036 ± 0.007	0.030 ± 0.008	0.027 ± 0.007
Pancreas	0.015 ± 0.005	0.013 ± 0.002	0.012 ± 0.002	0.009 ± 0.003	0.007 ± 0.002
Stomach	0.140 ± 0.124	0.055 ± 0.038	0.014 ± 0.005	0.005 ± 0.003	0.005 ± 0.002
Muscle	0.011 ± 0.001	0.008 ± 0.003	0.006 ± 0.002	0.004 ± 0.001	0.004 ± 0.002
Fat	0.013 ± 0.003	0.009 ± 0.002	0.007 ± 0.002	0.005 ± 0.008	0.008 ± 0.004
Bone	0.051 ± 0.017	0.058 ± 0.008	0.082 ± 0.016	0.092 ± 0.011	0.078 ± 0.014

Table S15. Biodistribution (%ID/g) of ⁸⁹Zr-DFO in selected organs at 2, 4, 24, 48, and 72 h p.i.⁸

*These data were published previously.8



Figure S37. Biodistribution data summary of ⁸⁹**Zr-DFO**, ⁸⁹**Zr-DOTA and** ⁸⁹**Zr-DOTP in selected tissues.** Despite the elevated bone uptake associated with ⁸⁹Zr-DOTP, it demonstrates better clearance from the liver and kidney than ⁸⁹Zr-DFO. ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA demonstrated a superior clearance and excretion pattern when compared to all complexes studied and suggests this complex exhibits extraordinary stability *in vivo*.

PET/CT Imaging. PET imaging with ⁸⁹Zr-DFO or ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA was performed on healthy female NIH Swiss mice (6-8 wk old, n=6) using a small animal PET/CT scanner (eXplore VISTA model, GE Healthcare, Waukesha, WI). Before imaging, each mouse was anesthetized by inhalation of isoflurane mixed with oxygen gas (3% isoflurane for induction and 1-2% for maintenance) and a tail vein catheter was placed on the tail. The mouse was then positioned in the imaging cradle and a CT scan was performed for the subsequent attenuation correction and anatomical colocalization. After the CT scan, ⁸⁹Zr-DFO or ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA (11.1-12.5 MBg (300-338 µCi) in 100 µL saline/ mouse) was administered through the tail vein catheter, and a dynamic PET scan was simultaneously initiated and acquired for 1 hour to record the initial distribution and pharmacokinetics. Mice were re-anesthetized at 2, 4 and 24 hours, and a static PET scan was acquired for 20 min as late-phase scans. PET images were reconstructed using 2D ordered subset expectation maximization (2D-OSEM) algorithms with random, scatter, and attenuation corrections and then coregistered with the CT image. The PET system was calibrated using a Zr-89 phantom with known activity. Standard uptake value (SUV = [(nCi/mL) x (animal wt. (g))/ injected dose (nCi)]) and the measure of %ID/g was then calculated voxel-wise with the calibration factor and normalization to the injected dose and animal body weight. For dynamic scans, data were binned into 19 time frames with the following schemes: 6x10s, 2x30s, 3x60s, 5x5min, 3x10min. The tissue uptake curves were generated from the dynamic scans with regions of interest (ROIs) manually placed in heart, liver, kidney, bone, and muscle. Biodistribution data at 2, 4 and 24 hours were obtained from the PET images, with regions of interest placed in corresponding organs or tissues.



Figure S38. Dynamic PET data comparing ⁸⁹**Zr-DFO and** ⁸⁹**Zr-DOTA in specific tissues.** Both radiotracers behaved similarly during the first 60 minutes after injection into normal mice. Higher levels of radioactivity were observed in the kidney and bone tissue of mice receiving ⁸⁹Zr-DFO.



Figure S39. Co-registered PET/CT image results of ⁸⁹**Zr-complexes at 4 h post-injection (p.i.) in normal mice.** (**A**) Representative images of a mouse receiving ⁸⁹Zr-DFO. (**B**) Representative images of a mouse receiving ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA. PET images at 4 hours post injection reveal much lower kidney retention of ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA compared to that of ⁸⁹Zr-DFO. These data corroborate the biodistribution studies and the time activity data collected from 0-60 minutes.

Tissue/Organ -	2	h	4	h	24 h		
	⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	⁸⁹ Zr-DFO	⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA	
Heart	0.416 ± 0.141	0.272 ± 0.124	0.031 ± 0.017	0.030 ± 0.014	0.022 ± 0.012	0.019 ± 0.013	
Liver	0.650 ± 0.100	0.321 ± 0.104	0.220 ± 0.078	0.125 ± 0.047	0.135 ± 0.047	0.073 ± 0.022	
Kidney	3.717 ± 1.597	2.582 ± 1.034	1.894 ± 0.353	0.736 ± 0.305	1.414 ± 0.173	0.331 ± 0.138	
Muscle	0.320 ± 0.287	0.964 ± 0.565	0.023 ± 0.012	0.013 ± 0.008	0.017 ± 0.007	0.011 ± 0.005	
Bone	0.998 ± 0.525	0.469 ± 0.278	0.058 ± 0.022	0.023 ± 0.008	0.070 ± 0.034	0.008 ± 0.005	

Table S16. Image-based biodistribution in selected tissues (mean %ID/g ± SD) of normal mice (n =6/cohort) receiving ⁸⁹Zr-DFO or ⁸⁹Zr-DOTA

Complex	Challenging Ligand	рН	Time Point	% Intact of ⁸⁹ Zr-complexes
⁸⁹ Zr-L4 ⁹	EDTA (1000-fold)	7.0	6 d	87 ± 1
⁸⁹ Zr-TAM-1 ⁸	DTPA (1000-fold)	7.0	7 d	100
⁸⁹ Zr-TAM-2 ⁸	DTPA (1000-fold)	7.0	7 d	100
⁸⁹ Zr-2,3-HOPO ¹⁰	DTPA (1000-fold)	7.0	7 d	78
⁸⁹ Zr-C7 ¹¹	EDTA (1750-fold)	7.0	7 d	87 ± 3
⁸⁹ Zr-CP256 ¹²			Data Not Reported	
		7.0	7 d	97.2 ± 0.2
"ZI-TAPO"	EDTA (1000-1010)	6.0	7 d	94.4 ± 0.5
⁸⁹ Zr-DFO* ¹⁴			Data Not Reported	
⁸⁹ Zr-DFOSq-Taur ¹⁵	EDTA (500-fold)	7.0	1 d	88 ± 3.2
⁸⁹ Zr-(oxinate) ₄ ¹⁶			Data Not Reported	
⁸⁹ Zr-(Me-AHA) ₄ 17			Data Not Reported	
		7.0	7 d	100
⁶⁶ ZI-HOPO ¹⁶	EDTA (100-1010)	5.0	7 d	99.2 ± 1.5
⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA		7.0	7 d	100
(Current Study)		5.0	7 d	100

 Table S17. Comparative stability of ⁸⁹Zr-Complexes in exogenous ligand challenge study

Complex	Time	% Intact of ⁸⁹ Zr-complexes						
Complex	Point	Fe ³⁺	Zn ²⁺	Co ²⁺	Cu ²⁺	Mg ²⁺	Gd ³⁺	Ga ³⁺
⁸⁹ Zr-L4 ⁹		Data Not Reported						
⁸⁹ Zr-TAM-1 ⁸		Data Not Reported						
⁸⁹ Zr-TAM-2 ⁸		Data Not Reported						
⁸⁹ Zr-2,3-HOPO ¹⁰				Data N	lot Reporte	ed		
⁸⁹ Zr-C7 ¹¹				Data N	lot Reporte	ed		
⁸⁹ Zr-CP256 ¹²	20 min	14	14 Data Not Reported					
⁸⁹ Zr-TAFC ¹³			Data Not Reported					
⁸⁹ Zr-DFO* ¹⁴		Data Not Reported				ed		
⁸⁹ Zr-DFOSq-Taur ¹⁵		Data Not Reported						
⁸⁹ Zr-(oxinate) ₄ 16		Data Not Reported						
⁸⁹ Zr-(Me-AHA) ₄ 17		Data Not Reported						
⁸⁹ Zr-HOPO ¹⁸	7 d	83.0±4.2	98.3±2.4	98.9±1.6	98.4±2.3	98.7±1.8	94.5±4.1	96.4±0.6
⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA (Current Study)	7 d	100	100 100 100 100 100 100 100					

Table S19. Comparative biodistribution results of ⁸⁹Zr-Complexes

	Time			%	ID/g		
Complex	Point	Blood	Heart	Liver	Kidney	Muscle	Bone
⁸⁹ Zr-L4 ⁹	24 h	0.09±0.01	0.03±0.02	0.40±0.14	2.76±0.40	0.00±0.00	0.60±0.19
⁸⁹ Zr-TAM-1 ⁸	24 h	0.003±0.002	0.046±0.007	0.449±0.037	8.214±1.018	0.016±0.007	0.100±0.030
⁸⁹ Zr-TAM-2 ⁸	24 h	0.010±0.003	0.147±0.040	1.244±0.180	46.095±7.788	0.039±0.014	0.274±0.100
⁸⁹ Zr-2,3-HOPO ¹⁰	24 h	0.004±0.001	0.027± .006	0.650±0.080	29.191±6.989	0.007±0.016	0.272±0.066
⁸⁹ Zr-C7 ¹¹				Data Not	t Reported		
⁸⁹ Zr-CP256 ¹²				Data Not	t Reported		
⁸⁹ Zr-TAFC ¹³	6 h	0.05±0.01			0.86±0.48		0.04±0.02
⁸⁹ Zr-DFO* ¹⁴				Data Not	t Reported		
⁸⁹ Zr-DFOSq-Taur ¹⁵				Data Not	t Reported		
⁸⁹ Zr-(oxinate) ₄ 16				Data Not	t Reported		
⁸⁹ Zr-(Me-AHA) ₄ 17				Data Not	t Reported		
⁸⁹ Zr-HOPO ¹⁸	24 h	0.02±0.00	0.07±0.01	0.06±0.03	0.51±0.29	0.06±0.01	0.17±0.03
⁸⁹ Zr-DOTA (Current Study)	24 h	0.001±0.000	0.016±0.004	0.068±0.004	0.317±0.054	0.004±0.001	0.036±0.008

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