Supplementary Information

Copper complexes with dissymmetrically substituted bis(thiosemicarbazone) ligands as a basis for PET radiopharmaceuticals: control of redox potential and lipophilicity

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Fig. S1. Assigned ¹H NMR spectrum of **12**, successfully synthesised by reacting compound **B** with 4-phenyl-3-thiosemicarabzide. The spectrum suggests a small presence of **8** (purple box) and **5** (Blue box). This is commonly seen in other dissymmetric ligand reactions of this class.



Fig. S2. Assigned ¹³C NMR spectrum of **12**.







Fig. S4. Raman spectrum of 12.



Fig. S5. Assigned ¹H NMR spectrum of **24**. This ligand was successfully synthesised by the exploitation of carbonyl reactivity approach by reacting **G** with 4,4-dimethyl-3-thiosemicarbazide. The purple and blue boxes indicate a very small presence of **G** and **33** respectively.



Fig. S6. Assigned ¹³C NMR spectrum of **24**.



Fig. S7. Assigned ¹H NMR spectrum of **29**, which was successfully synthesised by reacting **L** with thiosemicarbazide. The red boxes show a small presence of the "scrambled" isomer **26**.



Fig. S8. Assigned ¹³C NMR spectrum of **29**.



Fig. S10. Raman spectrum of 29.



Fig. S12. Raman spectrum of Cu(12).

Fig. S13. Mass spectrum of **Cu(23)**. The spectrum in the top right hand corner is the predicted spectrum of the $M + H^+$ ion of **Cu(23)** generated by ChemCalc.

Fig. S14. An assigned proton NMR spectrum of the complex **Zn(14)**. The red boxes illustrates the location of the N-N-H protons would be if there was any **14** ligand present. Environment C is located underneath the water peak, this has been shown with other complexes where a HMQC NMR spectrum has been acquired.

Fig. S15. Assigned carbon NMR spectrum of the complex **Zn(14)**. It is believed that environment H is not visible because the signal is particularly weak. It is unclear if the peaks at 180.44 ppm and 137.31 ppm are both or one of environments C/G and E/F respectively.

Fig. S17. Raman spectrum of the complex Zn(14).

Fig. S18. Mass spectrum of **Zn(14)**. The spectrum in the top right hand corner is the predicted spectrum of the $M + H^{\dagger}$ ion of **Zn(14)** generated by ChemCalc.

Fig. S19. ¹H NMR spectrum of the complex **Zn(28)**. The red boxes illustrates the location of the N-N-**H** protons would be if there was any **28** ligand present. Environment F is overlapped by the water peak, this is has been shown with the HMQC NMR spectrum. The purple box shows this presence of an unassigned peak.

Fig. S20. Assigned carbon NMR spectrum of the complex Zn(28).

Fig. S21. Mass spectrum of **Zn(30)**. The spectrum in the top right hand corner is the predicted expected spectrum of the $M + H^+$ ion of **Zn(30)** generated by ChemCalc.

Fig. S22. Correlation, with regression lines, of Cu(I/II) redox potentials with terminal alkylation at $R_1 - R_4$, including only compounds with two alkyl groups at Q_1/Q_2 . Some points have been offset slightly horizontally for visual clarity. All available data are included, from this work and literature data (corrected for different referencing), with the exception of compounds containing phenyl groups.

Fig. S23. Correlation, with regression lines, of Cu(I/II) (top) and Cu(II/III) (bottom) redox potentials with alkylation at Q_1 and Q_2 . Some points have been offset slightly horizontally for visual clarity. Only new data are included, from this work; compounds containing phenyl groups are excluded.

Total number of alkyl groups at $R_1 - R_4$ and Q_1 and Q_2

Fig. S24. Plot of logP of copper BTSC complexes against total number of alkyl groups at R1-4 and Q1-2 (n_{tot}). The regression line shows that alkylation increases logP on average by 0.16 per alkyl group, although the location and identity of the alkyl/aryl group also has a significant effect. Values of logP for copper complexes with n<2 and n>4 were not determined.