## Supporting Information

# Synthesis of hydrophilic HYNIC-[1,2,4,5]tetrazine conjugates and their use in antibody pretargeting with <sup>99m</sup>Tc

María Fernanda García, \*ª Fabio Gallazzi, <sup>b</sup> Mara de Souza Junqueira, <sup>c</sup> Marcelo Fernández, <sup>a</sup> Ximena Camacho, <sup>a</sup> Janio da Silva Mororó, <sup>c</sup> Daniele Faria, <sup>d</sup> Camila de Godoi Carneiro, <sup>d</sup> Marcos Couto, <sup>e</sup> Federico Carrión, <sup>f</sup> Otto Pritsch, <sup>f,g</sup> Roger Chammas, <sup>d</sup> Thomas Quinn, <sup>b</sup> Pablo Cabral <sup>a</sup> and Hugo Cerecetto <sup>a†</sup>.

a. Centro de Investigaciones Nucleares, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de la República, Mataojo 2055, 11400 Montevideo, Uruguay.

b. Department of Biochemistry, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65201, USA.

c. Centro de Investigação Translacional em Oncologia, Instituto do Câncer do Estado de São Paulo, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

d. Medicina Nuclear, Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil.

e. Laboratorio de Química Orgánica, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de la República, Iguá 4225, 11400 Montevideo, Uruguay.

f. Unidad de Biofísica de Proteínas, Institut Pasteur de Montevideo, Mataojo 2020, 11400, Montevideo, Uruguay

g. Depto. Inmunobiología, Facultad de Medicina, Universidad de la República, Av. Gral. Flores 2125, 11200, Montevideo, Uruguay

+ correspondence, hcerecetto@cin.edu.uy

#### **Table of contents**

Scheme S1. Synthesis of compound 1 and 2	2
RP-HPLC control of <sup>99m</sup> Tc radiolabeled TZ	3
Reaction Kinetics	4
<sup>18</sup> FDG PET imaging	5
<sup>99m</sup> Tc SPECT-CT pretargeted imaging	6
HPLC (UV detection) profile of compound 1	8
NMR Spectroscopy of compound 1	8
Mass Spectrometry of compound 1	10
HPLC (UV detection) profile of compound 2	11
Mass Spectrometry of compound 2	11



## Scheme S1. Synthesis of compound 1 and 2

## **RP-HPLC control of <sup>99m</sup>Tc radiolabeled TZ**



Figure S1: RP-HPLC analysis of <sup>99m</sup>Tc-**1**. UV profile (top) and radiochromatogram profile (bottom).



Figure S2: RP-HPLC analysis of <sup>99m</sup>Tc-**2**. UV profile (top) and radiochromatogram profile (bottom).

#### **Reaction Kinetics**



Figure S3: Kinetic studies of the reaction between (*E*)-cyclooctene-system (TCO) and  $^{99m}$ Tc-**2** in PBS at 25 °C.

## <sup>18</sup>FDG PET imaging



Figure S4: <sup>18</sup>FDG PET imaging in B16F10 melanoma tumour bearing mice. White cross indicates the tumour location.



Figure S5: Pretargeted VEGF tumour imaging. SPECT-CT imaging A) 1 h and B) 4 h post  $^{99m}$ Tc-**2** administration in mice pretargeted with bevacizumab-TCO. Control SPECT-CT imaging C) 1 h and D) 4 h post  $^{99m}$ Tc-**2** administration in mice pretargeted with non-conjugated bevacizumab. White arrow indicates tumor location.



Figure S6: Examples of tumour uptake after 24 h of <sup>99m</sup>Tc-**2** for two mice. White arrow indicates tumour location.



Figure S7: SPECT imaging in control mice blocked with 5 mg of bevacizumab after 1 h of injection of  $^{99m}$ Tc-**2**. White arrow indicates tumour location.

HPLC (UV detection) profile of compound 1



#### NMR Spectroscopy of compound 1



Figure S9: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of derivative **1** (400 MHz, 303 K, MeOH- $d_4$ :D<sub>2</sub>O). \*MeOH and water (residual solvent peaks).



Figure S10: <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR experiment of derivative **1**.



Figure S11: <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR experiment of derivative **1**.



Figure S12: <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSBC NMR experiment of derivative **1**.



### Mass Spectrometry of compound 1

Figure S 13: Full MS scan of derivative 1.

## HPLC (UV detection) profile of compound 2



Figure S14: Reverse phase -HPLC analysis of derivative 2 (UV detection, 280 nm).

#### Mass Spectrometry of compound 2



Figure S15: Full MS scan of derivative 2.