# Supplementary Data

### Development of <sup>18</sup>F-labelled Microbubbles using [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF Method and IEDDA Tetrazine-TCO 'click' Reaction

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### **Experimental**

### **1** General Considerations

**Reagents:** Anhydrous dichloromethane and acetonitrile were obtained under nitrogen from a PureSolv multiple dispensing solvent drying system and degassed for at least 30 minutes before use. Anhydrous DMF was purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Flash column chromatography was performed using Geduran<sup>®</sup> Si 60 Silicagel (Merck). 1,2-Dipalmitoyl-*sn*-glycero3-phosphocholine (DPPC, >99%), 1,2-Dipalmitoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphote(sodium salt) (DPPA, >99%), 1,2-Distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine (18:0 PE-NH2, >99%), 1,2-Distearoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-N-[amino(polyethylene glycol)-2000] (ammonium salt) (DSPE-PEG(2000)-NH2, >99%) were purchased from Avanti Polar Lipids. All other reagents and solvents were used as purchased unless otherwise specified.

**Instruments and characterisation:** <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR were obtained using Bruker AV-400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to residual undeuterated solvent signals (CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$ H = 7.26 ppm,  $\delta$ C = 77.16 ppm; DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>  $\delta$ H = 2.50 ppm,  $\delta$ C = 39.52 ppm; CD<sub>3</sub>CN:  $\delta$ H = 1.94 ppm,  $\delta$ C = 118.26 ppm (CD<sub>3</sub><u>C</u>N); D<sub>2</sub>O  $\delta$ H = 4.79 ppm; CD<sub>3</sub>OD  $\delta$ H = 3.31 ppm,  $\delta$ C = 49.00 ppm). The following abbreviations are used to designate multiplicities: s = single, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, quint = quintet, br = broad. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in hertz (Hz). NMR spectra were analysed using MESTRELAB MestReNova software. High resolution mass spectra were recorded using a Waters LCT Premier (ESI) spectrometer by the Imperial College Department of Chemistry Mass Spectrometry service. Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS) analyses were performed on a Waters LC-MS system: Waters 2767 autosampler for samples injection and collection; Waters 515

HPLC pump to deliver the mobile phase to the source; Waters 3100 mass spectrometer with ESI; and Waters 2998 Photodiode Array (detection at 200-600 nm), equipped with XBridge C<sub>18</sub> reverse-phase columns with dimensions 4.6 mm × 100 mm. Reverse-phase purifications were carried out on an Isolera<sup>TM</sup> Spektra System using Biotage® SNAP Ultra C18 cartridges (12 g), and gradients are indicated throughout the text. Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed using TLC silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> (aluminium sheets 20 × 20 cm for analytical runs and glass plates 20 × 20 cm for preparative TLC purifications of phospholipids. Phospholipids were visualised by charring with 5% primuline in acetone:water (8:2 v/v), with lipids appearing as yellow spots under 365 nm irradiation. Mass spectra (*m/z*) of phospholipids were run on a MALDI micro MX-TOF mass spectrometer from waters. Samples were spotted 1:1 v/v with a matrix solution (matrix indicated in text) and measured in linear positive mode.

Analytical HPLC chromatograms were obtained using an Agilent 1200 series instrument equipped with a flow-ram detector (Lablogic, Sheffield, UK), and integrated using Laura 6 software (Lablogic, Sheffield, UK). Semi-preparative HPLC was performed using a Waters HPLC. Analytical radio-HPLC chromatograms were obtained using an Agilent 1200 series instrument equipped with a flow-ram detector (Lablogic, Sheffield, UK). Radio-HPLC chromatograms were integrated using Laura 6 software (Lablogic, Sheffield, UK). Columns, flow rate, and mobile phases are indicated in the text.

The lipid-coated decafluorobutane-filled microbubbles were produced using a modified formulation (refer to section 4 for further details). 1 mL of the lipid solution was sealed in a 2 mL glass vial, and the headspace was purged with decafluorobutane at room temperature. The microbubbles were produced by mechanical agitation using a dental HL-AH High Speed Digital Amalgamator Amalgam Capsule Blend Mixer (4000 rpm for 30 s, two cycles).

#### 2 Organic Synthesis

#### NODA-tetrazine conjugate:

N,N,N'-tritosyldiethylene triamine, N,N,N'-tritosyl-1,4,7-triazacyclononane and 1,4,7-triazacyclononane was synthesized according to the procedure reported by Lippard *et al.*<sup>1</sup> 1,4-bis(tertbutoxycarbonylmethyl)-1,4,7-triazanonane was synthesised according to the procedure reported by Shetty *et al.*<sup>2</sup>



**NO2A'Bu-MPAA (2)**:<sup>3</sup> A suspension of 4-(bromomethyl)phenylacetic acid (0.62 mmol, 141.00 mg) in acetonitrile (4 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of 1,4-bis(*tert*-butoxycarbonylmethyl)-1,4,7-triazacyclononane (0.56 mmol, 200.00 mg) and  $K_2CO_3$  (1.12 mmol, 154.00 mg) in acetonitrile (8 mL). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 25 °C for 24 hours and monitored by TLC (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH; 9/1). Upon completion, the mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The product

was purified by flash chromatography using an Isolera<sup>™</sup> Spektra System (Biotage® SNAP Ultra C18 cartridge (12 g), A: H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA, B: CH<sub>3</sub>CN with 0.1% TFA. Gradient: 0-100% B, product eluted at 25-30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN), and the collected fractions were lyophilized to give a pale-yellow solid (110 mg, 39%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.22 (1H, br s), 7.49 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 7.34 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 7.6 Hz), 4.36 (2H, s), 3.68 (2H, s), 3.55-2.81 (16H, m), 1.45 (18H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 174.4, 170.0, 136.6, 131.0, 130.6, 128.9, 82.9, 60.3, 57.0, 51.4, 50.4, 48.1, 40.8, 28.1; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>, TOF): *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 506.3230, found 506.3222.



*Tert*-butyl (4-(6-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzyl)carbamate:<sup>4</sup> A high pressure reaction tube was treated with *tert*-butyl (4-cyanobenzyl)carbamate (2.00 mmol, 464 mg), CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20.00 mmol, 1050  $\mu$ L), nickel(II)trifluoromethanesulfonate (1.00 mmol, 356.00 mg) and hydrazine monohydrate (100.00 mmol, 6.2 mL). The tube was sealed and heated at 60 °C for 72 hours, following which sodium nitrite (40.00 mmol, 2.82 g) in H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added dropwise to the mixture. 1 M HCl was then added dropwise until the pH reached 3 and gases stopped evolving, at which point the mixture had turned bright red. The product was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 20 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude pink solid was purified by flash column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/Et<sub>2</sub>O gradient 100:0 *v:v* to 96:4 *v:v*) to give a dark pink solid (261 mg, 43%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.55 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 7.50 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.3 Hz), 4.99 (1H, br s), 4.43 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 6.1 Hz), 3.09 (3H, s), 1.48 (9H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 167.2, 163.9, 155.9, 144.0, 130.8, 128.2, 128.1, 79.8, 44.4, 28.4, 21.2. HRMS (APCI, TOF): *m/z* [M]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 301.1533, found 301.1533.



(4-(6-Methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzylamine (1):<sup>4</sup> Tert-butyl (4-(6-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzyl)carbamate (0.15 mmol, 45.00 mg) was treated with TFA/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1, v:v, 4 mL) and stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give the TFA salt of 4-(6-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzylamine as a pink solid (41.70 mg, 88% yield).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ ): 8.63 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub>=8.4 Hz), 7.72 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.4 Hz), 4.26 (2H, s), 3.06 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ ): 167.7, 163.5, 137.4, 133.0, 129.4, 128.0, 42.5, 19.7); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (377 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ ): -73.5; HRMS (APCI, TOF): *m*/*z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>5</sub> 202.1087, found 202.1096.



**NO2A'Bu-MPAA-tetrazine (3)**: Under a nitrogen atmosphere, NO2A'Bu-MPAA **(1)** (0.12 mmol, 60.00 mg) and HBTU (0.14 mmol, 53.7 mg) were dissolved in anhydrous DMF (1 mL). Triethylamine (0.12 mmol, 16.50  $\mu$ L) was added and the pale yellow suspension was stirred for 15 mins at 40 °C. (4-(6-Methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzylamine **(2)** (0.12 mmol, 23.70 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) and triethylamine (0.16 mmol, 23.50  $\mu$ L) were added, and the resulting pink solution was stirred at 40 °C for 24 hours. Completion of the reaction was monitored by TLC (90:10 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH). The resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a pink solid, which was purified by flash column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH gradient 100:0 *v:v* to 80:20 *v:v*), and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O to give a dark pink solid (50.05 mg, 60%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 8.46 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.4 Hz), 7.53 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 7.44 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.4 Hz), 7.37 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 6.36 (1H, t, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 6.1 Hz), 4.50 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 6.1 Hz), 4.40 (2H, s), 3.65 (2H, s), 3.33-3.17 (8H, m), 3.07 (3H, s), 3.07-3.00 (2H, m), 2.80-2.59 (6H, m), 1.45 (18H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,  $\delta$ ): 170.7, 170.5, 167.2, 163.9, 143,4, 137.1, 131.2, 130.7, 130.4, 129.5, 128.4, 128.1, 82.3, 65.8,z 59.4, 56.7, 51.6, 50.4, 47.4, 43.5, 43.3, 28.1, 21.2, 15.3; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>, TOF): *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 689.4139, found 689.4163.



**NODA-MPAA-tetrazine (4):** NO2A<sup>4</sup>Bu-MPAA-tetrazine **(3)** (0.017 mmol, 12.30 mg) was treated with TFA/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:1, *v*:*v*, 2 mL) and stirred for 5 h at room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by flash chromatography using an Isolera<sup>TM</sup> Spektra System (Biotage® SNAP Ultra C18 cartridge (12 g), A: H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% TFA, B: CH<sub>3</sub>CN with 0.1% TFA. Gradient: 0-100% B) The fractions were lyopholized to give the desired product as a pink solid (10.50 mg, 99%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ ): 8.50 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.4 Hz), 7.61 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 7.51 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.4 Hz), 7.46 (2H, d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>HH</sub> = 8.1 Hz), 4.51 (2H, s), 4.44 (2H, s), 3.67 (2H, s), 3.54-3.40 (2H, m), 3.27-3.11 (8H, m), 3.05 (3H, s), 2.86-2.64 (6H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ ): 172.8, 168.5, 164.7, 144.6, 138.6, 132.2, 131.8, 131.3, 130.7, 129.2, 128.7, 59.4, 55.5, 51.8, 50.4, 47.3, 43.8, 43.1, 21.4; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>, TOF): *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 577.2880, found 577.2877.

#### Phospholipid synthesis:

DSPE-PEG<sub>200</sub>-TCO was synthesised as described by Hernandez et al.:4



**DSPE-PEG**<sub>200</sub>-**TCO**: 18:0 PE-NH<sub>2</sub> (10 mg, 13.3 µmol) was dissolved in a mixture of anhydrous CHCl<sub>3</sub>:MeOH (0.56:0.44 *v:v*) and triethylamine (50 µL). A solution of TCO-PEG<sub>4</sub>-NHS (10 mg, 19.43 µL in 0.3 mL CHCl<sub>3</sub>) was added, and the solution was stirred for 5 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the product was purified by prep TLC (CHCl<sub>3</sub>: MeOH: H<sub>2</sub>O 8:2:0.2 *v:v:v*) to give an off-white solid (7.2 mg, 48%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ ): 5.64–5.52 (1H, m), 5.48–5.37 (1H, m), 5.23 (1H, m), 4.41–4.35 (1H, m), 4.30–4.23 (1H, m), 4.21–4.14 (1H, m,), 4.00 (4H, m), 3.84–3.38 (18H, m), 3.02 (2H, m), 2.52–2.41 (2H, m), 2.40-2.33 (2H, m), 2.30–2.25 (4H, m), 2.04-1.70 (12H, m), 1.64–1.55 (6H, m), 1.26 (58H, m), 0.88 (6H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.5 Hz); MALDI (matrix: CHCA); *m/z* [M + 2Na]<sup>+</sup> calc. for [C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>121</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>16</sub>PN]<sup>+</sup>: 1190.7, found: 1190.6.

#### 3 Microbubble Production

The lipid-coated, decafluorobutane-filled microbubbles (MBs) were produced using a modified formulation.<sup>4</sup> Hernandez *et al.* prepared MBs containing 1,2-dipalmitoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphocholine (DPPC), 10 mol% PE-PEG<sub>4</sub>-TCO, and 5 mol% 1,2-dipalmitoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-*N* [methoxy(polyethylene glycol)-2000] (DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>). For this reason, we prepared MBs having 75 mol% DPPC, 10 mol% DPPA, 10 mol% PE-PEG<sub>4</sub>-TCO, and 5 mol% DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>. The total lipid concentration was between 0.85-0.88 mg/mL. The mixture of lipids was first dissolved in chloroform, dried over nitrogen gas, and then dried overnight *in vacuo* to remove residual solvent. Then, propylene glycol (150 µL), phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (800 µL), and glycerol (50 µL) were added in order. This created a lipid suspension, which was stirred for 10 mins at room temperature, then left to stand for 10 mins. The vials were then sealed in a 2 mL glass vial, and the headspace purged with decafluorobutane. The microbubbles were produced *via* mechanical agitation to yield a cloudy solution.

To remove residual lipids, vesicles, and unreacted [ $^{18}$ F]AIF-NODA-tetrazine, the vial containing the microbubbles was put upside down and centrifuged at 400 *g* for 2 mins using a ROTINA 35R centrifuge. The microbubbles were collected as a concentrated cake on the top of the vial, and the infranatant was discarded. The microbubble cake was re-dispersed in 1 mL of PBS:glycerol 80:20 *v:v* and stored in the same vial with PFB headspace for further use.

Microbubble characterisation: Microbubble sizing and concentration were obtained using a bright-field microscope (Nikon Eclipse 50i, 40x objective) according to a protocol in our group.<sup>5</sup> Zeta potentials were recorded using a 1:100 diluted sample in PBS using a Malvern Nano ZetaSizer.

	TCO-modified
Concentration (MB/mL)	4.32 x 10 <sup>8</sup>
Mean diameter (µm)	1.98 ± 1.55
Range (µm)	0.50 – 9.97
Zeta potential (mV)	+8

### 4 Radiochemistry

Prior to usage, <sup>18</sup>F<sup>-</sup> was trapped on a Sep-PAK Accell Plus QMA light cartridge (Cl<sup>-</sup> form, Waters) and eluted with 0.9% *w:v* NaCl solution.

## Radiosynthesis of [18F]AIF-Tz

A mixture of NODA-MPAA-Tetrazine **(4)** in MeCN (12.5  $\mu$ L, 100 nmol), 2 mM AlCl<sub>3</sub> in 0.5 M sodium acetate at pH 4.2 (50  $\mu$ L, 100 nmol), purified [<sup>18</sup>F]fluoride (100-250 MBq, 150  $\mu$ L) and MeCN (200  $\mu$ L) was incubated at 100 °C for 20 min. Upon completion, the reaction was then diluted in 0.1% TFA water (20 mL), trapped on an Oasis® HLB (30 mg) Light cartridge, washed with 0.1% TFA water (5 mL), and eluted with ethanol (300  $\mu$ L). Analytical RP-HPLC (0.1% TFA H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN 95:5 *v/v* to 5:95 *v/v* gradient, phenomenex, Gemini 5u C18 110 A column, 1 mL/min flow rate):  $R_t$  [<sup>18</sup>F]AlF-Tz = 8 min 48 sec.

Entry	Organic co-solvent	Reaction Time (min)	Radiochemical Yield
			(%) <sup>a</sup>
1	EtOH	15	75
2	MeOH	15	73
3	MeCN	15	90
4	DMSO	15	88
5	DMF	15	88
6	MeCN	10	80
7	MeCN	15	93
8	MeCN	20	>95
9	MeCN	25	>95

 Table S1: Optimisation of radiolabelling conditions for NODA-MPAA-tetrazine. <sup>a</sup>Calculated based on radio-HPLC

Entry	Aq:Org ratio	Time (min)	RCY(%)
1	3:2	15	81
2	1:1	15	82
3	2:3	15	87
4	2:3	20	>95

Table S2: Optimisation of ratio of aqueous to organic solvent.



**Table S3:** Investigation of radiolabelling efficiency with respect to precursor amount. <sup>a</sup> calculated based on radio-HPLC.

# **Tetrazine-TCO reaction**

To purified [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz in ethanol (300 µL), DSPE-PEG<sub>200</sub>-TCO (100 nmol) in ethanol (10 µL) was added. The reaction was incubated at 60 °C unsealed, allowing ethanol to evaporate. Completion of the reaction was monitored by radio-TLC (2 M NH<sub>4</sub>OAc:MeOH 1:1 v/v – lipid remains at baseline, [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz moves with solvent front). Radio-HPLC (0.1% SDS in 200 mM NH<sub>4</sub>OAc:MeOH 50:50 v/v to 5:95 v/v gradient, phenomenex Aeris<sup>TM</sup> 3.6 µm WIDEPORE C4 200 Å 250 x 4.6 mm column, 1 mL/min flow rate).

# Automation:

A standard FASTIab synthesis manifold was used with silicone tubing. Purification cartridges were conditioned with EtOH (5 mL), water (10 mL) and dried with air (10 mL) prior to use.



Cassette position	
1	<sup>18</sup> O water recovery vial
2	Eluent vial (1000 µL 0.9% saline)
3	1 mL syringe
4/5	QMA cartridge
6	Activity inlet
7/8	Reaction vessel
9	Dilution vial: water (25 mL)
10	HPLC loop
11	5 mL syringe
12	Empty
13	Empty
14	5 mL ethanol
15-16	Empty
17/18	Oasis® HLB (30 mg) Light cartridge
19-23	Empty
24	5 mL syringe
25	Reaction vessel (vac line)

Table S4: FASTlab<sup>™</sup> cassette setup

### Automated radiosynthesis:

No-carrier-added aqueous [<sup>18</sup>F]fluoride in enriched <sup>18</sup>O water is then delivered to the FASTlab<sup>TM</sup> radiosynthesis module and trapped onto a Waters Accell<sup>TM</sup> Plus QMA cartridge (Cl<sup>-</sup> form, WAT023525) using the syringe at position 1. The [<sup>18</sup>F]fluoride was eluted in 0.9% saline (pH 5, 1 mL) into the reaction vessel pre-loaded with ligand (25  $\mu$ L, 8 mM in MeCN), AlCl<sub>3</sub> (100  $\mu$ L, 2 mM in pH 4.2 NaOAc buffer), and MeCN (1 mL) at position 7/8. The reaction vessel was then heated at 100 °C for 20 mins, where nitrogen is bubbled through the reaction solution. After which, the reaction solution was diluted in 0.1% TFA H<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) at position 9, then passed through an Oasis® HLB (30 mg) Light cartridge. The product was eluted with ethanol (0.5 mL), giving 450-550 MBq of activity in 60-66% RCY.

Precursor	Starting activity	Isolated Non-decay		ng activity Isolated Non-decay Decay-corr		Decay-corrected
amount (nmol)	(MBq)	Activity (MBq)	corrected RCY (%)	RCY (%)		
200	1100	500	45	60		
	990	470	47	63		
	1100	550	50	66		

### [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-microbubbles (2-step production)

[<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz in ethanol (300 µL) was added to a vial containing PE-PEG<sub>4</sub>-TCO (0.13 mg, 0.11 µmol). The reaction vial was heated at 60 °C for 20 mins. After that, the volume of the reaction was reduced to approximately 100 µL, and this was added to a solution containing the rest of the lipids (DPPC 0.553 mg, DPPA 0.053 mg, DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub> 0.1222 mg) dissolved in 1 mL of a solution of propylene glycol, glycerol, and phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (15:5:80 v/v/v). The vial was sealed and purged with perfluorobutane, and the microbubbles were produced by mechanical agitation (5000 rpm for 30 s, two cycles). The microbubble suspension was then centrifuged for purification.



Figure S1: Two-step approach for development of <sup>18</sup>F-microbubbles

### [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-microbubbles (kit-based production)

[<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz in ethanol/reaction solution (80  $\mu$ L) was added to a vial containing PE-PEG<sub>4</sub>-TCO (0.13 mg, 0.11  $\mu$ mol) and the rest of the lipids (DPPC - 0.553 mg, DPPA - 0.053 mg, DSPE-PEG<sub>2000</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub> - 0.1222 mg) dissolved in 1 mL of a solution of propylene glycol, glycerol, and phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (15:5:80 *v:v:v*). The vial was sealed and purged with perfluorobutane, and the microbubbles were produced by mechanical agitation (5000 rpm for 30 s, two cycles). The microbubble suspension was left to stand for 5 mins, and then centrifuged for purification.



Figure S2: Kit-based approach for development of <sup>18</sup>F-microbubbles

### 5 Radio-HPLC and radio-TLC chromatograms

## [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz

Conditions: 0.1% TFA H<sub>2</sub>O:MeCN 95:5 v/v to 5:95 v/v gradient, phenomenex, Gemini 5u C18 110 A column, 1 mL/min flow rate



**Figure S3:** Top: HPLC chromatogram of NODA-MPAA-tetrazine. Bottom: radio-HPLC chromatogram of [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-tetrazine

Conditions: 0.1% SDS in 200 mM NH₄OAc:MeOH 50:50 v/v to 5:95 v/v gradient, phenomenex, Aeris<sup>™</sup> 3.6 µm WIDEPORE C4 200 Å 250 x 4.6 mm column, 1 mL/min flow rate



# Stability

Time	Decomposition	Radio	Radio-HPLC chromatogram		
1 h	7%	Counts			
		25000.0	8:49 mm:ss. 92.98%		
		20000.0 -			
		15000.0			
		10000.0	8:24 mm:ss		
		5000.0	7.02%		
		0.0 - 0:0	00 10:00 20:	0 mm:ss	
2 h	9%	Counts			
211	070	16000.0 -	9:04 mm:ss 89.72%		
		14000.0 -			
		12000.0 -			
		10000.0 -			
		8000.0 -			
		6000.0 -	8:40 mm:ss		
		4000.0 -	9.52% 5:36 mm:ss 0.76%		
		2000.0 -			
		0.0 -			
		0:0	10:00 20:00	) mm:ss	
3 h	11%	Counts 12000.0	8:48 mm:ss 88.27%		
		10000.0 -	1		
		8000.0 -			
		6000.0 -			
		4000.0 -			
		2000.0 -			
		0.0 -		-	
		0:	00 10:00 20:	0 mm:ss	
4 h	13%	Counts	8:49 mm:ss		
		5000.0	86.79%		
		4000.0			
		3000.0	8-24 mm es		
		2000.0	5:53 mm:ss		
		1000.0			
		0.0		0 mm:ss	

**Table S5:** HPLC chromatograms showing decomposition of [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz, where a secondary peak is observed to form with a slightly shorter retention time compared to the main product peak

[<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz-TCO reaction to form [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-lipid



**Figure S4**: Top: radio-HPLC chromatogram of [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-Tz reaction with TCO. Bottom: Radio-TLC chromatogram of the same reaction.

# [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-microbubbles



Picture of microbubble suspension before and after purification, where microbubbles are collected as a concentrated layer of foam at the top of the vial following centrifugation.



**Figure S5:** Top: radio-HPLC chromatogram of [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-microbubbles infranatant after centrifugation. Bottom: Radio-TLC chromatogram of infranatant. Both show decreased amount of [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-lipid after incorporation into microbubbles



**Figure S6:** Radio-HPLC chromatogram of [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-microbubbles dissolved in MeOH after purification, only showing [<sup>18</sup>F]AIF-lipid.

### 6 NMR Spectra





<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of *tert*-butyl (4-(6-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzyl)carbamate in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of (4-(6-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzylamine (1) in d<sub>3</sub>-MeOD



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of NO2A<sup>t</sup>Bu-MPAA-tetrazine (3) in CDCI<sub>3</sub>



<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of NODA-MPAA-tetrazine (4) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of DSPE-PEG<sub>200</sub>-TCO in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

#### 7 Mass Spectra



Mass spectrum of tBu-NODA-MPAA (2) [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 506.3230, found 506.3222



Mass spectrum of *Tert*-butyl (4-(6-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzyl)carbamate m/z [M]<sup>+</sup> calc. for <u>C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 301.1533, found 301.1533.</u>



<u>Mass spectrum of (4-(6-methyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzylamine (1) *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calc. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>5</sub> 202.1087, found 202.1096.</u>



689.4163



<u>Mass spectrum of DSPE-PEG<sub>200</sub>-TCO *m*/*z* [M + 2Na]<sup>+</sup> calc. for [C<sub>62</sub>H<sub>121</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>16</sub>PN]<sup>+</sup>: 1190.7, found: <u>1190.6.</u></u>

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