Supplementary Information

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Cyclam with a phosphinate-bis(phosphonate) pendant arm is a bone targeting carrier of copper radionuclides

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Figure S1. Distribution diagram of H₅te1P^{BP}; I = 0.1 M (NMe₄)Cl, 25 °C.



Figure S2. Chemical shift of the H₅te1P^{BP} phosphinate ³¹P NMR signal in the strongly alkaline region; the line represents the best fit, giving constant $\log\beta_2$ shown in Table S1 ($c_L = 4$ mM).



Scheme S1. The equilibrium showing two protonated forms of H_5 te1P^{BP} found as a disorder in the solid-state. Hydrogen bonds are shown in red.

Complex/ligand	$\log K_1$	$\log K_2$	$\log K_3$	$\log K_4$		0
Cu ^{II} -te1P ^{BP a}	12.69	7.44	3.46	_		
Yb ^{III} -dotam ^{BP b,c}	>13	9	4.9	1.8	H ₇ dotam ^{BP}	H ₄ aca
Yb ^{III} -do3aP ^{BP b,d}	11.2	7.0	g	g		
H4mdp ^e	10.6	7.05	2.77	1.6		$<^{PO_3H_2}_{PO_3H_2}$
H ₄ aca ^{<i>f</i>}	10.7	7.5	5.8	1.4	H ₈ do3aP ^{BP}	H₄mdp

Table S1. Comparison of protonation constants of the bis(phosphonate) group

^{*a*}This work. ^{*b*}Determined by ³¹P NMR. ^{*c*}Ref. 1. ^{*d*}Ref. 2. ^{*e*}Ref. 3. ^{*f*}Ref.⁴ ^{*g*}Not determined due to signal broadening.

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Equilibrium ^b	Cu ^{II}	Zn ^{II}	Ca ^{II}	Mg ^{II}
${M[Cu(L)]} + H \rightarrow {M[Cu(HL)]}$	6.05	2×5.20^{a}	9.51	8.97
$\{M[Cu(HL)]\} + H \rightarrow \{M[Cu(H_2L)]\}$	4.03	2 × 3.30	6.22	6.06
$\{M(OH)[Cu(L)]\} + H \rightarrow \{M[Cu(L)]\}$	2×10.77^{a}	9.92	—	—
$\{M(OH)_2[Cu(L)]\} + H \rightarrow \{M(OH)[Cu(L)]\}$	2 × 10.77	12.07	_	_
$\{M_2(OH)[Cu(L)]\} + H \rightarrow \{M_2[Cu(L)]\}$	5.36	7.08		10.62
$\{M_2(OH)_2[Cu(L)]\} + H \rightarrow \{M_2(OH)[Cu(L)]\}$	9.12	9.81	_	12.44
$\{M_2(OH)_3[Cu(L)]\} + H \rightarrow \{M_2(OH)_2[Cu(L)]\}$	11.43	10.12	_	_
${M[Cu(L)]_2} + H \rightarrow {M[Cu(L)][Cu(HL)]}$	0 0 . 1 <i>C</i> ^d	2×8.99^{a}	12.6	—
$\{M[Cu(L)][Cu(HL)]\} + H \rightarrow \{M[Cu(HL)]_2\}$	2 × 0.40		8.61	—

Table S2. Protonation constants $\log K_h$ of the ternary complexes of H₅te1P^{BP} in which the Cu^{II} ion is bound in the macrocyclic cavity (I = 0.1 M NMe₄Cl, 25 °C)

^aProtonation over two steps. ^bCharges are omitted.



Figure S3. UV-VIS spectra of Cu^{II}-H₅te1P^{BP} system ($c_L = c_{Cu} = 4 \text{ mM}$) in the strongly acidic region (**A**) and UV-VIS absorbance at 580 nm as function of pH (**B**, the line represents the best fit, giving the constants outline in Table S2).



Scheme S2. Schematic representation of two six-membered chelate ring formed by bridging methylene-bis(phosphonate) group. It is common motif in complexes of geminal bis(phosphonate) ligands with the [ML₂] stoichiometry.

Figure S4. Distribution diagrams of M^{II} -H₅te1P^{BP} binary systems ($c_M = c_L = 4 \text{ mM}$); I = 0.1 M (NMe₄)Cl, 25 °C





Figure S5. Distribution diagrams of M^{II} -{ Cu^{II} -te1 P^{BP} } ternary systems ($c_{CuL} = 4 \text{ mM}$, $c_M = 2 \text{ mM}$ or 4 mM or 8 mM); I = 0.1 M (NMe₄)Cl, 25 °C



























Figure S6. Spectra of the Cu^{II}-H₅te1P^{BP} system during complexation (pH = 3.54, I = 0.1 M KCl, 25 °C) and absorbance at 273 nm as function of time at a ligand excess (**A**, $c_L = 0.25$ mM, $c_M = 0.05$ mM) and at a Cu^{II} ion excess (**B**, $c_L = 0.05$ mM, $c_M = 0.25$ mM); the lines represent the best fit according to Equation 4.



Figure S7. Observed formation rate constants (I = 0.1 M KCl, 25 °C) as a function of ligand (left, $c_{\rm M} = 0.05$ mM) or Cu^{II} (right, $c_{\rm L} = 0.05$ mM) concentrations; the lines represent the best fits using Equations 1, 2, S1 and S2 and the parameters outlined in Table S3.

Equations describing Cu^{II} complex formation

Macrocyclic complexes with coordinating pendant arms are formed in two steps. An *out-of-cage* complex (indicated in the formulas below with superscript "oc") is immediately formed in the first equilibrium step. In the complex, donor atoms of the pendant arms are coordinated to the metal ion, two macrocyclic amines are protonated, and the protons block access to the macrocyclic cavity. In the next (rate-determining) step, nitrogen atoms of the macrocycle are deprotonated, and the metal ion is simultaneously transferred to the macrocyclic cavity, thus forming the *in-cage* complex (indicated in the formulas below with superscript "ic").

Because bis(phosphonate) is a strongly complexing pendant group, H_4 te1P^{BP} forms different types of *out-of-cage* complexes under ligand vs. metal ion excesses. Cu^{II} complexes with bis(phosphonates) are quantitatively formed at pH > 3 even at equimolar amounts at milimolar concentrations. Hence, the 1:1 *out-of-cage* complex [M(L)]^{oc} is quantitatively formed over the entire pH range. In addition, bis(phosphonates) form dinuclear complexes [M₂(L)]^{oc} and complexes with two coordinated ligands [M(L)₂]^{oc} under a metal and ligand excess, respectively (Scheme 1).

The rate of the overall complexation reaction forming the *in-cage* complex can be expressed as a sum of contributions of all expected *out-of-cage* intermediates to the overall transformation into the *in-cage* complex. Then the reaction rate under the metal excess and the ligand excess are shown in Equations 1 and 2, respectively (different protonation states of the ligand in the *out-of-cage* complexes are not shown),

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}[\mathrm{ML}]^{\alpha}}{\mathrm{d}t} = {}^{\mathrm{f}}k_{obs} \cdot [\mathrm{L}]_{\mathrm{tot}} = {}^{\mathrm{f}}k_{\mathrm{ML}} \cdot [\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{L})]^{\mathrm{oc}} + {}^{\mathrm{f}}k_{\mathrm{M2L}} \cdot [\mathrm{M}_{2}(\mathrm{L})]^{\mathrm{oc}}$$
(1)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}[\mathrm{ML}]^{\mathrm{ic}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = {}^{\mathrm{f}}k_{obs} \cdot [\mathrm{M}]_{\mathrm{tot}} = {}^{\mathrm{f}}k_{\mathrm{ML}} \cdot [\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{L})]^{\mathrm{oc}} + {}^{\mathrm{f}}k_{\mathrm{ML2}} \cdot [\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{L})_{2}]^{\mathrm{oc}}$$
(2)

where ${}^{f}k_{obs}$ is the observed reaction rate, [L]_{tot} and [M]_{tot} are overall concentrations of the ligand and metal ion, respectively, and ${}^{f}k_{ML2}$ and ${}^{f}k_{M2L}$ are formation rate constants for the transformation of the corresponding *out-of-cage* complexes into the *in-cage* complex. Quantitative formation of [M(L)]^{oc} species is presumed to occur even at a 1:1 metal-to-ligand ratio, and the equilibrium concentrations of [M(L)₂]^{oc} and [M₂(L)]^{oc} species are expressed by Equations S1 and S2, respectively,

$$[\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{L})_2]^{\mathrm{oc}} = K_{\mathrm{ML2}} \cdot [\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{L})]^{\mathrm{oc}} \cdot [\mathbf{L}]$$
(S1)

$$[\mathbf{M}_{2}(\mathbf{L})]^{\circ\circ} = K_{M2L} \cdot [\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{L})]^{\circ\circ} \cdot [\mathbf{M}]$$
(S2)

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where K_{ML2} and K_{M2L} are the conditional stability constants of the *out-of-cage* intermediates (Scheme 1) and [L] and [M] are equilibrium concentrations of the free ligand and metal ion, respectively. Finally, the data were treated to Equations 1, 2, S1 and S2 combined with metal and ligand mass balance equations (Equations S3 and S4) to meet the minimization criterion for the overall fit. For the experiments performed under a ligand excess, only $[M(L)]^{oc}$ and $[M(L)_2]^{oc}$ species were considered, calculating the constants ${}^{f}k_{ML}$, ${}^{f}k_{ML2}$ and K_{ML2} . For the experiments performed under a metal ion excess, only $[M(L)]^{oc}$ and $[M(L)]^{oc}$ and $[M_2(L)]^{oc}$ species were considered, calculating the constants ${}^{f}k_{ML}$, ${}^{f}k_{ML2}$ and K_{M2L} . The constant ${}^{f}k_{ML}$ was determined from both experiments. Thus, two data sets are presented in Figure S4A, which match and therefore support our model.

$$[M]_{tot} = [M] + [M(L)]^{oc} + 2 \times [M_2(L)]^{oc} + [M(L)_2]^{oc}$$
(S3)

$$[L]_{tot} = [L] + [M(L)]^{oc} + [M_2(L)]^{oc} + 2 \times [M(L)_2]^{oc}$$
(S4)

	pН	${}^{\rm f}k_{\rm ML} [{\rm s}^{-1}]$	${}^{\rm f}k_{\rm M2L} [{ m s}^{-1}]$	$K_{\rm M2L} [{ m M}^{-1}]$	$\log\{K_{\rm M2L}/{\rm M}^{-1}\}$
	3.54	$(1.8\pm1.3)\times10^{-2}$	$(9\pm 2) \times 10^{-2}$	$(3.3\pm1.3)\times10^2$	2.51 ± 0.17
Matal	3.95	$(7\pm 2) \times 10^{-2}$	3.8±0.3	$(2.7\pm0.4)\times10^2$	2.43 ± 0.06
Metal	4.47	$(7\pm3)\times10^{-2}$	23±2	$(1.7\pm0.2)\times10^2$	2.23 ± 0.05
excess	5.01	$(2\pm3)\times10^{-1}$	45±7	$(2.8\pm0.7)\times10^2$	2.45 ± 0.11
	5.48	$(4\pm 2) \times 10^{-1}$	88±15	$(3.5\pm1.1)\times10^2$	2.54 ± 0.14
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	pН	$k_{\rm ML} [\rm s^{-1}]$	$^{1}k_{\rm ML2} [{\rm s}^{-1}]$	$K_{\rm ML2} [{ m M}^{-1}]$	$\log\{K_{\rm ML2}/{\rm M}^{-1}\}$
	3.54	$(1.7\pm0.9)\times10^{-2}$	$(2.6\pm0.3)\times10^{-1}$	$(1.0\pm0.3)\times10^3$	3.00 ± 0.13
Ligand	3.95	$(5.0\pm1.0)\times10^{-2}$	$(3.1\pm0.2)\times10^{-1}$	$(2.7\pm0.8)\times10^3$	3.43 ± 0.13
Liganu	4.47	$(1.2\pm0.7)\times10^{-1}$	0.9±0.2	$(1.2\pm0.8)\times10^{3}$	3.08 ± 0.29
excess	5.01	$(1.3\pm0.3)\times10^{-1}$	1.2±0.1	$(4.1\pm0.9)\times10^3$	3.61 ± 0.10
	5.48	(5.2±10)×10 ⁻¹	2.0±0.3	(2.9±1.6)×10 ³	3.47 ± 0.24

Table S3. Formation rate constants and stability constants of *out-of-cage* complexes in the Cu^{II}-H₅te1P^{BP} system (I = 0.1 M KCl, 25 °C)

Table S4. Comparison of calculated 99% complexation times ($c_L = 0.05 \text{ mM}$, $c_{Cu} = 0.5 \text{ mM}$, 25 °C) of H₅te1P^{BP} and related ligands

Ligand	Ref.	pH 4	pH 5	pH 6
H ₅ te1P ^{BP}	this work	10 s	1 s	0.1 s ^{<i>a</i>}
H ₄ te2P	5	64 s	3 s	0.2 s
$H_2 te 1 P^{PIN}$	6	16 s	2 s	0.2 s
H ₄ cb-te2P	7	3.6 h	3.4 min	3 s
H ₄ cb-te2P ^{PIN}	7	14 s	3 s	1 s

^aExtrapolated.

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Figure S8. Rate constants ${}^{f}k_{ML}$ (**A**), ${}^{f}k_{M2L}$ (**B**) and ${}^{f}k_{ML2}$ (**C**) as function of pH (I = 0.1 M KCl, 25 °C); empty circles in **A** show values determined from experiments performed under a metal ion excess, and empty triangles in **A** show values determined from experiments performed under a ligand excess. Data points shown in **B** and **C** were calculated from experiments performed under a ligand and metal excess, respectively.



Figure S9. Absorbance at 580 nm as function of time during Cu^{II} -te1P^{BP} complex dissociation (c = 0.1 mM) in 1 M HClO₄ at 50 °C (I = 5 M (H/Na)ClO₄); the line represents the best fit according to Equation 4.

Table S5. Kinetic parameters of the acid-assisted decomplexation of Cu^{II}-te1P^{BP} complex.

Parameter	40 °C	50 °C	60 °C	70 °C
^{d}k [s ⁻¹]	$(1.0 \pm 0.1) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$(2.6 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$(5.9 \pm 0.6) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$(1.4 \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-2}$
$K_{\rm H} [{ m M}^{-1}]$	0.4 ± 0.1	0.39 ± 0.09	0.37 ± 0.08	0.28 ± 0.7
$^{d}k_{\rm H} [{ m M}^{-1} { m s}^{-1}]$	$0.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.01 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.18 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.92 \cdot 10^{-3}$

Table S6. Activation parameters of acid-assisted dissociation and dissociation half-lives of pentacoordinated isomers of the Cu^{II}-te1p^{BP} complex and related complexes.

Parameter	Cu ^{II} -te1P ^{BP}	Cu ^{II} -te1P ^{PON}	Cu ^{II} -te2P
	This work	Ref. 30	Ref. 37
$E_{\rm A} [\rm kJ \; mol^{-1}]^{[a]}$	79.1 ± 0.1	81	72; 85 ^[d]
$\Delta H^{\#} [\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}]^{[\mathrm{b}]}$	76.3 ± 0.8	78	70; 82 ^[d]
$\Delta S^{\#} [\mathrm{J} \mathrm{K}^{-1} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}]^{[\mathrm{b}]}$	-59 ± 3	-61	-71; -52 ^[d]
$\Delta H [\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}]^{[\mathrm{c}]}$	-9 ± 3	-13.6	-8.3
$\Delta S [\mathrm{J} \mathrm{K}^{-1} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}]^{[\mathrm{c}]}$	-36 ± 12	-36	-23
<i>t</i> _{1/2} (1 M HClO ₄ , 70 °C)	3.5 min	2.9 min	0.6 min
<i>t</i> _{1/2} (1 M HClO ₄ , 25 °C)	2.7 h	3.3 h	0.3 h

^[a]Arrhenius model: $\ln({}^{d}k) = -(E_A/RT) + \ln A$. ^[b]Eyring model: $\ln({}^{d}k/T) = -(\Delta H^{\#}/RT) + \Delta S^{\#}/R) + \ln(k_B/h)$. ^[c] $\ln K = -(\Delta H/RT) + \Delta S/R$). ^[d]Data for two dissociation pathways.

Ligand	Conditions	Temp.	$t_{1/2}$	Ref.
Hste1P ^{BP}	1M HClO ₄	25 °C	2.7 h	this work
cyclam	1M HNO ₃	25 °C	21 min	8
tmc	1M HClO ₄	25 °C	22 s	9
H4teta	5 M HCl	30 °C	3.5 d	10
H ₄ te2P	1 M HClO ₄	25 °C	20 min	11
H ₃ te1P ^{PON}	1 M HClO ₄	25 °C	3 h	12
Hte1pa	1 M HCl	25 °C	32 min	13
H ₂ te1pyp	1 M HCl	25 °C	35 min	14
HMe ₃ te1a	1 M HClO ₄	25 °C	11 min	9
H ₂ Me ₃ te1P	1 M HClO ₄	25 °C	15 min	9
H ₂ Me ₃ te1P ^{PIN}	1 M HClO ₄	25 °C	7 min	9
H ₂ cb-te2a	5 M HCl	90 °C	154 h	10
H ₄ cb-te2P	1 M HClO ₄	90 °C	120 h	15
Hcb-te1pa	5 M HCl	25 °C	8 h	13
H ₂ cb-te1pyp	1 M HCl	25 °C	912 min	14
H ₃ pcb-te1a1P	12M HCl	90 °C	>> 8 d	16

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Chart S1. Structures of ligands listed in Table S7.



Figure S10. NMR spectra of H_5 te1P^{BP} (pH > 12). NMR spectra were measured at high pH as only the deprotonated ligand forms show narrow signals.

Parameter	H ₅ te1P·6H ₂ O
Formula	$C_{13}H_{45}N_4O_{14}P_3$
$M_{ m r}$	574.44
Habit	bar
Color	colorless
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	Pbca
<i>a</i> , Å	13.2069(4)
b, Å	16.4828(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	22.8799(8)
α, °	90
β, °	90
γ, °	90
$U, Å^3$	4980.6(3)
Ζ	8
D_{calc} , g cm ⁻³	1.532
μ , mm ⁻¹	2.857
Unique refl.	4397
Obsd. refl. (<i>I</i> >2 <i>s</i> (<i>I</i>))	3772
R(I>2s(I))	0.0533
<i>R</i> '(all)	0.0619
wR(I>2s(I))	0.1403
wR'(all)	0.1463
CCDC number	2086453

Table S8. Experimental crystallographic data for the crystal structure of H_5 te1P^{BP}·6H₂O