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## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

# A potent candidate against Zika virus infection: Synthesis, bioactivity, radiolabeling and biodistribution studies

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Entry No.	Peak Purity (%)	<b>Retention Time (min.)</b>
1.	98.1	14.76
2.	98.0	15.08
3.	98.3	14.70
4.	98.4	14.75
5.	98.3	14.95
Average	98.2	14.84



Figure S18. HPLC purity analysis of compound VII.



**Figure S19.** HPLC analysis for compound **VI** using four different non-polar solvent systems (n-hexane:EtoH:DEA (50:50:0.1), n-hexane:IPA:DEA (50:50:0.1), n-hexane:EtOH:MeOH:DEA (50:25:25:0.1), and EtOH:DEA (100:0.1)) at flow rate of 1.0 mL/min for a run time of 15 min with six chiral columns which are: (A) Amylose-C-Neo; (B) Amylose-SA; (C) Cellulose-SB; (D) Cellulose-SC; (E) Cellulose-SJ; and (F) Cellulose-SZ.



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Entry	Protein	Docking Score in	XP Gscore in	MMGBSA (ΔG)
No.		Kcal/mol	Kcal/mol	in Kcal/mol
1.	Helicase	-2.381	-3.065	-38.15
2.	Protease	-6.039	-6.857	-44.53
3.	Methyltransferase	-4.027	-4.711	-49.67

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**Figure S22.** Schematic representation of 2D interaction maps against protease enzyme of ZIKV infection. A) compound **VI** (identified potent analog). Root mean square deviations (RMSD) difference between the proteins of ZIKV infections and bound ligand **VI** during 100 ns MD simulation. B) compound **VI**-protease complex; C) compound **VI**-helicase complex; and D) compound **VI**-methyltransferase complex. The graph was obtained for the RMSD value of ligand (brown line) from the protein backbone (blue line). The compound **VI**-protease complex quickly stabilized to a very low energy state (within 25 ns) and was highly stable throughout the simulation.

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	1h		2h		4h		24h	
Organ	%ID/g	Std. Dev.						
Blood	0.015766	0.001183	0.041195	0.018306	0.03415	0.015344	0.002116	0.000827
Heart	0.048525	0.024040	0.042936	0.024344	0.036391	0.027395	0.006355	0.002483
Lungs	0.070367	0.074480	0.048432	0.034486	0.100061	0.063476	0.012828	0.005013
Liver	1.239575	0.025000	0.756882	0.019798	0.396096	0.172023	0.131663	0.051451
Spleen	0.045015	0.001877	0.048843	0.023902	0.045241	0.042199	0.061509	0.024037
Kidney	1.326025	0.014000	0.783219	0.018000	0.735649	0.023000	0.203914	0.079686
Stomach	0.026136	0.013340	0.028316	0.019614	0.024178	0.024476	0.005165	0.006521
Brain	0.094422	0.086989	0.141614	0.128695	0.128198	0.150255	0.011689	0.014757
Muscle	0.039236	0.001966	0.047576	0.029294	0.03047	0.025978	0.040164	0.015696
Intestine	0.29434	0.063365	0.243789	0.010000	0.152077	0.015855	0.010414	0.004069
Bone	0.003382	0.002073	0.025825	0.004256	0.004165	0.001438	0.006311	0.002466
Lung/Blood	4.4644	-	1.1756	-	2.9300	-	6.0723	-
Lungs/Muscle	1.7937	-	1.0198	-	3.283	-	3.1942	-
Brain/Blood	6.012	-	3.44	-	3.76	-	5.844	-



**Figure S23.** High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) spectra of Rhodamine b (Rho) conjugated compound (VI) indicated the formation of complex with characteristics mass peak at 832.42670 (expected peak: 832.4408).



**Figure S24.** Saturation curve obtained from radioligand binding affinity experiment of the hippocampus of rat brain. Non-specific binding was determined with a 100-fold concentration of Rho-VI complex, where  $K_d$  of 7.54 nM was obtained for the 5-HT1A receptor.

# Preparation of VI-rhenium (Re) adduct.

Reports are available stating the similar coordination chemistry of Re and <sup>99m</sup>Tc.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, Re as an analogue of Tc could be used as a useful tool to direct studies toward radioactive <sup>99m</sup>Tc adduct. We have adopted the same methodology to establish the structure of radiolabeled **VI** using Re(III)chloride, [Re(III)Cl<sub>3</sub>]. The surrogate Re adduct of <sup>99m</sup>Tc-**VI** was prepared. Equimolar concentrations of Re(III) chloride (4.6 mg; 16.05 µmol) and 5 mg (16.05 µmol) of the unlabeled compound **VI** were dissolved in 0.5 M sodium hydroxide (1 mL). The reaction mixture was then heated at 90 °C for 1 hour under basic conditions (~14 pH). We observed a clear change from blackish-brown to the transparent solution. The crude reaction mixture of Re–**VI** adduct was characterized from High Resolution Mass Spectroscopy (HRMS) as shown in Figure S25. In the HRMS, the calculated and observed mass values indicated the formation of the plausible 1:1 adduct of Re–**VI** (Table S4).



Figure S25. HRMS spectra of Re-VI adduct.

Table S4. The calculated and observed mass from HRMS spectra of plausible Re-VI adduct.



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