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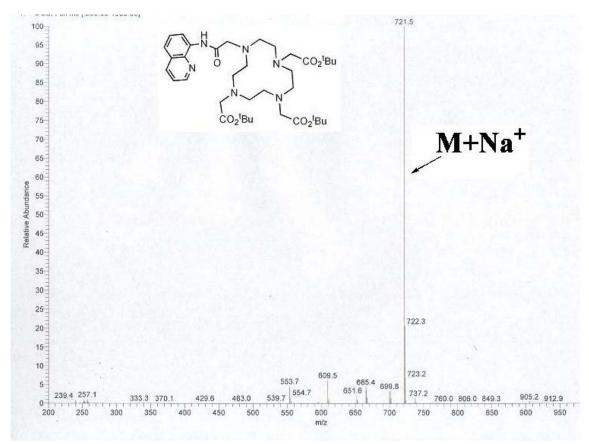
## A gadolinium(III) complex with 8-amidequinoline based ligand as copper(II) ion responsive contrast agent

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**Fig. S1**. ESI-MS of 1-(N-quinolin-8-yl-acetamide)-4,7,10-tris(acetic acid)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclodo-decane (3).

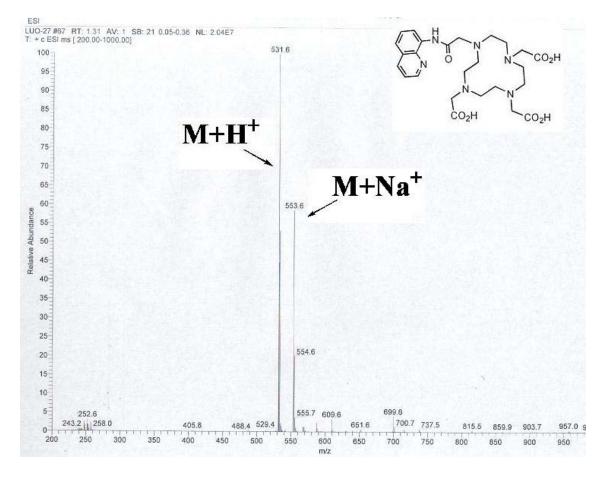


Fig. S2. ESI-MS of ligand H<sub>3</sub>QDOTAMA.

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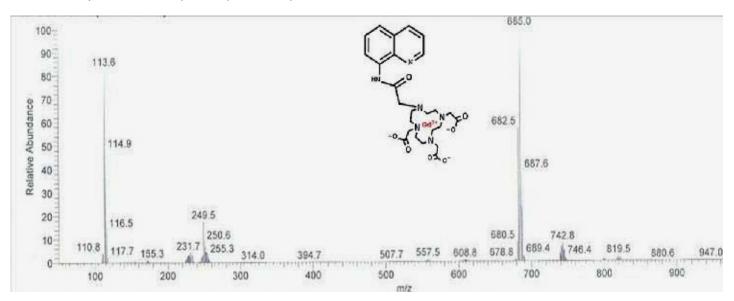
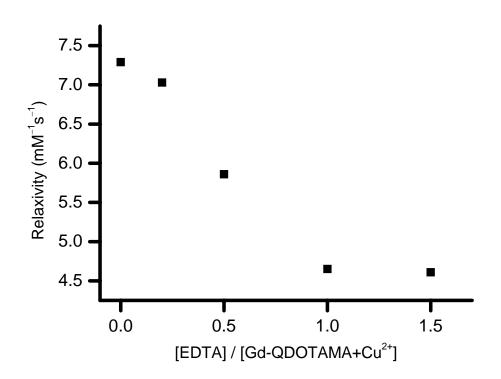
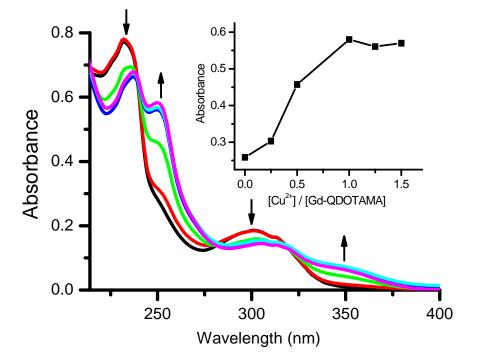


Fig. S3. ESI-MS of Gd-QDOTAMA.

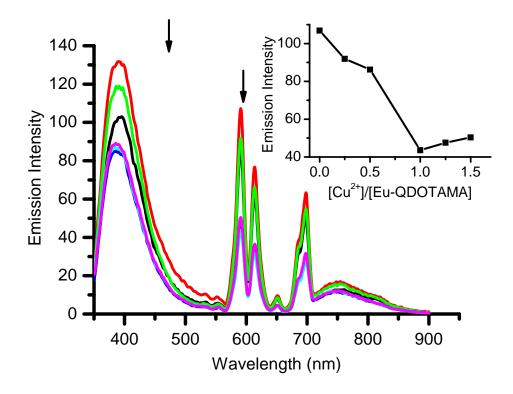


**Fig. S4.** Relaxivity changes of Gd-QDOTAMA+Cu<sup>2+</sup> by addition of 0–1.5 equiv. of EDTA in 100 mM hepes buffer at pH 7.2.  $T_1$  measurements were acquired at 400 MHz and 25 °C.

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**Fig. S5**. UV-vis spectral changes for complex Gd-QDOTAMA (0.4 mM) upon titration with CuCl<sub>2</sub> (0– 1.5 equiv) in H<sub>2</sub>O. Inset: dependence of the absorbance at  $\lambda = 250$  nm on the concentration ratio [Cu2+]/[Gd-QDOTAMA], showing a 1:1 binding ratio between Gd-QDOTAMA and Cu<sup>2+</sup>.



**Fig. S6.** Emission spectral changes ( $\lambda_{ex} = 300 \text{ nm}$ ) for Eu-QDOTAMA (0.4 mM) upon titration with CuCl<sub>2</sub> (0–1.5 equiv) in H<sub>2</sub>O. Inset: dependence of Eu<sup>III</sup>-based emission intensity at  $\lambda_{em} = 591 \text{ nm}$  on the concentration ratio [Cu<sup>2+</sup>]/[Eu-QDOTAMA], showing a 1:1 binding ratio between Eu-QDOTAMA and Cu<sup>2+</sup>.