**Electronic supplementary information** 

Improved Modular Synthesis of  $H_4 octapa$  and  $H_2 dedpa,$  and Yttrium Coordination

Chemistry Towards <sup>86/90</sup>Y Radiopharmaceuticals.

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**Supplementary Figure S1**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *tert*-Butyl 6-(methyl)picolinate (1).



**Supplementary Figure S2**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *tert*-Butyl 6-(methyl)picolinate (1).



**Supplementary Figure S3**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *tert*-Butyl 6-(bromomethyl)picolinate (2).



**Supplementary Figure S4**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *tert*-Butyl 6-(bromomethyl)picolinate (2).



**Supplementary Figure S6**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N*,*N*'-(2-Nitrobenzenesulfonamide)-*N*,*N*'-[6-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl]-1,2-diaminoethane (4).



**Supplementary Figure S7**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N*,*N*'-[6-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl-1,2-diaminoethane (5).



*N,N'*-[6-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl-1,2-diaminoethane (5).



**Supplementary Figure S9**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, MeOD, RT) of **H<sub>2</sub>dedpa**, *N*,*N*'-[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1,2-diaminoethane (6).



**Supplementary Figure S10**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, MeOD, RT) of **H**<sub>2</sub>**dedpa**, *N*,*N*'-[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1,2-diaminoethane (6).



**Supplementary Figure S11**. ATR-IR spectrum (neat) of H<sub>2</sub>dedpa, *N*,*N*'-[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl)methyl]-1,2-diaminoethane (6).



**Supplementary Figure S12**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N*,*N*'-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)methyl-*N*,*N*'-[6-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl]-1,2-diaminoethane (7).



yl]methyl]-1,2-diaminoethane (7).



**Supplementary Figure S14**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, MeOD, RT) of H<sub>4</sub>octapa, *N*,*N*'-[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl)methyl]-*N*,*N*'-diacetic acid-1,2-diaminoethane (8).



**Supplementary Figure S15**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, MeOD, RT) of H<sub>4</sub>octapa, *N*,*N*'-[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl)methyl]-*N*,*N*'-diacetic acid-1,2-diaminoethane (8).



**Supplementary Figure S16**. ATR-IR spectrum (neat) of H<sub>4</sub>octapa, *N*,*N*'-[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl)methyl]-*N*,*N*'-diacetic acid-1,2-diaminoethane (8).



**Supplementary Figure S17**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, RT) of **[Y(octapa)]**<sup>-</sup> (9).



**Supplementary Figure S18**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, RT) of **[Y(octapa)]**<sup>-</sup> (9).



**Supplementary Figure S19**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, RT) of **[Y(octapa)]**<sup>-</sup> (9).



**Supplementary Figure S20**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N,N'*-(2-Nitrobenzenesulfonamide)-*N,N"*-[6-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl]-1-(*p*-nitrobenzyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (12).



**Supplementary Figure S21**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N*,*N*'-(2-Nitrobenzenesulfonamide)-*N*,*N*"-[6-(methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl]-1-(*p*-nitrobenzyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (12).



**Supplementary Figure S22**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N*,*N*'-[6-(Methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl]-1-(*p*-nitrobenzyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (13).



*N,N'*-[6-(Methoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl]-1-(*p*-nitrobenzyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (13).



**Supplementary Figure S24**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, MeOD, RT) of *p*-SCN-Bn-H<sub>2</sub>dedpa, *N*,*N*'-{[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-benzylisothiocyanato)-1,2-diaminoethane (14).



*p*-SCN-Bn-H<sub>2</sub>dedpa, *N*,*N*'-{[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-benzylisothiocyanato)-1,2-diaminoethane (14).



**Supplementary Figure S26**. ATR-IR spectrum (neat) of *p*-SCN-Bn-H<sub>2</sub>dedpa, *N*,*N'*-{[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-benzylisothiocyanato)-1,2-diaminoethane (14).



**Supplementary Figure S27**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N*,*N*'-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)methyl]-*N*,*N*'-{[(6- *tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-nitrobenzyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (15).



**Supplementary Figure S28**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, RT) of *N*,*N*'-[(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)methyl]-*N*,*N*'-{[(6- *tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-nitrobenzyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (15).



**Supplementary Figure S29**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, MeOD, RT) of *p*-SCN-Bn-H<sub>4</sub>octapa, *N*,*N*'-[(Carboxylato)methyl]-*N*,*N*'-{[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-benzylisothiocyanato)-1,2-diaminoethane (16).



**Supplementary Figure S30**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (150 MHz, MeOD, RT) of *p*-SCN-Bn-H<sub>4</sub>octapa, *N*,*N*'-[(Carboxylato)methyl]-*N*,*N*'-{[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-benzylisothiocyanato)-1,2-diaminoethane (16).



**Supplementary Figure S31**. ATR-IR spectrum (neat) of *p*-SCN-Bn-H<sub>4</sub>octapa, *N,N'*-[(Carboxylato)methyl]-*N,N'*-{[(6-carboxylato)pyridin-2-yl]methyl}-1-(*p*-benzylisothiocyanato)-1,2-diaminoethane (16).



**Supplementary Figure S32**. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR full spectrum of [Y(octapa)]<sup>-</sup> (600 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, RT).



**Supplementary Figure S33**. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR full spectrum of [Y(octapa)]- (400 MHz, 100 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, RT).



**Supplementary Figure S34**. RP-HPLC chromatograph of [Y(octapa)], mobile phase A: deionized H<sub>2</sub>O, B: acetonitrile, gradient 10% to 100% B over 30 minutes, product  $t_R$  = 9.5 min.