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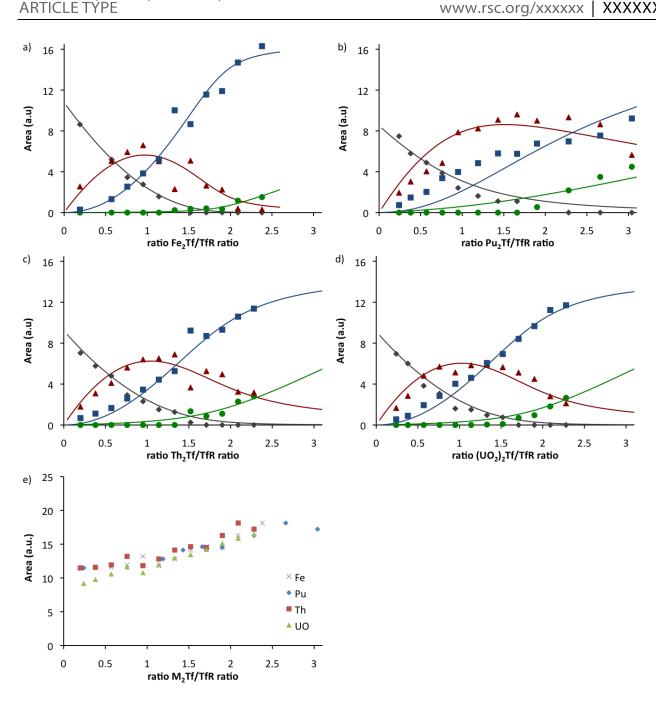
## **Supporting Information**

## Receptor recognition of transferrin bound to lanthanides and actinides: a discriminating step in cellular acquisition of f-block metals

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5 Figure S1. Extracted peak areas (data points) and corresponding fits (lines) obtain from the recorded chromatograms for samples containing 0.95 μM TfR and different M<sub>2</sub>Tf concentrations with a) Fe<sub>2</sub>Tf, b) <sup>242</sup>Pu<sub>2</sub>Tf, c) <sup>232</sup>Th<sub>2</sub>Tf, and d) <sup>238</sup>(UO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Tf in 100 mM NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub>, pH = 7.4, and eluted at a 0.1 mL min<sup>-1</sup> flow rate. In all panels TfR:(M<sub>2</sub>Tf)<sub>2</sub> complexes are represented by blue lines and squares, TfR: (M2Tf) by red lines and triangles, TfR by grey lines and diamonds, and M2Tf by green lines and circles. e) Sum of the extracted peak areas for each species detected during the TfR binding assay with Fe, Pu, Th and UO<sub>2</sub>, indicating the 10 same metal-independent total amount of detected compounds but a different distribution as shown above.