Supporting Information

Structure-Activity Relationships for Biodistribution, Pharmacokinetics and Excretion of Atomically Precise Nanoclusters in a Murine Model

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Fig. S1 Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of $Au_{102}(pMBA)_{44}$ that shows the purity of the compound.



Fig. S2 Relative amounts of compounds 1-3 in urine and feces at 6, 12, and 24 hours post injection time.



Fig. S3 Relative amounts of compounds **4**,**5**, and the 1:1 exchange Au_{102} -based compound ($Au_{102}pMBA_{44}$ exchanged with HS-(CH₂)₁₁₋EG₄-OH) in urine and feces at 6, 12, and 24 hours post injection time.



Fig. S4 Au₂₅(GSH)₁₈, Compound 1



Fig. S5 $Au_{25}(GSH)_9(OEG)_9$, (OEG = HS-(CH₂)₆-EG-OH), Compound 2



Fig. S6 $Au_{25}(GSH)_6(OEG)_{12}$, (OEG = HS-(CH₂)₆-EG-OH), Compound 3



Fig. S7 Au₂₅(OEG)₁₈, (OEG = HS-(CH₂)₆-EG-OH)



Fig. S8 Au₁₀₂(pMBA)₄₄, Compound 4



Fig. S9 Au₁₀₂(*p*MBA)₂₅(OEG)₁₉, (OEG = HS-(CH₂)₁₁-EG-OH), Compound **5**



Fig. S10 $Au_{102}(OEG)_{44}$, (OEG = HS-(CH₂)₁₁-EG-OH)



Fig. S11 Percent dosed in tissue for compound 1 at noted post-injection time points.



Fig. S12 Percent dosed in tissue for compound 2 at noted post-injection time points.



Fig. S13 Percent dosed in tissue for compound 3 at noted post-injection time points.



Fig. S14 Percent dosed in tissue for compound 4 at noted post-injection time points. Data points of liver are not included.



Fig. S15 Percent dosed in tissue for compound 5 at noted post-injection time points. Data points of liver are not included.



Fig. S16 ¹H NMR of compound 5

Calculated Stokes Diameter (nm) ^a	Net Surface Charge (e ⁻)	Surface Charge Density (Charge/Å ²)	Hydrophobic Surface Area (%)	Expected Clearance Mechanism % Renal / % RES
5.92	22 ⁻	1.8×10 ⁻⁴ (-)	74%	40 / 60

	Table S1	Information	on Au ₁₀₂ -based 1	1:1 exchanged	compound
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Ligand exchange reaction of $Au_{102}(pMBA)_{44}$ with 23-mercapto-3,6,9,12-tetraoxatricosan-1-ol [HS-(CH₂)₁₁-EG₄-OH]

A 500 μ M solution of Au₁₀₂*p*MBA₄₄ (6.6 μ mol, 178 mg in 13.37 mL H₂O) and a 0.1 M solution of HS-(CH₂)₁₁-EG₄-OH (0.79 mmol, 304 mg in 7.90 mL THF) were prepared. For the 1:1 incoming ligand:outgoing ligand reaction: 3 mL of Au₁₀₂*p*MBA₄₄ solution and 0.66 mL of HS-(CH₂)₁₁-EG₄-OH solution were mixed and diluted with H₂O to a final volume of 15 mL. Then the reaction was shaken at rt for 1 h, then the crude product was purified by ultrafiltration spin columns (5000 Da cutoff) and was washed with 3 x 10 mL 1:1 H₂O:MeOH. The remaining orange liquid was placed into a 15 mL conical and lyophilized until dry.

The Au₁₀₂-based 1:1 exchanged compound was dissolved in 5% DMSO, 5% Tween-80 in 90% D5W solution. The particle solutions were filtered through a 0.45 micron filter, and the dosage concentrations were determined after the filtration step. Approximate dosage concentration for this compound was 3.14 x 10^{5} M.



Fig. S17 Blood drug concentration vs. time curves of Au₁₀₂-based compounds