## Supporting information for

# Synthesis and evaluation of 2-(2-fluoro-4-hydroxymethyl-5-methoxyphenoxy) acetic acid as linker in solid-phase synthesis monitored by <sup>19</sup>F gel-phase NMR spectroscopy

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#### X-ray chrystallography

X-ray crystal structures were determined from data collected with a Nonius KappaCCD area detector diffractometer, using graphite monochromatized  $MoK_{\alpha}$ .<sup>1</sup> Solution of the structures were made by direct methods<sup>2</sup> and refinements on F<sup>2</sup>.<sup>3</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were isotropically refined on calculated positions (riding model).

### Crystallization of 11 and 13

From a different batch both 11 and the dimer 13 were purified by preparative LC/MS. Crystallisation from heptane, for 11, or EtOH, for 13, gave thin needles. X-ray diffraction on the crystals showed the expected structures.



**Figure 1**. Single crystal X-ray structure of compound **11** (two crystallographical non-identical molecules), with displacement ellipsoids of non-hydrogen atoms drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms of arbitrary size (ATOMS<sup>4</sup>).



**Figure 2**. Single crystal X-ray structure of compound **13** with displacement ellipsoids of non-hydrogen atoms drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen atoms of arbitrary size (ATOMS<sup>4</sup>). The compound has imposed twofold symmetry with the central oxygen on the twofold axis.

Identification code	11	13
Empirical formula	C12 H15 F O5	C24 H28 F2 O9
Formula weight	258.245	498.477
Temperature of data collection	100K	298K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Triclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	P-1	P b c n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 4.7854(6)	a = 13.7696(5)
	b = 11.316(2)	b = 8.3551(2)
	c = 22.705(3)	c = 20.4951(6)
	$\alpha = 80.348(8)$	
	$\beta = 86.525(10)$	
	$\gamma = 86.318(7)$	
Volume	1208.0(3)	2357.89(12)

Table 1. Crystal data for 11 and 13.

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Figure 3. Gel-phase <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum for 18.



Figure 4. Gel-phase <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum for 21.



Figure 5. Gel-phase <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum for 23.





Figure 7. Gel-phase <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum for 27.

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