### Supporting information for

# Syntheses of bifunctional 2,3-diamino propionic acid based chelators as small and strong tripod ligands for the labelling of biomolecules with <sup>99m</sup>Tc

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Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 4. Empirical formula C13H22BrNO5 Formula weight 352.23 Temperature 183(2) K 1.54186 Å Wavelength Monoclinic Crystal system Space group  $P2_1/c$ Unit cell dimensions a = 17.996(3) Å  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ . b = 10.0702(11) Å $\beta = 95.477(13)^{\circ}$ . c = 9.3258(15) Å $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ . 1682.4(4) Å<sup>3</sup> Volume Z 4 Density (calculated) 1.391 Mg/m<sup>3</sup> 3.489 mm<sup>-1</sup> Absorption coefficient F(000) 728 Crystal size 0.28 x 0.23 x 0.02 mm<sup>3</sup> Crystal description colourless plate Theta range for data collection 2.47 to 58.91°. -19<=h<=19, -10<=k<=10, -10<=l<=8 Index ranges Reflections collected 10736 Independent reflections 2353 [R(int) = 0.0855] Reflections observed 1867 Criterion for observation >2sigma(I) Completeness to theta =  $58.91^{\circ}$ 97.6 % Absorption correction Numerical Max. and min. transmission 0.9321 and 0.4310 Refinement method Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup> 2353 / 0 / 185 Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> 1.215 Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)] R1 = 0.0744, wR2 = 0.2050R1 = 0.0901, wR2 = 0.2413R indices (all data) Extinction coefficient 0.019(3) 0.467 and -0.670 e.Å-3 Largest diff. peak and hole

Compound **4** was isolated as a colorless gel from EtOAc. Recrystallization from EtOAc/hexane did not yield single crystals. Finally, the solution in EtOAc was concentrated to an oil and put into a small Erlenmeyer flask fitted with rubber stopper. The rubber stopper was changed with new ones from time to time to make sure the residual solvent was absorbed by the rubber. The crystals appeared from the semi-solid at last.

ORTEP presentation (50% probability) of **4** (all hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity):



Labelling yields with compounds 20 and 25 as a function of concentration and temperature. All labelling reactions at pH = 7.4

[conc mM]	100 °C	75 °C	100°C	75°C
0.1	98 % (30 min)	98 % (30 min)	98 % (30 min)	79 % (30 min)
				91 % (60 min)
0.08	96 % (30 min)	87 % (30 min)	86 % (30 min)	72 % (30 min)
		85 % (60 min)	96 % (60 min)	89 % (60 min)
0.008	56 % (30 min)	65 % (30 min)	29 % (30 min)	10 % (30 min)
	60 % (60 min)		33 % (60 min)	15 % (60 min)

Radiochemical yields of fac-[<sup>99m</sup>Tc(**20**)(CO)<sub>3</sub>] and fac-[<sup>99m</sup>Tc(**25**)(CO)<sub>3</sub>].

<sup>13</sup>C NMR data of the described compounds

#### Ethyl 2-acetamido 3-(tert-butoxycarbonylamine) propanoate 3

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) *δ*<sub>C</sub> 170.6 (*C*O), 170.5 (*C*O), 156.7 (*C*O), 79.8 (*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 62.0 (*C*H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.9, 42.4, 28.4, 23.5, 14.3.

#### Triethyl 1,6-diacetamido 6-cyanohexane 1,1,6-tricarboxylate 5

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) *δ*<sub>C</sub> 169.6 (*C*O), 169.4 (*C*O), 168.3 (*C*O), 66.7, 62.9, 62.8, 33.6, 32.2, 23.5, 23.4, 23.3, 14.2, 14.1.

#### Triethyl 1,6-diacetamido 7-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)heptane 1,1,6-tricarboxylate 6

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta_C$  172.7 (*C*O), 169.9 (*C*O), 169.2 (*C*O), 168.3 (*C*O), 156.0 (*C*O), 79.7 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 66.7, 65.2, 62.8, 62.7, 62.6, 45.1, 32.5, 32.3, 28.5 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 24.3, 24.0, 23.9, 23.3, 14.3(-OCH<sub>2</sub>*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>*C*H<sub>3</sub>).

#### (S)-2-Benzyloxycarbonylamino 6-methanesulfonyloxy-hexanoic acid ethyl ester 11.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm): *δ*<sub>C</sub> 172.3 (*C*O), 156.1 (*C*O), 136.4 (Cbz), 128.7 (Cbz), 128.4(cbz), 128.3(Cbz), 69.6, 67.2, 61.8, 53.7, 37.5, 32.3, 28.8, 21.4, 14.4.

#### Benzyl N-(3-bromopropyl)carbamate 15.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) δ<sub>c</sub> 156.4, 136.3, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 66.6, 39.2, 32.3, 30.6.

#### Ethyl 2-acetamido-5-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-cyanopentanoate 16.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta_c$  171.2 (*C*O), 166.8 (*C*O), 157.5 (*C*O), 136.5 (Cbz), 128.8 (Cbz), 128.5 (Cbz), 128.3 (Cbz), 116.9 (N=*C*-), 67.2 (Cbz), 64.1 (-O*C*H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 57.5 (-C<sup>b</sup>-), 40.0 (-C<sup>f</sup>-), 32.8 (-C<sup>d</sup>-), 25.6 (-C<sup>e</sup>-), 22.3 (-CO*C*H<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>*C*H<sub>3</sub>).

## Ethyl 2-acetamido-5-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-methyl)pentanoate 17.

**Isomer a:** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) δ<sub>c</sub> 172.6 (**C**O), 170.1 (**C**O), 156.6 (**C**O), 156.2 (**C**O), 136.8 (Cbz), 128.8 (Cbz), 128.4 (Cbz), 128.3 (Cbz), 79.9 (-**C**(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 66.9, 64.7, 62.6 (-O**C**H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 44.6, 41.0, 28.5 (-C(**C**H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 24.5, 24.1, 14.3 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>**C**H<sub>3</sub>).

Isomer b: <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ<sub>c</sub>* 172.8 (*C*O), 170.4 (*C*O), 156.9 (*C*O), 156.2 (*C*O), 136.4 (Cbz), 128.8 (Cbz), 128.4 (Cbz), 128.3 (Cbz), 79.9 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 67.4, 63.9, 62.6 (-O*C*H<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.0, 32.6, 29.8 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 25.9, 22.5, 14.3 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>*C*H<sub>3</sub>).

#### Ethyl 2-acetamido-5-amino-2-((tert-butoxycarbonylamino)methyl)pentanoate 18.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, ppm)  $\delta_c$  171.9 (**C**O), 171.8 (**C**O), 157.5 (**C**O), 79.1 (-**C**(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 62.5, 61.4, 42.0, 39.5, 29.3, 27.5 (-C(**C**H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 21.9, 21.5, 13.2 (-OCH<sub>2</sub>**C**H<sub>3</sub>).

#### Compound 19:

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) δ<sub>c</sub> 172.4 (*C*O), 170.5 (*C*O), 157.6 (*C*O), 80.4 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 59.1, 46.6, 42.5, 30.0, 28.5 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 23.6, 20.5.

#### 2,5-diamino-2-(aminomethyl)pentanoic acid 20.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, ppm)  $\delta_c$  171.2 (*C*O), 60.2, 42.5, 39.8, 30.5, 21.3.

#### tert-butyl acetamidocyanoacetate 21.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta_c$  169.5 (*C*O), 162.1 (*C*O), 114.3 (N=*C*-), 86.4 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 43.3 (-*C*H-), 27.3 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 22.6 (-*C*H<sub>3</sub>).

#### 1-tert-butyl 6-ethyl 2-acetamido-2-cyanohexanedioate 22.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm)  $\delta_c$  173.4 (*C*O), 169.7 (*C*O), 164.9 (*C*O), 116.6 (N=*C*-), 86.4 (- *C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 61.8, 57.1, 34.9, 32.9, 27.8 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 22.7, 18.9, 14.3.

#### 1-tert-butyl 6-ethyl 2-acetamido-2-((tert-butoxycarbonylamino)methyl)hexanedioate 23.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) *δ<sub>c</sub>* 173.1 (*C*O), 171.4 (*C*O), 169.7 (*C*O), 155.6 (*C*O), 85.3 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 83.2 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 65.0, 60.4, 44.7, 33.8, 31.8, 28.3 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 27.6 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 24.1, 19.1, 14.2.

#### 5-acetamido-6-tert-butoxy-5-((tert-butoxycarbonylamino)methyl)-6-oxohexanoic acid 24.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, ppm) *δ<sub>c</sub>* 177.9 (*C*O), 171.3 (*C*O), 170.6 (*C*O), 155.7 (*C*O), 85.7 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 79.4 (-*C*(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 65.1, 44.7, 33.8, 31.8, 28.3 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 27.7 (-C(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, 23.9, 19.1.

#### 2-amino-2-(aminomethyl)hexanedioic acid 25.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, ppm)  $\delta_c$  177.0 (*C*O), 176.6 (*C*O), 173.9 (*C*O), 169.9 (*C*O), 60.7 (-C<sup>b</sup>-, **26**), 60.2 (-C<sup>b</sup>-, **25**), 44.2 (-C<sup>a</sup>-, **26**), 42.0 (-C<sup>a</sup>-, **25**), 32.6 (-C<sup>f</sup>-, **25**), 32.3 (-C<sup>d</sup>-, **25**), 29.6 (-C<sup>f</sup>-, **26**), 27.3 (-C<sup>d</sup>-, **26**), 17.8 (-C<sup>e</sup>-, **25**), 16.4 (-C<sup>e</sup>-, **26**)

#### Compound 26.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O, ppm)  $\delta_c$  174.6 ( $C^{\circ}$ ), 172.7 ( $C^{g}$ ), 59.0 ( $CH^{b}$ ), 42.5 (- $C^{a}$ -), 27.9 (- $C^{f}$ -), 25.6 (- $C^{d}$ -), 14.7 (- $C^{e}$ -).

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<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, ppm)  $\delta_c$  197.3 (**C**=O), 195.9 (**C**=O), 181.0 (C<sup>c</sup>), 163.3 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>**C**OO<sup>-</sup>), 116.4 (q, **C**F<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup>), 67.3 (-C<sup>b</sup>-), 45.1 (-C<sup>a</sup>-), 39.4 (-C<sup>f</sup>-), 30.4 (-C<sup>d</sup>-), 21.4 (-C<sup>e</sup>-).

#### fac-[Re(K<sup>3</sup>-25)(CO)<sub>3</sub>] (28)

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, ppm)  $\delta_c$  198.3 (*C*=O), 197.1 (*C*=O), 181.2 (C<sup>c</sup>), 177.2 (C<sup>g</sup>), 67.0 (-C<sup>b</sup>-), 46.6 (-C<sup>a</sup>-), 35.0 (-C<sup>f</sup>-), 34.8 (-C<sup>d</sup>-), 19.9 (-C<sup>e</sup>-).

#### fac-[Re(26)(CO)<sub>3</sub>]

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75.5 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, ppm)  $\delta_c$  199.2 (*C*=O), 199.0 (*C*=O), 197.8 (*C*=O), 181.6 (C<sup>c</sup>), 172.6 (C<sup>g</sup>), 70.5 (-C<sup>b</sup>-), 49.0 (-C<sup>a</sup>-; overlapped with CD<sub>3</sub>OD peak, assigned from HSQC spectrum), 28.9 (-C<sup>f</sup>-), 26.7 (-C<sup>d</sup>-), 18.3 (-C<sup>e</sup>-).