## Triazine dendrimers as non-viral vectors for in vitro and in vivo RNAi: The effects of peripheral groups and core structure on biological activity

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**SI Figure 1**. Three-dimensional SPECT image of the biodistribution of siRNA complexes with the guanidinylated dendrimer G2-1g.



**SI Figure 2**. Three-dimensional SPECT image of the biodistribution of siRNA complexes with the alkylated dendrimer G2-5.



**SI Figure 3**. Real-time recordings of the biodistribution of siRNA/G2-1g dendriplexes. Regions of interest (ROIs) are shown for A: lung, B: bladder, C: blood pool.





*SI Figure 4*: Real-time recordings of the biodistribution of siRNA/G2-5 dendriplexes. Regions of interest (ROIs) are shown for A: lung, B: bladder, C: blood pool.





**SI Figure 5.** Analysis of the kinetics of radioactivity in the regions of interest (ROIs) in the real-time recordings of the biodistribution of **A** siRNA/G2-1g and **B** siRNA/G2-5 dendriplexes.

## Synthesis of F2-1g:

F2-1 (0.03 g, 0.01 mmol) was dissolved in 1.5 mL distilled water. 1H-pyrazole-

1-carboxamidine•HCl (0.17 g, 1.18 mmol) and DIPEA (0.10 mL, 0.57 mmol) were mixed in 2mL acetonitrile. When the acetonitrile solution became clear, the distilled water solution was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 24 hours the solvents were removed, and the mixture was re-dissolved in diionized water. Excess starting material was removed from the solution using an Amicon apparatus and a millipore membrane with NMWL = 1,000 under 35 psi N2. The filtrate was tested for Clusing AgNO3. When no AgCl precipitate formed the solution remaining inside the Amicon vessel was evaporated *in vacuo* to afford **F2-1g** (29.3 mg, 82%). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ: 3.76 (br, 96H, CH2OH, NCH2CH2OH, piperazine), 3.50-3.63 (br, 60H, CH2OCH2CH2CH2CH2CH2OCH2, NCH2CH2CH2NHBoc), 3.24 (t, 24H, NCH2CH2CH2NHCNHNH2), 1.90 (m, 12H, CH2NH), 1.72 (quartet, 24H, NCH2CH2CH2NHCNHNH2). 13C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3) δ: 167.1 (C3N3), 166.5 (C3N3), 166.4 (C3N3), 166.2 (C3N3), 158.6 (CNHNH0), 71.6 (CH2OCH2), 71.2 (CH2CH2CH2CH2CH2), 70.2 (NHCH2CH2CH2CH2OH), 52.0 (NCH2CH2OH),

45.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHCNHNH<sub>2</sub>), 44.2 (piperazine), 40.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 38.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>NHCNHNH<sub>2</sub>), 30.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH), 28.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHCNHNH<sub>2</sub>). MS (MALDI): calcd 3848.5 (M<sub>+</sub>); found 3849.3 (M + H<sub>+</sub>).



SI Figure 6. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of dendrimer F2-1g.



SI Figure 7. Mass spectrum, structure and exact mass of dendrimer F2-1g.