

Supporting information: New *tris(hydroxypyridinone)* bifunctional chelators containing isothiocyanate groups provide a versatile a platform for rapid one-step labeling and PET imaging with $^{68}\text{Ga}^{3+}$

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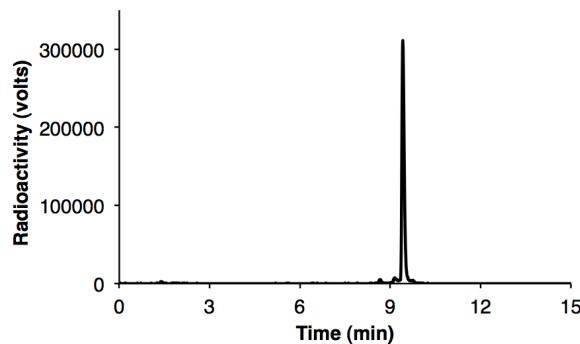
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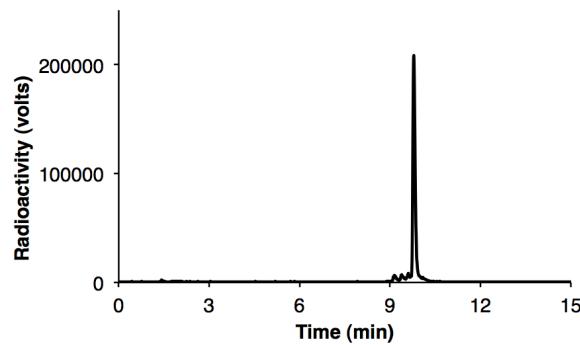


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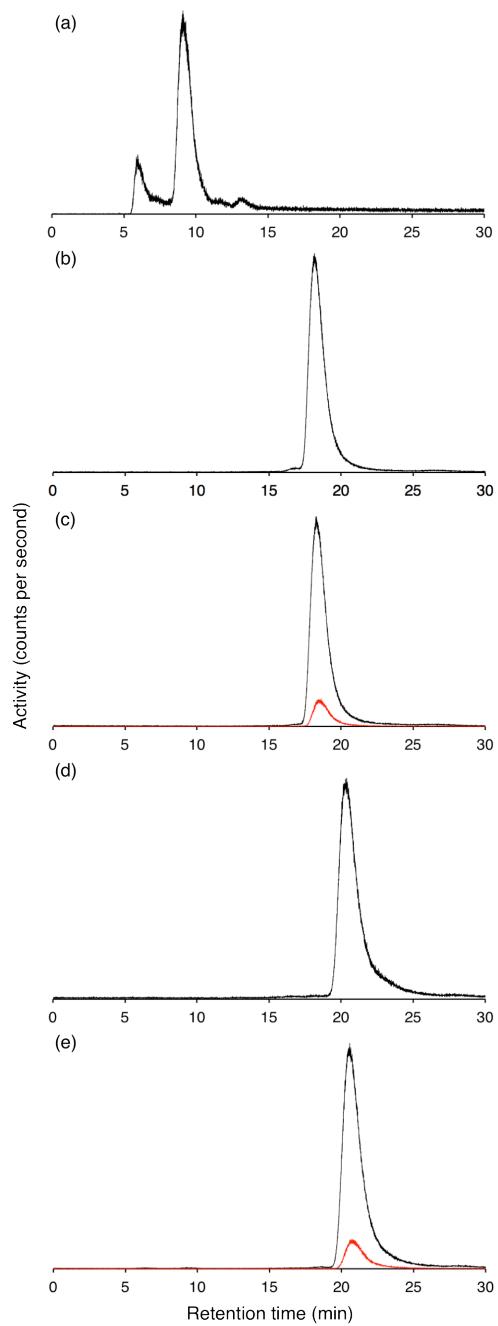


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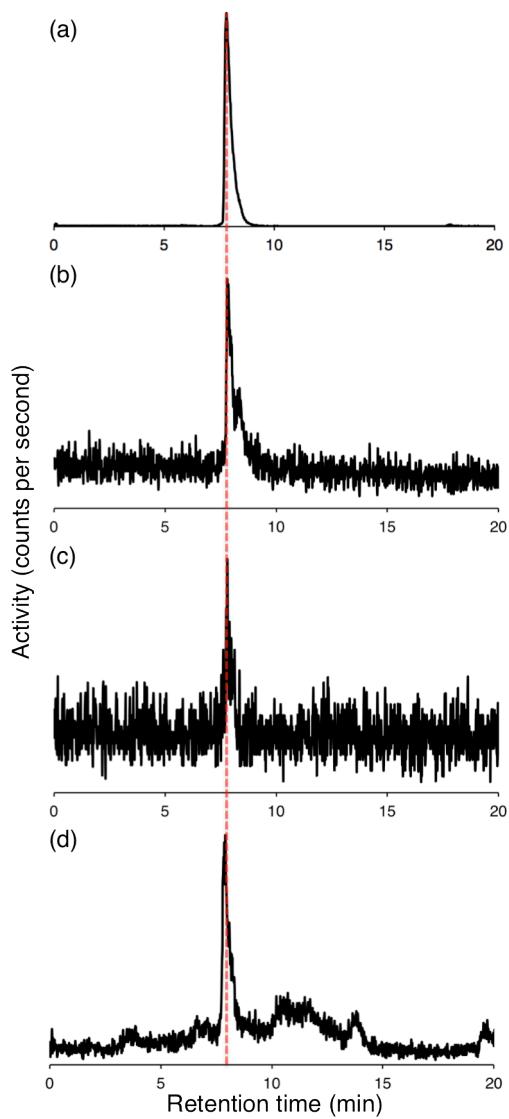


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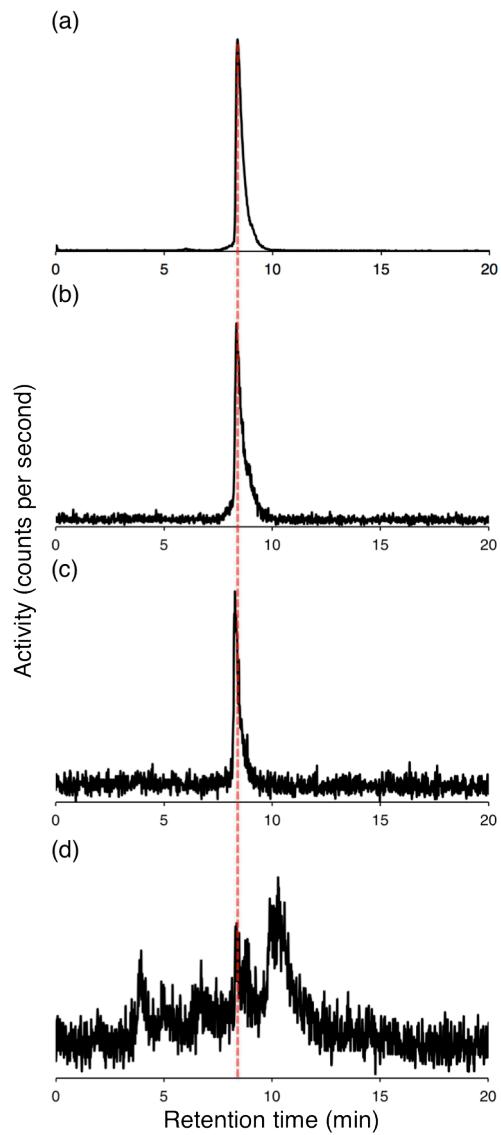


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Organ/tissue	Uptake of [⁶⁸ Ga(THP-NCS-RGD)] (%ID g ⁻¹)	Uptake in blocked group (%ID g ⁻¹)	Mean difference (%ID g ⁻¹)	p-value	95% CI (%ID g ⁻¹)
Blood	0.84±0.09	0.67±0.05	0.18	1.00×10^{-1}	-0.05-0.41
Tumour	2.35±0.06	0.62±0.10	1.22	6.00×10^{-5}	1.45-1.99
Kidney	4.76±0.36	4.04±0.64	0.72	2.95×10^{-1}	-0.94-2.38
Liver	2.94±0.06	1.30±0.16	1.64	2.81×10^{-4}	1.26-2.03
Heart	0.80±0.04	0.31±0.04*	0.48	1.56×10^{-3}	0.35-0.62
Lungs	1.62±0.14	0.59±0.03*	1.04	6.00×10^{-3}	0.57-1.51
Muscle	0.51±0.10	0.19±0.09*	0.32	7.43×10^{-2}	-0.06-0.69
Spleen	1.40±0.04	0.42±0.09	0.98	2.50×10^{-4}	0.76-1.20

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Blood	0.57±0.02	1.29±0.10	0.72	1.20×10^{-3}	0.48-0.96
Tumour	2.86±0.43	0.99±0.12	1.88	6.89×10^{-3}	0.86-2.89
Kidney	4.91±0.73	7.39±1.85	2.48	2.02×10^{-1}	-2.03-6.99
Liver	4.09±0.33	2.68±0.11	1.41	7.93×10^{-3}	0.62-2.21
Heart	0.92±0.11	0.72±0.02	0.20	9.53×10^{-2}	-0.06-0.46
Lungs	1.77±0.16	1.38±0.34	0.39	1.74×10^{-1}	-0.27-1.04
Muscle	0.56±0.05	0.38±0.05*	0.18	6.42×10^{-2}	-0.02-0.38