

## Supporting Information

### **Nanoparticle – macrophage interactions: balance between clearance and cellular targeting**

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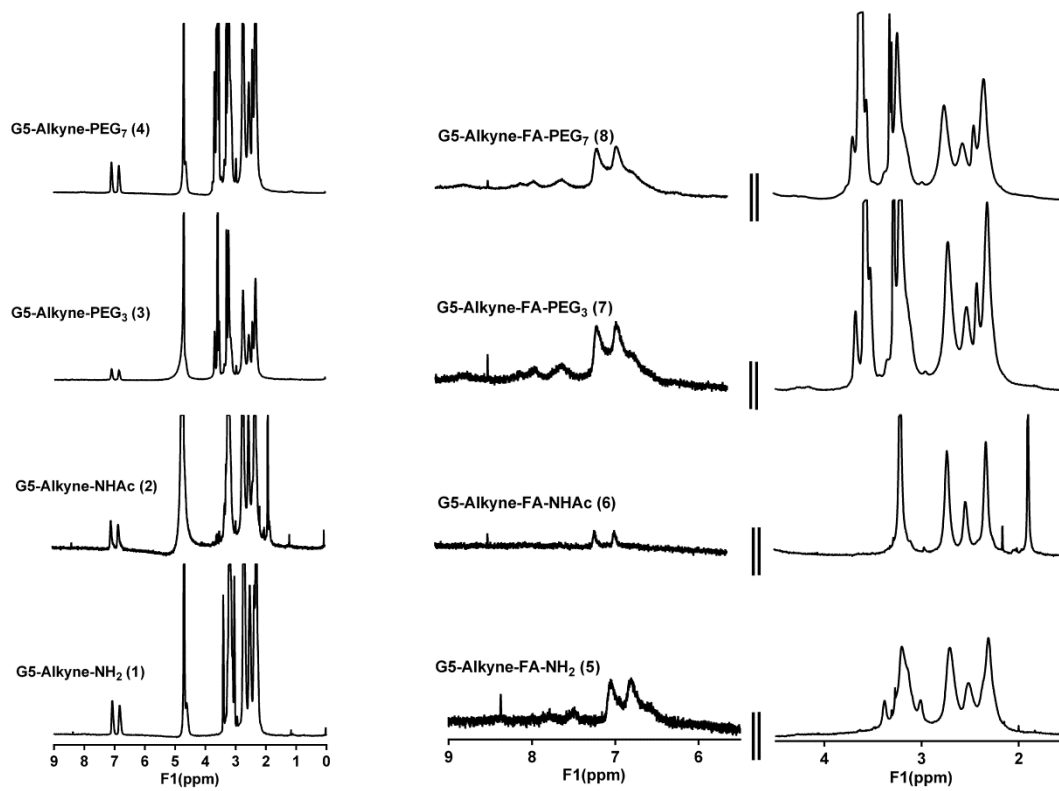
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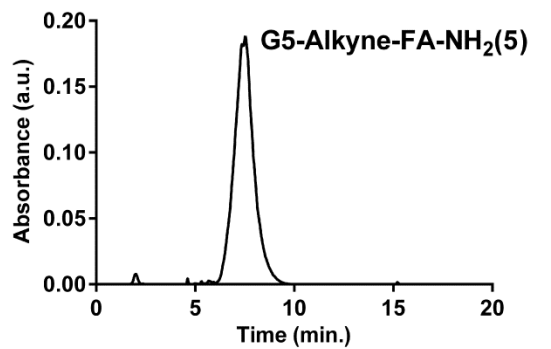
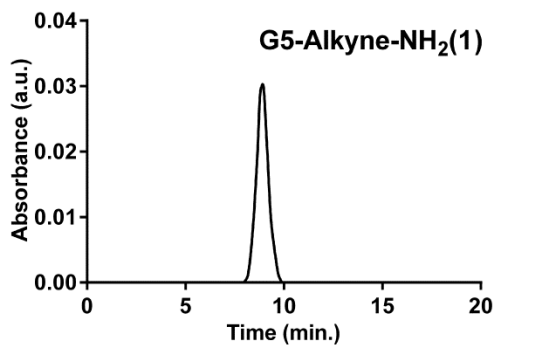
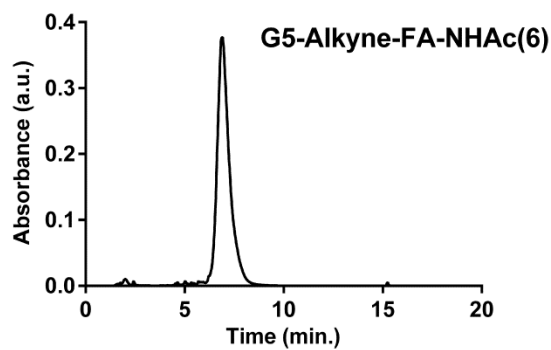
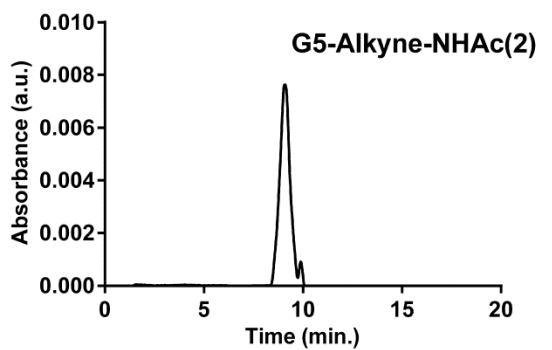
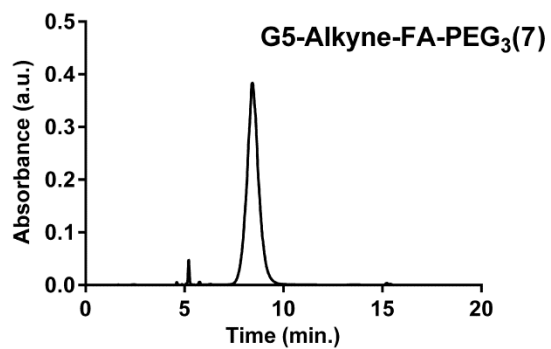
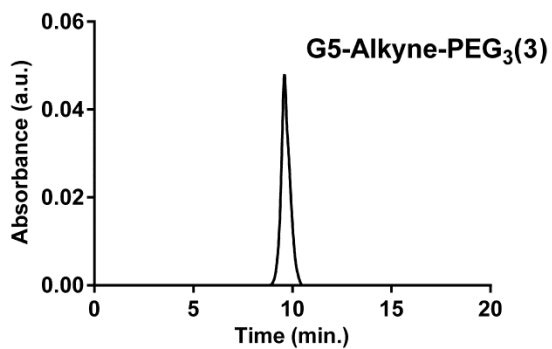
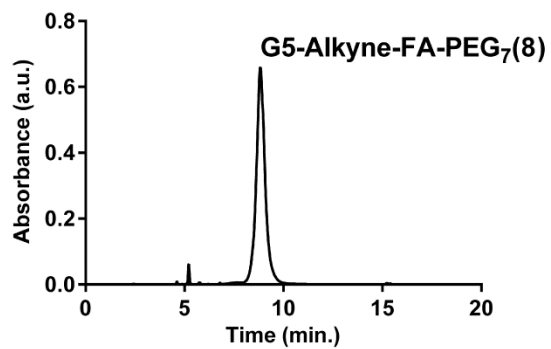
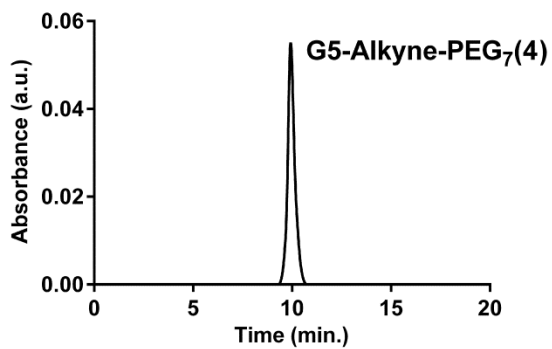
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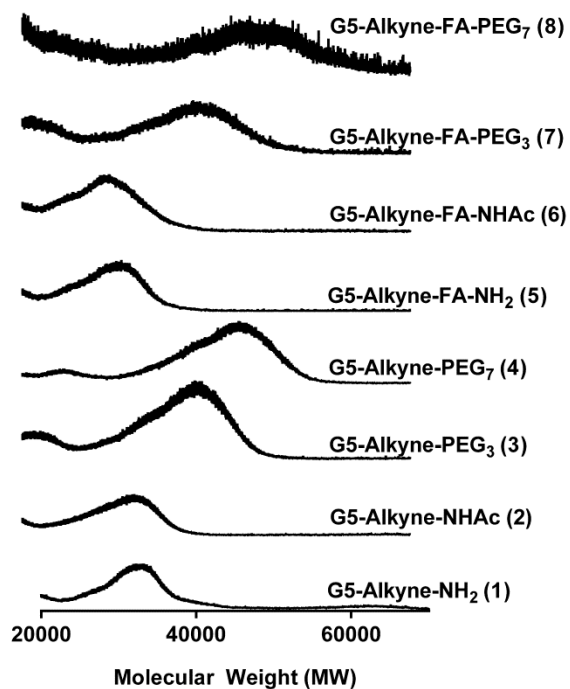
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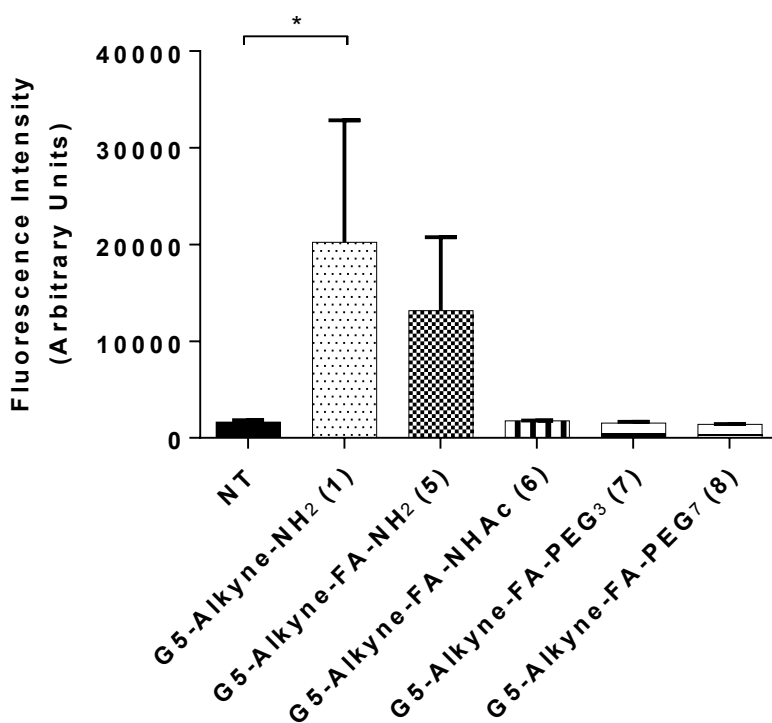
**Figure S1:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of non-targeted (without FA) and targeted (FA) conjugates



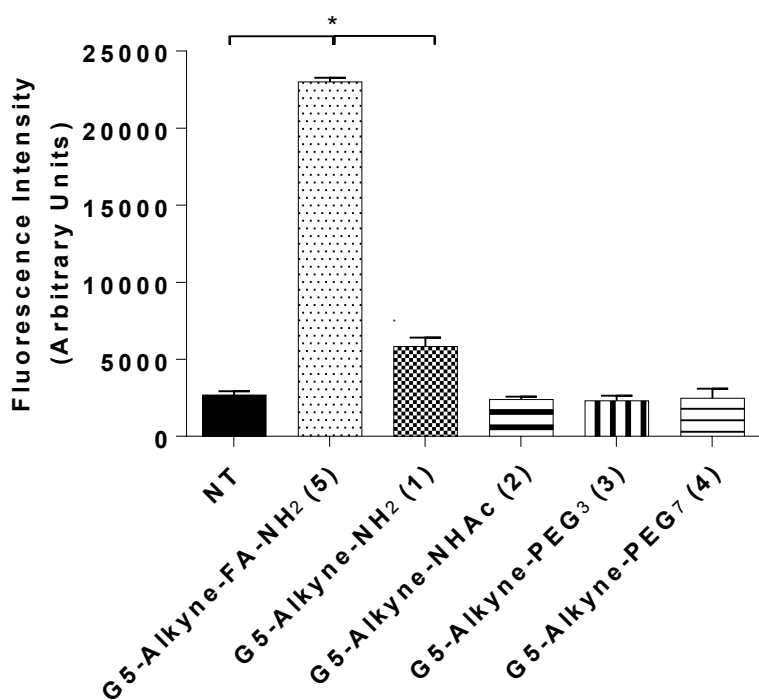
**Figure S2: UPLC chromatogram** of G5-Alkyne-NH<sub>2</sub> (1), G5-Alkyne-NHAc (2), G5-Alkyne-PEG<sub>3</sub> (3), G5-Alkyne-PEG<sub>7</sub> (4), G5-Alkyne-FA-NH<sub>2</sub> (5), G5-Alkyne-FA-NHAc (6), G5-Alkyne-FA-PEG<sub>3</sub> (7) and G5-Alkyne-FA-PEG<sub>7</sub> (8).



**Figure S3: MALDI-mass** of non-targeted (without FA) and targeted (FA) conjugates.



**Figure S4: Flow cytometry of modified targeted dendrimer conjugates clearance in RES cells.** RAW264.7 cells were incubated with 10 nM of the targeted dendrimer conjugates for 2 h. After incubation, the cells were harvested and AF647 was conjugated in situ using the CuAAC approach. Dendrimer clearance (Fluorescence Intensity) was then measured using flow cytometry. \*P<0.05 for NT and treatments (One way Anova, Dunnett's post-hoc test). Results are representative of 3 independent experiments.



**Figure S5: Non-specific uptake of modified conjugates in KB cells.** KB cells were incubated with 10 nM of the non-targeted, surface-modified dendrimer conjugates for 2 h. After incubation, the cells were harvested and AF647 was conjugated in situ using the CuAAC approach. Dendrimer uptake was then measured using flow cytometry. \* $P < 0.05$  for NT and treatments (One way Anova, Dunnett's post-hoc test). Results are representative of 3 independent experiments.