

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

[^{99m}Tc]Tc-DGA1, a Promising CCK₂R-Antagonist-Based Tracer for Tumor Diagnosis with SPECT

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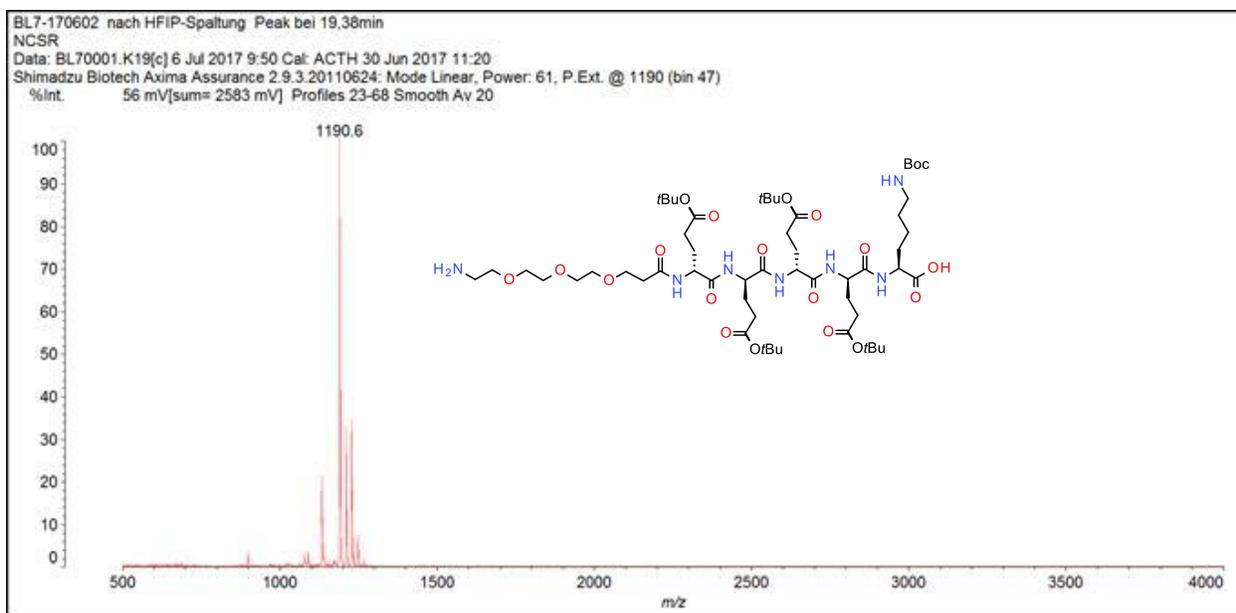


Figure S2. MALDI-TOF-MS spectrum of purified H-PEG₃-[DGLu(O^tBu)]₄-Lys(Boc)-OH, m/z calculated for C₅₆H₉₉N₇O₂₀ (M+H)⁺: 1190.7, found: 1190.6

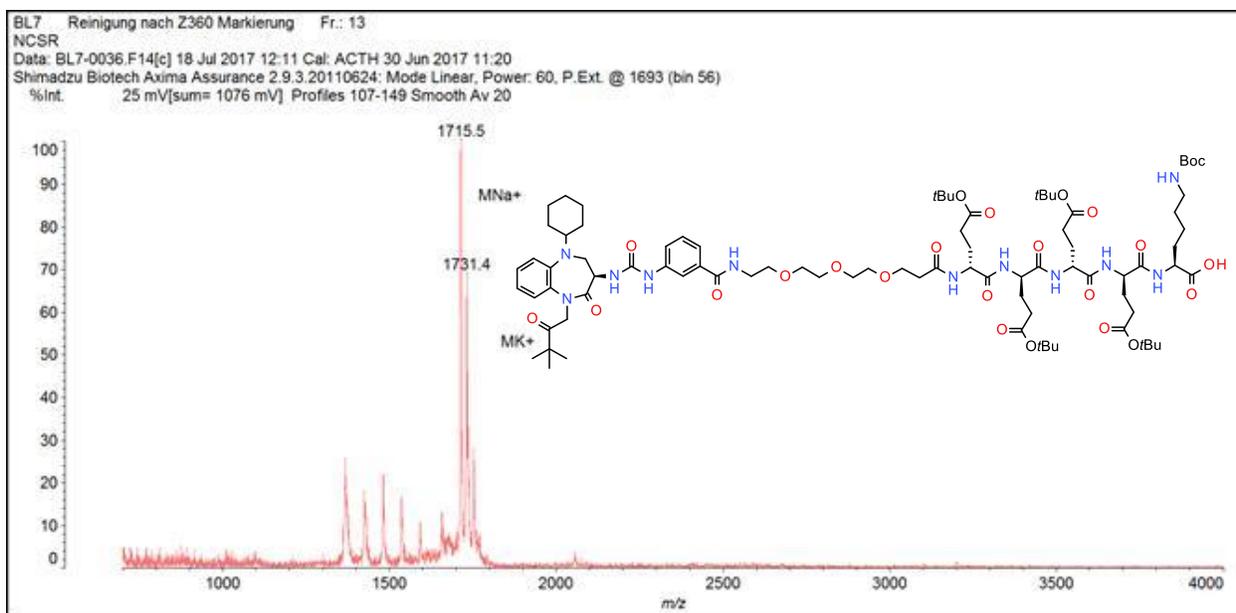


Figure S4. MALDI-TOF-MS spectrum of Z-360-PEG₃-[DGLu(O^tBu)]₄-Lys(Boc)-OH, m/z calculated for C₈₅H₁₃₃N₁₁O₂₄Na (M+Na)⁺: 1715.9, found: 1715.5 and m/z calculated for (M+K)⁺: 1730.9, found: 1731.4

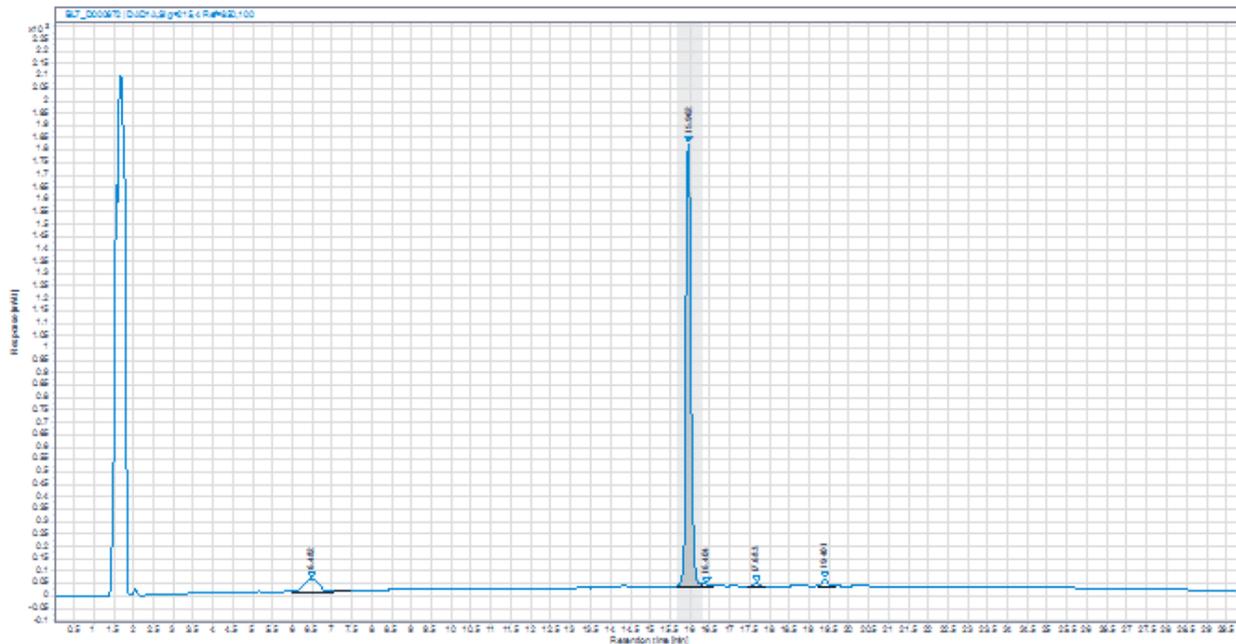


Figure S5. RP-HPLC UV trace (215 nm) of Z-360-PEG₃-(DGlu)₄-Lys-OH

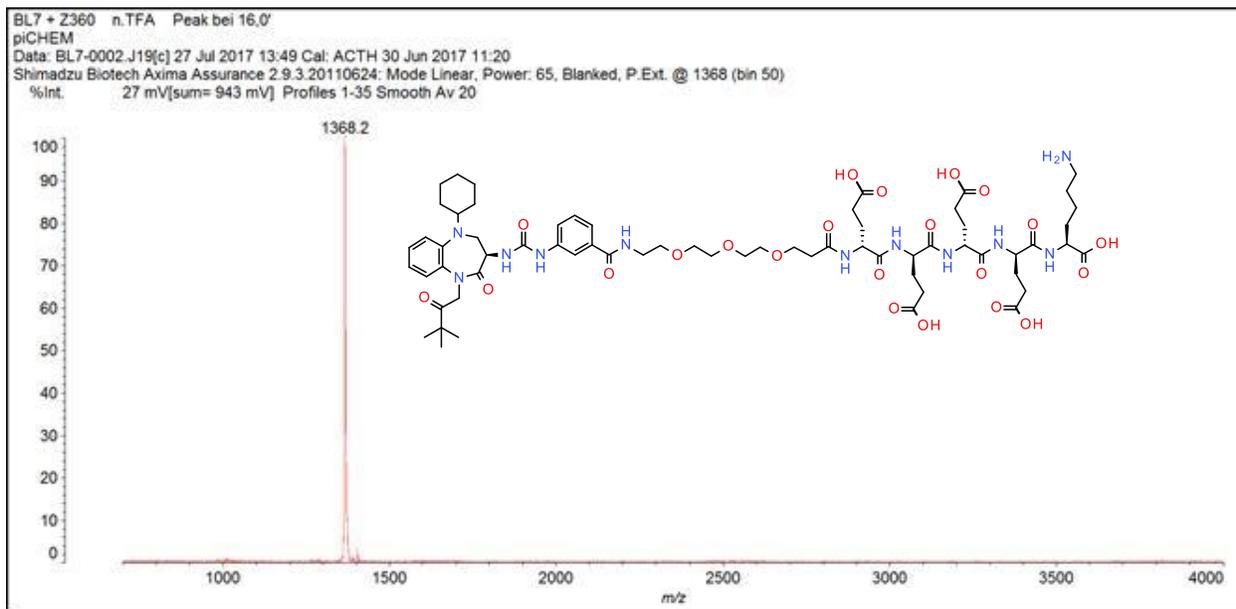


Figure S6. MALDI-TOF-MS spectrum of purified Z-360-PEG₃-(DGlu)₄-Lys-OH, m/z calculated for C₆₄H₉₃N₁₁O₂₂ (M+H)⁺: 1368.6, found: 1368.2

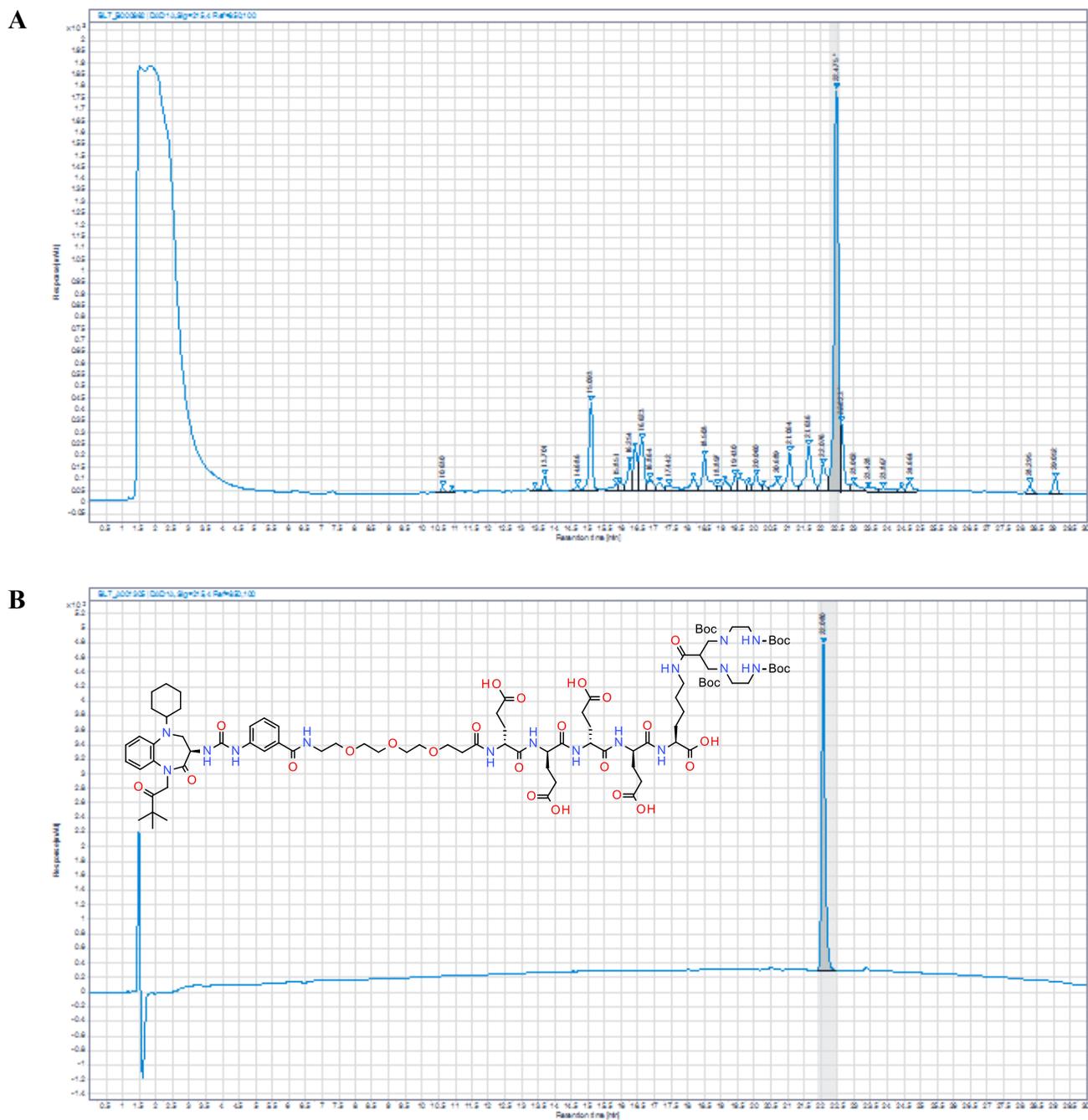


Figure S7. RP-HPLC UV traces (215 nm) of Z-360-PEG₃-(DGlu)₄-Lys[N₄(Boc)₄]-OH (**A**) before and (**B**) after purification

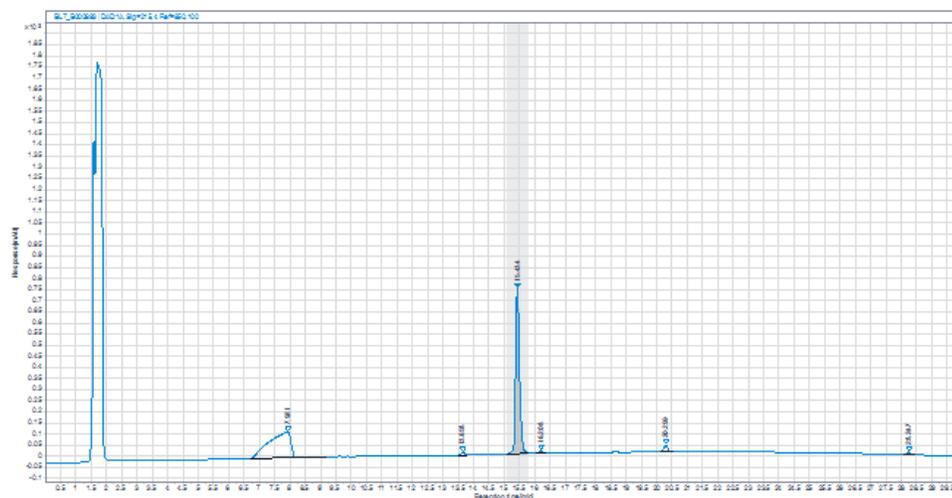
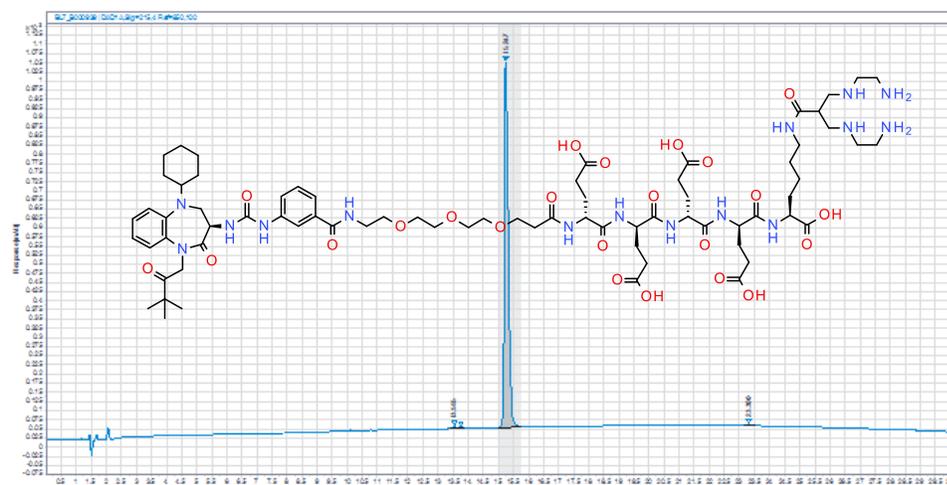
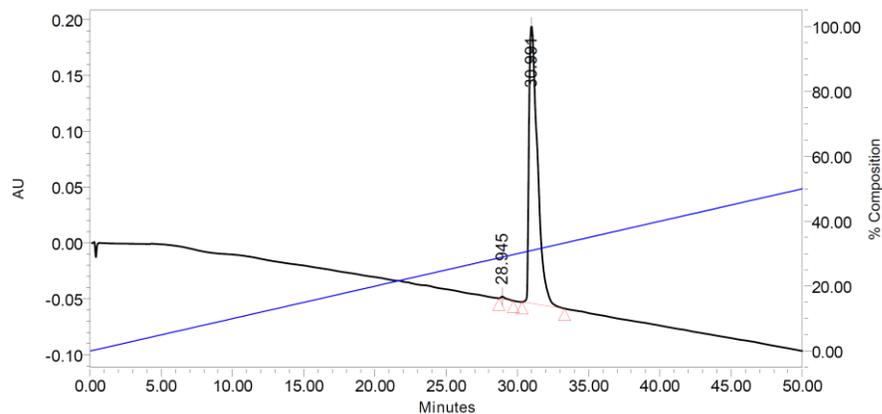
A**B****C**

Figure S8. RP-HPLC UV traces (215 nm) of DGA1 (**A**) before and (**B**) after purification applying system 1 or (**C**) system 2, revealing an >96% purity for the lyophilized end-product

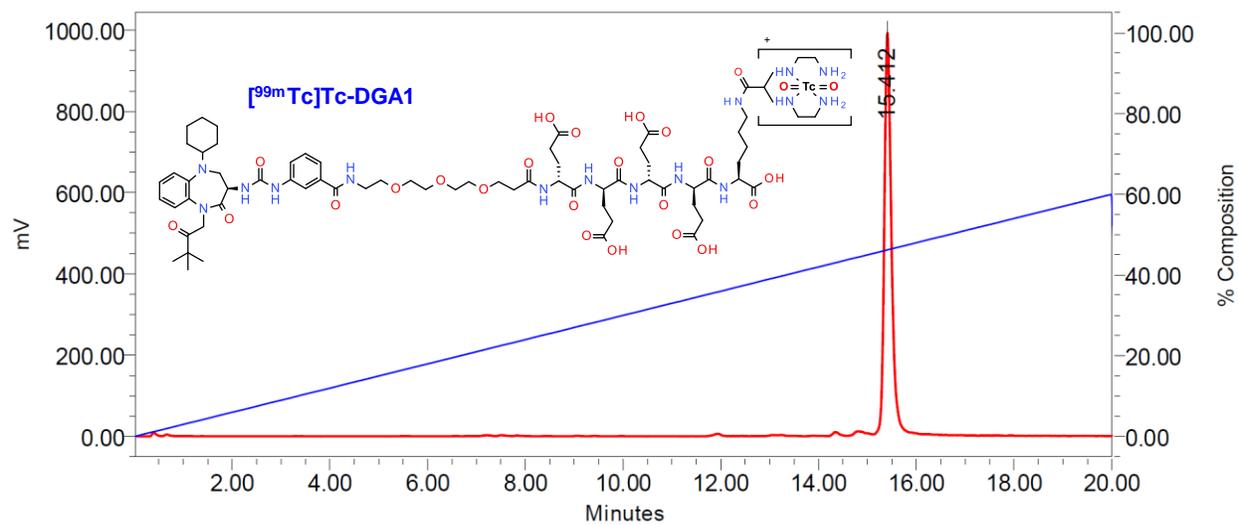


Figure S10. Representative HPLC radiochromatogram of a $[^{99m}\text{Tc}]\text{Tc}$ -labeling solution of DGA1 applying system 3

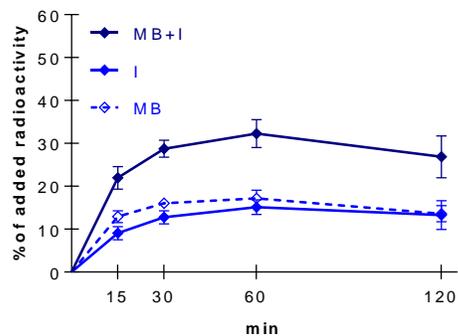
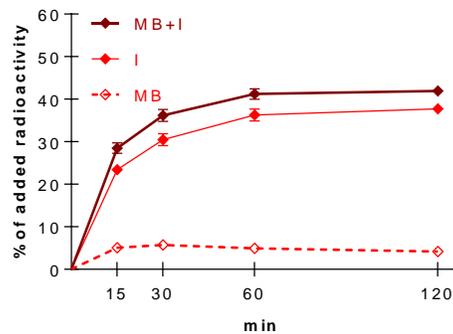
A**B**

Figure S11. Specific cell-association rates of (A) [^{99m}Tc]Tc-DGA1 (blue) and (B) [^{99m}Tc]Tc-DG2 (red) in HEK293-CCK₂R cells at 37 °C; solid lines represent the internalized (I) and scattered lines the membrane bound fractions (MB), whereas the darker solid lines represent specific total cell uptake (MB+I); results represent mean values \pm SD, n = 3.

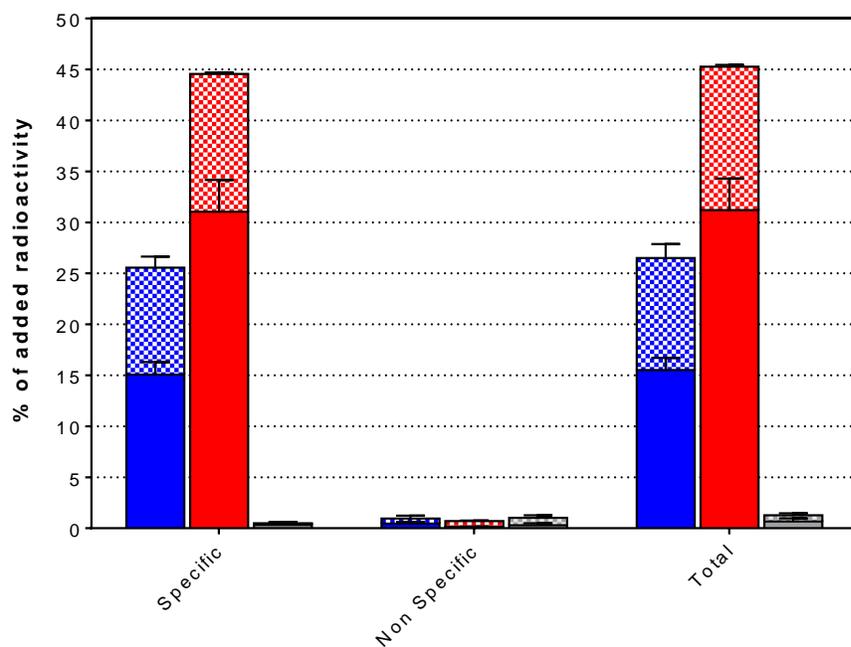


Figure S12. Cell-association (internalized: solid bars and membrane-bound fractions: checkered bars) of [^{99m}Tc]Tc-DGA1 (blue) and [^{99m}Tc]Tc-DG2 (red) in HEK293-CCK_{2i4svR} cells and of [^{99m}Tc]Tc-DGA1 in HEK293T cells at 37 °C at 1 h, including total, non-specific (in the presence of 1 μM DG2) and specific values; results represent mean values±SD, n = 3.

Table S1. Biodistribution of [^{99m}Tc]Tc-DGA1 and [^{99m}Tc]Tc-DG2 in SCID mice bearing twin HEK293-CCK₂R positive and HEK293-CCK₂R negative tumors at 1, 4 and 24 h pi, expressed as %ID/g and representing mean values±SD, n=4.

| Organs | %ID/g ± SD, n=4 | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | [^{99m} Tc]Tc-DGA1 | | | [^{99m} Tc]Tc-DG2 | | |
| | 1 h | 4 h | 24 h | 1 h | 4 h | 24 h |
| Blood | 10.18±1.11 | 1.02±0.11 | 0.09±0.03 | 0.65±0.02 | 0.16±0.02 | 0.34±0.38 |
| Liver | 4.62±0.66 | 1.86±0.19 | 0.39±0.07 | 0.55±0.01 | 0.26±0.03 | 0.10±0.01 |
| Heart | 3.11±0.55 | 0.64±0.06 | 0.10±0.02 | 0.39±0.01 | 0.13±0.01 | 0.09±0.01 |
| Kidneys | 133.14±3.01 | 113.3±10.45 | 15.81±1.65 | 82.99±14.51 | 37.28±2.80 | 13.40±3.24 |
| Stomach | 2.49±0.15 | 0.86±0.15 | 0.25±0.03 | 4.77±0.70 | 2.39±0.56 | 0.74±0.16 |
| Intestines | 1.68±0.21 | 0.89±0.20 | 0.41±0.09 | 0.63±0.19 | 0.63±0.11 | 0.34±0.11 |
| Spleen | 2.09±0.23 | 0.82±0.21 | 0.37±0.06 | 0.37±0.09 | 0.19±0.03 | 0.30±0.00 |
| Muscle | 1.01±0.09 | 0.19±0.01 | 0.05±0.01 | 0.16±0.06 | 0.04±0.01 | 0.04±0.01 |
| Lungs | 4.86±0.44 | 1.00±0.11 | 0.19±0.01 | 0.63±0.18 | 0.15±0.03 | 0.07±0.00 |
| Pancreas | 2.14±0.12 | 0.36±0.04 | 0.07±0.01 | 1.38±0.06 | 0.14±0.02 | 0.08±0.01 |
| HEK293-CCK₂R tumor | 39.64±2.84 | 33.58±6.54 | 12.50±2.53 | 11.18±1.93 | 8.71±1.06 | 7.40±2.43 |
| HEK293T tumor | 2.23±0.25 | 0.55±0.52 | 0.18±0.03 | 0.46±0.09 | 0.27±0.08 | 0.14±0.01 |