Supporting Information

Synthesis and preliminary studies of ¹¹C-labeled tetrahydro-1,7naphthyridine-2-carboxamides for PET imaging of metabotropic glutamate receptor 2

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Figure S1. Concentration–response curves of mGlu₂ NAMs compounds **14a-14g** in mGlu₂ GIRK or mGlu₃ GIRK functional assays.



Figure S2. Time-activity curves of [¹¹C]**14a** in rat brains. ^{*a*}Blocking conditions: **14a** (1 mg/kg), 30 min *i.v.* before radioligand injection.



Figure S3. Radiometabolite analysis of [¹¹C]14a in rat brain (average two runs)

| | Metabolite (%) | Unchanged (%) |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Plasma 5 mins-1 | 11.96 | 88.04 |
| Plasma 5 mins–2 | 17.06 | 82.94 |
| Plasma 20 mins–1 | 44.51 | 55.49 |
| Plasma 20 mins-2 | 38.26 | 61.74 |
| Brain 5 mins-1 | 0.06 | 99.94 |
| Brain 5 mins-2 | 0.49 | 99.51 |
| Brain 20 mins-1 | 7.3 | 92.7 |
| Brain 20 mins-2 | 5.76 | 94.24 |

Table S1. Radiometabolite and parent (unchanged) fraction of [¹¹C]14a in rat brain and plasma



Figure S4. RadioHPLC chromatogram in the brain and plasma 5 min post injection of [11C]14a



Figure S5. RadioHPLC chromatogram in the brain and plasma 20 min post injection of [11C]14a



Figure S6. Radiometabolite analysis of [¹¹C]14b in rat brain (average two runs)

| | Metabolite(%) | Unchanged (%) |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Plasma 5 mins-1 | 21.32 | 76.68 |
| Plasma 5 mins-2 | 41.31 | 58.69 |
| Plasma 20 mins-1 | 69.22 | 30.78 |
| Plasma 20 mins-2 | 67.60 | 32.40 |
| Brain 5 mins-1 | 0.28 | 99.72 |
| Brain 5 mins-2 | 0.04 | 99.96 |
| Brain 20 mins-1 | 0.97 | 99.03 |
| Brain 20 mins-2 | 1.22 | 98.78 |

Table S2. Radiometabolite and parent (unchanged) fraction of [¹¹C]14b in rat brain and plasma



Figure S7. RadioHPLC chromatogram in the brain and plasma 5 min post injection of [¹¹C]14b



Figure S8. RadioHPLC chromatogram in the brain and plasma 20 min post injection of [¹¹C]14b



Figure S9. Image of the ROIs used for quantification of in vitro autoradiography. (A) Brain sections were treated with [¹¹C]**14a**; (B) Brain sections were pre-treated with **14a** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14a**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14a**; (A) Brain sections were treated with [¹¹C]**14b**; (B) Brain sections were pre-treated with **14b** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**; (C) Brain sections were pre-treated with **QCA** (10 μ M), followed by [¹¹C]**14b**.



Figure S10. Functional (agonist and antagonist) assays of compound 14b towards mGlu receptors, including mGlu₁, mGlu₄, mGlu₅, mGlu₆ and mGlu₈.



Figure S11. Off-target pharmacological evaluation of compound **14b** at a concentration of 10 μ M against major CNS targets, including common GPCRs, enzymes, ion channels and transporters: Initial screening at a concentration of 10 μ M. All data are mean \pm SD (n = 4). No significant off-target binding (>50%) was observed at 10 μ M compound testing concentration.



Figure S12. Representative PET/MRI fused images (summed at 0-10 min, 10-30 min and 30-60 min) and time-activity curves of [¹¹C]**14b** under baseline and blocking conditions in SD rat brain. [#]Blocking conditions: **14b** (1 mg/kg), 30 min *i.v.* before radioligand injection; [†]Blocking conditions: **14a** (3 mg/kg), 30 min *i.v.* before radioligand injection are presented as mean \pm SEM (n = 3).

NMR spectra of synthesized compounds

¹H spectrum of 11a



¹³C spectrum of 11a



¹H spectrum of 11b



¹³C spectrum of 11b



¹H spectrum of 11c



¹³C spectrum of 11c



¹H spectrum of 11d



¹³C spectrum of 11d



¹H spectrum of 11g



¹³C spectrum of 11g



¹H spectrum of 13a



¹³C spectrum of 13a



¹H spectrum of 13b



¹³C spectrum of 13b



¹H spectrum of 13c



¹³C spectrum of 13c



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¹H spectrum of 13d



¹³C spectrum of 13d



¹H spectrum of 13e



¹³C spectrum of 13e



¹H spectrum of 13f



¹³C spectrum of 13f



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¹H spectrum of 13g



¹³C spectrum of 13g



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¹H spectrum of 14a



¹³C spectrum of 14a



¹H spectrum of 14b



¹³C spectrum of 14b



¹H spectrum of 14c



¹³C spectrum of 14c



¹H spectrum of 14d



¹³C spectrum of 14d



¹H spectrum of 14e



¹³C spectrum of 14e



¹H spectrum of 14f



¹³C spectrum of 14f



¹H spectrum of 14g



¹³C spectrum of 14g



¹H spectrum of 16



¹³C spectrum of 16



¹H spectrum of 17



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¹³C spectrum of 17



¹H spectrum of 18



¹³C spectrum of 18

