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Leveraging Inverse Electron Demand Diels-Alder Click Chemistry for Pretargeted PET

Imaging and Radioimmunotherapy

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ABSTRACT

Radiolabeled antibodies have shown promise as tools for both the nuclear imaging and endoradiotherapy of cancer, but the protracted circulation time of radioimmunoconjugates can lead to high radiation doses to healthy tissues. To circumvent this issue, we have developed an approach to positron emission tomography (PET) imaging and radioimmunotherapy (RIT) predicated on radiolabeling the antibody *after* it has reached its target within the body. This *in vivo* pretargeting strategy is based on the rapid and bioorthogonal inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction between tetrazine (Tz) and *trans*-cyclooctene (TCO). Pretargeted PET imaging and radioimmunotherapy using TCO-modified antibodies in conjunction with Tz-bearing radioligands produce high activity concentrations in target tissues as well as reduced radiation doses to healthy organs compared to directly-labeled radioimmunoconjugates. Herein, we describe how to prepare a TCO-modified antibody (huA33-TCO) as well as how to synthesize two Tz-bearing radioligands: one labeled with the positron-emitting radiometal copper-64 ($[^{64}\text{Cu}]\text{Cu-SarAr-Tz}$) and one labeled with the β -emitting radiolanthanide lutetium-177 ($[^{177}\text{Lu}]\text{Lu-DOTA-PEG}_7\text{-Tz}$). We also provide a detailed description of pretargeted PET and pretargeted radioimmunotherapy (PRIT) experiments in a murine model of human colorectal carcinoma. Proper training in both radiation safety and the handling of laboratory mice is required for the successful execution of this protocol.

INTRODUCTION

Background

Over the past two decades, radioimmunoconjugates have become increasingly important diagnostic and therapeutic tools in oncology. The ability of monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) to target tumor-associated antigens with high affinity and specificity has long made them effective vectors for the delivery of radionuclides to malignant tissue. The protracted circulation time of full-length immunoglobulins – *i.e.* they can take several days to reach their optimal biodistribution in the body – means that they must be labeled with radionuclides with multiday physical half-lives. Zirconium-89 (^{89}Zr ; $t_{1/2} \sim 3.3$ d) and iodine-124 (^{124}I ; $t_{1/2} \sim 4.2$ d) are typically employed for positron emission tomography (PET); indium-111 (^{111}In ; $t_{1/2} \sim 2.8$ d) is the current ‘gold-standard’ for single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT); and lutetium-177 (^{177}Lu ; $t_{1/2} \sim 6.7$ d), iodine-131 (^{131}I ; $t_{1/2} \sim 8.0$ d), and actinium-225 (^{225}Ac ; $t_{1/2} \sim 10.0$ d) are commonly used for radioimmunotherapy (RIT)¹⁻⁵. Several antibody-based radiopharmaceuticals have emerged as clinical success stories, including [^{131}I]I-hu3F8 for the treatment of pediatric neuroblastoma and an ever-expanding array of [^{89}Zr]Zr-labeled antibodies for diagnostic and theranostic PET⁶⁻⁸. However, the unavoidable combination of long biological and physical half-lives can create high radiation dose rates to healthy tissues, a complication that has dampened enthusiasm for radioimmunoconjugates in the clinic.

Perhaps not surprisingly, several alternative approaches have been created in an attempt to circumvent this issue. For example, antibody fragments – *e.g.* F(ab)₂, Fab, and sdAb – have attracted a great deal of attention as smaller format (~10-100 kDa) analogues of full-length immunoglobulins (~150 kDa) with more rapid pharmacokinetic profiles⁹. While such radiolabeled fragments have shown promise both in the laboratory and the clinic, their shorter biological half-lives come at a not insignificant price: lower tumor accretion and higher retention in the kidneys¹⁰.

This protocol is focused on yet another alternative methodology that seeks to leverage all of the advantages of full-length immunoglobulins while skirting their pharmacokinetic – and thus dosimetric – drawbacks: *in vivo* pretargeting.

In vivo pretargeting is predicated on injecting the immunoglobulin and radionuclide separately and relying upon a biorthogonal ligation to join two components together within the body. Labeling the antibody with a fast-moving, small molecule radioligand *after* it has reached an optimal biodistribution *in vivo* – or at least has had a ‘head start’ – limits the circulation time of the assembled radioimmunoconjugate in the blood and enables the use of radionuclides with shorter half-lives that are normally incompatible with full-length IgG. As a result, this approach can produce high activity concentrations in target tissues alongside reduced radiation doses to healthy organs compared to traditional, directly-radiolabeled immunoconjugates.

The central feature of any pretargeting strategy is the mechanism of the *in vivo* combination of the vector and radionuclide. A handful of different approaches have been used, including the ligation of streptavidin and biotin¹¹, the hybridization of complementary oligonucleotides¹², and the ability of bispecific antibodies to bind both antigens *and* radiolabeled haptens¹³. While these strategies have produced promising preclinical and – in some cases – clinical results, each possesses significant intrinsic limitations (see *Comparison with Other Methods*). As a result, the development of novel approaches to *in vivo* pretargeting remains an unmet need.

Development of the Protocol

Our laboratory has worked for almost a decade to develop and optimize an approach to *in vivo* pretargeting based on the inverse electron demand Diels-Alder (IEDDA) reaction between 1,2,4,5-tetrazine (Tz) and *trans*-cyclooctene (TCO) (*Figure 1A*). We have not been the only ones working in this field, of course. Indeed, several excellent teams have also been instrumental in the advancement of IEDDA-based pretargeting technology, most notably Jason S. Lewis and his group at Memorial

Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Raffaella Rossin and Mark Robillard and their coworkers at Tagworks Pharmaceuticals, and Matthias Herth and his laboratory at the University of Copenhagen. Rondon, *et al.* have recently published an excellent review summarizing the field's progress as a whole¹⁴.

The IEDDA ligation is a catalyst-free click chemistry transformation whose rapidity ($k_2 > 30,000 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$) and bioorthogonality make it nearly ideal for *in vivo* applications¹⁵. This singular chemical technology underpins two of the most important advantages of this approach to pretargeting: its modularity and its reliance, unique amongst pretargeting strategies, on the formation of *covalent* bonds between the vector and the radioligand. IEDDA-based approaches for *in vivo* pretargeting generally rely upon two components – a TCO-modified monoclonal antibody (mAb) and a Tz-bearing radioligand – and four sequential steps: (i) the intravenous administration of the TCO-based immunoconjugate, (ii) an interval period during which the mAb-TCO accumulates within target tissue and clears from the blood, (iii) the intravenous administration of the radiolabeled tetrazine, and (iv) the click ligation of the two components *in vivo* followed by the rapid clearance of excess radioligand (*Figure 1B*). Over the years, however, several variations on this theme have emerged, including the use of clearing agents and the sequential administration of two different radioligands¹⁶⁻¹⁸. Nonetheless, this original approach remains the simplest, most robust, and most well optimized.

Our initial foray into pretargeted PET imaging – which is predated in the literature by the pretargeted SPECT work of Rossin, *et al.* – employed a [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-NOTA-Tz radioligand and a TCO-modified variant of the colorectal cancer-targeting antibody huA33 (huA33-TCO)^{19,20}. While this system produced promising imaging and biodistribution data in murine models of human colorectal carcinoma, the hepatobiliary clearance of the radioligand would prove an obstacle to clinical imaging. This result fueled the development of a second generation ⁶⁴Cu-labeled radioligand – [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz – that combined rapid renal clearance and excellent *in vivo* performance in pretargeted PET and biodistribution experiments²¹. Around the same time, exhaustive structure-activity studies were performed to optimize ¹⁸F- and ⁶⁸Ga-labeled tetrazines that facilitated pretargeted PET using

radionuclides with even shorter half-lives²²⁻²⁴. While these efforts produced several highly effective radioligands and provided a number of important lessons in molecular design, none surpassed the *in vivo* performance of [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz.

Pretargeted radioimmunotherapy (PRIT) experiments soon followed after the development of the PET systems. To this end, a Tz radioligand labeled with the β -emitting radiometal ¹⁷⁷Lu – [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz – was employed in conjunction with a pair of TCO-bearing immunoconjugates in murine models of colorectal cancer (huA33-TCO) and pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (5B1-TCO)²⁴⁻²⁷. In both cases, biodistribution studies revealed high activity concentrations in tumor tissue along with low levels of uptake in healthy organs. Furthermore, longitudinal therapy studies subsequently revealed the efficacy of ¹⁷⁷Lu-PRIT, illustrating that this strategy produces a dose-dependent therapeutic response in both murine models of disease. We have recently extended our exploration of IEDDA-based PRIT, with forays into radioligands bearing α -emitting radionuclides (*i.e.* [²²⁵Ac]Ac-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz), TCO-modified dendrimers designed to amplify tumoral activity concentration levels, and dual radionuclide systems that integrate PRIT with theranostic PET^{16,17,26,28}. We are far from the only ones innovating in this space, however. A variety of other laboratories – including, but not limited to, those mentioned previously – have produced ground-breaking work, including studies focused on alternative dienophile moieties, Tz-bearing masking agents, antibody fragment-based pretargeting, TCO-modified bone-seeking vectors, and nanoparticulate radioligands²⁹⁻³³.

We have previously described our approach to *in vivo* pretargeting in a protocol in the *Journal of Visualized Experiments* that discussed PRIT with huA33-TCO and [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PEG₇-DOTA²⁷. This protocol expands upon this earlier work by describing the synthesis of radioligands for both pretargeted PET ([⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarArTz) and radioimmunotherapy ([¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PEG₇-DOTA) and by providing detailed descriptions of *in vivo* imaging, biodistribution, and longitudinal therapy studies. In addition, we also provide a method for determining the TCO occupancy of immunoconjugates

using Tz-PEG7-AF680 (see *Box 1*) as well as procedures for cell culture and the implantation of xenografts (see *Supplemental Methods*).

Comparison with Other Methods

The IEDDA reaction is not the first ligation to be harnessed for *in vivo* pretargeting. Several different ‘molecular couples’ have been used over the years, each with its own distinct set of advantages and disadvantages (*Figure 2*). The earliest approaches to pretargeting relied upon the extraordinarily strong binding interaction between streptavidin (a protein) and biotin (a small molecule). Indeed, strategies were developed that employed biotin-bearing immunoconjugates and streptavidin-based radioligands as well as streptavidin-bearing immunoconjugates and biotin-based radioligands³⁴. These methodologies produced excellent preclinical results and promising data in early trials. However, clinical trials revealed that many patients experienced mild to severe immune responses related to the streptavidin moieties^{35,36}. This immunogenicity ultimately proved a fatal flaw for the approach that has not been overcome in nearly two decades.

Another, arguably more elegant strategy for *in vivo* pretargeting is predicated on the use of bispecific antibodies that can bind to both tumor antigens *and* radiolabeled haptens. Methods employing both chelator- and peptide-based haptens have been explored, with both producing excellent preclinical results³⁷⁻³⁹. Even more importantly, *in vivo* pretargeting using bispecific antibodies and radiolabeled variants of IMP288, an oligopeptide hapten, have produced extremely promising clinical results in recent years⁴⁰. IMP288 is a histamine-succinyl-glycine (HSG) peptide with two important advantages: modularity – it can be modified with different chelators and radionuclides without dramatically affecting its binding to the bispecific antibody – and a pharmacokinetic profile that boasts rapid clearance from the blood and low levels of uptake in the kidneys^{41,42}. Yet despite this success, the construction of bispecific antibodies is complex and

expensive, factors which dramatically reduce the modularity of this approach and can represent significant barriers to laboratories interested in exploring pretargeting.

The third major approach to pretargeting relies upon the hybridization of complementary oligonucleotide chains for the *in vivo* ligation of the two components. This strategy has employed both antibodies and affibody molecules as targeting vectors and has typically relied upon phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligomers (MORFs) and peptide nucleic acids (PNAs) rather than natural nucleic acids^{12,43}. Unlike natural DNA and RNA, MORFs and PNAs are not prone to degradation via nucleases, giving them significantly increased *in vivo* stability⁴⁴. Like IEDDA-based methods, oligonucleotide-based pretargeting has not yet reached the clinic, but it has produced promising preclinical results in murine models of skin and ovarian cancer. The clinical translation of this approach is anticipated in the near future, yet the inherent instability of oligonucleotides and the non-covalent nature of hybridization remain concerns going forward. Creating a covalent link between the antibody and radioligand will always be the ideal, as this removes the possibility of the dissociation of the radiolabeled hapten and its subsequent washout from the tumor.

Finally, a handful of publications have emerged in which other *in vivo* ligation mechanisms have been interrogated over the years, including the Staudinger reaction, the strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition, and the host-guest relationship between cucurbituril and adamantane⁴⁵⁻⁴⁸. These methods, however, have either proven ineffective *in vivo* or have not been the subject of a large enough body of data to merit further discussion here.

Limitations of the IEDDA approach

It is important to carefully examine the drawbacks associated with IEDDA-based pretargeting as well. To begin, IEDDA-based pretargeting inevitably shares the issues common to *all* approaches to *in vivo* pretargeting. For example, *in vivo* pretargeting is most effective when the TCO-modified vector, usually a monoclonal antibody, is not internalized upon binding its molecular target. In this

protocol, we employ huA33, a humanized mAb that targets the A33 antigen – a transmembrane glycoprotein that is expressed on >95% of colorectal carcinomas – and has been shown to remain surface persistent after binding its molecular target⁴⁹. While a variety of non-internalizing antibodies have been discovered, many are internalized upon binding their targets, a process that (understandably) can make pretargeting more difficult. That said, our laboratory and others *have* demonstrated that *in vivo* pretargeting can be successful using antibodies that are internalized at slow or moderate rates (*e.g.* the CA19.9-targeting mAb 5B1, about 40% of which has been shown to internalize in BxPC3 cells in 24 h)^{50,51}.

In addition, the intrinsic complexity of *in vivo* pretargeting is often held up as a potential impediment to its clinical viability. Typically, these worries are not centered around the efficacy of the methodology in humans but rather the increased logistical burden associated with translating multi-component systems (*i.e.* performing toxicology studies on and garnering regulatory approval for not one but two parts of a system). To some degree, these concerns are valid and inevitable; it is our hope, however, that these issues will become less daunting – and provoke fewer knee-jerk reactions – as more clinical trials emerge in the future.

The principal drawback unique to IEDDA-based pretargeting is the *in vivo* isomerization of *trans*-cyclooctene (TCO) to *cis*-cyclooctene (CCO). This transformation of reactive TCO to inert CCO reduces the number of reaction partners for the tetrazine radioligand, thereby decreasing the frequency of *in vivo* ligations and limiting the accumulation of radioactivity in target tissues. Pioneering work by Rossin, *et al.* determined that the *in vivo* stability half-life of TCO can range from ~4 to ~10 days depending on the structure of the moiety⁵². While the exact mechanism of this interconversion remains unknown, it is hypothesized that it stems from the interaction between TCO and circulating transition metals or, more likely, circulating transition metal-containing proteins⁵³. A variety of attempts have been made to address this issue. One study, for example, has suggested that reducing the length of the linker between the vector and the TCO can increase the half-life of the

latter⁵⁴. Others have attempted to circumvent this problem by moving the tetrazine to the vector and using TCO-based radioligands, though this approach is somewhat suspect because Tz is even *less* stable *in vivo* than TCO⁵⁵⁻⁵⁷. In the absence of a clear mitigation strategy— and considering that some instability may be inevitable as part of the trade-off for rapid reactivity – the best “insurance” against isomerization may simply be to employ immunoconjugates with degrees of labeling of TCO as high as possible without compromising the biochemical integrity of the vector. In our hands, a range of 2-5 TCO per antibody have been shown to facilitate successful *in vivo* experiments without impairing the immunoreactivity of the antibody. To be sure, as IEDDA-based pretargeting enters the clinic, it will be important to interrogate the degree to which TCO isomerization occurs in human patients.

Experimental Design

Herein, we first describe the synthesis and characterization of three components of our IEDDA-based approach to pretargeting: a pair of radioligands – [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz (*Figure 3*) and [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz (*Figure 4*) – and a single immunoconjugate, huA33-TCO (*Figure 5*). We then provide a detailed description of how to perform pretargeted PET imaging and PRIT experiments in athymic nude mice bearing subcutaneous SW1222 colorectal carcinoma xenografts. We selected these radioligands, this immunoconjugate, and this tumor model for the protocol at hand because they represent the best characterized and most effective systems that we have developed to date. Yet one of the greatest strengths of IEDDA-based pretargeting is the ease with which it can be adapted to new applications. Tetrazine-bearing radioligands have been synthesized using a range of nuclides, including ¹¹C, ⁶⁸Ga, ¹⁸F, ⁶⁴Cu, ¹¹¹In, ⁴⁴Sc, ^{99m}Tc, and ²²⁵Ac^{26,58-64}. Similarly, a variety of vectors – including antibodies, antibody fragments, nanoparticles, peptides, and small molecules – have been modified with TCO^{33,60,65,66}. Of course, the mass of the TCO-bearing construct injected as well as the interval time between the administrations must be optimized for each vector (*vide infra*). Readers interested in attempting pretargeted PET or PRIT with a TCO-modified IgG are encouraged to

employ the optimized bioconjugation methods and ^{64}Cu - and ^{177}Lu -labeled radioligands described in this protocol. Those seeking to leverage other types of targeting vectors or use different radionuclides are welcome to combine the framework of this protocol with experimental procedures found in the references we cite throughout.

Validating Immunoreactivity

Before embarking on a new set of *in vivo* experiments, it is important to confirm the immunoreactivity of the immunoconjugate. Historically, we have employed two types of immunoreactivity assays, both of which require radiolabeling and purifying the TCO-modified immunoconjugate. The first is a cell-based assay in which the radioimmunoconjugate is incubated with the antigen-expressing cells that will be used in the *in vivo* experiments⁶⁷. The second is a bead-based assay in which the radioimmunoconjugate is incubated with NTA-tagged beads coated with His-tagged antigen⁶⁸. Each method has a distinct set of advantages. The bead-based assay removes all of the variables associated with using live cells as well as the need for cell culture. The cell-based assay, on the other hand, provides information on the interaction between the radioimmunoconjugate and the cells that will subsequently be used *in vivo*. If the binding of the immunoconjugate to the cells that will be employed *in vivo* has been well-established previously, we recommend the bead-based assay. If not, the cell-based assay is likely more useful.

Optimizing the Interval Between Injections

One of the key variables to optimise in the context of *in vivo* pretargeting is the length of the interval time between the injections of the antibody and the radioligand. This has a significant influence on the success of the experiment. If the interval is too short, this can result in high activity concentrations in the blood due to the ligation of the radioligand with still-circulating immunoconjugate. On other hand, if the interval is too long, the number of click ligations at the tumor

could be reduced due to the internalization of the immunoconjugate or the isomerization of TCO to CCO.

In the past, we have employed imaging experiments using a directly radiolabeled antibody to determine the point at which the immunoconjugate reaches an optimal biodistribution *in vivo* and thereby identify the appropriate injection interval. For example, imaging experiments with [⁸⁹Zr]Zr-DFO-huA33 in murine models of colorectal cancer illustrated that the radioimmunoconjugate reaches an optimal biodistribution between 1 and 4 days after injection, data which has lead us to use injection intervals of 24-96 h when performing pretargeting experiments with huA33-TCO. In the absence of biodistribution or imaging data, the biological half-life of the vector could be used as a general guidepost for choosing an appropriate injection interval, though there is no replacement for experimentation. In the end, we recommend that those developing a new pretargeting system explore several different intervals in order to identify the timing that produces the best *in vivo* results.

Control Experiments

In pretargeted PET imaging experiments, we have employed cohorts of animals treated with three sets of control conditions: (i) the radioligand alone; (ii) the radioligand in conjunction with an unmodified – *i.e.* TCO-less – vector (*e.g.* wildtype huA33); (iii) the TCO-bearing vector in conjunction with the radioligand in very low specificity activity. Perhaps not surprisingly, each of these conditions produced images with very low tumor-to-background contrast as well as minimal activity concentrations (*i.e.* <0.5 %ID/g) in tumor tissue.

Armed with the PET data, we have typically used only two control conditions in longitudinal PRIT studies: the radioligand alone (at the highest dose employed for PRIT) as well as the TCO-modified immunoconjugate alone. In these experiments, the cohorts subjected to both control conditions experience dramatically more rapid tumor growth than those treated with even the lowest doses of PRIT (see *Figure 8*). Finally, in both PET and PRIT studies, a control cohort in which the

radioligand alongside a non-targeted yet TCO-bearing vector (*e.g.* non-specific IgG₁-TCO) is advisable if the specificity of the vector has not previously been demonstrated. These control experiments should be performed during the *in vivo* evaluation of any new pretargeting system.

Necessary Expertise

Radiation Safety Training: Only personnel who have received proper radiation safety training should perform the parts of this protocol that involve radioactivity. Furthermore, these experiments must only be performed in authorized and regulated laboratory spaces that have been approved for work with radioactivity. Finally, survey meters, dosimeters, adequate shielding, and proper PPE must be used at all times.

Laboratory Animal Training: Only personnel who have received thorough training in the handling and use of mice for preclinical *in vivo* experimentation should perform the parts of the protocol that involve mice. Regulated and well-staffed animal facilities are required for all animal experiments, and all *in vivo* procedures must be performed according to institutional, state, and federal guidelines. Again, proper PPE must be used at all times during *in vivo* experimentation.

MATERIALS

Biological Materials

- Athymic nude mice (007850, The Jackson Laboratory) bearing SW1222 human colorectal cancer xenografts (see *Supporting Information* for a protocol for xenograft implantation) **!CAUTION** All animal experiments should be performed according to institutional, state, and federal guidelines. All animal experiments in this protocol were performed in accordance with protocols approved by the institutional animal care and use committees (IACUC) of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Weill Cornell Medical College, and Hunter College.

Reagents

- [^{64}Cu] CuCl_2 in 0.05 M HCl (MIR Cyclotron Facility, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO, USA) **!CAUTION** Copper-64 represents a radiological hazard and must be used according to institutional, state, and federal regulations as well as ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable) principles. Proper shielding during the handling of all radioactive reagents, mixtures, glassware, and instruments is essential. Furthermore, it is critical that appropriate personal protective equipment, dosimeters, and survey meters are always used when handling radioactive material.
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- Ammonium acetate (NH₄OAc, 372331, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA)
- Acetonitrile (A998SK-4, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA)
!CAUTION Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity.
- *N*-boc-4-(bromomethyl)-benzylamine (54463, AstaTech, Bristol, PA, USA) **!CAUTION** *N*-boc-4-(bromomethyl)-benzylamine has acute oral toxicity and is potentially irritating to the skin.
- Benzylamino tetrazine *N*-hydroxysuccinimidyl ester (Tz-NHS, 764701, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) **!CAUTION** Tz-NHS has acute oral and dermal toxicity.
- DiAmSar (SarAr-Bn-NH₂, M-190, Macrocyclics, Inc., Plano, TX, USA)
- *N,N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF, anhydrous, 99.8% AC448381000, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, US) **!CAUTION** DMF is a highly flammable liquid and may cause serious eye and respiratory irritation.
- Triethylamine (TEA, 219510500, Acros Organics, Fair Lawn, NJ, USA) **!CAUTION** TEA is a highly flammable liquid and has high oral, dermal, and respiratory toxicity.
- Trifluoroacetic acid (99+% TFA, AAA1361414, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) **!CAUTION** TFA is highly toxic and can cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation.
- Boc-PEG₇-amine (O-(2-aminoethyl)-O'-[2-(boc-amino)ethyl]hexaethylene glycol, 70023, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA)
- Dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂, DCM, AC610300010, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) **!CAUTION** DCM can cause skin irritation, eye irritation, drowsiness, and dizziness. DCM is also a suspected carcinogen.
- *p*-SCN-Bn-DOTA (B-205, Macrocyclics, Inc., Plano, TX, USA)

Equipment

- Centrifugal filters (Amicon[®] Ultra-4 centrifugal filters with a 50 kDa cut-off, UFC8050, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA)
- UV-Vis spectrophotometer (Biospec Nano, Shimadzu, Columbia, MD, USA *or equivalent*)
- Analytical balance (XPE105, Mettler Toledo, Columbus, OH, USA *or equivalent*)
- Dose calibrator (Capintec CRC-15R Dose Calibrator, Capintec, Florham Park, NJ, USA *or equivalent*)
- 1.5 mL Microcentrifuge tubes (Eppendorf[™] LoBind Microcentrifuge Tubes: Protein, 13-698-794, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA *or equivalent*)
- 50 mL Conical centrifuge tubes (Corning[™] CentriStar[™] Cap, 50 mL Centrifuge Tubes, Sterile, 05-538-60, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Gamma counter (Automatic Wizard² Gamma Counter, Perkin Elmer, Waltham, MA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Heat lamp (Infrared Heating and Drying Lamp, 36547-009, VWR, Radnor, PA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Insulin syringes (14-826-79, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA *or equivalent*)
- iTLC plates, glass microfiber chromatography paper impregnated with silica gel (NC0283947, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Ultrapure water system (Milli-Q[®] Advantage A10 Water Purification System, Z00Q0V0WW, MilliporeSigma, Burlington, MA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Mouse restrainer (TV-RED 150-STD, Braintree Scientific, Braintree, MA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Ethanol wipes (22-363-750, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) **!CAUTION**
Ethanol is highly flammable.
- Gauze (Dynarex Sterile Gauze Pads, 3353, Dynarex, Orangeburg, NY, USA *or equivalent*)

- Mouse surgery kit (Kent Scientific Mouse Surgical Kit, 13-005-204, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Disposable culture tubes (DWK Life Sciences Kimble™ Plain Disposable Plastic Tubes 12x75mm Polystyrene, 13-674-60A, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Disposable culture tube caps (Simport™ Scientific Flange Plug Caps, 22-045-563, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Positron emission tomography scanner (microPET Focus 120 dedicated small-animal scanner, Siemens Medical Solutions, Malvern, PA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- pH paper (1.09543.0001, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Pipette tips [ranging from 1 – 1000 µL, Fisherbrand™ SureOne™ Aerosol Barrier Pipette Tips, micropoint, 02-707-439 (0.1 – 10 µL), 02-707-432 (2 – 20 µL), 02-707-430 (20-200 µL), 02-707-404 (100 – 1000 µL), ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*]
- Pipettes [ranging from 1 – 1000 µL, Brand® Transferpette® S pipette, adjustable single channel; Z646512 (0.5 – 10 µL), Z646520 (2 – 20 µL), Z646547 (20 – 200 µL), Z646555 (100 – 1000 µL), Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA *or equivalent*]
- Disposable PD-10 desalting columns (Sephadex™ G-25 Medium, 45-000-148, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA)
- Dry block heating and cooling shaker (Eppendorf™ Thermomixer® F1.5, 05-412-500, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA *or equivalent*)
- TLC plate reader (Bioscan AR-2000 Radio-TLC plate reader + Winscan Radio-TLC software, Bioscan Inc., Santa Barbara, USA *or equivalent*)
- Tumor measuring device (Peira TM900, Ketelaarstaat 8, Belgium *or equivalent*)

- Vortex mixer (VWR[®] Analog Vortex Mixer, 300-3200 rpm, 10153-838, Avantor, VWR, Radnor, PA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Filter units (Thermo Scientific[™] Nalgene[™] Rapid-Flow[™] Sterile Disposable Filter Units with 75 mm polyethersulfone (PES) membrane, 0.2 µm pore size, 09-741-02, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Centrifuge for 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes (Eppendorf[®] Centrifuge 5430R, EP022620603, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA *or equivalent*)
- Tweezers (Fisherbrand[™] High Precision Straight Broad Strong Point Tweezers/Forceps, 12-000-128, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- Permanent marker (Thermo Scientific[™] Nalgene[™] Black Ink Lab Markers, 13-382-51, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA, *or equivalent*)
- 5 mm Thin wall precision NMR sample tube 7" L, 600MHz (535-PP-7, Wilmad-LabGlass, Vineland, NJ, USA *or equivalent*)
- Lyophilizer (FreeZone 2.5 Liter -84 °C Benchtop Freeze Dryer, 7670520, Labconco, Kansas City, MO, USA *or equivalent*)
- Glass collection tubes, 3.5 mL (228-25315-91, Shimadzu, Columbia, MD, USA *or equivalent*)
- Glass Pasteur pipettes (Fisherbrand[™] Disposable Soda-Lime Glass Pasteur Pipettes, 13-678-6B, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Pasteur pipette bulbs (Fisherbrand[™] Dropper Bulbs, natural, 1 mL, 14-127-515, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA *or equivalent*)
- High field nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer capable of performing ¹H and ¹³C NMR analysis (Bruker Avance III 600MHz, Bruker Avance DRX 500MHz, and/or Bruker Avance III 400MHz, Bruker Scientific LLC, Billerica, MA, USA *or equivalent*).

- Reverse-phase high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) system with analytical, semi-preparative, and preparative columns (*degassing unit*: DGU-20A 3R; *pump system*: LC-20AP; *communications bus module*: CMB-20A; *UV-Vis absorbance detector*: SPD-M20A; *fraction collector*: FRC-10A; *software*: LabSolutions LC/GC; Shimadzu, Columbia, MD, USA *or equivalent*)
- Analytical HPLC column (Jupiter Proteo HPLC column, 00G-4053-B0, 250 × 2 mm, 5 μm, 300 Å, Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Semi-preparative HPLC column (Jupiter Proteo HPLC Column, 00G-4053-E0, 250 × 4.6 mm, 5 μm, 300 Å, Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Preparative HPLC column (Jupiter Proteo HPLC Column, 00G-4053-N0, 250 × 10 mm, 5 μm, 300 Å, Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Magnetic stir bar (Z328650-10EA, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA)
- Magnetic stirrer hot plate (Z742542, Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA)
- Mass spectrometer capable of performing electron-spray ionization (ESI) analysis (Agilent 6340 Ion Trap with Electron Transfer Dissociation (ETD) LC/MS system, Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA *or equivalent*)
- Single-neck 10 mL round-bottom flask (Z100633, Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA)
- Single-neck 25 mL round-bottom flask (Z278262, Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO, USA)
- Needles (Hypodermic Needle Precision Glide™ Without Safety 26 Gauge 3/8 Inch Length, 14-826-10, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA)
- Vacuum evaporator (Biotage® V-10 Touch, V10-2XX, Biotage, Charlotte, NC, USA)
- 20 mL Scintillation vials (FisherBrand™ 20 mL Borosilicate Glass Scintillation Vials with White Urea Caps, 03-337-5, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA)

Reagent Setup

Chelex® ultrapure water (1.0 L)

!CRITICAL We recommend treating all ultrapure water with Chelex® resin prior to performing radiometallations of chelator-bearing conjugates (*e.g.* SarAr-Tz and DOTA-PEG₇-Tz). Chelex® resin is a styrene divinylbenzene copolymer that acts as a chelating agent for polyvalent metal ions. Therefore, treating ultrapure water with the Chelex® resin will remove any metal ions that could interfere with the subsequent coordination of radiometals.

Add 5.0 g of Chelex® resin to 1.0 L of ultrapure water and stir the mixture overnight at room temperature (20-25 °C). Remove the resin by filtration using filter units. This water can be stored at room temperature for up to 1 year.

1× Phosphate-buffered saline, pH 7.4 buffer (1.0 L)

Combine 100.0 mL of 10× PBS with 900.0 mL of ultrapure water and mix thoroughly. This buffer can be stored at room temperature for up to 1 year. If 1× PBS is used for diluting doses for mice injections, filter the solution using a sterile filter unit on the day of use.

0.25 M ammonium acetate buffer pH 5.5 (100.0 mL)

Dissolve 1.927 g ammonium acetate in 95.0 mL Chelex® ultrapure water. Adjust the pH to 5.5 with acetic acid (~0.65 mL) and pH papers. Bring the volume to 100.0 mL with Chelex® ultrapure water. This buffer can be stored at room temperature for up to 1 year. **!CAUTION** Acetic acid can cause severe skin burns and eye damage and may cause respiratory irritation if inhaled.

0.1 M Na₂CO₃ (50.0 mL)

Dissolve 0.53 g of Na₂CO₃ in 50.0 mL ultrapure water. This solution can be stored at room temperature for up to 1 year. **!CAUTION** Sodium carbonate can cause serious eye irritation.

25.0 mg/mL TCO-NHS in DMSO (1.0 mL)

Dissolve 25.0 mg of TCO-NHS in 1.0 mL of DMSO. Mix the solution thoroughly using a vortex mixer, divide it into aliquots, and store the aliquots at -80 °C for up to 3 years. **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid. DMSO may cause slight skin and eye irritation.

50 mM EDTA pH 5.0 (250.0 mL)

Add 5.65 g of EDTA to 200.0 mL of ultrapure water. Adjust the pH to 5.0 with 6.0 M HCl and pH papers. Bring the volume to 250.0 mL with ultrapure water. This solution can be stored at room temperature for up to 1 year. **!CAUTION** EDTA can cause serious eye damage and is hazardous to aquatic life. Hydrochloric acid can cause severe skin burns and eye damage and may cause respiratory irritation if inhaled.

1% Bovine Serum Albumin in 1× phosphate-buffered saline (100.0 mL)

Dissolve 1.0 g of bovine serum albumin in 100.0 mL of 1× PBS. Mix the solution thoroughly, divide it into aliquots, and store the aliquots at -20 °C for up to 1 year.

HPLC eluent A (0.1% TFA in ultrapure water, 1.0 L)

Add 1.0 mL of TFA to 999.0 mL of ultrapure water. This solvent can be stored at room temperature for up to 6 months. **!CAUTION** TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. TFA should be avoided in the HPLC eluent when purifying boc-protected compounds, as it can hydrolyze the protecting group. For boc-protected compounds, use 1.0 L of pure H₂O as eluent A.

HPLC eluent B (0.1% TFA in acetonitrile, 1.0 L)

Add 1.0 mL of TFA to 999.0 mL of acetonitrile. This solvent can be stored at room temperature for up to 6 months. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. TFA should be avoided in the HPLC eluent when purifying boc-protected compounds, as it can hydrolyze the protecting group. For boc-protected compounds, use 1.0 L of pure MeCN as eluent B.

Equipment Setup

UV-Vis spectrophotometer

Turn on the instrument and replace the wiper cloth if necessary (one cloth can be used for 100 measurements). Choose the “protein quantification” parameters, with the settings set for monoclonal antibody measurements: molecular weight = 150,000 g/mol; extinction coefficient = 210,000 M⁻¹cm⁻¹; concentration output = μM. Next, add 1-3 μL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 to sensor using a 0.1-10 μL pipette to obtain a blank measurement (repeat three times). Acquire a spectrum using 1.0 μL of the antibody sample with five total replicates. The instrument will provide the absorbance value and automatically calculate the concentration of the antibody. Calculate the average of the five measurements to determine the total antibody concentration.

Microcentrifuge

Turn on the microcentrifuge and adjust the settings (temperature, speed, time) as needed. Use 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes with the lids closed tightly as well as counterbalances if necessary.

TLC chamber and plate

Add 2-3 mL of 50 mM EDTA (pH 5) to a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. Make a dot on the bottom of the iTLC plate using a pencil or permanent marker. Apply a drop ($\sim 1 \mu\text{L}$) of the radioligand solution onto the mark and insert the iTLC plate into the centrifuge tube using tweezers. Wait for the solvent front to ascend the iTLC plate. When the solvent front is 1 cm from the top of the plate, use tweezers to remove the plate from the chamber. Dry the radio-iTLC plate in air. **!CAUTION** EDTA can cause serious eye damage and is hazardous to aquatic life.

RadioTLC plate reader

Wrap the dried radio-iTLC plates in cellophane wrap to prevent the contamination of the instrument. Tape the iTLC plates to the plate reader and adjust the instrument markers so they line up with the iTLC plates. Turn on the P10 gas and, using the software provided, run the plate reader. Adjust the regions of interest (ROI) on the resulting chromatogram to determine the radiochemical purity of the solution.

Dry block heating and cooling mixer

Turn on the mixer and adjust the settings (*i.e.* RPM, temperature) as necessary. Use 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes with the lids closed tightly.

Disposable PD-10 desalting columns

Set up the PD-10 columns according to the manufacturer's instructions. Remove the cap and pour out the storage solution. Cut the sealed end of the column at the notch. Equilibrate the column with 25 mL of $1\times$ PBS pH 7.4 and discard the flow-through. The maximum sample volume for the column is 2.5 mL. For sample volumes less than 2.5 mL, add the sample volume and then add $1\times$ PBS pH 7.4 buffer to the column after the sample has entered the packed bed completely to adjust the total

volume up to 2.5 mL. After allowing the sample and buffer to enter the packed bed completely, discard the flow-through. Subsequently, place a collection tube under the column, elute the column with 2.0 mL $1 \times$ PBS buffer, and collect the eluate. **!CRITICAL** It is critical to equilibrate the column, as UV-absorbing stabilizers are used during the packing of the column. Do not use more than 2.5 mL of total solution when loading the sample.

Preparation of HPLC system

Before using the HPLC system, de-gas and filter eluent A (water + 0.1% TFA) and eluent B (acetonitrile + 0.1% TFA). Wash the column with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (eluent A:eluent B) over 1 hour with a relatively low flow rate (0.5 mL/min) before the injection of the sample. Finally, perform a purge (parameters set by manufacturer) on the HPLC lines with eluent A and eluent B before *every run* to ensure that no air bubbles are in the system. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation.

Lyophilization

To prepare samples for lyophilization, weigh an empty container (typically a 50.0 mL conical centrifuge tube) with the cap on. Add the liquid samples to the container and cover again with the cap. Place the samples in a -80 °C freezer upright for a minimum of 12 hours *or* expose them to liquid nitrogen for ~30 seconds. Once the samples are completely frozen, replace the original cap with a new cap that has been punctured several times with a needle. Be sure to keep the original cap for weighing the sample again after lyophilization. Wrap each container with aluminum foil if the protocol states that the samples are sensitive to light. Place them in the lyophilizer. Lyophilize the samples until all of the solvent has been removed. Replace the cap with holes with the original cap

and re-weigh the container to determine the mass of the product. **!CAUTION** Take great care if handling liquid nitrogen; always use proper PPE (*i.e.* cryo gloves).

Vacuum evaporator

To remove the solvent from a solution using a vacuum evaporator, transfer the solution to a 20.0 mL scintillation vial (the solution needs to occupy less than 1/4 of the vial; if the volume of the solution is too great, transfer some to a separate vial or vials). Place the vial in the vacuum evaporator and adjust the parameters of the instrument according to the solvent being evaporated (refer to the manufacturer's instructions). Start the evaporation. After 30 minutes, stop the evaporation and check the progress. If the vial is completely dry, re-constitute the powder in the solvent of choice (as per the protocol). If the vial is not completely dry, repeat the evaporation for another 30 minutes. Continue this process until the vial is completely dry, and then re-constitute the powder in the solvent of choice (as per the protocol).

PROCEDURE 1 – SYNTHESIS OF TETRAZINE-BEARING PRECURSORS

Synthesis of *N*¹-(4-(((Pivaloyloxy)amino)methyl)-benzyl)-3,6,10,13,16,19-hexaazabicyclo[6.6.6]icosane-1,8-diamine (SarAr-Bn-NHBoc) (timing ~3 d)

1. Combine 30.0 mg (0.094 mmol) of diAmSar and 4.0 mL of anhydrous DMF in a 25.0 mL round-bottom flask and stir the solution vigorously with a magnetic stir bar and a magnetic stir plate. **!CAUTION** DMF is a highly flammable liquid and may cause serious eye and respiratory irritation.
2. Slowly add 37.0 mg (0.12 mmol) of *N*-boc-4-(bromomethyl)-benzylamine to the stirring slurry (add in 4 batches; 9.25 mg, 9.25 mg, 9.25 mg, 9.25 mg). Between each addition, allow the solution to mix thoroughly. Continue stirring for ~1-2 minutes until the white solid has completely dissolved. **!CAUTION** *N*-boc-4-(bromomethyl)-benzylamine has acute oral toxicity and is potentially irritating to the skin. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
3. Add 34.0 mg (0.32 mmol) of Na₂CO₃ to the mixture and continue to stir vigorously. **!CAUTION** Sodium carbonate can cause serious eye irritation.
4. Heat the slurry to 70 °C and continue stirring for 16 hours at 70 °C. Over the course of the heating, the solution will slowly change from colorless to pale yellow.
5. After 16 hours, take a small aliquot from the reaction mixture, perform a 2-fold dilution with acetonitrile, and check the reaction via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 20:80 (water:acetonitrile) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 2 mL/min (*t*_{R,product} = ~16 minutes; potential impurities: *t*_{R,bocNH-Bn-SarAr-Bn-NHBoc} = ~17 min). If the reaction is not complete, allow the solution to incubate longer. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product. We recommend first diluting the reaction solution in water or acetonitrile prior to running the HPLC in order to prevent precipitation in the lines. We recommend using solvents without 0.1% TFA when purifying boc-protected compounds.

6. Once the reaction is deemed complete, stop heating the solution. Dilute the reaction solution up to 6.0 mL with ultrapure water and aliquot 1000 μ L of the reaction mixture into 6×1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes. If HPLC purification cannot be performed immediately following the reaction, we recommend separating the sample into 200 μ L aliquots in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes and storing the crude product at -80 $^{\circ}$ C until purification. **PAUSE POINT** The crude SarAr-Bn-NHBoc can be stored at -80 $^{\circ}$ C for at least one month.
7. Purify the samples via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 20:80 (water:acetonitrile) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 2 mL/min ($t_{R, \text{product}} = \sim 16$ minutes, potential impurities: $t_{R, \text{bocNH-Bn-SarAr-Bn-NHBoc}} = \sim 17$ min). Collect the fractions (~ 3 mL per fraction, from 15.5-16.5 min, in a total of 1-2 fractions per run) in 3.5 mL glass collection tubes and combine them in a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity.
!CRITICAL STEP We recommend using solvents without the 0.1% TFA additive when purifying the boc-protected compound. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
8. Lyophilize the HPLC eluant to yield SarAr-Bn-NHBoc as a white powder (typical results: 35 mg, 0.065 mmol, 65-75% yield) **PAUSE POINT** The purified SarAr-Bn-NHBoc can be stored as a solid at 4 $^{\circ}$ C for at least one year. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
9. Confirm the identity of the product with ESI-MS and $^1\text{H-NMR}$.

Synthesis of N^1 -(4-(aminomethyl)benzyl)-3,6,10,13,16,19-hexaazabicyclo[6.6.6]icosane-1,8-diamine (SarAr-Bn-NH₂) (timing ~ 2 d)

10. Combine 31.0 mg (0.058 mmol) of SarAr-Bn-NHBoc and 2.0 mL of acetonitrile in a 10.0 mL round-bottom flask and stir vigorously with a magnetic stir bar and a magnetic stir plate.
!CAUTION Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity.

11. Place the setup in a water bath. Using a glass pipette, add 2.0 mL TFA dropwise to the vigorously stirring slurry. **!CAUTION** TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. **!CRITICAL STEP** The reaction is exothermic and therefore must be performed in a water bath.
12. Continue stirring for 90 minutes at room temperature (20-25 °C).
13. Take a small aliquot from the reaction mixture (~20 µL), and check the reaction via HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 20:80 (eluent A:eluent B) over 20 minutes with a flow rate of 6 mL/min ($t_{R,product} = \sim 7$ minutes; no major impurities observed). If the reaction is deemed complete, continue with HPLC purification. If the purification cannot be performed immediately following the reaction, we recommend separating the sample into 200 µL aliquots in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes and storing the crude product at -80 °C until purification. **PAUSE POINT** The crude SarAr-Bn-NH₂ can be stored at -80 °C for at least one month. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product.
14. Remove the solvent completely via vacuum evaporation (as described in the *Equipment Setup*) to provide crude SarAr-Bn-NH₂ as a yellow/brown oil.
15. Dissolve the product in 1.0 mL DMSO and 1.0 mL acetonitrile. **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid. DMSO may cause slight skin and eye irritation. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product.
16. Purify the samples via preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 20:80 (eluent A:eluent B) over 20 minutes with a flow rate of 6 mL/min ($t_{R,product} = \sim 7$ minutes; no major impurities observed). Collect the purified fractions (~3 mL per fraction, from 6.5-7.5 min, in a total of 2-3 fractions per run) in 3.5 mL glass collection tubes, and combine them in a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can

cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**

17. Lyophilize the HPLC eluant to yield SarAr-Bn-NH₂ as a white powder (typical results: 26 mg, 0.059 mmol, quantitative yield). **PAUSE POINT** The purified SarAr-Bn-NH₂ can be stored as a solid at 4 °C for at least one year. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
18. Confirm the identity of the product with ESI-MS and ¹H-NMR.

Synthesis of *N*¹-(4-(1,2,4,5-Tetrazin-3-yl)benzyl)-*N*⁵-(4-(((8-amino-3,6,10,13,16,19-hexaazabicyclo[6.6.6]icosan-1-yl)amino)methyl)benzyl)glutaramide (SarAr-Tz) (timing ~2 d)

19. Combine 5.0 mg (0.013 mmol) of Tz-NHS and 400 µL of anhydrous DMF in a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube and mix the solution thoroughly. **!CAUTION** Tz-NHS has acute oral and dermal toxicity. DMF is a highly flammable liquid and may cause serious eye and respiratory irritation. **!CRITICAL STEP** Tz-NHS is light sensitive; protect the reaction mixture from light. Our laboratory uses aluminum foil to cover the reaction vessel.
20. In a separate 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube, combine 5.4 mg (0.013 mmol) of SarAr-Bn-NH₂ and 200 µL of anhydrous DMF and agitate the solution at 500 rpm on a dry block heating mixer at room temperature for 1-2 minutes. **!CAUTION** DMF is a highly flammable liquid and may cause serious eye and respiratory irritation.
21. Transfer the Tz-NHS solution into the stirring slurry of SarAr-Bn-NH₂.
22. Add 2.79 µL (0.020 mmol) of TEA to the stirring slurry. Continue stirring the solution for 2 hours at room temperature. **!CAUTION** TEA is a highly flammable liquid and has high oral, dermal, and respiratory toxicity. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
23. Take a small aliquot from the reaction mixture (~20 µL), perform a 2-fold dilution of the sample mixture with acetonitrile, and check the reaction via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 20:80 (eluent A:eluent B) over 15 minutes with a flow rate

of 2 mL/min ($t_{R,product} = 9.5$ minutes; no major impurities observed). If the reaction is not complete, allow solution to incubate longer. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product. We recommend first diluting the reaction solution in water or acetonitrile prior to running the HPLC in order to prevent precipitation in the lines.

24. Once the reaction is complete, perform a 2-fold dilution of the reaction mixture with acetonitrile and continue with the HPLC purification. If the purification cannot be performed immediately following the reaction, we recommend separating the sample into 200 μ L aliquots in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes and storing the crude product at -80 °C until purification. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product. We recommend first diluting the reaction solution in water or acetonitrile prior to running HPLC in order to prevent precipitation in the lines. **PAUSE POINT** Crude SarAr-Tz can be stored at -80 °C for at least one month.

25. Purify the samples via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 20:80 (eluent A:eluent B) over 15 minutes with a flow rate of 2 mL/min ($t_{R,product} = 9.5$ minutes; no major impurities observed). Collect the purified fractions (~3 mL per fraction, from 9.0-10.0 min, in a total of 1-2 fractions per run) in 3.5 mL glass collection tubes, and then combine them in a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**

26. Cover the 50.0 mL conical centrifuge tube with aluminum foil to protect samples from light.

27. Lyophilize the HPLC eluant to yield SarAr-Tz as a pink powder (typical results: 3.9 mg, 0.0054 mmol, 40-45% yield). **PAUSE POINT** The purified SarAr-Tz can be stored as a solid at -80°C for 1 year. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**

28. Confirm the identity of the product with ESI-MS and ^1H -NMR.

Synthesis of Tz-PEG₇-NHBoc (timing ~1 day)

29. Dissolve 10.0 mg (0.025 mmol) of Tz-NHS in 400 μL of DMSO in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube. Mix the solution thoroughly. **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid. DMSO may cause slight skin and eye irritation. Tz-NHS has acute oral and dermal toxicity. **!CRITICAL STEP** Tz-NHS is light sensitive; protect the reaction mixture from light. Our lab uses aluminum foil to cover the reaction vessel.
30. Add 15.0 mg of Boc-PEG₇-NH₂ (0.032 mmol; 1.3 eq) to the solution and mix well.
31. Add 10.0 μL of TEA (7.2 mg; 0.072 mmol) to the solution and place mixture on a dry block heating mixer at 300 rpm at 25 °C for 30 minutes. **!CAUTION** TEA is a highly flammable liquid and has high oral, dermal, and respiratory toxicity. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
32. Take a small aliquot from the reaction mixture (~20 μL), perform a 2-fold dilution of the sample mixture with acetonitrile, and check the reaction progress via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (water:acetonitrile) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 2 mL/min ($t_{\text{R,product}} = \sim 22$ minutes; potential impurities: $t_{\text{R,Tz-NHS}} = \sim 19$ minutes, $t_{\text{R,boc-PEG7-NH2}} = \sim 21$ minutes). **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product. We recommend first diluting the reaction solution in water or acetonitrile prior to running the HPLC in order to prevent precipitation in the lines. We recommend using solvents without 0.1% TFA when purifying boc-protected compounds.
33. Once the reaction is complete, perform a 2-fold dilution of the reaction mixture with acetonitrile and continue with HPLC purification. If the purification is unable to be performed immediately following the reaction, we recommend separating the sample into 200 μL aliquots in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes and storing the crude product at -80 °C until

purification. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product. We recommend first diluting the reaction solution in water or acetonitrile prior to running the HPLC in order to prevent precipitation in the lines. We recommend using solvents without 0.1% TFA when purifying boc-protected compounds. **PAUSE POINT** Crude Tz-PEG₇-NHBoc can be stored at -80 °C for at least one week.

34. Purify the samples via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (water:acetonitrile) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 2 mL/min ($t_{R, \text{product}} = \sim 22$ minutes; potential impurities: $t_{R, \text{Tz-NHS}} = \sim 19$ minutes, $t_{R, \text{boc-PEG}_7\text{-NH}_2} = \sim 21$ minutes). Collect the purified fractions (~ 3 mL per fraction, from 20.5-21.5 min, in a total of 1-2 fractions per run) in 3.5 mL glass collection tubes and then combine them in a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. **!CRITICAL STEP** We recommend using solvents without the 0.1% TFA additive when purifying the boc-protected compound. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
35. Lyophilize the HPLC eluant to yield Tz-PEG₇-NHBoc as a bright pink powder (typical results: 16 mg, 0.021 mmol, 80-90% yield). **PAUSE POINT** The purified Tz-PEG₇-NHBoc can be stored as a solid at -20 °C for up to 6 months. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
36. Confirm the identity of the product with ESI-MS and ¹H-NMR.

Synthesis of Tz-PEG₇-NH₂ (timing ~ 1 day)

37. In a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube, dissolve 10.0 mg (0.014 mmol) of Tz-PEG₇-NHBoc in 400.0 μ L of 1:1, DCM:TFA and mix the solution thoroughly. **!CAUTION** TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. DCM can cause skin irritation, eye irritation, drowsiness, and dizziness. DCM is also a suspected carcinogen.
38. Place the solution on a dry block heating mixer and agitate at 300 rpm at 25 °C for 30 minutes.

39. Remove the solvent completely via vacuum evaporation (as described in the Equipment Setup) and reconstitute the residue in 0.5 mL ultrapure H₂O.
40. Take a small aliquot from the reaction mixture (~20 µL) and check the reaction progress via analytical HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (eluent A:eluent B) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 1 mL/min ($t_{R,product} = \sim 13$ minutes; no major impurities observed). If the reaction is deemed to be complete, filter the rest of the reaction mixture and continue on with HPLC purification. If the reaction is not complete, repeat steps 37-39. If the purification is unable to be performed immediately following the reaction, we recommend separating the sample into 200 µL aliquots in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes and storing the crude product at -80 °C until purification. **PAUSE POINT** The crude Tz-PEG₇-NH₂ can be stored at -80 °C for at least one month.
41. Purify the samples via preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (eluent A:eluent B) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 8 mL/min ($t_{R,product} = \sim 15$ minutes; no major impurities observed). Collect the purified fractions (~3 mL per fraction, 14.5-15.5 min, in a total of 3-4 fractions per run) in 3.5 mL glass collection tubes and combine them in a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
42. Lyophilize the HPLC eluant to yield Tz-PEG₇-NH₂ as a bright pink powder (typical results: 9 mg, 0.013 mmol, 90-95% yield). **PAUSE POINT** The purified Tz-PEG₇-NH₂ can be stored as a solid at -20 °C for up to 6 months. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
43. Confirm the identity of the product with ESI-MS and ¹H-NMR analysis.

Synthesis of DOTA-PEG₇-Tz (timing ~1 day)

44. In a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube, dissolve 11.5 mg (0.0176 mmol) of Tz-PEG₇-NH₂ in 400 μ L of DMSO. **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid. DMSO may cause slight skin and eye irritation.
45. Add 14.8 mg of *p*-SCN-Bn-DOTA (0.0022 mmol; 1.2 eq.) to the solution and mix well.
46. Add 20.0 μ L of TEA (14.8 mg; 0.15 mmol) to the solution and mix well. **!CAUTION** TEA is a highly flammable liquid and has high oral, dermal, and respiratory toxicity.
47. Place the solution on a dry block heating mixer and agitate at 300 rpm at 25 °C for 60 minutes.

?TROUBLESHOOTING

48. Take a small aliquot from the reaction mixture (~20 μ L), perform a 2-fold dilution of the sample mixture with acetonitrile, and check the reaction progress via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (eluent A:eluent B) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 2 mL/min ($t_{R,product} = \sim 18$ minutes; potential impurities: $t_{R,p-SCN-Bn-DOTA} = \sim 21$ minutes, and $t_{R,Tz-PEG7-NH2} = \sim 15$ minutes). If the reaction is not complete, allow the solution to incubate longer. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product. We recommend first diluting the reaction solution in water or acetonitrile prior to running the HPLC in order to prevent precipitation in the lines.
49. Once the reaction is complete, perform a 2-fold dilution of the sample mixture with acetonitrile and continue with the HPLC purification. If the purification is unable to be performed immediately following the reaction, we recommend separating the sample into 200 μ L aliquots in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes and storing the crude product at -80 °C until purification. **!CRITICAL STEP** Keep the reaction mixture away from heat, moisture, and light to prevent the degradation of the product. We recommend first diluting the reaction solution in water or acetonitrile prior to running the HPLC in order to prevent precipitation in the lines. **PAUSE POINT** Crude DOTA-PEG₇-Tz can be stored at -80 °C for at least one month.

50. Purify the samples via semi-preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (eluent A:eluent B) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 2 mL/min ($t_{R, \text{product}} = \sim 18$ minutes; potential impurities: $t_{R, \text{p-SCN-Bn-DOTA}} = \sim 21$ minutes, and $t_{R, \text{Tz-PEG7-NH}_2} = \sim 15$ minutes). Collect the purified fractions (~ 3 mL per fraction, 15.5-16.5 min, in a total of 1-2 fractions per run) in 3.5 mL glass collection tubes and combine them in a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube.
- !CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
51. Lyophilize the HPLC eluant to yield DOTA-PEG₇-Tz as a bright pink powder (typical results: 15.4 mg, 0.0128 mmol, 70-75% yield). **PAUSE POINT** The purified DOTA-PEG₇-Tz can be stored as a solid at -20 °C for up to 6 months. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
52. Confirm the identity of the product with ESI-MS and ¹H-NMR.

PROCEDURE 2 – PREPARATION OF HUA33-TCO, RADIOCHEMISTRY, AND *IN VIVO* PRETARGETING EXPERIMENTS

!CAUTION All hazardous chemicals should be used by trained personnel using protocols approved by an environmental health and safety officer. Only personnel who have received proper radiation safety training should perform the parts of this protocol that involve radioactivity. Furthermore, these experiments must only be performed in authorized and regulated laboratory spaces that have been approved for work with radioactivity. Finally, survey meters, dosimeters, adequate shielding, and proper PPE must be used at all times.

!CAUTION Only personnel who have received thorough training in the use of mice for preclinical *in vivo* experimentation should perform the parts of the protocol that involve mice. Regulated and well-staffed animal facilities are required for all animal experiments, and all *in vivo* procedures must be performed according to institutional, state, and federal guidelines. Again, proper PPE must be used at all times during *in vivo* experimentation.

Preparation and purification of huA33-TCO (timing ~3 h)

1. Take the vial containing the manufacturer-supplied solution of huA33 antibody (1.0 mL) from the freezer and let it thaw slowly to room temperature (20-25 °C).
2. Measure the concentration of this solution with a UV-Vis spectrophotometer (for the sake of this protocol, the concentration of our 1.0 mL antibody solution was 9.8 mg/mL).

Preparation of the antibody, huA33

<CRITICAL> Purify and concentrate the huA33 using a PD-10 desalting column and an Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter.

3. Equilibrate three PD-10 desalting columns (see *Equipment Setup*).
4. Add one third of the 1.0 mL sample (0.33 mL) to each PD-10 desalting column and allow the solution to enter the packed bed completely.
5. Discard the flow-through.
6. Add 2.17 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 to each column and allow the solution to enter the packed bed completely.
7. Discard the flow-through.
8. Elute each column using 2.0 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 into an Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter (three centrifugal filters in total).
9. Centrifuge the Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filters at 3500g for 15 min and discard the flow-through.
10. Combine the solutions from the three Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filters ($3 \times \sim 0.2$ mL after centrifugation) into a microcentrifuge tube. Wash out each Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter using the same 0.2 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 and combine this with the antibody solution in the microcentrifuge tube, bringing the total volume up to ~ 0.8 mL. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**
11. Mix this solution gently using a vortex mixer on a low setting.
12. Measure the concentration of the purified huA33 solution using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer (in this case, the 0.8 mL solution had a concentration of 11 mg/mL). **PAUSE POINT** You can prepare aliquots of purified huA33 and store them at -80 °C for up to five years. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**

Reaction with TCO-NHS

13. Adjust the pH of the huA33 solution (8.8 mg, 58.7 nmol, in 0.8 mL 1× PBS pH 7.4) to 8.8-9.0 using 0.1 M Na₂CO₃ (~0.04 mL) and pH paper. **!CAUTION** Sodium carbonate can cause serious eye irritation.
14. Slowly add 25.0 µL of TCO-NHS in DMSO (25 mg/mL, 40 molar equivalents) to the huA33 solution. **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid and may cause slight skin and eye irritation. **!CRITICAL STEP** We recommend using a reaction stoichiometry of 40:1 (TCO-NHS:huA33). To avoid precipitation, add the TCO-NHS slowly by gently swirling the pipette tip in the mixture while continuously pushing more TCO-NHS into the mixture at a rate of about 2 µL/s.
15. Incubate the reaction mixture on an agitating dry block heating mixer for 1 hour at 25 °C at 500 rpm.

huA33-TCO Purification

<CRITICAL> Purify and concentrate the huA33-TCO using a PD-10 desalting column as well as an Amicon[®] Ultra-4 centrifugal filter.

16. Equilibrate two PD-10 desalting columns (see *Equipment Setup*).
17. Add half of the sample (~0.6 mL) to each PD-10 desalting column and allow the solution to enter the packed bed completely.
18. Discard the flow-through.
19. Add 1.9 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 to each column and allow the solution to enter the packed bed completely.
20. Discard the flow-through.
21. Elute each column using 2.0 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 into an Amicon[®] Ultra-4 centrifugal filter (two centrifugal filters in total).

22. Centrifuge the Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filters at 3500g for 15 min and discard the flow-through.

23. Combine the solutions from the two Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filters (2 × ~0.2 mL after centrifugation) into a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube. Wash out each Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter using the same 0.2 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 and combine this with the antibody solution in the microcentrifuge tube, bringing the total volume up to ~0.6 mL.

?TROUBLESHOOTING

24. Mix this solution gently using a vortex mixer on a low setting.

25. Measure the concentration of the purified huA33-TCO solution using a UV-Vis spectrophotometer (in this case, the 0.6 mL solution had a concentration of 13.3 mg/mL).

PAUSE POINT Aliquots of purified huA33-TCO can be stored at -80 °C for up to two years.

?TROUBLESHOOTING

26. Determine the TCO occupancy of huA33-TCO using Tz-PEG₇-AF680 (**Box 1**).

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27. Alternatively, determine the TCO occupancy of huA33-TCO by performing MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry on both the native antibody and the TCO-modified immunoconjugate. Use the following equation to determine the degree of labeling (DOL).

$\frac{(\text{mass of modified antibody} - \text{mass of native antibody})}{\text{mass of modification}} = \text{number of TCO per antibody on average}$
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?TROUBLESHOOTING

Radiolabeling of Tetrazine-Bearing Radioligands

CRITICAL If you want to perform pretargeted PET imaging, continue with step 28. If you want to perform pretargeted radioimmunotherapy, skip to step 39.

Radiolabeling of SarAr-Tz with [⁶⁴Cu]CuCl₂ (timing ~1 h)

<CRITICAL> If the β -emitting therapeutic isotope ⁶⁷Cu is available, these procedures can also be used to synthesize a therapeutic radioligand – [⁶⁷Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz – that can be used in lieu of [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-PEG₇-DOTA-Tz and thus enable the creation of an identical theranostic pair of radioligands: [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz for pretargeted PET and [⁶⁷Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz for pretargeted radioimmunotherapy.

!CAUTION Copper-64 represents a radiological hazard and must be used according to institutional, state, and federal regulations as well as ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable) principles. Proper shielding during the handling of all radioactive reagents, mixtures, glassware, and instruments is essential. Furthermore, it is critical that appropriate personal protective equipment, dosimeters, and survey meters are always used when handling radioactive material.

28. Dilute 36.0 μ L of the SarAr-Tz stock solution (12.9 μ g, 18 nmol, 0.36 mg/mL in DMSO, see **Procedure 1**) with 200.0 μ L of NH₄Oac buffer (0.25 M, pH 5.5). **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid. DMSO may cause slight skin and eye irritation.

29. Add 380 MBq (10.3 mCi) of [⁶⁴Cu]CuCl₂ in 0.05 M HCl to the reaction solution.

!CAUTION Hydrochloric acid can cause severe skin burns and eye damage and may cause respiratory irritation if inhaled. **!CRITICAL STEP** For the *in vivo* pretargeting experiments, we recommend administering a 1:1 ratio of [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz:huA33-TCO. For example, using the amounts listed in steps 37-38, a 14.8 MBq (0.4 mCi) dose of [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz will give each mouse 0.7 nmol (equivalent to the 0.7 nmol dose of huA33-TCO each mouse will receive). If a higher radioactivity dose per mouse is desired (while maintaining a 1:1 molar ratio of the two components), we recommend increasing the activity of [⁶⁴Cu]CuCl₂ used in step 29 and keeping the amount of tetrazine precursor the same.

30. Incubate the reaction mixture on an agitating dry block heating mixer at 500 rpm at 37 °C for 15 minutes.

Radio-iTLC to Determine the Progress of [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz Radiolabeling

31. Apply a small droplet (1 µL) of the reaction mixture at the baseline of the iTLC plate.
32. Insert the iTLC plate into a TLC chamber containing 50 mM EDTA (pH 5.0).
- !CAUTION** EDTA can cause serious eye damage and is hazardous to aquatic life.
33. Allow the solvent front to reach ~1 cm from the top of the iTLC plate and then remove the plate from the chamber.
34. Dry the iTLC plate in air.
35. Wrap the iTLC plate in cellophane wrap to prevent the contamination of the instrument.
36. Analyze the iTLC plate on a radio-iTLC reader to determine the progress of the reaction. Free ⁶⁴Cu²⁺ will be chelated by EDTA and will travel with the solvent front, while [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz will remain at the baseline. The radiochemical purity should be >99%.

?TROUBLESHOOTING

Prepare for injection into mice

37. Dilute the reaction mixture with sterile 1× PBS pH 7.4 to a concentration of 148 MBq (4 mCi)/mL. Each mouse will receive a 0.1 mL dose containing 0.7 nmol of [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz [14.8 MBq (0.4 mCi)].
38. Draw 0.1 mL of the solution of [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz into each insulin syringe. Determine the final weight of each syringe containing the solution of radiotracer. Measure the activity of each syringe by placing it into a lead-shielded dose calibrator and recording the activity along with the date and time. Each syringe should contain 14.8 MBq (0.4 mCi). **!CRITICAL STEP**

Ensure that there are *no* air bubbles in the syringes. Refer to your institution's guidelines to determine the maximum volume that may be injected into each mouse.

Radiolabeling of DOTA-PEG₇-Tz with [¹⁷⁷Lu]LuCl₃ (timing ~1.5 h)

!CAUTION Lutetium-177 represents a radiological hazard and must be used according to institutional, state, and federal regulations as well as ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable) principles. Proper shielding during the handling of all radioactive reagents, mixtures, glassware, and instruments is essential. Furthermore, it is critical that appropriate personal protective equipment, dosimeters, and survey meters are always used when handling radioactive material.

39. Dilute 13.0 µL of the DOTA-PEG₇-Tz stock solution (29.9 µg, 24.8 nmol, 2.3 mg/mL in DMSO; see **Procedure 1**) with 200.0 µL of NH₄OAc buffer (0.25 M, pH 5.5).

!CAUTION DMSO is a flammable liquid. DMSO may cause slight skin and eye irritation.

40. Add 1.26 GBq (34.1 mCi) [¹⁷⁷Lu]LuCl₃ in 0.05 M HCl to the reaction solution.

!CAUTION Hydrochloric acid can cause severe skin burns and eye damage and may cause respiratory irritation if inhaled. **!CRITICAL STEP** For *in vivo* PRIT experiments, we recommend administering a 1:1 ratio of [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz:huA33-TCO. For example, using the amounts listed in steps 49-50, a 37 MBq (1 mCi) dose of [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz will give each mouse 0.7 nmol (equivalent to the 0.7 nmol dose of huA33-TCO each mouse will receive). If a higher radioactivity dose per mouse is desired (while maintaining a 1:1 molar ratio of the two components), we recommend increasing the activity of [¹⁷⁷Lu]LuCl₃ used in step 40 and keeping the amount of tetrazine precursor the same.

41. Incubate the reaction mixture on an agitating dry block heating mixer at 700 rpm at 37 °C for 30 min.

iTLC to monitor [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz radiolabeling

42. After incubation, determine the progress of [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz radiolabeling with radio-iTLC.

43. Apply small droplet (1 μL) of the reaction mixture at the baseline of the iTLC plate.

44. Insert the iTLC plate into a TLC chamber containing 50 mM EDTA (pH 5.0).

!CAUTION EDTA can cause serious eye damage and is hazardous to aquatic life.

45. Allow the solvent front to reach ~ 1 cm from the top of the iTLC plate and then remove the plate from the chamber.

46. Dry the iTLC plate in air.

47. Wrap the iTLC plate in cellophane wrap to prevent the contamination of the instrument.

48. Analyze the iTLC plate on a radio-iTLC reader to determine the progress of the reaction. Free $^{177}\text{Lu}^{3+}$ will be chelated by EDTA and will travel with the solvent front, while [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz will remain at the baseline. The radiochemical purity should be $>99\%$.

?TROUBLESHOOTING

Prepare for injection into mice

49. Dilute the reaction mixture with sterile $1\times$ PBS pH 7.4 to a concentration of 370 MBq (10 mCi)/mL. Each mouse will receive a 0.1 mL dose containing 0.7 nmol of [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz (37.0 MBq (1 mCi)).

50. Draw 0.1 mL of the [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz solution into each insulin syringe. Determine the final weight of each syringe with the radiotracer. Measure the activity of each syringe by placing it into a lead-shielded dose calibrator and recording the activity along with the date and time. Each syringe should contain 37.0 MBq (1 mCi). **!CRITICAL STEP** Ensure that there are *no* air bubbles in the syringes. Refer to your institution's guidelines to determine the maximum volume that may be injected into each mouse.

***In Vivo* Pretargeting Experiments**

!CAUTION Only personnel who have received thorough training in the use of mice for preclinical *in vivo* experimentation should perform the parts of the protocol that involve mice. Regulated and well-staffed animal facilities are required for all animal experiments, and all *in vivo* procedures must be performed according to institutional, state, and federal guidelines. Again, proper PPE must be used at all times during *in vivo* experimentation.

!CRITICAL The nature of protocol-writing means that some of the steps that we have already described (*i.e.* the synthesis of the radioligands) should actually take place *after* some of the steps described below (*i.e.* injection of huA33-TCO). To be clear, the radioligand precursors – SarAr-Tz and DOTA-PEG₇-Tz – should be prepared well in advance of any *in vivo* experiments. And the radioligands themselves – either [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz or [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz – should always be prepared *immediately* before administration to the animals and thus *during* the interval period between injections.

51. Warm the mice bearing SW1222 tumors under a heat lamp to promote venodilation (~25 cm away from the lamp for 3-4 minutes; see *Supplemental Methods* for the procedure used for the implantation of subcutaneous xenografts).
52. Place one mouse in the restraining device.
53. Clean the mouse's tail thoroughly with a sterile ethanol wipe.
54. Locate the lateral tail vein and insert the needle of the syringe containing huA33-TCO (0.1 mg, 0.7 nmol, in 0.1 mL 1× PBS), bevel up, into the vein towards the head of the mouse.
55. Inject the huA33-TCO solution into the vein slowly (0.1 mL injected over a period of ~3 seconds) and then carefully withdraw the needle.
56. Gently hold a piece of gauze over the injection site and apply pressure to prevent the formation of a hematoma (~30 seconds).
57. Return the mouse to its cage.

58. Repeat steps 51-57 with the rest of the mice.
59. Wait for the desired interval time prior to the radiosynthesis and administration of the radioligand. We have successfully used interval times ranging from 1 to 5 days for this huA33-TCO/SW1222 system.
60. Warm the mice under a heat lamp to cause venodilation (~25 cm away from the lamp for 3-4 min).
61. Take one mouse at a time and place it in the restraining device to prepare for PET imaging or radioimmunotherapy studies.
62. Perform the PET imaging experiment as described in option A or the radioimmunotherapy experiment as described in option B.

A: Pretargeted PET Imaging

- i. Clean the mouse's tail thoroughly with a sterile ethanol wipe.
- ii. Locate the lateral tail vein and insert the needle of the syringe containing [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz [(14.8 MBq (0.4 mCi), 0.7 nmol, prepared in step 38], bevel up, into the vein towards the head of the mouse.
- iii. Inject the [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz solution into the vein slowly (0.1 mL injected over a period of ~3 seconds) and carefully withdraw the needle.
- iv. Gently hold a piece of gauze over the injection site and apply pressure to prevent the formation of a hematoma (~30 seconds).
- v. Return the mouse to its cage.
- vi. Repeat steps i-v with the rest of the mice.
- vii. Measure the activity and weight of each syringe after administration to determine the dose administered.

- viii. Perform the PET imaging at the desired timepoints after the administration of the radioligand. With this [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz/huA33-TCO/SW1222 system, we have found that 4, 12, 24, and 48 hour imaging timepoints work best.

?TROUBLESHOOTING

B: Pretargeted Radioimmunotherapy (PRIT)

- i. Clean the mouse's tail thoroughly with a sterile ethanol wipe.
- ii. Locate the lateral tail vein and insert the needle of the syringe containing [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz [37 MBq (1 mCi), 0.7 nmol, prepared in step 50], bevel up, into the vein towards the head of the mouse.
- iii. Inject the [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz solution into the vein slowly (0.1 mL injected over a period of ~3 seconds) and carefully withdraw the needle.
- iv. Gently hold a piece of gauze over the injection site and apply pressure to prevent hematoma formation (~30 seconds).
- v. Return the mouse to its cage.
- vi. Repeat steps i-v with the other mice.
- vii. Measure the activity and weight of each syringe after administration to determine the dose administered.
- viii. Follow the tumor growth and well-being of the mice at least twice a week for the duration of the experiment by measuring the size of the xenografts using either calipers or a tumor measurement device (*e.g.* Peira TM900), weighing the mice, and observing their behavior for any signs of distress.

***Ex Vivo* Biodistribution**

<CRITICAL> Biodistribution experiments can be useful companion procedures for both pretargeted PET imaging and PRIT. Biodistribution data can provide a quantitative measure of the activity

concentrations produced in tumor tissue as well as healthy organs, can help validate PET imaging results, and can facilitate dosimetry calculations for PET imaging and – even more critically – radioimmunotherapy.

!CRITICAL *Ex vivo* biodistribution experiments require smaller doses of radioactivity compared to the PRIT experiments. When preparing radioligands for *ex vivo* biodistribution studies (steps 28-50), modify the radiolabeling procedure so that the final injection activity of [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz and [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz is 11.1 MBq (0.30 mCi, 0.7 nmol). When altering the radiolabeling procedure for *ex vivo* biodistribution studies, it is critical that the mass of the radioligand does not change, only the specific activity; the molar ratios of the radioligand and the antibody need to remain equal.

63. Administer the radioligand of choice as described in Step 62A ([⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz) or 62B ([¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz). With [⁶⁴Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz, we have found that 4, 12, and 24 hour timepoints are the most informative in a biodistribution study. With [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz, we have found that 4, 24, 72, and 120 hour timepoints work best.
64. At the appropriate timepoint, euthanize the mice in the selected cohort using CO₂ asphyxiation (or whichever euthanasia methods are listed in the laboratory's animal protocol).
65. Collect the blood via cardiac heart puncture and use a surgery kit to dissect each mouse and collect the desired tissues. For a typical biodistribution study, we collect 14 tissues: blood, tumor, heart, lungs, liver, spleen, stomach, small intestine, large intestine, kidneys, muscle, bone, skin, and tail. Place each organ into pre-weighed and labeled biodistribution tubes.
66. To prepare radioactivity standards, pipette 5-10 µL of the radioligand employed into four pre-weighed tubes.

67. Weigh the standards as well as the tubes containing the organs.

68. Measure all the tubes with a gamma counter that has been calibrated for ^{64}Cu or ^{177}Lu .

!CRITICAL STEP Gamma counters typically decay correct radioactivity values to the same time point. We usually set the gamma counter to decay correct all of the measurements to the start of the measurement cycle. This way the values given by the gamma counter can be directly compared to one another. The standards should always be measured alongside the tissue-containing tubes. **?TROUBLESHOOTING**

69. Calculate the average activity concentration of the standards with the following equation:

$$Ac_{std} = \frac{\frac{A_{std1}}{m_{std1}} + \frac{A_{std2}}{m_{std2}} + \frac{A_{std3}}{m_{std3}} + \frac{A_{std4}}{m_{std4}}}{4}$$

where Ac_{std} = the average activity concentration of standards (cpm/g), A_{stdi} = the activity of standard i (cpm), and m_{stdi} = the mass of standard i (g).

70. Calculate total injected activity for each animal with following equation:

$$A_i = Ac_{std} \times m_i$$

where A_i = the total injected activity for mouse i (cpm), Ac_{std} = the average activity concentration of the standards (cpm/g), and m_i = the mass of radioligand injected in mouse i (g).

71. Calculate the percentage of injected dose per gram of tissue (%ID/g) with following equation:

$$\%ID/g_{organi} = 100\% \times \frac{\frac{A_{organi}}{m_{organi}}}{Ac_{std}}$$

where $A_{\text{organ } i}$ = the activity of the organ from mouse i (cpm), and A_i = the total injected activity for mouse i (cpm), and $m_{\text{organ } i}$ = the mass of organ i (g).

TROUBLESHOOTING

Troubleshooting advice can be found in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 *Troubleshooting for Procedure 1*

Step(s)	Problem	Possible Explanation	Solution
2	The <i>N</i> - <i>boc</i> -4-(bromomethyl)-benzylamine does not dissolve completely.	The reaction mixture is too concentrated	Add anhydrous DMF to the reaction mixture until the solution becomes clear.
7, 34	The yield of the <i>boc</i> -protected product is low.	The intermediates were deprotected during purification.	Ensure that the HPLC solvents do not contain TFA.
7, 16, 25, 34, 41, 50	The product is impure according to HPLC	The product was exposed to light, moisture, and/or heat.	Repeat the HPLC purification or perform the reaction again.
7, 16, 25, 34, 41, 50	The product is impure according to HPLC	The reaction mixture was contaminated.	Ensure proper lab techniques are followed while performing these reactions. Make sure all solvents and starting reagents are fresh and pure before beginning.
8	The yield of the isolated product is low.	Water in the reaction mixture may have affected the formation of the product.	Ensure that the DMF is anhydrous and that the reaction is performed in a

			moisture-free environment.
8, 17, 27, 35, 42, 51	The yield of the isolated product is low.	The incubation time for the reaction was too short.	Increase the incubation time.
8, 17, 27, 35, 42, 51	The yield of the isolated product is low.	The reaction either failed or was incomplete.	Repeat the reaction; ensure all solvents and starting reagents are fresh and pure before beginning.
22, 31, 47	The reaction solution turns orange or pale yellow.	The tetrazine moiety has degraded.	Reduce the amount of TEA in the reaction mixture.
22, 31, 47	The reaction solution turns orange or pale yellow.	The tetrazine moiety has degraded.	Ensure that the reaction vessel is protected from light.
22, 31, 47	The reaction solution turns orange or pale yellow.	The tetrazine moiety has degraded.	Ensure that the DMSO and TEA are anhydrous.
51	The yield of the isolated product is low.	The <i>p</i> -SCN-Bn-DOTA was not fully dissolved or precipitated during the reaction.	Add the <i>p</i> -SCN-Bn-DOTA to the reaction mixture slowly and vortex the reaction mixture thoroughly to ensure dissolution.

Table 2 Troubleshooting for Procedure 2

Step(s)	Problem	Possible Explanation	Solution
10, 23	The residual volume in the Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter is too large (>0.5 mL).	The filter is clogged because of too much mAb.	Reduce the amount of mAb used per Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter unit.
10, 23	The residual volume in the Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter is too large (>0.5 mL).	More time is needed for filtration.	Centrifuge the unit for another 10 min and repeat until a desired volume is reached
12, 25	A low absorbance signal is obtained at 280 nm during UV-Vis measurements.	The concentration of antibody is too low for the instrument to detect.	Concentrate the sample further with an Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter.
12, 25	A low absorbance signal is obtained at 280 nm during UV-Vis measurements.	The sample was lost during purification.	Double check the calculations for the volume of antibody solution and buffer added to the PD-10 column. Ensure that it was not greater than 2.5 mL. Review the instructions

			for preparing PD-10 desalting columns.
26	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is too low (as determined via the Tz-PEG ₇ -AF680 method).	Not enough Tz-PEG ₇ -AF680 was added to the solution to react with all of the TCO moieties on the antibody.	Increase the ratio of Tz-PEG ₇ -AF680:TCO-mAb.
26	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is too low (as determined via the Tz-PEG ₇ -AF680 method).	The reaction of Tz-PEG ₇ -AF680 and TCO-huA33 was incomplete or unsuccessful.	Incubate the mixture longer.
27	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is negative (as determined via MALDI).	A calculation error was made.	Double-check the equation used to calculate the DOL using MALDI.
26, 27	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is zero (as determined via either method).	The pH of the TCO-NHS/mAb conjugation reaction was incorrect.	Make sure the pH of the reaction is 8.8-8.9 before adding the TCO-NHS
26, 27	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is zero (as determined via either method).	The TCO-NHS was added too quickly, leading to the formation of a precipitate.	Make sure to add the TCO-NHS slowly. While adding it, gently swirl the pipette tip around in the solution to mix.

26, 27	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is zero (as determined via either method).	The mAb solution contained compounds that interfered with the conjugation reaction.	Purify the mAb solution carefully before conjugation.
26, 27	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is too low (as determined via either method).	The molar ratio of TCO-NHS:mAb in the bioconjugation reaction was too low.	Increase the amount of TCO-NHS added to the reaction vial while keeping amount of antibody the same.
26, 27	The degree of labeling of TCO on the antibody is too low (as determined via either method).	The TCO-NHS conjugation reaction was not allowed to incubate for enough time.	Increase the incubation time of the reaction.
36	The radiolabeling of [⁶⁴ Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz is not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.	The radiolabeling reaction was incomplete.	Increase the incubation time of the reaction.
36	The radiolabeling of [⁶⁴ Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz is not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.	The radiolabeling was performed at the wrong pH.	Prepare new buffers and double-check the pH of said buffers during the radiolabeling process using pH papers.
36	The radiolabeling of [⁶⁴ Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz is	The radionuclide in the stock solution has low specific activity.	Check with the producers of the radionuclide to

	not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.		ensure that the specific activity of the radionuclide is sufficient.
36	The radiolabeling of [⁶⁴ Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz is not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.	Not enough precursor was added to the radiolabeling reaction.	Make sure the correct amount of precursor was used.
48	The radiolabeling of [¹⁷⁷ Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG ₇ -Tz is not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.	The click reaction was incomplete.	Increase the incubation time of the reaction.
48	The radiolabeling of [¹⁷⁷ Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG ₇ -Tz is not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.	The radiolabeling was performed at the wrong pH.	Prepare new buffers and double-check the pH of said buffers during the radiolabeling process using pH papers.
48	The radiolabeling of [¹⁷⁷ Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG ₇ -Tz is not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.	The radionuclide in the stock solution has low specific activity.	Check with the producers of the radionuclide to ensure that specific activity of the radionuclide is sufficient.

48	The radiolabeling of [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG ₇ -Tz is not quantitative and/or exhibits low radiochemical purity.	Not enough precursor was added to the radiolabeling reaction.	Make sure the correct amount of precursor was used.
36, 48	The peaks in the radio-ITLC chromatogram are smeared.	The iTLC plate was smeared from wrapping the plate with plastic wrap.	Make sure that the plate is <i>completely</i> air-dried before wrapping it in plastic wrap.
62a(viii), 68	High concentrations of ^{64}Cu are observed in the liver.	There is free [^{64}Cu]Cu ²⁺ in the injectate.	Check the radiochemical purity of the radioligand.
62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The wrong molar ratio of mAb-TCO and Tz radioligand were used.	Check the molar ratio of the two components administered to ensure that it is ~1:1.
62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The mAb-TCO has been rapidly internalized in the tumor.	If the mAb is internalized rapidly, <i>in vivo</i> pretargeting is not a viable method.
62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The interval time between the injection of the two components is too long.	Shorten the interval time between the administration of the two components.

62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The radioligand was not prepared correctly.	Validate the synthesis of the radioligand in question via HPLC. See the rows above that address troubleshooting the preparation of the radioligands.
62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The mAb-TCO conjugate was not prepared correctly.	See the rows above that address troubleshooting the preparation of the immunoconjugate.
62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The mAb has lost immunoreactivity due to improper handling.	Ensure that the antibody and immunoconjugate are handled and stored in an appropriate manner.
62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The mAb has lost immunoreactivity due to the conjugation of TCO moieties in the antigen-binding domains.	Perform the bioconjugation reaction again and be sure to perform immunoreactivity assays to ensure that the conjugation did not affect the reactivity of the antibody. If needed, decrease the DOL of the

			immunoconjugate to reduce the likelihood that TCOs are affecting the antigen-binding domains.
62a(viii), 68	Low activity concentrations are observed in the tumor.	The TCO has isomerized to CCO and is thus no longer reactive.	Prepare a new batch of mAb-TCO and store it appropriately.
62a(viii), 68	High activity concentrations are observed in the blood.	Free antibody is still circulating at the time of the injection of the radioligand.	Increase the interval time between the administration of the mAb-TCO and the radioligand.
62a(viii), 68	High activity concentrations are observed in healthy tissues.	The reactivity of the immunoconjugate has been compromised so that it is not binding its target.	See the sections above that address ensuring the biological integrity of the immunoconjugate.
62a(viii), 68	High activity concentrations are observed in healthy tissues.	The target of the immunoconjugate is present in healthy tissues	This immunoconjugate may not be suitable for this approach.

TIMING

Procedure 1

Steps 1-9, synthesis of SarAr-Bn-NHBoc: 3 d

Steps 10-18, synthesis of SarAr-Bn-NH₂: 2 d

Steps 19-28, synthesis of SarAr-Tz: 2 d

Steps 29-36, synthesis of Tz-PEG₇-NHBoc: 1 d

Steps 37-43, synthesis of Tz-PEG₇-NH₂: 1 d

Steps 44-52, synthesis of DOTA-PEG₇-Tz: 1 d

Procedure 2

Steps 1-26, preparation and purification of huA33-TCO: 3 h

Steps 28-38, radiolabeling of SarAr-Tz with [⁶⁴Cu]CuCl₂: 1 h

Steps 39-50, radiolabeling of DOTA-PEG₇-Tz with [¹⁷⁷Lu]LuCl₃: 1.5 h

Steps 51-61, injection of huA33-TCO vector (highly variable depending on the size and number of the cohorts used): 2 h

Step 62A, injection of PET radiotracer (highly variable depending on the size and number of the cohorts used): 2 h

Step 62A(viii), pretargeted PET imaging (for each PET time point, highly variable depending on the size and number of the cohorts used): 2 h

Step 62B, injection of PRIT radiotracer (highly variable depending on the size and number of the cohorts used): 2 h

Step 62B(viii), checking on well-being of mice and measuring tumor sizes for PRIT (for each time point, highly variable depending on the size and number of the cohorts used): 2 h

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Analytical Data for SarAr-Bn-NHBoc

white powder (typical results: 35 mg, 0.065 mmol, 65-75% yield)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) ppm: δ = 7.38-7.50 (m, 4H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 2.31-3.98 (m, 42H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

ESI-MS(+): m/z = 534.5 [M+H]⁺.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₂₇H₅₂N₉O₂: 534.4244; found: 534.4250.

SarAr-Bn-NH₂

White powder (typical results: 26 mg, 0.059 mmol, quantitative yield)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆) ppm: δ = 7.55 (d, 2H), 7.51 (d, 2H), 4.23 (m, 2H), 2.56-4.05 (m, 27H), 1.35 (s, 9H).

ESI-MS(+): m/z = 434.4 [M+H]⁺.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₂₂H₄₄N₉: 434.3720; found: 434.3715.

SarAr-Tz

Pink powder (typical results: 3.9 mg, 0.0054 mmol, 40-45% yield)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, D₂O), δ , ppm: 10.25 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, 2H), 7.46 (d, 2H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 4H), 4.39 (m, 2H), 4.24 (m, 3H), 2.46-3.95 (m, 24H), 2.41-2.44 (m, 4H), 1.83 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, D₂O): δ = 21.7, 34.7, 42.5, 42.7, 47.4, 52.5, 55.9, 57.2, 58.8, 60.1, 116.2 (TFA), 127.7, 128.0, 128.5, 130.3, 135.4, 138.5, 143.5, 157.3, 162.9 (TFA), 166.3, 175.7, 175.8.

ESI-MS(+): m/z = 717.6 [M+H]⁺.

HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₃₆H₅₇N₁₄O₂: 717.4789; found: 717.4788.

Tz-PEG₇-NHBoc

bright pink powder (typical results: 16 mg, 0.021 mmol, 80-90% yield)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO), δ, ppm: 10.52 (s, 1H), 8.50 (m, 3H), 7.82 (t, 1H), 7.46 (d, 2H), 6.69 (t, 1H), 4.33 (d, 2H), 3.42 (m, 22H), 3.33 (t, 2H), 3.31 (t, 2H), 3.12 (q, 2H), 2.99 (q, 2H), 2.12 (t, 2H), 2.03 (t, 2H), 2.12 (t, 2H), 1.70 (q, 2H), 1.29 (s, 9H).

ESI-MS(+): m/z (%) = 753.1 [M+H]⁺

HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for C₃₅H₅₇N₇O₁₁Na: 774.4005; found: 774.4014.

UV-Vis: ε₅₂₅ = 530 M⁻¹cm⁻¹.

Tz-PEG₇-NH₂

bright pink powder (typical results: 9 mg, 0.013 mmol, 90-95% yield)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO), δ, ppm: 10.58 (s, 1H), 8.46 (m, 2H), 7.87 (t, 1H), 7.75 (d, 2H), 7.52 (d, 1H), 4.40 (d, 2H), 3.60-3.50 (m, 26H), 3.40 (t, 2H), 3.32 (bs, 2H), 3.20 (q, 2H), 2.99 (bs, 2H), 2.19 (t, 2H), 2.12 (t, 2H), 1.79 (q, 2H).

ESI-MS(+): m/z (%) = 652.9 [M+H]⁺

HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for C₃₀H₅₀N₇O₉: 652.3670; found: 652.3676.

UV-Vis: ε₅₂₅ = 535 M⁻¹cm⁻¹.

DOTA-PEG₇-Tz

bright pink powder (typical results: 15.4 mg, 0.0128 mmol, 70-75% yield)

¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO), δ, ppm: 12.2 (bs, 4H), 11.74 (s, 1H), 10.59 (s, 1H), 8.55 (t, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 8.51 (t, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 8.46 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.79 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.55 (d, 2H, J =

8.3 Hz), 7.44 (d, 2H, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.42 (t, 1H, J = 7.7 Hz), 4.42 (d, 2H, J = 5.9 Hz), 3.80-3.40 (m, 38H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.69 (t, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 2.50-2.30 (m, 16H), 2.09 (t, 4H, J = 7.0 Hz).

^{13}C NMR (600 MHz, DMSO), δ , ppm: 173.88, 173.16, 170.96, 169.99, 169.31, 165.89, 158.61, 146.09, 145.41, 132.69, 130.77, 128.80, 128.47, 128.22, 70.36, 70.13, 70.11, 70.07, 70.06, 67.35, 66.68, 42.25, 42.18, 40.48, 36.65, 36.59, 35.17, 32.64, 31.19, 28.94, 27.28.

ESI-MS(-): m/z (%) = 1203.0 $[\text{M-H}]^-$; 601.8 $[\text{M-2H}]^{-2}$

HRMS (ESI): m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{76}\text{N}_{11}\text{O}_{15}\text{S}$: 1202.5642; found: 1203.5741.

UV-Vis: $\epsilon_{525} = 500 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Preparation of huA33-TCO

The preparation of huA33-TCO is a straightforward task. The huA33-TCO immunoconjugate prepared as described in this protocol has between 2 and 5 TCO groups per antibody (this occupancy is determined as described in **Box 1**) and has an immunoreactive fraction of >0.90 (when labeled with ^{64}Cu][Cu-SarAr-Tz).

Radiosynthesis of ^{64}Cu][Cu-SarAr-Tz

The radiolabeling of SarAr-Tz is likewise relatively simple. The reaction is typically complete after 15 minutes, affording ^{64}Cu][Cu-SarAr-Tz in >99% radiochemical yield, >99% radiochemical purity, and a molar activity of 15.3-16.4 GBq (413.4 – 443.3 mCi)/ μmol ($n = 3$) without any need for further purification (*Figure 6*).

Radiosynthesis of ^{177}Lu][Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz

The radiolabeling of DOTA-PEG₇-Tz is also a facile endeavor. The reaction is usually complete after 30 minutes, affording ^{177}Lu][Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz in >99% radiochemical yield, >99%

radiochemical purity, and a molar activity of 46.8-71.1 GBq (1.264 – 1.921 Ci)/ μ mol (n = 3) without any need for further purification (*Figure 6*).

Pretargeted PET Imaging

The pretargeted PET imaging experiments described in this protocol were performed in athymic nude mice bearing A33 antigen-expressing SW1222 human colorectal carcinoma xenografts. For the pretargeted PET imaging, the mice were first injected with huA33-TCO (100 μ g, 0.7 nmol) via tail vein injection and then administered [64 Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz [14.8 MBq (0.4 mCi), 0.7 nmol, also via the tail vein] 24, 48, or 120 hours later. For the pretargeted biodistribution study, huA33-TCO (100 μ g, 0.7 nmol) was administered to athymic nude mice bearing SW1222 xenografts 24, 48, or 120 hours prior to the injection of [64 Cu]Cu-SarAr [11.1 MBq (0.30 mCi), 0.7 nmol]. Critically, both the mass of the huA33-TCO immunoconjugate and the 1:1 molar ratio of the two components were selected based on values from the literature; indeed, the excellent work of Duijnhoven, *et al.* was particularly important with regard to chosen molar ratio²⁹. In light of the 12.7 h half-life of 64 Cu and the rapid pharmacokinetic profile of [64 Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz, we have found that timepoints of 4, 12, and 24 h after the administration of the radioligand are best suited for the collection of PET images and tissue samples.

Both the PET images and biodistribution data reveal the accumulation of [64 Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz in tumor tissue as early as 4 hours post-injection (p.i.), with the activity concentration in the xenograft increasing over the course of the experiment to maximum values between 8-10 %ID/g by 24 hours p.i (*Figure 7*). Indeed, even as early as 4 hours p.i., the tumor is easily the most readily visualized tissue. The activity concentrations in healthy organs generally remain low (<1 %ID/g) throughout the experiment, with the highest level of background uptake is in the kidneys (typically ~2 %ID/g at 24 h p.i.). The activity concentration in the blood decreases relatively slowly over the course of the study, likely due to ligations between [64 Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz and circulating huA33-TCO that create 64 Cu-

labeled huA33 in the blood that subsequently accumulates in the tumor. The frequency of these click reactions – and thus the activity concentration in the blood – can be reduced by increasing the interval time between the administration of the two components. For example, the activity concentration in the blood at 24 hours p.i. drops from 2.6 ± 0.2 %ID/g to 0.7 ± 0.2 %ID/g upon increasing the interval time from 24 hours to 120 hours. It is important to note, however, that extending the interval time can also decrease tumoral accretion – albeit to a lesser degree – likely due to the increased isomerization of TCO to CCO over longer lag times. To wit, the tumoral activity concentration at 24 hours p.i. decreases from 7.4 ± 2.0 %ID/g to 4.3 ± 1.0 %ID/g when the lag time is increased from 24 to 120 hours. Critically, control experiments employing [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz alone, [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz in conjunction with unmodified huA33, and huA33-TCO in conjunction with low specific activity [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz produce only minimal activity concentrations in the tumor (<0.5 %ID/g) (see *Experimental Design*)

Pretargeted Radioimmunotherapy

The most fundamental difference between the pretargeted PET and PRIT experiments is the use of [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz in the former and [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz in the latter. The biodistribution data for the PRIT system mirror that produced by huA33-TCO and [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz from the PET studies (*Figure 8A*). In the biodistribution experiments, huA33-TCO (100 μg , 0.7 nmol) was administered to athymic nude mice bearing SW1222 xenografts 24, 48, or 72 hours prior to the injection of [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz [11.1 MBq (0.30 mCi), 0.7 nmol]. Activity concentrations in the tumor are substantial at early time points (~ 5 %ID/g at 4 hours p.i.) and increase with time, ultimately reaching 15-20 %ID/g by 120 hours p.i. Generally speaking, uptake in healthy tissues remains low. However, the gradual decrease in the activity concentrations in the blood suggests that [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz – like [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz – combines with circulating huA33-TCO to create ^{177}Lu -labeled huA33 that remains in the blood before accumulating in the tumor. As in the

PET experiments, longer injection intervals produce decreased activity concentrations in the blood but also reduced tumoral uptake values as well.

Longitudinal therapy studies clearly demonstrate the efficacy of this approach. Significant reductions in tumor growth are observed in the SW1222 xenograft-bearing mice receiving huA33-TCO (100 µg, 0.7 nmol) followed 24 hours later by 18.5, 37.0, or 55.5 MBq (0.5, 1.0, or 1.5 mCi) of [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz (0.7 nmol in each case) (*Figure 8B*). Following a brief initial period of growth, the xenografts in the mice of each experimental cohort decrease in size dramatically, while those in the animals of the two control groups receiving only one half of the PRIT system – *i.e.* either huA33-TCO alone or 55.5 MBq (1.5 mCi) [¹⁷⁷Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz alone – continue to grow unabated. A Kaplan-Meier plot underscores the potency of ¹⁷⁷Lu-PRIT: while the mice of the two control cohorts exhibited median survival times of 20-25 days after the injection of the radiotracer, all of the mice in the three experimental cohorts survived for the duration of the 10 half-life (70 day) investigation (*Figure 8C*).

BOX 1: PREPARATION OF Tz-PEG₇-AF680 AND DETERMINATION OF TCO OCCUPANCY OF huA33-TCO

Additional Reagents

- NHS-AF680 (A37567, ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA)

PROCEDURE

Synthesis of Tz-PEG₇-AF680 (timing ~1 day)

1. In a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube, dissolve 1.0 mg of Tz-PEG₇-NH₂ (**Procedure 1**) (0.0015 mmol) in 400 μ L of DMSO. **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid and may cause slight skin and eye irritation.
2. Add 2.0 mg of NHS-AF680 (0.0021 mmol; 1.4 eq.) to the solution and mix thoroughly.
3. Add 10.0 μ L of TEA (7.3 mg; 0.072 mmol) to the solution and mix thoroughly. **!CAUTION** TEA is a highly flammable liquid and has high oral, dermal, and respiratory toxicity.
4. Place the solution on a dry block heating mixer and agitate at 300 rpm at 25 °C for 30 minutes.
5. Take a small aliquot from the reaction mixture (~20 μ L), perform a 2-fold dilution with acetonitrile, and check the reaction via preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (eluent A:eluent B) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 7 mL/min ($t_{R, \text{product}} = \sim 17$ minutes; potential impurities: $t_{R, \text{Tz-PEG}_7\text{-NH}_2} \sim 14$ minutes). If the reaction is deemed to be complete, filter the rest of the reaction mixture and continue on with HPLC purification. If the reaction is not complete, allow the reaction to incubate for longer or repeat steps 1-4. If the purification is unable to be performed immediately following the reaction, we recommend separating the sample into 200 μ L aliquots in 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes and storing the crude product at -80 °C until purification.

6. Purify the samples via preparative HPLC with a mobile phase gradient of 95:5 to 5:95 (eluent A:eluent B) over 30 minutes with a flow rate of 7 mL/min ($t_{R, \text{product}} = \sim 17$ minutes; potential impurities: $t_{R, \text{Tz-PEG7-NH}_2} \sim 14$ minutes). Collect the purified fractions (~ 3 mL per fraction, 16.5-17.5 min, in total of 2-3 fractions per run) in 3.5 mL glass collection tubes and combine them in a 50 mL conical centrifuge tube. **!CAUTION** Acetonitrile is a highly flammable liquid and can cause acute oral, dermal, and inhalation toxicity. TFA is highly toxic and may cause severe skin burns, eye damage, and lung irritation.
7. Lyophilize the HPLC eluant to yield Tz-PEG₇-AF680 as a deep blue powder (typical results: 2.0 mg, 0.0013 mmol, 79% yield). **PAUSE POINT** The purified Tz-PEG₇-AF680 can be stored as a solid at -20 °C for up to 6 months. Make sure to protect sample from light by wrapping container in aluminum foil.

Determination of the TCO occupancy of huA33-TCO (timing ~ 1 day)

Performing this assay once per prepared batch of huA33-TCO is sufficient.

1. Dilute an aliquot of the huA33-TCO solution (50.0 μg , 0.33 nmol) to 0.3 mL 1 $\times$ PBS pH 7.4 in a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube (1.1 μM).
2. Add 10.0 μL of a 0.5 mM solution of Tz-PEG₇-AF680 in DMSO. **!CAUTION** DMSO is a flammable liquid. DMSO may cause slight skin and eye irritation.
3. Place the solution on a dry block heating mixer and agitate it at 500 rpm at 25 °C for 24 hours.
4. Purify the reaction with a PD-10 desalting column and an Amicon[®] Ultra-4 centrifugal filter.
 - a. Equilibrate PD-10 desalting column (see *Equipment Setup*).
 - b. Add the reaction mixture (0.3 mL) to the PD-10 desalting column and allow the solution to enter the packed bed completely.
 - c. Discard the flow-through.

- d. Add 2.2 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 to each column and allow the solution to enter the packed bed completely.
 - e. Discard the flow-through.
 - f. Elute the column with 2.0 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 into an Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter.
 - g. Centrifuge the Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filters at 3500g for 15 min and discard the flow-through.
 - h. Transfer the remaining solution (~0.1 mL) from the Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filters into a microcentrifuge tube and vortex gently. Wash out the Amicon® Ultra-4 centrifugal filter using 0.2 mL of 1× PBS pH 7.4 and combine this with the antibody solution in the microcentrifuge tube, bringing the total volume up to ~0.3 mL
5. Measure the absorbance at 280 nm and 680 nm.
 6. Calculate the degree of labeling using the absorbances of the antibody at 280 and 680 nm using the equation below. Alternatively, the BioSpec Nano UV-Vis spectrophotometer can automatically report the degree of labeling (DOL).

$$A_{\text{mAb}} = A_{280} - A_{\text{max}}(\text{CF})$$

$$\text{DOL} = [A_{\text{max}} * \text{MW}_{\text{mAb}}] / [[\text{mAb}] * \epsilon_{\text{AF680}}]$$

where the correction factor (CF) for AF680 was given as 0.05 by the supplier, $\text{MW}_{\text{huA33}} = 150,000 \text{ Da}$, $\epsilon_{\text{AF680}} = 82,030 \text{ cm}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1}$, and $\epsilon_{280, \text{huA33}} = 210,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1}$.

End of Box 1

FIGURES AND FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. *In vivo* pretargeting based on the inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction. (A) The inverse electron demand Diels-Alder (IEDDA) ligation between 1,2,4,5-tetrazine and *trans*-cyclooctene; (B) Schematic of *in vivo* pretargeting based on the inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction. Adapted with permission from Membreno, R., Cook, B. E., Fung, K., Lewis, J. S. & Zeglis, B. M. Click-mediated pretargeted radioimmunotherapy of colorectal carcinoma. *Mol Pharm* **15**, 1729-1734, (2018). Copyright 2018 American Chemical Society.

Figure 2. Several ligation mechanisms have been leveraged to facilitate *in vivo* pretargeting: (A) the inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction; (B) the interaction between streptavidin and biotin; (C) the ability of bispecific antibodies to bind both a cancer antigen and a hapten; (D) the hybridization of complementary oligonucleotides; (E) the Staudinger ligation; (F) the strain-promoted azide-alkyne click reaction; and (G) the host-guest relationship between adamantane and cucurbituril.

Figure 3. The synthesis of [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz

Figure 4. The synthesis of [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz.

Figure 5. The synthesis of huA33-TCO.

Figure 6. Representative radio-iTLC chromatograms for the radiosynthesis of [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz (left) and [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz (right) after reaction times of 15 and 30 min, respectively.

Figure 7. Representative pretargeted PET images using [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz and huA33-TCO with 24 h (A) 48 h (B), and 120 h (C) interval times between the two injections. (D) Biodistribution data for *in vivo* pretargeting with huA33-TCO and [^{64}Cu]Cu-SarAr-Tz in athymic nude mice bearing subcutaneous SW1222 human colorectal cancer xenografts (n = 4) using pretargeting intervals of 24 (red), 48 (blue), or 120 (grey) h. At each interval, mice were sacrificed at 4, 12, and 24 hours after the administration of the radioligand. Reprinted with permission from Zeglis, B. M. *et al.* Optimization of a pretargeted strategy for the PET imaging of colorectal carcinoma via the modulation of radioligand pharmacokinetics. *Mol Pharm* **12**, 3575-3587, (2015). Copyright 2015 American Chemical Society.

Figure 8. (A) Biodistribution data for *in vivo* pretargeting with huA33-TCO and [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz in athymic nude mice (n = 4 per cohort) bearing subcutaneous SW1222 human colorectal cancer xenografts using pretargeting intervals of 24 (purple), 48 (light blue), or 72 (orange) hours. For each pretargeting interval, the mice were sacrificed at 4, 24, 48, and 120 h after the administration of the radioligand. The data is presented as the uptake value in %ID/g $\pm$ S.D. (B) Longitudinal therapy study of five groups of mice (n = 10 each) bearing subcutaneous SW1222 tumors depicted in a graph of normalized tumor volume as a function of time and (C) the corresponding Kaplan-Meier survival curve. The control groups received either the immunoconjugate without the radioligand (blue) or the radioligand without the immunoconjugate (red). The three treatment groups received huA33-TCO (100 μg , 0.7 nmol) followed 24 h later by 18.7 (light blue), 37.0 (purple), or 55.5 (orange) MBq (0.5, 1.0, or 1.5 mCi, respectively) ($\sim$ 0.7 nmol in each case) of [^{177}Lu]Lu-DOTA-PEG₇-Tz. By log-rank (Mantel–Cox) test, survival was significant ($p < 0.0001$) for all treatment groups. Reprinted with permission from Membreno, R., Cook, B. E., Fung, K., Lewis, J. S. & Zeglis, B. M. Click-mediated pretargeted radioimmunotherapy of colorectal carcinoma. *Mol Pharm* **15**, 1729-1734, (2018). Copyright 2018 American Chemical Society.

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