# Synthesis of Branched Monodisperse Oligoethylene Glycols and <sup>19</sup>F MRI-Traceable Biomaterials through Reductive Dimerization of Azides

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#### 1. General information

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 MHz. Chemical shifts are in ppm and coupling constants (*J*) are in Hertz (Hz). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were referenced to tetramethylsilane (d, 0.00 ppm) using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent, <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced to solvent carbons (77.16 ppm for CDCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were referenced to 2% perfluorobenzene (s, -164.90 ppm) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. The splitting patterns for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are denoted as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), b (broad) and combinations thereof. MS spectra were recorded on a MALDI-TOF/TOF 5800 (AB SCIEX) spectrometer using the reflector mode for positive ions with  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxylcinnamic acid as matrix.

#### 2. n-Octanol/Water partition coefficients (logP) measurement

The logP values of compounds **40-41** were measured following shake-flask method. Briefly, the product was dissolved in distilled *n*-octanol saturated with water. Then 1 mL of this solution was mixed with an equal volume of water saturated with distilled *n*-octanol and mixed on a vortex device. After shaking the mixture overnight, water phase was separated by centrifugation. Equal-volume samples of the shaken water phase and the starting solution were subsequently taken and analyzed by HPLC. The peak area was measured at  $\lambda = 254$  nm, and compared with calibration curve to obtain the concentration of the peptide. LogP values were determined from: Lg[(Cs-Cw)/Cw], where Cs and Cw are the concentrations of the starting water solution and the water phase of the compound, respectively.



#### 3. Solvent-dependent <sup>19</sup>F NMR of 40 and 41

Solvent-dependent <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were referenced to 10% sodium trifluomethanesulfonate (s, -79.61 ppm) in D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C.

#### 4. Dynamic light scattering of 41

Solution of **41** in H<sub>2</sub>O at 0.07 mM was used for DLS analysis. The particle size was measured at an angle of 90° in a 10 mm diameter cell at the room temperature with a Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) Analyzer (Malvern ZetasizerNano 3690). Eleven scans were run for each measurement and the measurement was repeated 3 times. The particle size and polydispersity index (PDI) were calculated by Malvern software.

#### 5. In vitro <sup>19</sup>F MRI experiments of 40 and 41

All magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) experiments were performed on a 400 MHz Bruker BioSpec MRI system. The temperature of the magnet room was maintained at 25 °C during the entire MRI experiment. The <sup>19</sup>F in vitro images were acquired using a gradient-echo (GRE) pulse sequence, method = RARE, matrix size =  $32 \times 32$ , SI = 20 mm, FOV = 3.0 cm, TR = 2500 ms, TE = 2.8 ms, scan time = 160 s.

#### 6. Cytotoxicity assay of 40 and 41

HepG2 cells were cultured in DMEM medium containing 10% FBS and 1% streptomycin double antibody. L929 cells were cultured in alpha-MEM medium containing 10% FBS and 1% streptomycin double antibody. All cells were cultured at 37 °C in humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO<sub>2</sub> and the growth medium was replaced with fresh media every 24 h.

The cell viability assay of compounds **40** and **41** were investigated in L929 cell lines and HepG2 cell lines *in vitro* by MTT assay. L929 cells HepG2 cells were seeded into a 96-well plate for several hours. Subsequently, a gradient concentration of the compounds ranging from 62  $\mu$ g/mL to 1000  $\mu$ g/mL were added in a series of wells. Every concentration was set with five wells at least. The wells with 100  $\mu$ L culture medium alone were used as negative control and wells containing cells alone were used as positive control. After incubation for 24 h, the medium was replaced with 100  $\mu$ L MTT (1.0 mg/mL) solution and incubated for 4 h. Then the medium was replaced with 200  $\mu$ L DMSO and the absorbance value was measured at 490 nm using a microplate reader (Bio Tek Instruments, USA).

### 7. Copies of <sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C/<sup>19</sup>F NMR, MS and mass spectra (HRMS) of compounds





 $^{1}$ H NMR of compound **5** 





<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 6

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HO[CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sub>8</sub>C(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 126 MHz)





 $^{1}$ H NMR of compound 7





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **9** 





#### <sup>19</sup>F NMR of compound **10**



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<sup>19</sup>F NMR of compound **11** 





#### <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **12**







 $^{1}$ H NMR of compound 13











<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **14** 

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### $^{1}$ H NMR of compound 15









<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **16** 

70.25 70.55 70





<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **17** 







### HRMS of compound 17

#### 3 #761 RT: 8.03 AV: 1 NL: 2.11E7 T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000]





<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **18** 

































 $^{1}$ H NMR of compound 23











<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **25** 





















220 210 200 190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 fl (ppm)

















 $^{1}$ H NMR of compound **31** 









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190 170 150 130 110 90 70 50 30 10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 fl (ppm)









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### HRMS of compound 36

#### 24#1099 RT: 11.00 AV: 1 NL: 1.45E7 T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000] 932.2073 934.2131 94 943,2236 940 m/z 1813 950,1808 1000.1296 962.2178 969.2208 858.9619 871.2228 870 917.2293 929.4884 910 920 930 885.2465 845.2284 898.9784 987.5760 1011.2092 1027.4854 1030 900 880 850 890 930 1020 950 970 980 440 1010







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### HRMS of compound 37

#### 19#1059 RT: 10.62 AV: 1 NL: 2.73E7 T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000] 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 50 30 10 1160 1284.4169 1288 4266 1300.3903 1318.3777 1314.4314 1417.4672 1401.4534 L 1400 1420 1193.4073 1200 1279.4617 1360.1740 1360 1225.3933 1220 1180 1300 m/z 1380 1240 1260 1280 1340 1320















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180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 fl (ppm) -20 -40 -60 -80 -100 -120 -140 -160 -180

### HRMS of compound 39

#### 18 #1073 RT: 10.72 AV: 1 NL: 1.28E9 T: FTMS + p ESI Full ms [150.0000-2000.0000]







<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **40** 



(F<sub>3</sub>C)<sub>3</sub>C[OH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C]<sub>4</sub> (F<sub>3</sub>C)<sub>5</sub>C[OH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C]<sub>4</sub> (F<sub>3</sub>C)<sub>5</sub>C[OH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C]<sub>4</sub> (F<sub>3</sub>C)<sub>5</sub>C[OH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>C]<sub>4</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sub>4</sub>C(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sub>4</sub>C(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sub>4</sub>C(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O]<sub>4</sub>C(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

190 170 150 130 110 90 70 50 30 10 -10 -30 -50 -70 -90 -110 -130 -150 -170 -190 fl (ppm)

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