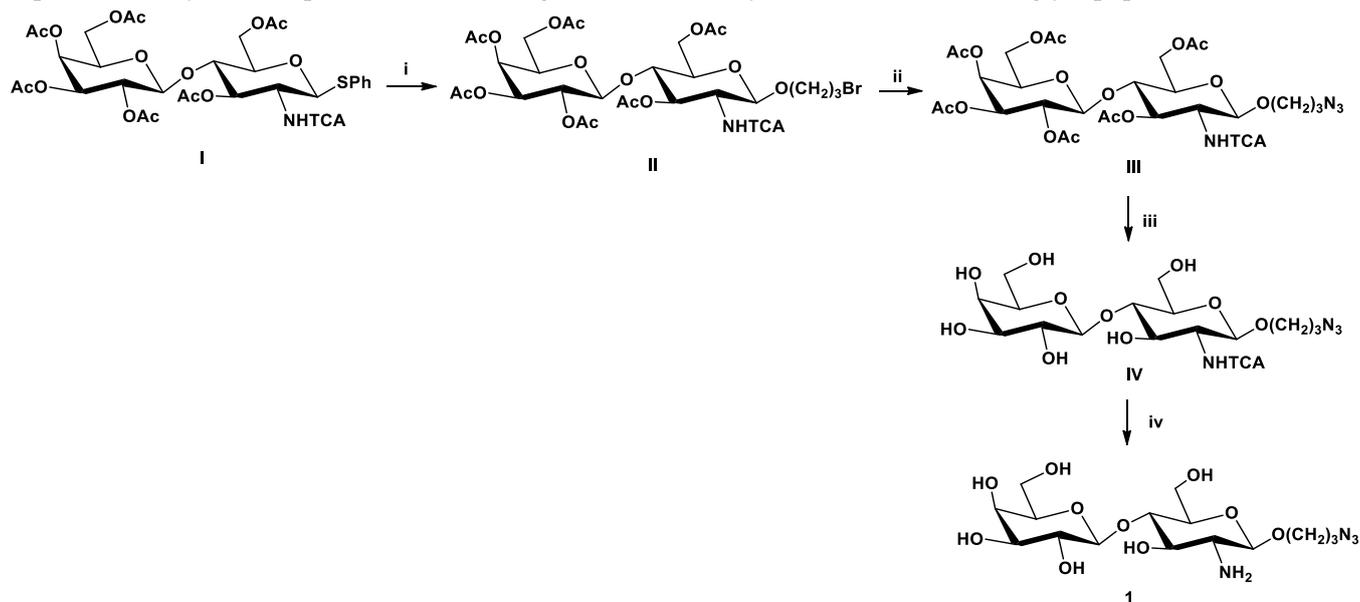


Supplementary Materials: Synthesis of ^{68}Ga -Labeled cNGR-Based Glycopeptides and InVivo Evaluation by PET Imaging

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Part 1: Synthesis of 3-azido-propyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-amino-2-deoxy)- β -D-glucopyranoside (1)

For this synthesis, thiophenyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl- β -D-galactopyranosyl)-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(3,6-di-*O*-acetyl-2-*N*-trichloroacetyl-2-deoxy)- β -D-glucopyranoside (**I**) [37] was chosen as a starting material which was provided by Dr. István Bajza (GlycOptim Ltd.). Compound **I** was glycosylated with bromo propanol in the presence of *N*-iodosuccinimide/triflic acid (NIS/TfOH) promotor system and then was converted to azido-propyl glycoside by nucleophilic substitution to yield compound **II**. After Zemplén de-*O*-acetylation the *N*-trichloroacetyl group was removed by basic hydrolysis from compound **IV** to yield compound **1** as a starting material of the synthesis of NGR-based glycopeptides (Scheme S1.)



Scheme S1. Synthesis of compound 1. Reagents and conditions: (i) Br(CH₂)₃Br; NIS; TfOH; THF; DKM, 0°C, 24 h, 76%; (ii) NaN₃; DMF, 60°C, 24 h, 64%; (iii) NaOMe; MeOH, rt, 24 h, 84%; (iv) NaOH, 56 %.

Materials and Methods:

General

All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. TLC was performed on Kieselgel 60 F₂₅₄ (E. Merck) with detection by UV detector and charring with 5 % sulphuric acid in ethanol. Column chromatography was performed on Silica gel 60 (Merck 63–200 mesh). The ¹H (400 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (128 MHz) spectra were recorded with Bruker DRX-400 spectrometers. Internal references: TMS (0.000 ppm for ¹H), CDCl₃ (77.00 ppm for ¹³C for organic solution). Mass spectra were recorded on a maXis II UHR ESI-QTOF MS Bruker instrument (Bruker, Billerica, USA).

3-Bromo-propyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-(3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-N-trichloroacetyl-2-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranoside (II)

To a solution of compound I (1 g, 1.2 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 mL) and 4 Å molecular sieves was added 3-bromo-propanol (220 μL, 1.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and were added NIS (332 mg, 1.475 mmol) in THF (500 μL) and TfOH (13 μL, 0.145 mmol). After stirring over night the reaction mixture was neutralized by pyridine, diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with Na₂S₂O₃ (10%) and water, dried and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C. R_f 0.25 (CH₂Cl₂ – EtOAc 8:2). The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Silica gel: 100 g, eluent: CH₂Cl₂ – EtOAc 8:2, fractions: 5 mL). The fractions were analyzed with TLC and the product-containing fractions were collected and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C to yield II (782 mg, 76%) as a colorless syrup. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 5.36 (d, J=3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (t, J=9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.12-5.02 (m, 1H), 4.98 (dd, J=7.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.63-4.45 (m, 3H), 4.22-3.88 (m, 7H), 3.87-3.77 (m, 1H), 3.69-3.58 (m, 3H), 3.51-3.44 (m, 2H), 2.15, 2.14, 2.07, 2.06, 2.05, 1.97 (s, 18H). ¹³C NMR (Chloroform-d) 170.90, 170.42, 170.37, 170.06, 169.13 and 162.28 (CO), 101.42 and 100.95 (C-1 and C-1'), 76.41, 72.89, 72.02, 70.92, 70.80, 69.10 and 66.70 (C-2', C-3, C-3', C-4, C-4', C-5 and C-5'), 67.11 (CH₂) 62.00 and 60.88 (C-6, C-6'), 55.46 (C-2), 32.34 and 30.44 (CH₂), 21.09, 20.95, 20.83, 20.66 and 20.55 (CH₃CO); HRMS ESI calcd for C₂₉H₃₉BrCl₃NNaO₁₇, 880.0359 [M+Na]. Found: 880.0355 [M+Na]⁺.

3-Azido-propyl (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-(3,6-di-O-acetyl-2-N-trichloroacetyl-2-deoxy-β-D-glucopyranoside (III)

To a solution of compound II (782 mg, 0.91 mmol) in dry DMF (10 mL) was added NaN₃ (296 mg, 4.55 mmol). After stirring over night at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C, then diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water and satd aq NaHCO₃, dried and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C. R_f 0.22 (CH₂Cl₂ – EtOAc 8:2). The crude product purified by column chromatography (Silica gel: 65 g, eluent: CH₂Cl₂ – EtOAc 8:2, fractions: 5 mL). The fractions were analyzed with TLC and the product-containing fractions were collected and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C to yield III (475 mg, 64%) as a colourless syrup. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 5.36 (dd, J=3.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (dd, J=10.5, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J=10.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd, J=10.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.67-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.37 (t, J=6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.14, 2.08, 2.07, 2.06 (6s, 18H), 1.91-1.73 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (Chloroform-d): 170.91, 170.45, 170.42, 170.12, 170.10, 169.19 and 162.24 (CO), 101.42 and 100.80 (C-1 and C-1'), 76.33, 72.97, 71.96, 70.95, 70.84, 69.14 and 66.72 (C-2', C-3, C-3', C-4, C-4', C-5 and C-5'), 66.31 (CH₂) 62.02 and 60.91 (C-6 and C-6'), 55.48 (C-2), 47.93 and 29.03 (CH₂), 20.94, 20.83, 20.71, 20.68, 20.63 and 20.56 (CH₃CO); HRMS ESI calcd for: C₂₉H₃₉Cl₃N₄NaO₁₇, 843.1268 [M+Na]. Found: 843.1261 [M+Na]⁺.

3-Azido-propyl β-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-(2-N-trichloroacetyl-2-deoxy)-β-D-glucopyranoside (IV)

To a solution of compound III (475 mg, 0.56 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and MeOH (10 mL) was added catalytic amount of NaOMe (pH 8-9). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, neutralized by AQ50W-X4 H⁺ ion exchange resin, filtered and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C. R_f 0.37 (CH₂Cl₂ – MeOH 8:2) The crude product was purified by column chromatography (Silica gel: 40 g, eluent: CH₂Cl₂-MeOH 85:15, fractions: 3 mL). The fractions were analyzed with TLC and the product-containing fractions were collected and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C to yield IV (267 mg, 84%) as a colourless syrup. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Methanol-d₄): δ 4.56 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J=7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.99-3.90 (m, 2H), 3.87 (dd, J=12.1, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.62 (m, 5H), 3.61-3.28 (m, 8H), 1.86-1.73 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (Methanol-d₄): 164.36 (CO), 105.14 and 102.17 (C-1 and C-1'), 81.18, 77.17, 76.63, 74.85, 73.42, 72.67 and 70.38 (C-2', C-3, C-3', C-4, C-4', C-5 and C-5'), 67.27 (CH₂) 62.61 and 61.90 (C-6, C-6'), 58.67 (C-2), 30.13 (CH₂); HRMS ESI calcd for: C₁₇H₂₇Cl₃N₄NaO₁₁, 591.0634 [M+Na]. Found: 591.0630 [M+Na]⁺.

3-Azido-propyl β -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 4)-(2-amino-2-deoxy)- β -D-glucopyranoside (1)

Compound IV (40 mg, 0.0704 mmol) was dissolved in NaOH (1 M, 2 mL). After stirring overnight at room temperature the reaction mixture was neutralized with HCl (1 M, 2 mL), and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C. The crude product was purified by size exclusion column chromatography (Sephadex® LH-20, eluent:methanol, fractions: 0.5 mL). The fractions were analyzed with TLC and the product-containing fractions were collected and evaporated to dryness *in vacuo* at 50 °C to yield **1** as a colourless syrup (17.7 mg, 56 %). The characterization of this compound was described [31].

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Part 2: Analytical RP HPLC chromatograms of compound 3, 9, 10 and 11; mass spectra of compound 3, 9, 10 and 11; UV- and radio-HPLC chromatograms of [^{68}Ga]-3, [^{68}Ga]-9, [^{68}Ga]-10 and [^{68}Ga]-11, radio-HPLC chromatograms of serum stability test [^{68}Ga]-3, [^{68}Ga]-9, [^{68}Ga]-10 and [^{68}Ga]-11.

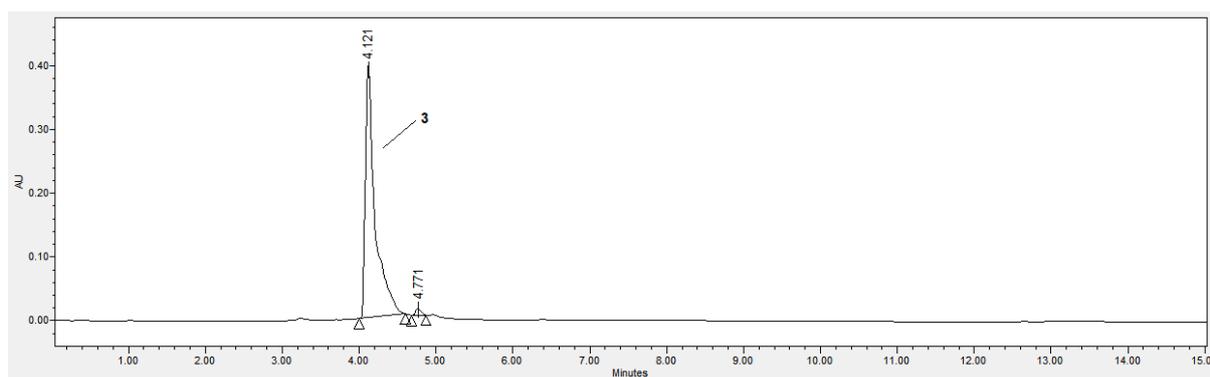


Figure S1 Analytical RP-HPLC chromatograms of compound **3**.

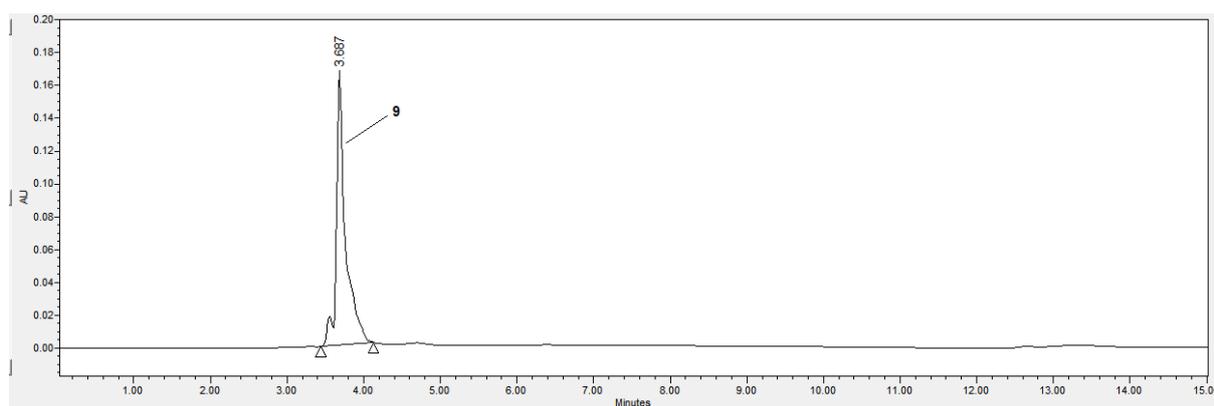


Figure S2 Analytical RP-HPLC chromatograms of compound 9.

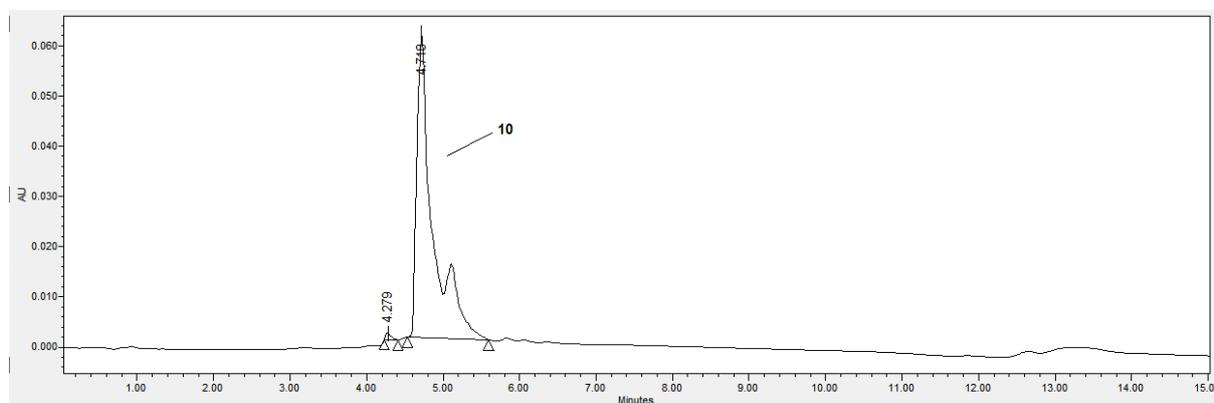


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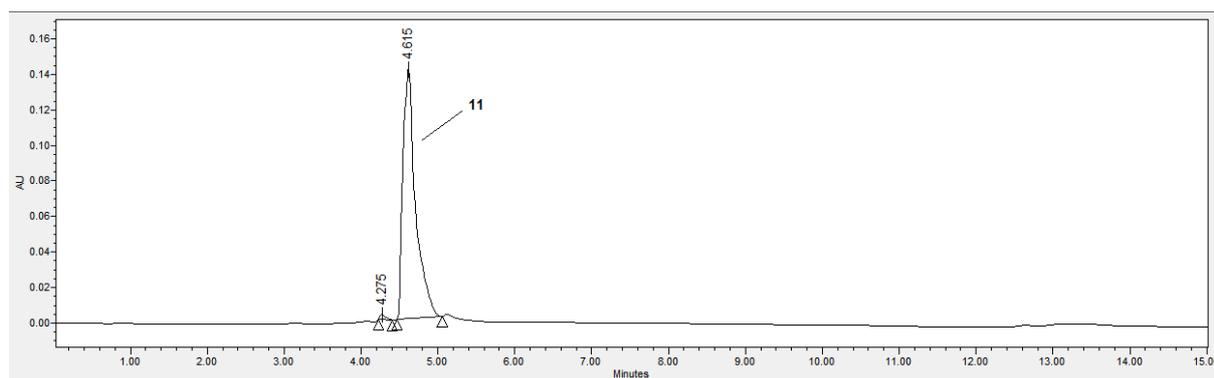


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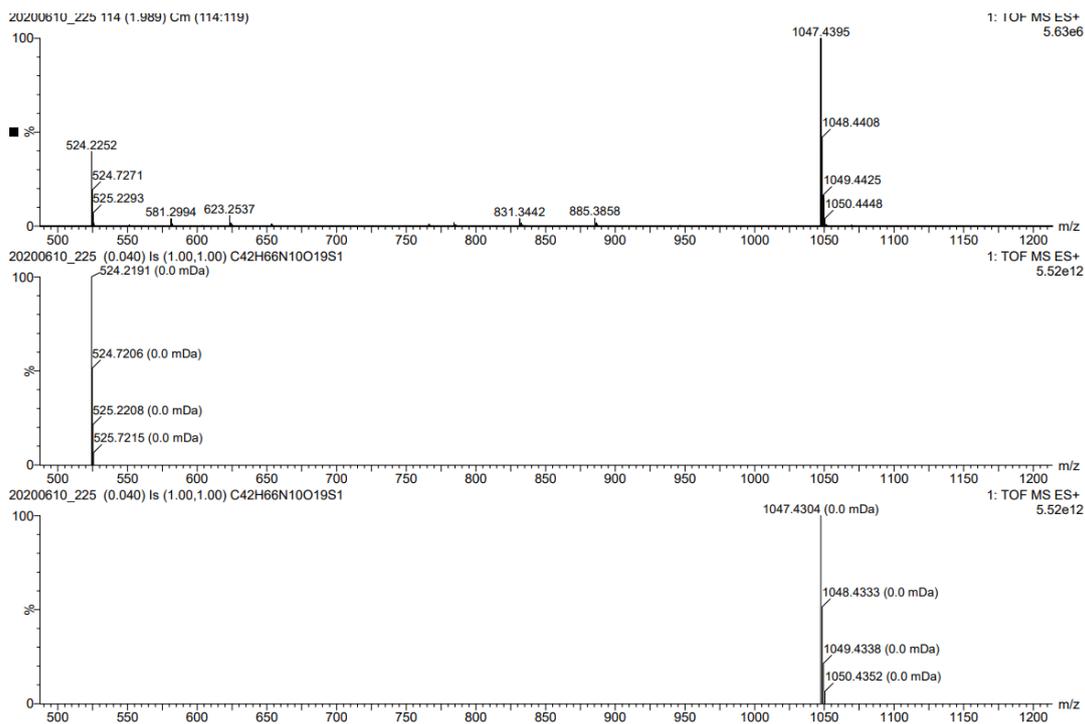


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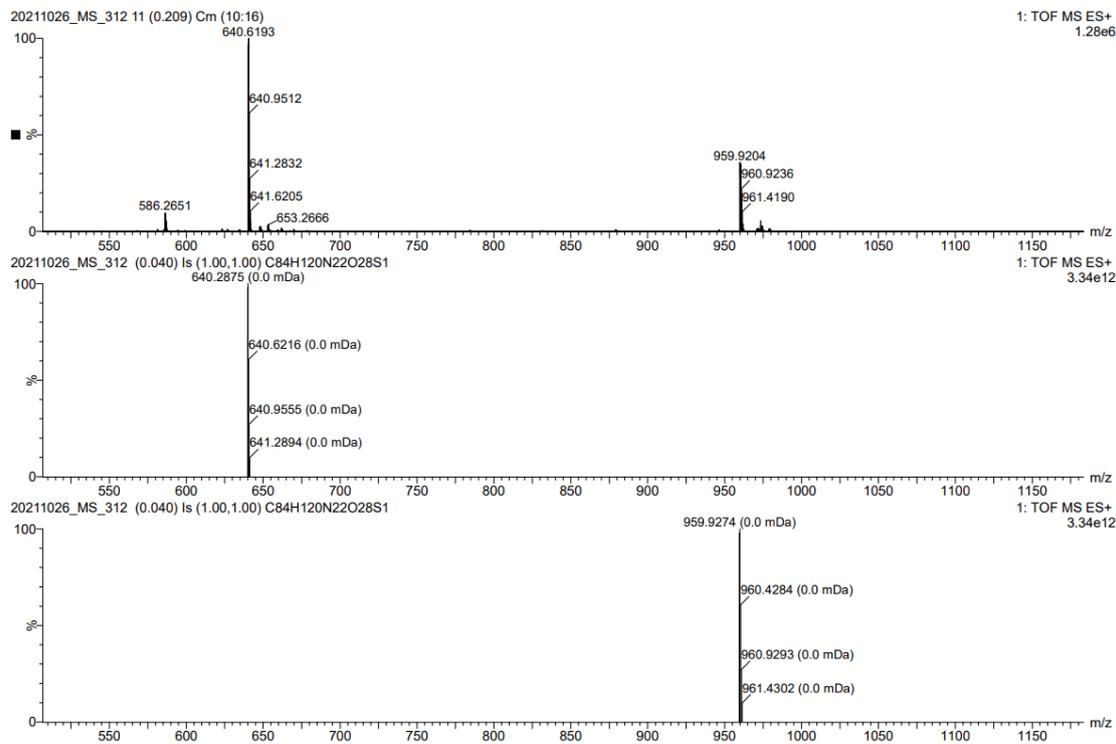


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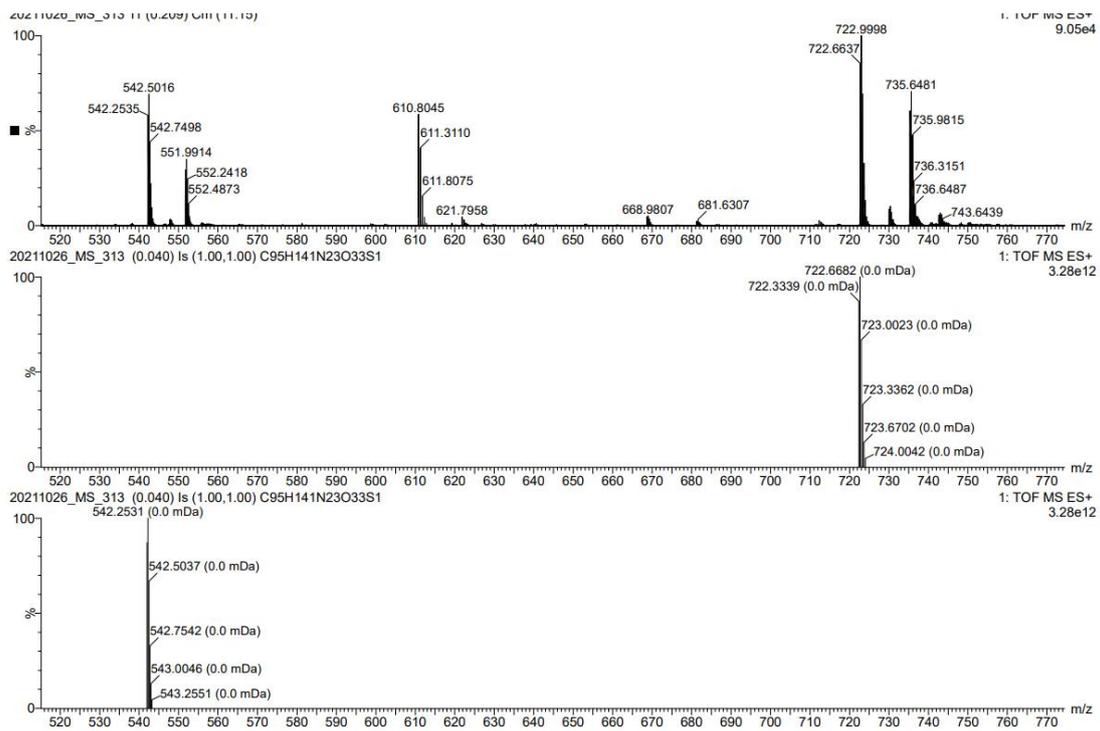


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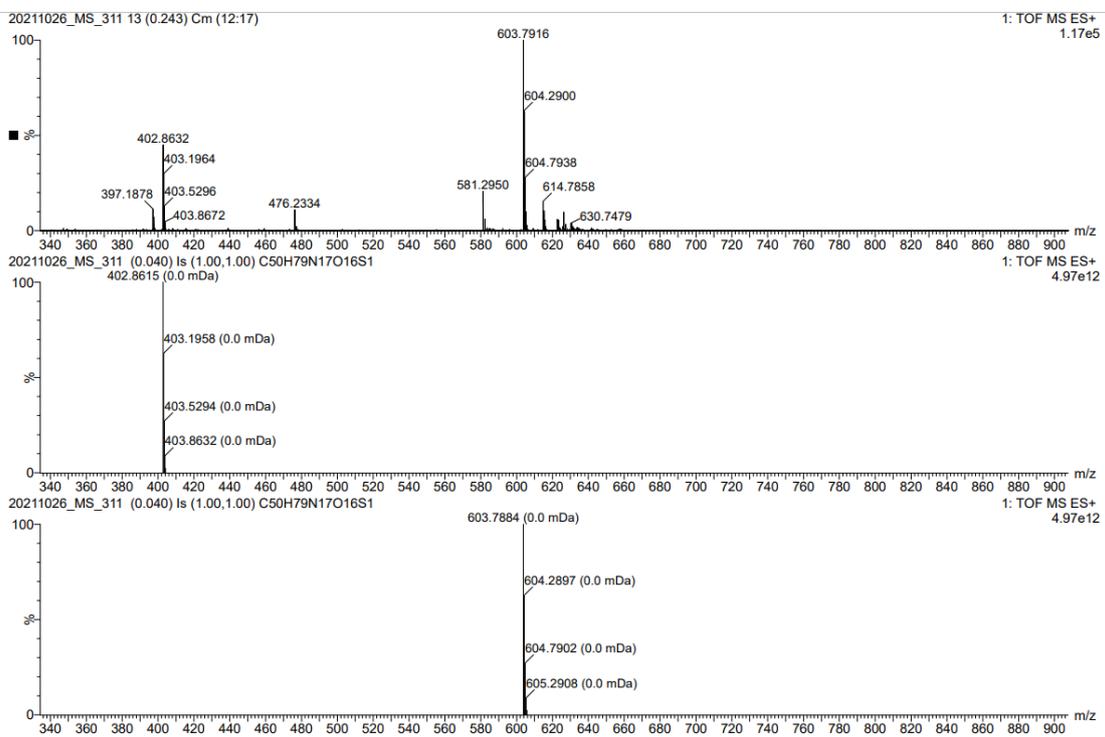
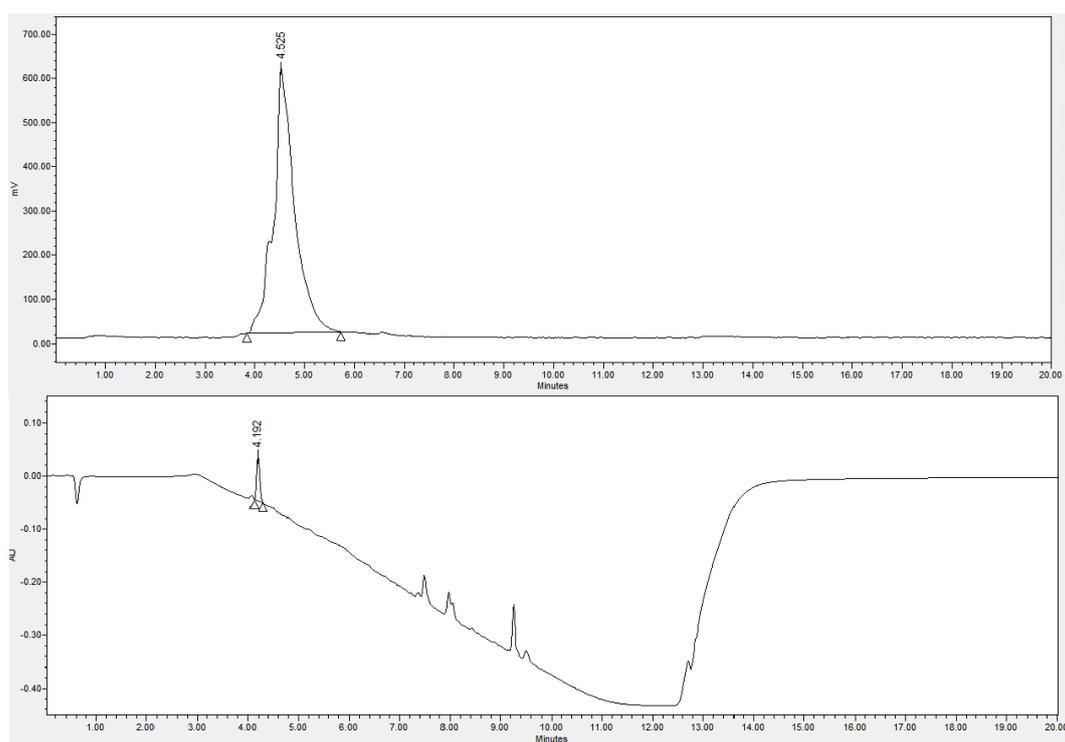
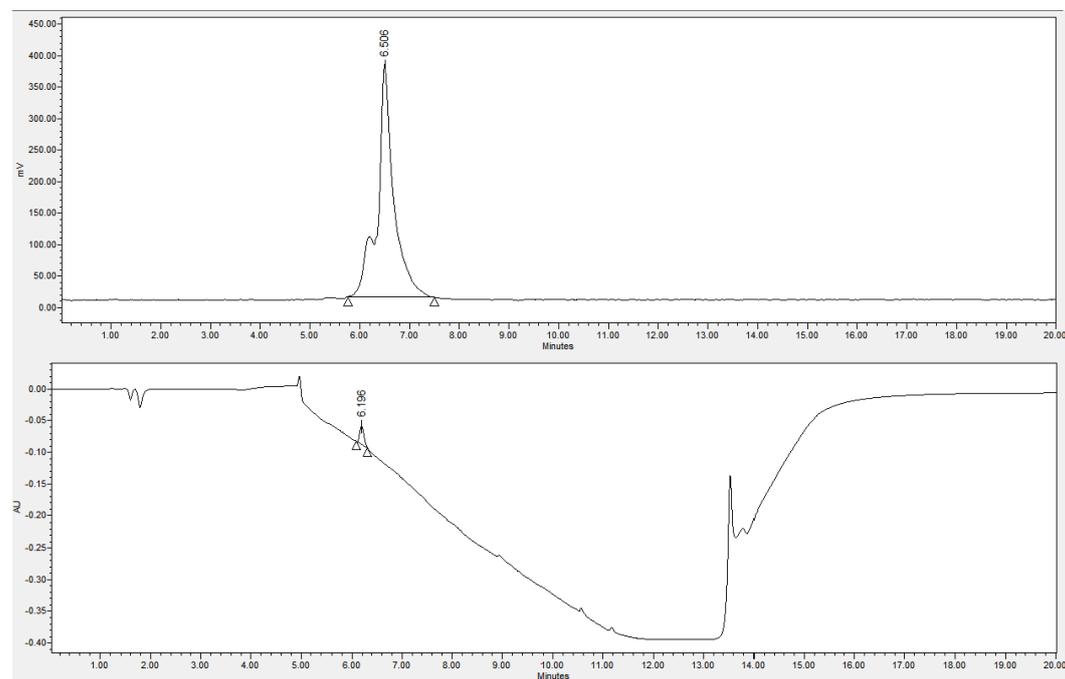


Figure S8 Mass spectrum of compound 11.

Figure S9 UV- and radio-HPLC chromatograms of [⁶⁸Ga]-3.Figure S10 UV- and radio-HPLC chromatograms of [⁶⁸Ga]-9.

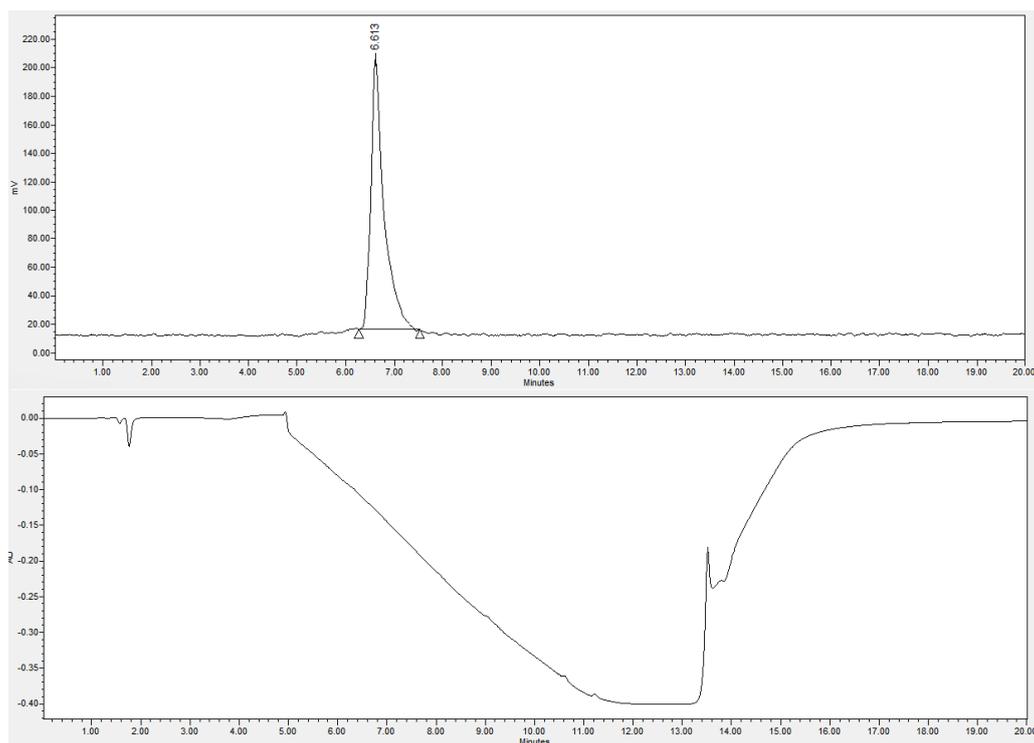


Figure S11 UV- and radio-HPLC chromatograms of [68Ga]-10.

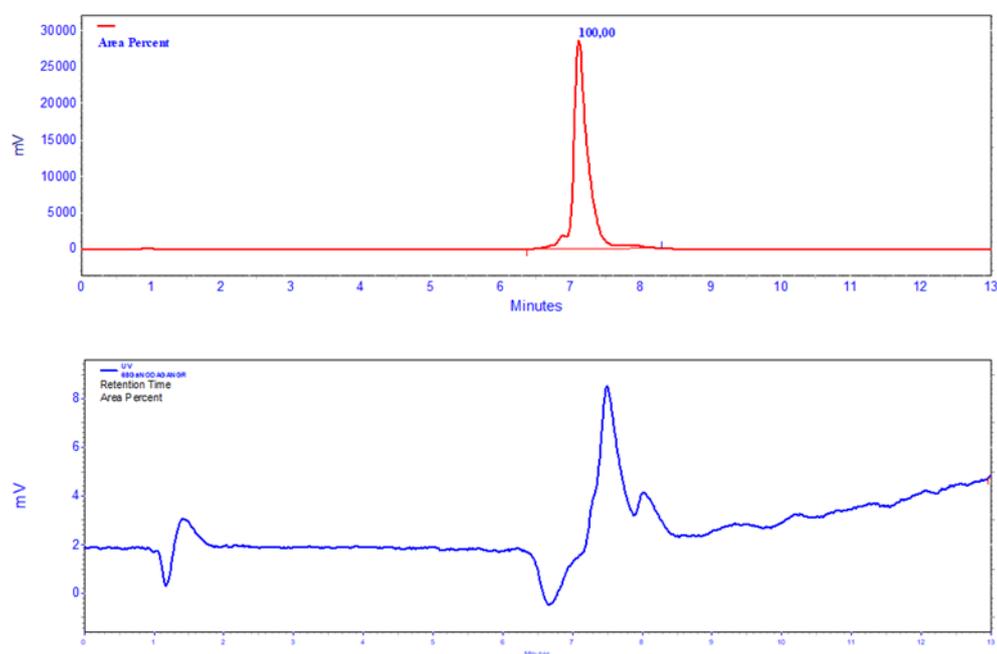
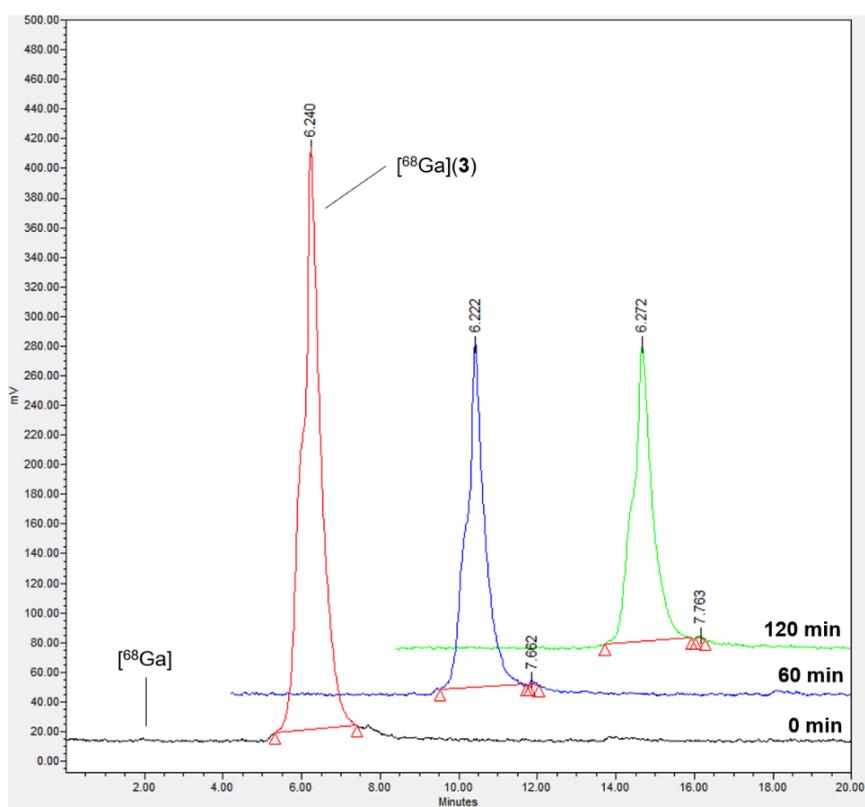
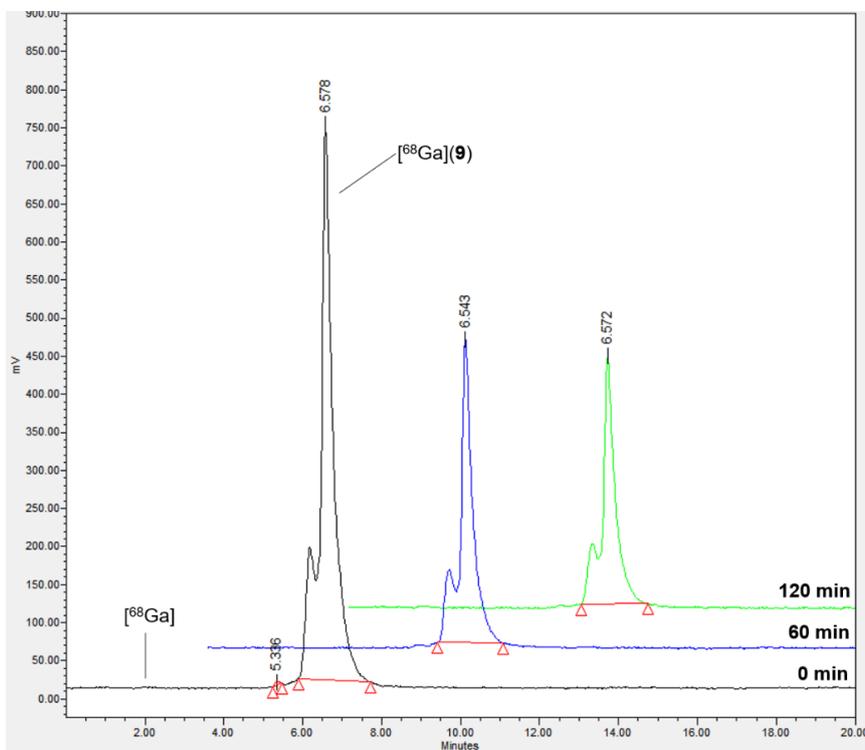


Figure S12 UV- and radio-HPLC chromatograms of [68Ga]-11.

Figure S13 Radio-HPLC chromatograms of serum stability test of $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{-3}$.Figure S14 Radio-HPLC chromatograms of serum stability test of $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{-9}$.

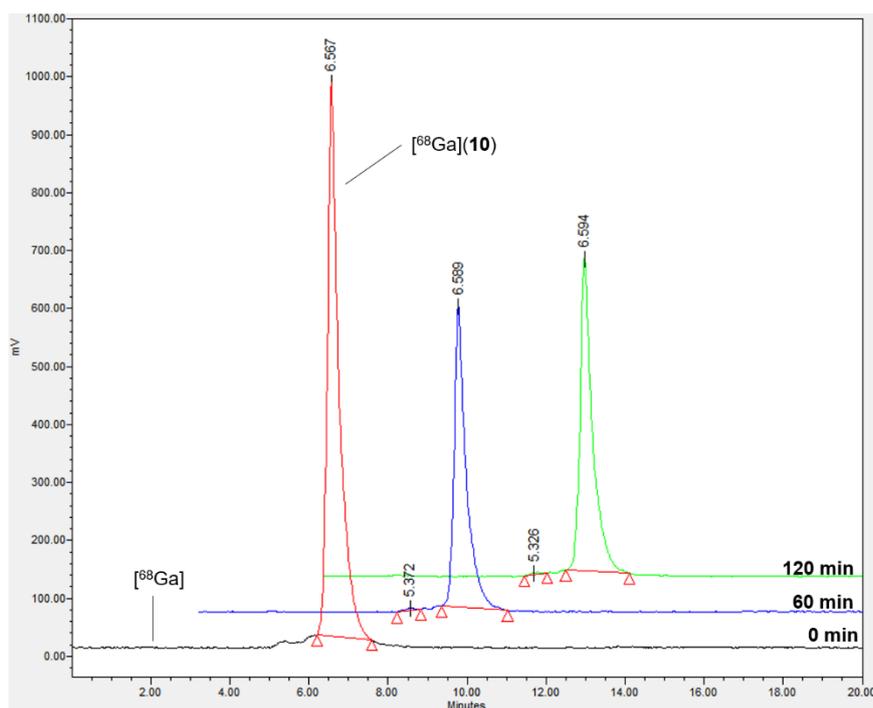


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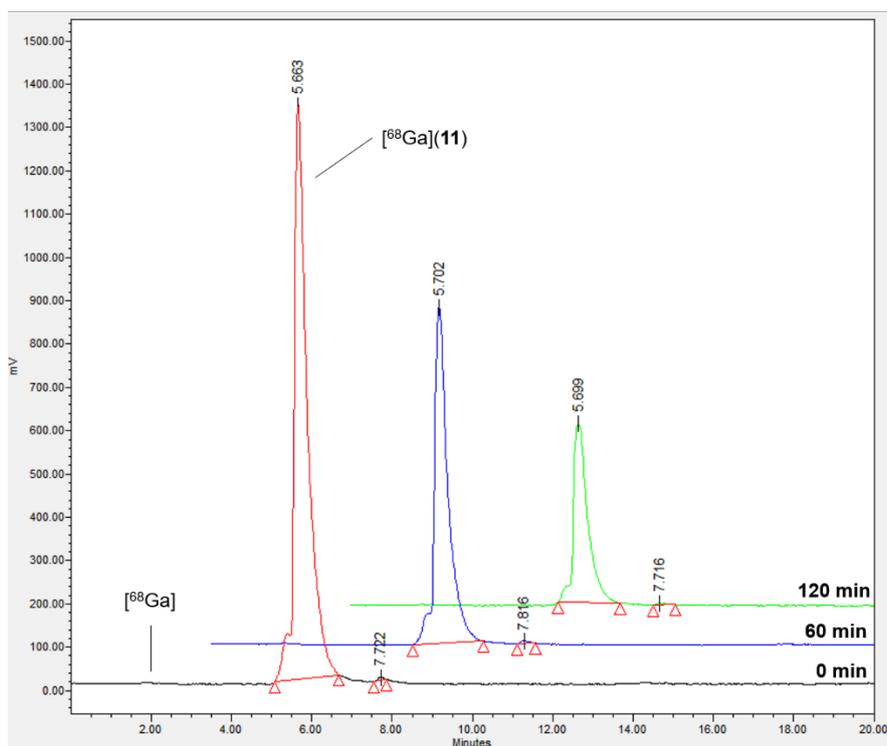


Figure S16 Radio-HPLC chromatograms of serum stability test of $[^{68}\text{Ga}]\text{-11}$.