

# Evaluating Tetraazamacrocyclic Ligands as $^{134}\text{Ce}$ Chelators

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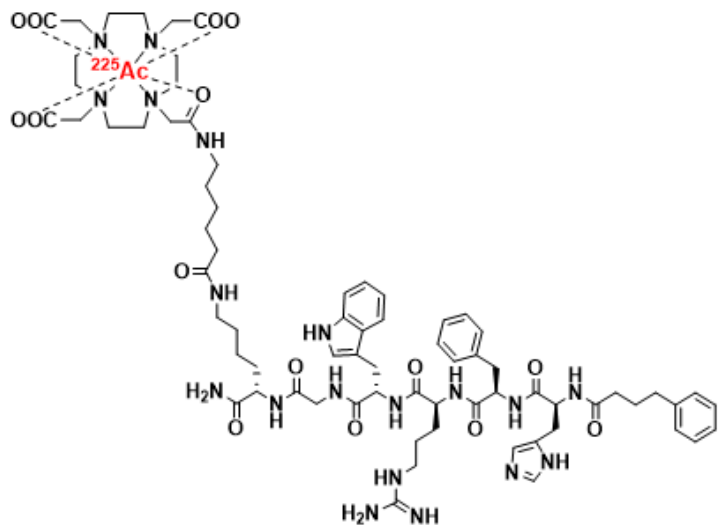
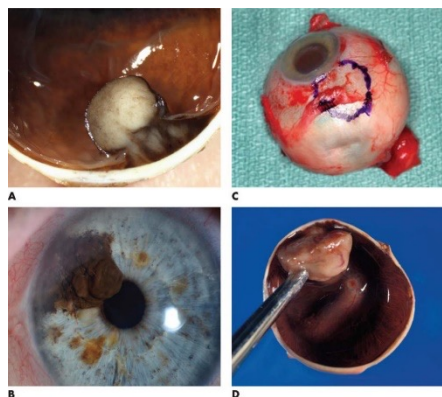
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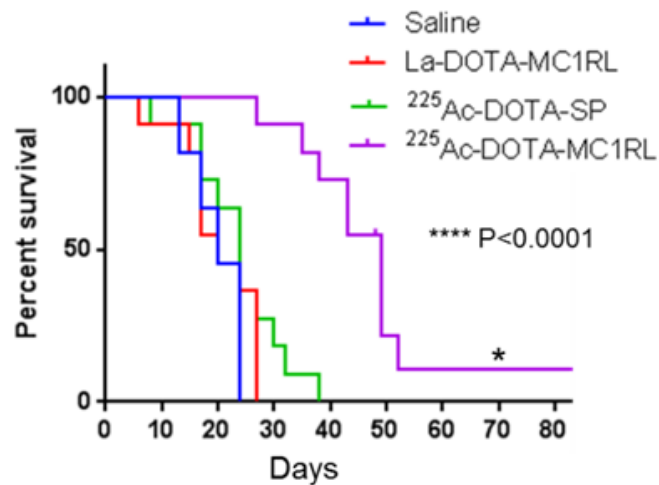
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# $^{225}\text{Ac}$ -TAT is an Expanding Research Area

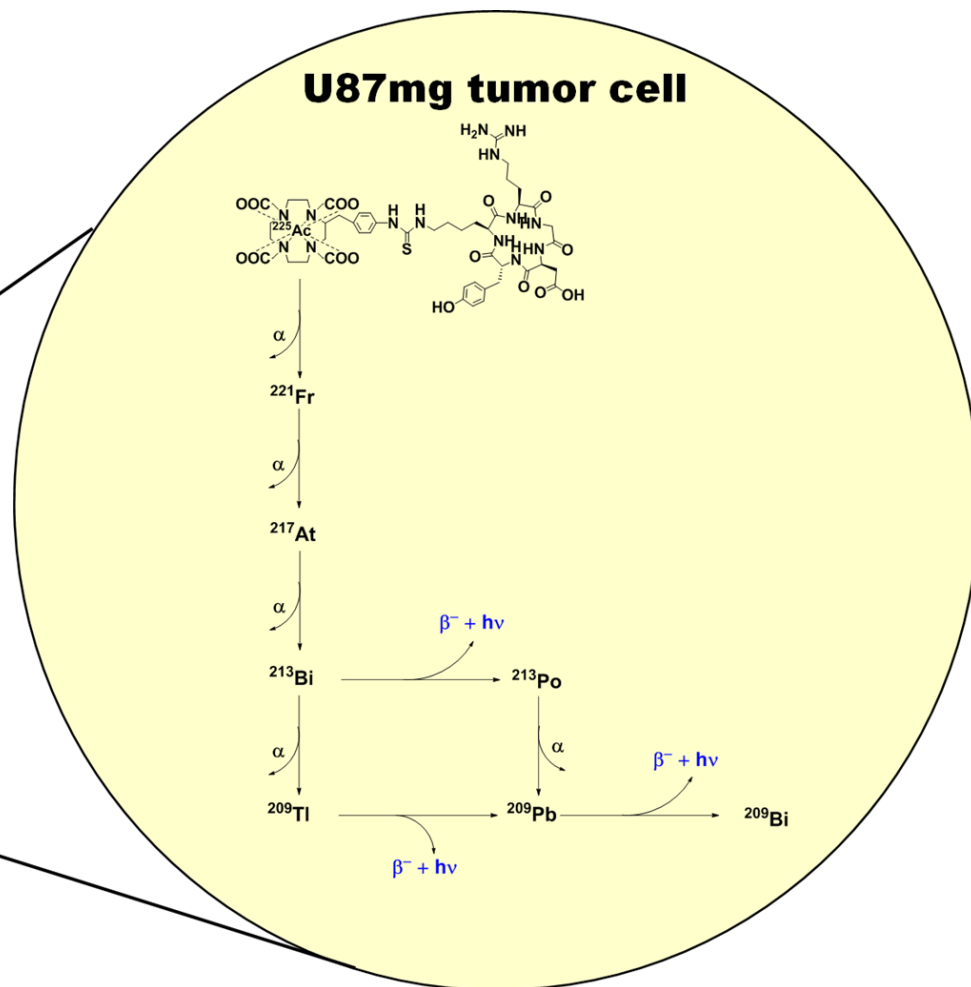
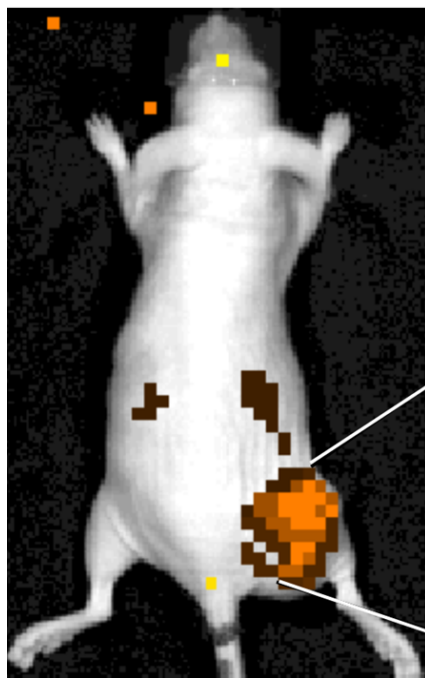


$^{225}\text{Ac}$ -DOTA-MC1RL



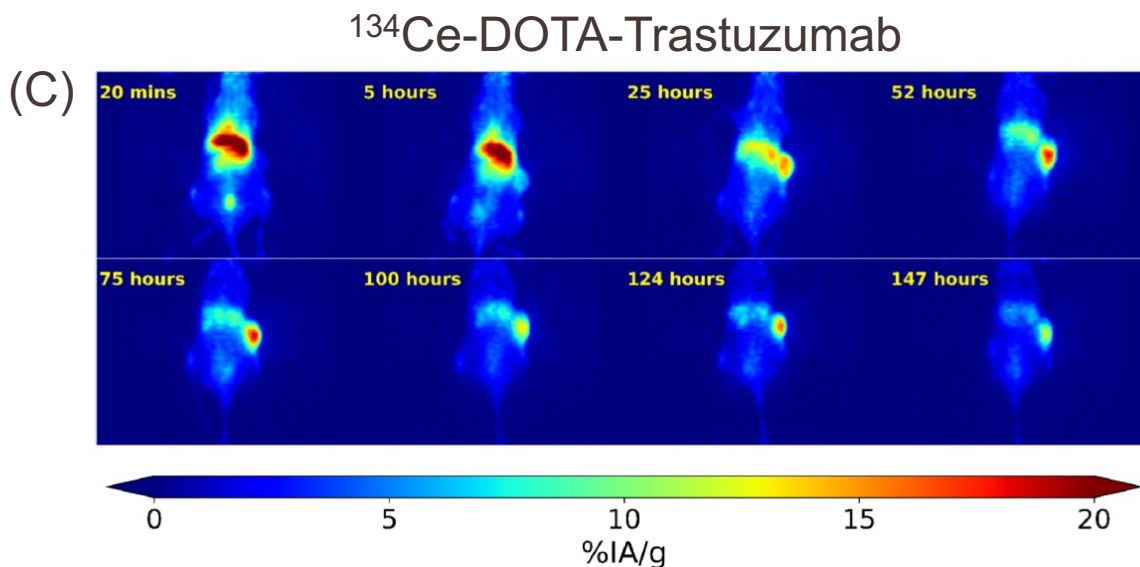
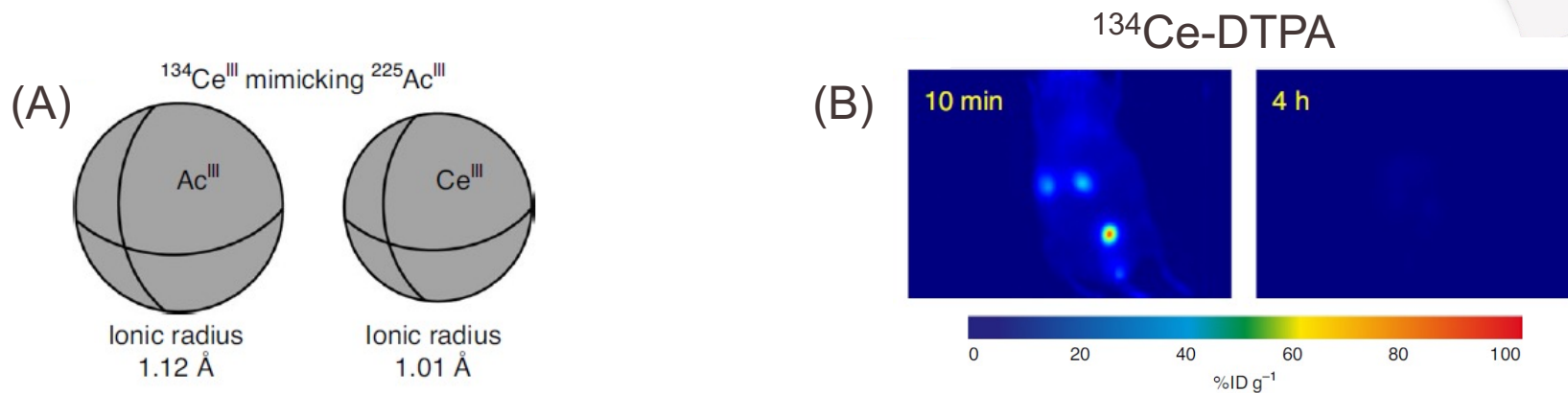
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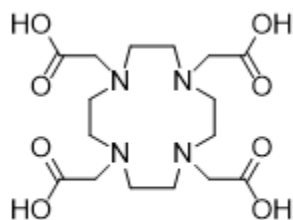
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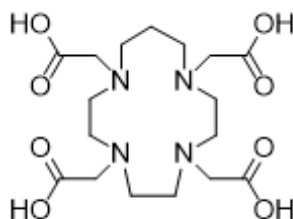
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# Tetraazamacrocycles as Ce-134 Chelators



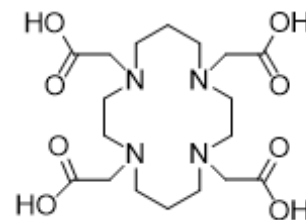
**DOTA**

12-member ring



**TRITA**

13-member ring



**TETA**

14-member ring

# Radiochemical Synthesis of $^{134}\text{Ce}$ -DOTA

Quantity of Ligand DOTA ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Reaction Buffer (pH 6.8 – 7.2)	Reaction Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Reaction Time (min)	Radiochemical Yield by Radio-ITLC (%)
2	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	100
1	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	100
0.5	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	$98.8 \pm 0.3$
0.2	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	$89.5 \pm 0.5$
0.1	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	$36.3 \pm 2.3$
0.05	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	$12.1 \pm 1.7$
2	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	100
1	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	100
0.5	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	$99.6 \pm 0.3$
0.2	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	$98.3 \pm 0.2$
0.1	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	$95.4 \pm 0.4$
0.05	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	$62.3 \pm 1.1$
2	0.5 M $\text{NaOAc}$	40	60	100
1	0.5 M $\text{NaOAc}$	40	60	100
0.1	0.5 M $\text{NaOAc}$	40	60	$10.8 \pm 2.6$

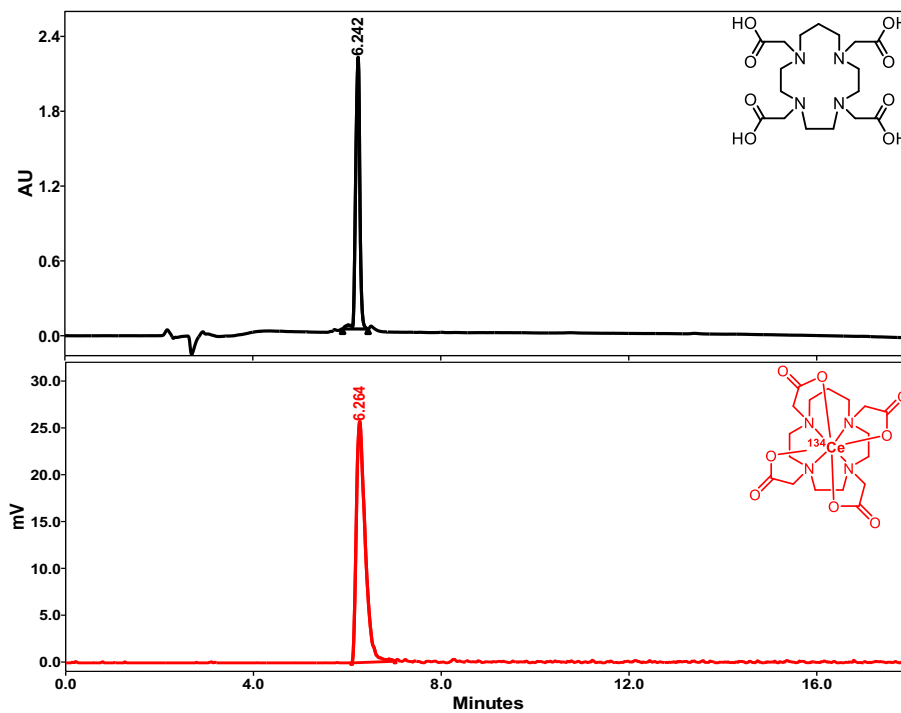
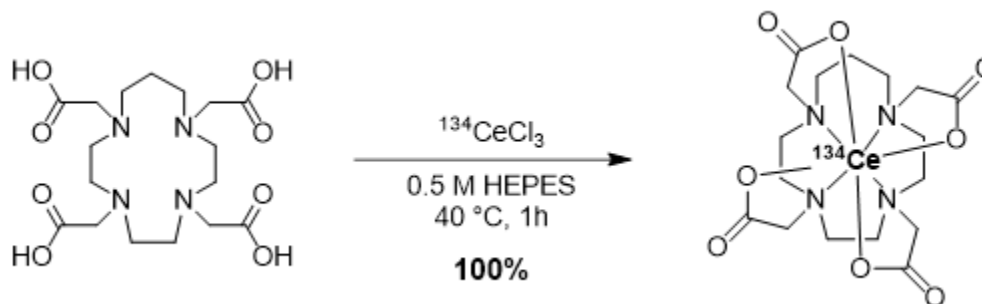


# Radiochemical Synthesis of $^{134}\text{Ce}$ -TRITA

Quantity of Ligand TRITA ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Reaction Buffer (pH 6.8 – 7.2)	Reaction Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Reaction Time (min)	Radiochemical Yield by Radio-ITLC (%)
2	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	100
1	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	100
0.1	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	40	60	$99.1 \pm 0.2$
2	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	100
1	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	100
0.1	0.5 M HEPES	40	60	100
2	0.5 M NaOAc	40	60	100
1	0.5 M NaOAc	40	60	100
0.1	0.5 M NaOAc	40	60	$34.9 \pm 3.5$



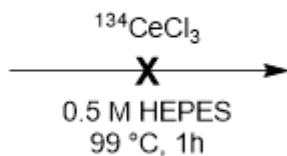
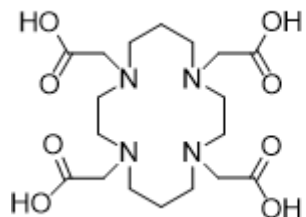
# Radio-HPLC of $^{134}\text{Ce}$ -TRITA



# Radiochemical Synthesis of $^{134}\text{Ce}$ -TETA

Quantity of Ligand TETA ( $\mu\text{g}$ )	Reaction Buffer (pH 6.8 – 7.2)	Reaction Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Reaction Time (min)	Radiochemical Yield by Radio-ITLC (%)
2	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	80	60	$0.7 \pm 0.5$
2	0.5 M $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$	99	60	$8.9 \pm 1.2$
2	0.5 M HEPES	80	60	$1.2 \pm 0.4$
2	0.5 M HEPES	99	60	$10.1 \pm 0.8$
2	0.5 M NaOAc	80	60	0
2	0.5 M NaOAc	99	60	$7.4 \pm 0.9$

# Radio-ITLC of $^{134}\text{Ce}$ -TETA



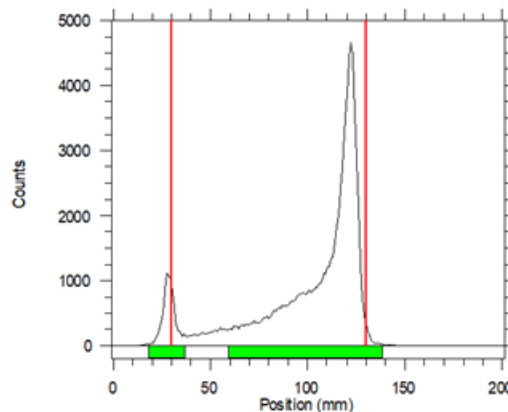
ITLC-SA / 50 mM EDTA

Unchelated  $^{134}\text{Ce}$

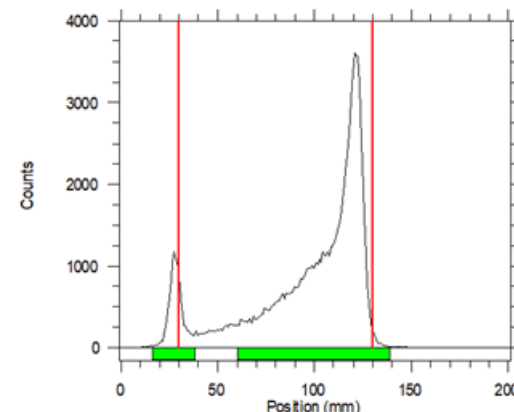
$^{134}\text{Ce}$ -EDTA ( $R_f \sim 1$ )

$^{134}\text{Ce}$ -TETA ( $R_f \sim 0$ )

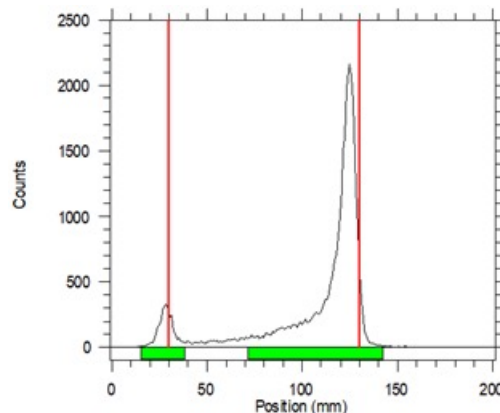
0.5 M  $\text{NH}_4\text{OAc}$



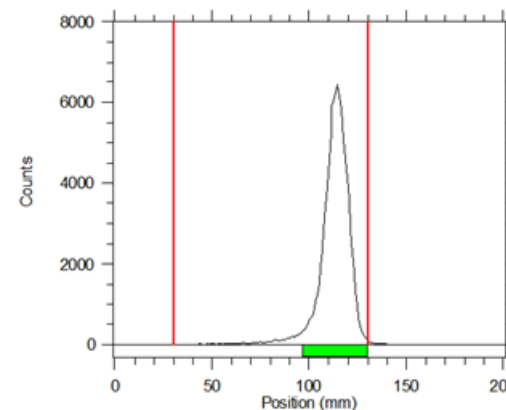
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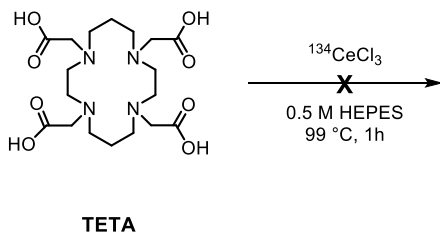
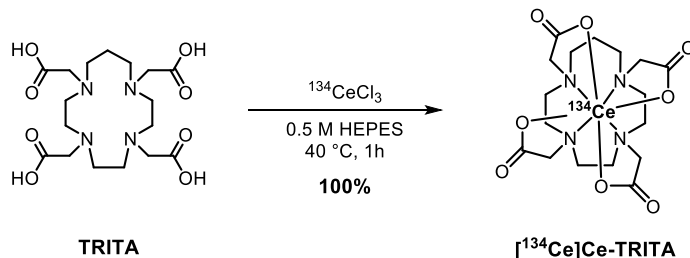
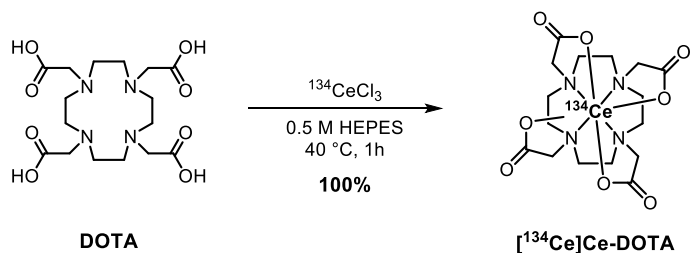
0.5 M  $\text{NaOAc}$



$^{134}\text{CeCl}_3$



# $^{134}\text{Ce}$ -Tetraazamacrocyclic Radiochemistry and Behavior Rationale



- $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  reactivity decreases as ring size increases
  - $\text{DOTA} \geq \text{TRITA} \gg \text{TETA}$
- Preorganization may influence reactivity
  - $\text{DOTA} \geq \text{TRITA} \gg \text{TETA}$
- Enthalpic effects

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# Conclusions

- $^{225}\text{Ac}$ -TAT is an active area of research.
- $^{134}\text{Ce}$  has the potential to improve the development of  $^{225}\text{Ac}$ -TAT.
- Understanding how chelating ligands interact with  $^{134}\text{Ce}$  is important to developing  $^{225}\text{Ac}/^{134}\text{Ce}$  theranostics.
- Tetraazamacrocycles are worthy of exploration as chelates for  $^{134}\text{Ce}$ .
- Reactivity was investigated using different buffers, temperatures and ligand concentrations.
  - $\text{DOTA} \geq \text{TRITA} \gg \text{TETA}$
  - $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  solution behavior
  - Pre-organization
  - Enthalpy

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