



Supplementary Materials

Development and biological evaluation of the first highly potent and selective benzamide-based radiotracer [¹⁸F]BA3 for imaging of histone deacetylases 1 and 2 in brain

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Figure S1. Scheme of the synthesis module TRACERlab FX2 N for the radiosynthesis of [¹⁸F]**BA3**. (1) Sep-Pak® Accell QMA light cartridge, (2) 150 µL TBAHCO₃ (0.075 M) in 300 µL H₂O and 600 µL MeCN, (3) 2 mL MeCN, (4) precursor (4 mg of 9 in 800 µL MeCN), (5) 800 µL 2M HClaq, (6) 1.6 mL 1M NaHCO_{3,aq} and 1.8 mL 100mM phosphate buffer (pH

= 6), (7) injection vial, (8) Reprosil-Pur C18-AQ (40% ACN/20mM NH₄OAc_{aq}, flow 4.0 mL/min), (9) 40 mL water, (10) Sep-Pak[®] C18 light, (11) 2 mL H₂O, (12) 1.2 mL EtOH, (13) product vial.



Figure S2. Representative (**A**) UV- and (**B**) radio-RP-HPLC chromatograms of formulated [¹⁸F]**BA3** (ReproSil-Pur 120 C18-AQ column (250 x 4.6 mm, 5 μm), Gradient MeCN/20 mM NH₄OAc_{aq.} (see quality control), flow rate: 1 mL/min).



Figure S3. Representative radio-MLC chromatograms of *in vivo* metabolism studies from plasma (**A**) and brain (**B**) samples obtained 30 min p.i. of [¹⁸F]**BA3** in a CD-1 mouse (gamma-detection via radio-RP-HPLC: ReproSil-Pur 120 C18-AQ column (250 x 4.6 mm, 10 μ m + 10 mm pre-column), Gradient EtOH/100 mM SDS_{aq}/25 mM (NH4)2HPO4 (see section 3.5.1.), flow: 1 mL/min).



Figure S4. Baseline time-activity curves (TACs) of CD-1 mice brain region after injection of [18F]BA3 (n = 2).



Figure S5. Biodistribution of [18F]BA3 at different time points derived from PET imaging uncorrected for metabolites (n = 2, SUVmean)

Table S1. Tissue biodistribution of radioactivity at different time point after i.v. injection of $[^{18}F]BA3$ in CD-1 mice based on PET data uncorrected for metabolites (n = 2).

	Uptake (SUV)						
	5 min	15 min	30 min	45 min	60 min		
brain	0.1 / 0.2	0.2 / 0.3	0.2 / 0.3	0.2 / 0.2	0.1 / 0.2		
blood	1.7 / 1.2	1.8 / 1.2	1.6 / 1.0	1.6 / 0.9	1.4 / 0.9		
spleen	1.2 / 0.9	1.0 / 0.8	0.7 / 0.6	0.6 / 0.5	0.5 / 0.5		

kidnev	1.7 / 1.7	1.7 / 1.8	1.4 / 1.6	1.1 / 1.4	0.9 / 1.2
	02/04	06/06	0 5 / 0 4	0.4./0.4	02/02
muscie	0.5 / 0.4	0.6 / 0.6	0.3 / 0.4	0.4 / 0.4	0.5 / 0.5
liver	4.1 / 3.0	3.1 / 2.4	2.2 / 1.7	1.8 / 1.4	1.6 / 1.2
gallbladder	5.0 / 1.9	19.1 / 5.2	23.1 / 15.1	26.3 / 23.5	21.3 / 31.6
bladder	0.7 / 0.5	5.9 / 3.6	13.4 / 11.8	19.0 / 17.5	19.3 / 23.0
small intestine	1.7 / 1.2	3.7 / 2.2	2.4 / 2.2	2.5 / 3.4	3.0 / 2.9



Figure S6. Representative maximal intensity projection map of [¹⁸F]BA3 of (A) PET modality or (B) merged PET and MR modalities and (C) MR modality.



N-[2-amino-5-(thiophen-2-yl)phenyl]-4-[(2-fluoropropanamido)methyl]benzamide (BA1)

Figure S8. ¹³C-NMR of BA1



Figure S9. ¹⁹F-NMR of BA1



Figure S10. LC-MS chromatogram of BA1



N-[2-amino-5-(thiophen-2-yl)phenyl]-4-(2-fluoropropanamido)benzamide (BA2)

Figure S12. ¹³C-NMR of BA2



70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -260 -270 ppm





Figure S14. LC-MS chromatogram of BA2

N-[2-amino-5-(thiophen-3-yl)phenyl]-4-[(2-fluoropropanamido)methyl]benzamide (BA3)

Figure S16. ¹³C-NMR of BA3

Figure S17. ¹⁹F-NMR of BA3

Figure S18. LC-MS chromatogram of BA3

N-[2-amino-5-(thiophen-3-yl)phenyl]-4-(2-fluoropropanamido)benzamide (BA4)

Figure S20. ¹³C-NMR of BA4

Figure S21. ¹⁹F-NMR of BA4

Figure S22. LC-MS chromatogram of BA4

N-(4-amino-4'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-4-[(2-fluoropropanamido)methyl]benzamide (BA5)

Figure S24. ¹³C-NMR of BA5

70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -260 -270 ppm

Figure S26. LC-MS chromatogram of BA5

N-(4-amino-4'-fluoro-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-yl)-4-(2-fluoropropanamido)benzamide (BA6)

Figure S28. ¹³C-NMR of BA6

70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -260 -270 ppm

Figure S30. LC-MS chromatogram of BA6

N-[2-amino-5-(furan-2-yl)phenyl]-4-[(2-fluoropropanamido)methyl]benzamide (BA7)

Figure S32. ¹³C-NMR of BA7

70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -260 -270 ppm

Figure S33. ¹⁹F-NMR of BA7

Figure S34. LC-MS chromatogram of BA7

N-[2-amino-5-(furan-2-yl)phenyl]-4-(2-fluoropropanamido)benzamide (BA8)

Figure S36. ¹³C-NMR of BA8

70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -260 -270 ppm

Figure S37. ¹⁹F-NMR of BA8

Figure S38. LC-MS chromatogram of BA8

N-[2-amino-5-(furan-3-yl)phenyl]-4-[(2-fluoropropanamido)methyl]benzamide (BA9)

Figure S40. ¹³C-NMR of BA9

70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -260 -270 ppm

Figure S41. ¹⁹F-NMR of BA9

Figure S42. LC-MS chromatogram of BA9

N-[2-amino-5-(furan-3-yl)phenyl]-4-(2-fluoropropanamido)benzamide (BA10)

Figure S44. ¹³C-NMR of BA10

70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 -60 -70 -80 -90 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 -180 -190 -200 -210 -220 -230 -240 -250 -270 ppm

Figure S45. ¹⁹F-NMR of BA10

Figure S46. LC-MS chromatogram of BA10