#### **Supplementary Information**

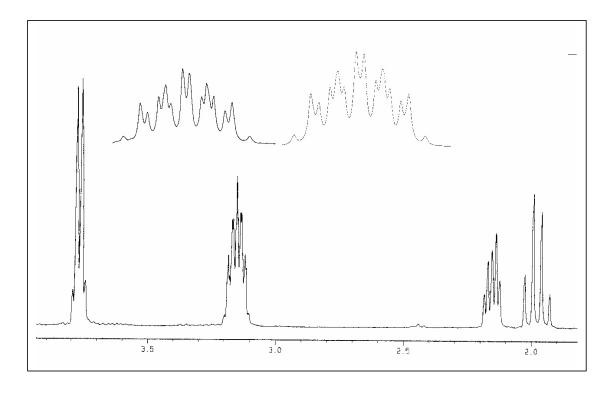
# The 3-N-phenyl amide of *all-cis*-cyclopentane-1,2,3,4-tetracarboxylic acid as a potential pH-sensitive amine-releasing prodrug; intervention of imide formation around neutral pH

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- **S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum for **13** in D<sub>2</sub>O with 1.5 mol equiv. NaOD added
- S2. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral changes for 10 in D<sub>2</sub>O with 2.7 mol equiv. NaOD added
- **S3.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral changes for **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O buffered with pyrophosphate
- **S4.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum for **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O buffered with pyrophosphate at completion with product ratio calculation from integration
- **S5.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum for **10** in D<sub>2</sub>O buffered with deuteroacetate at completion with product ratio calculation by integration

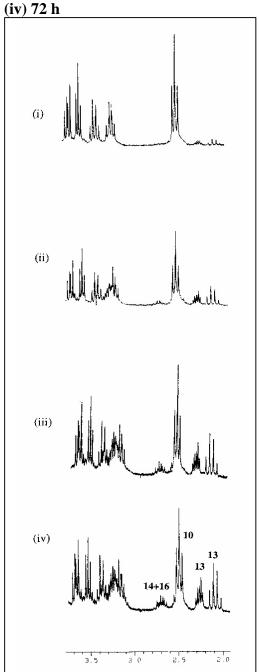
# S1. $^{1}$ H-NMR spectrum for 13 in $D_{2}O$ with 1.5 mol equiv. NaOD added, showing expanded multiplet for H2,3

- experimental (on left)
- simulated (on right, based on coupling constants in the text)



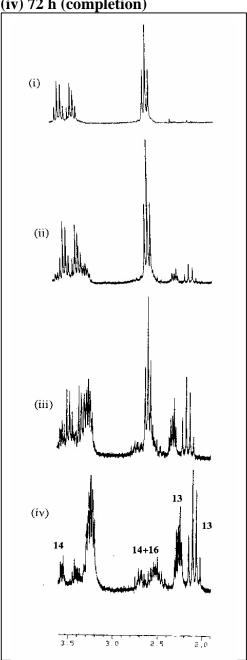
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**S2** A 1H-NMR spectral changes for the reaction of 10 in D<sub>2</sub>O with 2.7 mol equiv. NaOD added:(i) 1.5 h; (ii) 6.5 h; (iii) 48 h;



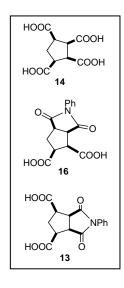
#### **S3** <sup>B</sup> <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectral changes for the reaction of 10 in D<sub>2</sub>O buffered with pyrophosphate: (i) 10 min; (ii) 2 h; (iii) 6.5 h ( $\sim t_{1/2}$ );

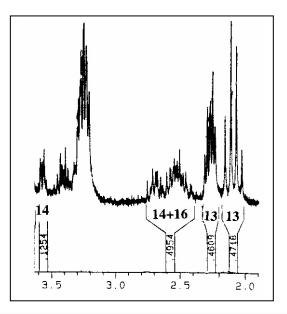
(iv) 72 h (completion)



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## S4. $^{1}$ H-NMR spectrum for products from 10 in $D_{2}O$ buffered with pyrophosphate (pD 6.53) at completion (72h), with product ratio calculation by integration (see table)

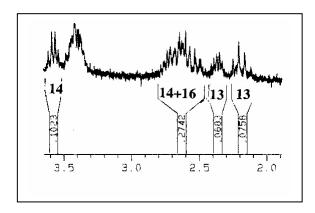




Pyrophosphate	<b>14</b> (2H)	<b>14</b> (2H)	<b>13</b> (2H)
Buffer		+ <b>16</b> (2H)	
Signal (δ)	3.5-3.6	2.4-2.75	2.0-2.3
Integral ratio	1.0	4.0	7.5
Proportionation	1.0	1.0 ( <b>14</b> ) and	7.5
		3.0 (16)	
Calculated	10 (14)	10 ( <b>14</b> ) and	65 (13)
Percentage $(\pm 5)$		25 (16)	

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## S5. $^{1}$ H-NMR spectrum for products from 10 in $D_{2}$ O buffered with deuteroacetate (pD 5.02) at completion (72h), with product ratio calculation from integration (see table)



Acetate buffer	<b>14</b> (2H)	<b>14</b> (2H)	<b>13</b> (2H)
		+ <b>16</b> (2H)	
Signal (δ)	3.5-3.65	2.45-2.8	2.05-
			2.45
Integral ratio	1.0	2.7	1.4
Proportionation	1.0	1.0 ( <b>14</b> ) and	1.4
		1.7 ( <b>16</b> )	
Calculated	25 (14)	25 ( <b>14</b> ) and	35 (13)
Percentage $(\pm 5)$	, , ,	40 (16)	

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