

# Synthesis of a $^{188}\text{Re}$ –HEDP Complex Using Carrier-Free $^{188}\text{Re}$ and a Study of Its Stability and Biological Distribution<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract**—Labeling of disodium dihydrogen 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonate (HEDP) with  $^{188}\text{Re}$  was studied. Stannous chloride was used as a reducing agent for the reduction of  $^{188}\text{ReO}_4^-$ . The dependence of the yield of  $^{188}\text{Re}$ –HEDP complex upon the HEDP concentration, tin(II) content, reaction time, amount of antioxidant, pH, reaction temperature, and presence of carrier was examined. The optimum conditions ensuring high labeling yield of  $^{188}\text{Re}$ –HEDP complex (91.0% with carrier-free Re and 96.5% with carrier-added Re) are as follows: 15 mg of HEDP, 2 mg of Sn(II), 4 mg of ascorbic acid, pH 1.2, 100°C, 10 min. The amount of the carrier added is 200 µg of  $\text{KReO}_4$ . The  $^{188}\text{Re}$ –HEDP complex prepared at 100°C is more stable than that prepared at 30°C, and the carrier-added  $^{188}\text{Re}$ –HEDP complex is more stable than the no-carrier-added complex.

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