

# Site-Specific Ligation and Compound Conjugation to Existing Antibodies

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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- ▶ **Medical**
- ▶ [Disease: Cancer](#)

### RELATED CASES

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ABSTRACT

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have developed a unique method for site-specific ligation and conjugation of compounds to existing antibodies.

FULL DESCRIPTION

Traditionally, non-specific ligation methods have been used to chemically modify immunoglobulins. Through these methods, cytotoxic compounds are generally conjugated to antibodies via targeting of: (i) amines of lysine residues and (ii) free sulfhydryls of cysteine residues. These modifications, however, lead to heterogeneous products due to the multiple instances of identical functional groups. Therefore, there is a need for site-specific modification of immunoglobulins to establish homogenous immunoconjugates.

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have developed a unique method for site-specific ligation and conjugation of compounds to antibodies via direct binding of a ligand to the Fab arm. This method can be used to conjugate compounds to existing monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies, reducing production costs and shortening the preclinical-to-clinical translation times. The modification itself can be performed in very mild conditions, providing a viable method to create uniform antibody drug conjugates and bispecific antibodies. The method has been verified *in vitro* with human breast cancer cells and trastuzmab.

APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Therapeutics against cancer or infectious agents
- ▶ Bispecific antibodies

FEATURES/BENEFITS

- ▶ Reduced production costs
- ▶ Reduced preclinical-to-clinical translation times
- ▶ Mild reaction conditions
- ▶ Site-specific ligation and conjugation
- ▶ Can be used with existing antibodies

RELATED MATERIALS

- ▶ [Covalent Chemical Ligation Strategy for Mono- and Polyclonal Immunoglobulins at Their Nucleotide Binding Sites](#) Diana Lac, Chun Feng, Gaurav Bhardwaj, Huong Le, Jimmy Tran, Li Xing, Gabriel Fung, Ruiwu Liu, Holland Cheng, and Kit S. Lam *Bioconjugate Chemistry* 2016 27 (1), 159-169 DOI: 10.1021/acs.bioconjchem.5b00574 - 12/02/2015

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Additional Patent Pending

ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

- ▶ [Novel Solid Tumor Chemodrug LLS2](#)

- ▶ Affinity Peptides for Diagnosis and Treatment of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 and Zika Virus Infections
- ▶ Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery, Tissue Targeting and Imaging Analysis
- ▶ Conjugates That Combine HDAC Inhibitors and Retinoids into Disease Preventatives/Treatments
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence-Based Evaluation Of Drug Efficacy
- ▶ A Novel RGD-Containing Cyclic Peptide for use in Cancer Imaging and as a Targeted-Therapy Ligand
- ▶ Ligands for Alpha-4-Beta-1 Integrin
- ▶ Functional Illumination in Living Cells
- ▶ Multifunctional Porphyrin-Based Nanomedicine Platform
- ▶ A Two-step Drug Delivery System Based on Click Chemistry
- ▶ Transformable Smart Peptides as Cancer Therapeutics
- ▶ Engineered Biomaterial to Prevent Endothelial Inflammation
- ▶ Programmable Peptide Nucleic Acid-Based Nanoplatform for Customizable Drug Delivery
- ▶ Systems and Methods of Single-Cell Segmentation and Spatial Multiomics Analyses
- ▶ Nanoplatform for Cancer Therapy

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