

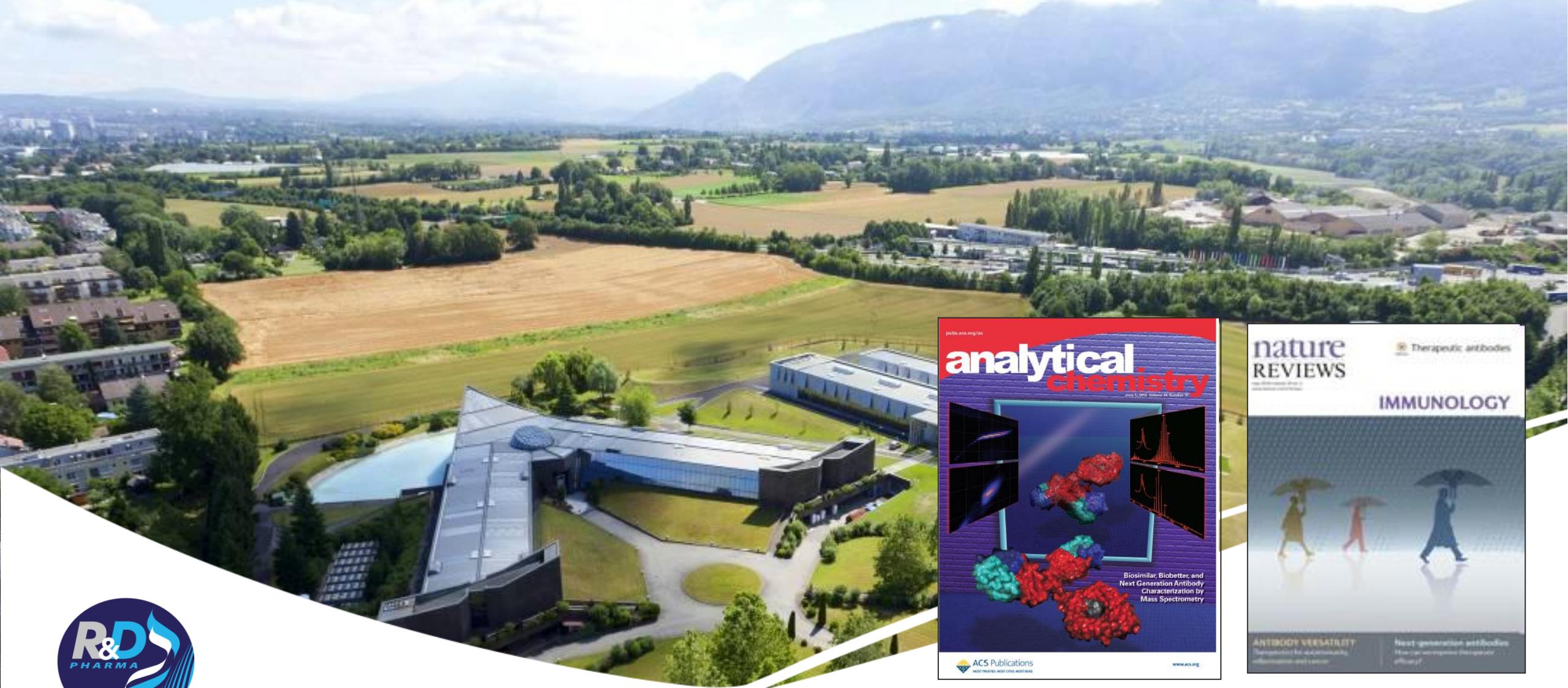


# Structure, Heterogeneity and Developability Assessment of Therapeutic Antibodies

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- 1. Cutting edge analytical methods & network**
- 2. MS structure assessment or fingerprinting**
- 3. CE-MS based methods**
- 4. Multi-dimentional LC-MS methods**
- 5. HILIC-MS**
- 6. Take home messages**



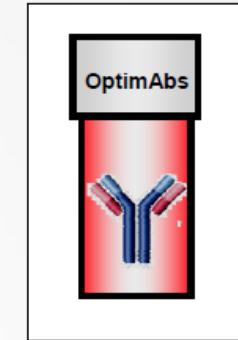
# (1) Introduction: Cutting edge analytical methods & network



# OptimAbs/ADCs/bsAbs/ICs : CMC & developability

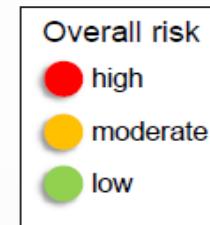
## Structural assessment and sequence liabilities

- Hot spots (*in silico*): Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs, litterature)
- Chromatographic & electrophoretic profilling (size, charge, hydrophobic/phobic)
- Mass spectrometry (isoforms, isotypes, macro/micro-variants, PTMs)
- Mutliple attribute methods (MAMs)
- Short stress studies (pH, heat, oxidation, glycation, light, freezing/thawing)
- Functional assays (Critical Quality Attributes ranking)
- Hits, Leads, Candidates structure optimization : iterative process



## Safety/PK/PD

- Serum stability
- Half-life
- Administration schedule
- Immunogenicity
- De-conjugation
- Off-target activity



## Manufacturability

- MCB, WCB
- Expression yields
- Purification yields
- Scalability
- Stability (process, long term)
- Cost of goods

➤ Beck A, Liu H et al, mAbs 2019

# mAbs: analytical & structural methods (2013)

Analytical Chemistry

Review

## MAb primary structure assessment

### Charge variants

- Separation techniques
  - IEF, cIEF, icIEF
  - HPLC (IEX, RP, HIC)
  - Boronate affinity chrom.
- Mass spectrometry
  - Middle-up LC-MS
  - Peptide mapping (LC-MS/MS)
  - Top-down MS/MS

### AA sequence and variants

- Intact mass (ESI-MS)
  - Glycan removal (PNGase F)
- Bottom-up peptide mapping
  - Enzyme digestion and LC-MS/MS
- Middle-up (LC-MS)
  - Red. mAb (light and heavy chains)
  - Limited proteolysis (IdeS, papain) + reduction (25 kDa fragments)
- Top/middle-down (HR-MS/MS)
  - ETD/ECD and CID
- SEC, CE-SDS

### Glycovariants

- Glycan (released)
  - CE-LIF
  - HPLC (NP, HILIC, ZIC-HILIC, IEX, PGC)
  - MALDI-TOF, ESI-MS and MS/MS
  - Electronic impact-MS (with GC)
- Glyco-protein/ peptide
  - Intact/ middle-up LC-MS
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### Cysteine-linked variants

- Ellman assay (free Cys)
- Differential peptide mapping
  - > red/ and non-red cond.
  - > CID and ETD (Cys linkage)
- IM-MS (Cys linkage)

## Higher order structures, aggregates and mAb/Ag

### Higher order

- XRD
- Native-MS
- IM-MS
- HDX-MS

### Aggregates

- SEC (UV-MALS)
- A4F (UV-MALS)
- AUC
- Native MS
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- HDX-MS
- Crosslinking MS

### mAb/Ag complexes

- SPR
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- Main proteoforms
- HOS

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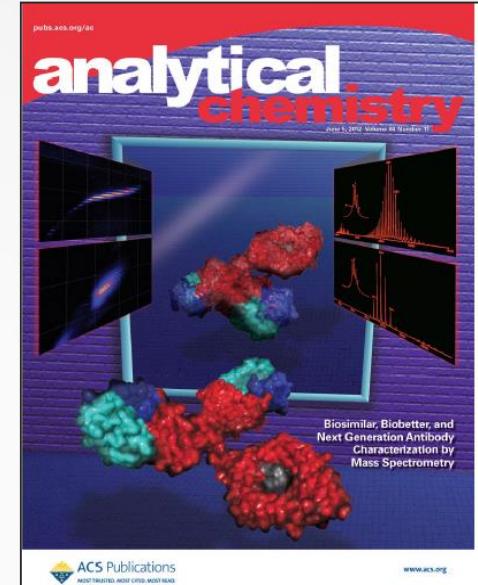
- ELISA
- Radioimmuno-assay
- Immunofluorescence
- Isotope dilution – SRM
- Isotope dilution LC-MS

## CQAs:

- Glyco-variants
- Size variants
- Charge variants
- Cys-related variants
- Oxidized variants

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# mAbs: analytical & structural methods (2020)

## Analytical Chemistry

## Review

- MAM
- CIU
- HCD
- UVPD (213)
- Native MS
- Ion Mobility
- HDX-MS
- CESI-MS/MS
- 2 to 4D-LC UV/MS
- Top/Middle down/up
- Electron Transfer Dissoc.
- Proteomics (eBUP, N-TOP)
- Imaging MS
- 3Q MS (PK, targeted prot.)
- De novo sequencing

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#### • Enzymes

- IdeS
- Kgp
- SpeB
- IgdE
- EndoS
- EndoS2
- Rgp
- SAP9
- Reagents
- N-Top



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# FDA/EMA approved mAbs benchmarks: basic QC methods

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## Research Article

# High-resolution separation of monoclonal antibodies mixtures and their charge variants by an alternative and generic CZE method

The determination of mAb critical quality attributes (CQA) is crucial for their successful application in health diseases. A generic CZE method was developed for the high-resolution separation of various mAb charge variants, which are often recognized as important CQA. A dynamic coating of the capillary was obtained with polyethylene oxide (PEO), whereas Bis-Tris allowed the analysis of mAbs under native conditions at pH 7.0. The effect of PEO and Bis-Tris concentrations, as well as the nature of the acidic counter ion on the method performance was systematically studied. The %RSD on migration times was below 5% on

# CE-SDS: 26 mAbs + 2 ADCs FDA/EMA appr (2020)

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Determination of size variants by CE-SDS for approved therapeutic antibodies: Key implications of subclasses and light chain specificities

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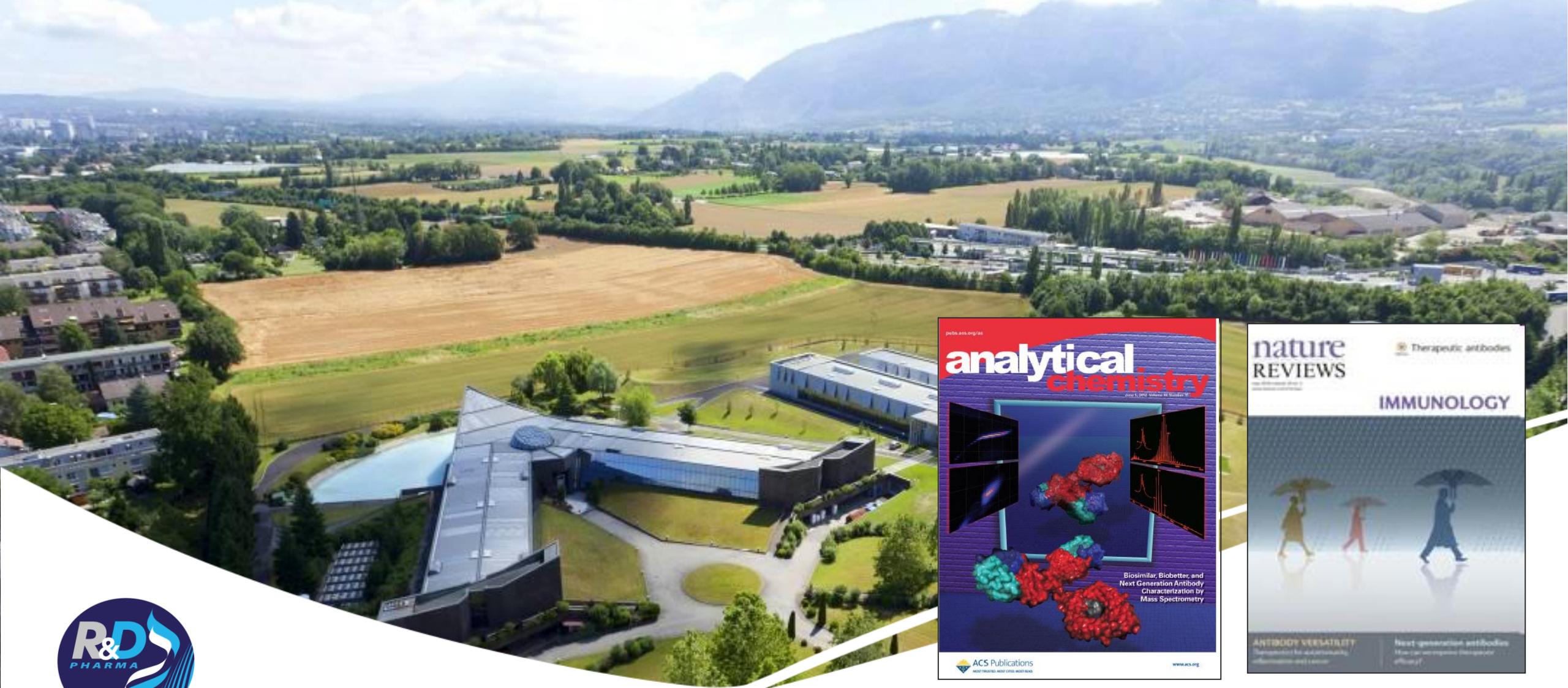
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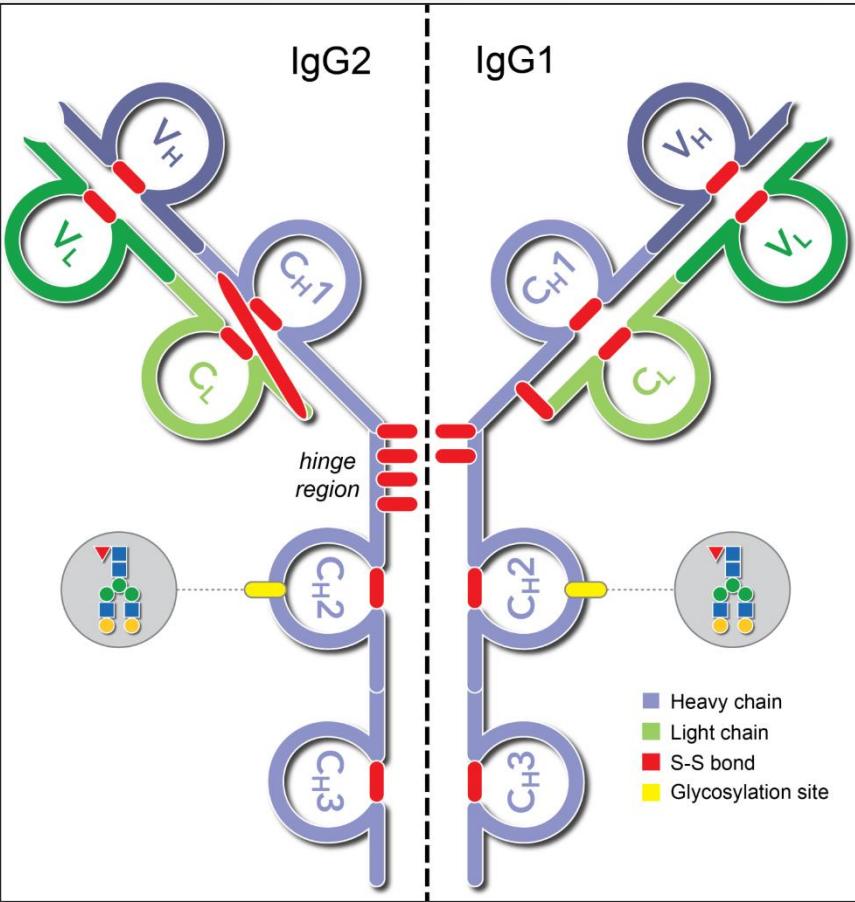
- Ch, Hz, Hu IgGs
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- A-glycosylated
- Kappa & lambda LC
- Partially reduced IgGs
- Biosimilars
- Hinge Cys & Lys ADCs
- NISTmab



## (2) Mass Spec structure assessment or fingerprinting: TDS, HCD, ETD, UVPD, CIU



# IgG1, 2, 4 : Top & middle down MS analysis (Top Down Sequencing Consortium) (2014-20)



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# Interlaboratory Study for Characterizing mAbs by Top-Down and Middle-Down Mass Spec (2020)

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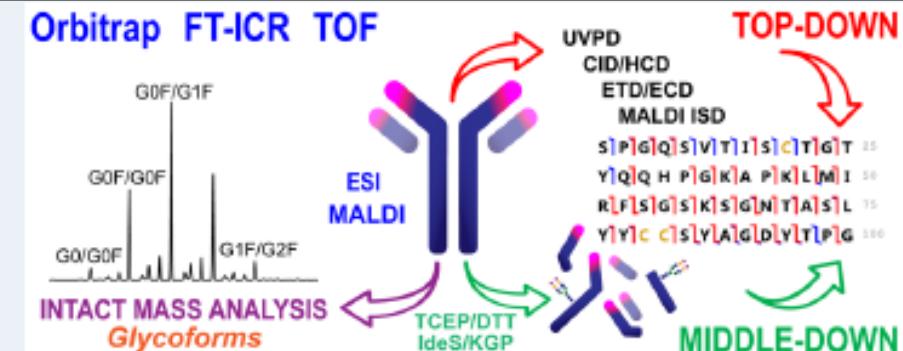
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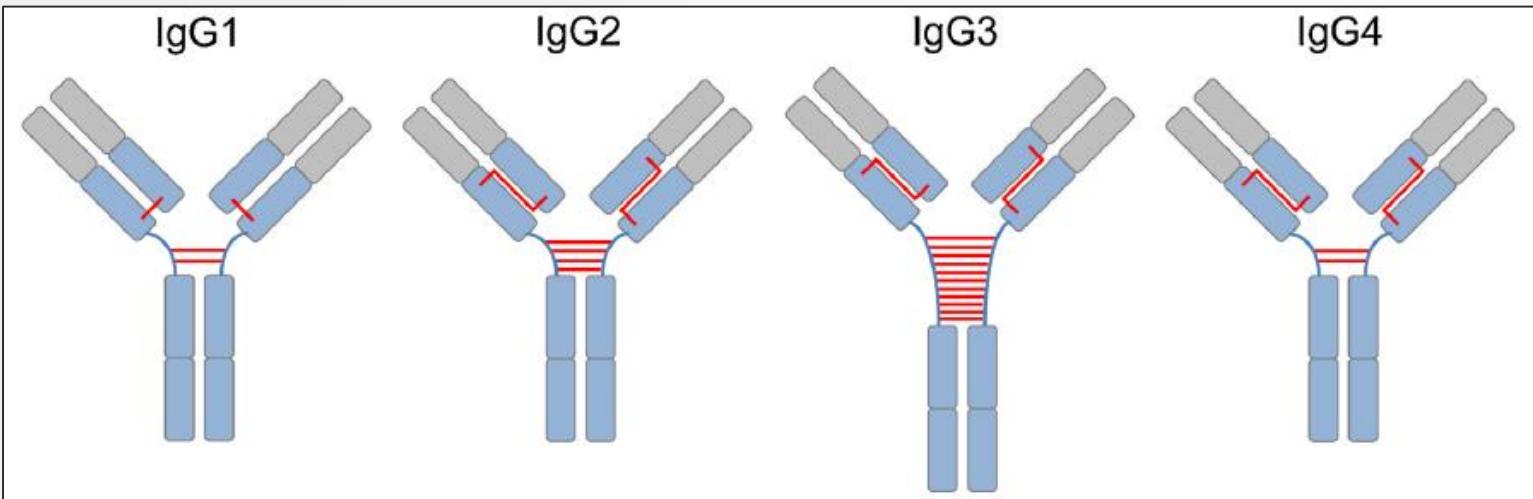
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**ABSTRACT:** The Consortium for Top-Down Proteomics ([www.topdownproteomics.org](http://www.topdownproteomics.org)) launched the present study to assess the current state of top-down mass spectrometry (TD MS) and middle-down mass spectrometry (MD MS) for characterizing monoclonal antibody (mAb) primary structures, including their modifications. To meet the needs of the rapidly growing therapeutic antibody market, it is important to develop analytical strategies to characterize the heterogeneity of a therapeutic product's primary structure accurately and reproducibly. The major objective of the present study is to determine whether current TD/MD MS technologies and protocols can add value to the more commonly employed bottom-up (BU) approaches with regard to confirming protein integrity, sequencing variable domains, avoiding artifacts, and revealing modifications and their locations. We also aim to gather information on the common TD/MD MS methods and practices in the field. A panel of three mAbs was selected and centrally provided to 20 laboratories worldwide for the analysis: Sigma mAb standard (SiLuLite), NIST mAb standard, and the therapeutic mAb Herceptin (trastuzumab). Various MS instrument platforms and ion dissociation techniques were employed. The present study confirms that TD/MD MS tools are available in laboratories worldwide and provide complementary information to the BU approach that can be crucial for comprehensive mAb characterization. The current limitations, as well as possible solutions to overcome them, are also outlined. A primary limitation revealed by the results of the present study is that the expert knowledge in both experiment and data analysis is indispensable to practice TD/MD MS.

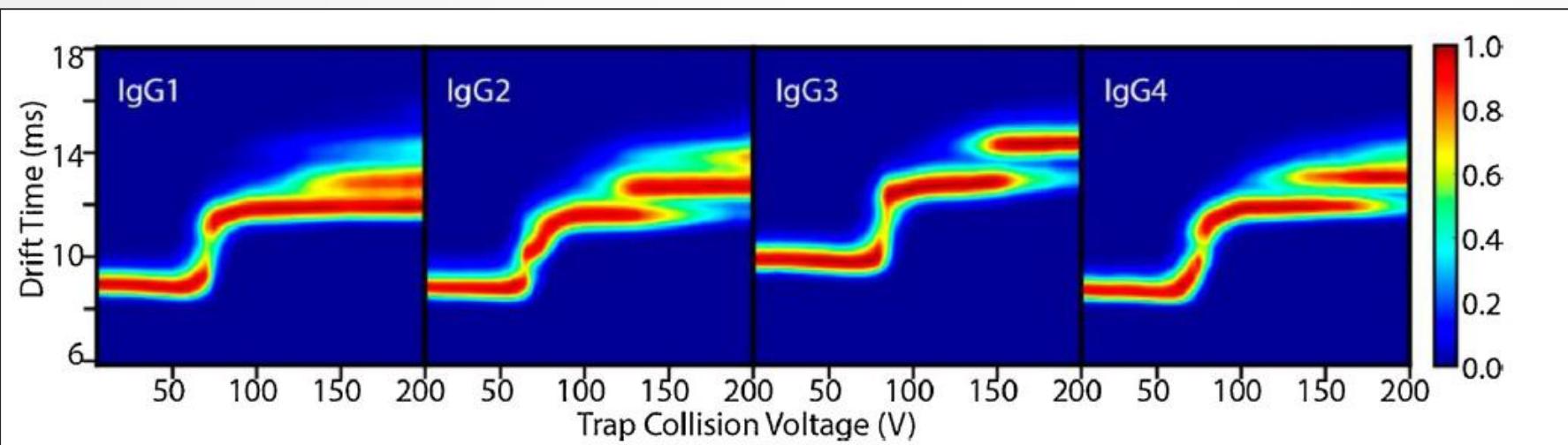
**KEYWORDS:** monoclonal antibody, top-down, middle-down, intact mass measurement, mass spectrometry, glycoform



# Collision Induced Unfolding (CIU): isotype fingerprints



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# Middle-level-IM-MS & CIU (Anal Chem 2020)

## Middle-level IM-MS and CIU immunoglobulin isotype finding

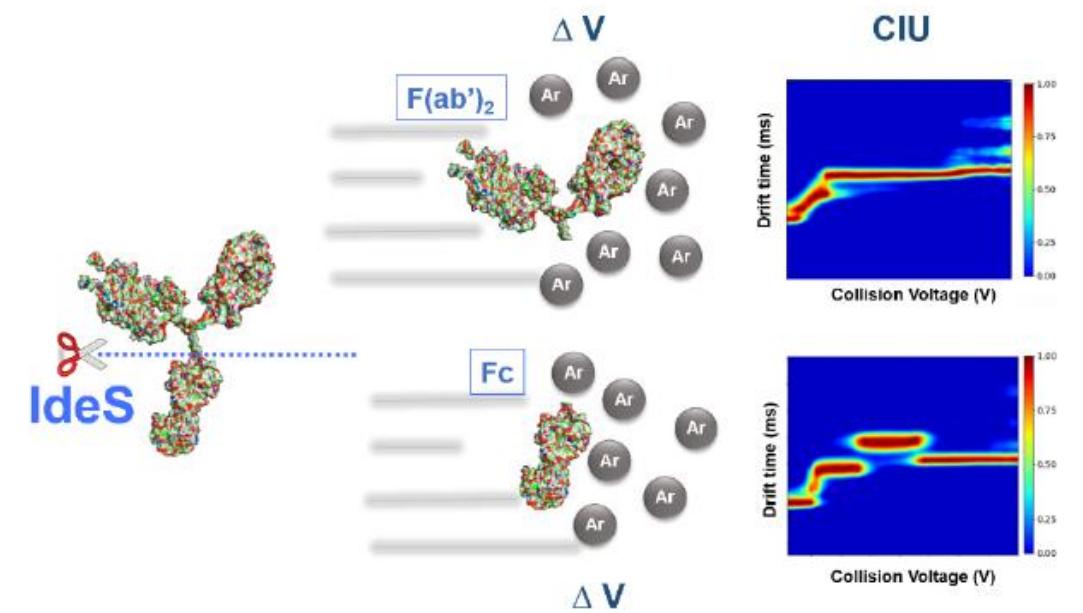
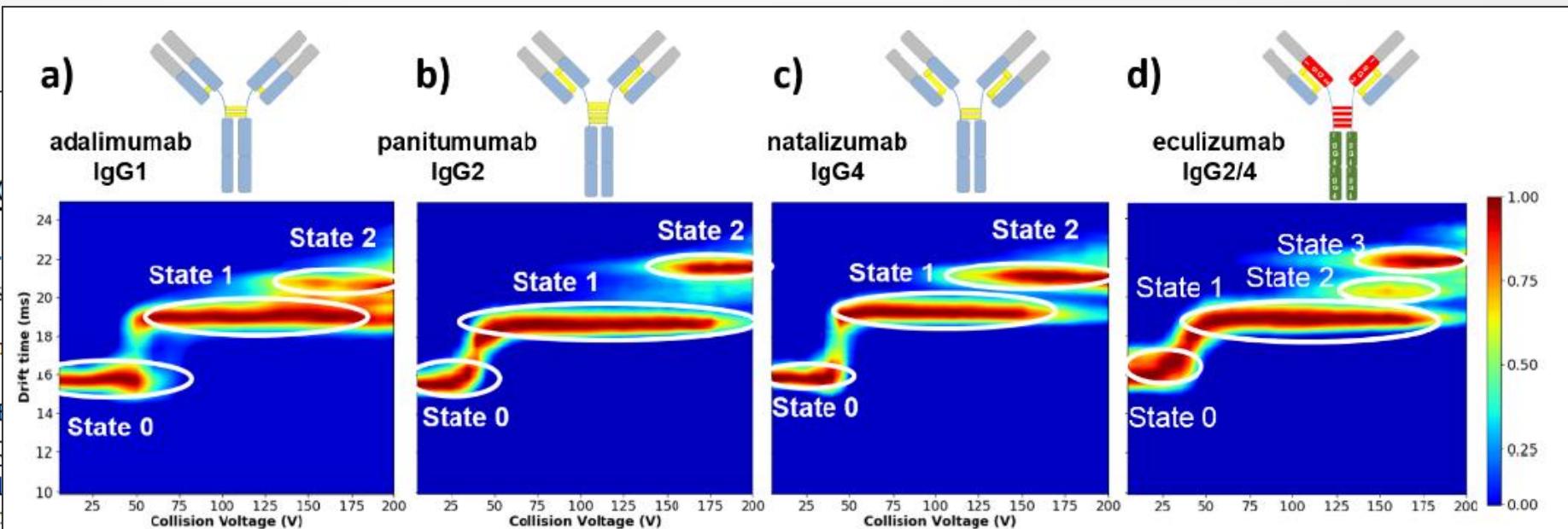
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**ABSTRACT:** Currently approved therapeutic monoclonal antibodies, which differ in their specific inter-chains disulfide linkages, are often used for mAb isotyping, among which native ion mobility methods.

However, mAb isotyping by these approaches is based on detection of subtle differences and thus remains challenging at the middle level. We report here on middle-level (after IdeS digestion) IM-MS and CIU approaches to afford better differentiation of mAb isotypes. Our method provides simultaneously CIU patterns of  $F(ab') and Fc domains within a single run. Middle-level CIU patterns of  $F(ab') domains enable more reliable classification of mAb isotypes compared to intact level CIU, while CIU fingerprints of Fc domains are overall less informative for mAb isotyping.  $F(ab') regions can thus be considered as diagnostic domains for specific CIU signatures for mAb isotyping. Benefits of middle-level IM-MS and CIU approaches are further illustrated for IgG1/IgG4 natalizumab and IgG2/IgG4 eculizumab. While classical analytical techniques led to controversial results, middle-level CIU uniquely addresses the challenge of eculizumab « hybridicity », highlighting that its  $F(ab') and Fc CIU patterns corresponds to an IgG1 and IgG4 respectively. Altogether, the middle-level CIU approach is more clear-cut, accurate and straightforward for canonical and engineered next generation mAb formats isotyping. Middle-level CIU thus constitutes a real breakthrough in protein analysis, paving the way for its implementation in R&D laboratories.$$$$



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# SEC-CIU: workflow automation (Anal Chem 2020)

## Towards automation of Collision Induced Unfolding through online Size Exclusion Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry.

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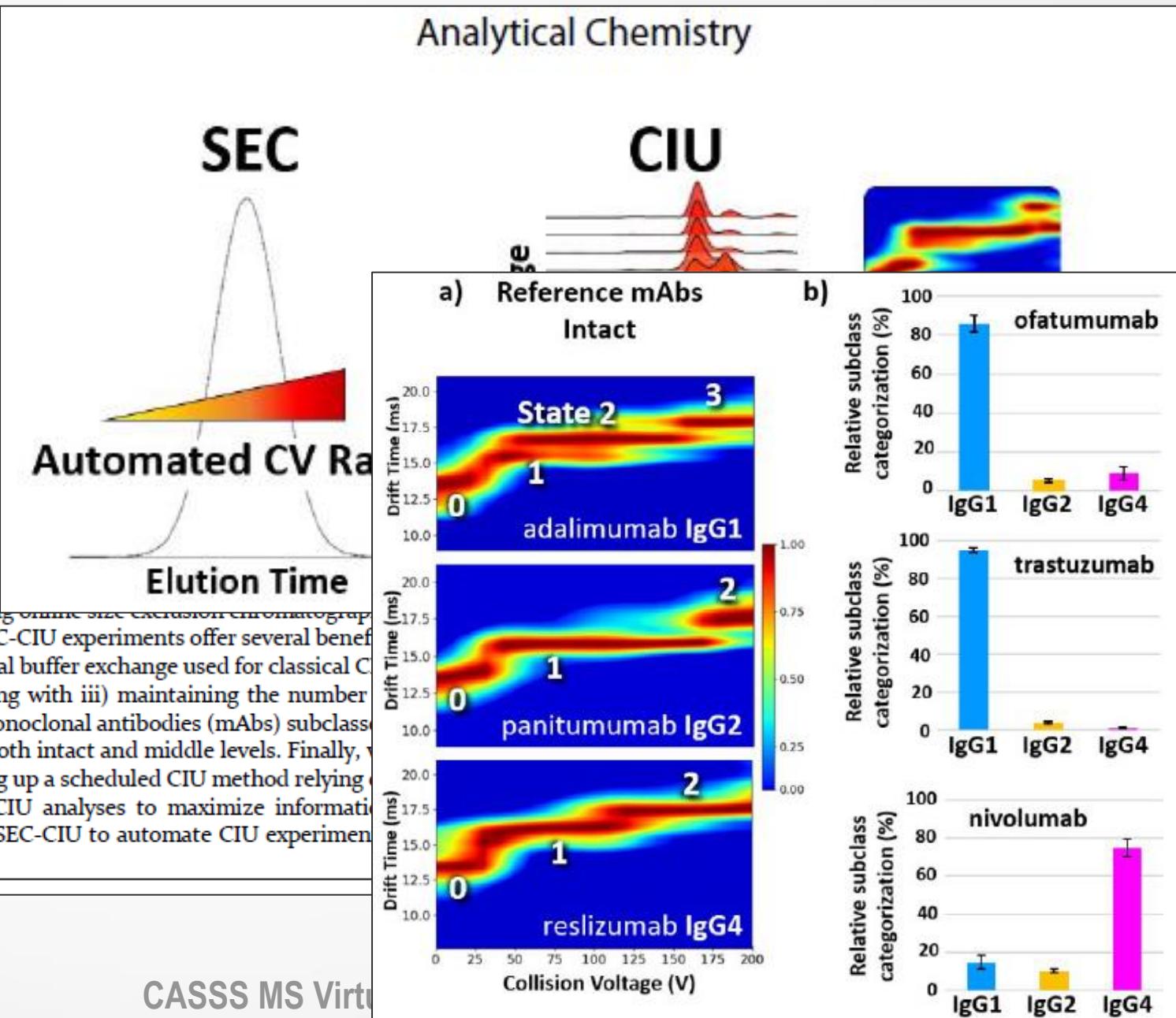
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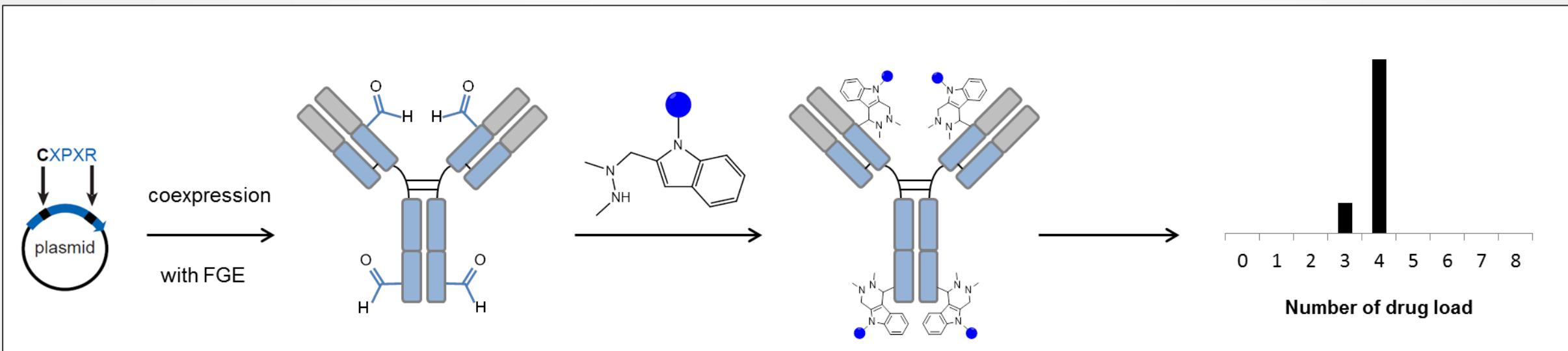
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**ABSTRACT:** Ion mobility-based collision induced unfolding (CIU) has gained interest for the unfolding of proteins and their noncovalent complexes, notably for biotherapeutic changes of proteins and emerges as an attractive alternative to circumvent poor IN automation for buffer exchange and data acquisition, precluding its wide adoption. We propose an automated workflow for CIU experiments, from sample preparation to data interpretation using online automated SEC-CIU experiments coupled to native ion mobility mass spectrometry (SEC-CIU). Online automated SEC-CIU experiments offer several benefits over nanoESI-CIU, among which i) improved and fast desalting compared to manual buffer exchange used for classical CIU experiments; ii) drastic reduction of the overall data collection time process along with iii) maintaining the number of unfolding transitions. We then evaluate the potential of SEC-CIU to distinguish monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) subclass categorization, illustrating the efficiency of our method for rapid mAb subclass identification at both intact and middle levels. Finally, we demonstrate that CIU data acquisition time can be further reduced either by setting up a scheduled CIU method relying on diagnostic trap collision voltages or by implementing mAbs-multiplexed SEC-CIU analyses to maximize information content in a single experiment. Altogether, our results confirm the suitability of SEC-CIU to automate CIU experiments, particularly for the fast characterization of next generation mAb-based products.

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# 3G-ADCs: enzyme-assisted ligation (formylglycine-generating enzyme, SMARTag®, Catalent)

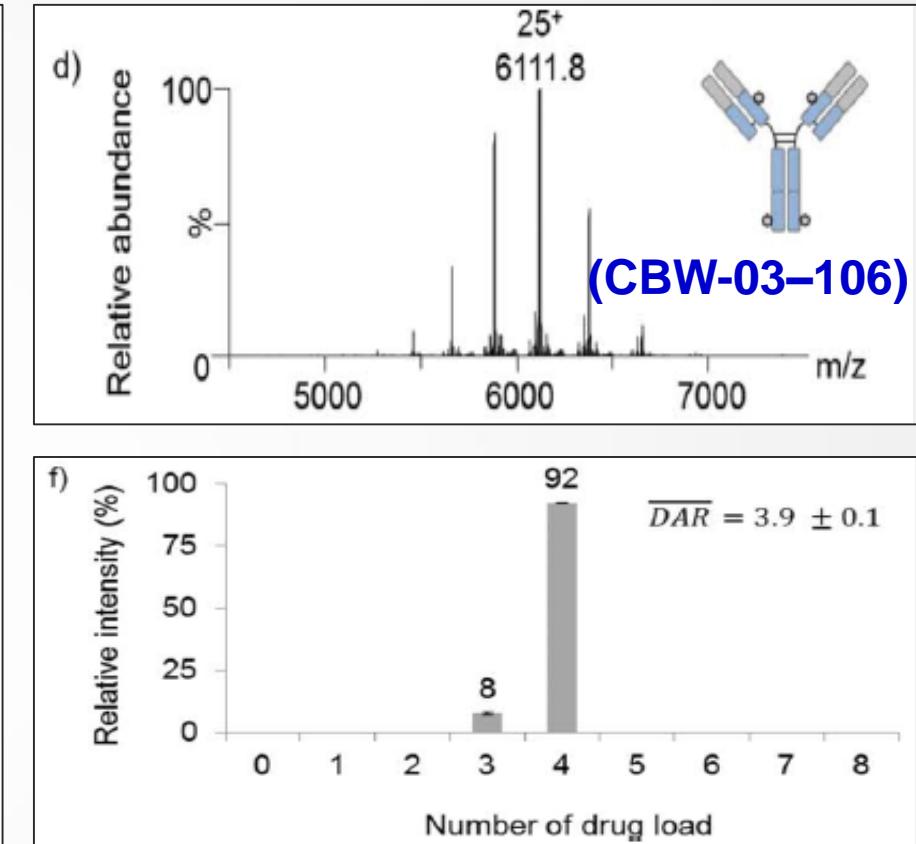
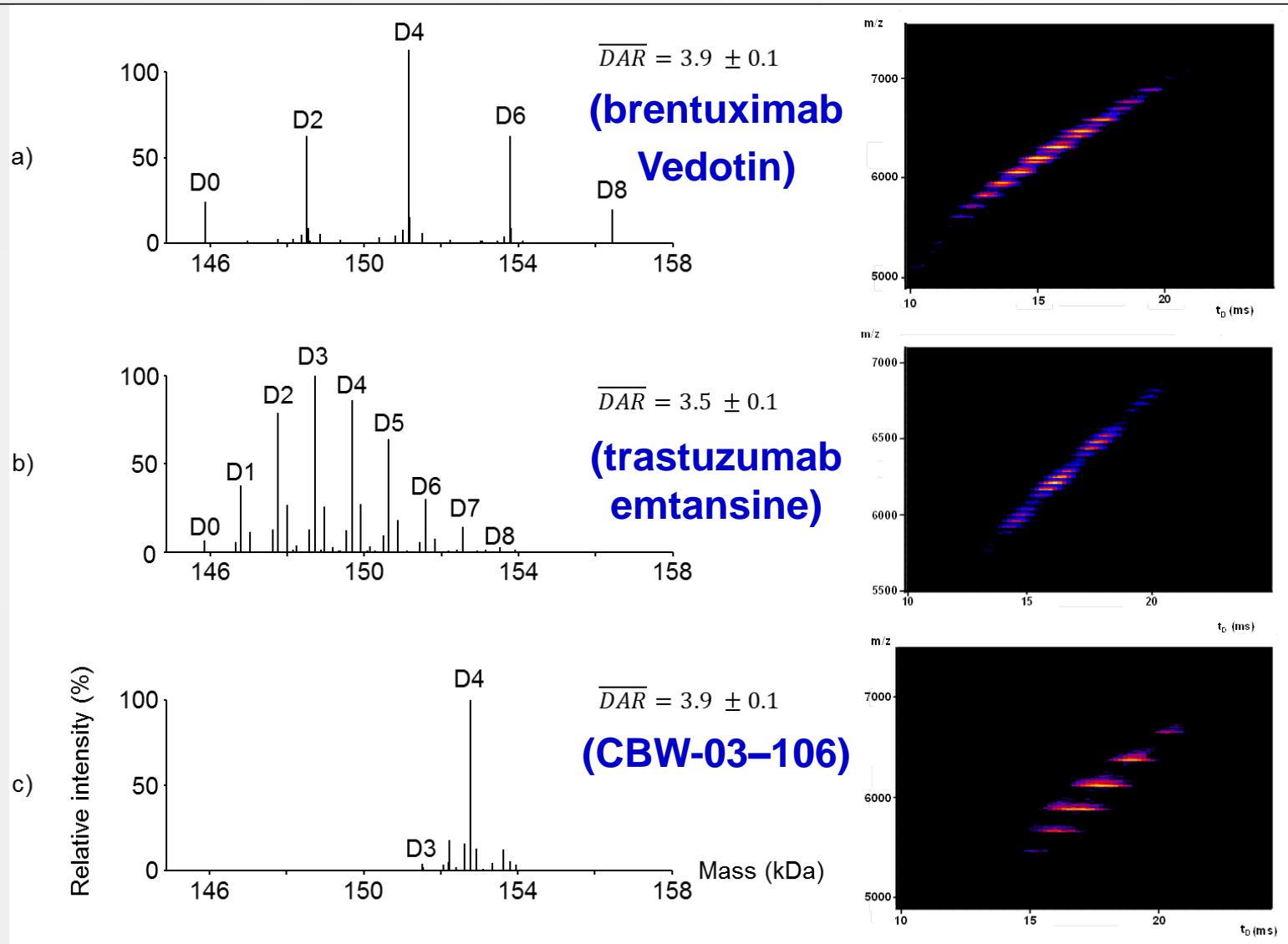


- Engineered Lys-Cys-X-Pro-X-Arg tag + formylglycine-generating enzyme (FGE)  
=> Cys oxidized to formylglycine + HIPS ligation

- (1) native MS/ native IM-MS
- (2) HCD, ETD, UVPD

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# 3G-ADCs: SMARTag® (Catalent): native MS/ IM-MS



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# IgG & ADC structures : HCD, ETD, UVPD (2019)



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## A Case Study to Identify the Drug Conjugation Site of a Site-Specific Antibody-Drug-Conjugate Using Middle-Down Mass Spectrometry

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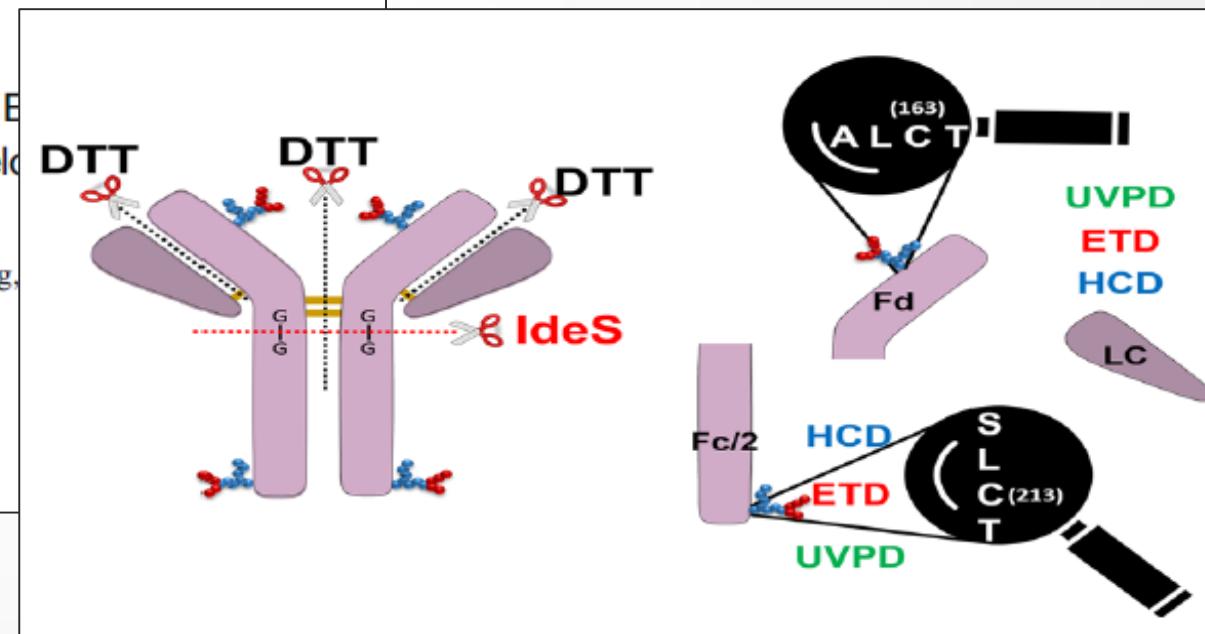
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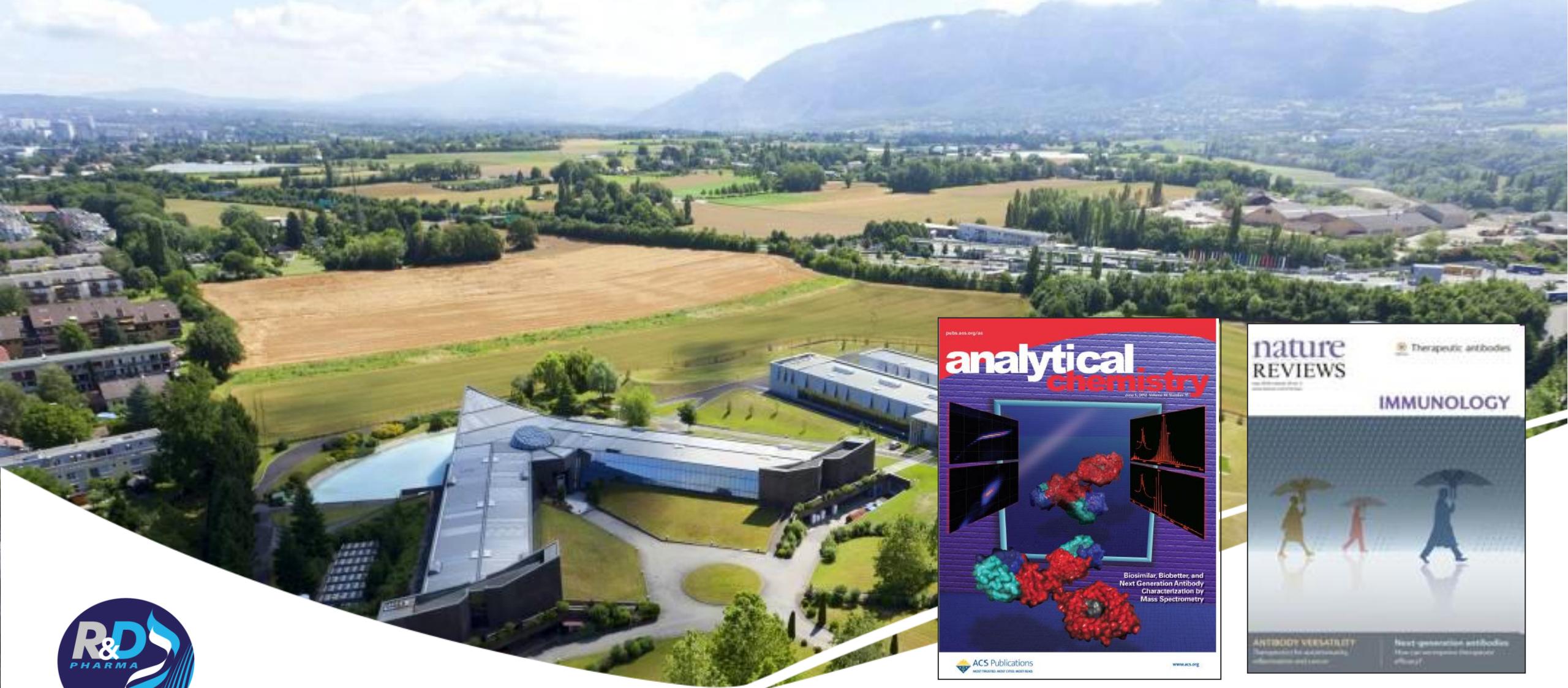
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- Reduction (DTT)
- IdeS digestion
- HCD: higher-energy collisional-dissociation
- ETD: electron-transfer dissoc.
- UVPD: 213 nm UV photodissoc



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# Capillary Electrophoresis + MS (CE-MS) (2016-20)

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Insights from capillary electrophoresis approaches for characterization of monoclonal antibodies and antibody drug conjugates in the period 2016–2018

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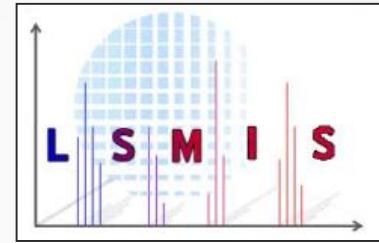
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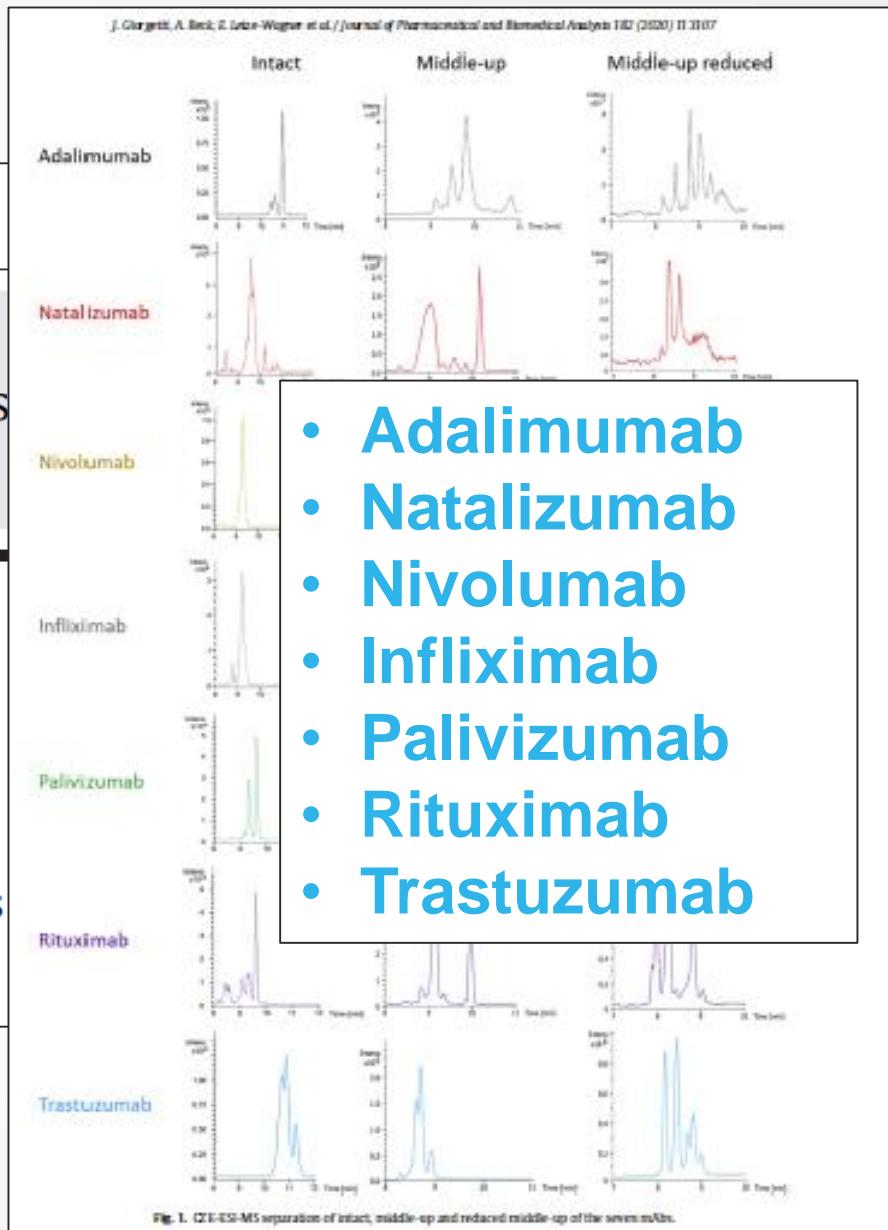
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Combination of intact, middle-up and bottom-up levels to characterize 7 therapeutic monoclonal antibodies by capillary electrophoresis – Mass spectrometry

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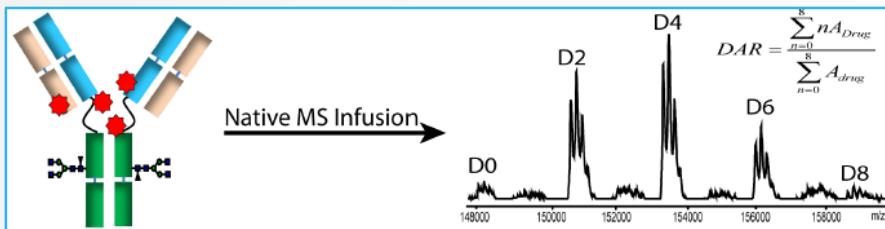
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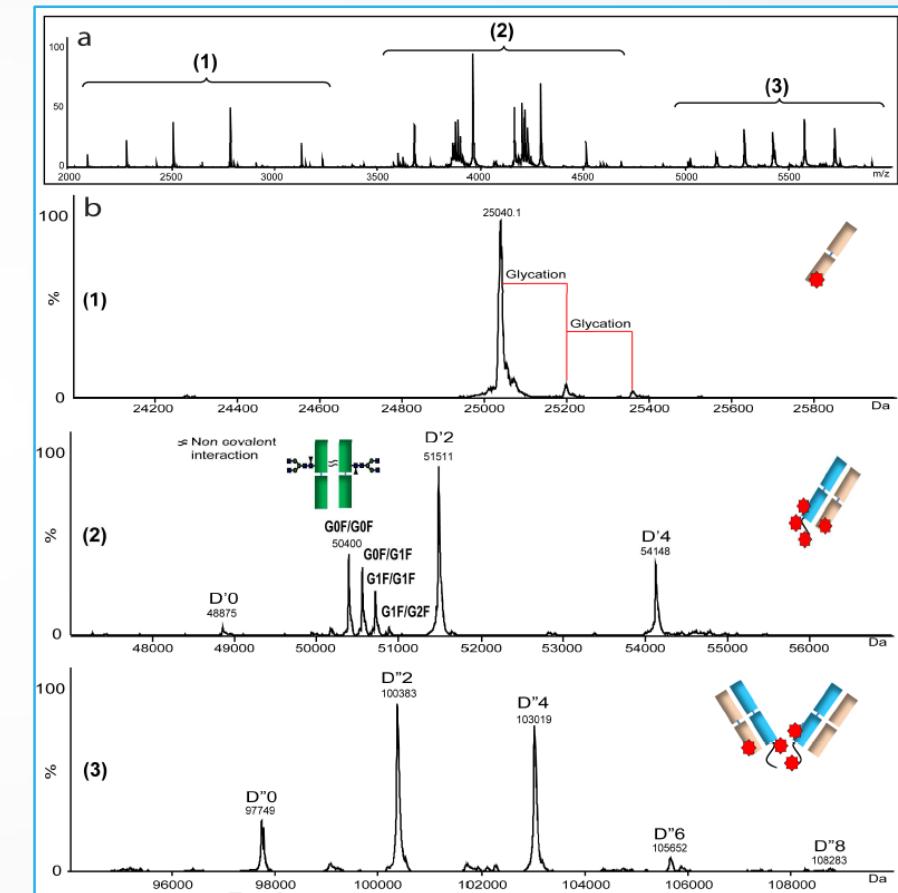
# ADC characterization by sheathless CE-MS (2016-2020)

## Native MS of brentuximab vedotin

### 1. Top level



### 2. Middle level



- Sheathless CE-MS used as nanoESI infusion platform
- Average DAR & distribution determination
- Structural information of the subunits  $F_{c/2}$ ,  $F(ab)'2$ , LC,  $F(ab)$ , +/- payloads
- Non-covalent dimers of ADC  $F_{c/2}$  subunits

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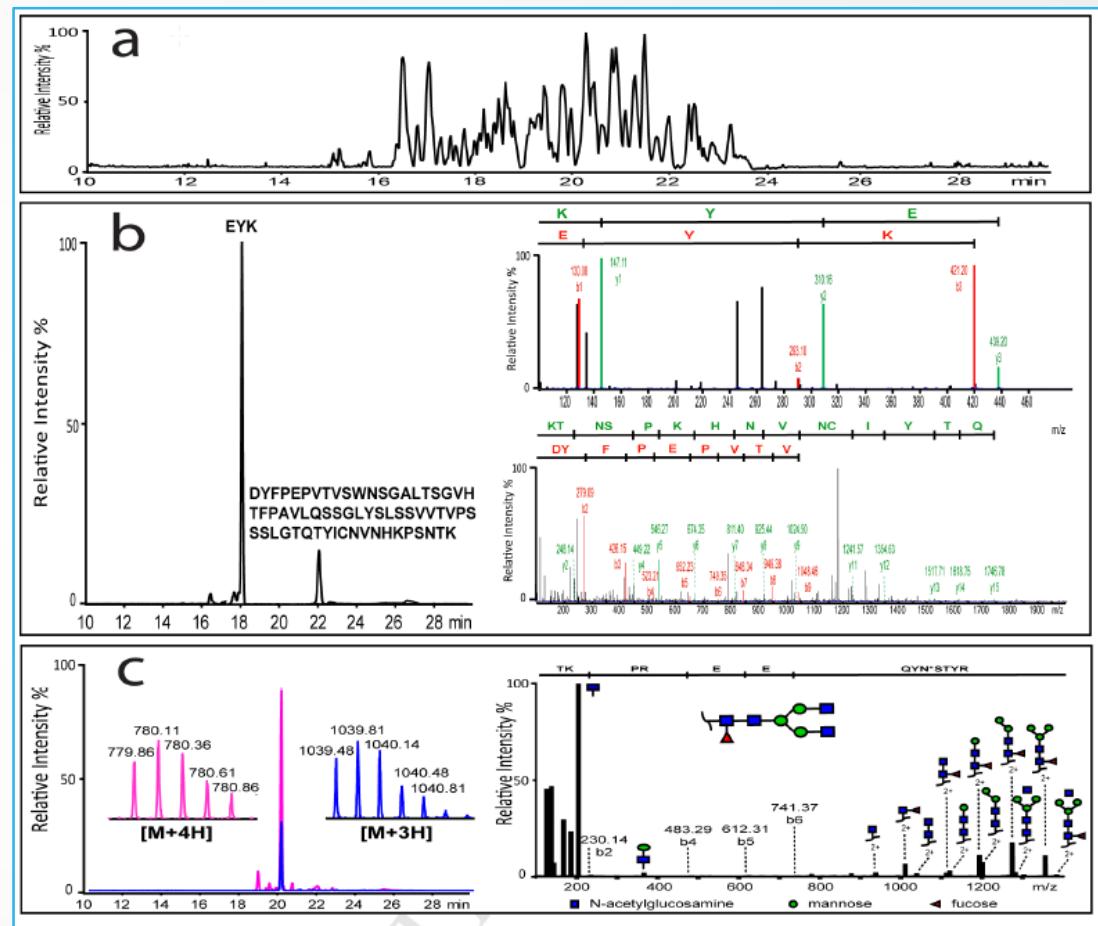
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# ADC peptide mapping by sheathless CZE-ESI-MS/MS

## Peptide mapping (brentuximab vedotin)

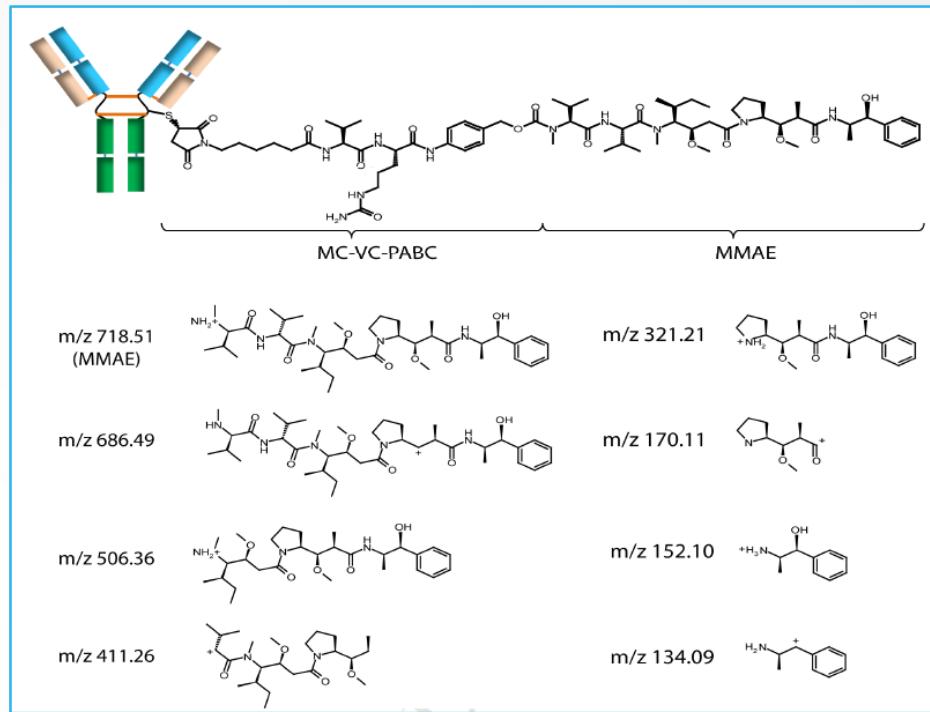
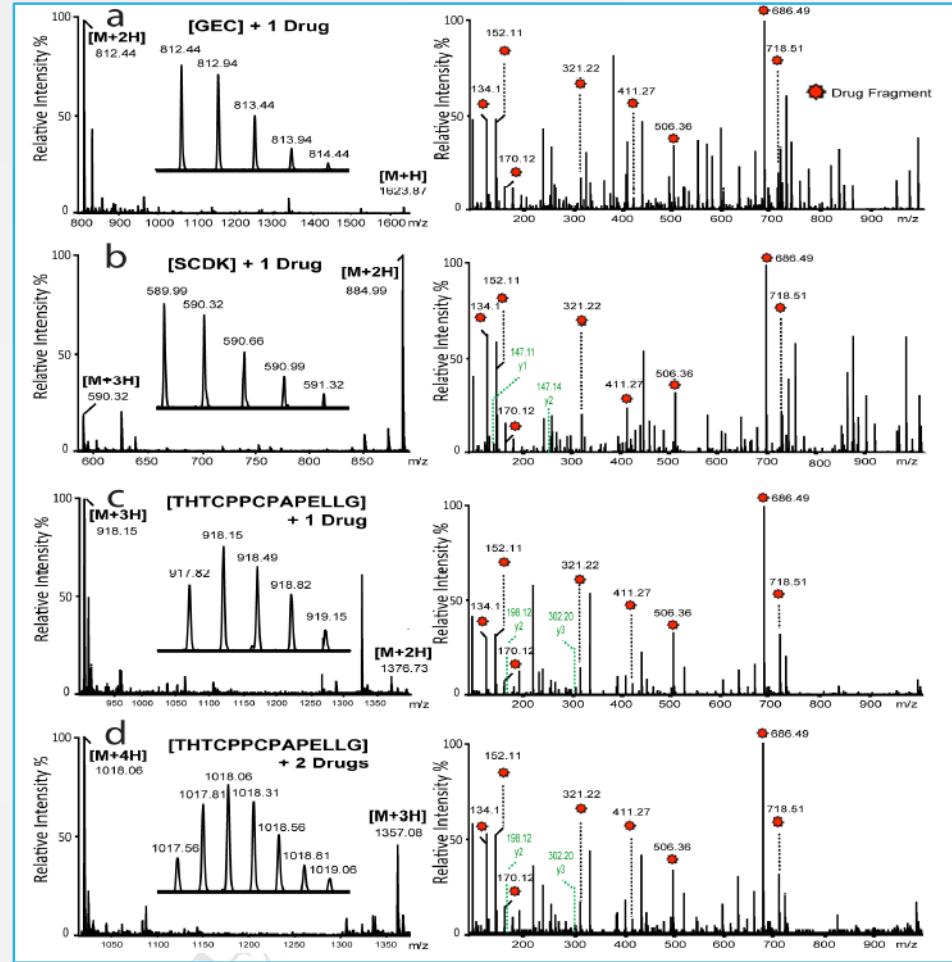
### 3. Bottom level

- Within a single injection of 200 fmol
- Primary structure assessment
- Identification of very small peptides (3 a.a.) alongside to a 63 a.a. peptide
- Glycosylations (11 peptides) characterized with improved sensitivity



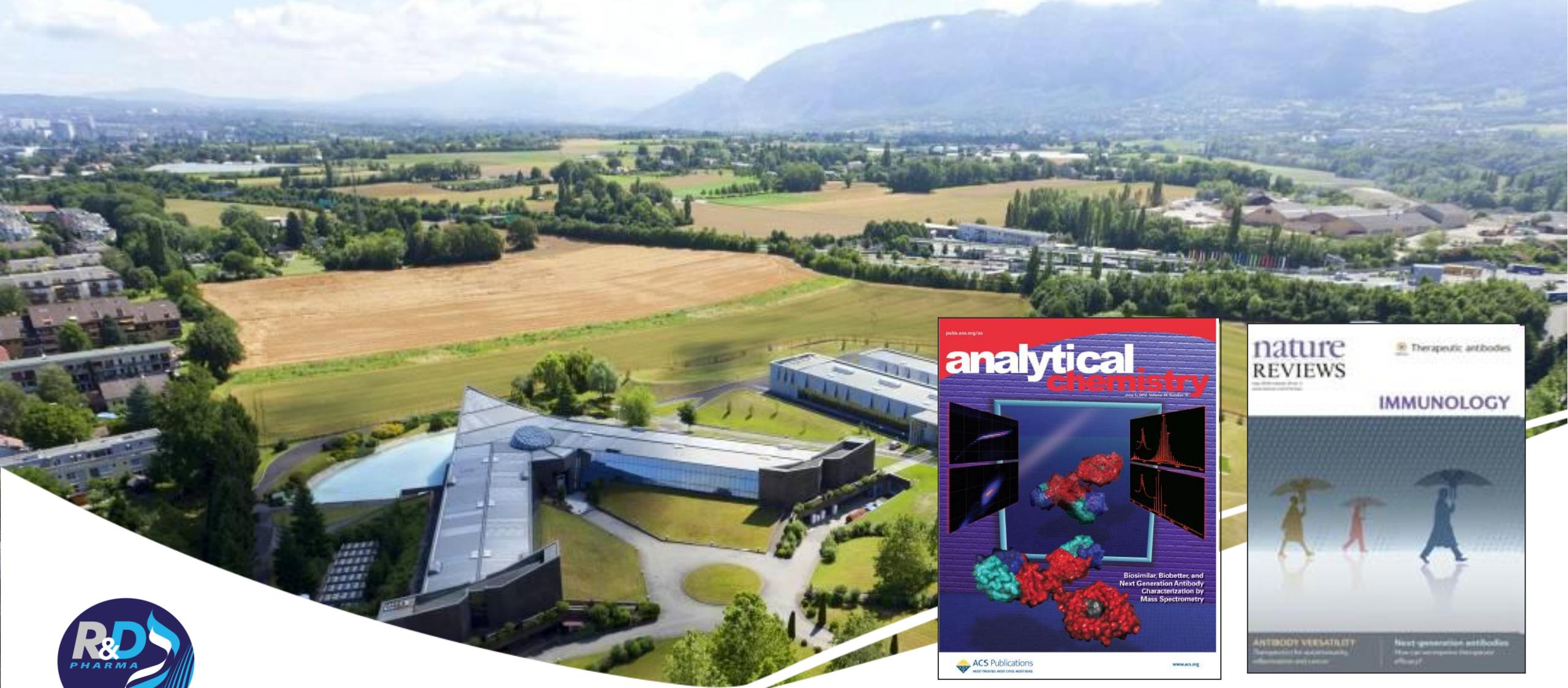
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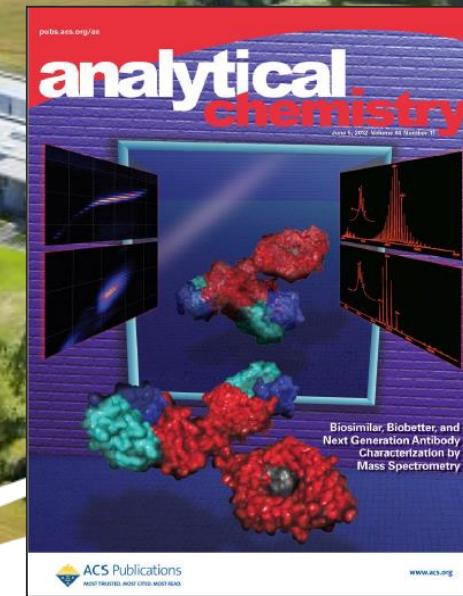


- Four drug-loaded peptides and associated MS/MS spectra
- Localization of the drugs / yield of drug incorporation
- Seven diagnostic ions identified "MMAE fragments"

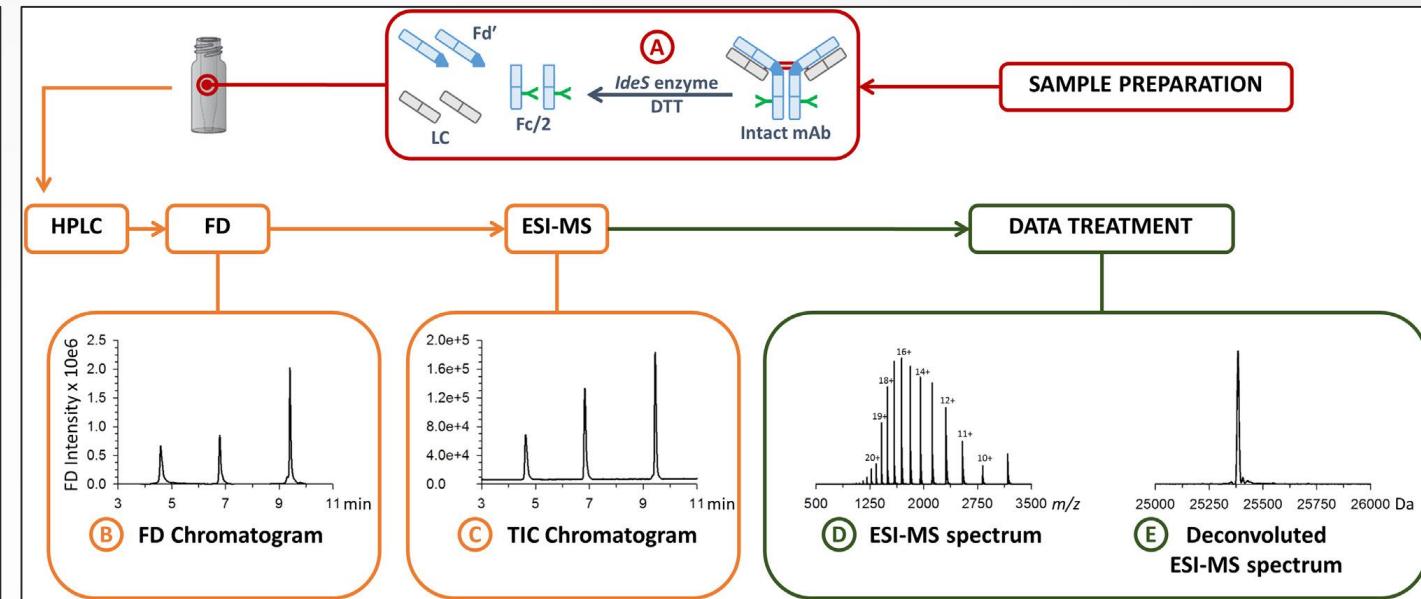
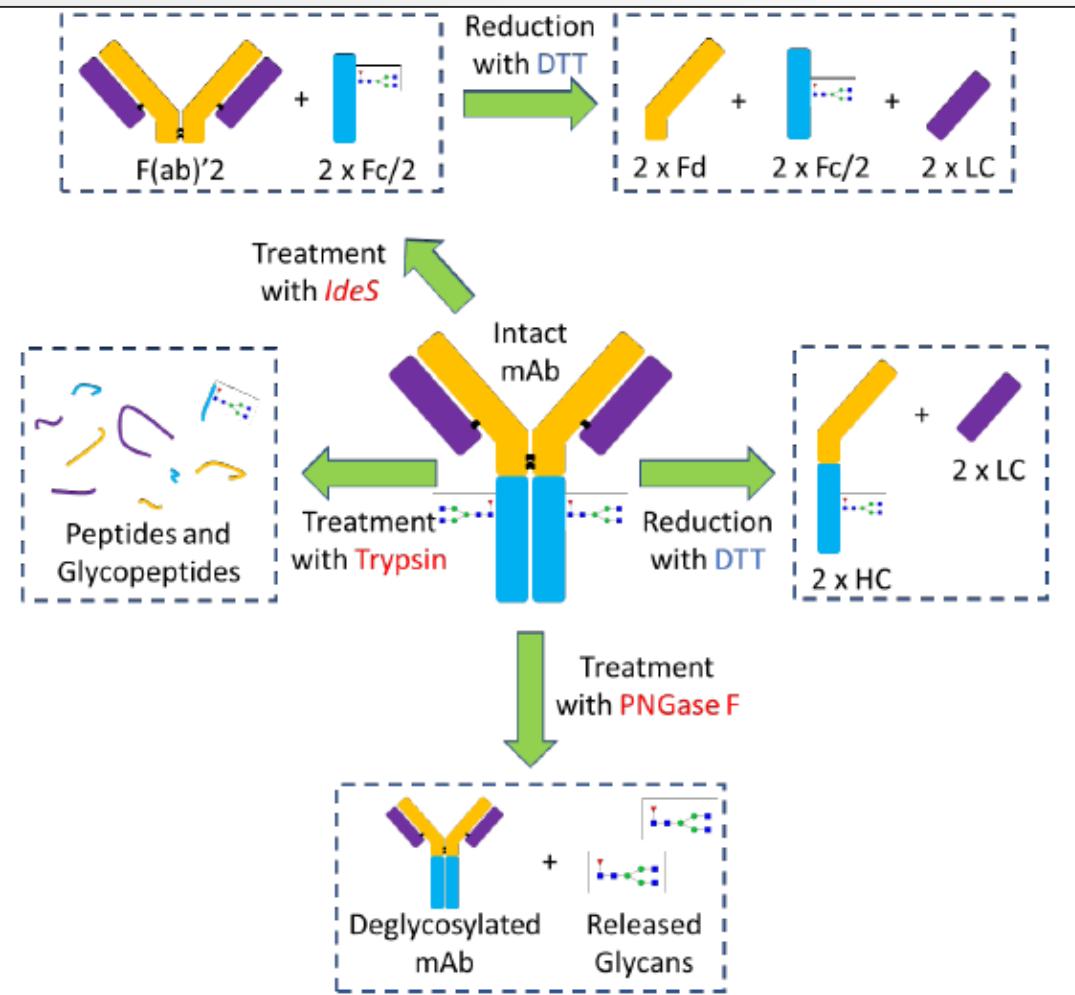
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## (4) Multi-dimentional LC-MS methods: SEC-MS, SECxSEC MS, SEC-HIC-MS...



# Multilevel mAbs LC-MS characterization (2019)



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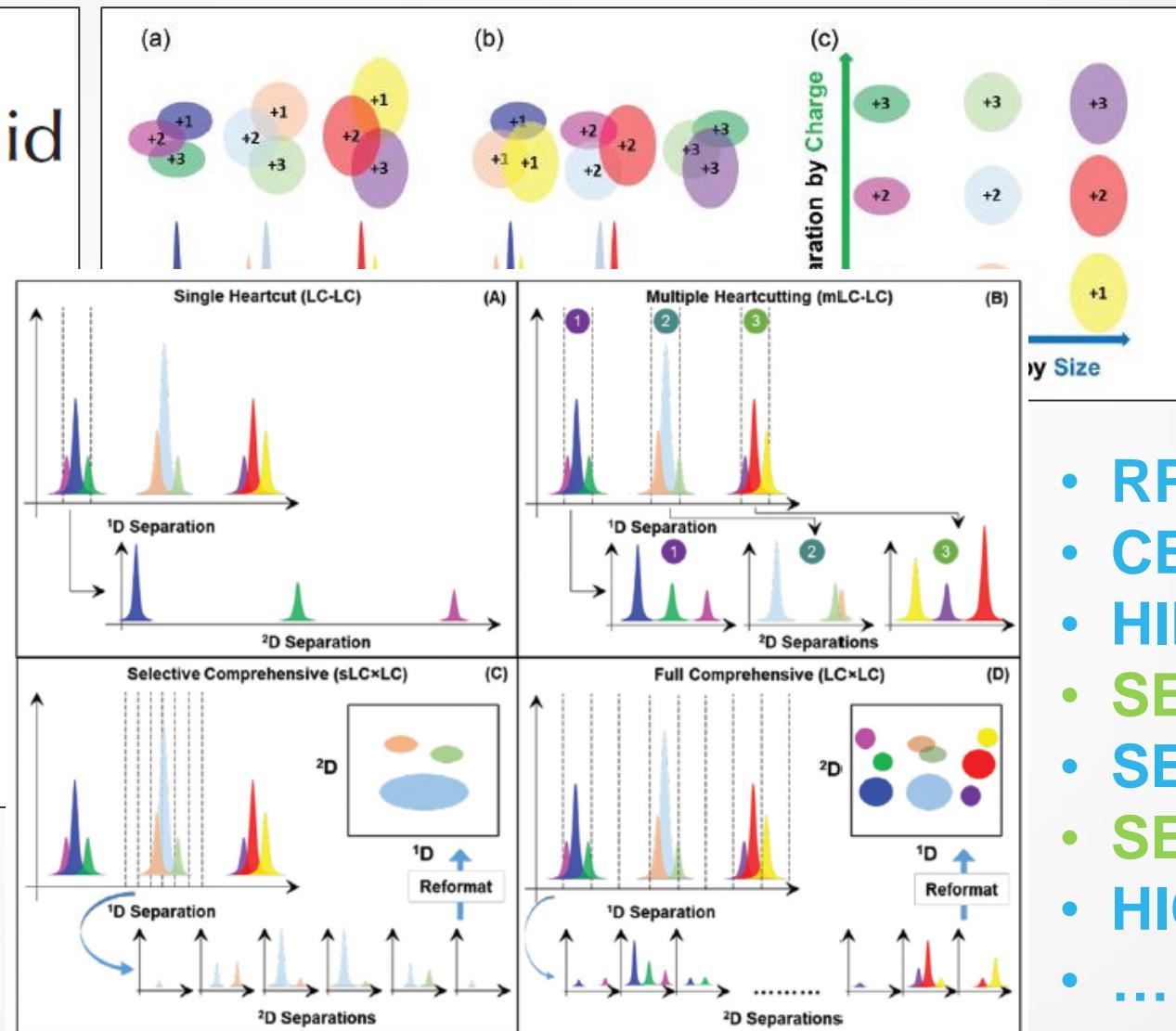
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# 2 to 4 D LC-MS: mAbs & ADCs (2019)

## Recent Advances in Two-Dimensional Liquid Chromatography for the Characterization of Monoclonal Antibodies and Other Therapeutic Proteins

Dwight R. Stoll, Kelly Zhang, Gregory O. Staples, and Alain Beck



- Stoll D, Zhang K, Staples O, Beck A. Adv. in Chrom., CRC Press. 2019

# Non-denaturing LC-MS: IEX, SEC, HIC-MS (2020)

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Review

### Coupling non-denaturing chromatography the characterization of monoclonal antibodies

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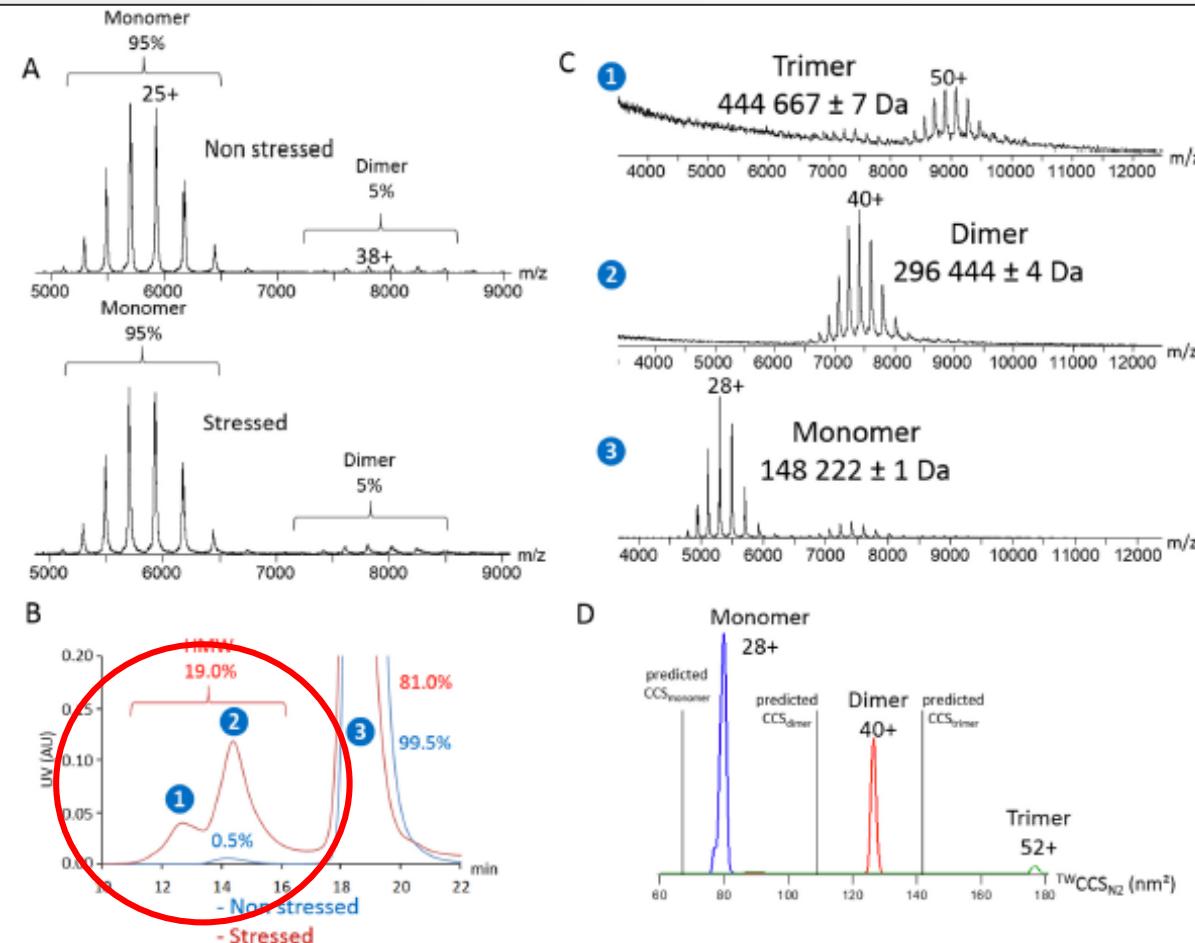
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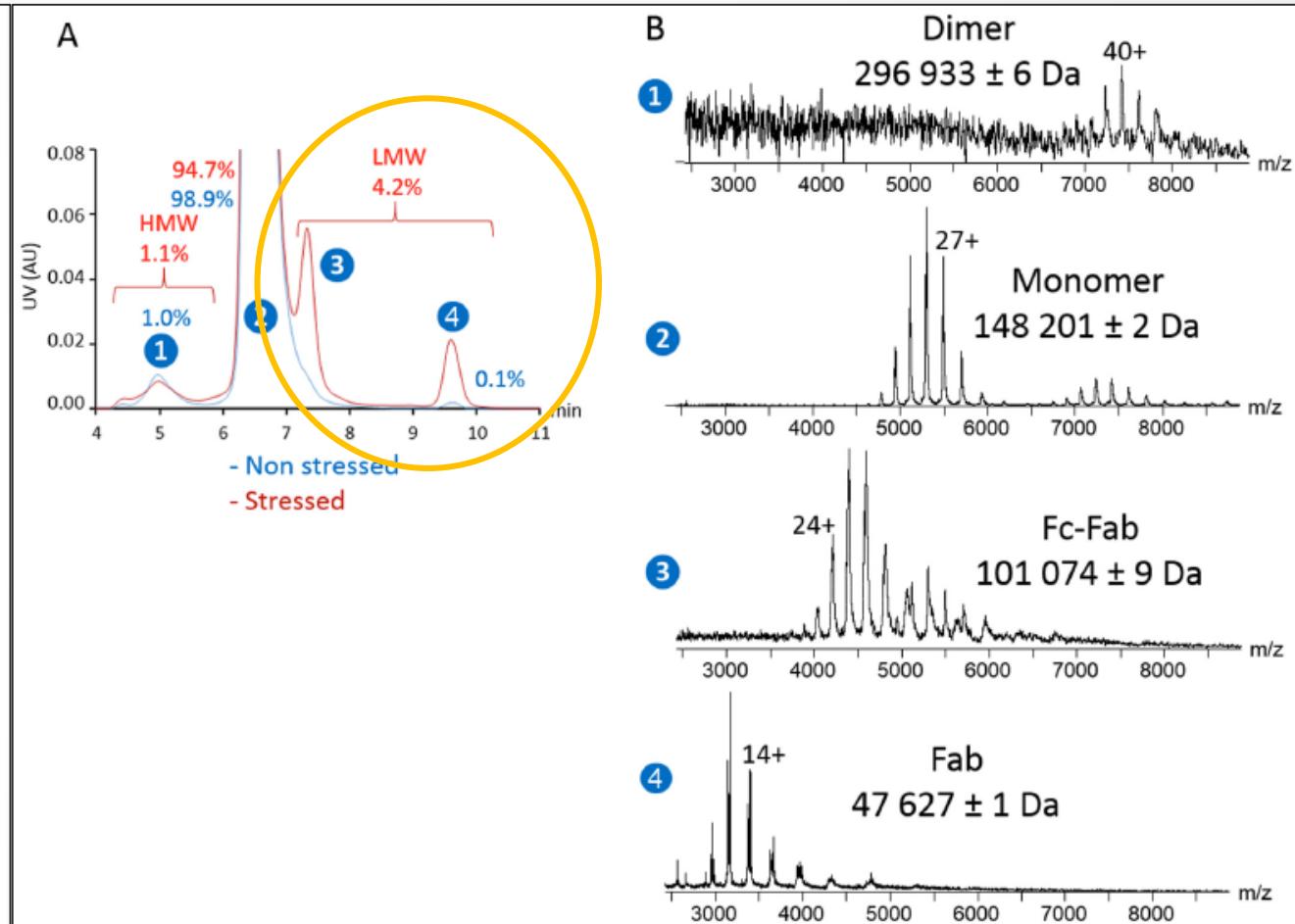
2. Ion-exchange chromatography .....
  - 2.1. IEX-MS direct coupling .....
  - 2.2. IEX-MS indirect coupling through 2D-LC .....
3. Size exclusion chromatography.....
  - 3.1. SEC-MS direct coupling .....
  - 3.2. SEC-MS indirect coupling through 2D-LC .....
4. Hydrophobic interaction chromatography (HIC).....
  - 4.1. HIC-MS direct coupling .....
  - 4.2. HIC-MS indirect coupling through 2D-LC setup .....
5. Further perspectives .....
- 5.1. Native RPLC .....
- 5.2. Online digestion and reduction .....
- 5.3. Commercial volatile mobile phases to perform IEX-MS .....
- 5.4. Low adsorption, biocompatible flow paths .....

# Size variants structure assessment: SEC\*-native MS

(A) Monomer & HMWS (trastuzumab)\*\*



(B) Monomer & LMWS (NISTmAb)\*\*\*

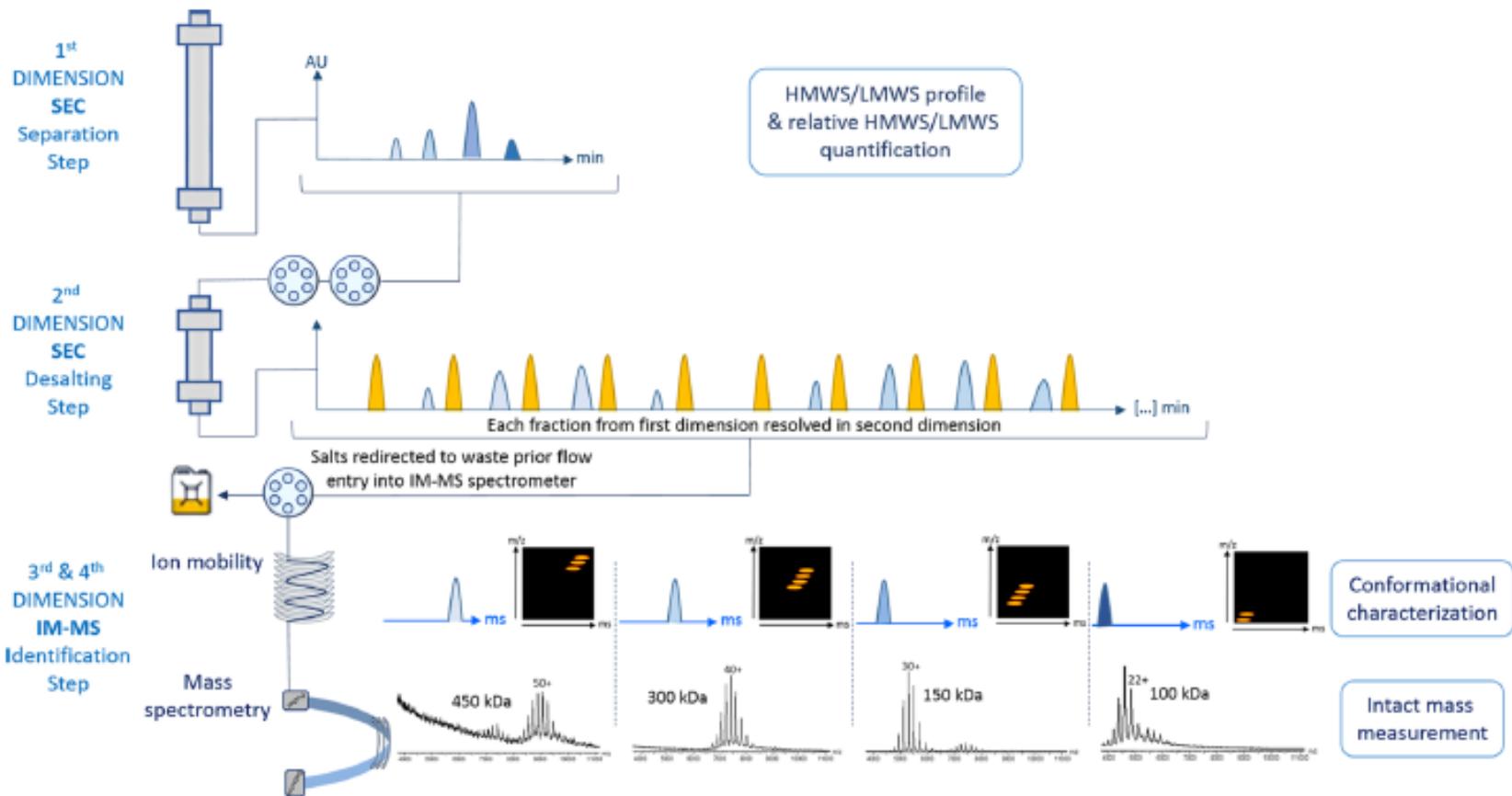


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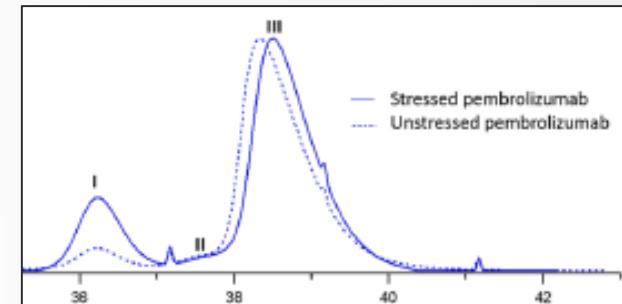
# On line 4D for mAbs size variants (SECxSEC-IMxMS)

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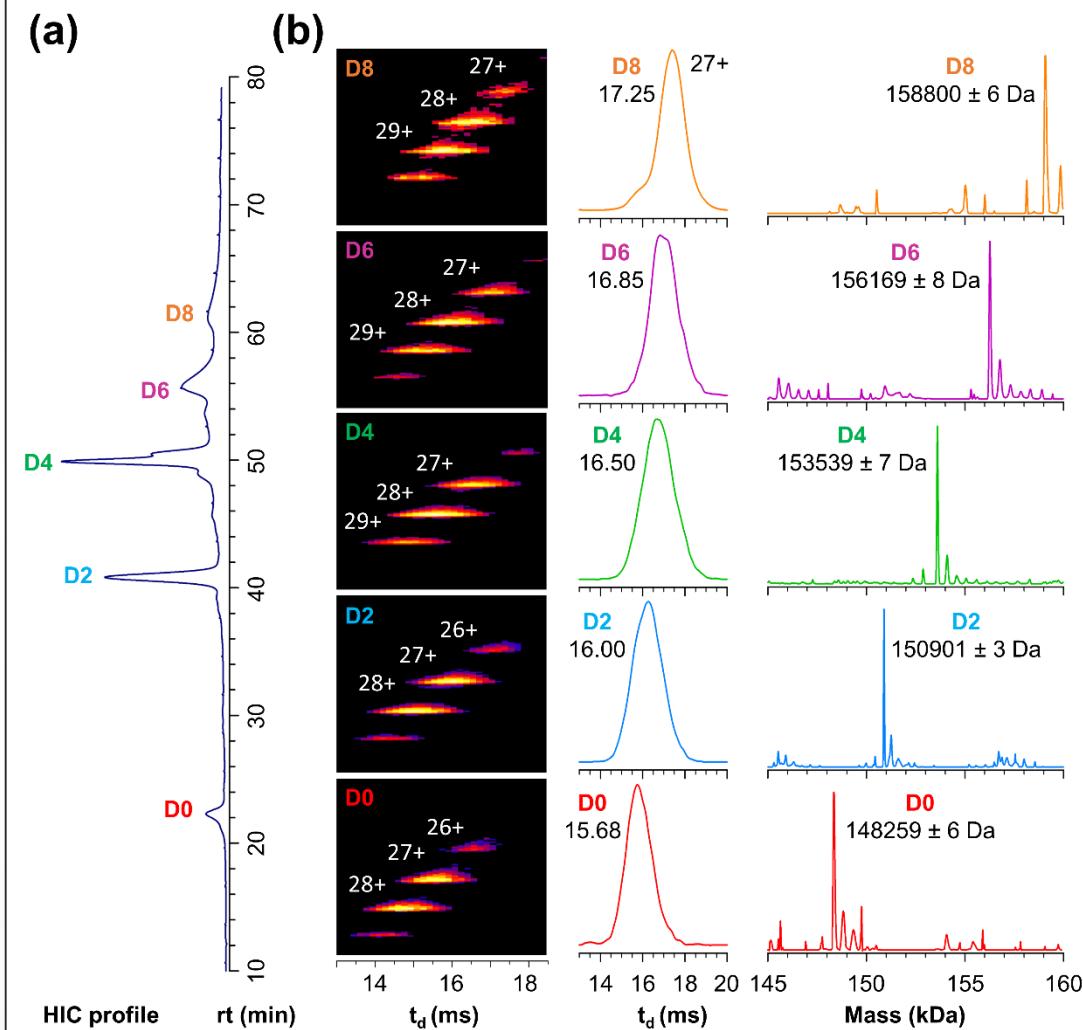
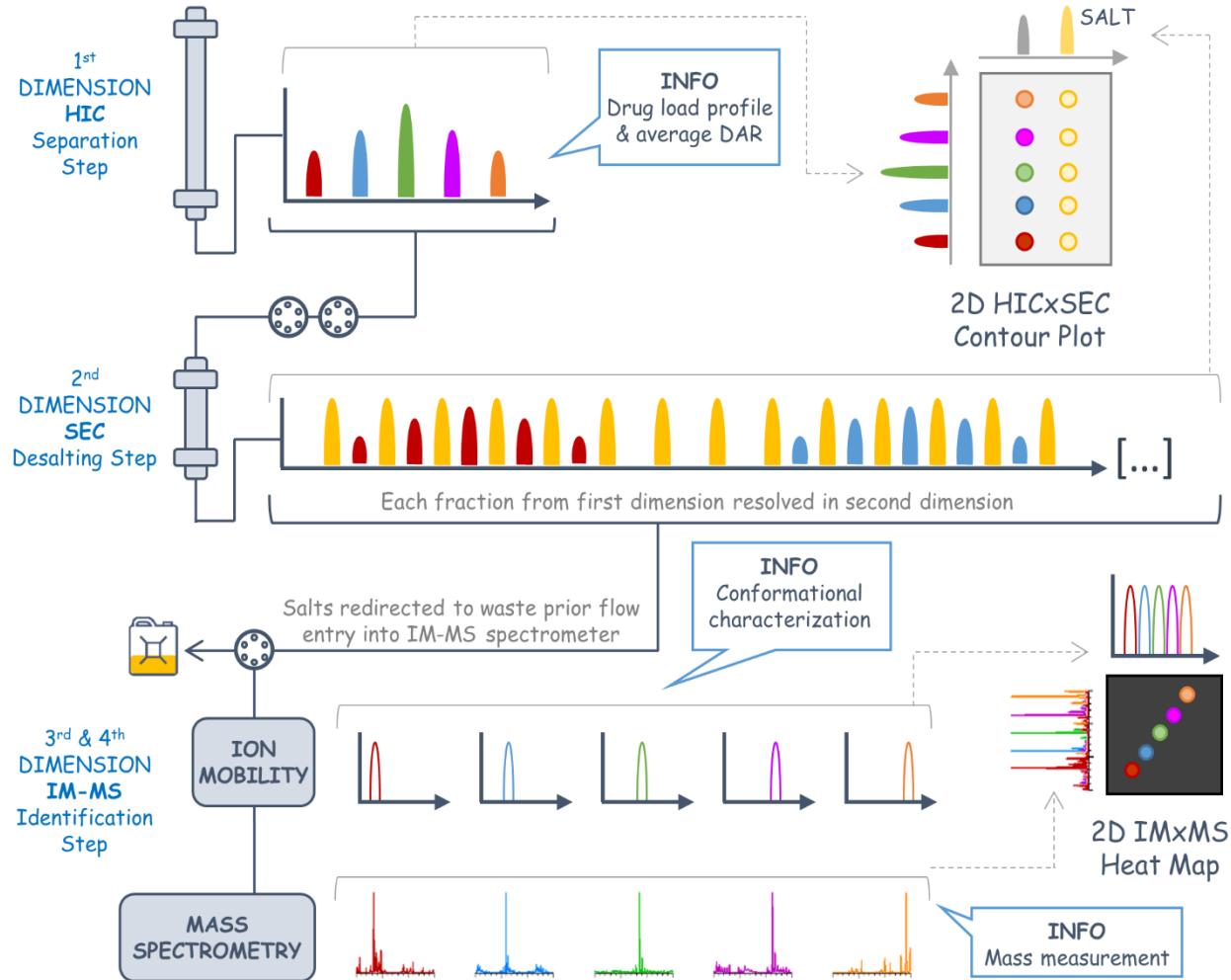
**Figure 2.** Flowchart of the SECxSEC-native IMxMS for mAb analysis. The optimized SECxSEC method was hyphenated to IM-MS. In the first dimension, SEC with nonvolatile salts allows a proper separation and quantitation of mAb HMWS/LMWS. In the second dimension, a short SEC column used with a volatile mobile phase was employed as a fast desalting step. Online native IM-MS allows conformational characterization and intact mass measurement of each individual <sup>1</sup>D-SEC peaks.



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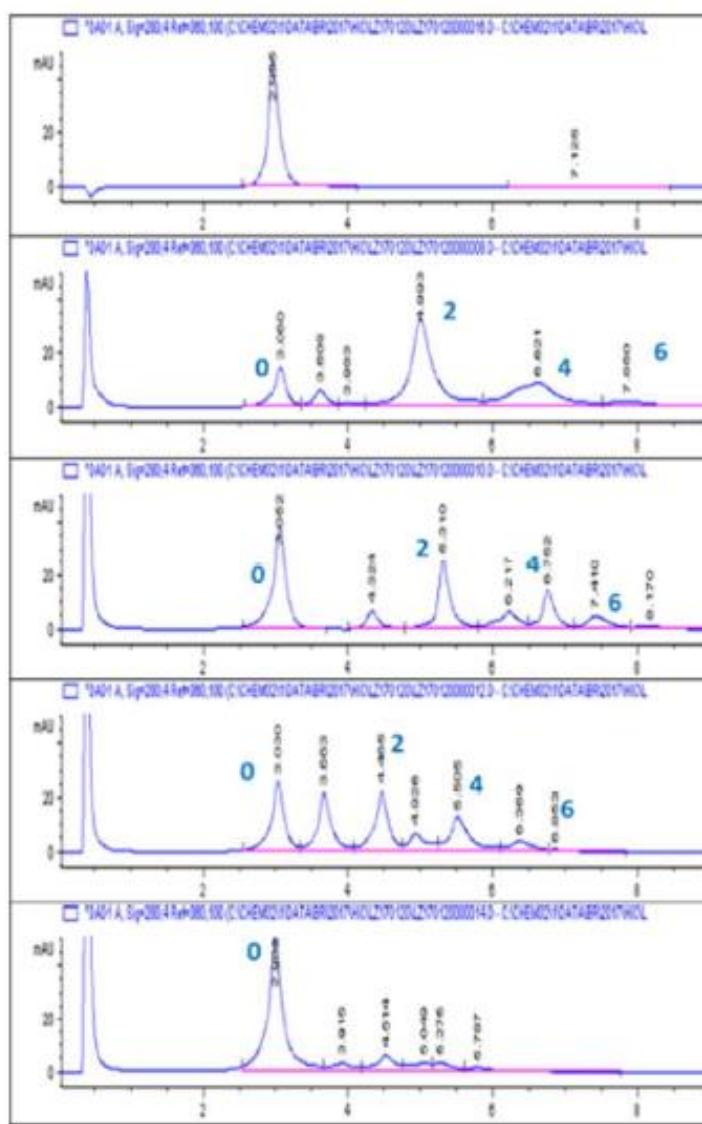
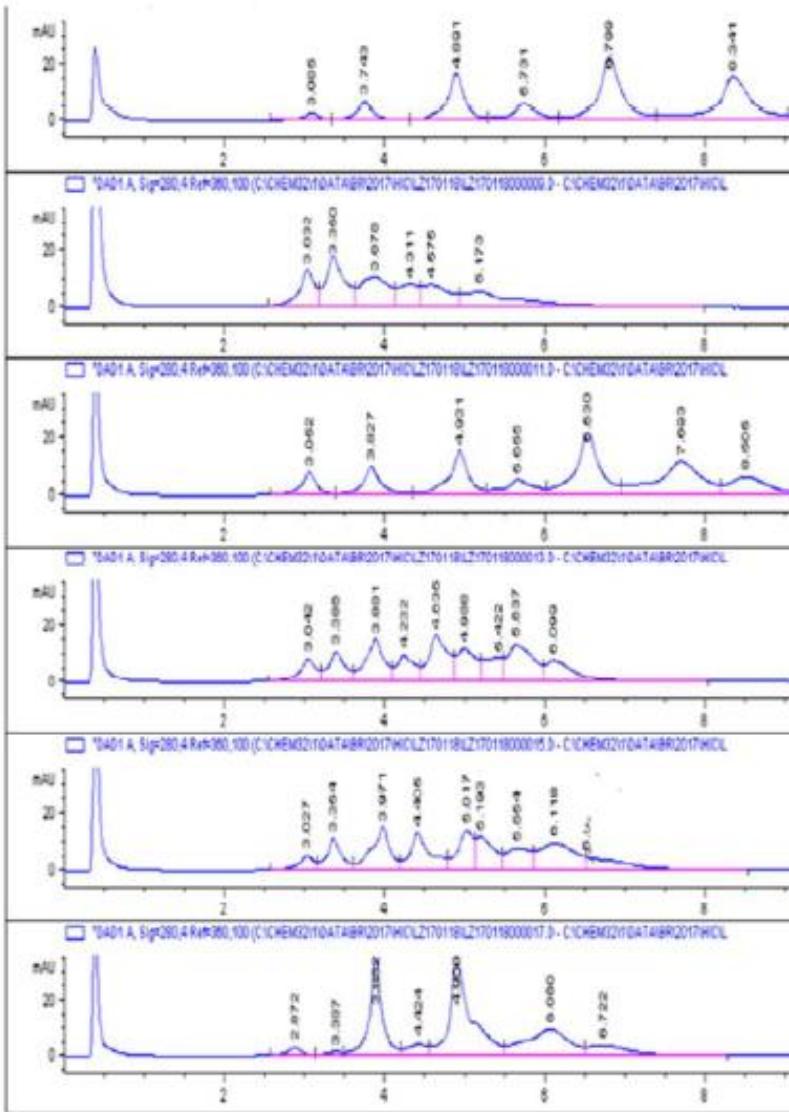
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# On line 4D methods for ADCs (HICxSEC-IMxMS)



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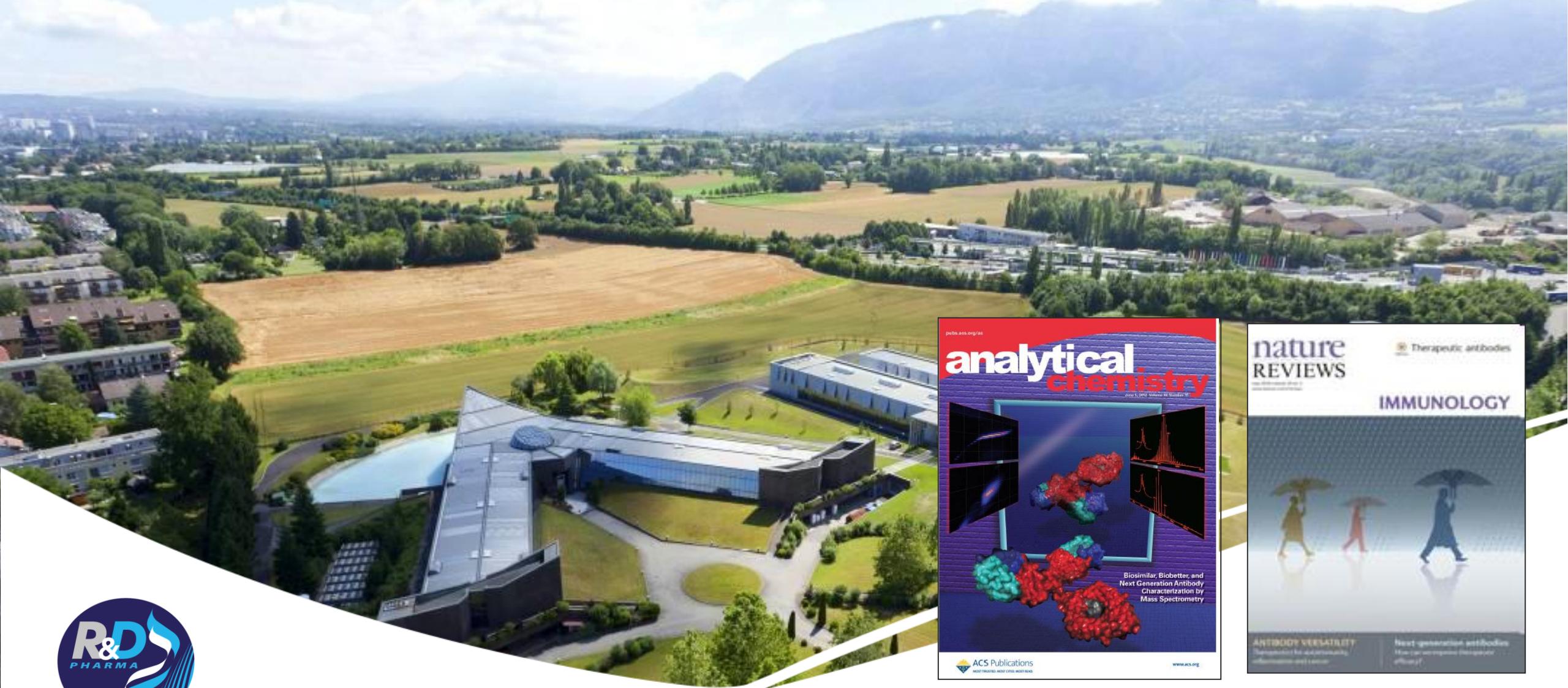
# Cutting-Edge Analytical methods for ADCs: HIC



Chromatograms obtained for investigational hinge Cys-ADCs:

- different mAbs
- isotypes (1, 2, 4)
- drug-linkers
- reducing agent &
- ratios

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➤ Beck A et al, Exp Rev Prot 2019



## (5) Hydrophilic interaction Chromatography-MS (HILIC-MS) : mAbs, biosimilars, Fc-fusions, ADCs...



# NISTmAb – Glyco-NIST collab. Study (2020)

## NIST Interlaboratory Study on Glycosylation Analysis of Monoclonal Antibodies: Comparison of Results from Diverse Analytical Methods

### NIST Interlaboratory Study



76 Participants, 103 Datasets

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# Glyco-analytics: originators vs biosimilars (2019)



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## Glycosylation of biosimilars: Recent advances in analytical characterization and clinical implications

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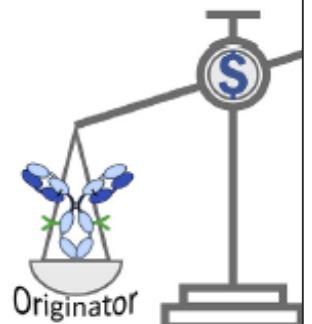
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### HIGHLIGHTS

### GRAPHICAL

- Multiple biosimilar products have become available for single originator biologics.
- Limitations in biological assays for the comparison of glycosylation of biosimilars.
- Novel analytical techniques for glycan analysis in biosimilar development.
- Clinical implications of glycan heterogeneity among multiple infliximab biosimilars.



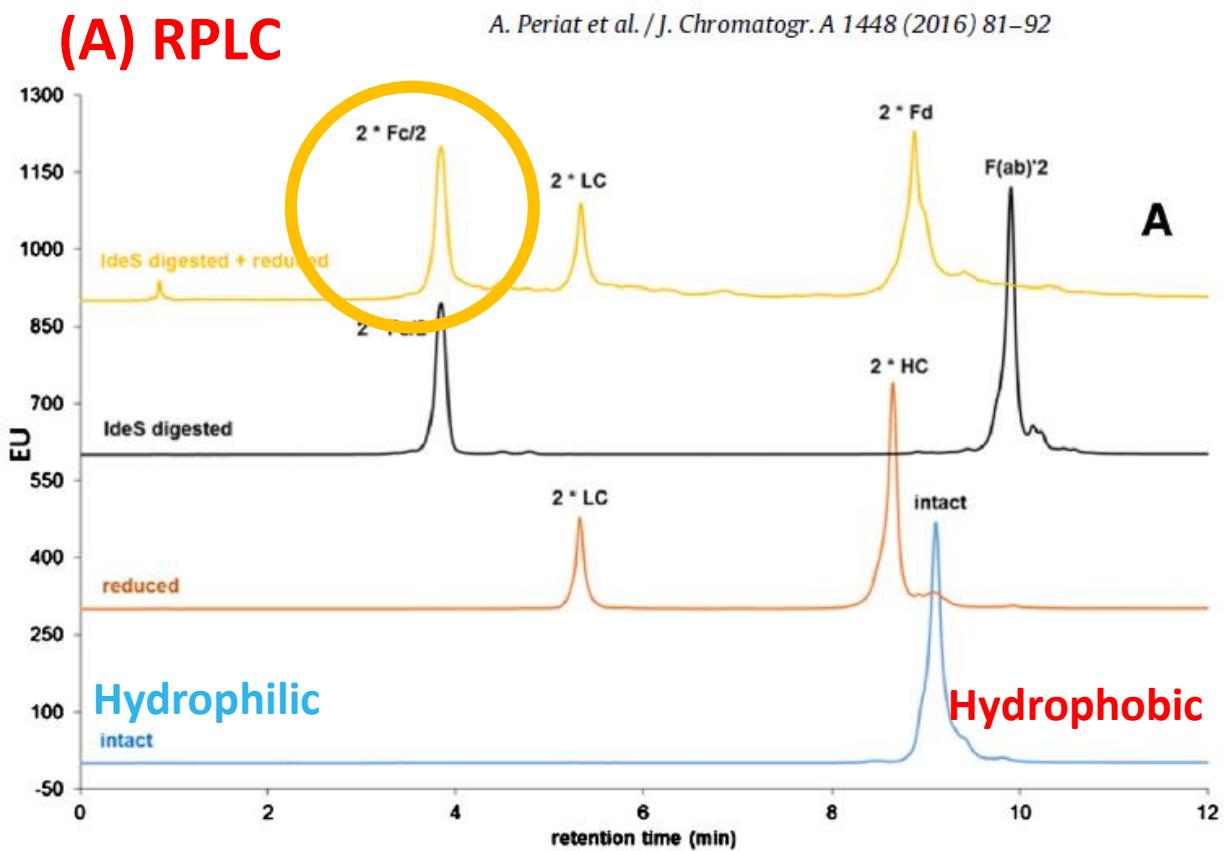
**Table 3**  
Novel analytical strategies for glycan analysis in biosimilar mAb development

Method	Level of analysis	Obtained information	Site-specific information	Multi-attribute monitoring (MAM)	Comments	Ref.
HILIC-MS	Middle-up	Glycoform determination	No	Limited	Limited sample preparation allows the direct comparison of biosimilars.	[110,112]
2D-LC-MS	Middle-up	Glycoform determination	No	Multiple CQAs	Increased resolving power from multidimensional approach. Complex data analysis and high technical requirements.	[119,120]
IM-MS	glycopeptide	Isobaric glycopeptide and glycoform differentiation	Yes	No	Increased throughput by analysis of glycans and peptides directly after PNGase F release	[124,127]
	Intact	Glycan heterogeneity	No	No	Direct comparison of biosimilars on glycan heterogeneity and HOS differences on intact level. Limited resolving power.	[131,132]
site-specific enzymatic digestion	Peptide	Limited glycoform determination	Yes- Quantitative	No	Only differentiation between high-mannose- or complex-type glycans possible. However, site-specific glycan occupancy information is available.	[141]
	glycopeptide	Glycoform determination	Yes	No	Allows qualitative site-specific glycan determination and total glycan occupancy levels.	[75]
MAM	glycopeptide	Glycoform determination	Yes	Multiple CQAs	Fully ICH-validated platforms available for MAM-monitoring. Essential for the implementation of QbD approaches	[144,146,176]

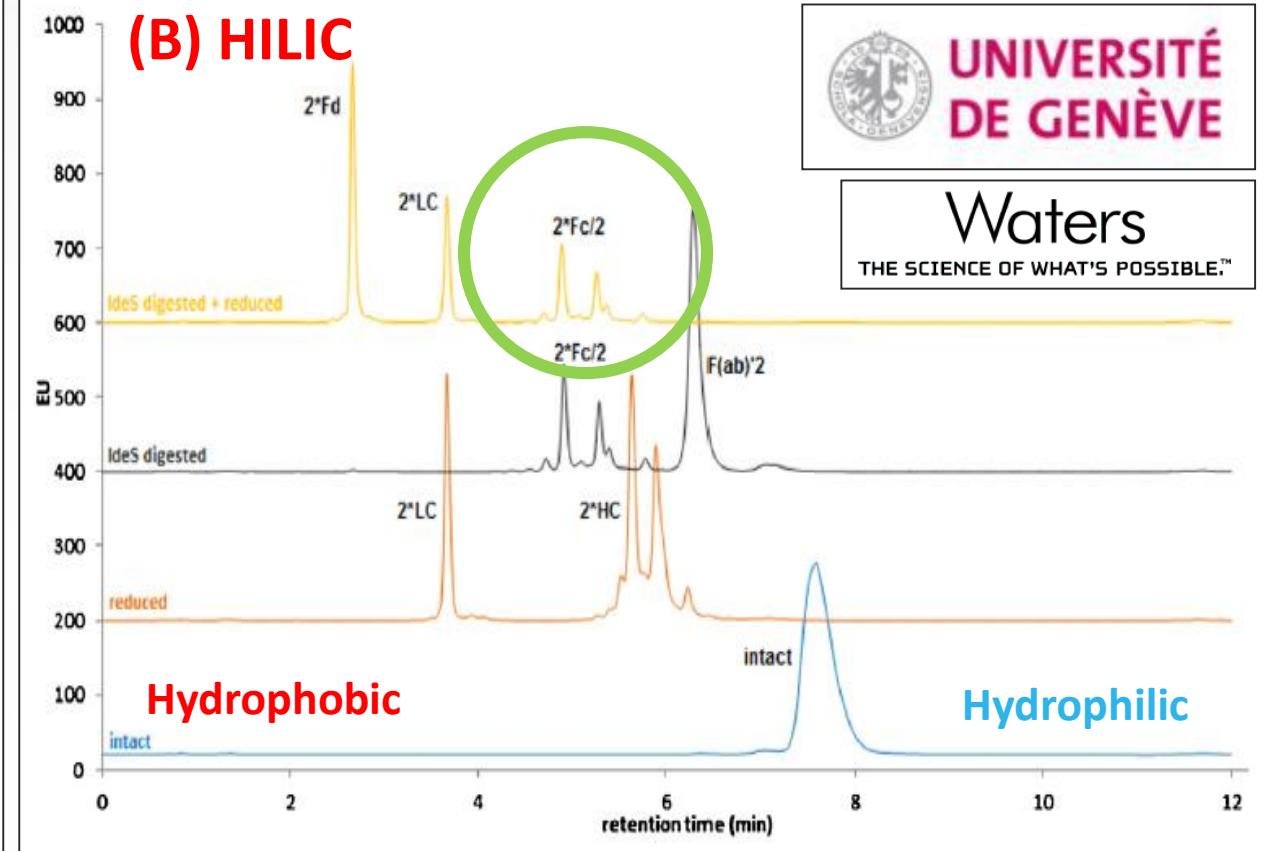


# IgGs (IdeS): RPLC vs HILIC (Hydrophilic interaction Chrom.)

(A) RPLC



(B) HILIC



=> Orthogonal methods

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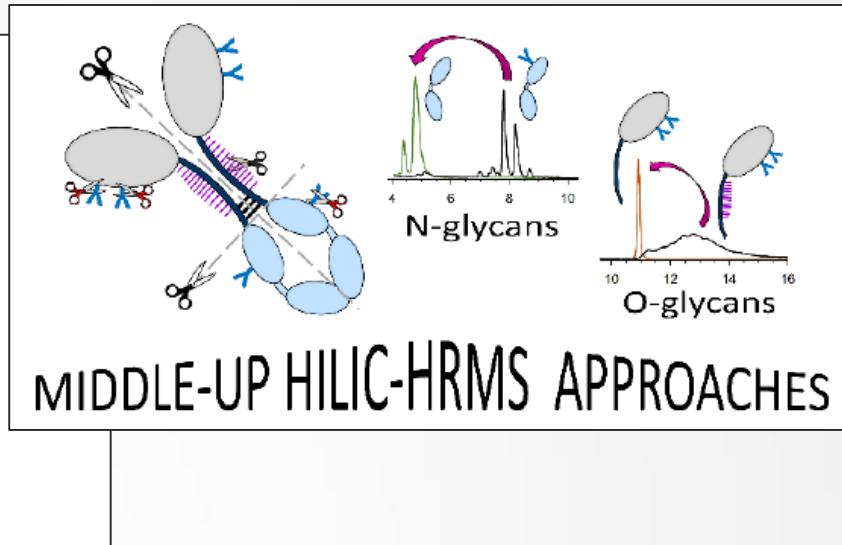


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# Etanercept N & O-glycans: HILIC-MS, middle-up (2019)



## Orthogonal Middle-up Approaches for Characterization of the Glycan Heterogeneity of Etanercept by Hydrophilic Interaction Chromatography Coupled to High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry

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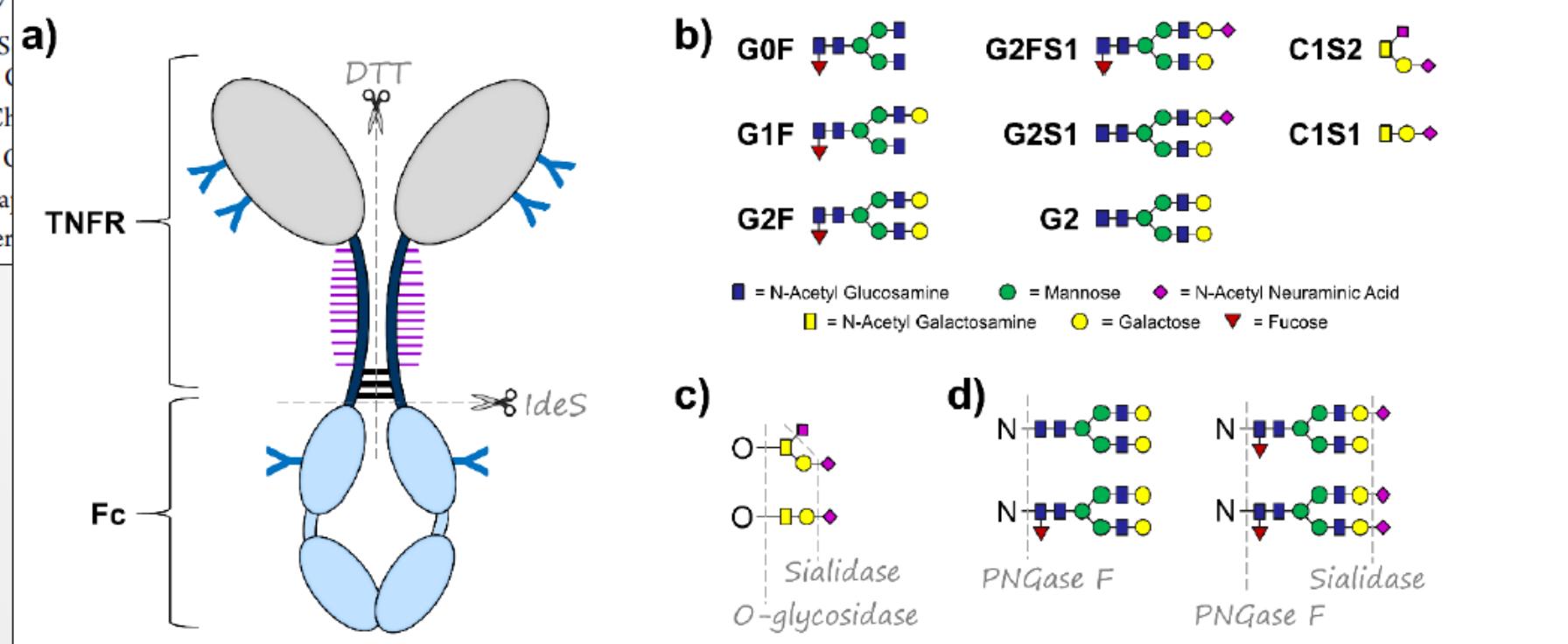
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# ADCs (IdeS): HILIC-MS (glycans + payloads DLD)



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Short communication

Characterization of an antibody-drug conjugate by hydrophilic interaction chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry<sup>☆</sup>



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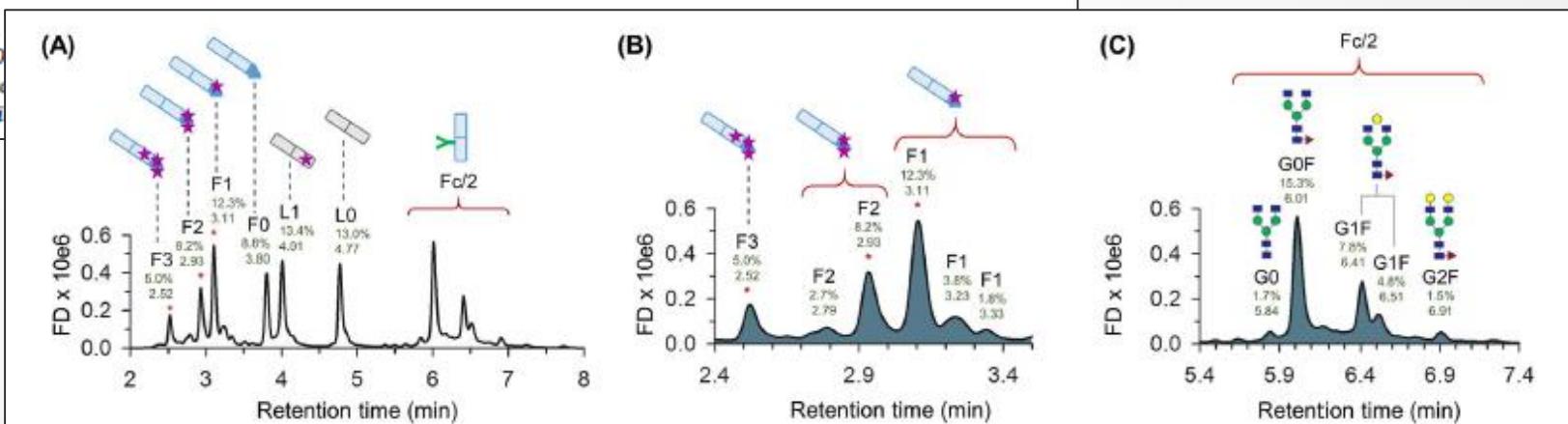
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⇒ HILIC orthogonal  
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# Cutting-Edge Analytical methods for ADCs: HILIC-MS

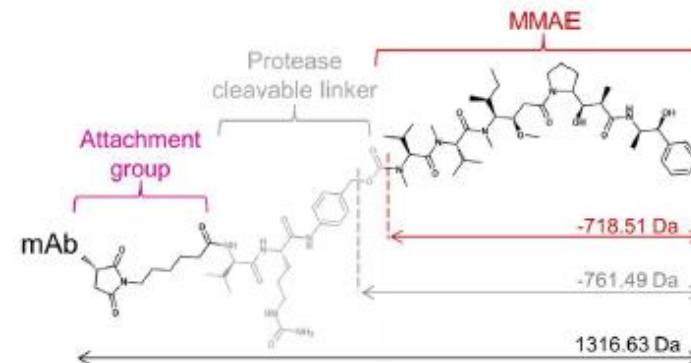
## (A) Brentuximab vedotin light chain sequence

DIVLTQSPASLA VSLGQRATIS**C**KASQSVDFGDSDY  
 MNWYQQKPGQPPKVLIYAASNLESGIPARFSGSGS  
 GTDFTLNIHPVEEEDAATYY**C**QQSNEDPWTFGGGT  
 KLEIKRTVAAPSVFIFPPSDEQLKSGTASVV**C**LNNF  
 YPREAKVQWKVDNALQSGNSQESVTEQDSKDSTY  
 SLSSTTLSKADYEKHKVY**A**CEVTHQGLSSPVTKSF  
 NRGE**C**

## (B) Brentuximab vedotin heavy chain sequence

**(pE)****Q**QLQQSGP EVVKGASVK**I**S**C**KASGYTFDYY  
 ITWVKQKPGQGLEWIYPGSGNTKYNEFKKGKA  
 TLTVDTSSTA FMQLSSLTSEDTAVYF**C**ANYGNWF  
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 VFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPG**K**

## (C) Brentuximan vedotin drug payload



(D) HILIC-MS middle-up analysis of brentuximab vedotin. Subunit retention times and mass assignments. The following nomenclature has been used for the glycan assignments: H = hexose (mannose/galactose); N = N-acetyl glucosamine; F = fucose. Q/pE stands for pyroglutamic acid formation.

tr (min)	Assignment	Trivial assignment	Theoretical mass (Da)	Experimental mass (Da)	Δm (Da)
2.52	Fd' (Q/pE) + 3drugs	F3	29088.22	29088.56	0.3
	Fd' (Q/pE) + 3drugs - MMAE	F3-MMAE	28326.73	28327.05	0.3
2.79	Fd' (Q/pE) + 2drugs	F2	27771.60	27772.16	0.6
2.93	Fd' (Q/pE) + 2drugs	F2	27771.60	27771.48	0.1
	Fd' (Q/pE) + 2drugs - MMAE	F2-MMAE	27010.11	27009.29	0.8
3.11	Fd' (Q/pE) + 1 drug	F1	26454.97	26454.76	0.2
3.23	Fd' + 1 drug	F1	26472.00	26472.00	0.0
3.33	Fd' (Q/pE) + 1 drug + intra S-H	F1	26459.00	26459.33	0.2
3.80	Fd' (Q/pE)	F0	25138.35	25138.06	0.3
4.01	LC + 1 drug	L1	25040.86	25040.47	0.4
	LC + 1 drug - MMAE	L1-MMAE	24279.37	24278.70	0.7
4.77	LC	L0	23724.23	23723.74	0.5
5.84	Fc/2 + H3N4	Fc/2 + G0	25054.07	25053.15	0.9
6.01	Fc/2 + H3N4F1	Fc/2 + G0F	25200.22	25199.62	0.6
6.41	Fc/2 + H4N4F1	Fc/2 + G1Fa	25362.36	25361.69	0.7
6.51	Fc/2 + H4N4F1	Fc/2 + G1Fb	25362.36	25361.75	0.6
6.91	Fc/2 + H5N4F1	Fc/2 + G2F	25524.50	25524.04	0.5

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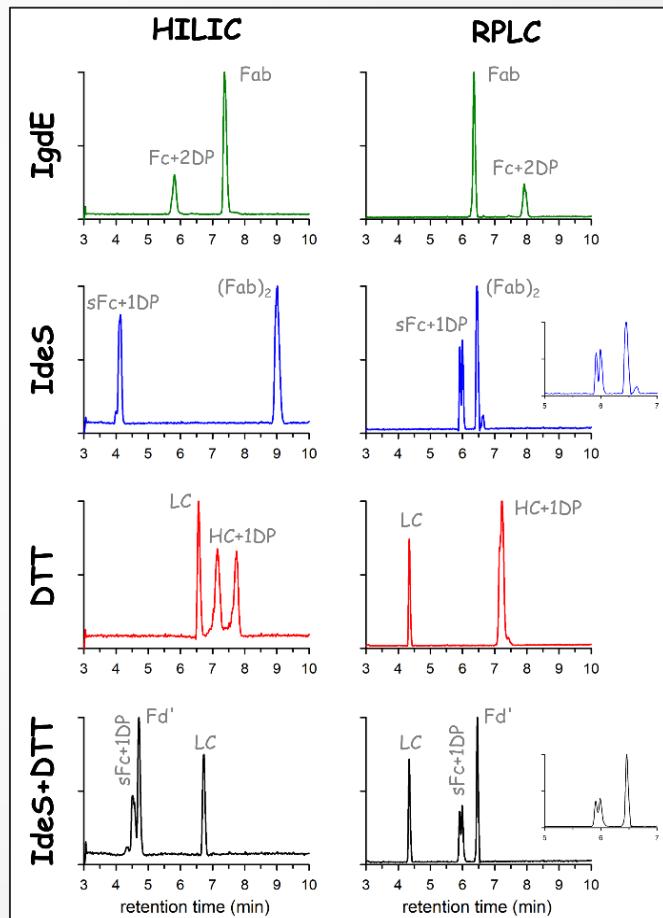
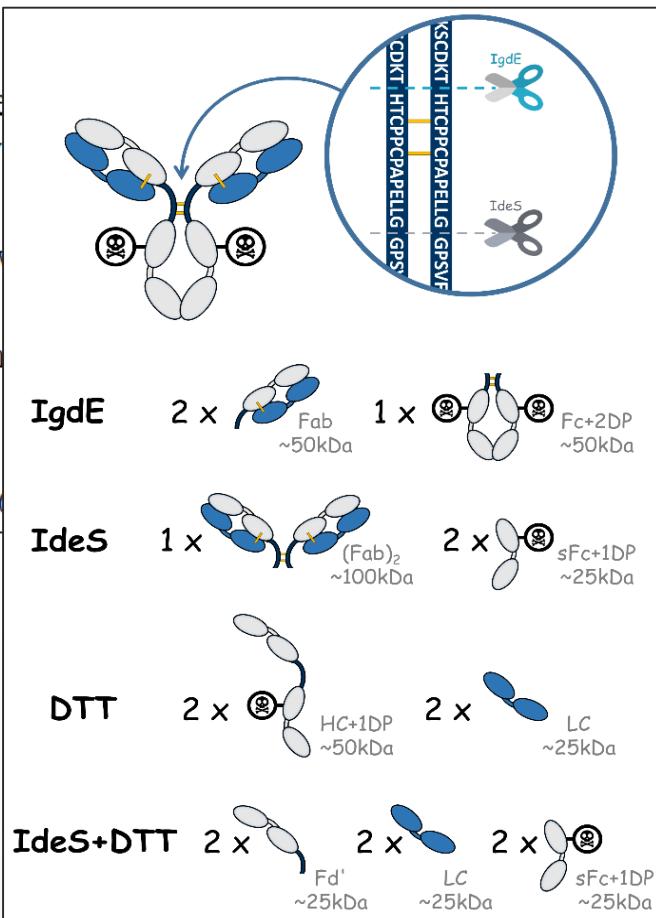
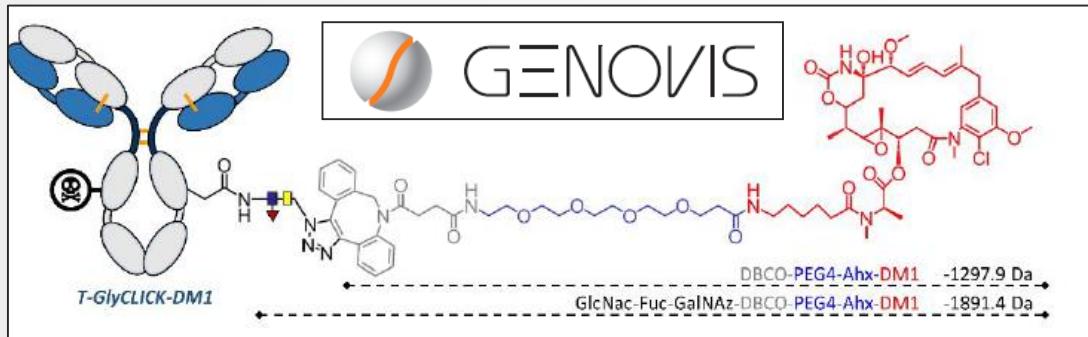
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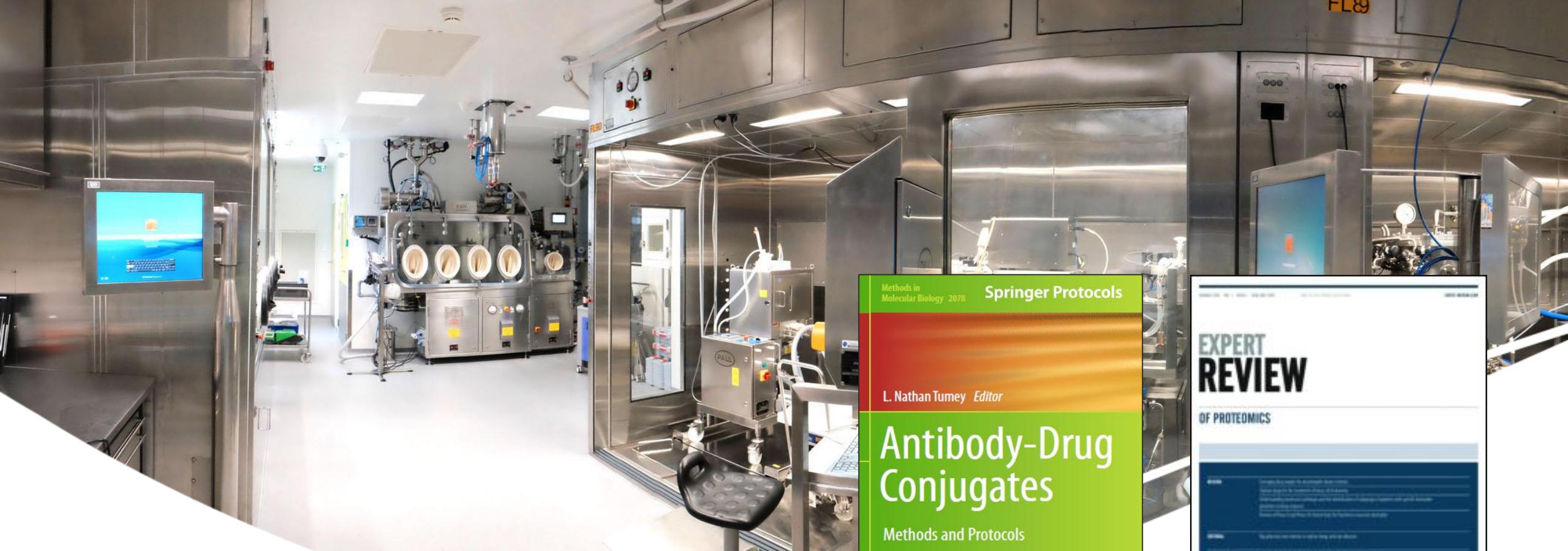
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# Cutting-edge analytical & structural network: antibody-based drugs (2005-20: +200 papers\*, +160 talks)\*\*



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## International standards for monoclonal antibodies to support pre- and post-marketing product consistency: Evaluation of a candidate international standard for the bioactivities of rituximab

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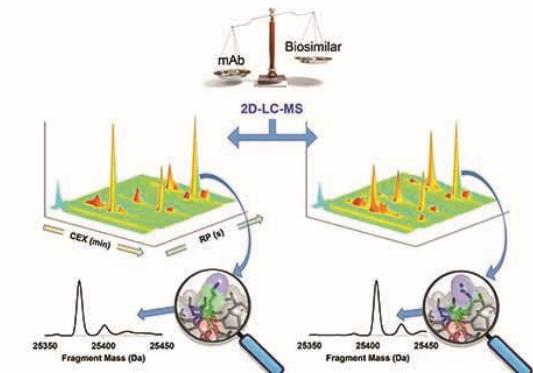
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REVIEW

Structure, heterogeneity and forced degradation of monoclonal antibodies

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**ABSTRACT**

Increasing attention has been given to the evaluation of monoclonal antibody development. The development of appropriate methods to monitor antibody quality and propose as a better characterization alternative with limited resources.

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REVIEW

Forced degradation of monoclonal antibodies

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**ABSTRACT**

Forced degradation studies of monoclonal antibody therapeutics are supporting comparability studies required by the regulatory guidances of various agencies such as the purpose for forced degradation under each condition.

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REVIEW

Analytical comparability study of recombinant monoclonal antibody therapeutics

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**ABSTRACT**

Process changes are inevitable in the life cycle of recombinant monoclonal antibody therapeutics. Products made using pre- and post-change processes are required to be comparable as demonstrated by comparability studies to qualify for continuous development and commercial supply. Establishment of comparability is a systematic process of gathering and evaluating data based on scientific understanding and clinical experience of the relationship between product quality attributes and their impact on safety and efficacy. This review summarizes the current understanding of various modifications of recombinant monoclonal antibodies. It further outlines the critical steps in designing and executing successful comparability studies to support process changes at different stages of a product's lifecycle.

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Review

# Macro- and Micro-Heterogeneity of Natural and Recombinant IgG Antibodies

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**Abstract:** Recombinant antibodies have been thoroughly characterized. The structures and properties of natural antibodies are highly relevant to those of recombinant antibodies. Small structural differences in size, charge or hydrophobicity, pharmacokinetic properties, and stability, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacokinetics as found in endogenous antibodies have been described. The knowledge of the drug and its metabolites is important for the current understanding of the current trends in recombinant antibody development.

**Keywords:** critical review; product profile


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**Table 1.** Micro-heterogeneity natural IgGs and recombinant mAbs.

Modifications	Natural	Recombinant	Resulting Heterogeneity
N-terminal modifications			
PyroGlu	100% pyroGlu	Varied levels	Mass, charge for Gln to pyroGlu
Truncation	Not expected	Rare and low	Mass
Signal peptides	Not expected	Low	Mass and charge
Asn deamidation	Substantial level	Common, varied levels	Mass and charge
Asp isomerization	Not expected	Common, varied levels	Charge and hydrophobicity
Succinimide	Not expected	Common, varied levels	Mass, charge, and hydrophobicity
Oxidation	Low	Met, Trp, Cys, His	Mass and hydrophobicity
Cysteine related modifications			
Free cysteine	Low	Low	Mass, charge and hydrophobicity
Alternative disulfide bond linkage	Common	Common	Charge
Trisulfide bond	Extremely low	Low	Mass and charge
Thioether	Low	Low	Mass
Glycosylation	Common	Common	Mass and charge
Glycation	Common	Common	Mass and charge
C-terminal modifications			
C-terminal Lys	Complete removal	Common, varied levels	Mass, charge and hydrophobicity
C-terminal modifications	Not detected	Low varied levels	Mass and charge

# ADC DS/DP: methods and monographs

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REVIEW

## Cutting-edge mass spectrometry characterization of antibody-drug conjugates

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**SMD**  
Drug-Linker intermediate  
(Intermediate, 0.3-1.5 kDa)

**mAb**  
(Intermediate, 150 kDa)

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REVIEW

## Cutting-edge multi-level analytical and structural characterization of antibody-drug conjugates: present and future

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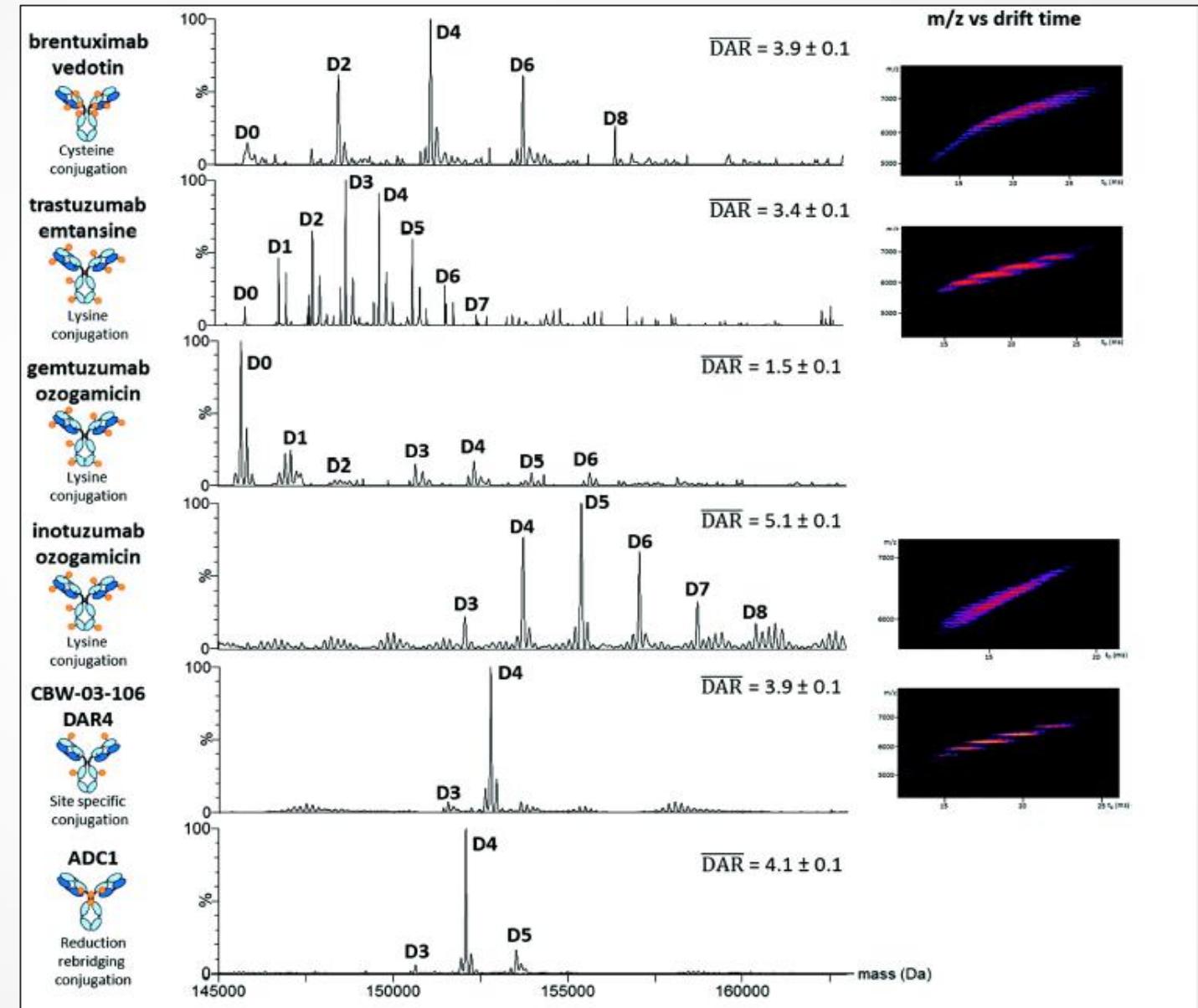
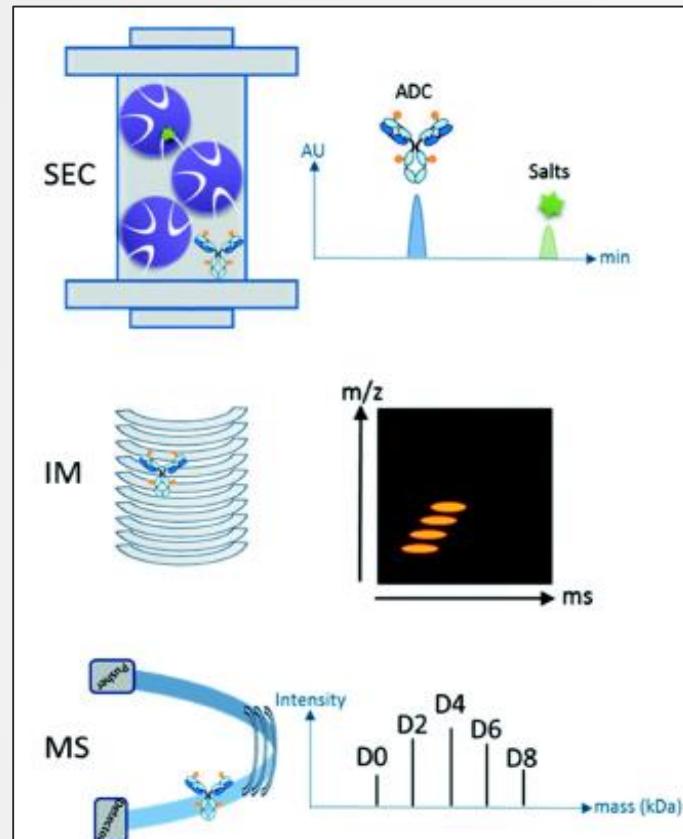
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**ADC-DS**  
(API, 156 kDa, avDAR4)

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(Liquid or freeze dried)

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# 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> & 3G ADCs: SEC-IM-MS (2019)



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Exp Rev Proteomics 2019

# Telisotuzumab (Hz224G4, ABT-700; cMet) - 2016



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## A novel antagonist anti-cMet antibody with antitumor activities targeting both ligand-dependent and ligand-independent c-Met receptors

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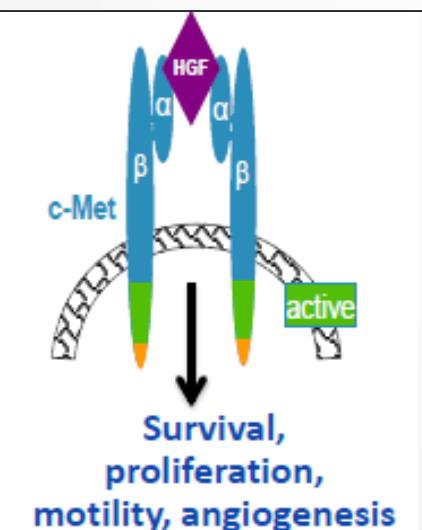
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Anti-c-Met monoclonal antibody ABT-700 breaks oncogene addiction in tumors with MET amplification

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# Telisotuzumab vedotin (cMet, PhII, NSCLC) - 2018

Cancer Therapy: Preclinical

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## ABBV-399, a c-Met Antibody-Drug Conjugate that Targets Both *MET*-Amplified and c-Met-Overexpressing Tumors, Irradiation-Enhanced *MET* Pathway Dependence

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ORIGINAL REPORT

### First-in-Human Phase I, Dose-Escalation and -Expansion Study of Telisotuzumab Vedotin, an Antibody–Drug Conjugate Targeting c-Met, in Patients With Advanced Solid Tumors

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#### ABSTRACT

##### Purpose

This first-in-human study evaluated telisotuzumab vedotin (Teliso-V), formerly called ABBV-399, an antibody–drug conjugate of the anti-c-Met monoclonal antibody ABT-700 and monomethyl auristatin E.

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# IGFR-1 ADC: W0101 (2020)



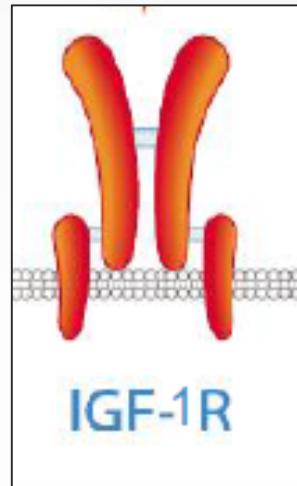
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## Efficacy of the Antibody-Drug Conjugate W0101 in Preclinical Models of IGF-1 Receptor Overexpressing Solid Tumors



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### ABSTRACT

The insulin-like growth factor type 1 receptor (IGF-1R) is important in tumorigenesis, and its overexpression occurs in numerous tumor tissues. To date, therapeutic approaches based on mAbs and tyrosine kinase inhibitors targeting IGF-1R have only shown clinical benefit in specific patient populations. We report a unique IGF-1R-targeted antibody-drug conjugate (ADC), W0101, designed to deliver a highly potent cytotoxic auristatin derivative selectively to IGF-1R overexpressing tumor cells. The mAb (hz208F2-4) used to prepare the ADC was selected for its specific binding properties to IGF-1R compared with the insulin receptor, and for its internalization properties. Conjugation of a novel auristatin derivative drug linker to hz208F2-4 did not alter its binding and internalization proper-

ties. W0101 induced receptor-dependent cell cytotoxicity *in vitro* when applied to various cell lines overexpressing IGF-1R, but it did not affect normal cells. Efficacy studies were conducted in several mouse models expressing different levels of IGF-1R to determine the sensitivity of the tumors to W0101. W0101 induced potent tumor regression in certain mouse models. Interestingly, the potency of W0101 correlated with the expression level of IGF-1R evaluated by IHC. In an MCF-7 breast cancer model with high-level IGF-1R expression, a single injection of W0101 3 mg/kg led to strong inhibition of tumor growth. W0101 provides a potential new therapeutic option for patients overexpressing IGF-1R. A first-in-human trial of W0101 is currently ongoing to address clinical safety.

# ADC Landscape : Pharmaceuticals (2020)



Review

## Antibody–Drug Conjugates: The Last Decade

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**Abstract:** An armed antibody (antibody–drug conjugate or ADC) is a vectorized chemotherapy which results from the grafting of a cytotoxic agent onto a monoclonal antibody via a judiciously constructed spacer arm. ADCs have made considerable progress in 10 years. While in 2009 gemtuzumab ozogamicin (Mylotarg®) was used clinically, in 2020, 8 Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved ADCs are available, and more than 80 others are in active clinical studies. This review will focus on FDA-approved and late-stage ADCs, their limitations including their toxicity and associated resistance mechanisms, as well as new emerging strategies to address these issues.

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Table 1. Antibody–drug conjugates (ADCs) approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in advanced clinical trials (Phase III or pivotal phase II) or recently stopped.

Company	ADC (Cytotoxic)	Isotype and Target	Indication/Approval Date (Trade Name)/Clinical Status
Pfizer	gemtuzumab ozogamicin (CAL)	IgG4 CD33	2000–2010/2017 AML (Mylotarg®)
Seattle Genetics	brentuximab vedotin (AUR)	IgG1 CD30	2011 ALCL and Hodgkin lymphoma (Adcetris®)
Roche	trastuzumab emtansine (MAY)	IgG1 HER2+	2013 metastatic HER2+++ breast cancer (Kadcyla®) **
Pfizer	inotuzumab ozogamicin (CAL)	IgG4 CD22	2017 ALL and CLL (Besponsa®)
Roche	polatuzumab vedotin (AUR)	IgG1 CD79b	2019 DLBCL (Polivy®)
Seattle Genetics	enfortumab vedotin (AUR)	IgG1 Nectin 4	2019 urothelial cancer (Padcev®) **
Daiichi Sankyo	trastuzumab deruxtecan (EXA)	IgG1 HER2+	2019 metastatic HER2+++ breast cancer (Enhertu®) **
Immunomedics	sacituzumab govitecan (IRI)	IgG1 TROP-2	2020, metastatic TNBC (Trodelvy®) **
GSK	belantamab mafodotin (AUR, MMAF)	IgG1afuc BCMA	2020, multiple myeloma (Blenrep®)

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