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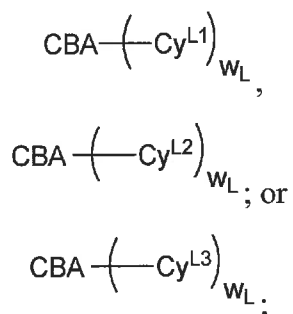
1. An antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof, comprising:
 - (i) (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1; a CDR2 having the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 2 or SEQ ID NO: 3; and a CDR3 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4; and (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16; a CDR2 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17; and a CDR3 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18;
 - (ii) (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5; a CDR2 having the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, or SEQ ID NO: 10; and a CDR3 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11; and (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, or SEQ ID NO: 72; a CDR2 having the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 21 or SEQ ID NO: 71; and a CDR3 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22; or
 - (iii) (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12; a CDR2 having the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 13 or SEQ ID NO: 14; and a CDR3 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 15 or SEQ ID NO: 70; and b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23; a CDR2 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24; and a CDR3 having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 25.
2. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 1, comprising:
 - (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 34; and
 - (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 35.
3. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 2, wherein Xaa, the second

- residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 34, is Phe.
4. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 2, wherein Xaa, the second residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 34, is Val.
 5. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 1, comprising:
 - (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 34; and
 - (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 37.
 6. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 1, comprising:
 - (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 54; and
 - (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 35.
 7. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 6, wherein Xaa, the second residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 54, is Phe.
 8. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 6, wherein Xaa, the second residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 54, is Val.
 9. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 1, comprising:
 - (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, a CDR2 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, and a CDR3 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 11; and
 - (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 19 or 20, a CDR2 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 21, and a CDR3 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 22.
 10. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 1, comprising:
 - (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, a CDR2 having an amino acid sequence set

forth in SEQ ID NO: 8, and a CDR3 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 11; and

(b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 20, a CDR2 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 21, and a CDR3 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 22.

11. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 1, comprising an immunoglobulin heavy chain having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 54 and an immunoglobulin light chain having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 51.
12. The antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 11, wherein Xaa, second residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 54, is Val.
13. A polypeptide comprising the V_H and V_L sequences of any of claims 1-12.
14. A cell producing the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of any one of claims 1-12, or the polypeptide of claim 13.
15. A method of producing the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of any one of claims 1-12, or the polypeptide of claim 13, comprising:
 - (a) culturing a cell producing said antibody, antigen-binding fragment thereof or polypeptide; and,
 - (b) isolating said antibody, antigen-binding fragment thereof, or polypeptide from said cultured cell.
16. An immunoconjugate having the following formula:

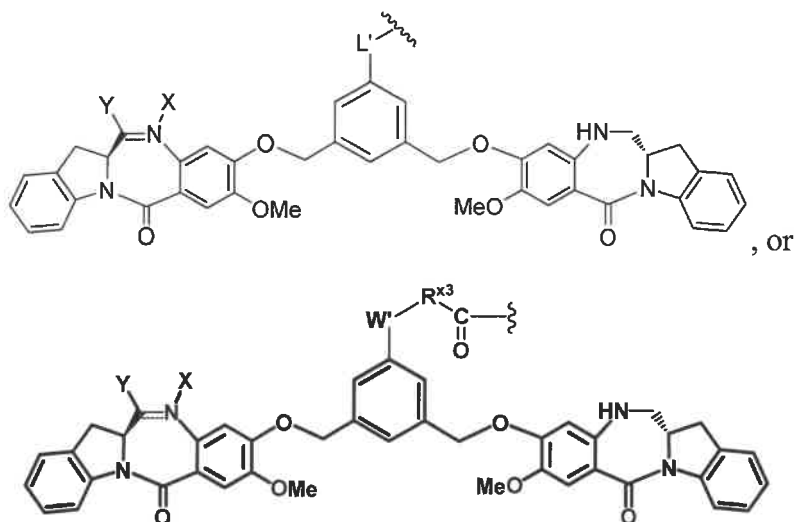


wherein:

CBA is an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of any one of claims 1-4, or the polypeptide thereof of claim 13, that is covalently linked through a lysine residue to Cy^{L1} , Cy^{L2} or Cy^{L3} ;

W_L is an integer from 1 to 20;

Cy^{L1} is represented by the following formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

the double line == between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; and when it is a single bond, X is -H or an amine protecting moiety, and Y is -OH or -SO₃M;

W' is -NR^{e'},

$R^{e'}$ is -(CH₂-CH₂-O)_n-R^k;

n is an integer from 2 to 6;

R^k is -H or -Me;

R^{x3} is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

L' is represented by the following formula:

-NR₅-P-C(=O)-(CR_aR_b)_m-C(=O)- (B1'); or

-NR₅-P-C(=O)-(CR_aR_b)_m-S-Z^{s1}- (B3');

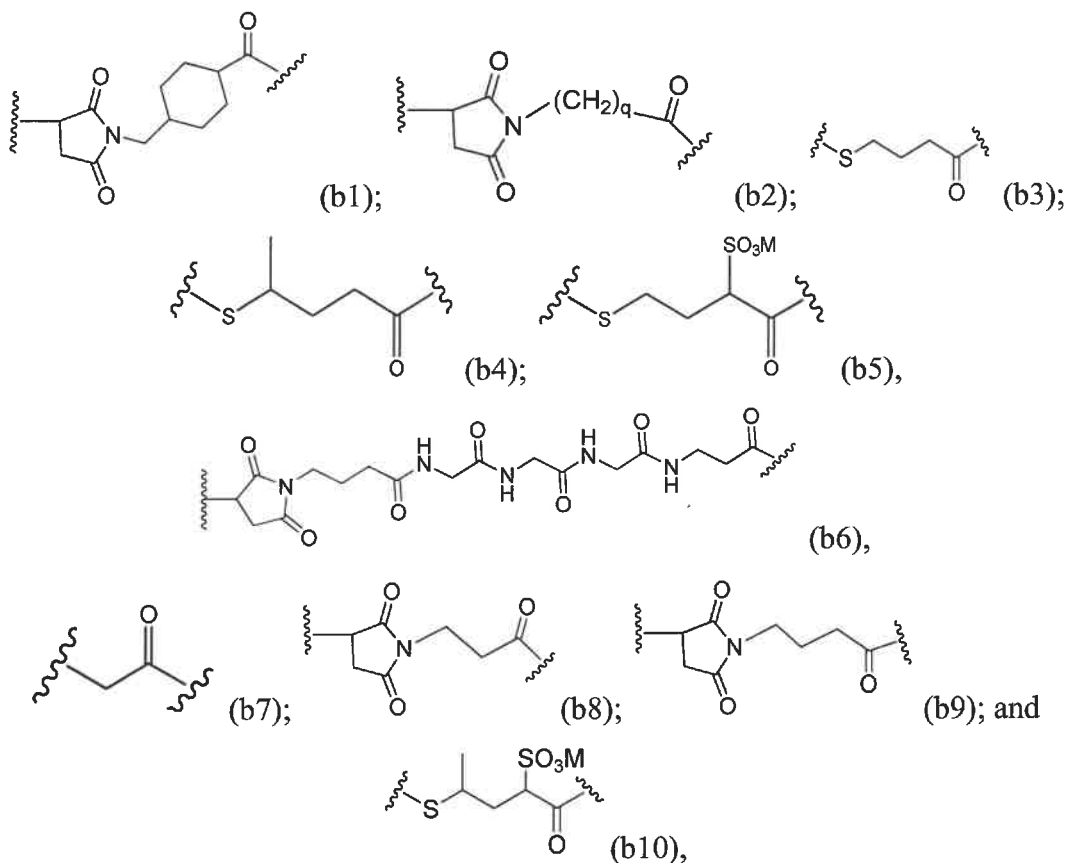
R₅ is -H or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;

P is an amino acid residue or a peptide containing between 2 to 20 amino acid residues;

R_a and R_b , for each occurrence, are each independently -H, (C_1-C_3) alkyl, or a charged substituent or an ionizable group Q;

m is an integer from 1 to 6; and

Z^{s1} is selected from any one of the following formulas:

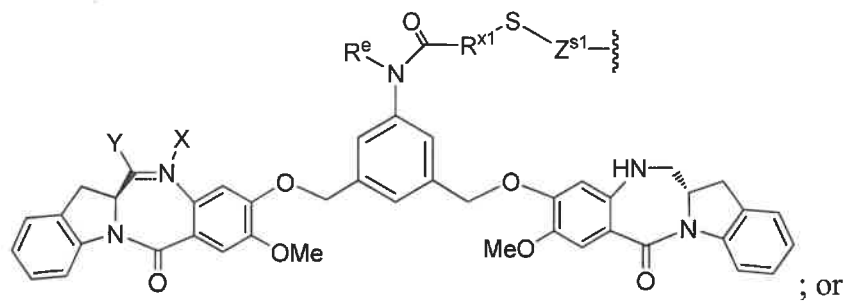


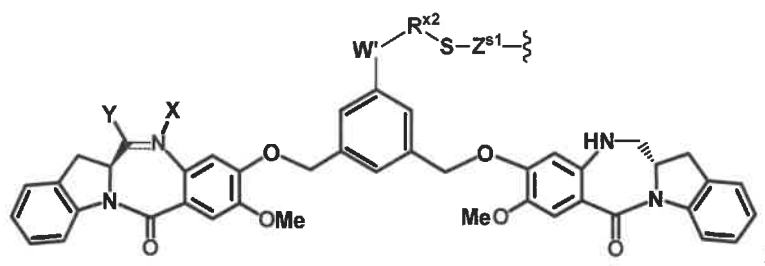
wherein:

q is an integer from 1 to 5; and

M is H^+ or a cation;

Cy^{L2} is represented by the following formula:





or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

the double line == between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; and when it is a single bond, X is -H or an amine protecting moiety, and Y is -OH or -SO₃M;

R^{x1} and R^{x2} are independently (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

R^e is -H or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

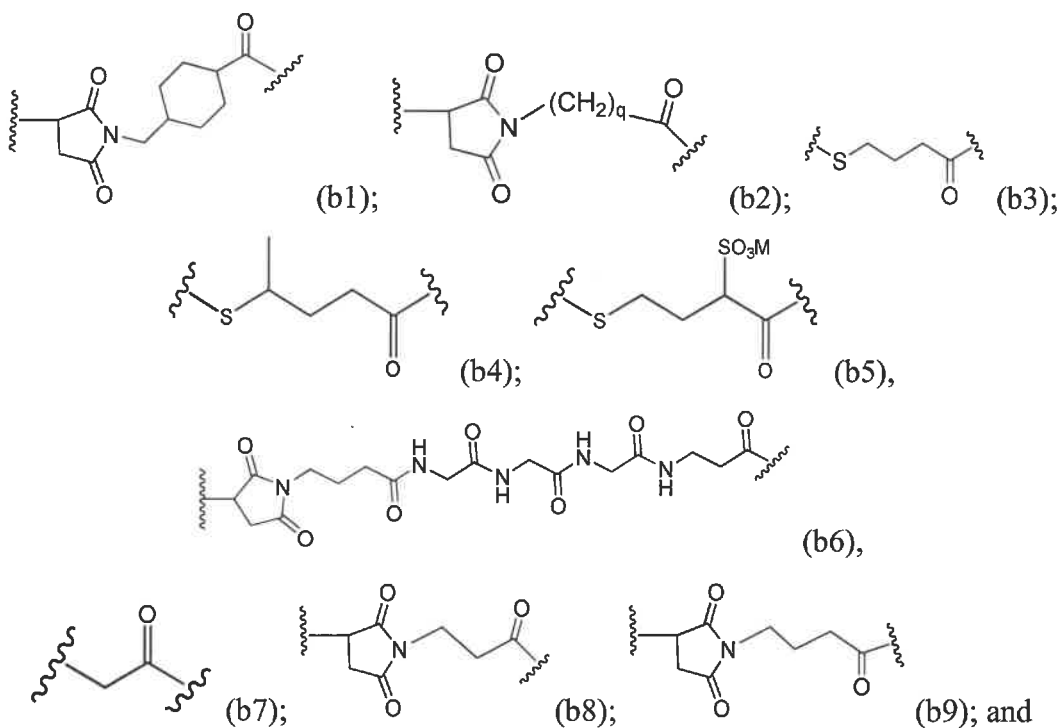
W' is -NR^{e'},

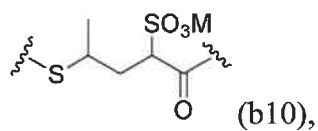
R^{e'} is -(CH₂-CH₂-O)_n-R^k;

n is an integer from 2 to 6;

R^k is -H or -Me;

Z^{s1} is selected from any one of the following formulas:



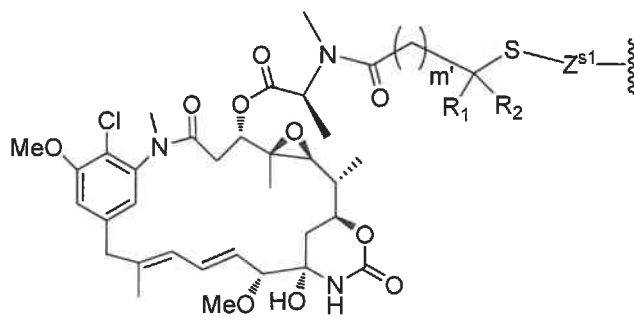


wherein:

q is an integer from 1 to 5; and

M is H^+ or a cation; and

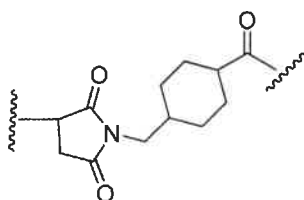
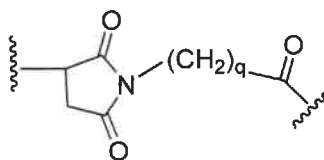
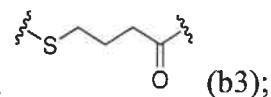
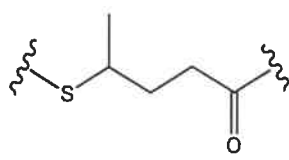
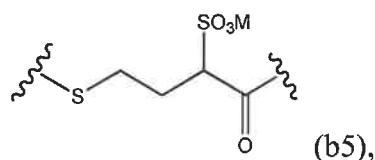
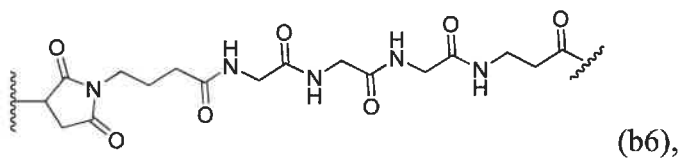
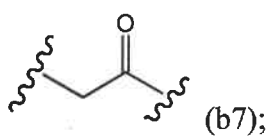
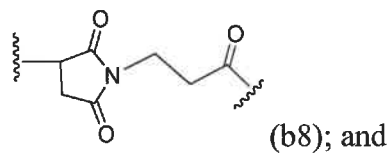
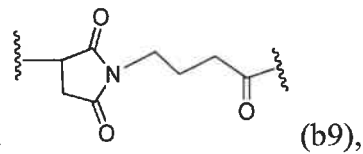
Cy^{L3} is represented by the following formula:



m' is 1 or 2;

R_1 and R_2 are each independently H or a $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ alkyl; and

Z^{s1} is selected from any one of the following formulas:

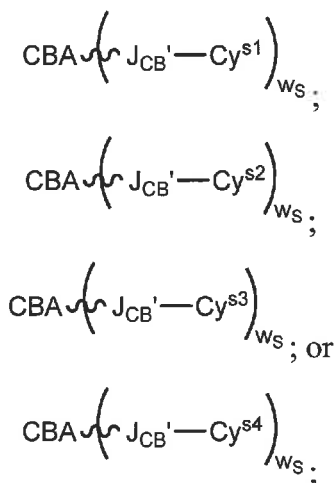


wherein:

q is an integer from 1 to 5; and

M is H⁺ or a cation.

17. An immunoconjugate having the following formula:

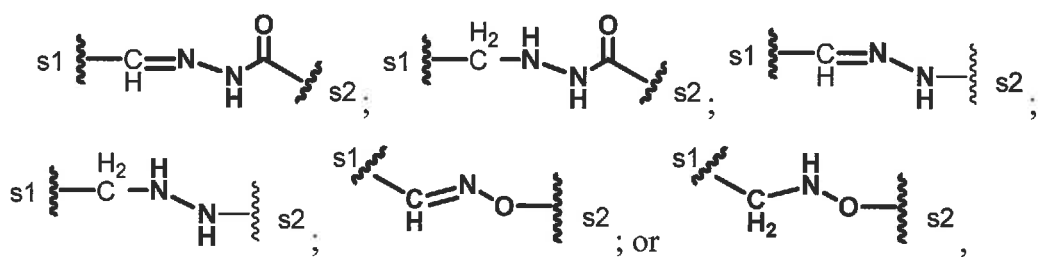


wherein:

CBA is the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 5, or the polypeptide of claim 13, covalently linked to the J_{CB'} group;

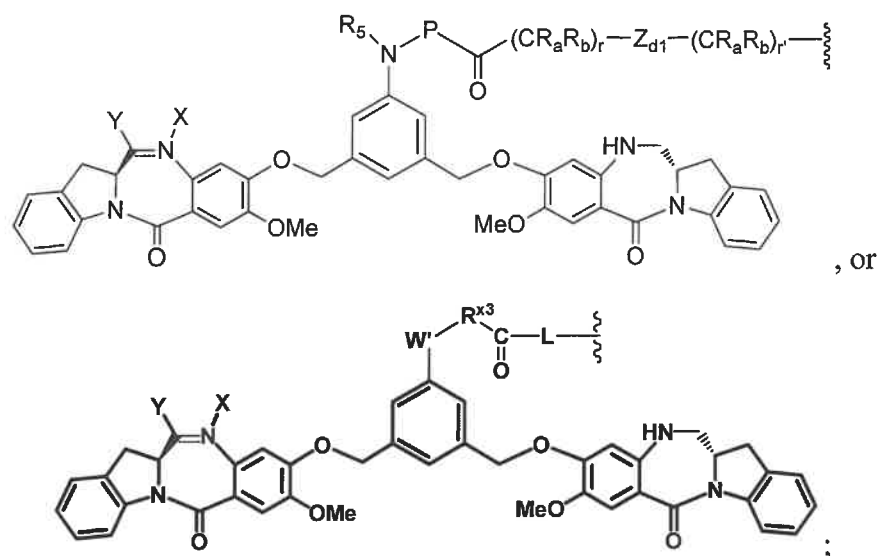
W_s is 1, 2, 3, or 4;

J_{CB'} is a moiety formed by reacting an aldehyde group derived from oxidation of a 2-hydroxyethylamine moiety on an N-terminal of said antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof, or said polypeptide thereof, and an aldehyde reactive group on Cy^{s1}, Cy^{s2}, Cy^{s3}, or Cy^{s4} and is represented by the following formula:



wherein s1 is the site covalently linked to the CBA; and s2 is the site covalently linked to Cy^{s1};

Cy^{s1} is represented by the following formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

the double line $\equiv$ between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; and when it is a single bond, X is -H or an amine protecting moiety, Y is -OH or -SO₃M, and M is H⁺ or a cation;

R₅ is -H or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;

P is an amino acid residue or a peptide containing 2 to 20 amino acid residues;

Z_{d1} is absent, -C(=O)-NR₉-, or -NR₉-C(=O)-;

R₉ is -H or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;

R_a and R_b, for each occurrence, are independently -H, (C₁-C₃)alkyl, or a charged substituent or an ionizable group Q;

r and r' are independently an integer from 1 to 6;

W' is -NR^{e'},

R^{e'} is -(CH₂-CH₂-O)_n-R^k;

n is an integer from 2 to 6;

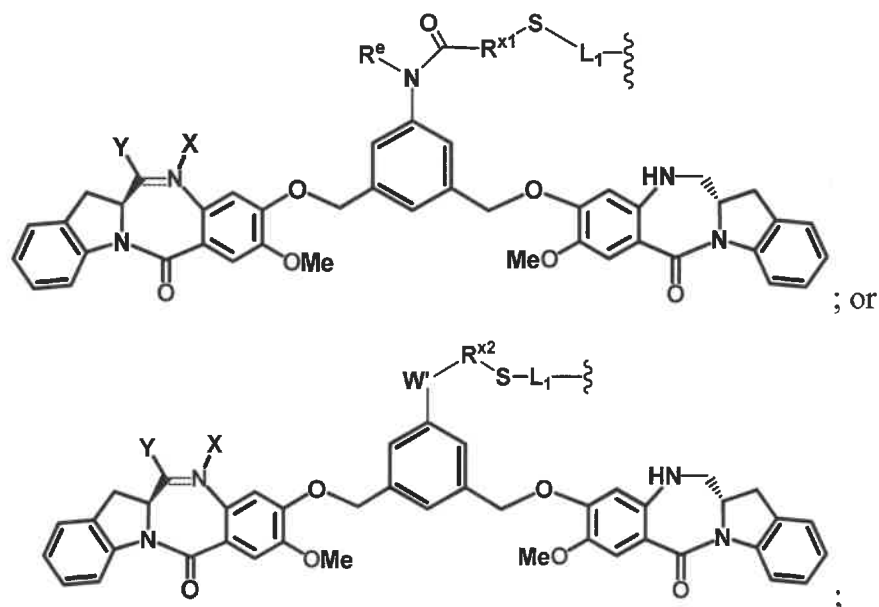
R^k is -H or -Me;

R^{x3} is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

L is -NR₉-(CR_aR_b)_{r''} or absent; and

r'' is an integer from 0 to 6;

Cy^{s2} is represented by the following formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

the double line == between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; and when it is a single bond, X is -H or an amine protecting moiety, and Y is -OH or -SO₃M;

M is H⁺ or a cation;

R^{x1} is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

R^e is -H or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

W' is -NR^{e'},

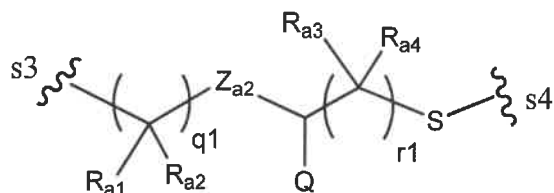
R^{e'} is -(CH₂-CH₂-O)_n-R^k;

n is an integer from 2 to 6;

R^k is -H or -Me;

R^{x2} is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

L₁ is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

s3 is the site covalently linked to the group J_{CB}';

s4 is the site covalently linked to the -S- group on Cy^{s2};

Z_{a2} is absent, $-C(=O)-NR_9-$, or $-NR_9-C(=O)-$;

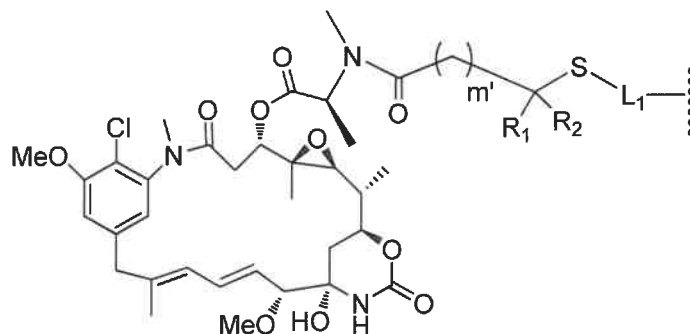
R_9 is $-H$ or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl;

Q is H , a charged substituent or an ionizable group;

R_{a1} , R_{a2} , R_{a3} , R_{a4} , for each occurrence, are independently H or (C_1-C_3) alkyl; and

$q1$ and $r1$ are each independently an integer from 0 to 10, provided that $q1$ and $r1$ are not both 0;

Cy^{s3} is represented by the following formula:

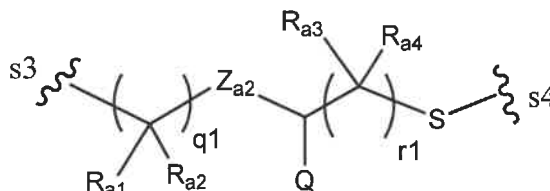


wherein:

m' is 1 or 2;

R_1 and R_2 , are each independently H or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl;

L_1 is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

$s3$ is the site covalently linked to the group J_{CB}' ;

$s4$ is the site covalently linked to the $-S-$ group on Cy^{s3} ;

Z_{a2} is absent, $-C(=O)-NR_9-$, or $-NR_9-C(=O)-$;

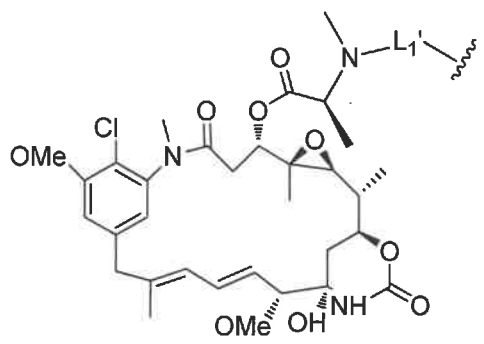
R_9 is $-H$ or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl;

Q is H , a charged substituent or an ionizable group;

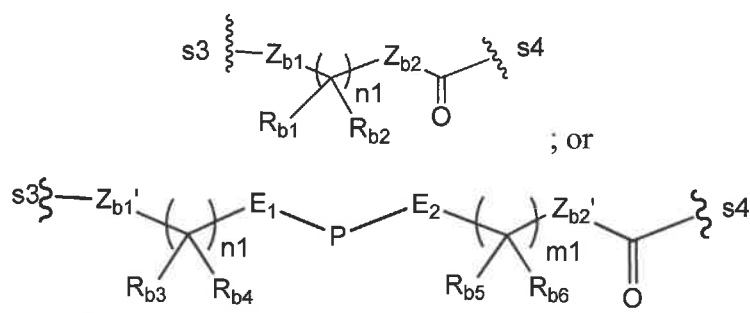
R_{a1} , R_{a2} , R_{a3} , R_{a4} , for each occurrence, are independently H or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl; and

$q1$ and $r1$ are each independently an integer from 0 to 10, provided that $q1$ and $r1$ are not both 0;

Cy^{s4} is represented by the following formula:



L_1' is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

s_3 is the site covalently linked to the group J_{CB}' group;

s_4 is the site covalently linked to $-NMe-$ group on Cy^{s4} ;

Z_{b1} and Z_{b2} are both absent, or one of Z_{b1} and Z_{b2} is absent and the other is $-CH_2-$ O- or $-O-CH_2-$;

Z_{b1}' and Z_{b2}' are each independently absent, $-CH_2-O-$, $-O-CH_2-$, $-NR_9-C(=O)-CH_2-$, or $-CH_2-C(=O)-NR_9-$;

R_9 is H or (C_1-C_3) alkyl;

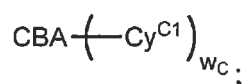
n_1 and m_1 are each independently an integer from 1 to 6;

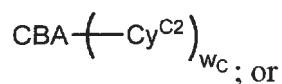
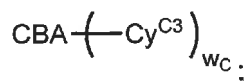
one of E_1 and E_2 is $-C(=O)-$, and the other is $-NR_9-$; or one of E_1 and E_2 is $-C(=O)-$ or $-NR_9-$, and the other is absent;

P is an amino acid residue or a peptide containing between 2 to 20 amino acid residues; and

R_{b1} , R_{b2} , R_{b3} , R_{b4} , R_{b5} and R_{b6} , for each occurrence, are each independently H or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl.

18. An immunoconjugate represented by the following formula:



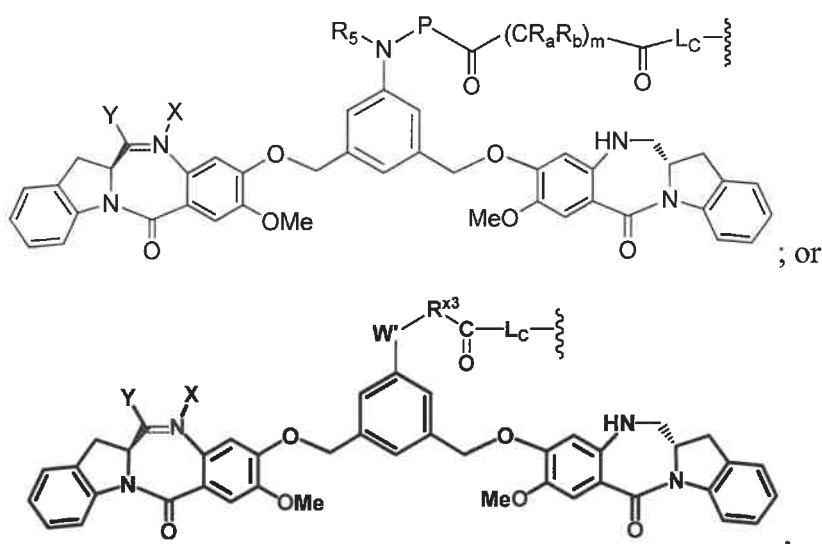


wherein:

CBA is an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of claim 6, or the polypeptide of claim 13, covalently linked to $\text{Cy}^{\text{C}1}$, $\text{Cy}^{\text{C}2}$ or $\text{Cy}^{\text{C}3}$ through a cysteine residue;

W_C is 1 or 2;

$\text{Cy}^{\text{C}1}$ is represented by the following formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

the double line == between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H or a $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)$ alkyl; and when it is a single bond, X is -H or an amine protecting moiety, Y is -OH or $-\text{SO}_3\text{M}$, and M is H^+ or a cation;

R_5 is -H or a $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ alkyl;

P is an amino acid residue or a peptide containing 2 to 20 amino acid residues;

R_a and R_b , for each occurrence, are independently -H, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3)$ alkyl, or a charged substituent or an ionizable group Q;

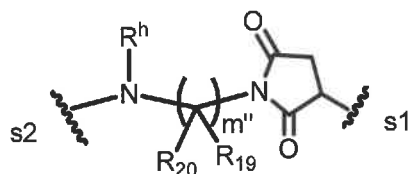
W' is $-\text{NR}^{\text{e}'}$,

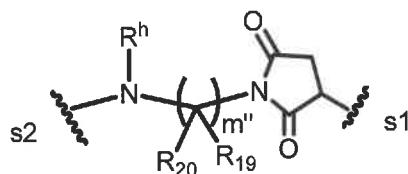
$\text{R}^{\text{e}'}$ is $-(\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-O})_n\text{-R}^{\text{k}}$;

n is an integer from 2 to 6;

R^k is -H or -Me;

R^{x3} is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl; and,



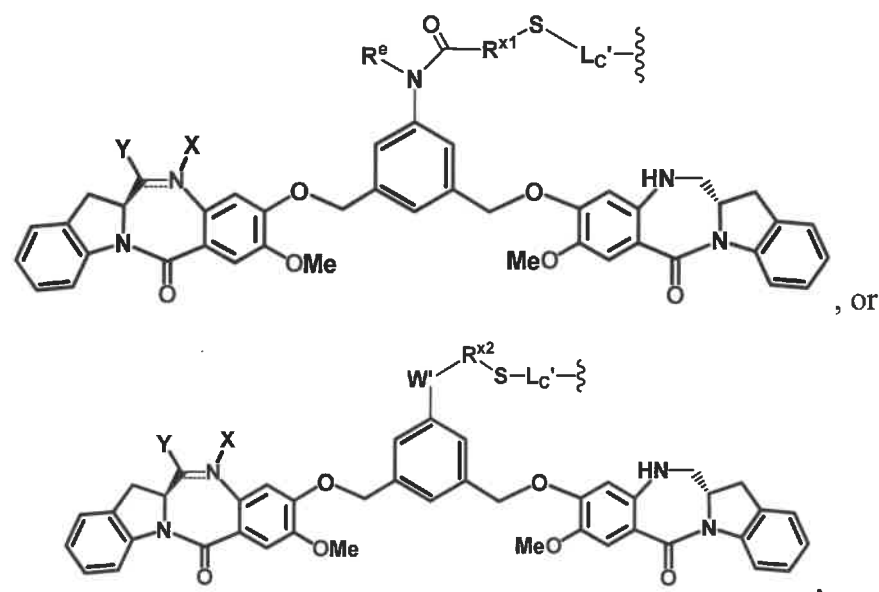
L_c is represented by , $s1$ is the site covalently linked to CBA, and $s2$ is the site covalently linked to the -C(=O)- group on Cy^{C1};
wherein:

R_{19} and R_{20} , for each occurrence, are independently -H or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;

m'' is an integer between 1 and 10; and

R^h is -H or a (C₁-C₃)alkyl;

Cy^{C2} is represented by the following formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

the double line == between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl; and when it is a single bond, X is -H or an amine protecting moiety, Y is -OH or -SO₃M, and M is H⁺ or a cation;

R^{x1} is a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

R^e is -H or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

W' is $-NR^e$;

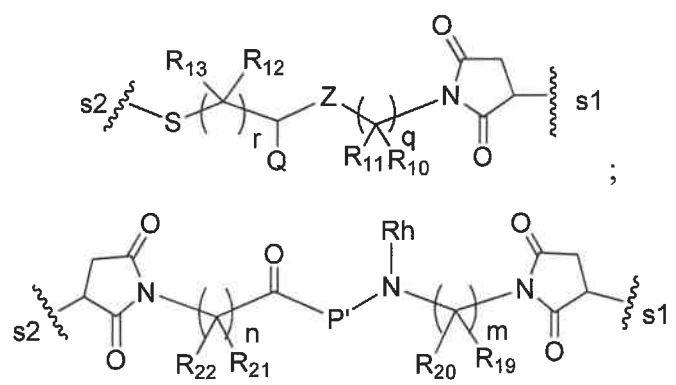
R^e is $-(CH_2-CH_2-O)_n-R^k$;

n is an integer from 2 to 6;

R^k is $-H$ or $-Me$;

R^{x2} is a (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

L_C' is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

$s1$ is the site covalently linked to the CBA and $s2$ is the site covalently linked to $-S-$ group on Cy^{C2} ;

Z is $-C(=O)-NR_9-$, or $-NR_9-C(=O)-$;

Q is $-H$, a charged substituent, or an ionizable group;

R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} , for each occurrence, are independently $-H$ or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl;

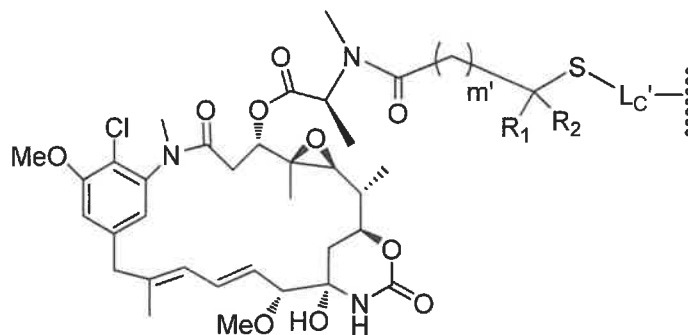
q and r , for each occurrence, are independently an integer between 0 and 10;

m and n are each independently an integer between 0 and 10;

R^h is $-H$ or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl; and

P' is an amino acid residue or a peptide containing 2 to 20 amino acid residues;

Cy^{C3} is represented by the following formula:

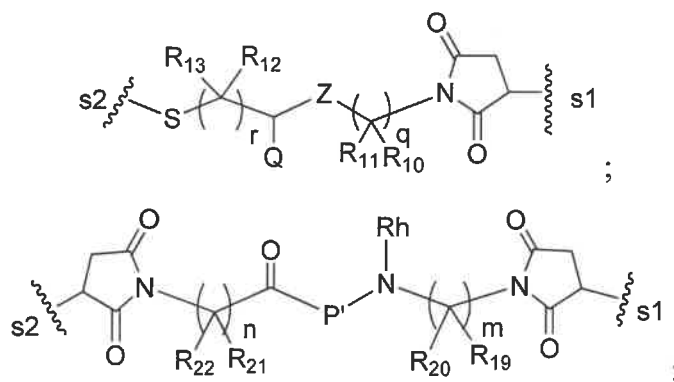


wherein:

m' is 1 or 2;

R_1 and R_2 , are each independently -H or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl;

L_C' is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

s_1 is the site covalently linked to the CBA and s_2 is the site covalently linked to -S- group on Cy^{C3} ;

Z is $-C(=O)-NR_9-$, or $-NR_9-C(=O)-$;

Q is H, a charged substituent, or an ionizable group;

R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} and R_{22} , for each occurrence, are independently -H or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl;

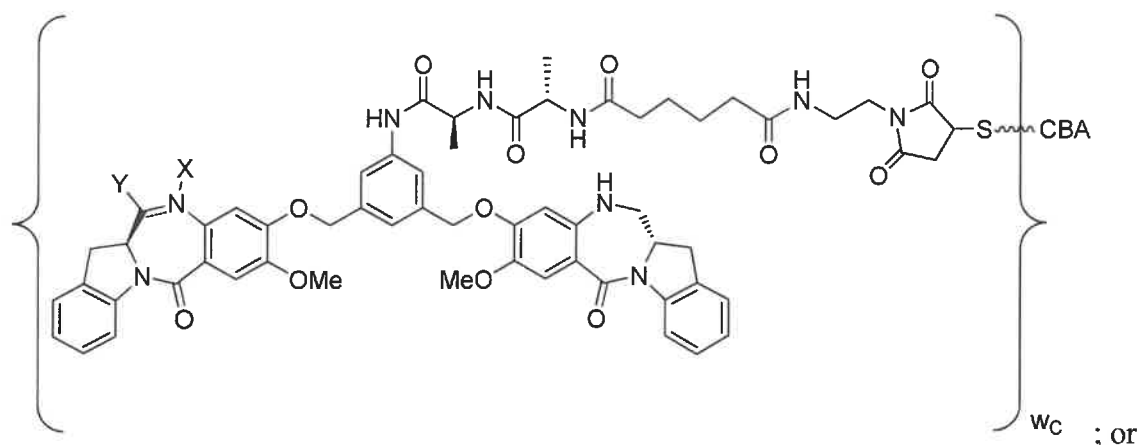
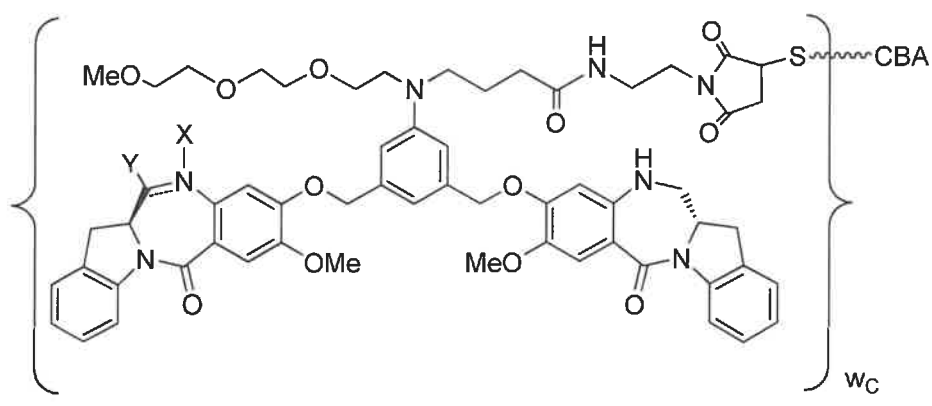
q and r , for each occurrence, are independently an integer between 0 and 10;

m and n are each independently an integer between 0 and 10;

R^h is -H or a (C_1-C_3) alkyl; and

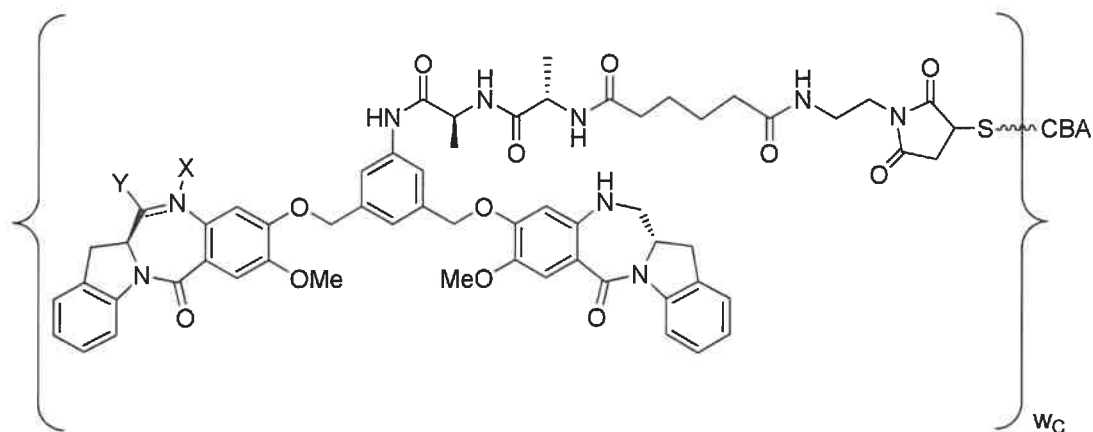
P' is an amino acid residue or a peptide containing 2 to 20 amino acid residues.

19. The immunoconjugate of claim 18, which is represented by the following formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the double line $\equiv$ between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H, and when it is a single bond, X is -H, and Y is -OH or -SO₃M.

20. An immunoconjugate represented by the following formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the double line $\equiv$ between N and C represents a single bond or a double bond, provided that when it is a double bond, X is absent and Y is -H, and when it is a single bond, X is -H, and Y is -SO₃M, M is H⁺, Na⁺

or K⁺; and wherein CBA is an antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof comprising:

- (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, a CDR2 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8, and a CDR3 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 11; and
- (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 20, a CDR2 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 21, and a CDR3 having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 22.

- 21. The immunoconjugate of claim 20, wherein CBA is an antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof comprising:
 - (a) an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 34; and
 - (b) an immunoglobulin light chain variable region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 35.
- 22. The immunoconjugate of claim 21, wherein Xaa, the second residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 34, is Phe.
- 23. The immunoconjugate of claim 21, wherein Xaa, the second residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 34, is Val.
- 24. The immunoconjugate of claim 20, wherein:

CBA is an antibody comprising an immunoglobulin heavy chain region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 54; and an immunoglobulin light chain region having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 51.
- 25. The immunoconjugate of claim 24, wherein Xaa, second residue from the N-terminus of SEQ ID NO: 54 is Val.
- 26. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of any one of claims 1-12, or the polypeptide of claim 13, or the

- immunoconjugate of any one of claims 14-25, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
27. An *in vitro* or *ex vivo* method for inhibiting the growth of a cell expressing CD123, comprising contacting the cell with the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof of any one of claims 1-12, or the polypeptide of claim 13, or the immunoconjugate of any one of claims 14-25, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 26.
 28. Use of the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof any one of claims 1-12, or the polypeptide of claim 13, or the immunoconjugate of any one of claims 14-25 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a subject having cancer, wherein cells of the cancer expresses CD123.
 29. The use of claim 28, wherein said cancer is hematologic cancer.
 30. The use of claim 29, where said cancer is selected from the group consisting of: acute myeloid leukemia (AML), chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), B-cell lineage acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), hairy cell leukemia (HCL), myelodysplastic syndrome, basic plasmacytoid DC neoplasm (BPDCN) leukemia, non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL), mantle cell lymphoma, and Hodgkin's leukemia (HL), myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), relapsed/refractory AML and relapsed/refractory basic plasmacytoid DC neoplasm (BPDCN) leukemia.
 31. The use of claim 28, wherein said cancer is leukemia or lymphoma.
 32. The use of claim 28, wherein said cancer is selected from the group consisting of: acute myeloid leukemia (AML), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), and Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).
 33. The use of claim 31, wherein said cancer is acute myeloid leukemia (AML).
 34. The use of claim 31, wherein said cancer is B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL).
 35. Use of the antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof any one of claims 1-12, or the polypeptide of claim 13, or the immunoconjugate of any one of claims 14-25 in the manufacture of a medicament for treating a cell-proliferative disorder in a subject, wherein cells of the cell-proliferative disorder expresses CD123.

36. The use of claim 35, wherein said cell-proliferative disorder is selected from the group consisting of: acute myeloid leukemia (AML), chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), B-cell lineage acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), hairy cell leukemia (HCL), myelodysplastic syndrome, basic plasmacytoid DC neoplasm (BPDCN) leukemia, non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL), mantle cell lymphoma, and Hodgkin's leukemia (HL).
37. The use of claim 36, wherein said cell-proliferative disorder is basic plasmacytoid DC neoplasm (BPDCN) leukemia.