AMINOBENZAZEPINE COMPOUNDS, IMMUNOCONJUGATES, AND USES THEREOF

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This non-provisional application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/963,884, filed 21 January 2020, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/861,139, filed 13 June 2019, each of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

SEQUENCE LISTING

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates generally to an immunoconjugate comprising an antibody conjugated to one or more aminobenzazepine molecules.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

New compositions and methods for the delivery of antibodies and immune adjuvants are needed in order to reach inaccessible tumors and/or to expand treatment options for cancer patients and other subjects. The invention provides such compositions and methods.

SUMMARY

The disclosure is generally directed to immunoconjugates comprising an antibody linked by conjugation to one or more aminobenzazepine derivatives. The disclosure is further directed to aminobenzazepine derivative intermediate compositions comprising a reactive functional group. Such intermediate compositions are suitable substrates for formation of immunoconjugates wherein an antibody may be covalently bound to one or more aminobenzazepine derivatives, through a linker or linking moiety. The disclosure is further directed to use of such an immunoconjugates in the treatment of an illness, in particular cancer.

An example of the disclosure is an immunoconjugate comprising an antibody covalently attached to a linker which is covalently attached to one or more aminobenzazepine moieties.

Another example of the disclosure is an aminobenzazepine-linker compound.

Another example of the disclosure is a method for treating cancer comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of an immunoconjugate comprising an antibody linked by conjugation to one or more aminobenzazepine moieties.

Another example of the disclosure is a use of an immunoconjugate comprising an antibody linked by conjugation to one or more aminobenzazepine moieties for treating cancer.

Another example of the disclosure is a method of preparing an immunoconjugate by conjugation of one or more aminobenzazepine moieties with an antibody.

In an aspect, there is provided an immunoconjugate comprising an antibody covalently attached to one or more aminobenzazepine moieties by a linker, and having Formula I:

$$Ab–[L–Bza]_p \qquad I$$

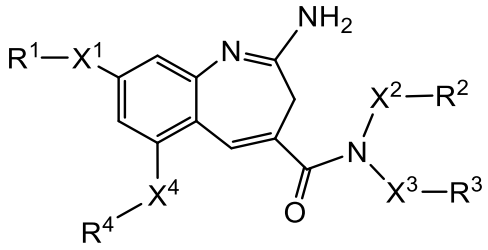
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

Ab is the antibody;

p is an integer from 1 to 8;

Bza is the aminobenzazepine moiety having the formula:



R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_{12} alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl, and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl, where alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, and heteroaryl are independently and optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from:

–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl);

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–*;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–NR^5–$C(=NR^5)NR^5$–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryl);

–(C_6-C_{20} aryl)–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)–*;

–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl);

–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl)–*;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–NR^5–C(=NR^{5a})NR^5–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl);

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–NR^5–C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)–*;

–C(=O)–*;

–C(=O)–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–C(=O)N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)N(R^5)–*;

–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)R^5;

–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)CO_2R^5;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5C(=NR^{5a})R^5;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_8 alkyldiyl)–NR^5(C_2-C_5 heteroaryl);

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–N(R^5)$_2$;

–N(R^5)–*;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)R^5$;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)$–*;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)_2$;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)$–*;

–$N(R^5)CO_2R^5$;

–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)_2$;

–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$–*;

–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})R^5$;

–$N(R^5)$–(C_2-C_5 heteroaryl);

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyl);

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*; and

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–OH;

or R^2 and R^3 together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

X^1, X^2, X^3, and X^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a bond, C(=O), $C(=O)N(R^5)$, O, $N(R^5)$, S, $S(O)_2$, and $S(O)_2N(R^5)$;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of H, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl, C_1-C_{12} alkyl, and C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl, or two R^5 groups together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

R^{5a} is selected from the group consisting of C_6-C_{20} aryl and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl;

where the asterisk * indicates the attachment site of L, and where one of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 is attached to L;

L is the linker selected from the group consisting of:

–C(=O)–(PEG)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–O–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–$C(=O)N(R^5)$–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–$C(=O)N(R^5)$–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)C(=O)$–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–$C(=O)N(R^5)$–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–(MCgluc)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–N^+(R^5)$_2$–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–OC(=O)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–;

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–C(=O);

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

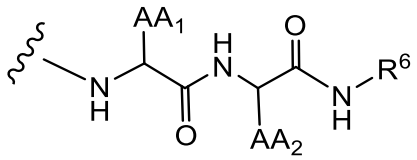
–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–; and

–(succinimidyl)–(CH_2)$_m$–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

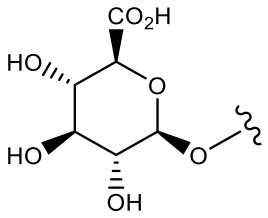
PEG has the formula: –(CH_2CH_2O)$_n$–(CH_2)$_m$–; m is an integer from 1 to 5, and n is an integer from 2 to 50;

PEP has the formula:



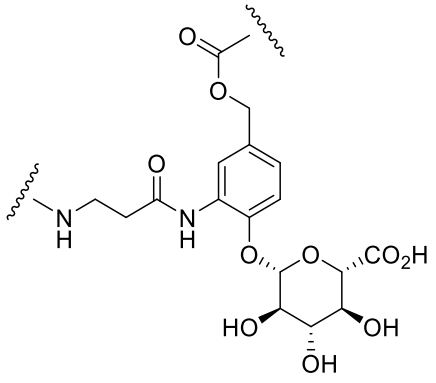
where AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from an amino acid side chain, or AA_1 or AA_2 and an adjacent nitrogen atom form a 5-membered ring proline amino acid, and the wavy line indicates a point of attachment;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl, substituted with –CH_2O–C(=O)– and optionally with:

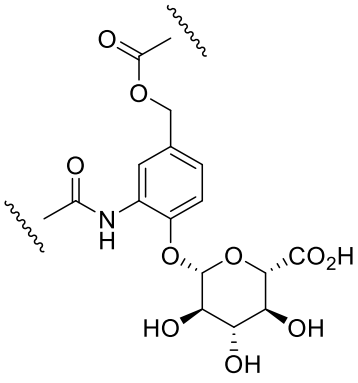


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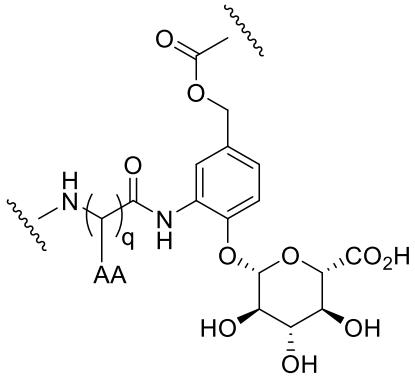
MCgluc is selected from the groups:



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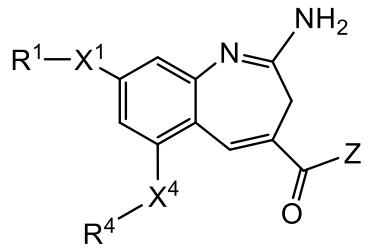


where q is 1 to 8, and AA is an amino acid side chain; and

alkyl, alkyldiyl, alkenyl, alkenyldiyl, alkynyl, alkynyldiyl, aryl, aryldiyl, carbocyclyl, carbocyclyldiyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyldiyl, heteroaryl, and heteroaryldiyl are independently and optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, $–CH_3$, $–CH_2CH_3$, $–CH=CH_2$, $–C\equiv CH$, $–C\equiv CCH_3$, $–CH_2CH_2CH_3$, $–CH(CH_3)_2$, $–CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $–CH_2OH$, $–CH_2OCH_3$, $–CH_2CH_2OH$, $–C(CH_3)_2OH$, $–CH(OH)CH(CH_3)_2$, $–C(CH_3)_2CH_2OH$, $–CH_2CH_2SO_2CH_3$, $–CH_2OP(O)(OH)_2$, $–CH_2F$, $–CHF_2$, $–CF_3$, $–CH_2CF_3$, $–CH_2CHF_2$, $–CH(CH_3)CN$, $–C(CH_3)_2CN$, $–CH_2CN$, $–CH_2NH_2$, $–CH_2NHSO_2CH_3$, $–CH_2NHCH_3$, $–CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $–CO_2H$, $–COCH_3$, $–CO_2CH_3$, $–CO_2C(CH_3)_3$, $–COCH(OH)CH_3$, $–CONH_2$, $–CONHCH_3$, $–CON(CH_3)_2$, $–C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, $–NH_2$, $–NHCH_3$, $–N(CH_3)_2$, $–NHCOCH_3$, $–N(CH_3)COCH_3$, $–NHS(O)_2CH_3$, $–N(CH_3)C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, $–N(CH_3)CH_2CH_2S(O)_2CH_3$, $–NHC(=NH)H$, $–NHC(=NH)CH_3$, $–NHC(=NH)NH_2$, $–NHC(=O)NH_2$, $–NO_2$, =O, –OH, $–OCH_3$,

$-OCH_2CH_3$, $-OCH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $-OCH_2CH_2OH$, $-OCH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $-O(CH_2CH_2O)_n-(CH_2)_mCO_2H$, $-O(CH_2CH_2O)_nH$, $-OP(O)(OH)_2$, $-S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, $-SCH_3$, $-S(O)_2CH_3$, and $-S(O)_3H$.

In another aspect, there is provided an aminobenzazepine-linker compound of Formula II:



II

wherein

Z is selected from H, $-O(C_1\text{-}C_8$ alkyl), and $N(X^2R^2)(X^3R^3)$;

R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, $C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyl, $C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkenyl, $C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkynyl, $C_3\text{-}C_{12}$ carbocyclyl, $C_6\text{-}C_{20}$ aryl, $C_2\text{-}C_9$ heterocyclyl, and $C_1\text{-}C_{20}$ heteroaryl, where alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, and heteroaryl are independently and optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from:

$-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-N(R^5)-*$;

$-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-N(R^5)_2$;

$-(C_3\text{-}C_{12}$ carbocyclyl$)$;

$-(C_3\text{-}C_{12}$ carbocyclyl$)-*$;

$-(C_3\text{-}C_{12}$ carbocyclyl$)-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-NR^5-*$;

$-(C_3\text{-}C_{12}$ carbocyclyl$)-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-N(R^5)_2$;

$-(C_3\text{-}C_{12}$ carbocyclyl$)-NR^5-C(=NR^5)NR^5-*$;

$-(C_6\text{-}C_{20}$ aryl$)$;

$-(C_6\text{-}C_{20}$ aryl$)-*$;

$-(C_6\text{-}C_{20}$ aryldiyl$)-N(R^5)-*$;

$-(C_6\text{-}C_{20}$ aryldiyl$)-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-N(R^5)-*$;

$-(C_6\text{-}C_{20}$ aryldiyl$)-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-N(R^5)_2$;

$-(C_6\text{-}C_{20}$ aryldiyl$)-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-NR^5-C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)-*$;

$-(C_2\text{-}C_{20}$ heterocyclyl$)$;

$-(C_2\text{-}C_{20}$ heterocyclyl$)-*$;

$-(C_2\text{-}C_9$ heterocyclyl$)-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-NR^5-*$;

$-(C_2\text{-}C_9$ heterocyclyl$)-(C_1\text{-}C_{12}$ alkyldiyl$)-N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–NR^5–C(=NR^{5a})NR^5–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl);

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–NR^5–C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)–*;

–C(=O)–*;

–C(=O)–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–C(=O)N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)N(R^5)–*;

–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)R^5;

–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)CO_2R^5;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5C(=NR^{5a})R^5;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_8 alkyldiyl)–NR^5(C_2-C_5 heteroaryl);

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–N(R^5)$_2$;

–N(R^5)–*;

–N(R^5)C(=O)R^5;

–N(R^5)C(=O)–*;

–N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)$_2$;

–N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)–*;

–N(R^5)CO_2R^5;

–NR^5C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$_2$;

–NR^5C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)–*;

–NR^5C(=NR^{5a})R^5;

–N(R^5)–(C_2-C_5 heteroaryl);

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyl);

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–S(=O)$_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–S(=O)$_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–S(=O)$_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*; and

–S(=O)$_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–OH;

or R^2 and R^3 together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

X^1, X^2, X^3, and X^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a bond, C(=O), C(=O)N(R^5), O, N(R^5), S, S(O)$_2$, and S(O)$_2$N(R^5);

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of H, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl, C_1-C_{12} alkyl, and C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl, or two R^5 groups together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

R^{5a} is selected from the group consisting of C_6-C_{20} aryl and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl;

where the asterisk * indicates the attachment site of L, and where one of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 is attached to L;

L is the linker selected from the group consisting of:

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–O–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–(MCgluc)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–N^+(R^5)$_2$–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–OC(=O)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–;

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–C(=O);

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

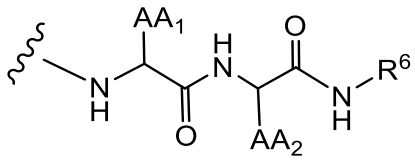
Q–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

Q–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–; and

Q–$(CH_2)_m$–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

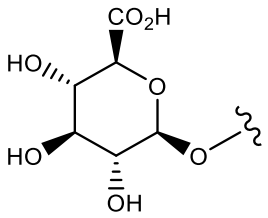
where PEG has the formula:–$(CH_2CH_2O)_n$–$(CH_2)_m$–; m is an integer from 1 to 5, and n is an integer from 2 to 50;

PEP has the formula:



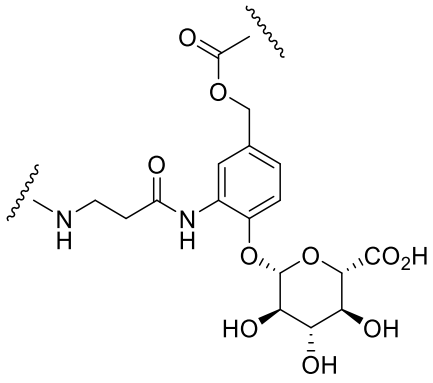
where AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from an amino acid side chain, or AA_1 or AA_2 and an adjacent nitrogen atom form a 5-membered ring proline amino acid, and the wavy line indicates a point of attachment and;

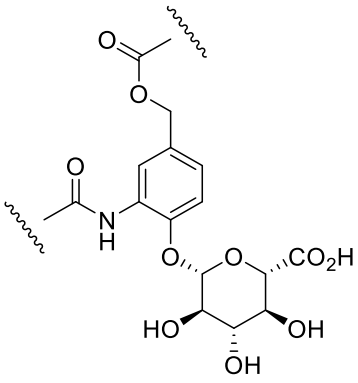
R^6 is selected from the group consisting of C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl, substituted with –CH_2O–C(=O)– and optionally with:

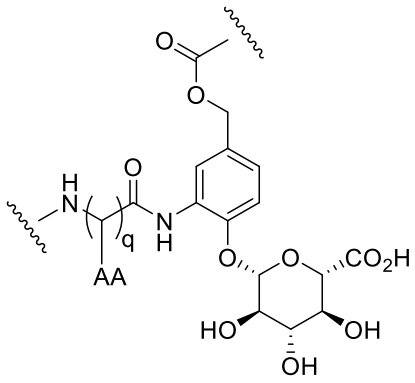


; and

MCgluc is selected from the groups:



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; and


where q is 1 to 8, and AA is an amino acid side chain; and

Q is selected from the group consisting of N-hydroxysuccinimidyl, N-hydroxysulfosuccinimidyl, maleimide, and phenoxy substituted with one or more groups independently selected from F, Cl, NO_2, and SO_3^-;

where alkyl, alkyldiyl, alkenyl, alkenyldiyl, alkynyl, alkynyldiyl, aryl, aryldiyl carbocyclyl, carbocyclyldiyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyldiyl, heteroaryl, and heteroaryldiyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, –CH_3, –CH_2CH_3, –$CH{=}CH_2$, –C≡CH, –C≡CCH_3, –$CH_2CH_2CH_3$, –$CH(CH_3)_2$, –$CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, –CH_2OH, –CH_2OCH_3, –CH_2CH_2OH, –$C(CH_3)_2OH$, –$CH(OH)CH(CH_3)_2$, –$C(CH_3)_2CH_2OH$, –$CH_2CH_2SO_2CH_3$, –$CH_2OP(O)(OH)_2$, –CH_2F, –CHF_2, –CF_3, –CH_2CF_3, –CH_2CHF_2, –$CH(CH_3)CN$, –$C(CH_3)_2CN$, –CH_2CN, –CH_2NH_2, –$CH_2NHSO_2CH_3$, –CH_2NHCH_3, –$CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, –CO_2H, –$COCH_3$, –CO_2CH_3, –$CO_2C(CH_3)_3$, –$COCH(OH)CH_3$, –$CONH_2$, –$CONHCH_3$, –$CON(CH_3)_2$, –$C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, –NH_2, –$NHCH_3$, –$N(CH_3)_2$, –$NHCOCH_3$, –$N(CH_3)COCH_3$, –$NHS(O)_2CH_3$, –$N(CH_3)C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, –$N(CH_3)CH_2CH_2S(O)_2CH_3$, –NHC(=NH)H, –$NHC(=NH)CH_3$, –$NHC(=NH)NH_2$, –$NHC(=O)NH_2$, –$NO_2$, =O, –OH, –$OCH_3$, –$OCH_2CH_3$, –$OCH_2CH_2OCH_3$, –$OCH_2CH_2OH$, –$OCH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, –$O(CH_2CH_2O)_n$–

$(CH_2)_mCO_2H$, $-O(CH_2CH_2O)_nH$, $-OP(O)(OH)_2$, $-S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, $-SCH_3$, $-S(O)_2CH_3$, and $-S(O)_3H$.

In another aspect, there is provided an immunoconjugate prepared by conjugation of an antibody with an aminobenzazepine-linker compound as defined above.

In another aspect, there is provided a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an immunoconjugate as defined above and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, vehicle, carrier or excipient.

In another aspect, there is provided the use of an immunoconjugate as defined above for treating cancer, wherein the cancer is selected from bladder cancer, urinary tract cancer, urothelial carcinoma, lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, Merkel cell carcinoma, colon cancer, colorectal cancer, gastric cancer, and breast cancer.

In another aspect, there is provided a method of preparing an immunoconjugate of Formula I as defined above wherein an aminobenzazepine-linker compound of Formula II as defined above is conjugated with the antibody.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A-D show heavy chain and light chain CDRs of PD-L1 Type A binding agents 1-42.

Figures 2A-D show first (HFW1), second (HFW2), third (HFW3), and fourth (HFW4) heavy chain framework region polypeptides of PD-L1 Type A binding agents 1-42.

Figures 3A-D show first (LFW1), second (LFW2), third (LFW3), and fourth (LFW4) light chain framework region polypeptides of PD-L1 Type A binding agents 1-42.

Figures 4 A-D show heavy chain variable region (VH) of PD-L1 Type A binding agents 1-42.

Figures 4 E-G show light chain variable region (VL) of PD-L1 Type A binding agents 1-42.

Figures 5A-B show heavy chain and light chain CDRs of PD-L1 Type B binding agents 1-21.

Figures 6A-B show first (HFW1), second (HFW2), third (HFW3), and fourth (HFW4) heavy chain framework region polypeptides of PD-L1 Type B binding agents 1-21.

Figures 7A-B show first (LFW1), second (LFW2), third (LFW3), and fourth (LFW4) light chain framework region polypeptides of PD-L1 Type B binding agents 1-21.

Figures 8A-B show heavy chain variable region (VH) of PD-L1 Type B binding agents 1-21.

Figures 8C-D show light chain variable region (VL) of PD-L1 Type B binding agents 1-21.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Reference will now be made in detail to certain embodiments of the invention, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying structures and formulas. While the invention will be described in conjunction with the enumerated embodiments, it will be understood that they are not intended to limit the invention to those embodiments. On the contrary, the invention is

CLAIMS:

1. An immunoconjugate comprising an antibody covalently attached to one or more aminobenzazepine moieties by a linker, and having Formula I:

$$Ab–[L–Bza]_p \qquad I$$

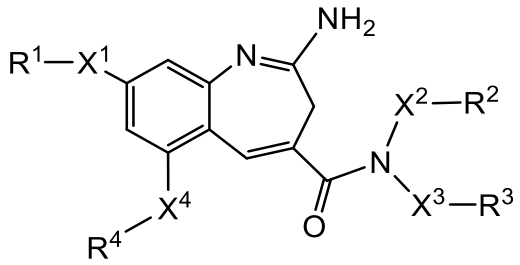
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

Ab is the antibody;

p is an integer from 1 to 8;

Bza is the aminobenzazepine moiety having the formula:



R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_{12} alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl, and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl, where alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, and heteroaryl are independently and optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from:

–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl);

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–*;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–NR^5–C(=NR^5)NR^5–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryl);

–(C_6-C_{20} aryl)–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)–*;

–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl);

–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl)–*;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–NR^5–$C(=NR^{5a})NR^5$–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl);

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–NR^5–$C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$–*;

–C(=O)–*;

–C(=O)–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–$C(=O)N(R^5)_2$;

–C(=O)$N(R^5)$–*;

–C(=O)$N(R^5)$–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)C(=O)R^5$;

–C(=O)$N(R^5)$–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)CO_2R^5$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})R^5$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_8 alkyldiyl)–NR^5(C_2-C_5 heteroaryl);

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–$N(R^5)_2$;

–$N(R^5)$–*;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)R^5$;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)$–*;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)_2$;

–$N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)$–*;

–$N(R^5)CO_2R^5$;

–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)_2$;

–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$–*;

–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})R^5$;

–$N(R^5)$–(C_2-C_5 heteroaryl);

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyl);

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*; and

–$S(=O)_2$–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–OH;

or R^2 and R^3 together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

X^1, X^2, X^3, and X^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a bond, C(=O), C(=O)$N(R^5)$, O, $N(R^5)$, S, $S(O)_2$, and $S(O)_2N(R^5)$;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of H, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl, C_1-C_{12} alkyl, and C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl, or two R^5 groups together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

R^{5a} is selected from the group consisting of C_6-C_{20} aryl and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl;

where the asterisk * indicates the attachment site of L, and where one of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 is attached to L;

L is the linker selected from the group consisting of:

–C(=O)–(PEG)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–O–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–(MCgluc)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–$N^+(R^5)_2$–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–OC(=O)–;

–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–;

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–C(=O);

–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

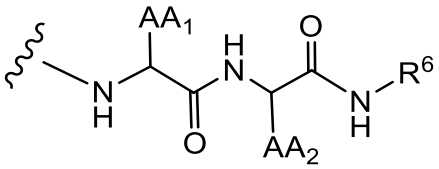
–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–; and

–(succinimidyl)–$(CH_2)_m$–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

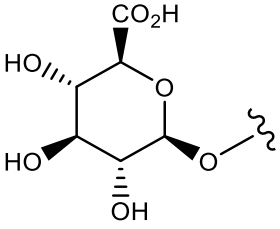
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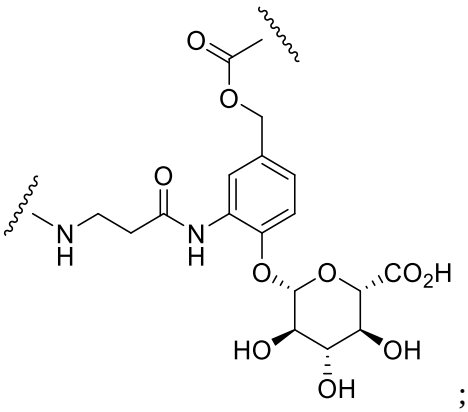
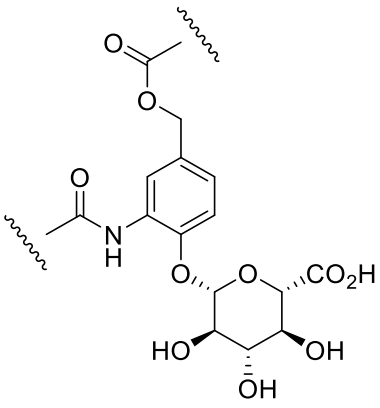
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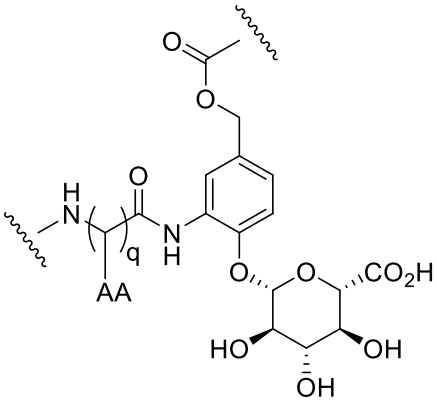
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; and

MCgluc is selected from the groups:



; ; and



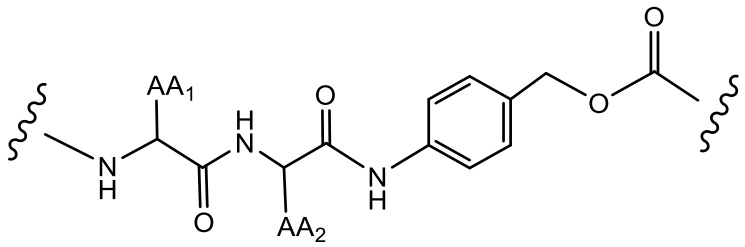
where q is 1 to 8, and AA is an amino acid side chain; and

alkyl, alkyldiyl, alkenyl, alkenyldiyl, alkynyl, alkynyldiyl, aryl, aryldiyl, carbocyclyl, carbocyclyldiyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyldiyl, heteroaryl, and heteroaryldiyl are independently and optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, $–CH_3$, $–CH_2CH_3$, $–CH=CH_2$, $–C≡CH$, $–C≡CCH_3$, $–CH_2CH_2CH_3$, $–CH(CH_3)_2$, $–CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $–CH_2OH$, $–CH_2OCH_3$, $–CH_2CH_2OH$, $–C(CH_3)_2OH$, $–CH(OH)CH(CH_3)_2$, $–C(CH_3)_2CH_2OH$, $–CH_2CH_2SO_2CH_3$, $–CH_2OP(O)(OH)_2$, $–CH_2F$, $–CHF_2$, $–CF_3$, $–CH_2CF_3$, $–CH_2CHF_2$, $–CH(CH_3)CN$, $–C(CH_3)_2CN$, $–CH_2CN$, $–CH_2NH_2$, $–CH_2NHSO_2CH_3$, $–CH_2NHCH_3$, $–CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $–CO_2H$, $–COCH_3$, $–CO_2CH_3$, $–CO_2C(CH_3)_3$, $–COCH(OH)CH_3$, $–CONH_2$, $–CONHCH_3$, $–CON(CH_3)_2$, $–C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, $–NH_2$, $–NHCH_3$, $–N(CH_3)_2$, $–NHCOCH_3$, $–N(CH_3)COCH_3$, $–NHS(O)_2CH_3$, $–N(CH_3)C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, $–N(CH_3)CH_2CH_2S(O)_2CH_3$, $–NHC(=NH)H$, $–NHC(=NH)CH_3$, $–NHC(=NH)NH_2$, $–NHC(=O)NH_2$, $–NO_2$, =O, $–OH$, $–OCH_3$, $–OCH_2CH_3$, $–OCH_2CH_2OCH_3$, $–OCH_2CH_2OH$, $–OCH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, $–O(CH_2CH_2O)_n–(CH_2)_mCO_2H$, $–O(CH_2CH_2O)_nH$, $–OP(O)(OH)_2$, $–S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, $–SCH_3$, $–S(O)_2CH_3$, and $–S(O)_3H$.

2. The immunoconjugate of claim 1 wherein the antibody is an antibody construct that has an antigen binding domain that binds a target selected from PD-L1, HER2, and CEA.

3. The immunoconjugate of claim 2 wherein the antibody is selected from the group consisting of atezolizumab, durvalumab, avelumab, trastuzumab, pertuzumab, and labetuzumab or a biosimilar or a biobetter thereof.

4. The immunoconjugate of any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein PEP has the formula:



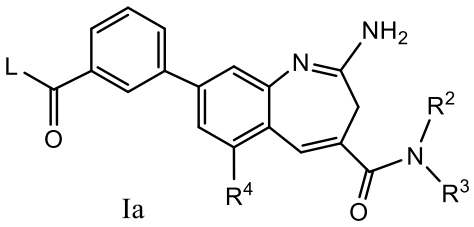
wherein AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from a side chain of a naturally-occurring amino acid.

5. The immunoconjugate of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from H, $-CH_3$, $-CH(CH_3)_2$, $-CH_2(C_6H_5)$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(NH)NH_2$, $-CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, $-CH_2SO_3H$, and $-CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(O)NH_2$.

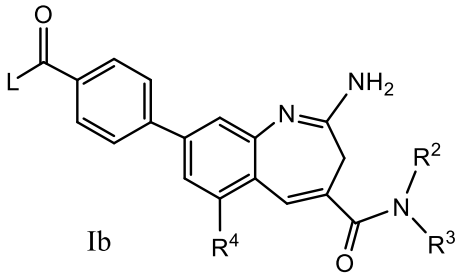
6. The immunoconjugate of claim 5 wherein AA_1 is $-CH(CH_3)_2$, and AA_2 is $-CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(O)NH_2$.

7. The immunoconjugate of any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from GlcNAc aspartic acid, $-CH_2SO_3H$, and $-CH_2OPO_3H$.

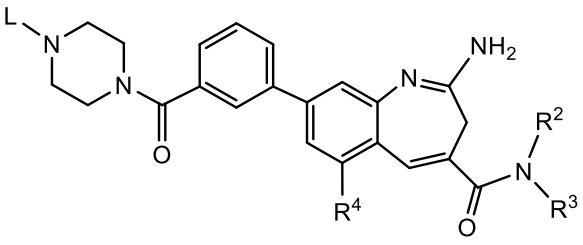
8. The immunoconjugate of any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein Bza is selected from Formulas Ia-h:



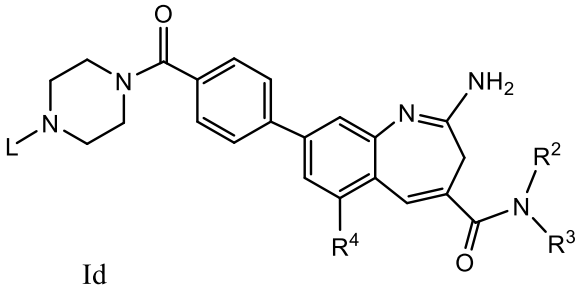
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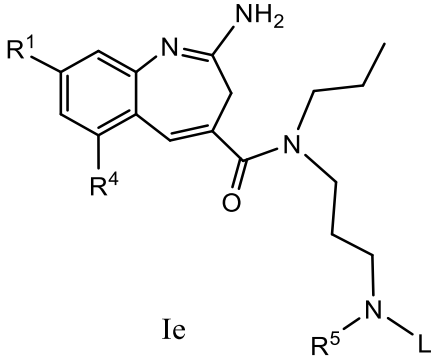
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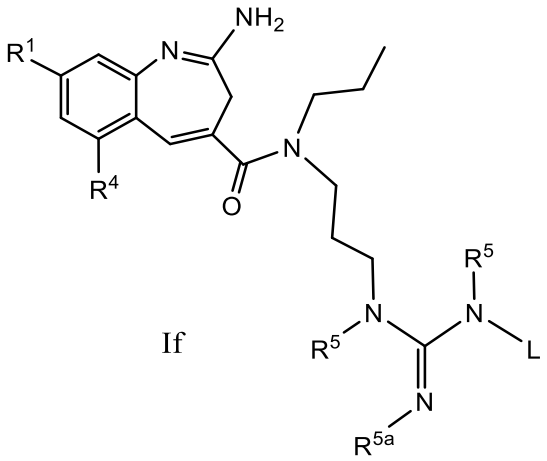
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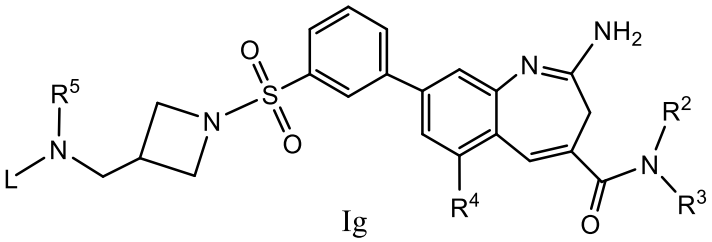


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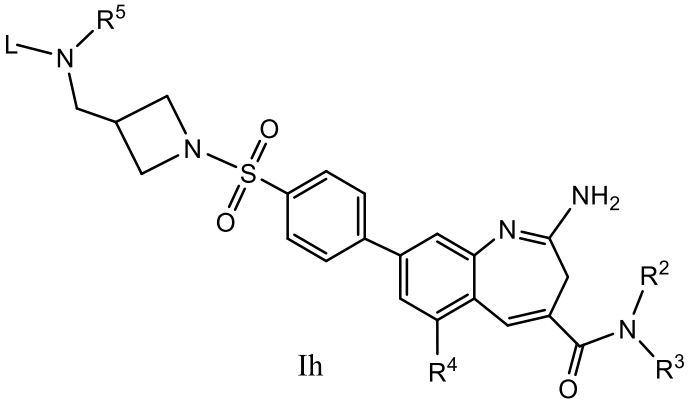


If

where R^{5a} of Formula If is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl, optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, $–NO_2$ and $–OCH_3$;



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Ih .

9. The immunoconjugate of claim 8 wherein L is –C(=O)–(PEG)– or –C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–.

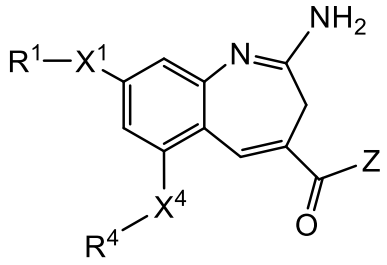
10. The immunoconjugate of claim 9 wherein R^2 and R^3 are each C_1-C_8 alkyl.

11. The immunoconjugate of claim 10 wherein R^2 and R^3 are each $–CH_2CH_2CH_3$.

12. The immunoconjugate of claim 1 wherein X^2 and X^3 are each a bond, and R^2 or R^3 is –O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyl).

13. The immunoconjugate of claim 12 wherein R^2 or R^3 is $–OCH_2CH_3$.

14. An aminobenzazepine-linker compound of Formula II:



II

wherein

Z is selected from H, –O(C_1-C_8 alkyl), and $N(X^2R^2)(X^3R^3)$;

R^1, R^2, R^3, and R^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, C_1-C_{12} alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl, C_6-C_{20} aryl, C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl, and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl, where alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, carbocyclyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, and heteroaryl are independently and optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from:

–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl);

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–*;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_3-C_{12} carbocyclyl)–NR^5–$C(=NR^5)NR^5$–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryl);

–(C_6-C_{20} aryl)–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–$C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$–*;

–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl);

–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyl)–*;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_2-C_9 heterocyclyl)–NR^5–$C(=NR^{5a})NR^5$–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl);

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)_2$;

–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryl)–NR^5–$C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$–*;

–C(=O)–*;

–C(=O)–(C_2-C_{20} heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–$C(=O)N(R^5)_2$;

–C(=O)$N(R^5)$–*;

–C(=O)$N(R^5)$–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)C(=O)R^5$;

–C(=O)$N(R^5)$–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)CO_2R^5$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$N(R^5)C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–$NR^5C(=NR^{5a})R^5$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_8 alkyldiyl)–NR^5(C_2-C_5 heteroaryl);

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–$N(R^5)$–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–*;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C$_1$-C$_{20}$ heteroaryldiyl)–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–C(=O)NR^5–(C$_1$-C$_{20}$ heteroaryldiyl)–(C$_2$-C$_{20}$ heterocyclyldiyl)–C(=O)NR^5–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*;

–N(R^5)$_2$;

–N(R^5)–*;

–N(R^5)C(=O)R^5;

–N(R^5)C(=O)–*;

–N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)$_2$;

–N(R^5)C(=O)N(R^5)–*;

–N(R^5)CO$_2$R^5;

–NR^{5}C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)$_2$;

–NR^{5}C(=NR^{5a})N(R^5)–*;

–NR^{5}C(=NR^{5a})R^5;

–N(R^5)–(C$_2$-C$_5$ heteroaryl);

–O–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyl);

–O–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–O–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–*;

–S(=O)$_2$–(C$_2$-C$_{20}$ heterocyclyldiyl)–*;

–S(=O)$_2$–(C$_2$-C$_{20}$ heterocyclyldiyl)–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)$_2$;

–S(=O)$_2$–(C$_2$-C$_{20}$ heterocyclyldiyl)–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl)–NR^5–*; and

–S(=O)$_2$–(C$_2$-C$_{20}$ heterocyclyldiyl)–(C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl)–OH;

or R^2 and R^3 together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

X^1, X^2, X^3, and X^4 are independently selected from the group consisting of a bond, C(=O), C(=O)N(R^5), O, N(R^5), S, S(O)$_2$, and S(O)$_2$N(R^5);

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of H, C$_6$-C$_{20}$ aryl, C$_6$-C$_{20}$ aryldiyl, C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyl, and C$_1$-C$_{12}$ alkyldiyl, or two R^5 groups together form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl ring;

R^{5a} is selected from the group consisting of C$_6$-C$_{20}$ aryl and C$_1$-C$_{20}$ heteroaryl;

where the asterisk * indicates the attachment site of L, and where one of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 is attached to L;

L is the linker selected from the group consisting of:

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–O–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–(MCgluc)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–N(R^5)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–N^+(R^5)$_2$–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–N(R^5)CH(AA_1)C(=O)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–OC(=O)–;

Q–C(=O)–(PEG)–SS–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–;

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–;

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–;

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)–C(=O);

Q–C(=O)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

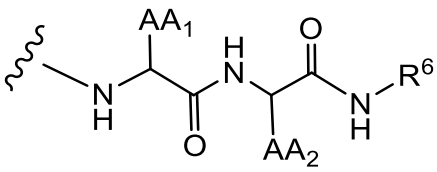
Q–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–;

Q–C(=O)–$CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$–(C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl)–CH_2O–(PEG)–C(=O)–(MCgluc)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–; and

Q–(CH_2)$_m$–C(=O)–(PEP)–N(R^5)–(C_1-C_{12} alkyldiyl)–N(R^5)C(=O)–(C_2-C_5 monoheterocyclyldiyl)–;

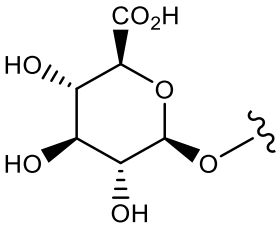
where PEG has the formula:–(CH_2CH_2O)$_n$–(CH_2)$_m$–; m is an integer from 1 to 5, and n is an integer from 2 to 50;

PEP has the formula:



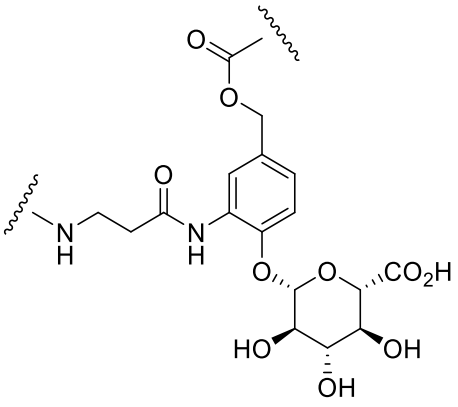
where AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from an amino acid side chain, or AA_1 or AA_2 and an adjacent nitrogen atom form a 5-membered ring proline amino acid, and the wavy line indicates a point of attachment and;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of C_6-C_{20} aryldiyl and C_1-C_{20} heteroaryldiyl, substituted with $–CH_2O–C(=O)–$ and optionally with:

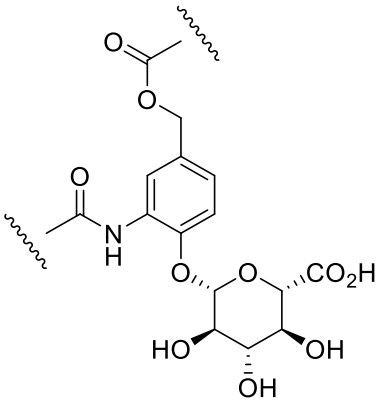


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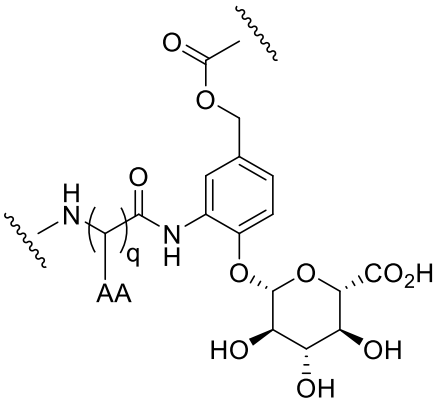
MCgluc is selected from the groups:



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; and

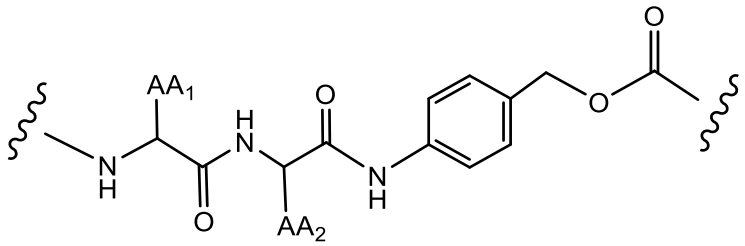


where q is 1 to 8, and AA is an amino acid side chain; and

Q is selected from the group consisting of N-hydroxysuccinimidyl, N-hydroxysulfosuccinimidyl, maleimide, and phenoxy substituted with one or more groups independently selected from F, Cl, NO_2, and SO_3^-;

where alkyl, alkyldiyl, alkenyl, alkenyldiyl, alkynyl, alkynyldiyl, aryl, aryldiyl carbocyclyl, carbocyclyldiyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyldiyl, heteroaryl, and heteroaryldiyl are optionally substituted with one or more groups independently selected from F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, –CH_3, –CH_2CH_3, –$CH{=}CH_2$, –C≡CH, –C≡CCH_3, –$CH_2CH_2CH_3$, –$CH(CH_3)_2$, –$CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, –CH_2OH, –CH_2OCH_3, –CH_2CH_2OH, –$C(CH_3)_2OH$, –$CH(OH)CH(CH_3)_2$, –$C(CH_3)_2CH_2OH$, –$CH_2CH_2SO_2CH_3$, –$CH_2OP(O)(OH)_2$, –CH_2F, –CHF_2, –CF_3, –CH_2CF_3, –CH_2CHF_2, –$CH(CH_3)CN$, –$C(CH_3)_2CN$, –CH_2CN, –CH_2NH_2, –$CH_2NHSO_2CH_3$, –CH_2NHCH_3, –$CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, –CO_2H, –$COCH_3$, –CO_2CH_3, –$CO_2C(CH_3)_3$, –$COCH(OH)CH_3$, –$CONH_2$, –$CONHCH_3$, –$CON(CH_3)_2$, –$C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, –NH_2, –$NHCH_3$, –$N(CH_3)_2$, –$NHCOCH_3$, –$N(CH_3)COCH_3$, –$NHS(O)_2CH_3$, –$N(CH_3)C(CH_3)_2CONH_2$, –$N(CH_3)CH_2CH_2S(O)_2CH_3$, –NHC(=NH)H, –$NHC(=NH)CH_3$, –$NHC(=NH)NH_2$, –$NHC(=O)NH_2$, –$NO_2$, =O, –OH, –$OCH_3$, –$OCH_2CH_3$, –$OCH_2CH_2OCH_3$, –$OCH_2CH_2OH$, –$OCH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$, –$O(CH_2CH_2O)_n$–$(CH_2)_mCO_2H$, –$O(CH_2CH_2O)_nH$, –$OP(O)(OH)_2$, –$S(O)_2N(CH_3)_2$, –$SCH_3$, –$S(O)_2CH_3$, and –$S(O)_3H$.

15. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 14 wherein PEP has the formula:



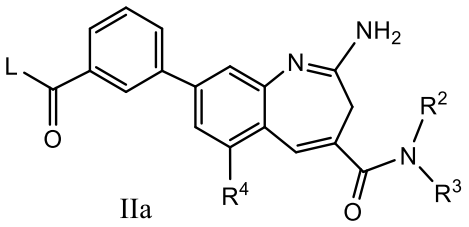
wherein AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from a side chain of a naturally-occurring amino acid.

16. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 14 or 15 wherein AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from H, –CH_3, –$CH(CH_3)_2$, –$CH_2(C_6H_5)$, –$CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$, –$CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(NH)NH_2$, –$CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$, –CH_2SO_3H, and –$CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(O)NH_2$.

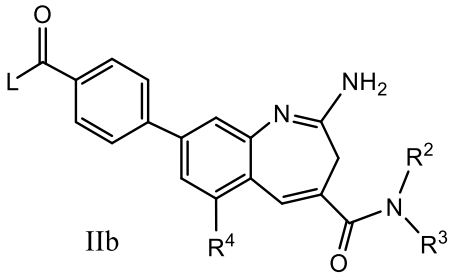
17. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 16 wherein AA_1 is –$CH(CH_3)_2$, and AA_2 is –$CH_2CH_2CH_2NHC(O)NH_2$.

18. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 14 or 15 wherein AA_1 and AA_2 are independently selected from GlcNAc aspartic acid, –CH_2SO_3H, and –CH_2OPO_3H.

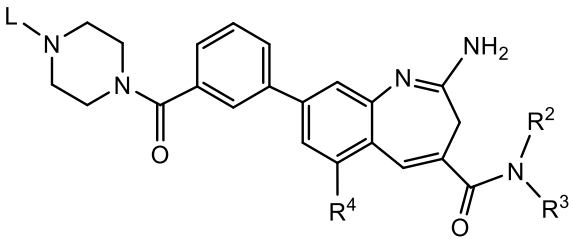
19. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 14 or 15 selected from Formulas IIa-h:



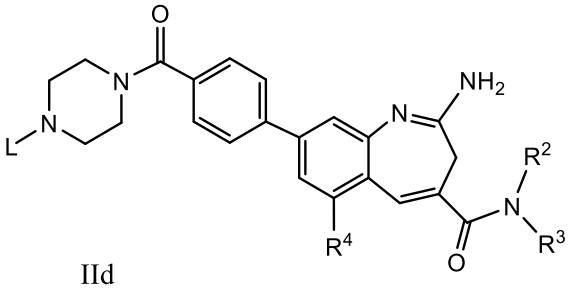
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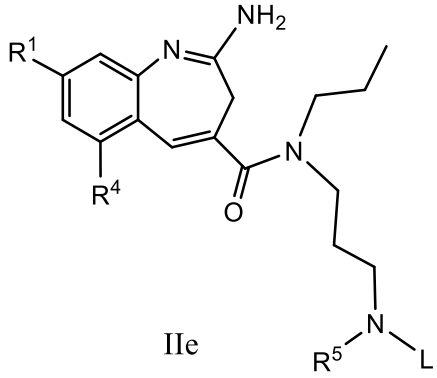
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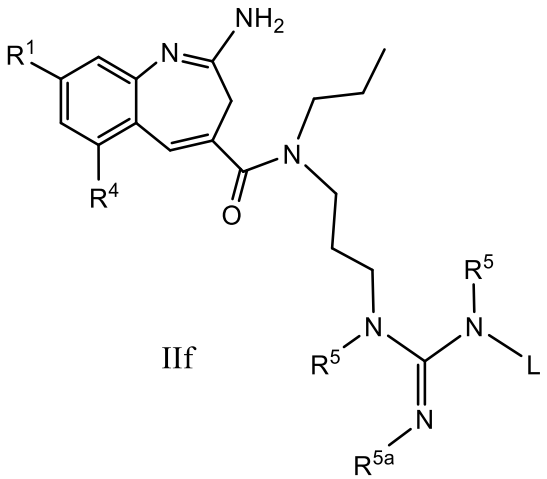
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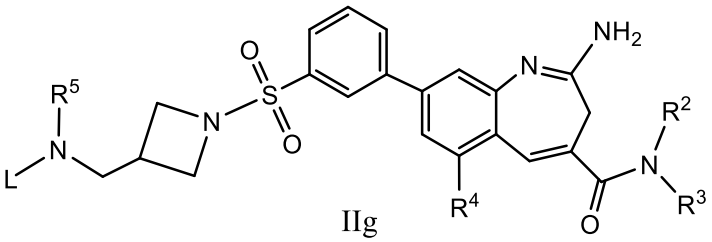


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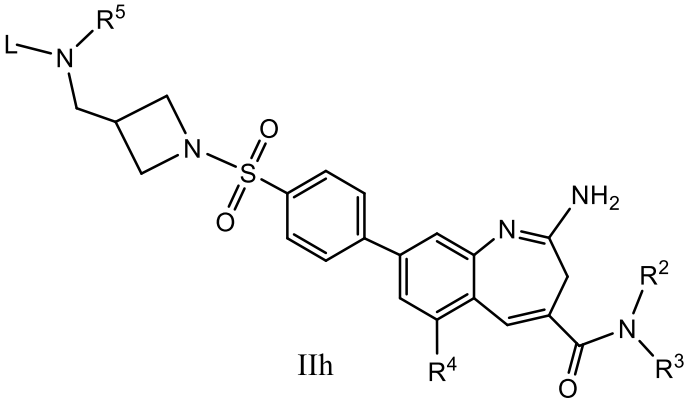


IIf

where R^{5a} of Formula If is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl, optionally substituted with one or more groups selected from F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, $–NO_2$ and $–OCH_3$;



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IIh .

20. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 19 wherein L is –C(=O)–(PEG)–C(=O)–(PEP)–.

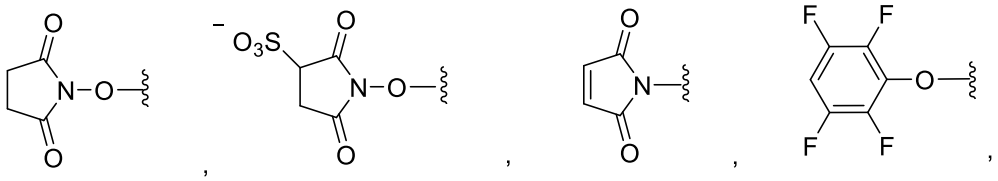
21. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of any one of claims 14 to 20 wherein R^2 and R^3 are each C_1-C_8 alkyl.

22. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 21 wherein R^2 and R^3 are each $–CH_2CH_2CH_3$.

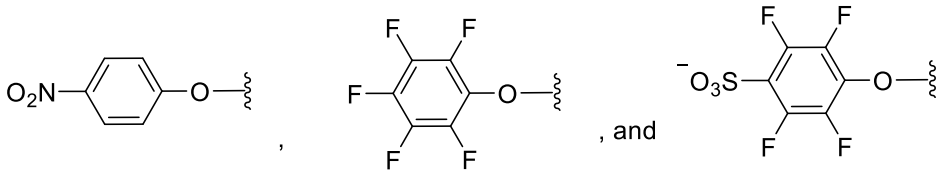
23. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 22 wherein X^2 and X^3 are each a bond, and R^2 or R^3 is –O–(C_1-C_{12} alkyl).

24. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 23 wherein R^2 or R^3 is $–OCH_2CH_3$.

25. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 14 or 15 wherein Q is selected from:



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, , and .

26. The aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 14 selected from Table 2a, Table 2b, and Table 2c.

27. An immunoconjugate prepared by conjugation of an antibody with an aminobenzazepine-linker compound of claim 26.

28. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an immunoconjugate according to any one of claims 1-13 and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, vehicle, carrier or excipient.

29. Use of an immunoconjugate according to any one of claims 1-13 for treating cancer, wherein the cancer is selected from bladder cancer, urinary tract cancer, urothelial carcinoma, lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, Merkel cell carcinoma, colon cancer, colorectal cancer, gastric cancer, and breast cancer.

30. A method of preparing an immunoconjugate of Formula I of claim 1 wherein an aminobenzazepine-linker compound of Formula II of claim 14 is conjugated with the antibody.