

HEAVY CHAIN ANTIBODIES BINDING TO FOLATE RECEPTOR ALPHA

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims priority benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 63/115,436, filed on November 18, 2020, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

SEQUENCE LISTING

[0001.1] The instant application contains a Sequence Listing which has been submitted electronically in ASCII format and is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Said ASCII copy, created on November 16, 2021, is named 60792_00043WO01_(TNO-0026-WO)_SL.txt and is 152,130 bytes in size.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The present invention concerns human heavy chain antibodies (e.g., UniAbs™) binding to Folate Receptor Alpha (FOLR1). The invention further concerns methods of making such antibodies, compositions, including pharmaceutical compositions, comprising such antibodies, and their use to treat disorders that are characterized by the expression of FOLR1.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Folate Receptor Alpha (FOLR1)

[0003] FOLR1, also known as FR α (UniProt P15328; HGNC ID 3791), is a glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI)-linked membrane protein that binds to folate and reduced folic acid derivatives and mediates intracellular delivery of 5-methyltetrahydrofolate. FOLR1 has a 210 amino acid extracellular domain (ECD) that has a high affinity for folate at neutral pH. Upon internalization, acidic pH causes FOLR1 to undergo a conformational change that reduces the affinity of FOLR1 for folate, mediating release of folate, followed by recycling of FOLR1 to the cell surface. Wibowo AS et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*. 2013 Sep 17;110(38):15180-8. FOLR1 is overexpressed in many solid tumor types including ovarian, breast, lung, renal, colorectal, and brain, yet FOLR1 expression on normal healthy tissue such as the kidney, lung, retina, and brain is restricted to the apical surface of epithelium reducing their exposure to FOLR1 targeting agents in circulation and making FOLR1 an attractive therapeutic target. Cheung A et al. *Oncotarget*. 2016 Aug 9;7(32):52553-52574. FOLR1 may also be relevant for imaging and diagnosis of FOLR1 positive tumors, and moreover, soluble FOLR1 is reported to be elevated in patients with ovarian carcinomas. Kurosaki A et al. *Int J Cancer*. 2016 Apr

15;138(8):1994-2002. Several monoclonal antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs), and folate drug conjugates specific to FOLR1 have been described. Cheung A et al. *Oncotarget*. 2016 Aug 9;7(32):52553-52574. In addition, anti-FOLR1 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cells are under investigation to treat ovarian cancer. Kershaw MH et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2006 Oct; 12:6106-15; Song DG et al. *Cancer Res*. 2011 Jul 1;71(13):4617-27.

Heavy Chain Antibodies

- [0004] In a conventional IgG antibody, the association of the heavy chain and light chain is due in part to a hydrophobic interaction between the light chain constant region and the CH1 constant domain of the heavy chain. There are additional residues in the heavy chain framework 2 (FR2) and framework 4 (FR4) regions that also contribute to this hydrophobic interaction between the heavy and light chains.
- [0005] It is known, however, that sera of camelids (sub-order Tylopoda which includes camels, dromedaries and llamas) contain a major type of antibodies composed solely of paired H-chains (heavy-chain only antibodies or UniAbs™). The UniAbs™ of *Camelidae* (*Camelus dromedarius*, *Camelus bactrianus*, *Lama glama*, *Lama guanaco*, *Lama alpaca* and *Lama vicugna*) have a unique structure consisting of a single variable domain (VHH), a hinge region and two constant domains (CH2 and CH3), which are highly homologous to the CH2 and CH3 domains of classical antibodies. These UniAbs™ lack the first domain of the constant region (CH1) which is present in the genome, but is spliced out during mRNA processing. The absence of the CH1 domain explains the absence of the light chain in the UniAbs™, since this domain is the anchoring place for the constant domain of the light chain. Such UniAbs™ naturally evolved to confer antigen-binding specificity and high affinity by three CDRs from conventional antibodies or fragments thereof (Muyldermans, 2001; *J Biotechnol* 74:277–302; Revets et al., 2005; *Expert Opin Biol Ther* 5:111–124). Cartilaginous fish, such as sharks, have also evolved a distinctive type of immunoglobulin, designated as IgNAR, which lacks the light polypeptide chains and is composed entirely by heavy chains. IgNAR molecules can be manipulated by molecular engineering to produce the variable domain of a single heavy chain polypeptide (vNARs) (Nuttall et al. *Eur. J. Biochem.* 270, 3543-3554 (2003); Nuttall et al. *Function and Bioinformatics* 55, 187-197 (2004); Dooley et al., *Molecular Immunology* 40, 25-33 (2003)).
- [0006] The ability of heavy chain-only antibodies devoid of light chain to bind antigen was established in the 1960s (Jaton et al. (1968) *Biochemistry*, 7, 4185-4195). Heavy chain immunoglobulin physically separated from light chain retained 80% of antigen-binding activity relative to the tetrameric antibody. Sitia et al. (1990) *Cell*, 60, 781-790 demonstrated that removal of the CH1 domain from a rearranged mouse μ gene results in the production of a heavy chain-only antibody, devoid of light chain, in mammalian cell culture. The antibodies produced retained VH binding specificity and effector functions.
- [0007] Heavy chain antibodies with a high specificity and affinity can be generated against a variety of antigens through immunization (van der Linden, R. H., et al. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*. 1431, 37-46

(1999)) and the VHH portion can be readily cloned and expressed in yeast (Frenken, L. G. J., *et al. J. Biotechnol.* 78, 11-21 (2000)). Their levels of expression, solubility and stability are significantly higher than those of classical F(ab) or Fv fragments (Ghahroudi, M. A. *et al. FEBS Lett.* 414, 521-526 (1997)).

[0008] Mice in which the λ (lambda) light (L) chain locus and/or the λ and κ (kappa) L chain loci have been functionally silenced and antibodies produced by such mice are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 7,541,513 and 8,367,888. Recombinant production of heavy chain-only antibodies in mice and rats has been reported, for example, in WO2006008548; U.S. Application Publication No. 20100122358; Nguyen *et al.*, 2003, *Immunology*; 109(1), 93-101; Brüggemann *et al.*, *Crit. Rev. Immunol.*; 2006, 26(5):377-90; and Zou *et al.*, 2007, *J Exp Med*; 204(13): 3271–3283. The production of knockout rats via embryo microinjections of zinc-finger nucleases is described in Geurts *et al.*, 2009, *Science*, 325(5939):433. Soluble heavy chain-only antibodies and transgenic rodents comprising a heterologous heavy chain locus producing such antibodies are described in U. S. Patent Nos. 8,883,150 and 9,365,655. CAR-T structures comprising single-domain antibodies as binding (targeting) domain are described, for example, in Iri-Sofla *et al.*, 2011, *Experimental Cell Research* 317:2630-2641 and Jamnani *et al.*, 2014, *Biochim Biophys Acta*, 1840:378-386.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] Aspects of the invention relate to heavy chain antibodies, including, but not limited to, UniAbs™, with binding affinity to FOLR1. Further aspects of the invention relate to methods of making such antibodies, compositions comprising such antibodies, and their use in the treatment of disorders that are characterized by the expression of FOLR1.

[0010] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising a first heavy chain variable region comprising: (a) a CDR1 having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or (b) a CDR2 having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or (c) a CDR3 having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.

[0011] In some embodiments, an antibody further comprises a second heavy chain variable region comprising: (a) a CDR1 having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or (b) a CDR2 having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or (c) a CDR3 having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.

[0012] In some embodiments, said CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 sequences are present in a human framework. In some embodiments, an antibody further comprises a heavy chain constant region sequence in the absence of a CH1 sequence.

[0013] In some embodiments, the first heavy chain variable region comprises: (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the

group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.

[0014] In some embodiments, the second heavy chain variable region comprises: (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.

[0015] In some embodiments, the first heavy chain variable region comprises: (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.

[0016] In some embodiments, the second heavy chain variable region comprises: (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.

[0017] In some embodiments, an antibody comprises: (a) a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19; or (b) a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20.

[0018] In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to any one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 23-74. In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 23-74. In some embodiments, the heavy chain variable region sequence is selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 61 and SEQ ID NO: 72.

[0019] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising a first heavy chain variable region comprising: (a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula: G F X1 F X2 S X3 X4 (SEQ ID NO: 75) where: X1 is N, T, I, or S; X2 is R or S; X3 is F or Y; and X4 is G, S, or T; and (b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula: I S S X1 S X2 X3 I (SEQ ID NO: 76) where: X1 is G or S; X2 is S or T; and X3 is Y, D, T, or S; and (c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula: A R D V T S G I A A G X1 A F N I (SEQ ID NO: 77) where: X1 is A or S, in a monovalent or bivalent format.

[0020] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising a first heavy chain variable region comprising: (a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula: G F X1 F S S Y S (SEQ ID NO: 78) where: X1 is S or T; and (b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula: I X1 X2 S S X3 X4 I (SEQ ID NO: 79) where: X1 is S, T, or D; X2 is S, R, or G; X3 is D or S; and X4 is T or I; and (c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula: A X1 V G L X2 F D Y (SEQ ID NO: 80) where: X1 is S or T; and X2 is D or E, in a monovalent or bivalent format.

[0021] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising: a first heavy chain variable region comprising: (a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula: G F X1 F X2 S X3 X4 (SEQ ID NO:

75) where: X1 is N, T, I, or S; X2 is R or S; X3 is F or Y; and X4 is G, S, or T; and (b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula: I S S X1 S X2 X3 I (SEQ ID NO: 76) where: X1 is G or S; X2 is S or T; and X3 is Y, D, T, or S; and (c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula: A R D V T S G I A A G X1 A F N I (SEQ ID NO: 77) where: X1 is A or S; and a second heavy chain variable region comprising: (a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula: G F X1 F S S Y S (SEQ ID NO: 78) where: X1 is S or T; and (b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula: I X1 X2 S S X3 X4 I (SEQ ID NO: 79) where: X1 is S, T, or D; X2 is S, R, or G; X3 is D or S; and X4 is T or I; and (c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula: A X1 V G L X2 F D Y (SEQ ID NO: 80) where: X1 is S or T; and X2 is D or E.

[0022] In some embodiments, the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the N-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region. In some embodiments, the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the C-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region.

[0023] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising a heavy chain variable region comprising CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences in a human VH framework, wherein the CDR sequences comprise a sequence having two or fewer substitutions in a CDR sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-22.

[0024] In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences in a human VH framework, wherein the CDR sequences are selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-22.

[0025] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising: a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 in a human VH framework.

[0026] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising: a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.

[0027] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising: a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20 in a human VH framework.

[0028] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising: a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20 in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.

[0029] Aspects of the invention include antibodies that bind to FOLR1, comprising: a first heavy chain variable region comprising: a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework; and a second heavy chain variable region comprising: a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework.

[0030] In some embodiments, the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the N-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region. In some embodiments, the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the C-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region. In some embodiments, an antibody is monospecific. In some embodiments, an antibody is multi-specific. In some embodiments, an antibody is bispecific. In some embodiments, an antibody has binding affinity to a CD3 protein and an FOLR1 protein. In some embodiments, an antibody has binding affinity to two different epitopes on the same FOLR1 protein. In some embodiments, an antibody has binding affinity to an effector cell. In some embodiments, an antibody has binding affinity to a T-cell antigen. In some embodiments, an antibody has binding affinity to CD3. In some embodiments, an antibody is in a CAR-T format.

[0031] Aspects of the invention include bispecific antibodies comprising: (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework; (ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and (iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework.

[0032] Aspects of the invention include bispecific antibodies comprising: (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework; (ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and (iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.

[0033] Aspects of the invention include bispecific antibodies comprising: (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework; (ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and (iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework.

[0034] Aspects of the invention include bispecific antibodies comprising: (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework; (ii)

a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and (iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.

[0035] Aspects of the invention include multispecific antibodies comprising: (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework; (ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and (iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, wherein the antigen-binding domain comprises a first and a second antigen-binding region, in a bivalent configuration, wherein: the first antigen-binding region comprises a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework; and the second antigen-binding region comprises a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework.

[0036] In some embodiments, the first antigen-binding region is located nearer to the N-terminus relative to the second antigen-binding region. In some embodiments, the first antigen-binding region is located nearer to the C-terminus relative to the second antigen-binding region. In some embodiments, the first and second antigen-binding regions of the antigen-binding domain of the anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody are connected by a polypeptide linker. In some embodiments, the polypeptide linker is a GS linker. In some embodiments, the GS linker consists of the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 81 or SEQ ID NO: 82.

[0037] Aspects of the invention include pharmaceutical compositions comprising an antibody as described herein.

[0038] Aspects of the invention include methods for the treatment of a disorder characterized by expression of FOLR1, comprising administering to a subject with said disorder an antibody or a pharmaceutical composition as described herein.

[0039] Aspects of the invention include use of an antibody as described herein, in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of a disorder characterized by expression of FOLR1.

[0040] Aspects of the invention include an antibody as described herein, for use in the treatment of a disorder characterized by expression of FOLR1.

[0041] In some embodiments, the disorder is selected from the group consisting of: ovarian cancer, uterine cancers, lung cancer, renal cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, and brain cancer.

[0042] Aspects of the invention include polynucleotides encoding an antibody as described herein, vectors comprising such polypeptides, and cells comprising such vectors.

- [0043] Aspects of the invention include methods of producing an antibody as described herein, comprising growing a cell as described herein under conditions permissive for expression of the antibody, and isolating the antibody from the cell.
- [0044] Aspects of the invention include methods of making an antibody as described herein, comprising immunizing a UniRat animal with an FOLR1 protein and identifying FOLR1-binding antibody sequences.
- [0045] Aspects of the invention include methods of treatment, comprising administering to an individual in need an effective dose of the antibody as described herein, or a pharmaceutical composition as described herein.
- [0046] These and further aspects will be further explained in the rest of the disclosure, including the Examples.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- [0047] FIG. 1, panels A-E, provide a series of graphs showing results from anti-FOLR1 HCAb binding to FOLR1 positive cell lines.
- [0048] FIG. 2, panels A-B, provide a series of graphs showing results from anti-FOLR1 HCAb binding to FOLR2 and IZUMO1R positive cell lines.
- [0049] FIG. 3, panels A-C provide a series of graphs showing results from monovalent bispecific antibody-mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T cells. Panel A depicts levels of specific tumor cell lysis, panel B depicts IL-2 release, and panel C depicts IFN γ release. Panel D is an illustration of the monovalent bispecific antibody.
- [0050] FIG. 4, panels A-C provide a series of graphs showing results from monovalent bispecific antibody-mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T cells. Panel A depicts levels of specific tumor cell lysis, panel B depicts IL-2 release, and panel C depicts IFN γ release. Panel D is an illustration of the monovalent bispecific antibody.
- [0051] FIG. 5, panels A-C provide a series of graphs showing results from bivalent bispecific antibody-mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T cells. Panel A depicts levels of specific tumor cell lysis, panel B depicts IL-2 release, and panel C depicts IFN γ release. Panel D is an illustration of the bivalent bispecific antibody.
- [0052] FIG. 6, panels A-C provide a series of graphs showing results from bivalent bispecific antibody-mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T cells. Panel A depicts levels of specific tumor cell lysis, panel B depicts IL-2 release, and panel C depicts IFN γ release. Panel D is an illustration of the bivalent bispecific antibody.
- [0053] FIG. 7, panels A-C provide a series of graphs showing results from bivalent bispecific antibody-mediated killing of HT-29 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T cells. Panel A depicts

levels of specific tumor cell lysis, panel B depicts IL-2 release, and panel C depicts IFN γ release. Panel D is an illustration of the bivalent bispecific antibody.

[0054] FIG. 8, panel A is a graph showing results from bivalent bispecific antibody-mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T cells at varying effector to target ratios. Panel B is an illustration of the bivalent bispecific antibody.

[0055] FIG. 9 is a graph depicting results of a single-dose mouse pharmacokinetic study.

[0056] FIG. 10, panel A, is a schematic diagram depicting a mouse xenograft model utilizing humanized IGROV-1 cells. Panel B is a graph depicting tumor volume measurements in response to the indicated bivalent bispecific antibody treatment, or vehicle control.

[0057] FIG. 11 is table showing FOLR1 (FR α) expression density on normal and malignant cells.

[0058] FIG. 12, panel A, is a schematic diagram of TNB-928B, which is a bispecific antibody that binds to FOLR1 and CD3.

[0059] FIG. 12, panel B, is a graph showing bound TNB-928B as a function of antibody concentration, measured on IGROV-1 cells expressing FOLR1.

[0060] FIG. 12, panel C, is a graph showing cell lysis (%) as a function of antibody concentration for the indicated antibody constructs.

[0061] FIG. 13, panel A, provides two graphs showing activation of CD4+ or CD8+ T-cells as a function of antibody concentration.

[0062] FIG. 13, panel B, provides two graphs showing proliferation of CD4+ or CD8+ T-cells as a function of antibody concentration.

[0063] FIG. 13, panel C, is a graph showing percentage of Treg cells induced after treatment with the indicated antibody constructs.

[0064] FIG. 14, panels A-B, are graphs showing cell lysis (%) as a function of treatment with the indicated antibody constructs.

[0065] FIG. 15 provides a series of graphs showing cell lysis (%), IFN γ production, and IL-2 production for three different donors.

[0066] FIG. 16, panels A-F, are a series of graphs showing cell lysis (%) (panels A and C); FOLR1 (FR α) antigen density for responders and non-responders (panel B); cytokine production (panels D and E); and Tregs (panel F).

[0067] FIG. 17, panels A-C, are a series of graphs summarizing data from an NCG mouse xenograft model. Panel A shows tumor volume as a function of time (study days); panel B summarizes immunohistochemistry (IHC) data from tumors; and panel C shows serum concentration of TNB-928B as a function of time in non-tumor bearing BALB/c mice.

[0068] FIG. 18 is a table summarizing biophysical characteristics of TNB-928B.

[0069] FIG. 19 is a table summarizing EC50 values of the listed antibody constructs, obtained from cytotoxicity assays as described herein.

- [0070] FIG. 20 is a table summarizing clinical and molecular characteristics of fresh patient-derived *ex vivo* ovarian tumor samples, treated with TNB-928B.
- [0071] FIG. 21 provides two SEC-UPLC chromatograms of TNB-928B, obtained after incubation at 4°C and 37°C for one month.
- [0072] FIG. 22, panel A, is a series of graphs showing tumor cell lysis of the indicated cell type at varied E:T ratios.
- [0073] FIG. 22, panel B, is a graph showing cell lysis as a function of TNB-928B concentration.
- [0074] FIG. 22, panel C, is a graph showing concentration of sFR α in co-culture supernatant, measured by ELISA.
- [0075] FIG. 23, panel A, is a graph showing peforin concentration as a function of TNB-928B concentration, obtained from freshly dissociated ovarian carcinoma tissue incubated without addition of exogenous PBMCs. Panel B is a graph showing granzyme B concentration as a function of TNB-928B concentration, obtained from freshly dissociated ovarian carcinoma tissue incubated without addition of exogenous PBMCs.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

- [0076] The practice of the present invention will employ, unless otherwise indicated, conventional techniques of molecular biology (including recombinant techniques), microbiology, cell biology, biochemistry, and immunology, which are within the skill of the art. Such techniques are explained fully in the literature, such as, “Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual”, second edition (Sambrook et al., 1989); “Oligonucleotide Synthesis” (M. J. Gait, ed., 1984); “Animal Cell Culture” (R. I. Freshney, ed., 1987); “Methods in Enzymology” (Academic Press, Inc.); “Current Protocols in Molecular Biology” (F. M. Ausubel et al., eds., 1987, and periodic updates); “PCR: The Polymerase Chain Reaction”, (Mullis et al., ed., 1994); “A Practical Guide to Molecular Cloning” (Perbal Bernard V., 1988); “Phage Display: A Laboratory Manual” (Barbas et al., 2001); Harlow, Lane and Harlow, Using Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual: Portable Protocol No. I, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (1998); and Harlow and Lane, Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; (1988).
- [0077] Where a range of values is provided, it is understood that each intervening value, to the tenth of the unit of the lower limit unless the context clearly dictates otherwise, between the upper and lower limit of that range and any other stated or intervening value in that stated range is encompassed within the invention. The upper and lower limits of these smaller ranges may independently be included in the smaller ranges is also encompassed within the invention, subject to any specifically excluded limit in the stated range. Where the stated range includes one or both of the limits, ranges excluding either or both of those included limits are also included in the invention.

[0078] Unless indicated otherwise, antibody residues herein are numbered according to the Kabat numbering system (*e.g.*, Kabat *et al.*, Sequences of Immunological Interest. 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. (1991)).

[0079] In the following description, numerous specific details are set forth to provide a more thorough understanding of the present invention. However, it will be apparent to one of skill in the art that the present invention may be practiced without one or more of these specific details. In other instances, well-known features and procedures well known to those skilled in the art have not been described in order to avoid obscuring the invention.

[0080] All references cited throughout the disclosure, including patent applications and publications, are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

I. Definitions

[0081] By “comprising” it is meant that the recited elements are required in the composition/method/kit, but other elements may be included to form the composition/method/kit etc. within the scope of the claim.

[0082] By “consisting essentially of”, it is meant a limitation of the scope of composition or method described to the specified materials or steps that do not materially affect the basic and novel characteristic(s) of the subject invention.

[0083] By “consisting of”, it is meant the exclusion from the composition, method, or kit of any element, step, or ingredient not specified in the claim.

[0084] Antibody residues herein are numbered according to the Kabat numbering system and the EU numbering system. The Kabat numbering system is generally used when referring to a residue in the variable domain (approximately residues 1-113 of the heavy chain) (*e.g.*, Kabat *et al.*, Sequences of Immunological Interest. 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. (1991)). The “EU numbering system” or “EU index” is generally used when referring to a residue in an immunoglobulin heavy chain constant region (*e.g.*, the EU index reported in Kabat *et al.*, *supra*). The “EU index as in Kabat” refers to the residue numbering of the human IgG1 EU antibody. Unless stated otherwise herein, references to residue numbers in the variable domain of antibodies mean residue numbering by the Kabat numbering system. Unless stated otherwise herein, references to residue numbers in the constant domain of antibodies mean residue numbering by the EU numbering system.

[0085] Antibodies, also referred to as immunoglobulins, conventionally comprise at least one heavy chain and one light chain, where the amino terminal domain of the heavy and light chains is variable in sequence, hence is commonly referred to as a variable region domain, or a variable heavy (VH) or variable light (VL) domain. The two domains conventionally associate to form a specific binding region, although as will be discussed here, specific binding can also be obtained with heavy chain-only variable sequences, and a variety of non-natural configurations of antibodies are known and used in the art.

[0086] A “functional” or “biologically active” antibody or antigen-binding molecule (including heavy chain-only antibodies and multi-specific (e.g., bispecific) three-chain antibody-like molecules (TCAs, described herein) is one capable of exerting one or more of its natural activities in structural, regulatory, biochemical or biophysical events. For example, a functional antibody or other binding molecule, e.g., a TCA, may have the ability to specifically bind an antigen and the binding may in turn elicit or alter a cellular or molecular event such as signal transduction or enzymatic activity. A functional antibody or other binding molecule, e.g., a TCA, may also block ligand activation of a receptor or act as an agonist or antagonist. The capability of an antibody or other binding molecule, e.g., a TCA, to exert one or more of its natural activities depends on several factors, including proper folding and assembly of the polypeptide chains.

[0087] The term “antibody” herein is used in the broadest sense and specifically covers monoclonal antibodies, polyclonal antibodies, monomers, dimers, multimers, multispecific antibodies (e.g., bispecific antibodies), heavy chain-only antibodies, three chain antibodies, TCAs, single chain Fv (scFv), nanobodies, etc., and also includes antibody fragments, so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity (Miller et al (2003) *Jour. of Immunology* 170:4854-4861). Antibodies may be murine, human, humanized, chimeric, or derived from other species.

[0088] The term antibody may reference a full-length heavy chain, a full length light chain, an intact immunoglobulin molecule; or an immunologically active portion of any of these polypeptides, i.e., a polypeptide that comprises an antigen binding site that immunospecifically binds an antigen of a target of interest or part thereof, such targets including but not limited to, cancer cell or cells that produce autoimmune antibodies associated with an autoimmune disease. The immunoglobulin disclosed herein can be of any type (e.g., IgG, IgE, IgM, IgD, and IgA), class (e.g., IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4, IgA1 and IgA2) or subclass of immunoglobulin molecule, including engineered subclasses with altered Fc portions that provide for reduced or enhanced effector cell activity. Light chains of the subject antibodies can be kappa light chains (Vkappa) or lambda light chains (Vlambda). The immunoglobulins can be derived from any species. In one aspect, the immunoglobulin is of largely human origin.

[0089] The term “monoclonal antibody” as used herein refers to an antibody obtained from a population of substantially homogeneous antibodies, i.e., the individual antibodies comprising the population are identical except for possible naturally occurring mutations that may be present in minor amounts. Monoclonal antibodies are highly specific, being directed against a single antigenic site. Furthermore, in contrast to conventional (polyclonal) antibody preparations which typically include different antibodies directed against different determinants (epitopes), each monoclonal antibody is directed against a single determinant on the antigen. Monoclonal antibodies in accordance with the present invention can be made by the hybridoma method first described by Kohler et al. (1975) *Nature* 256:495, and can also be made via recombinant protein production methods (see, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567), for example.

[0090] The term “variable”, as used in connection with antibodies, refers to the fact that certain portions of the antibody variable domains differ extensively in sequence among antibodies and are used in the binding and specificity of each particular antibody for its particular antigen. However, the variability is not evenly distributed throughout the variable domains of antibodies. It is concentrated in three segments called hypervariable regions both in the light chain and the heavy chain variable domains. The more highly conserved portions of variable domains are called the framework regions (FRs). The variable domains of native heavy and light chains each comprise four FRs, largely adopting a β -sheet configuration, connected by three hypervariable regions, which form loops connecting, and in some cases forming part of, the β -sheet structure. The hypervariable regions in each chain are held together in close proximity by the FRs and, with the hypervariable regions from the other chain, contribute to the formation of the antigen-binding site of antibodies (see Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*, 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. (1991)). The constant domains are not involved directly in binding an antibody to an antigen, but exhibit various effector functions, such as participation of the antibody in antibody dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC).

[0091] The term “hypervariable region” when used herein refers to the amino acid residues of an antibody which are responsible for antigen-binding. The hypervariable region generally comprises amino acid residues from a “complementarity determining region” or “CDR” (e.g., residues 31-35 (H1), 50-65 (H2) and 95-102 (H3) in the heavy chain variable domain; Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*, 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. (1991)) and/or those residues from a “hypervariable loop” residues 26-32 (H1), 53-55 (H2) and 96-101 (H3) in the heavy chain variable domain; Chothia and Lesk *J. Mol. Biol.* 196:901-917 (1987)). In some embodiments, “CDR” means a complementary determining region of an antibody as defined in Lefranc, MP *et al.*, IMGT, the international ImMunoGeneTics database, *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 27:209-212 (1999). “Framework Region” or “FR” residues are those variable domain residues other than the hypervariable region/CDR residues as herein defined.

[0092] Exemplary CDR designations are shown herein, however one of skill in the art will understand that a number of definitions of the CDRs are commonly in use, including the Kabat definition (see “Zhao *et al.* A germline knowledge based computational approach for determining antibody complementarity determining regions.” *Mol Immunol.* 2010;47:694–700), which is based on sequence variability and is the most commonly used. The Chothia definition is based on the location of the structural loop regions (Chothia *et al.* “Conformations of immunoglobulin hypervariable regions.” *Nature.* 1989; 342:877–883). Alternative CDR definitions of interest include, without limitation, those disclosed by Honegger, “Yet another numbering scheme for immunoglobulin variable domains: an automatic modeling and analysis tool.” *J Mol Biol.* 2001;309:657–670; Ofran *et al.* “Automated identification of complementarity determining regions (CDRs) reveals peculiar characteristics of CDRs and B-cell epitopes.” *J Immunol.* 2008;181:6230–6235; Almagro “Identification of differences in the

specificity-determining residues of antibodies that recognize antigens of different size: implications for the rational design of antibody repertoires.” *J Mol Recognit.* 2004;17:132–143; and Padlan et al. “Identification of specificity-determining residues in antibodies.” *Faseb J.* 1995;9:133–139., each of which is herein specifically incorporated by reference.

[0093] The terms “heavy chain-only antibody,” and “heavy chain antibody” are used interchangeably herein and refer, in the broadest sense, to antibodies, or more or more portions of an antibody, e.g., one or more arms of an antibody, lacking the light chain of a conventional antibody. The terms specifically include, without limitation, homodimeric antibodies comprising the VH antigen-binding domain and the CH2 and CH3 constant domains, in the absence of the CH1 domain; functional (antigen-binding) variants of such antibodies, soluble VH variants, Ig-NAR comprising a homodimer of one variable domain (V-NAR) and five C-like constant domains (C-NAR) and functional fragments thereof; and soluble single domain antibodies (sUniDabs™). In one embodiment, a heavy chain-only antibody is composed of a variable region antigen-binding domain composed of framework 1, CDR1, framework 2, CDR2, framework 3, CDR3, and framework 4. In another embodiment, a heavy chain-only antibody is composed of an antigen-binding domain, at least part of a hinge region and CH2 and CH3 domains. In another embodiment, a heavy chain-only antibody is composed of an antigen-binding domain, at least part of a hinge region and a CH2 domain. In a further embodiment, a heavy chain-only antibody is composed of an antigen-binding domain, at least part of a hinge region and a CH3 domain. Heavy chain-only antibodies in which the CH2 and/or CH3 domain is truncated are also included herein. In a further embodiment, a heavy chain is composed of an antigen binding domain, and at least one CH (CH1, CH2, CH3, or CH4) domain but no hinge region. The heavy chain-only antibody can be in the form of a dimer, in which two heavy chains are disulfide bonded or otherwise, covalently or non-covalently, attached with each other. The heavy chain-only antibody may belong to the IgG subclass, but antibodies belonging to other subclasses, such as IgM, IgA, IgD and IgE subclass, are also included herein. In a particular embodiment, a heavy chain antibody is of the IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 subtype, in particular the IgG1 or IgG4 subtype. In one embodiment, a heavy-chain antibody is of the IgG4 subtype, wherein one or more of the CH domains is modified to alter an effector function of the antibody. In one embodiment, the heavy-chain antibody is of the IgG1 or IgG4 subtype, wherein one or more of the CH domains is modified to alter an effector function of the antibody. Modifications of CH domains that alter effector function are further described herein. Non-limiting examples of heavy-chain antibodies are described, for example, in WO2018/039180, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0094] In some embodiments, the heavy chain-only antibodies herein are used as a binding (targeting) domain of a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR). The definition specifically includes human heavy chain-only antibodies produced by human immunoglobulin transgenic rats (UniRat™), called UniAbs™. The variable regions (VH) of UniAbs™ are called UniDabs™, and are versatile building blocks that can be linked to Fc regions or serum albumin for the development of novel therapeutics with multi-specificity,

increased potency and extended half-life. Since the homodimeric UniAbsTM lack a light chain and thus a VL domain, the antigen is recognized by one single domain, i.e., the variable domain of the heavy chain of a heavy-chain antibody (VH or VHH).

[0095] An “intact antibody chain” as used herein is one comprising a full length variable region and a full length constant region (Fc). An intact “conventional” antibody comprises an intact light chain and an intact heavy chain, as well as a light chain constant domain (CL) and heavy chain constant domains, CH1, hinge, CH2 and CH3 for secreted IgG. Other isotypes, such as IgM or IgA may have different CH domains. The constant domains may be native sequence constant domains (e.g., human native sequence constant domains) or amino acid sequence variants thereof. The intact antibody may have one or more “effector functions” which refer to those biological activities attributable to the Fc constant region (a native sequence Fc region or amino acid sequence variant Fc region) of an antibody. Examples of antibody effector functions include C1q binding; complement dependent cytotoxicity; Fc receptor binding; antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC); phagocytosis; and down regulation of cell surface receptors. Constant region variants include those that alter the effector profile, binding to Fc receptors, and the like.

[0096] Depending on the amino acid sequence of the Fc (constant domain) of their heavy chains, antibodies and various antigen-binding proteins can be provided as different classes. There are five major classes of heavy chain Fc regions: IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, and IgM, and several of these may be further divided into “subclasses” (isotypes), e.g., IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4, IgA, and IgA2. The Fc constant domains that correspond to the different classes of antibodies may be referenced as α , δ , ϵ , γ , and μ , respectively. The subunit structures and three-dimensional configurations of different classes of immunoglobulins are well known. Ig forms include hinge-modifications or hingeless forms (Roux et al (1998) J. Immunol. 161:4083-4090; Lund et al (2000) Eur. J. Biochem. 267:7246-7256; US 2005/0048572; US 2004/0229310). The light chains of antibodies from any vertebrate species can be assigned to one of two types, called κ (kappa) and λ (lambda), based on the amino acid sequences of their constant domains. Antibodies in accordance with embodiments of the invention can comprise kappa light chain sequences or lambda light chain sequences.

[0097] A “functional Fc region” possesses an “effector function” of a native-sequence Fc region. Non-limiting examples of effector functions include C1q binding; CDC; Fc-receptor binding; ADCC; ADCP; down-regulation of cell-surface receptors (e.g., B-cell receptor), etc. Such effector functions generally require the Fc region to interact with a receptor, e.g., the Fc γ RI; Fc γ RIIA; Fc γ RIIB1; Fc γ RIIB2; Fc γ RIIA; Fc γ RIIB receptors, and the low affinity FcRn receptor; and can be assessed using various assays known in the art. A “dead” or “silenced” Fc is one that has been mutated to retain activity with respect to, for example, prolonging serum half-life, but which does not activate a high affinity Fc receptor, or which has a reduced affinity to an Fc receptor.

[0098] A “native-sequence Fc region” comprises an amino acid sequence identical to the amino acid sequence of an Fc region found in nature. Native-sequence human Fc regions include, for example, a native-sequence human IgG1 Fc region (non-A and A allotypes); native-sequence human IgG2 Fc region; native-sequence human IgG3 Fc region; and native-sequence human IgG4 Fc region, as well as naturally occurring variants thereof.

[0099] A “variant Fc region” comprises an amino acid sequence that differs from that of a native-sequence Fc region by virtue of at least one amino acid modification, preferably one or more amino acid substitution(s). Preferably, the variant Fc region has at least one amino acid substitution compared to a native-sequence Fc region or to the Fc region of a parent polypeptide, e.g., from about one to about ten amino acid substitutions, and preferably from about one to about five amino acid substitutions in a native-sequence Fc region or in the Fc region of the parent polypeptide. The variant Fc region herein will preferably possess at least about 80% homology with a native-sequence Fc region and/or with an Fc region of a parent polypeptide, and most preferably at least about 90% homology therewith, more preferably at least about 95% homology therewith.

[0100] Variant Fc sequences may include three amino acid substitutions in the CH2 region to reduce FcγRI binding at EU index positions 234, 235, and 237 (see Duncan et al., (1988) *Nature* 332:563). Two amino acid substitutions in the complement C1q binding site at EU index positions 330 and 331 reduce complement fixation (see Tao et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 178:661 (1993) and Canfield and Morrison, *J. Exp. Med.* 173:1483 (1991)). Substitution into human IgG1 or IgG2 residues at positions 233-236 and IgG4 residues at positions 327, 330 and 331 greatly reduces ADCC and CDC (see, for example, Armour KL. *et al.*, 1999 *Eur J Immunol.* 29(8):2613-24; and Shields RL. *et al.*, 2001. *J Biol Chem.* 276(9):6591-604). The human IgG4 Fc amino acid sequence (UniProtKB No. P01861) is provided herein as SEQ ID NO: 92. Silenced IgG1 is described, for example, in Boesch, A.W., et al., “Highly parallel characterization of IgG Fc binding interactions.” *MAbs*, 2014. 6(4): p. 915-27, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

[0101] Other Fc variants are possible, including, without limitation, one in which a region capable of forming a disulfide bond is deleted, or in which certain amino acid residues are eliminated at the N-terminal end of a native Fc, or a methionine residue is added thereto. Thus, in some embodiments, one or more Fc portions of an antibody can comprise one or more mutations in the hinge region to eliminate disulfide bonding. In yet another embodiment, the hinge region of an Fc can be removed entirely. In still another embodiment, an antibody can comprise an Fc variant.

[0102] Further, an Fc variant can be constructed to remove or substantially reduce effector functions by substituting (mutating), deleting or adding amino acid residues to effect complement binding or Fc receptor binding. For example, and not limitation, a deletion may occur in a complement-binding site, such as a C1q-binding site. Techniques for preparing such sequence derivatives of the immunoglobulin Fc fragment are disclosed in International Patent Publication Nos. WO 97/34631 and WO 96/32478. In

addition, the Fc domain may be modified by phosphorylation, sulfation, acylation, glycosylation, methylation, farnesylation, acetylation, amidation, and the like.

[0103] In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a variant human IgG4 CH3 domain sequence comprising a T366W mutation, which can optionally be referred to herein as an IgG4 CH3 knob sequence. In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a variant human IgG4 CH3 domain sequence comprising a T366S mutation, an L368A mutation, and a Y407V mutation, which can optionally be referred to herein as an IgG4 CH3 hole sequence. The IgG4 CH3 mutations described herein can be utilized in any suitable manner so as to place a “knob” on a first heavy chain constant region of a first monomer in an antibody dimer, and a “hole” on a second heavy chain constant region of a second monomer in an antibody dimer, thereby facilitating proper pairing (heterodimerization) of the desired pair of heavy chain polypeptide subunits in the antibody.

[0104] In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a heavy chain polypeptide subunit comprising a variant human IgG4 Fc region comprising an S228P mutation, an F234A mutation, an L235A mutation, and a T366W mutation (knob). In some embodiments, an antibody comprises a heavy chain polypeptide subunit comprising a variant human IgG4 Fc region comprising an S228P mutation, an F234A mutation, an L235A mutation, a T366S mutation, an L368A mutation, and a Y407V mutation (hole).

[0105] The term “Fc-region-comprising antibody” refers to an antibody that comprises an Fc region. The C-terminal lysine (residue 447 according to the EU numbering system) of the Fc region may be removed, for example, during purification of the antibody or by recombinant engineering of the nucleic acid encoding the antibody. Accordingly, an antibody having an Fc region according to this invention can comprise an antibody with or without K447.

[0106] Aspects of the invention include antibodies comprising a heavy chain-only variable region in a monovalent or bivalent configuration. As used herein, the term “monovalent configuration” as used in reference to a heavy chain-only variable region domain means that only one heavy chain-only variable region domain is present, having a single binding site (see FIG. 3, Panel D, left arm of antibody). In contrast, the term “bivalent configuration” as used in reference to a heavy chain-only variable region domain means that two heavy chain-only variable region domains are present (each having a single binding site), and are connected by a linker sequence (see FIG. 5, Panels D, left arm of antibody). Non-limiting examples of linker sequences are discussed further herein, and include, without limitation, GS linker sequences of various lengths. When a heavy chain-only variable region is in a bivalent configuration, each of the two heavy chain-only variable region domains can have binding affinity to the same antigen, or to different antigens (e.g., to different epitopes on the same protein; to two different proteins, etc.). However, unless specifically noted otherwise, a heavy chain-only variable region denoted as being in a “bivalent configuration” is understood to contain two identical heavy chain-only variable region domains, connected by a linker sequence, wherein each of the two identical heavy chain-only variable region domains have binding affinity to the same target antigen.

- [0107] Aspects of the invention include antibodies having multi-specific configurations, which include, without limitation, bispecific, trispecific, etc. A large variety of methods and protein configurations are known and used in bispecific monoclonal antibodies (BsMAB), tri-specific antibodies, etc.
- [0108] Various methods for the production of multivalent artificial antibodies have been developed by recombinantly fusing variable domains of two or more antibodies. In some embodiments, a first and a second antigen-binding domain on a polypeptide are connected by a polypeptide linker. One non-limiting example of such a polypeptide linker is a GS linker, having an amino acid sequence of four glycine residues, followed by one serine residue, and wherein the sequence is repeated n times, where n is an integer ranging from 1 to about 10, such as 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9 (SEQ ID NO: 110). Non-limiting examples of such linkers include GGGGS (SEQ ID NO: 81) ($n=1$) and GGGSGGGGS (SEQ ID NO: 82) ($n=2$). Other suitable linkers can also be used, and are described, for example, in Chen et al., *Adv Drug Deliv Rev.* 2013 October 15; 65(10): 1357-69, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
- [0109] The term “three-chain antibody like molecule” or “TCA” is used herein to refer to antibody-like molecules comprising, consisting essentially of, or consisting of three polypeptide subunits, two of which comprise, consist essentially of, or consist of one heavy and one light chain of a monoclonal antibody, or functional antigen-binding fragments of such antibody chains, comprising an antigen-binding region and at least one CH domain. This heavy chain/light chain pair has binding specificity for a first antigen. The third polypeptide subunit comprises, consists essentially of, or consists of a heavy-chain only antibody comprising an Fc portion comprising CH2 and/or CH3 and/or CH4 domains, in the absence of a CH1 domain, and one or more antigen binding domains (e.g., two antigen binding domains) that binds an epitope of a second antigen or a different epitope of the first antigen, where such binding domain is derived from or has sequence identity with the variable region of an antibody heavy or light chain. Parts of such variable region may be encoded by V_H and/or V_L gene segments, D and J_H gene segments, or J_L gene segments. The variable region may be encoded by rearranged V_HDJ_H , V_LDJ_H , V_HJ_L , or V_LJ_L gene segments.
- [0110] A TCA binding compound makes use of a “heavy chain only antibody” or “heavy chain antibody” or “heavy chain polypeptide” which, as used herein, mean a single chain antibody comprising heavy chain constant regions CH2 and/or CH3 and/or CH4 but no CH1 domain. In one embodiment, the heavy chain antibody is composed of an antigen-binding domain, at least part of a hinge region and CH2 and CH3 domains. In another embodiment, the heavy chain antibody is composed of an antigen-binding domain, at least part of a hinge region and a CH2 domain. In a further embodiment, the heavy chain antibody is composed of an antigen-binding domain, at least part of a hinge region and a CH3 domain. Heavy chain antibodies in which the CH2 and/or CH3 domain is truncated are also included herein. In a further embodiment, the heavy chain is composed of an antigen binding domain, and at least one CH (CH1, CH2, CH3, or CH4) domain but no hinge region. The heavy chain only antibody can be in the form of a dimer, in which two heavy chains are disulfide bonded other otherwise covalently

or non-covalently attached with each other, and can optionally include an asymmetric interface between one or more of the CH domains to facilitate proper pairing between polypeptide chains. The heavy-chain antibody may belong to the IgG subclass, but antibodies belonging to other subclasses, such as IgM, IgA, IgD and IgE subclass, are also included herein. In a particular embodiment, the heavy chain antibody is of the IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, or IgG4 subtype, in particular the IgG1 subtype or the IgG4 subtype. Non-limiting examples of a TCA binding compound are described in, for example, WO2017/223111 and WO2018/052503, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

[0111] Heavy-chain antibodies constitute about one fourth of the IgG antibodies produced by the camelids, e.g., camels and llamas (Hamers-Casterman C., et al. *Nature*. 363, 446-448 (1993)). These antibodies are formed by two heavy chains but are devoid of light chains. As a consequence, the variable antigen binding part is referred to as the VHH domain and it represents the smallest naturally occurring, intact, antigen-binding site, being only around 120 amino acids in length (Desmyter, A., et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 276, 26285-26290 (2001)). Heavy chain antibodies with a high specificity and affinity can be generated against a variety of antigens through immunization (van der Linden, R. H., et al. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*. 1431, 37-46 (1999)) and the VHH portion can be readily cloned and expressed in yeast (Frenken, L. G. J., et al. *J. Biotechnol.* 78, 11-21 (2000)). Their levels of expression, solubility and stability are significantly higher than those of classical F(ab) or Fv fragments (Ghahroudi, M. A. et al. *FEBS Lett.* 414, 521-526 (1997)). Sharks have also been shown to have a single VH-like domain in their antibodies, termed VNAR. (Nuttall et al. *Eur. J. Biochem.* 270, 3543-3554 (2003); Nuttall et al. *Function and Bioinformatics* 55, 187-197 (2004); Dooley et al., *Molecular Immunology* 40, 25-33 (2003)).

[0112] The term “FOLR1” (also referred to as FR α or FR α) as used herein refers to a glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI)-linked membrane protein that binds to folate and reduced folic acid derivatives and mediates intracellular delivery of 5-methyltetrahydrofolate. The term “FOLR1” includes an FOLR1 protein of any human and non-human animal species, and specifically includes human FOLR1 as well as FOLR1 of non-human mammals.

[0113] The term “human FOLR1” as used herein includes any variants, isoforms and species homologs of human FOLR1 (UniProt P15328; HGNC ID 3791), regardless of its source or mode of preparation. Thus, “human FOLR1” includes human FOLR1 naturally expressed by cells and FOLR1 expressed on cells transfected with the human FOLR1 gene.

[0114] The terms “anti-FOLR1 heavy chain-only antibody,” “FOLR1 heavy chain-only antibody,” “anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody” and “FOLR1 heavy chain antibody” are used herein interchangeably to refer to a heavy chain-only antibody as hereinabove defined, immunospecifically binding to FOLR1, including human FOLR1, as hereinabove defined. The definition includes, without limitation, human heavy chain antibodies produced by transgenic animals, such as transgenic rats or transgenic mice expressing human immunoglobulin, including UniRatsTM producing human anti-FOLR1 UniAbTM antibodies, as hereinabove defined.

[0115] “Percent (%) amino acid sequence identity” with respect to a reference polypeptide sequence is defined as the percentage of amino acid residues in a candidate sequence that are identical with the amino acid residues in the reference polypeptide sequence, after aligning the sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to achieve the maximum percent sequence identity, and not considering any conservative substitutions as part of the sequence identity. Alignment for purposes of determining percent amino acid sequence identity can be achieved in various ways that are within the skill in the art, for instance, using publicly available computer software such as BLAST, BLAST-2, ALIGN or Megalign (DNASTAR) software. Those skilled in the art can determine appropriate parameters for aligning sequences, including any algorithms needed to achieve maximal alignment over the full length of the sequences being compared. For purposes herein, however, % amino acid sequence identity values are generated using the sequence comparison computer program ALIGN-2.

[0116] An “isolated” antibody is one which has been identified and separated and/or recovered from a component of its natural environment. Contaminant components of its natural environment are materials which would interfere with diagnostic or therapeutic uses for the antibody, and may include enzymes, hormones, and other proteinaceous or nonproteinaceous solutes. In preferred embodiments, the antibody will be purified (1) to greater than 95% by weight of antibody as determined by the Lowry method, and most preferably more than 99% by weight, (2) to a degree sufficient to obtain at least 15 residues of N-terminal or internal amino acid sequence by use of a spinning cup sequenator, or (3) to homogeneity by SDS-PAGE under reducing or nonreducing conditions using Coomassie blue or, preferably, silver stain. Isolated antibody includes the antibody *in situ* within recombinant cells since at least one component of the antibody's natural environment will not be present. Ordinarily, however, isolated antibody will be prepared by at least one purification step.

[0117] Antibodies of the invention include multi-specific antibodies. Multi-specific antibodies have more than one binding specificity. The term “multi-specific” specifically includes “bispecific” and “trisppecific,” as well as higher-order independent specific binding affinities, such as higher-order polyepitopic specificity, as well as tetravalent antibodies and antibody fragments. The terms “multi-specific antibody,” “multi-specific heavy chain-only antibody,” “multi-specific heavy chain antibody,” and “multi-specific UniAb™” are used herein in the broadest sense and cover all antibodies with more than one binding specificity. The multi-specific heavy chain anti-FOLR1 antibodies of the present invention specifically include antibodies immunospecifically binding to two or more non-overlapping epitopes on an FOLR1 protein, such as a human FOLR1 (i.e., bivalent and biparatopic). The multi-specific heavy chain anti-FOLR1 antibodies of the present invention also specifically include antibodies immunospecifically binding to an epitope on an FOLR1 protein, such as human FOLR1 and to an epitope on a different protein, such as, for example, a CD3 protein, such as human CD3 (i.e., bivalent and biparatopic). The multi-specific heavy chain anti-FOLR1 antibodies of the present invention also specifically include antibodies immunospecifically binding to two or more non-overlapping or partially overlapping epitopes on an FOLR1 protein, such as a human FOLR1 protein, and to an epitope on a

different protein, such as, for example, a CD3 protein, such as human CD3 protein (i.e., trivalent and biparatopic).

[0118] Antibodies of the invention include monospecific antibodies, having one binding specificity. Monospecific antibodies specifically include antibodies comprising a single binding specificity, as well as antibodies comprising more than one binding unit having the same binding specificity. The terms “monospecific antibody,” “monospecific heavy chain-only antibody,” “monospecific heavy chain antibody,” and “monospecific UniAb™” are used herein in the broadest sense and cover all antibodies with one binding specificity. The monospecific heavy chain anti-FOLR1 antibodies of the present invention specifically include antibodies immunospecifically binding to one epitope on an FOLR1 protein, such as a human FOLR1 (monovalent and monospecific). The monospecific heavy chain anti-FOLR1 antibodies of the present invention also specifically include antibodies having more than one binding unit (e.g., multivalent antibodies) immunospecifically binding to an epitope on an FOLR1 protein, such as human FOLR1. For example, a monospecific antibody in accordance with embodiments of the invention can include a heavy chain variable region comprising two antigen-binding domains, wherein each antigen-binding domain binds to the same epitope on an FOLR1 protein (i.e., bivalent and monospecific).

[0119] An “epitope” is the site on the surface of an antigen molecule to which a single antibody molecule binds. Generally, an antigen has several or many different epitopes and reacts with many different antibodies. The term specifically includes linear epitopes and conformational epitopes.

[0120] “Epitope mapping” is the process of identifying the binding sites, or epitopes, of antibodies on their target antigens. Antibody epitopes may be linear epitopes or conformational epitopes. Linear epitopes are formed by a continuous sequence of amino acids in a protein. Conformational epitopes are formed of amino acids that are discontinuous in the protein sequence, but which are brought together upon folding of the protein into its three-dimensional structure.

[0121] “Polyepitopic specificity” refers to the ability to specifically bind to two or more different epitopes on the same or different target(s). As noted above, the present invention specifically includes anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibodies with polyepitopic specificities, i.e., anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibodies binding to one or more non-overlapping epitopes on an FOLR1 protein, such as a human FOLR1; and anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibodies binding to one or more epitopes on an FOLR1 protein and to an epitope on a different protein, such as, for example, a CD3 protein. The term “non-overlapping epitope(s)” or “non-competitive epitope(s)” of an antigen is defined herein to mean epitope(s) that are recognized by one member of a pair of antigen-specific antibodies but not the other member. Pairs of antibodies, or antigen-binding regions targeting the same antigen on a multi-specific antibody, recognizing non-overlapping epitopes, do not compete for binding to that antigen and are able to bind that antigen simultaneously.

[0122] An antibody binds “essentially the same epitope” as a reference antibody, when the two antibodies recognize identical or sterically overlapping epitopes. The most widely used and rapid

methods for determining whether two epitopes bind to identical or sterically overlapping epitopes are competition assays, which can be configured in all number of different formats, using either labeled antigen or labeled antibody. Usually, the antigen is immobilized on a 96-well plate, and the ability of unlabeled antibodies to block the binding of labeled antibodies is measured using radioactive or enzyme labels.

[0123] The term “valent” as used herein refers to a specified number of binding sites in an antibody molecule.

[0124] A “monovalent” antibody has one binding site. Thus, a monovalent antibody is also monospecific.

[0125] A “multi-valent” antibody has two or more binding sites. Thus, the terms “bivalent”, “trivalent”, and “tetravalent” refer to the presence of two binding sites, three binding sites, and four binding sites, respectively. Thus, a bispecific antibody according to the invention is at least bivalent and may be trivalent, tetravalent, or otherwise multi-valent. A bivalent antibody in accordance with embodiments of the invention may have two binding sites to the same epitope (i.e., bivalent, monoparatopic), or to two different epitopes (i.e., bivalent, biparatopic).

[0126] A large variety of methods and protein configurations are known and used for the preparation of bispecific monoclonal antibodies (BsMAB), tri-specific antibodies, and the like.

[0127] The term “three-chain antibody like molecule” or “TCA” is used herein to refer to antibody-like molecules comprising, consisting essentially of, or consisting of three polypeptide subunits, two of which comprise, consist essentially of, or consist of one heavy chain and one light chain of a monoclonal antibody, or functional antigen-binding fragments of such antibody chains, comprising an antigen-binding region and at least one CH domain. This heavy chain/light chain pair has binding specificity for a first antigen. The third polypeptide subunit comprises, consists essentially of, or consists of a heavy chain-only antibody comprising an Fc portion comprising CH2 and/or CH3 and/or CH4 domains, in the absence of a CH1 domain, and an antigen binding domain that binds an epitope of a second antigen or a different epitope of the first antigen, where such binding domain is derived from or has sequence identity with the variable region of an antibody heavy or light chain. Parts of such variable region may be encoded by V_H and/or V_L gene segments, D and J_H gene segments, or J_L gene segments. The variable region may be encoded by rearranged V_HDJ_H , V_LDJ_H , V_HJ_L , or V_LJ_L gene segments. A TCA protein makes use of a heavy chain-only antibody as hereinabove defined.

[0128] The term “chimeric antigen receptor” or “CAR” is used herein in the broadest sense to refer to an engineered receptor, which grafts a desired binding specificity (e.g., the antigen-binding region of a monoclonal antibody or other ligand) to membrane-spanning and intracellular-signaling domains. Typically, the receptor is used to graft the specificity of a monoclonal antibody onto a T-cell to create a chimeric antigen receptors (CAR). (*J Natl Cancer Inst*, 2015; 108(7):dvj439; and Jackson et al., *Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology*, 2016; 13:370–383). CAR-T cells are T-cells that have been genetically engineered to produce an artificial T-cell receptor for use in immunotherapy. In one

embodiment, “CAR-T cell” means a therapeutic T-cell expressing a transgene encoding one or more chimeric antigen receptors comprised minimally of an extracellular domain, a transmembrane domain, and at least one cytosolic domain.

[0129] The term “human antibody” is used herein to include antibodies having variable and constant regions derived from human germline immunoglobulin sequences. The human antibodies herein may include amino acid residues not encoded by human germline immunoglobulin sequences, e.g., mutations introduced by random or site-specific mutagenesis *in vitro* or by somatic mutation *in vivo*. The term “human antibody” specifically includes heavy chain-only antibodies having human heavy chain variable region sequences, produced by transgenic animals, such as transgenic rats or mice, in particular UniAbs™ produced by UniRats™, as defined above.

[0130] By a “chimeric antibody” or a “chimeric immunoglobulin” is meant an immunoglobulin molecule comprising amino acid sequences from at least two different Ig loci, e.g., a transgenic antibody comprising a portion encoded by a human Ig locus and a portion encoded by a rat Ig locus. Chimeric antibodies include transgenic antibodies with non-human Fc-regions or artificial Fc-regions, and human idiotypes. Such immunoglobulins can be isolated from animals of the invention that have been engineered to produce such chimeric antibodies.

[0131] As used herein, the term “effector cell” refers to an immune cell which is involved in the effector phase of an immune response, as opposed to the cognitive and activation phases of an immune response. Some effector cells express specific Fc receptors and carry out specific immune functions. In some embodiments, an effector cell such as a natural killer cell is capable of inducing antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC). For example, monocytes and macrophages, which express FcR, are involved in specific killing of target cells and presenting antigens to other components of the immune system, or binding to cells that present antigens. In some embodiments, an effector cell may phagocytose a target antigen or target cell.

[0132] “Human effector cells” are leukocytes which express receptors such as T-cell receptors or FcRs and perform effector functions. Preferably, the cells express at least FcγRIII and perform ADCC effector function. Examples of human leukocytes which mediate ADCC include natural killer (NK) cells, monocytes, cytotoxic T-cells and neutrophils; with NK cells being preferred. The effector cells may be isolated from a native source thereof, e.g., from blood or PBMCs as described herein.

[0133] The term “immune cell” is used herein in the broadest sense, including, without limitation, cells of myeloid or lymphoid origin, for instance lymphocytes (such as B-cells and T-cells including cytolytic T-cells (CTLs)), killer cells, natural killer (NK) cells, macrophages, monocytes, eosinophils, polymorphonuclear cells, such as neutrophils, granulocytes, mast cells, and basophils.

[0134] Antibody “effector functions” refer to those biological activities attributable to the Fc region (a native sequence Fc region or amino acid sequence variant Fc region) of an antibody. Examples of antibody effector functions include C1q binding; complement dependent cytotoxicity (CDC); Fc

receptor binding; antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC); phagocytosis; down regulation of cell surface receptors (e.g., B-cell receptor; BCR), etc.

[0135] “Antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity” and “ADCC” refer to a cell-mediated reaction in which nonspecific cytotoxic cells that express Fc receptors (FcRs) (e.g., Natural Killer (NK) cells, neutrophils, and macrophages) recognize bound antibody on a target cell and subsequently cause lysis of the target cell. The primary cells for mediating ADCC, NK cells, express FcγRIII only, whereas monocytes express FcγRI, FcγRII and FcγRIII. FcR expression on hematopoietic cells is summarized in Table 3 on page 464 of Ravetch and Kinet, *Annu. Rev. Immunol* 9:457-92 (1991). To assess ADCC activity of a molecule of interest, an *in vitro* ADCC assay, such as that described in US Patent No. 5,500,362 or 5,821,337 may be performed. Useful effector cells for such assays include peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) and Natural Killer (NK) cells. Alternatively, or additionally, ADCC activity of the molecule of interest may be assessed *in vivo*, e.g., in an animal model such as that disclosed in Clynes *et al. PNAS (USA)* 95:652-656 (1998).

[0136] “Complement dependent cytotoxicity” or “CDC” refers to the ability of a molecule to lyse a target in the presence of complement. The complement activation pathway is initiated by the binding of the first component of the complement system (C1q) to a molecule (e.g. an antibody) complexed with a cognate antigen. To assess complement activation, a CDC assay, e.g., as described in Gazzano-Santoro *et al., J. Immunol. Methods* 202:163 (1996), may be performed.

[0137] “Binding affinity” refers to the strength of the sum total of noncovalent interactions between a single binding site of a molecule (e.g., an antibody) and its binding partner (e.g., an antigen). Unless indicated otherwise, as used herein, “binding affinity” refers to intrinsic binding affinity which reflects a 1:1 interaction between members of a binding pair (e.g., antibody and antigen). The affinity of a molecule X for its partner Y can generally be represented by the dissociation constant (K_d). Affinity can be measured by common methods known in the art. Low-affinity antibodies generally bind antigen slowly and tend to dissociate readily, whereas high-affinity antibodies generally bind antigen faster and tend to remain bound.

[0138] As used herein, the “K_d” or “K_d value” refers to a dissociation constant determined by BioLayer Interferometry, using an Octet QK384 instrument (Fortebio Inc., Menlo Park, CA) in kinetics mode. For example, anti-mouse Fc sensors are loaded with mouse-Fc fused antigen and then dipped into antibody-containing wells to measure concentration dependent association rates (k_{on}). Antibody dissociation rates (k_{off}) are measured in the final step, where the sensors are dipped into wells containing buffer only. The K_d is the ratio of k_{off}/k_{on}. (For further details see, Concepcion, J, et al., *Comb Chem High Throughput Screen*, 12(8), 791-800, 2009).

[0139] The terms “treatment”, “treating” and the like are used herein to generally mean obtaining a desired pharmacologic and/or physiologic effect. The effect may be prophylactic in terms of completely or partially preventing a disease or symptom thereof and/or may be therapeutic in terms of a partial or complete cure for a disease and/or adverse effect attributable to the disease. “Treatment” as used herein

covers any treatment of a disease in a mammal, and includes: (a) preventing the disease from occurring in a subject which may be predisposed to the disease but has not yet been diagnosed as having it; (b) inhibiting the disease, i.e., arresting its development; or (c) relieving the disease, i.e., causing regression of the disease. The therapeutic agent may be administered before, during or after the onset of disease or injury. The treatment of ongoing disease, where the treatment stabilizes or reduces the undesirable clinical symptoms of the patient, is of particular interest. Such treatment is desirably performed prior to complete loss of function in the affected tissues. The subject therapy may be administered during the symptomatic stage of the disease, and in some cases after the symptomatic stage of the disease.

[0140] A “therapeutically effective amount” is intended for an amount of active agent which is necessary to impart therapeutic benefit to a subject. For example, a “therapeutically effective amount” is an amount which induces, ameliorates or otherwise causes an improvement in the pathological symptoms, disease progression or physiological conditions associated with a disease or which improves resistance to a disorder.

[0141] The term “characterized by expression of FOLR1” broadly refers to any disease or disorder in which FOLR1 expression is associated with or involved with one or more pathological processes that are characteristic of the disease or disorder. Such disorders include, but are not limited to, carcinomas, such as ovarian and uterine cancers (e.g., high grade serous carcinoma, endometrioid, low grade serous carcinoma, clear cell carcinoma, mucinous carcinoma, and endometrial cancer), lung cancer, renal cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, as well as brain cancer (e.g., glioma, glioblastoma).

[0142] The terms “subject,” “individual,” and “patient” are used interchangeably herein to refer to a mammal being assessed for treatment and/or being treated. In an embodiment, the mammal is a human. The terms “subject,” “individual,” and “patient” encompass, without limitation, individuals having cancer, individuals with autoimmune diseases, with pathogen infections, and the like. Subjects may be human, but also include other mammals, particularly those mammals useful as laboratory models for human disease, e.g., mouse, rat, etc.

[0143] The term “pharmaceutical formulation” refers to a preparation which is in such form as to permit the biological activity of the active ingredient to be effective, and which contains no additional components which are unacceptably toxic to a subject to which the formulation would be administered. Such formulations are sterile. “Pharmaceutically acceptable” excipients (vehicles, additives) are those which can reasonably be administered to a subject mammal to provide an effective dose of the active ingredient employed.

[0144] A “sterile” formulation is aseptic or free or essentially free from all living microorganisms and their spores. A “frozen” formulation is one at a temperature below 0 °C.

[0145] A “stable” formulation is one in which the protein therein essentially retains its physical stability and/or chemical stability and/or biological activity upon storage. Preferably, the formulation essentially retains its physical and chemical stability, as well as its biological activity upon storage. The storage period is generally selected based on the intended shelf-life of the formulation. Various

analytical techniques for measuring protein stability are available in the art and are reviewed in Peptide and Protein Drug Delivery, 247-301. Vincent Lee Ed., Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, N.Y., Pubs. (1991) and Jones. A. Adv. Drug Delivery Rev. 10: 29-90) (1993), for example. Stability can be measured at a selected temperature for a selected time period. Stability can be evaluated qualitatively and/or quantitatively in a variety of different ways, including evaluation of aggregate formation (for example using size exclusion chromatography, by measuring turbidity, and/or by visual inspection); by assessing charge heterogeneity using cation exchange chromatography, image capillary isoelectric focusing (icIEF) or capillary zone electrophoresis; amino-terminal or carboxy-terminal sequence analysis; mass spectrometric analysis; SDS-PAGE analysis to compare reduced and intact antibody; peptide map (for example tryptic or LYS-C) analysis; evaluating biological activity or antigen binding function of the antibody; etc. Instability may involve any one or more of: aggregation, deamidation (e.g., Asn deamidation), oxidation (e.g., Met oxidation), isomerization (e.g., Asp isomerization), clipping/hydrolysis/fragmentation (e.g., hinge region fragmentation), succinimide formation, unpaired cysteine(s), N-terminal extension, C-terminal processing, glycosylation differences, etc.

II. Detailed Description

Anti-FOLR1 Antibodies

[0146] The present invention provides families of closely related antibodies that bind to human FOLR1. The antibodies of these families comprise sets of CDR sequences as defined herein and shown in Tables 1-3, and are exemplified by the provided heavy chain variable region (VH) sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 23 to 74 set forth in Tables 5, 6, 8 and 9. These families of antibodies provide a number of benefits that contribute to utility as clinically therapeutic agent(s). The antibodies include members with a range of binding affinities, allowing the selection of a specific sequence with a desired binding affinity.

[0147] Table 1: Anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody unique CDR amino acid sequences.

SEQ aa_CDR1	SEQ aa_CDR2	SEQ aa_CDR3
GFNFRSFG (SEQ ID NO: 1)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGAAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 18)
GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSTYI (SEQ ID NO: 7)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
GFIFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 3)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
GFSSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSGSSDI (SEQ ID NO: 9)	ASVGLEFDY (SEQ ID NO: 21)
GFTFSSYT (SEQ ID NO: 5)	ISSSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 10)	ATVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 22)
	ISSSSSI (SEQ ID NO: 11)	
	ISSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	
	ITSSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 13)	
	ISRSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 14)	

SEQ_aa_CDR1	SEQ_aa_CDR2	SEQ_aa_CDR3
	ISGSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 15)	
	ITSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 16)	
	IDSSSSII (SEQ ID NO: 17)	

[0148] Table 2: Anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody unique CDR amino acid sequences (F14 family).

SEQ_aa_CDR1	SEQ_aa_CDR2	SEQ_aa_CDR3
GFNFRSFG (SEQ ID NO: 1)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGAAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 18)
GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSTYI (SEQ ID NO: 7)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
GFIFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 3)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	
GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSGSSDI (SEQ ID NO: 9)	
GFTFSSYT (SEQ ID NO: 5)	ISSSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 10)	
	ISSSSSSI (SEQ ID NO: 11)	

[0149] Table 3: Anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody unique CDR amino acid sequences (F18 family).

SEQ_aa_CDR1	SEQ_aa_CDR2	SEQ_aa_CDR3
GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 10)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLEFDY (SEQ ID NO: 21)
	ITSSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 13)	ATVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 22)
	ISRSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 14)	
	ISGSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 15)	
	ITSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 16)	
	IDSSSSII (SEQ ID NO: 17)	

[0150] Table 4: Anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody unique CDR amino acid sequences (F14 family).

Clone ID #	SEQ_aa_CDR1	SEQ_aa_CDR2	SEQ_aa_CDR3
352368	GFNFRSFG (SEQ ID NO: 1)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGAAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 18)
352317	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
352477	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358454	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358433	GFIFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 3)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358420	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358397	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358474	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)

Clone ID #	SEQ_aa_CDR1	SEQ_aa_CDR2	SEQ_aa_CDR3
358457	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358462	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358456	GFIFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 3)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358466	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358418	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358441	GFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358416	GFTFSSYT (SEQ ID NO: 5)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358480	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSTYI (SEQ ID NO: 7)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358396	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358413	GFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358468	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358452	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSGSSDI (SEQ ID NO: 9)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358464	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 10)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358399	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358478	GFIFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 3)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358446	GFIFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 3)	ISSGSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 6)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358442	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSSYI (SEQ ID NO: 8)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)
358393	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSSI (SEQ ID NO: 11)	ARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNI (SEQ ID NO: 19)

[0151] Table 5. Anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody variable domain amino acid sequences (F14 family).

Clone ID #	SEQ_aa_FR1_FR4	SEQ ID NO.
352368	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFNFRSFGMTWLR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGAAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	23
352317	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	24

Clone ID #	SEQ aa FR1 FR4	SEQ ID NO.
352477	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNARN SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	25
358454	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	26
358433	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFIFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	27
358420	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANN SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	28
358397	EVQLVESGGGLVKPRGSLRLSCEASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	29
358474	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAIYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	30
358457	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	31
358462	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	32
358456	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFIFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	33
358466	EVQLVESGGGLIQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	34
358418	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTALYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	35
358441	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRGEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	36
358416	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYTMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	37

Clone ID #	SEQ aa FR1 FR4	SEQ ID NO.
358480	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSTYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	38
358396	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSSSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	39
358413	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSSSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK TLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	40
358468	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSSSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	41
358452	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVASISSGSDIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	42
358464	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSSTIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	43
358399	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCVASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSSSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	44
358478	EVQLVESGGGLIQPGGSLRLSCAASGFIFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	45
358446	EVQLVESGGGLVKPGGSLRLSCAASGFIFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDDANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	46
358442	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	47
358393	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWAR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	48
361027	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRG QGTLVTVSS	26

Clone ID #	SEQ aa_FR1_FR4	SEQ ID NO.
380323	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDN SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGLAAAGSAFNIR QGTLVTVSSGGGGSGGGGSEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLR LSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYI YADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCAR DVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRQGTLVTVSS	49

[0152] Table 6: F14 family consensus full orf sequences:

Clone ID #	Full ORF sequence	SEQ ID NO.
361027	MTEWSCILFLVATATGVHSEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLS CAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYY ADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARD VTSGLAAAGSAFNIRQGTLVTVSSSESKYGPPCPPCPA PEAAGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVDVSD QEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVV SVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKG QPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSLSCAVKGFYPSDIA VEWESNGQPENNYKTTTPVLDSDGSFFLVSRITVDSR WQEGNVFSCSVMH EALHNHYTQKSLSLSLGK	50
380323	MTEWSCILFLVATATGVHSEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLS CAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYY ADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARD VTSGLAAAGSAFNIRQGTLVTVSSGGGGSGGGGSEVQL VESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAP GKGLEWVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLY LQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVTSGLAAAGSAFNIRQGT LVTVSSSESKYGPPCPPCPAPEAAGGPSVFLFPPKPKD TLMISRTPEVTCVVDVSDQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHN AKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKV SNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTK NQVSLSCAVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTTP VLDSDGSFFLVSRITVDSRWQEGNVFSCSVMH EALH NHYTQKSLSLSLGK	51

[0153] Table 7: Anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody unique CDR amino acid sequences (F18 family).

Clone ID #	SEQ aa_CDR1	SEQ aa_CDR2	SEQ aa_CDR3
352391	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
352491	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
352496	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
352372	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLEFDY (SEQ ID NO: 21)
352564	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ITSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 13)	ASVGLEFDY (SEQ ID NO: 21)
352365	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSTI (SEQ ID NO: 10)	ATVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 22)
352672	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISRSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 14)	ATVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 22)

358614	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISRSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 14)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358608	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISGSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 15)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358598	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ITSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 16)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358589	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358596	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	IDSSSSII (SEQ ID NO: 17)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358655	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISGSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 15)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358626	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358676	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358624	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358664	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358647	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISGSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 15)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358656	GFSFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 4)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)
358590	GFTFSSYS (SEQ ID NO: 2)	ISSSSDTI (SEQ ID NO: 12)	ASVGLDFDY (SEQ ID NO: 20)

[0154] Table 8. Anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody variable domain amino acid sequences (F18 family).

Clone ID #	SEQ aa_FR1_FR4	SEQ ID NO.
352391	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTSLTVSS	52
352491	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSDTIEYAGSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTSLTVSS	53
352496	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTSLTVSS	54
352372	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTSLTVSS	55
352564	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYITSSSTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTSLTVSS	56
352365	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCATVGLDFDYRGQGTSLTVSS	57
352672	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYISRSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCATVGLDFDYRGQGTSLTVSS	58

Clone ID #	SEQ aa FR1 FR4	SEQ ID NO.
358614	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYSRSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	59
358608	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWISYISGSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	60
358598	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYTSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	61
358589	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYSISSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYL-MNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	62
358596	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSIDSSSIIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	63
358655	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWISYISGSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	64
358626	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYSISSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	65
358676	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYSISSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	66
358624	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYSISSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	67
358664	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMKWVR QAPGKGLDWVSYSISSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	68
358647	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWISYISGSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	69
358656	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYSISSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	70
358590	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYSISSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	71
361029	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYTSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS	61
380327	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVR QAPGKGLEWVSYTSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANK SLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTV SSGGGGSGGGSEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASG FSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSYTSSSDTIEYADSVK GRFTISRDNANKSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDF DYRGQGTLLTVSS	72

[0155] Table 9: F18 family consensus full orf sequences:

Clone ID #	Full ORF sequence	SEQ ID NO.
361029	MTEWSCILFLVATATGVHSEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAAS GFSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSYITSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTIS RDNAKNSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS ESKYGPPCPPCPAPEAAGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVD VSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLH QDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEE MTKNQVSLSCAVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTTPVLDSDGS FFLVSRLLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMEALHNHYTQKSLSLGLK	73
380327	MTEWSCILFLVATATGVHSEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAAS GFSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSYITSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTIS RDNAKNSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSS GGGGSGGGSEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNW VRQAPGKGLEWVSYITSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQM NSLRDEDTAVYYCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLLTVSSSESKYGPPCPPCPAP EAAGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYV DGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSN KGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSLSCAVKGF YPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTTPVLDSDGSFFLVSRLLTVDKSRWQE GNVFSCSVMEALHNHYTQKSLSLGLK	74

[0156] A suitable antibody may be selected from those provided herein for development and therapeutic or other use, including, without limitation, use as a bispecific antibody, e.g., as shown in FIG. 3, panel D or FIG. 5, panel D, or as part of a CAR-T structure. FIG. 3, panel D provides an illustration of an anti-CD3 x anti-FOLR1 multi-specific antibody, where the anti-FOLR1 domain is monovalent and monospecific. The anti-CD3 domain contains a CH1 domain and pairs with a light chain, while the anti-FOLR1 domain is derived from a heavy chain-only antibody and do not contain a CH1 domain or interact with a light chain. In some embodiments, the two heavy chains are paired using, e.g., knobs-into-holes technology. FIG. 5, panel D provides an illustration of an anti-CD3 x anti-FOLR1 multi-specific antibody, where the anti-FOLR1 domain is bivalent and monospecific. The anti-CD3 domain contains a CH1 domain and pairs with a light chain, while the anti-FOLR1 domain is derived from a heavy chain-only antibody and do not contain a CH1 domain or interact with a light chain. In some embodiments, the two heavy chains are paired using, e.g., knobs-into-holes technology.

[0157] The antibody depicted in FIG. 3, panel D is an anti-CD3 x anti-FOLR1 bispecific antibody wherein the anti-FOLR1 binding arm is monovalent and monospecific, and the antigen-binding domain of the anti-FOLR1 arm is in a monovalent configuration, meaning only one antigen-binding domain is present. The antibody depicted in FIG. 5, panel D is an anti-CD3 x anti-FOLR1 bispecific antibody wherein the anti-FOLR1 binding arm is bivalent and monospecific, and the antigen-binding domain of the anti-FOLR1 arm is in a bivalent configuration, meaning there are two identical antigen binding domains placed in tandem. In some embodiments, an antibody can be bivalent and biparatopic, meaning that there are two antigen binding domains present on the anti-FOLR1 arm of the antibody, and each of

these antigen-binding domains binds contains a different sequence and binds to a different epitope on an FOLR1 protein.

[0158] Determination of affinity for a candidate protein can be performed using methods known in the art, such as Biacore measurements. Members of the antibody family may have an affinity for FOLR1 with a K_d of from about 10^{-6} to around about 10^{-11} , including without limitation: from about 10^{-6} to around about 10^{-10} ; from about 10^{-6} to around about 10^{-9} ; from about 10^{-6} to around about 10^{-8} ; from about 10^{-8} to around about 10^{-11} ; from about 10^{-8} to around about 10^{-10} ; from about 10^{-8} to around about 10^{-9} ; from about 10^{-9} to around about 10^{-11} ; from about 10^{-9} to around about 10^{-10} ; or any value within these ranges. The affinity selection may be confirmed with a biological assessment for modulating, e.g., blocking, an FOLR1 biological activity, including *in vitro* assays, pre-clinical models, and clinical trials, as well as assessment of potential toxicity.

[0159] Members of the antibody families herein are cross-reactive with the FOLR1 protein of *Cynomolgus* macaque, but can be engineered to eliminate cross-reactivity with the FOLR1 protein of *Cynomolgus* macaque, or with the FOLR1 of any other animal species, if desired. Some antibody sequences in accordance with embodiments of the invention are cross reactive with murine FOLR1 protein, but can be engineered to eliminate cross-reactivity with murine FOLR1 protein. Conversely, some antibody sequences in accordance with embodiments of the invention are not cross reactive with murine FOLR1, but can be engineered to produce cross reactivity with murine FOLR1.

[0160] The families of FOLR1-specific antibodies herein comprise a VH domain, comprising CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences in a human VH framework. The CDR sequences may be situated, as an example, in the region of around amino acid residues 26-33; 51-58; and 97-116 for CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3, respectively, of the provided exemplary variable region sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs: 23 to 74. It will be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art that the CDR sequences may be in different positions if a different framework sequence is selected, although generally the order of the sequences will remain the same.

[0161] The CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 sequences of the anti-FOLR1 antibodies of the present invention may be encompassed by the following structural formulae, where an X indicates a variable amino acid, which may be the specific amino acids as indicated below:

CDR1

G F X1 F X2 S X3 X4 (SEQ ID NO: 75)

where:

- X1 is N, T, I, or S;
- X2 is R or S;
- X3 is F or Y; and
- X4 is G, S, or T; and

CDR2

I S S X1 S X2 X3 I (SEQ ID NO: 76)

where: X1 is G or S;
 X2 is S or T; and
 X3 is Y, D, T, or S; and

CDR3

A R D V T S G I A A A G X1 A F N I (SEQ ID NO: 77)

where: X1 is A or S.

[0162] The CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 sequences of the anti-FOLR1 antibodies of the present invention may be encompassed by the following structural formulas, where an X indicates a variable amino acid, which may be the specific amino acids as indicated below:

CDR1

G F X1 F S S Y S (SEQ ID NO: 78)

where: X1 is S or T; and

CDR2

I X1 X2 S S X3 X4 I (SEQ ID NO: 79)

where: X1 is S, T, or D;
 X2 is S, R, or G;
 X3 is D or S; and
 X4 is T or I; and

CDR3

A X1 V G L X2 F D Y (SEQ ID NO: 80)

where: X1 is S or T; and
 X2 is D or E.

[0163] Representative CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences are shown in Tables 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

[0164] In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR1 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5. In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR1 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2 or 4. In a particular embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR1

sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2. In a particular embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

[0165] In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR2 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17. In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR2 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 6-11. In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR2 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 10 and 12-17. In a particular embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6. In a particular embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16.

[0166] In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR3 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22. In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR3 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 18-19. In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR3 sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 20-22. In a particular embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19. In a particular embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20.

[0167] In a further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR1 sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2; a CDR2 sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6; and a CDR3 sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19.

[0168] In a further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a CDR1 sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4; a CDR2 sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16; and a CDR3 sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20.

[0169] In a further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises any of the heavy chain variable region amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 23-49 (Table 5).

[0170] In a still further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26. In a still further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 49.

[0171] In a further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises any of the heavy chain variable region amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 52-72 (Table 8).

[0172] In a still further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 61. In a still further embodiment, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 72.

[0173] In some embodiments, a CDR sequence in an anti-FOLR1 antibody of the invention comprises one or two amino acid substitutions relative to a CDR1, CDR2 and/or CDR3 sequence or set of CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 1-22 (Table 1).

[0174] In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody preferably comprises a heavy chain variable domain (VH) in which the CDR3 sequence has greater than or equal to 80%, such as at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, or at least 99% sequence identity at the amino acid level to a CDR3 sequence

of any one of the antibodies whose CDR3 sequences are provided in Tables 1, 2, 3, 4 or 7, and binds to FOLR1.

[0175] In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody preferably comprises a heavy chain variable domain (VH) in which the full set of CDRs 1, 2, and 3 (combined) has greater than or equal to eighty-five percent (85%) sequence identity at the amino acid level to the CDRs 1, 2, and 3 (combined) of the antibodies whose CDR sequences are provided in Tables 1, 2, 3, 4 or 7, and binds to FOLR1.

[0176] In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence with at least about 80% identity, at least 85% identity, at least 90% identity, at least 95% identity, at least 98% identity, or at least 99% identity to any of the heavy chain variable region sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 23-49 (shown in Table 5), and binds to FOLR1.

[0177] In some embodiments, an anti-FOLR1 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence with at least about 80% identity, at least 85% identity, at least 90% identity, at least 95% identity, at least 98% identity, or at least 99% identity to any of the heavy chain variable region sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 52-72 (shown in Table 8), and binds to FOLR1.

[0178] In some embodiments, bispecific or multi-specific antibodies are provided, which may have any of the configurations discussed herein, including, without limitation, a bispecific three-chain antibody like molecule (TCA). In some embodiments, a multi-specific antibody can comprise at least one heavy chain variable region having binding specificity for FOLR1, and at least one heavy chain variable region having binding specificity for a protein other than FOLR1. In some embodiments, a multi-specific antibody can comprise a heavy chain variable region comprising at least two antigen-binding domains, wherein each of the antigen-binding domains has binding specificity for FOLR1. In some embodiments, a multi-specific antibody can comprise a heavy chain/light chain pair that has binding specificity for a first antigen (e.g., CD3), and a heavy chain from a heavy chain-only antibody. In certain embodiments, the heavy chain from the heavy chain-only antibody comprises an Fc portion comprising CH2 and/or CH3 and/or CH4 domains, in the absence of a CH1 domain. In one particular embodiment, a bispecific antibody comprises a heavy chain/light chain pair that has binding specificity for an antigen on an effector cell (e.g., a CD3 protein on a T-cell), and a heavy chain from a heavy chain-only antibody comprising an antigen-binding domain that has binding specificity for FOLR1.

[0179] In some embodiments, a multi-specific antibody comprises a CD3-binding VH domain that is paired with a light chain variable domain. In certain embodiments, the light chain is a fixed light chain. In some embodiments, the CD3-binding VH domain comprises a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework. In some embodiments, the fixed light chain comprises a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework. Together, the CD3-binding VH domain and the light chain variable domain have binding affinity for CD3. In some embodiments, a CD3-binding VH domain comprises a heavy chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 89. In some embodiments, a CD3-binding VH domain comprises a

sequence having at least about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or at least about 99% percent identity to the heavy chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 89. In some embodiments, a fixed light chain comprises a light chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 90. In some embodiments, a fixed light chain comprises a sequence having at least about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95%, or at least about 99% percent identity to the heavy chain variable region sequence of SEQ ID NO: 90.

[0180] Multi-specific antibodies comprising the above-described CD3-binding VH domain and light chain variable domain have advantageous properties, for example, as described in published PCT application publication number WO2018/052503, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Any of the multi-specific antibodies and antigen-binding domains described herein, having binding affinity to FOLR1, can be combined with any of the CD3-binding domains and fixed light chain domains described herein (see, e.g., Table 10 and Table 11) and in published PCT application publication number WO2018/052503, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, as well as additional sequences, such as those provided in Table 12 and Table 13, to generate multi-specific antibodies having binding affinity to one or more FOLR1 epitopes, as well as CD3.

[0181] Table 10. Anti-CD3 Heavy and Light Chain CDR1, CDR2, CDR3 amino acid sequences.

	SEQ_aa_CDR1	SEQ_aa_CDR2	SEQ_aa_CDR3
Heavy Chain	GFTFDDYA (SEQ ID NO: 83)	ISWNSGSI (SEQ ID NO: 84)	AKDSRGYGDYRLGGAY (SEQ ID NO: 85)
Light Chain	QSVSSN (SEQ ID NO: 86)	GAS (SEQ ID NO: 87)	QQYNNWPWT (SEQ ID NO: 88)

[0182] Table 11. Anti-CD3 heavy and light chain variable region amino acid sequences.

VH	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFDDYAMHWVRQAPGKGLEW VSGISWNSGSIGYADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTALYYC AKDSRGYGDYRLGGAYWGQGTLLTVSS (SEQ ID NO: 89)
VL	EIVMTQSPATLSVSPGERATLSCRASQSVSSNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLIYG ASTRATGIPARFSGSGSGTEFTLTISLQSEDFAVYYCQQYNNWPWTFGQ GTKVEIK (SEQ ID NO: 90)

[0183] Table 12: Human IgG1 and IgG4 Fc region sequences.

Human IgG1 (UniProt No. P01857)	ASTKGPSVFPLAPSSKSTSGGTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYSLSSVVTVPSSSLGTQT YICNVNHKPSNTKVDKKVEPKSCDKTHTCPPCPAPELLGG PSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVDVSHEDPEVKFNW YVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGK EYKCKVSNKALPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSRDE LTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPV LDSGDSFFLYSKLTVDKSRWQQGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYT QKSLSLSPGK (SEQ ID NO: 91)
Human IgG4 (UniProt No. P01861)	ASTKGPSVFPLAPCSRSTSESTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVS WNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYSLSSVVTVPSSSLGTGT YTCNVDHKPSNTKVDKRVESKYGPPCPCPAPEFLGGPSV FLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVDVVSQEDPEVQFNWYVD GVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYK CKVSNKGLPS SIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTK NQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSD DGSFFLYSRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKS LSLSLGK (SEQ ID NO: 92)
Human IgG1 with silencing mutations (Fc region)	ASTKGPSVFPLAPSSKSTSGGTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNSGALTS GVHTFPAVLQSSGLYSLSSVVTVPSSSLGTQTYICNVNHKPSNTKVDK KVEPKSCDKTHTCPPCPAPEAAGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCV VVDVSHEDPEVKFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTV LHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKALPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSRE EMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGS FFLYSKLTVDKSRWQQGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK (SEQ ID NO: 93)
Human IgG4 with silencing mutations (Fc region)	ASTKGPSVFPLAPCSRSTSESTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNSGALTS GVHTFPAVLQSSGLYSLSSVVTVPSSSLGTQTYTCNVDHKPSNTKVDK RVESKYGPPCPCPAPEAAGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVD VSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQ DWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMT KNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGSFFLY SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSLGK (SEQ ID NO: 94)

[0184] Table 13: additional sequences.

Anti-CD3 light chain constant region sequence (kappa light chain)	RTVAAPSVFIFPPSDEQLKSGTASVVCLLNNFYPREAKVQWKVDNAL QSGNSQESVTEQDSKDSTYSLSSTLTLSKADYEKHKVYACEVTHQGL SSPVTKSFNRGEC (SEQ ID NO: 95)
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Anti-CD3 heavy chain sequence (VH + wt IgG1 Fc)	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFDDYAMHWVRQAPGKGLE WVSGISWNSGSIGYADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAL YYCAKDSRGYGDYRLGGAYWGQGLTVTVSSASTKGPSVFPLAPSSKS TSGGTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYS LSSVVTVPSSSLGTQTYICNVNHKPSNTKVDKKVEPKSCDKTHTCPPC PAPELLGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVDVSHEDPEVKFNW YVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCK VSNKALPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCLVK GFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRW QQGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK (SEQ ID NO: 96)
Anti-CD3 heavy chain sequence (with silenced IgG1 Fc)	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFDDYAMHWVRQAPGKGLE WVSGISWNSGSIGYADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAL YYCAKDSRGYGDYRLGGAYWGQGLTVTVSSASTKGPSVFPLAPSSKS TSGGTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYS LSSVVTVPSSSLGTQTYICNVNHKPSNTKVDKKVEPKSCDKTHTCPPC PAPEAAGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVDVSHEDPEVKFNW YVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCK VSNKALPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCLVK GFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRW QQGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK (SEQ ID NO: 97)
Anti-CD3 heavy chain constant region sequence (with wt IgG4 Fc)	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFDDYAMHWVRQAPGKGLE WVSGISWNSGSIGYADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAL YYCAKDSRGYGDYRLGGAYWGQGLTVTVSSASTKGPSVFPLAPCSRS TSESTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYS SSVVTVPSSSLGTQTYTCNVNHDHPSNTKVDKRVESKYGPPCPCPAPE FLGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVDVVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDG VEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKG LPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSD IAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSRLTVDKSRWQEGNVF SCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK (SEQ ID NO: 98)
Anti-CD3 heavy chain constant region sequence (with silenced IgG4 Fc)	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFDDYAMHWVRQAPGKGLE WVSGISWNSGSIGYADSVKGRFTISRDNKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAL YYCAKDSRGYGDYRLGGAYWGQGLTVTVSSASTKGPSVFPLAPCSRS TSESTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYS SSVVTVPSSSLGTQTYTCNVNHDHPSNTKVDKRVESKYGPPCPCPAPE AAGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVDVVSQEDPEVQFNWYVD GVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNK GLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPS DIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSRLTVDKSRWQEGNV FSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK (SEQ ID NO: 99)
Silenced IgG4 (hinge – CH2 – CH3; hole (S228P, F234A, L235A; T366S, L368A, Y407V))	ESKYGPPCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVD VSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQ DWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMT KNQVSL <u>S</u> <u>C</u> <u>A</u> VKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGSFFL <u>V</u> SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK (SEQ ID NO: 100)

Silenced IgG4 (hinge – CH2 – CH3; knob (S228P, F234A, L235A; T366W))	ESKYGPPCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVD VSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQ DWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMT KNQVSL <u>W</u> CLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTTPVLDSDGSFF LYSRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMEALHNHYTQKSLSLGLG (SEQ ID NO: 101)
Anti-CD3 full length light chain (VL + kappa CL)	EIVMTQSPATLSVSPGERATLSCRASQSVSSNLAWYQQKPGQAPRLLI YGASTRATGIPARFSGSGSGTEFTLTISSLQSEDFAVYYCQQYNWNPW TFGQGTKVEIKRTVAAPSVFIFPPSDEQLKSGTASVVCLLNNFYPREAK VQWKVDNALQSGNSQESVTEQDSKDSTYSLSSTLTLSKADYEKHKV YACEVTHQGLSPVTKSFNRGEC (SEQ ID NO: 102)
Anti-CD3 full length heavy chain (VH + silenced IgG4 Fc + knob (S228P, F234A, L235A; T366W))	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFDDYAMHWVRQAPGKGLE WVSGISWNSGSIGYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAL YYCAKDSRGYGDYRLGGAYWGQGTLLTVSSASTKGPSVFPLAPCSRS TSESTAALGCLVKDYFPEPTVSWNSGALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYSL SSVTVTPSSSLGKTYTCNVDPKPSNTKVDKRVESKYGPPCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYV DGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSN KGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSL <u>W</u> CLVKGF YPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTTPVLDSDGSFFLYSRLTVDKSRWQEG NVFSCSVMEALHNHYTQKSLSLGLG (SEQ ID NO: 103)
FOLR1 monovalent heavy chain (clone ID 358454) + silenced IgG4 Fc, hole (S228P, F234A, L235A, T366S, L368A, Y407V)	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLE WVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVY FCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRGQGTLLTVSSSESKYGPCCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDG VEVHNAKTKPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGL PSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSL <u>ScA</u> VKGFYPSD IAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTTPVLDSDGSFFL <u>V</u> SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVF SCSVMEALHNHYTQKSLSLGLG (SEQ ID NO: 104)
FOLR1 bivalent heavy chain (clone ID 358454) + silenced IgG4 Fc, hole (S228P, F234A, L235A, T366S, L368A, Y407V)	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLE WVSSISSGSSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVY FCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRGQGTLLTVSSGGGGGGGGSEVQLVES GGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSSISSG SSYIYYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYFCARDVT SGIAAAGSAFNIRGQGTLLTVSSSESKYGPCCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLF PPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTK PREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTIS KAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSL <u>ScA</u> VKGFYPSDIAVEWES NGQPENNYKTTTPVLDSDGSFFL <u>V</u> SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMH EALHNHYTQKSLSLGLG (SEQ ID NO: 105)

FOLR1 monovalent heavy chain (clone ID 358598) + silenced IgG4 Fc, hole (S228P, F234A, L235A, T366S, L368A, Y407V	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLE WVSYITSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVY YCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLVTVSSSESKYGPPCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFL FPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKT KPREEQFNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTIS KAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSL <u>ScA</u> VKGFYPSDIAVEWES NGQPENNYKTPPVLDSDGSFFL <u>V</u> SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMH EALHNHYTQKSLSLGLGK (SEQ ID NO: 106)
FOLR1 bivalent heavy chain (clone ID 358598) + silenced IgG4 Fc, hole (S228P, F234A, L235A, T366S, L368A, Y407V	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLE WVSYITSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVY YCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLVTVSSGGGGSGGGGSEVQLVESGGGLVQP GGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSYITSSSDTIEYAD SVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVY YCASVGLDFDYRGQ GTLVTVSSSESKYGPPCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPE VTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKT KPREEQFNSTYRVV SVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTL PPSQEEMTKNQVSL <u>ScA</u> VKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTPPVLD SDGSFFL <u>V</u> SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLGL GK (SEQ ID NO: 107)
FOLR1 bivalent heavy chain (clone ID 358454 x clone ID 358598) + silenced IgG4 Fc, hole (S228P, F234A, L235A, T366S, L368A, Y407V	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLE WVSSISGSSYIYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVY FCARDVTSGIAAAGSAFNIRGQGTLVTVSSGGGGSGGGGSEVQLVES GGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSYITSS SDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVY YCASVGL DFDYRGQGTLVTVSSSESKYGPPCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLFPPKPKDT LMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKT KPREEQFN STYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQP REPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSL <u>ScA</u> VKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPEN NYKTPPVLDSDGSFFL <u>V</u> SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNH YTQKSLSLGLGK (SEQ ID NO: 108)
FOLR1 bivalent heavy chain (clone ID 358598 x clone ID 358454) + silenced IgG4 Fc, hole (S228P, F234A, L235A, T366S, L368A, Y407V	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFSFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLE WVSYITSSSDTIEYADSVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRDEDTAVY YCASVGLDFDYRGQGTLVTVSSGGGGSGGGGSEVQLVESGGGLVQP GGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYSMNWVRQAPGKGLEWVSSISGSSYIYAD SVKGRFTISRDNANKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVY FCARDVTSGIAAAGS AFNIRGQGTLVTVSSSESKYGPPCP <u>P</u> CPAPE <u>AA</u> GGPSVFLFPPKPKDTL MISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAKT KPREEQFN STYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAKGQPR EPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSL <u>ScA</u> VKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPEN NYKTPPVLDSDGSFFL <u>V</u> SRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNH YTQKSLSLGLGK (SEQ ID NO: 109)

[0185] In some embodiments, bispecific or multi-specific antibodies are provided, which may have any of the configurations discussed herein, including, without limitation, a bispecific three-chain antibody like molecule (TCA). In some embodiments, a bispecific antibody can comprise at least one heavy chain variable region having binding specificity for FOLR1, and at least one heavy chain variable region having binding specificity for a protein other than FOLR1. In some embodiments, a bispecific antibody can comprise a heavy chain/light chain pair that has binding specificity for a first antigen, and a heavy chain from a heavy chain-only antibody, comprising an Fc portion comprising CH2 and/or CH3 and/or CH4 domains, in the absence of a CH1 domain, and an antigen binding domain that binds an epitope of a second antigen or a different epitope of the first antigen. In one particular embodiment, a bispecific antibody comprises a heavy chain/light chain pair that has binding specificity for an antigen on an effector cell (e.g., a CD3 protein on a T-cell), and a heavy chain from a heavy chain-only antibody comprising an antigen-binding domain that has binding specificity for FOLR1.

[0186] In some embodiments, where an antibody of the invention is a bispecific antibody, one arm of the antibody (one binding moiety, or one binding unit) is specific for human FOLR1, while the other arm may be specific for target cells, tumor-associated antigens, targeting antigens, e.g., integrins, etc., pathogen antigens, checkpoint proteins, and the like. Target cells specifically include cancer cells, including, without limitation, cells from solid tumors, e.g., carcinomas, such as ovarian and uterine cancers (e.g., high grade serous carcinoma, endometrioid, low grade serous carcinoma, clear cell carcinoma, mucinous carcinoma, and endometrial cancer), lung cancer, renal cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, as well as brain cancer (e.g., glioma, glioblastoma). In some embodiments, one arm of the antibody (one binding moiety, or one binding unit) is specific for human FOLR1, while the other arm is specific for CD3.

[0187] In some embodiments, an antibody comprises an anti-CD3 light chain polypeptide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 90 linked to the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 95, an anti-CD3 heavy chain polypeptide comprising the sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 96, 97, 98, 99 and 103, and an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain polypeptide comprising the sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 23-48 or 52-71, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration, linked to the sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 or 101. These sequences can be combined in various ways to produce a bispecific antibody of a desired IgG subclass, e.g., IgG1, IgG4, silenced IgG1, silenced IgG4. In one preferred embodiment, an antibody is a TCA comprising a first polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 102, a second polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 103, and a third polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 104, 105, 106, 107, 108 or 109. In one preferred embodiment, an antibody is a TCA consisting of a first polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO: 102, a second polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO: 103, and a third polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO: 104, 105, 106, 107, 108 or 109.

[0188] Aspects of the invention include one or more antibody sequences, as described herein, which are in a CAR-T format, for use as one or more binding domains that provide antigen specificity to a CAR-T cell. In certain embodiments, a CAR-T cell comprises a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)

comprising an extracellular antigen-binding domain that binds to FOLR1, and comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5, a CDR2 sequence comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17, and a CDR3 sequence comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22. In certain embodiments, a CAR-T cell comprises a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) comprising an extracellular antigen-binding domain that binds to FOLR1, and comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 19. In certain embodiments, a CAR-T cell comprises a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) comprising an extracellular antigen-binding domain that binds to FOLR1, and comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 20. In some embodiments, a CAR-T cell comprises an extracellular antigen-binding domain that binds to FOLR1 and comprises a heavy chain variable region having at least 95% identity to any one of SEQ ID NOs 23-74. In some embodiments, a CAR-T cell comprises an extracellular antigen-binding domain that binds to FOLR1 and comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising any one of SEQ ID NOs 23-74. In some embodiments, a CAR-T cell comprises an extracellular antigen-binding domain that binds to FOLR1 and comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 61, and SEQ ID NO: 72. Aspects of the invention include pharmaceutical compositions comprising a CAR-T cell as described herein, as well as methods of treatment that comprise administering a therapeutically effective amount of a CAR-T cell as described herein.

[0189] Various formats of multi-specific antibodies are within the ambit of the invention, including, without limitation, single chain polypeptides, two chain polypeptides, three chain polypeptides, four chain polypeptides, and multiples thereof. The multi-specific antibodies herein specifically include T-cell multi-specific (e.g., bispecific) antibodies binding to FOLR1 and CD3 (anti-FOLR1 x anti-CD3 antibodies). Such antibodies induce potent T-cell mediated killing of cells expressing FOLR1.

Preparation of anti-FOLR1 antibodies

[0190] The antibodies of the present invention can be prepared by methods known in the art. In a preferred embodiment, the antibodies herein are produced by transgenic animals, including transgenic mice and rats, preferably rats, in which the endogenous immunoglobulin genes are knocked out or disabled. In a preferred embodiment, the heavy chain antibodies herein are produced in UniRat™. UniRat™ have their endogenous immunoglobulin genes silenced and use a human immunoglobulin heavy-chain translocus to express a diverse, naturally optimized repertoire of fully human HCAs. While endogenous immunoglobulin loci in rats can be knocked out or silenced using a variety of technologies, in UniRat™ the zinc-finger (endo)nuclease (ZNF) technology was used to inactivate the endogenous rat heavy chain J-locus, light chain C κ locus and light chain C λ locus. ZNF constructs for microinjection into oocytes can produce IgH and IgL knock out (KO) lines. For details see, e.g., Geurts

et al., 2009, Science 325:433. Characterization of Ig heavy chain knockout rats has been reported by Menoret et al., 2010, Eur. J. Immunol. 40:2932-2941. Advantages of the ZNF technology are that non-homologous end joining to silence a gene or locus via deletions up to several kb can also provide a target site for homologous integration (Cui et al., 2011, Nat Biotechnol 29:64-67). Human heavy chain antibodies produced in UniRat™ are called UniAbs™ and can bind epitopes that cannot be attacked with conventional antibodies. Their high specificity, affinity, and small size make them ideal for mono- and poly-specific applications.

[0191] In addition to UniAbs™, specifically included herein are heavy chain-only antibodies lacking the camelid VHH framework and mutations, and their functional VH regions. Such heavy chain-only antibodies can, for example, be produced in transgenic rats or mice which comprise fully human heavy chain-only gene loci as described, e.g., in WO2006/008548, but other transgenic mammals, such as rabbit, guinea pig, rat can also be used, rats and mice being preferred. Heavy chain-only antibodies, including their VHH or VH functional fragments, can also be produced by recombinant DNA technology, by expression of the encoding nucleic acid in a suitable eukaryotic or prokaryotic host, including, for example, mammalian cells (e.g., CHO cells), E. coli or yeast.

[0192] Domains of heavy chain-only antibodies combine advantages of antibodies and small molecule drugs: can be mono- or multi-valent; have low toxicity; and are cost-effective to manufacture. Due to their small size, these domains are easy to administer, including oral or topical administration, are characterized by high stability, including gastrointestinal stability; and their half-life can be tailored to the desired use or indication. In addition, VH and VHH domains of HCAs can be manufactured in a cost-effective manner.

[0193] In a particular embodiment, the heavy chain antibodies of the present invention, including UniAbs™, have the native amino acid residue at the first position of the FR4 region (amino acid position 101 according to the Kabat numbering system), substituted by another amino acid residue, which is capable of disrupting a surface-exposed hydrophobic patch comprising or associated with the native amino acid residue at that position. Such hydrophobic patches are normally buried in the interface with the antibody light chain constant region but become surface exposed in HCAs and are, at least partially, for the unwanted aggregation and light chain association of HCAs. The substituted amino acid residue preferably is charged, and more preferably is positively charged, such as lysine (Lys, K), arginine (Arg, R) or histidine (His, H), preferably arginine (R). In a preferred embodiment the heavy chain-only antibodies derived from the transgenic animals contain a Trp to Arg mutation at position 101. The resultant HCAs preferably have high antigen-binding affinity and solubility under physiological conditions in the absence of aggregation.

[0194] As part of the present invention, human IgG anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibodies with unique sequences from UniRat™ animals (UniAb™) were identified that bind to human FOLR1 in ELISA protein and cell-binding assays. The identified heavy chain variable region (VH) sequences are positive

for human FOLR1 protein binding and/or for binding to FOLR1+ cells, and are all negative for binding to cells that do not express FOLR1. See, e.g., Table 14.

[0195] Heavy chain antibodies binding to non-overlapping epitopes on an FOLR1 protein, e.g., UniAbsTM can be identified by competition binding assays, such as enzyme-linked immunoassays (ELISA assays) or flow cytometric competitive binding assays. For example, one can use competition between known antibodies binding to the target antigen and the antibody of interest. By using this approach, one can divide a set of antibodies into those that compete with the reference antibody and those that do not. The non-competing antibodies are identified as binding to a distinct epitope that does not overlap with the epitope bound by the reference antibody. Often, one antibody is immobilized, the antigen is bound, and a second, labeled (e.g., biotinylated) antibody is tested in an ELISA assay for ability to bind the captured antigen. This can be performed also by using surface plasmon resonance (SPR) platforms, including ProteOn XPR36 (BioRad, Inc), Biacore 2000 and Biacore T200 (GE Healthcare Life Sciences), and MX96 SPR imager (Ibis technologies B.V.), as well as on biolayer interferometry platforms, such as Octet Red384 and Octet HTX (ForteBio, Pall Inc). For further details see the examples herein.

[0196] Typically, an antibody “competes” with a reference antibody if it causes about 15-100% reduction in the binding of the reference antibody to the target antigen, as determined by standard techniques, such as by the competition binding assays described above. In various embodiments, the relative inhibition is at least about 15%, at least about 20%, at least about 25%, at least about 30%, at least about 35%, at least about 40%, at least about 45%, at least about 50% at least about 55%, at least about 60%, at least about 65%, at least about 70%, at least about 75%, at least about 80%, at least about 85%, at least about 90%, at least about 95% or higher.

Pharmaceutical Compositions, Uses and Methods of Treatment

[0197] It is another aspect of the present invention to provide pharmaceutical compositions comprising one or more antibodies of the present invention in admixture with a suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers as used herein are exemplified, but not limited to, adjuvants, solid carriers, water, buffers, or other carriers used in the art to hold therapeutic components, or combinations thereof.

[0198] In one embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition comprises a heavy chain antibody (e.g., UniAbTM) that binds to FOLR1. In another embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition comprises a multi-specific (including bispecific) heavy chain antibody (e.g., UniAbTM) with binding specificity for two or more non-overlapping epitopes on an FOLR1 protein. In a preferred embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition comprises a multi-specific (including bispecific and TCA) heavy chain antibody (e.g., UniAbTM) with binding specificity to FOLR1 and with binding specificity to a binding target on an effector cell (e.g., a binding target on a T-cell, such as, e.g., a CD3 protein on a T-cell).

[0199] Pharmaceutical compositions of the antibodies used in accordance with the present invention are prepared for storage by mixing proteins having the desired degree of purity with optional pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or stabilizers (see, e.g. Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences 16th edition, Osol, A. Ed. (1980)), such as in the form of lyophilized formulations or aqueous solutions. Acceptable carriers, excipients, or stabilizers are nontoxic to recipients at the dosages and concentrations employed, and include buffers such as phosphate, citrate, and other organic acids; antioxidants including ascorbic acid and methionine; preservatives (such as octadecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride; hexamethonium chloride; benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride; phenol, butyl or benzyl alcohol; alkyl parabens such as methyl or propyl paraben; catechol; resorcinol; cyclohexanol; 3-pentanol; and m-cresol); low molecular weight (less than about 10 residues) polypeptides; proteins, such as serum albumin, gelatin, or immunoglobulins; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; amino acids such as glycine, glutamine, asparagine, histidine, arginine, or lysine; monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other carbohydrates including glucose, mannose, or dextrans; chelating agents such as EDTA; sugars such as sucrose, mannitol, trehalose or sorbitol; salt-forming counter-ions such as sodium; metal complexes (e.g. Zn-protein complexes); and/or non-ionic surfactants such as TWEEN™, PLURONICS™ or polyethylene glycol (PEG).

[0200] Pharmaceutical compositions for parenteral administration are preferably sterile and substantially isotonic and manufactured under Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) conditions. Pharmaceutical compositions can be provided in unit dosage form (i.e., the dosage for a single administration). The formulation depends on the route of administration chosen. The antibodies herein can be administered by intravenous injection or infusion or subcutaneously. For injection administration, the antibodies herein can be formulated in aqueous solutions, preferably in physiologically-compatible buffers to reduce discomfort at the site of injection. The solution can contain carriers, excipients, or stabilizers as discussed above. Alternatively, antibodies can be in lyophilized form for constitution with a suitable vehicle, e.g., sterile pyrogen-free water, before use.

[0201] Antibody formulations are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 9,034,324. Similar formulations can be used for the heavy chain antibodies, including UniAbs™, of the present invention. Subcutaneous antibody formulations are described, for example, in US20160355591 and US20160166689.

Methods of Use

[0202] The anti-FOLR1 antibodies and pharmaceutical compositions described herein can be used for the treatment of diseases and conditions characterized by the expression of FOLR1, including, without limitation, the conditions and diseases described further herein.

[0203] FOLR1, also known as FR α (UniProt P15328; HGNC ID 3791), is a glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI)-linked membrane protein that binds to folate and reduced folic acid derivatives and mediates intracellular delivery of 5-methyltetrahydrofolate. FOLR1 has a 210 amino

acid extracellular domain (ECD) that has a high affinity for folate at neutral pH. Upon internalization, acidic pH causes FOLR1 to undergo a conformational change that reduces the affinity of FOLR1 for folate, mediating release of folate, followed by recycling of FOLR1 to the cell surface. Wibowo AS et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*. 2013 Sep 17;110(38):15180-8. FOLR1 is overexpressed in many solid tumor types including ovarian, breast, lung, renal, colorectal, and brain, yet FOLR1 expression on normal healthy tissue such as the kidney, lung, retina, and brain is restricted to the apical surface of epithelium reducing their exposure to FOLR1 targeting agents in circulation and making FOLR1 an attractive therapeutic target. Cheung A et al. *Oncotarget*. 2016 Aug 9;7(32):52553-52574. FOLR1 may also be relevant for imaging and diagnosis of FOLR1 positive tumors, and moreover, soluble FOLR1 is reported to be elevated in patients with ovarian carcinomas. Kurosaki A et al. *Int J Cancer*. 2016 Apr 15;138(8):1994-2002. Several monoclonal antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs), and folate drug conjugates specific to FOLR1 have been described. Cheung A et al. *Oncotarget*. 2016 Aug 9;7(32):52553-52574. In addition, anti-FOLR1 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cells are under investigation to treat ovarian cancer. Kershaw MH et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2006 Oct; 12:6106-15; Song DG et al. *Cancer Res*. 2011 Jul 1;71(13):4617-27.

[0204] In one aspect, the anti-FOLR1 antibodies (e.g., UniAbs™) and pharmaceutical compositions herein can be used to treat disorders characterized by the expression of FOLR1, including, without limitation, solid tumors, e.g., carcinomas, such as ovarian and uterine cancers (e.g., high grade serous carcinoma, endometrioid, low grade serous carcinoma, clear cell carcinoma, mucinous carcinoma, and endometrial cancer), lung cancer, renal cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, as well as brain cancer (e.g., glioma, glioblastoma).

[0205] Effective doses of the compositions of the present invention for the treatment of disease vary depending upon many different factors, including means of administration, target site, physiological state of the patient, whether the patient is human or an animal, other medications administered, and whether treatment is prophylactic or therapeutic. Usually, the patient is a human, but nonhuman mammals may also be treated, e.g., companion animals such as dogs, cats, horses, etc., laboratory mammals such as rabbits, mice, rats, etc., and the like. Treatment dosages can be titrated to optimize safety and efficacy.

[0206] Dosage levels can be readily determined by the ordinarily skilled clinician, and can be modified as required, e.g., as required to modify a subject's response to therapy. The amount of active ingredient that can be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form varies depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration. Dosage unit forms generally contain between from about 1 mg to about 500 mg of an active ingredient.

[0207] In some embodiments, the therapeutic dosage the agent may range from about 0.0001 to 100 mg/kg, and more usually 0.01 to 5 mg/kg, of the host body weight. For example, dosages can be 1 mg/kg body weight or 10 mg/kg body weight or within the range of 1-10 mg/kg. An exemplary treatment regime entails administration once every two weeks or once a month or once every 3 to 6

months. Therapeutic entities of the present invention are usually administered on multiple occasions. Intervals between single dosages can be weekly, monthly or yearly. Intervals can also be irregular as indicated by measuring blood levels of the therapeutic entity in the patient. Alternatively, therapeutic entities of the present invention can be administered as a sustained release formulation, in which case less frequent administration is required. Dosage and frequency vary depending on the half-life of the polypeptide in the patient.

[0208] Typically, compositions are prepared as injectables, either as liquid solutions or suspensions; solid forms suitable for solution in, or suspension in, liquid vehicles prior to injection can also be prepared. The pharmaceutical compositions herein are suitable for intravenous or subcutaneous administration, directly or after reconstitution of solid (e.g., lyophilized) compositions. The preparation also can be emulsified or encapsulated in liposomes or micro particles such as polylactide, polyglycolide, or copolymer for enhanced adjuvant effect, as discussed above. Langer, *Science* 249: 1527, 1990 and Hanes, *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews* 28: 97-119, 1997. The agents of this invention can be administered in the form of a depot injection or implant preparation which can be formulated in such a manner as to permit a sustained or pulsatile release of the active ingredient. The pharmaceutical compositions are generally formulated as sterile, substantially isotonic and in full compliance with all Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) regulations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

[0209] Toxicity of the antibodies and antibody structures described herein can be determined by standard pharmaceutical procedures in cell cultures or experimental animals, e.g., by determining the LD₅₀ (the dose lethal to 50% of the population) or the LD₁₀₀ (the dose lethal to 100% of the population). The dose ratio between toxic and therapeutic effect is the therapeutic index. The data obtained from these cell culture assays and animal studies can be used in formulating a dosage range that is not toxic for use in humans. The dosage of the antibodies described herein lies preferably within a range of circulating concentrations that include the effective dose with little or no toxicity. The dosage can vary within this range depending upon the dosage form employed and the route of administration utilized. The exact formulation, route of administration and dosage can be chosen by the individual physician in view of the patient's condition.

[0210] The compositions for administration will commonly comprise an antibody or other ablative agent dissolved in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, preferably an aqueous carrier. A variety of aqueous carriers can be used, e.g., buffered saline and the like. These solutions are sterile and generally free of undesirable matter. These compositions may be sterilized by conventional, well known sterilization techniques. The compositions may contain pharmaceutically acceptable auxiliary substances as required to approximate physiological conditions such as pH adjusting and buffering agents, toxicity adjusting agents and the like, e.g., sodium acetate, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium lactate and the like. The concentration of active agent in these formulations can vary widely, and will be selected primarily based on fluid volumes, viscosities, body weight and the like in accordance with the particular mode of administration selected and the patient's needs (e.g.,

Remington's Pharmaceutical Science (15th ed., 1980) and Goodman & Gillman, The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics (Hardman et al., eds., 1996)).

[0211] Also within the scope of the invention are kits comprising the active agents and formulations thereof, of the invention and instructions for use. The kit can further contain a least one additional reagent, e.g. a chemotherapeutic drug, etc. Kits typically include a label indicating the intended use of the contents of the kit. The term "label" as used herein includes any writing, or recorded material supplied on or with a kit, or which otherwise accompanies a kit.

[0212] The invention now being fully described, it will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that various changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

EXAMPLES

Example 1: Flow cytometry analysis of binding to FOLR1 positive and negative cells by anti-FOLR1 UniAbs™

[0213] Table 14 summarizes target binding activity of anti-FOLR1 heavy-chain antibodies (HCABs). Column 1 indicates the clone ID of the HCAB. Column 2 indicates binding to FOLR1 positive IGROV-1 cells measured as fold over background MFI signal. Column 3 indicates binding to CHO cells stably expressing human FOLR1 measured as fold over background MFI signal. Column 4 indicates binding to CHO cells stably expressing cyno FOLR1 measured as fold over background MFI signal. Column 5 indicates binding to CHO cells that do not express FOLR1 protein measured as fold over background MFI signal.

Table 14: Binding to FOLR1-expressing cell line

Clone ID	IGROV-1 cell	CHO_huFOLR1	CHO_cyFOLR1	CHO_OFFtgt
352368	547.5	1232.5	179.2	3.1
352317	711.1	1219.8	464.9	1.0
352477	1961.1	1588.6	361.9	1.0
358454		1226.7	1519.9	1.0
358433		1984.2	2534.3	1.0
358420		1764.8	2257.3	1.2
358397		276.9	331.4	1.2
358474		2244.9	2347.9	1.1
358457		2082.6	2523.0	1.0
358462		2151.3	2582.6	1.0
358456		1869.6	2091.2	1.0
358466		1602.4	2089.9	1.0
358418		1502.1	2082.4	1.1
358441		1897.7	2295.5	1.1

Clone ID	IGROV-1 cell	CHO_huFOLR1	CHO_cyFOLR1	CHO_OFFtgt
358416		1871.5	1815.7	1.1
358480		2142.7	1195.3	1.1
358396		1730.3	360.4	1.1
358413		1810.6	496.9	1.1
358468		1670.0	313.9	1.1
358452		1842.4	1.7	1.0
358464		2103.1	6.4	1.0
358399		2014.4	330.3	1.0
358478		427.4	1.1	1.1
358446		1273.0	1.5	1.1
358442		1598.7	1.2	1.0
358393		402.3	1.2	1.1
352391	646.2	943.6	198.0	1.0
352491	1642.6	1484.3	158.6	0.9
352496	1739.7	1405.5	156.7	0.9
352372	505.6	1128.7	122.8	0.9
352564	1787.5	816.2	84.5	1.0
352365	593.6	906.4	97.4	1.0
352672	2304.4	1067.3	623.4	0.9
358614		886.5	735.3	1.1
358608		1277.7	534.8	1.1
358598		1891.1	1011.0	0.7
358589		1576.9	996.3	0.9
358596		1962.3	1336.0	0.9
358655		926.2	590.3	1.0
358626		1713.3	1062.5	0.8
358676		979.8	717.0	0.8
358624		1669.3	932.9	0.8
358664		1468.7	729.3	0.8
358647		920.3	3.0	1.1
358656		1406.4	21.7	0.8
358590		1568.7	21.8	0.9

Example 2: Anti-FOLR1 HCAb binding to FOLR1 positive cell lines

[0214] IGROV-1 cells, OVCAR-3 cells, CHO cells stably expressing human FOLR1, CHO cells stably expressing cyno FOLR1, and CHO cells stably expressing mouse FOLR1 were incubated with increasing amounts of the indicated antibodies, and binding characteristics were analyzed. Data are presented in FIG. 1, panels A-E, as MFI fold over background.

Example 3: Target cell binding of anti-FOLR1 HCAs

[0215] Table 15 summarizes target cell binding EC50 values of anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibodies (HCAs). Column 1 indicates the clone ID of the HCAb. Column 2 indicates the cell binding EC50

values in nM to IGROV-1 cells. Column 3 indicates cell binding EC50 values in nM to OVCAR-3 cells. Column 4 indicates cell binding EC50 values in nM to CHO cells stably expressing human FOLR1. Column 5 indicates cell binding EC50 values in nM to CHO cells stably expressing cyno FOLR1. Column 6 indicates cell binding EC50 values in nM to CHO cells stably expressing mouse FOLR1.

Table 15: Target cell binding data for anti-FOLR1 HCABs

Clone ID	IGROV-1 cell EC50	OVCAR-3 cell EC50	CHO_huFOLR 1 EC50	CHO_cyFOLR 1 EC50	CHO_msFOLR 1 EC50
352368	4.1	3.1	3.8	4.3	N/A
352317	3.9	3.3	5.1	5.0	N/A
352477	5.0	2.4	4.2	4.2	N/A
358454	3.3	1.5	4.2	3.4	3.2
358433	4.1	1.3	5.9	3.1	3.6
358474	4.0	1.2	4.0	4.3	2.6
358457	3.6	1.1	4.6	3.0	2.5
352391	2.8	2.8	5.5	2.7	N/A
352491	5.0	3.3	4.3	2.1	N/A
352496	3.8	1.1	3.5	4.3	N/A
352372	3.6	4.9	4.6	3.4	N/A
352564	3.7	32.6	5.4	5.7	N/A
352365	4.6	N/A	3.8	3.3	N/A
352672	8.8	6.3	5.9	2.9	N/A
358614	2.1	0.7	1.9	2.7	N/A
358598	2.6	0.6	1.9	2.4	N/A
358589	3.7	0.9	3.3	1.9	N/A

Example 4: Anti-FOLR1 HCAb binding to FOLR2 and IZUMO1R positive cell lines

[0216] Anti-FOLR1 HCAb binding to CHO cells stably expressing human FOLR2 (also known as folate receptor beta, FR β), and CHO cells stably expressing human IZUMO1R (also known as folate receptor delta, FOLR4, FR δ , JUNO) was analyzed for a number of different clones. Data are presented in FIG. 2, panels A-B, as MFI fold over background. Insets show binding of positive control anti-FOLR2 and anti-IZUMO1R antibodies, respectively, in dark grey, compared to the respective isotype control in light grey.

Example 5: Anti-FOLR1 HCAb binding analysis

[0217] Table 16 summarizes a BLI (Octet) binding experiment of anti-FOLR1 HCABs to FOLR3 (also known as folate receptor gamma, FR γ). An anti-FOLR3 antibody was included as a positive control for BLI response.

Table 16: BLI (Octet) binding data

Clone ID	FOLR3 Binding
358454	No Binding
358474	No Binding
358614	No Binding
358598	No Binding
Anti-FOLR3	Binding

Example 6: Analysis of binding affinity and epitope binning for anti-FOLR1 HCABs

[0218] Table 17 summarizes affinity and epitope bin information for anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibodies (HCABs). Column 1 indicates the clone ID of the HCAB. Column 2 indicates the affinity of the HCAB to recombinant human FOLR1 as measured by Bio-layer interferometry (BLI) using an Octet QK-384. Column 3 indicates the epitope bin of HCAB as determined by a competition BLI binding experiment using an Octet QK-384.

Table 17: Binding affinity and epitope bin

Clone ID	KD (M)	Epitope Bin
352368	3.29E-08	1
352317	8.70E-09	1
352477	1.25E-08	1
358454	6.78E-09	1
358433	6.34E-09	1
358474	7.62E-09	1
358457	6.82E-09	1
352391	3.48E-08	2
352491	3.74E-08	2
352496	4.18E-08	2
352372	5.27E-08	2
352564	8.11E-08	2
352365	1.25E-07	2
352672	3.60E-08	2
358614	2.68E-08	2
358598	2.27E-08	2
358589	2.23E-08	2

Example 7: Monovalent bispecific antibody mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T-cells

[0219] FOLR1-positive tumor cell line SKOV-3 was incubated with increasing amounts of bispecific antibody in the presence of resting human T-cells resulting in specific tumor cell lysis and cytokine

release of IL-2 and IFN γ . The results are provided in FIG. 3, panels A, B, and C, respectively. The bispecific antibody was composed of an anti-CD3 binding arm paired with the anti-FOLR1 VH binding domain indicated in FIG. 3, panel D (clone ID: 361027). An FOLR1 x CD3_OKT3 bispecific antibody with the same anti-FOLR1 VH in the same format was included as a positive control. A negative control antibody including a VH binding domain that does not bind to FOLR1 exhibited no specific lysis (data not shown). FOLR1-negative CHO cells exhibited no specific lysis (data not shown).

Example 8: Monovalent bispecific antibody mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T-cells

[0220] FOLR1-positive tumor cell line SKOV-3 was incubated with increasing amounts of bispecific antibody in the presence of resting human T-cells resulting in specific tumor cell lysis and cytokine release of IL-2 and IFN γ . The results are provided in FIG. 4, panels A, B, and C, respectively. The bispecific antibody was composed of an anti-CD3 binding arm paired with the anti-FOLR1 VH binding domain indicated in FIG. 4, panel D (clone ID: 361029). An FOLR1 x CD3_OKT3 bispecific antibody with the same anti-FOLR1 VH in the same format was included as a positive control.

Example 9: Bivalent bispecific antibody mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T cells

[0221] FOLR1-positive tumor cell line SKOV-3 was incubated with increasing amounts of bivalent bispecific antibody in the presence of resting human T-cells resulting in specific tumor cell lysis and cytokine release of IL-2 and IFN γ . The results are shown in FIG. 5, panels A, B, and C, respectively. The bivalent bispecific antibody was composed of an anti-CD3 binding arm paired with the anti-FOLR1 VH binding domain indicated in FIG. 5, panel D (clone ID: 380323). A bivalent FOLR1 x CD3_OKT3 bispecific antibody with the same anti-FOLR1 VH in the same format was included as a positive control.

Example 10: Bivalent bispecific antibody mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T-cells

[0222] FOLR1-positive tumor cell line SKOV-3 was incubated with increasing amounts of bivalent bispecific antibody in the presence of resting human T-cells resulting in specific tumor cell lysis and cytokine release of IL-2 and IFN γ . The results are shown in FIG. 6, panels A, B, and C, respectively. The bivalent bispecific antibody was composed of an anti-CD3 binding arm paired with the anti-FOLR1 VH binding domain indicated in FIG. 6, panel D (clone ID: 380327). A bivalent FOLR1 x CD3_OKT3 bispecific antibody with the same anti-FOLR1 VH in the same format was included as a positive control.

Example 11: Bivalent bispecific antibody mediated killing of HT-29 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T-cells

[0223] Low FOLR1-positive tumor cell line HT-29 was incubated with increasing amounts of bivalent bispecific antibody in the presence of resting human T-cells resulting in specific tumor cell lysis and cytokine release of IL-2 and IFN γ . The results are shown in FIG. 7, panels A, B, and C, respectively. The bivalent bispecific antibody was composed of an anti-CD3 binding arm paired with the anti-FOLR1 VH binding domain indicated in FIG. 7, panel D (clone ID: 380327). A bivalent FOLR1 x CD3_OKT3 bispecific antibody with the same anti-FOLR1 VH in the same format was included as a positive control.

Example 12: Bivalent bispecific antibody mediated killing of SKOV-3 human tumor cells through redirection of resting T-cells at varying effector to target ratios

[0224] FOLR1-positive tumor cell line SKOV-3 was incubated with increasing amounts of bivalent bispecific antibody in the presence of varying ratios of resting human T-cells (effector) to tumor cells (target) resulting in specific tumor cell lysis. The results are shown in FIG. 8, panel A. The bivalent bispecific antibody was composed of an anti-CD3 binding arm paired with the anti-FOLR1 VH binding domain indicated in FIG. 8, panel B (clone ID: 380327).

Example 13: Monovalent and bivalent bispecific antibody mouse pharmacokinetics

[0225] Single-dose (1 mg/kg) pharmacokinetics of monovalent bispecific antibodies (clone IDs: 361027 and 361029) and bivalent bispecific antibodies (clone IDs: 380327 and 380333) in female BALB/c mice. Data are shown in FIG. 9 as serum concentrations at indicated timepoints.

Table 18: Monovalent and bivalent bispecific antibody half-life in BALB/c mice

Clone ID	Molecule	t _{1/2} (days)
361027	FOLR1_monoval-1 x CD3_F2B	2.00
361029	FOLR1_monoval-2 x CD3_F2B	8.44
380327	FOLR1_bival-2 x CD3_F2B	7.19
380333	FOLR1_bival-3 x CD3_F2B	4.44

Example 14: In vivo efficacy of bivalent bispecific antibody in an IGROV-1 tumor model

[0226] Anti-tumor efficacy of bivalent bispecific antibody was evaluated in a humanized mouse xenograft model. FIG. 10 panel A depicts schematic of mouse model. Female NCG mice were implanted with with 5×10^6 IGROV-1 cells via subcutaneous injection and 10×10^6 activated human PBMCs via intraperitoneal injection. Mice were treated every three days with intravenous injections of either 200 μ g bivalent bispecific antibody composed of an anti-CD3 binding arm paired with the anti-FOLR1 VH binding domain (clone ID: 380327) or 100 μ g of a monovalent FOLR1 x CD3_OKT3 bispecific antibody with an anti-FOLR1 VH (clone ID: 361027) included as a positive control. Data are shown in panel B as tumor volume measurements.

Example 15: FOLR1 expression on normal and malignant cells

[0227] FOLR1 (FR α) is expressed on normal healthy tissues, including lung and kidney, and targeting FOLR1 with a T-cell engager (TCE) could result in on-target, off-tumor toxicity. Cell surface expression of FOLR1 on various ovarian and other solid tumor cell lines, as well as normal primary cells, was quantified. The number of FOLR1 molecules on the cell surface (antigen density) of FOLR1 positive tumor cell lines was quantified by flow cytometry. The FOLR1 antigen density on the ovarian tumor cell lines OVCAR-3, SKOV-3 and IGROV-1 ranged from 44×10^3 to $1,871 \times 10^3$ (FIG. 11), recapitulating the range observed in clinical samples of relapsed ovarian cancer patients. In contrast, normal primary alveolar and bronchial epithelial lung cells express 0.1×10^3 and 0.8×10^3 FOLR1 /cell respectively, and renal cortical epithelial cells express 6.7×10^3 FOLR1 /cell (FIG. 11). FOLR1 expression has also been reported on choroid plexus and retinal epithelial cells (Smith SB, Kekuda R, Gu X, Chancy C, Conway SJ, Ganapathy V. Expression of folate receptor alpha in the mammalian retinol pigmented epithelium and retina. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci* 1999;**40**(5):840-8; Weitman SD, Lark RH, Coney LR, Fort DW, Frasca V, Zurawski VR, Jr., *et al.* Distribution of the folate receptor GP38 in normal and malignant cell lines and tissues. *Cancer Res* 1992;**52**(12):3396-401). However, here, measured FOLR1 antigen densities ranged from 0.7×10^3 and 1.3×10^3 , respectively. Since the high end of expression on normal tissues reported to express FOLR1 is in the range of 7×10^3 , the colorectal tumor cell line HT-29, with an FOLR1 antigen density of 8×10^3 , was selected as a cell line representing the FOLR1 expression threshold at or below which no TCE-dependent cytotoxicity was desirable. Values are reported in FIG. 11 as the mean and standard error of the mean (SEM) of 2-5 independent experiments.

Example 16: Cell surface affinity and tumor cell lysis

[0228] A fully human bispecific antibody that binds to FOLR1 (FR α) and CD3, referred to as TNB-928B, was evaluated for its cell surface binding characteristics and ability to lyse FOLR1+ tumor cells. FIG. 12, panel A, provides a schematic illustration of TNB-928B, which was constructed using knobs-into-holes technology. The schematic shows the format of the antibody. FIG. 12, panel B, shows cell surface affinity of TNB-928B to FOLR1 (FR α) expressed on IGROV-1 cells (as determined by Scatchard analysis). FIG. 12, panel C, shows the results of a co-culture cytotoxicity assay with T-cells (E:T ratio of 10:1), showing cell lysis of IGROV-1 tumor cells after 48 h.

Example 17: Preferential effector T-cell activation and proliferation

[0229] TNB-928B was evaluated for its potential to preferentially activate effector T-cells and drive their proliferation. FIG. 13, panel A, shows the results of activation of CD4⁺ or CD8⁺ T-cells, as measured by flow cytometric measurement of the activation marker CD69 after 48 h of co-culture of T-cells from a healthy donor and SKOV-3 tumor cells at an E:T ratio of 5:1. FIG. 13, panel B, shows

the results of proliferation of CD4⁺ or CD8⁺ T-cells as measured by flow cytometric measurement of Ki67 after 72 h of co-culture with IGROV-1 tumor cells at an E:T ratio of 5:1. FIG. 13, panel C, shows CD4⁺ T-cells that were further gated on CD25⁺Foxp3⁺ expression to evaluate percentage of Treg cells induced 72 h after 8 or 16 nM of PC or TNB-928B treatment respectively. * $p < 0.05$; ns, not significant.

Example 18: Selective lysis of high FOLR1 expressing tumor cells

[0230] TNB-928B was evaluated for its potential to induce selective lysis of high FOLR1 (FR α) expressing tumor cells while sparing low FOLR1 expressing cells. A co-culture cytotoxicity assay with T-cells from a healthy donor (E:T ratio of 10:1) was conducted. The results are shown in FIG. 14. Panel A demonstrates cell lysis of SKOV-3 tumor cells (high FOLR1 expression) after 48 hours. Panel B demonstrates cell lysis of HT-29 cells (low FOLR1 expression) after 48 hours. The results demonstrate that TNB-928B induced selective lysis of high FOLR1 (FR α) expressing tumor cells while sparing low FOLR1 expressing cells.

Example 19: Tumor cell lysis accompanied by low cytokine release

[0231] TNB-928B was evaluated for its potential to induce tumor cell lysis without inducing a high levels of cytokine release. A co-culture cytotoxicity assay with T-cells from three healthy donors (E:T ratio of 5:1) was conducted. Aliquots of cell culture supernatant were collected from cytotoxicity assays and analyzed for IL-2 and IFN γ cytokine release. At concentrations of TNB-928B that mediate robust lysis of IGROV-1 and SKOV-3, the levels of IL-2 and IFN γ were lower than those induced by the OKT3 containing PC, irrespective of the donor (FIG. 15). Furthermore, TNB-928B displayed no cytotoxicity, nor IL-2 or IFN γ release, when tested against the FOLR1 (FR α) negative LNCaP cell line (FIG. 15).

Example 20: Mediation of tumor cell lysis and T-cell activity in patient-derived ovarian tumors

[0232] TNB-928B was evaluated for its potential to mediate tumor cell lysis and T-cell activity in patient-derived ovarian tumor cells. TNB-928B, PC, or NC were added to freshly dissociated ovarian carcinoma tissue and incubated without addition of exogenous PBMCs for 48 to 72 h. The results are provided in FIG. 16. Panel A demonstrates maximum cytotoxicity of ovarian carcinoma tissue derived cells from 5 different responding patients treated with 10 nM PC, 100 nM TNB-928B, or 100 nM NC. Panel B demonstrates that responders have higher expression of FOLR1 (FR α) than non-responders. Panel C demonstrates representative dose curves of cytotoxicity as measured by LDH release, Panel D shows IFN γ release and panel E shows IL-2 release as measured by MSD. Panel F shows CD69⁺ Tregs as measured by flow cytometry following incubation for 72 h with patient matched PBMCs at an E:T ratio of 1:1. * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$; **** $p < 0.0001$; ns, not significant.

Example 21: Dose-dependent tumor regression in an NCG mouse xenograft model

[0233] TNB-928B was evaluated for its potential to induce tumor regression in a dose-dependent manner in an NCG mouse xenograft model. Details of the model and results are provided in FIG. 17. 5×10^6 IGROV-1 cells were injected *s.c.* and 10×10^6 resting hPBMCs were injected *i.p.* into NCG mice ($n=3$ /group). Starting on day 3 post-implantation (pi), TNB-928B was injected *i.v.* at the respective doses (shown with downward arrows) every 3 days for a total of 9 doses. A schematic diagram of the study is provided in panel A. Tumors were harvested on day 30 and stained by IHC with anti-human CD3, anti-human CD45 and anti-human FR α . Positively stained cells were quantified, and the results are shown in panel B. The PK of TNB-928B was evaluated in BALB/c mice following a single tail vein injection at 1 and 10 mg/kg. TNB-928B clearance (CL) ranged from 7.9 to 10.3 mL/day/kg. The half-life ($t_{1/2}$) ranged from 3.9 to 8 days for TNB-928B (FIG. 17, panel C). Since neither arm of TNB-928B cross-reacts with FOLR1 (FR α) or CD3 in rodent species, the observed linear PK was expected and is consistent with non-specific clearance mechanisms. These results suggest TNB-928B is stable *in vivo* with favorable PK and with a half-life similar to conventional antibodies.

Example 22: Thermal stress and stability characterization

[0234] Biophysical characteristics of TNB-928B were evaluated, and the results are summarized in FIG. 18 and FIG. 21. All antibodies were formulated in 20 mM citrate and 0.1 M NaCl pH 6.2. High molecular weight species (HMW) were measured by SEC-UPLC (ThermoFisher UltiMate™ 3000 HPLC) before (T_0) and after temperature stress (T_{30}) for 1 month at 37°C. Percent low molecular weight (% LMW) and high molecular weight (% HMW) are shown at $T = 0$ and $T = 30$ days in FIG. 18. TNB-928B stability was assessed following incubation at 4°C and 37°C for 1 month. SEC-UPLC chromatograms are shown in FIG. 21.

Example 23: Effect of FOLR1 valency

[0235] To determine the effect of FOLR1 (FR α) valency on the *in vitro* functional activity of FOLR1 x CD3 TCEs in cytotoxicity assays, IGROV-1 (high FR α antigen density) cells were co-cultured with primary human pan T-cells along with FOLR1 TCE for 48 hours. The ability of TNB-928B to mediate lysis of IGROV-1 was compared to a corresponding bispecific antibody containing the same VH, which is monovalent for FOLR1. In the presence of IGROV-1 tumor cells, both TNB-928B and the bivalent PC antibodies exhibited an avidity effect observed in lower EC_{50} values (increased potency) compared to the respective monovalent antibodies (FIG. 19). Importantly, TNB-928B exhibited similar maximum tumor cell lysis compared to the PC at saturating doses with ~75% lysis of IGROV-1. Taken together, these data demonstrate that the bivalent format of TNB-928B exhibited a strong avidity effect for killing high FOLR1-expressing tumor cells and TNB-928B achieves maximum activity comparable to the PC.

Example 24: Clinical and molecular characteristics of ex vivo ovarian tumor samples

[0236] Clinical and molecular characteristics of fresh patient derived *ex vivo* ovarian tumor samples were evaluated, and the results are provided in FIG. 20. The column titled “TNB-928B % max lysis” represents data from sample treated with 100 nM TNB-928B for 48 to 72 h. Abbreviations: HGSC, high-grade serous carcinoma; HGC, high-grade carcinoma; LGESS, low-grade endometrial stromal sarcoma; LGSC, low-grade serous carcinoma; nd, not determined.

Example 25: Activity at low E:T ratios and in the presence of sFOLR1

[0237] Like other GPI-anchored proteins, FOLR1 is cleaved from the cell surface. Soluble FOLR1 protein (sFOLR1; sFR α) is elevated in the serum of ovarian cancer patients, and in both early and advanced ovarian cancer patients, high sFOLR1 is associated with shorter PFS (Kurosaki A, Hasegawa K, Kato T, Abe K, Hanaoka T, Miyara A, *et al.* Serum folate receptor alpha as a biomarker for ovarian cancer: Implications for diagnosis, prognosis and predicting its local tumor expression. *Int J Cancer* 2016;**138**(8):1994-2002; Leung F, Dimitromanolakis A, Kobayashi H, Diamandis EP, Kulasingam V. Folate-receptor 1 (FOLR1) protein is elevated in the serum of ovarian cancer patients. *Clin Biochem* 2013;**46**(15):1462-8). Moreover, expression of FOLR1 on tumor cells is strongly correlated with sFOLR1 levels. To determine the effect of sFOLR1 on TNB-928B-mediated tumor cell lysis, a cytotoxicity assay was performed with T-cells and SKOV-3 cells in the presence of exogenously added soluble recombinant FOLR1 at 10 ng/mL, 100 ng/mL, and 1,000 ng/mL. A minimal decrease in potency of TNB-928B-mediated SKOV-3 tumor cell lysis was detected in the presence of sFOLR1 up to 1,000 ng/mL, which is approximately 100-fold higher than sFOLR1 measured in the serum of EOC patients (Kurosaki A, Hasegawa K, Kato T, Abe K, Hanaoka T, Miyara A, *et al.* Serum folate receptor alpha as a biomarker for ovarian cancer: Implications for diagnosis, prognosis and predicting its local tumor expression. *Int J Cancer* 2016;**138**(8):1994-2002; O'Shannessy DJ, Somers EB, Palmer LM, Thiel RP, Oberoi P, Heath R, *et al.* Serum folate receptor alpha, mesothelin and megakaryocyte potentiating factor in ovarian cancer: association to disease stage and grade and comparison to CA125 and HE4. *J Ovarian Res* 2013;**6**(1):29), but maximum cell lysis was unchanged (FIG. 22, panel B). To determine if the exogenous sFOLR1 is stable for the duration of the cytotoxicity assay, sFOLR1 levels in the cell culture supernatant of representative wells were quantified by ELISA after 48 hours. The measured levels of sFOLR1 after 48 hours were comparable to the amount of exogenous sFOLR1 (FIG. 22, panel C). These data suggest the cytotoxic activity of TNB-928B is not affected by sFOLR1 levels comparable to physiological levels detected in the serum of ovarian cancer patients.

Example 26: Production of cytotoxic granules

[0238] TNB-928B-mediated cytotoxicity was evaluated in patient-derived samples by obtaining fresh surgically removed ovarian tumor biopsies. *Ex vivo* ovarian tumor samples were incubated with TNB-

928B, PC, or NC for 48 to 72 hours. TNB-928B mediated substantial *ex vivo* tumor cell lysis comparable to the PC in dissociated ovarian tumor samples from five out of eight different patients (FIGS. 16 and 20). Importantly, no exogenous T-cells were added to these samples, indicating that endogenous T-cells present in the tumor were sufficient for mediating tumor cell cytotoxicity. FOLR1 antigen density was measured on six of the eight patient samples and found a trend between samples displaying < 10% (non-responders) and > 10% (responders) tumor lysis (FIG. 16, panel B). Two of the non-responders had FOLR1 antigen densities < 1×10^3 (FIG. 20), and therefore were not expected to show activity based on our *in vitro* results. In a representative dissociated ovarian tumor sample, the EC50 of TNB-928B was 45.2 pM, consistent with *in vitro* results (FIG. 16, panel C). Also consistent with *in vitro* cytotoxicity results, TNB-928B induced reduced levels of cytokine release as measured by IFN γ and IL-2 compared to the PC (FIG. 16, panels D and E). In addition, TNB-928B mediated tumor cell lysis was accompanied by the release of cytotoxic granules, with levels of perforin and granzyme B in the supernatant comparable to the PC (FIG. 23, panels A and B). Importantly, when dissociated ovarian tumor samples were incubated with patient matched PBMCs at an E:T ratio of 1:1, TNB-928B induced approximately 2.5-fold less activation of Treg cells compared to the PC (FIG. 16, panel F). These data suggest TNB-928B mediates robust ovarian tumor cell killing of primary patient tumor samples that express high levels of FR α , decouples cytotoxicity from cytokine release, and preferentially activates effector T cells over Treg cells.

[0239] While preferred embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described herein, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that such embodiments are provided by way of example only. Numerous variations, changes, and substitutions will now occur to those skilled in the art without departing from the invention. It should be understood that various alternatives to the embodiments of the invention described herein may be employed in practicing the invention. It is intended that the following claims define the scope of the invention and that methods and structures within the scope of these claims and their equivalents be covered thereby.

CLAIMS:

1. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising a first heavy chain variable region comprising:
 - (a) a CDR1 sequence having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or
 - (b) a CDR2 sequence having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or
 - (c) a CDR3 sequence having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.
2. The antibody of claim 1, further comprising a second heavy chain variable region comprising:
 - (a) a CDR1 sequence having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or
 - (b) a CDR2 sequence having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or
 - (c) a CDR3 sequence having two or fewer substitutions in any of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.
3. The antibody of any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein said CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 sequences are present in a human framework.
4. The antibody of any one of claims 1 to 3, further comprising a heavy chain constant region sequence in the absence of a CH1 sequence.
5. The antibody of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the first heavy chain variable region comprises:
 - (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or
 - (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or
 - (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.
6. The antibody of any one of claims 2 to 5, wherein the second heavy chain variable region comprises:
 - (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and/or
 - (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and/or
 - (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.

7. The antibody of any one of claims 5 to 6, comprising:
- (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and
 - (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and
 - (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.
8. The antibody of any one of claims 5 to 7, wherein the second heavy chain variable region comprises:
- (a) a CDR1 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-5; and
 - (b) a CDR2 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 6-17; and
 - (c) a CDR3 sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 18-22.
9. The antibody of any one of claims 1 to 8, comprising:
- (a) a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19; or
 - (b) a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20.
10. The antibody of any one of claims 1 to 9, comprising a heavy chain variable region sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to any one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 23-74.
11. The antibody of any one of claims 1 to 10, comprising a heavy chain variable region sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 23-74.
12. The antibody of claim 11, wherein the heavy chain variable region sequence is selected from the group consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 61 and SEQ ID NO: 72.
13. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising a first heavy chain variable region comprising:
- (a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula:

$$\text{G F X1 F X2 S X3 X4 (SEQ ID NO: 75)}$$
 where:
 - X1 is N, T, I, or S;
 - X2 is R or S;
 - X3 is F or Y; and
 - X4 is G, S, or T; and
 - (b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula:

$$\text{I S S X1 S X2 X3 I (SEQ ID NO: 76)}$$
 where:
 - X1 is G or S;
 - X2 is S or T; and

X3 is Y, D, T, or S; and

(c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula:

A R D V T S G I A A A G X1 A F N I (SEQ ID NO: 77)

where: X1 is A or S,

in a monovalent or bivalent format.

14. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising a first heavy chain variable region comprising:

(a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula:

G F X1 F S S Y S (SEQ ID NO: 78)

where: X1 is S or T; and

(b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula:

I X1 X2 S S X3 X4 I (SEQ ID NO: 79)

where: X1 is S, T, or D;

X2 is S, R, or G;

X3 is D or S; and

X4 is T or I; and

(c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula:

A X1 V G L X2 F D Y (SEQ ID NO: 80)

where: X1 is S or T; and

X2 is D or E,

in a monovalent or bivalent format.

15. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising:

a first heavy chain variable region comprising:

(a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula:

G F X1 F X2 S X3 X4 (SEQ ID NO: 75)

where: X1 is N, T, I, or S;

X2 is R or S;

X3 is F or Y; and

X4 is G, S, or T; and

(b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula:

I S S X1 S X2 X3 I (SEQ ID NO: 76)

where: X1 is G or S;

X2 is S or T; and

X3 is Y, D, T, or S; and

(c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula:

A R D V T S G I A A A G X1 A F N I (SEQ ID NO: 77)

where: X1 is A or S; and

a second heavy chain variable region comprising:

(a) a CDR1 sequence of the formula:

G F X1 F S S Y S (SEQ ID NO: 78)

where: X1 is S or T; and

(b) a CDR2 sequence of the formula:

I X1 X2 S S X3 X4 I (SEQ ID NO: 79)

where: X1 is S, T, or D;

X2 is S, R, or G;

X3 is D or S; and

X4 is T or I; and

(c) a CDR3 sequence of the formula:

A X1 V G L X2 F D Y (SEQ ID NO: 80)

where: X1 is S or T; and

X2 is D or E.

16. The antibody of claim 15, wherein the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the N-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region.

17. The antibody of claim 15, wherein the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the C-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region.

18. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising a heavy chain variable region comprising CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences in a human VH framework, wherein the CDR sequences comprise a sequence having two or fewer substitutions in a CDR sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-22.

19. The antibody of claim 18, comprising a heavy chain variable region comprising CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 sequences in a human VH framework, wherein the CDR sequences are selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1-22.

20. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising:

a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 in a human VH framework.

21. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising:
a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.
22. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising:
a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20 in a human VH framework.
23. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising:
a heavy chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20 in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.
24. An antibody that binds to FOLR1, comprising:
a first heavy chain variable region comprising:
a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework; and
a second heavy chain variable region comprising:
a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework.
25. The antibody of claim 24, wherein the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the N-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region.
26. The antibody of claim 24, wherein the first heavy chain variable region is located nearer to the C-terminus relative to the second heavy chain variable region.
27. The antibody of any one of claims 1-14 and 18-23, which is monospecific.
28. The antibody of any one of claims 1 to 26, which is multi-specific.
29. The antibody of claim 28, which is bispecific.
30. The antibody of claim 28 or 29, which has binding affinity to a CD3 protein and an FOLR1 protein.

31. The antibody of claim 28 or 29, which has binding affinity to two different epitopes on the same FOLR1 protein.
32. The antibody of claim 28 or 29, having binding affinity to an effector cell.
33. The antibody of claim 32, having binding affinity to a T-cell antigen.
34. The antibody of claim 33, having binding affinity to CD3.
35. The antibody of any one of claims 1 to 34, which is in a CAR-T format.
36. A bispecific antibody comprising:
- (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework;
 - (ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and
 - (iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework.
37. A bispecific antibody comprising:
- (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework;
 - (ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and
 - (iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.
38. A bispecific antibody comprising:
- (i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework;

(ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and

(iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework.

39. A bispecific antibody comprising:

(i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework;

(ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and

(iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework, in a monovalent or bivalent configuration.

40. A multi-specific antibody comprising:

(i) a heavy chain variable region having binding affinity to CD3, comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 83, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 84, and CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 85, in a human VH framework;

(ii) a light chain variable region comprising a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 86, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87, and CDR3 sequences of SEQ ID NO: 88, in a human VL framework; and

(iii) an antigen-binding domain of an anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody, wherein the antigen-binding domain comprises a first and a second antigen-binding region, in a bivalent configuration, wherein:

the first antigen-binding region comprises a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, in a human VH framework; and

the second antigen-binding region comprises a CDR1 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, a CDR2 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16, and a CDR3 sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20, in a human VH framework.

41. The multi-specific antibody of claim 40, wherein the first antigen-binding region is located nearer to the N-terminus relative to the second antigen-binding region.

42. The multi-specific antibody of claim 40, wherein the first antigen-binding region is located nearer to the C-terminus relative to the second antigen-binding region.
43. The multi-specific or bispecific antibody of any one of claims 36 to 42, wherein the first and second antigen-binding regions of the antigen-binding domain of the anti-FOLR1 heavy chain antibody are connected by a polypeptide linker.
44. The multi-specific or bispecific antibody of claim 43, wherein the polypeptide linker is a GS linker.
45. The multi-specific or bispecific antibody of claim 44, wherein the GS linker consists of the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 81 or SEQ ID NO: 82.
46. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45.
47. A method for the treatment of a disorder characterized by expression of FOLR1, comprising administering to a subject with said disorder an antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 46.
48. Use of an antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45, in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment of a disorder characterized by expression of FOLR1.
49. An antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45, for use in the treatment of a disorder characterized by expression of FOLR1.
50. The method, use, or antibody of any one of claims 47 to 49, wherein the disorder is selected from the group consisting of: ovarian cancer, uterine cancers, lung cancer, renal cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, and brain cancer.
51. A polynucleotide encoding an antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45.
52. A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 51.
53. A cell comprising the vector of claim 52.

54. A method of producing an antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45, comprising growing a cell according to claim 53 under conditions permissive for expression of the antibody, and isolating the antibody from the cell.
55. A method of making an antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45, comprising immunizing a UniRat animal with an FOLR1 protein and identifying FOLR1-binding antibody sequences.
56. A method of treatment, comprising administering to an individual in need an effective dose of the antibody of any one of claims 1 to 45, or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 46.