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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to mammalian cells modified to provide for reduced cleavage of peptides that will be conjugated to polypeptides expressed by the cells. In particular, the invention relates to a method of producing an antibody peptide conjugate, the method comprising: a) expressing the antibody in a mammalian cell wherein the mammalian cell is a cathepsin D knock out cell, and wherein the antibody comprises a cysteine or non-canonical amino acid amino acid substitution at one or more conjugation site(s); b) purifying the antibody; and c) conjugating a peptide to the antibody at the conjugation site(s).