

# Filling the Armoury Making Antibody-Drug Conjugate Payloads

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# ADC Payloads Mechanisms of Action



#### Chemotherapy Approaches:

- Alkylating antineoplastic agents
- Antimetabolites
- Anti-microtubule agents
- Topoisomerase inhibitors
- Kinase Inhibitors



# ADC Payloads Marketed Drugs



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- Key Challenges
  - Highly synthetic complexity/long routes
  - High containment facilities required for final stages
- Key Opportunities
  - Only small amounts required (vs potency)

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### Early Payloads within Early Chemical Development at AstraZeneca



### **Classic Route Design**



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Can we redesign the synthesis to reduce the number of High Containment steps?

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## **Route Design to Minimise High Containment** Tesirine (SG3249)



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### Route Design using New Methodology







Entry	Catalyst	Additive	Additive eq.	Solvent (20 vols)	HPLC Area% (220nm)			
					Product	Isomer	Starting Material	Other Peaks
1	Grubbs I	none		PhMe	7.7	12.4	77.9	2.0
2	Grubbs I	Et₃SiH	1.00	PhMe	12.3	11.0	49.1	27.7
3	Grubbs II	none		PhMe	14.5	2.7	71.1	11.7
4	Grubbs II	none		MeOH	46.2	52.4	0.0	1.4
5	None	Fe(CO) <sub>5</sub>	3.00	CPME	0.0	0.0	70.1	29.9
6	Crabtrees Catalyst	none		PhMe	12.1	0.5	78.8	8.6
7	Crabtrees Catalyst	none		IPA/PhMe	29.2	36.9	0.0	33.9
8	$Ru(H_2)(PPh_3)_4$	None		PhMe	0.0	0.0	95.2	4.8
9	RuHCI(CO)PPh <sub>3</sub>	none		PhMe	26.4	68.6	0.0	5.0
10	cationic CpRu(Pr <sub>3</sub> )	none		PhMe	25.2	71.4	0.0	3.3
11	RhH(CO)PPh <sub>3</sub>	none		PhMe	6.3	38.6	50.3	4.8
12	RhCl <sub>3</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O	none		nBuOH	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
13	Rh(COD) <sub>2</sub> BF <sub>4</sub>	BINAP	0.05	PhMe	25.1	56.6	0.0	18.3
14	Pd/C	none		PhMe	0.0	0.0	99.7	0.3
15	${Pd(\mu-Br)[P(tBu)_3]}_2$	none		PhMe	89.5	5.7	0.0	4.8
16	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (dtbpf)	Et <sub>3</sub> SiH	0.10	PhMe	20.5	64.4	0.0	15.2
17	Pd(MeCN) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	none		PhMe	0.0	0.0	91.4	8.6
18	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> /PhS(O)(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S(O)Ph	none		PhMe	0.0	0.0	93.5	6.5









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