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FEE TRANSMITTAL	Complete if known	
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Application Type	FILING FEES			SEARCH FEES			EXAMINATION FEES			Fees Paid (\$)
	U (\$)	S (\$)	M (\$)	U (\$)	S (\$)	M (\$)	U (\$)	S (\$)	M (\$)	
Utility	280	140*	70	600	300	150	720	360	180	
Design	180	90	45	120	60	30	460	230	115	
Plant	180	90	45	380	190	95	580	290	145	
Reissue	280	140	70	600	300	150	2,160	1,080	540	
Provisional	260	130	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	

* The \$140 small entity status filing fee for a utility application is further reduced to \$70 for a small entity status applicant who files the application via EFS-Web.

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Fee Description	Undiscounted Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Micro Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	80	40	20
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In re Patent of: Sharon Erickson *et al.*

Patent No.: 7,097,840

Issued: August 29, 2006

Application No: 09/811,123

For: METHODS OF TREATMENT USING
ANTI-ERBB ANTIBODY-MAYTANSINOID
CONJUGATES – Application for § 156 Patent
Term Extension

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF PATENT TERM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 156

Dear Madam:

Applicant, Genentech, Inc., hereby submits this application for extension of the term of United States Letters Patent No. 7,097,840 under 35 U.S.C. § 156 by providing the following information in accordance with the requirements specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.740.

A statement executed by an authorized representative of co-owner ImmunoGen, Inc. attesting that co-owner Genentech, Inc. is authorized to act as an agent of ImmunoGen, Inc. for extension of the term of United States Letters Patent No. 7,097,840 under 35 U.S.C. § 156 is included as Attachment A.

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Applicant represents that co-owners Genentech, Inc. and ImmunoGen, Inc. are the assignees of the entire interest in and to United States Letters Patent No. 7,097,840 granted to Sharon Erickson, Ralph Schwall, Mark Sliwowski, and Walter Blattler (Erickson *et al.*) by virtue of an assignment of such patent from Sharon Erickson, Ralph Schwall, and Mark Sliwowski to Genentech, Inc., recorded July 19, 2001, at Reel 011977, Frame 0409 and by virtue of assignments of such patent from Walter Blattler to ImmunoGen, Inc., recorded December 20, 2002, at Reel 013640, Frame 0657 and on April 4, 2003, at Reel 013566, Frame 0732.¹

1. Identification of the Approved Product [§ 1.740(a)(1)]

The name of the approved product is KADCYLA™. The name of the active ingredient of KADCYLA™ is ado-trastuzumab emtansine. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine has also been referred to as trastuzumab emtansine. Applicant uses the nomenclature ado-trastuzumab emtansine, which is the same nomenclature used in the product label for KADCYLA™. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine is a HER2-targeted antibody-drug conjugate which contains the humanized anti-HER2 IgG1, trastuzumab, covalently linked to the microtubule inhibitory drug DM1 (the maytansine derivative *N*²-deacetyl-*N*²-(3-mercapto-1-oxopropyl)-maytansine) via the stable thioether linker MCC (4-[N-maleimidomethyl] cyclohexane-1-carboxylate). See Description section of product label, provided as Attachment B.

2. Federal Statute Governing Regulatory Approval of the Approved Product [§ 1.740(a)(2)]

The approved product was subject to regulatory review under, *inter alia*, the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*) and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. § 355 *et seq.*).

3. Date of Approval for Commercial Marketing [§ 1.740(a)(3)]

KADCYLA™ was approved for commercial marketing or use under § 351 of the Public Health Service Act on February 22, 2013.

4. Identification of Active Ingredient and Certifications Related to Commercial Marketing of Approved Product [§ 1.740(a)(4)]

- (a) The name of the active ingredient of KADCYLA™ is ado-trastuzumab emtansine. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine is a HER2-targeted antibody-drug conjugate which contains the humanized anti-HER2 IgG1, trastuzumab, covalently linked to the microtubule inhibitory drug DM1 (the maytansine derivative *N*²-deacetyl-*N*²-(3-mercapto-1-oxopropyl)-maytansine) via the stable thioether linker MCC (4-[N-maleimidomethyl] cyclohexane-1-carboxylate). See Description section of product label, provided as Attachment B.

¹ Additionally, a change of address of ImmunoGen, Inc. was recorded March 2, 2010, at Reel 024006, Frame 0734.

- (b) Applicant certifies that ado-trastuzumab emtansine had not been approved for commercial marketing or use under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Public Health Service Act or the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act prior to the approval granted on February 22, 2013 to the present Applicant.
- (c) Ado-trastuzumab emtansine has been approved, as a single agent, for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive, metastatic breast cancer who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination. Patients should have either: received prior therapy for metastatic disease, or developed disease recurrence during or within six months of completing adjuvant therapy. *See* Indications and Usage section of ado-trastuzumab emtansine product label, provided as Attachment B.
- (d) Ado-trastuzumab emtansine was approved for commercial marketing pursuant to § 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 262) under Genentech's existing Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) U.S. License No. 1048. *See* ado-trastuzumab emtansine approval letter, provided as Attachment C.

5. Statement Regarding Timeliness of Submission of Patent Term Extension Request [§ 1.740(a)(5)]

Applicant certifies that this application for patent term extension is being timely submitted within the sixty (60) day period permitted for submission specified in 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(1) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.720(f). The last date on which this application can be submitted is April 22, 2013.

6. Complete Identification of the Patent for Which Extension Is Being Sought [§ 1.740(a)(6)]

The complete identification of the patent for which an extension is being sought is as follows:

- (a) Names of the inventors: Sharon Erickson, Ralph Schwall, Mark Sliwkowski, and Walter Blattler
- (b) Patent Number: 7,097,840 ("the '840 patent")
- (c) Date of Issue: August 29, 2006
- (d) Date of Expiration: January 27, 2023 (20 years from March 16, 2001 plus 682 days Patent Term Adjustment)²

² The '840 patent received 682 days of Patent Term Adjustment. *See* the '840 patent provided as Attachment D.

7. Copy of the Patent for Which an Extension Is Being Sought [§ 1.740(a)(7)]

A copy of the '840 patent is provided as Attachment D to the present application.

8. Copies of Disclaimers, Certificates of Correction, Receipt of Maintenance Fee Payment, or Reexamination Certificate [§ 1.740(a)(8)]

- (a) The '840 patent is not subject to a Terminal Disclaimer.
- (b) A copy of a Certificate of Correction issued with respect to the '840 patent on March 20, 2007 is provided in Attachment E.³
- (c) The '840 patent issued on August 29, 2006. The first maintenance fee was paid on January 29, 2010 (*See* Attachment F). The window for paying the second maintenance fee opens August 29, 2013 (*See* Attachment F). Therefore, no maintenance fee is currently due for the '840 patent.
- (d) The '840 patent has not been the subject of a reexamination proceeding and, thus, no re-examination certificate has been issued.

9. Statement Regarding Patent Claims Relative to Approved Product [§ 1.740(a)(9)]

The statements below are made solely to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(9). Applicant notes that, as the M.P.E.P. acknowledges, § 1.740(a)(9) does not require an applicant to show whether or how the listed claims would be infringed, and that this question cannot be answered without specific knowledge concerning acts performed by third parties. As such, these comments are not an assertion or an admission of Applicant as to the scope of the listed claims, or whether or how any of the listed claims would be infringed, literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by the manufacture, use, sale, offer for sale or the importation of any product.

- (a) At least claims 1-3, 6-17, 20-26, 28-29 and 42-44 claim the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the approved product or the approved product or a method that may be used to make or use that ingredient or product.

³ The Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter "the Office") issued a Certificate of Correction for the '840 patent on December 12, 2006. On December 13, 2006, the Office sent Patent Owners a letter noting that the Certificate of Correction issued on December 12, 2006 listed the incorrect issue date for the patent and was therefore issued in error. A Certificate of Correction was issued January 9, 2007, which listed the correct issue date and superseded the December 12, 2006 Certificate of Correction. A further Certificate of Correction issued March 20, 2007, superseding both the December 12, 2006 and January 9, 2007 Certificates of Correction.

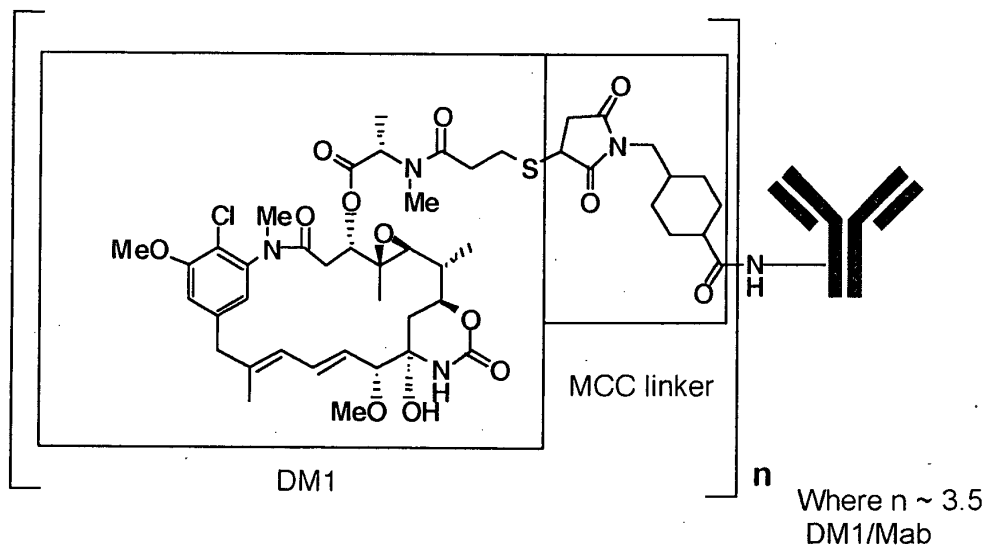
- (b) Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2753 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(9), the following explanation is provided which shows how at least one of the above-listed claims of the '840 patent claim the approved product.

(1) *Description of the approved product*

The name of the approved product is KADCYLA™. The name of the active ingredient of KADCYLA™ is ado-trastuzumab emtansine. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine is a HER2-targeted antibody-drug conjugate which contains the humanized anti-HER2 IgG1, trastuzumab, covalently linked to the microtubule inhibitory drug DM1 (the maytansine derivative *N*^{2'}-deacetyl-*N*^{2'}-(3-mercapto-1-oxopropyl)-maytansine) via the stable thioether linker MCC (4-[*N*-maleimidomethyl] cyclohexane-1-carboxylate). See Description section of product label, provided as Attachment B.

The antibody trastuzumab, is a well characterized recombinant monoclonal antibody product produced by mammalian (Chinese hamster ovary) cells, and the small molecule components (DM1 and MCC) are produced by chemical synthesis. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine contains an average of 3.5 DM1 molecules per antibody. *Id.*

Ado-trastuzumab emtansine has the following chemical structure:



The bracketed structure is DM1 plus MCC which represents the emtansine component. The n is, on average, 3.5 DM1 molecules per trastuzumab (Mab) molecule. *Id.*

(2) *Explanation regarding claim 1 of the '840 patent relative to ado-trastuzumab emtansine*

Claim 1 of the '840 patent reads:

“A method for the treatment of a tumor in a mammal, comprising the steps of (i) identifying said tumor as being characterized by overexpression of an ErbB2 receptor and as being a tumor that does not respond, or responds poorly, to treatment with an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope and which has a growth inhibitory effect on SK-BR-3 cells, and (ii) administering to a mammal having said tumor a therapeutically effective amount of a conjugate of an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope with a maytansinoid.”

KADCYLA™ is indicated, as a single agent, for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive, metastatic breast cancer who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination (*see* Indications and Usage section of ado-trastuzumab emtansine product label, Attachment B). The approved use is thus for the treatment of a tumor in a mammal.

Detection of HER2 protein overexpression or gene amplification is necessary for selection of patients appropriate for KADCYLA™ therapy (*see* HER2 Testing section of ado-trastuzumab emtansine product label, Attachment B). HER2 is synonymous with “ErbB2.” *See* the '840 patent, Attachment D, column 6, lines 54-56. The approved use thus requires identifying the tumor as being characterized by overexpression of an ErbB2 receptor.

The approved use of KADCYLA™ is for patients who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination (*see* Indications and Usage section of ado-trastuzumab emtansine product label, Attachment B). In addition, patients should have either: received prior therapy for metastatic disease, or developed disease recurrence during or within six months of completing adjuvant therapy. *Id.*

Trastuzumab is an anti-ErbB2 antibody also known by its trade name HERCEPTIN® (*See* the '840 patent, Attachment D, column 7, lines 1-8).⁴ HERCEPTIN® is an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope and which has a growth inhibitory effect on SK-BR-3 cells (*see* the '840 patent, Attachment D, column 2, lines 44-52; column 3, lines 8-14; column 14, lines 35-46; Example 2 and Figure 6).

⁴ *See also* drug details for HERCEPTIN®, provided in Attachment G, available at the FDA website address:
http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search.Set_Current_Drug&ApplNo=103792&DrugName=HERCEPTIN&ActiveInged=TRASTUZUMAB&SponsorApplicant=GENENTECH&ProductMktStatus=1&goto=Search.DrugDetails

Accordingly, the approved use of KADCYLA™ is for the treatment of a patient whose tumor does not respond, or responds poorly, to treatment with an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope and which has a growth inhibitory effect on SK-BR-3 cells.

Ado-trastuzumab emtansine is an antibody-drug conjugate which contains the humanized anti-HER2 IgG1, trastuzumab, covalently linked to the microtubule inhibitory drug DM1 (the maytansine derivative $N^{2'}$ -deacetyl- $N^{2'}$ -(3-mercapto-1-oxopropyl)-maytansine) via the stable thioether linker MCC (4-[N-maleimidomethyl] cyclohexane-1-carboxylate) (*see* Description section of ado-trastuzumab emtansine product label, Attachment B). As stated above, trastuzumab is an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope. DM1 is a maytansinoid. *Id.* KADCYLA™ is indicated, as a single agent, for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive, metastatic breast cancer who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination (*see* Indications and Usage section of ado-trastuzumab emtansine product label, Attachment B). Ado-trastuzumab emtansine is thus a conjugate of an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope with a maytansinoid and is approved to be administered in a therapeutically effective amount to treat breast cancer.

The approved use of ado-trastuzumab emtansine thus meets the limitations of claim 1.

10. Relevant Dates Under 35 U.S.C. § 156 for Determination of Applicable Regulatory Review Period [§ 1.740(a)(10)]

(a) *Patent Issue Date*

The '840 patent was issued on August 29, 2006.

(b) *IND Effective Date [35 U.S.C. § 156(g)(1)(B)(i); 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(10)(i)(A)]*

The date that an exemption under § 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act became effective (*i.e.*, the date that an investigational new drug application ("IND") became effective) for ado-trastuzumab emtansine was January 18, 2006.⁵ The IND was assigned number 071072.

(c) *BLA Submission Date [35 U.S.C. § 156(g)(1)(B)(i); 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(10)(i)(B)]*

The BLA was submitted by Genentech to the FDA on August 24, 2012. The BLA was assigned number 125427. A copy of the letter from the FDA acknowledging receipt of the BLA and reflecting the BLA submission date is provided in Attachment H.

(d) *BLA Issue Date [35 U.S.C. § 156(g)(1)(B)(ii); 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(10)(i)(C)]*

The FDA approved BLA 125427, authorizing the marketing of ado-trastuzumab emtansine, on February 22, 2013. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine was approved under Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) U.S. License No. 1048. A copy of the approval letter from the FDA is provided as Attachment C.

⁵ 21 C.F.R. § 312.40(b)(1). The IND was submitted to the FDA on December 16, 2005 and was received by the FDA on December 19, 2005. The IND became effective on January 18, 2006, 30 days after receipt of the IND by the FDA.

11. Summary of Significant Events During Regulatory Review Period [§ 1.740(a)(11)]

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(11), the following provides a brief description of the activities of Genentech, Inc. before the FDA in relation to the regulatory review of ado-trastuzumab emtansine. The brief description lists significant events that occurred during the regulatory review period for the approved product. In several instances, communications to or from the FDA are referenced. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(11), 21 C.F.R. § 60.20(a), and M.P.E.P. § 2753, copies of all such communications are not provided in this application, but can be obtained from records maintained by the FDA.

- On December 16, 2005, Genentech submitted to the FDA an Investigational New Drug (IND) application for ado-trastuzumab emtansine. The FDA assigned the IND application number 071072.
- On December 16, 2005, Genentech submitted new protocol TDM3569g for the first human clinical trial (Phase I). The protocol indicated that the study would not be initiated until an IND covering the clinical trial came into effect.
- The Phase I clinical trial was initiated in April of 2006 followed by Phase II and Phase III clinical trials.
- On May 7, 2007, Genentech submitted new protocol TDM4258g.
- On November 2, 2007, Genentech submitted new protocol TDM4374g.
- On May 6, 2008, Genentech submitted new protocol TDM4450g, a revised protocol for TDM4374g, and a change in protocol TDM4258g, Amendment 1.
- On August 8, 2008, representatives of Genentech and the FDA participated in an End-of-Phase II meeting to discuss and agree on the design of the pivotal Phase III trial.
- On October 15, 2008, Genentech submitted new protocol TDM4370g, a phase III international, multi-center, open-label, randomized study of ado-trastuzumab emtansine versus lapatinib plus capecitabine, in patients with HER2-positive unresectable locally advanced breast cancer (LABC) or metastatic breast cancer (MBC) who have progression of disease after receiving trastuzumab and a taxane.
- On May 15, 2009, Genentech submitted new protocol TDM4688g.
- On March 15, 2012 and May 30, 2012 representatives of Genentech and the FDA participated in Type C and Type B pre-BLA submission meetings, respectively, to discuss information requirements for the BLA and the acceptability of the Phase III trial results to serve as the basis for the BLA.
- On August 24, 2012, Genentech submitted a BLA for ado-trastuzumab emtansine as a single agent for the treatment of patients with human epidermal growth factor

2 (HER2)-positive unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer who have received prior treatment with trastuzumab and a taxane.

- FDA acknowledged receipt of the BLA for ado-trastuzumab emtansine via a communication mailed to Genentech dated October 23, 2012. The letter indicated that FDA had assigned the Submission Tracking Number (STN) of BLA 125427 to the BLA (*see* Attachment H).
- On February 22, 2013, FDA approved BLA 125427, issuing marketing authorization for ado-trastuzumab emtansine (*see* Attachment C).

12. Statement Concerning Eligibility for and Duration of Extension Sought Under 35 U.S.C. § 156 [37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(12)]

- (a) In the opinion of the Applicant, the '840 patent is eligible for an extension under § 156 because:
- (i) one or more claims of the '840 patent claim the approved product or a method of making or using the approved product (35 U.S.C. § 156(a));
 - (ii) the '840 patent has not expired before submission of this application (35 U.S.C. § 156(a)(1));
 - (iii) the term of the '840 patent has not been previously extended on the basis of § 156 (35 U.S.C. § 156(a)(2));
 - (iv) the application for extension is submitted by an owner of record or an agent authorized to act on behalf of the owner of record in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs (1) through (4) of 35 U.S.C. § 156(d) and the rules of the Patent and Trademark Office (35 U.S.C. § 156(a)(3));
 - (v) the product, KADCYLA™, has been subject to a regulatory review period before its commercial marketing or use (35 U.S.C. § 156(a)(4));
 - (vi) the commercial marketing or use of the product, KADCYLA™, after the regulatory review period is the first permitted commercial marketing or use of the product under the provisions under the Public Health Service Act, Section 351, under which such regulatory review occurred (35 U.S.C. § 156(a)(5)(A));
 - (vii) no other patent has been extended pursuant to § 156 on the basis of the regulatory review process associated with the approved product (35 U.S.C. § 156(c)(4));
 - (viii) the applicant for marketing approval exercised due diligence within the meaning of § 156(d)(3) during the period of regulatory review;
 - (ix) the present application is being submitted within the 60-day period following the approval date of the approved product, pursuant to § 156(d); and
 - (x) this application otherwise complies with all requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 156 and applicable rules and procedures.
- (b) The period by which the term of the '840 patent is requested by Applicant to be extended is **1,277 days** (35 U.S.C. § 156(c)).

(c) The requested period of extension of term for the '840 patent corresponds to the regulatory review period that is eligible for extension pursuant to § 156, based on the facts and circumstances of the regulatory review associated with the approved product and the issuance of the '840 patent. The period was determined as follows.

(i) The relevant dates for calculating the regulatory review period, based on the events discussed in the section above, are the following:

Exemption under FDCA § 505(i) became effective	January 18, 2006
Patent was granted	August 29, 2006
Biologics License Application (BLA) under PHSA § 351 was submitted	August 24, 2012
BLA was approved	February 22, 2013

(ii) The '840 patent was granted during the period specified in § 156(g)(1)(B)(i) (the period of 2,411 days calculated from the date of the grant of the exemption under § 505(i) of the FDCA (January 18, 2006) until the date of submission of the BLA (August 24, 2012)). Pursuant to §§ 156(c), the calculated regulatory review period therefore includes a component of time between when the patent was granted (August 29, 2006) and when the BLA was submitted (August 24, 2012) (1/2 of 2,187 days or 1,094 days).⁶

(iii) The '840 patent was granted prior to the start of the period specified in §§ 156(g)(1)(B)(ii) (the period from the date of submission of the BLA until the date of BLA approval). The number of days which the applicant did not act with due diligence is zero (0) days. The regulatory review period under § 156(c) therefore includes a component of time between when the BLA was submitted and when the BLA was approved (183 days).

(iv) The period determined according to §§ 156(c) and (g)(1) for the approved product is 1,277 days.

(v) The '840 patent will expire on January 27, 2023.

(vi) The date of approval of the approved product is February 22, 2013.

⁶ Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.775(d)(1)(iii), half days are ignored for purposes of subtraction.

- (vii) The date that is fourteen years from the date of approval of the approved product is February 22, 2027.
- (viii) The date that is five years from the expiration date of the '840 patent is January 27, 2028.
- (ix) The date that is provided by adding the number of days determined according to §§ 156(c) and (g)(1) for the approved product (1,277 days) to the expiration date of the '840 patent is July 27, 2026.
- (x) The date that is fourteen years from the date of approval of the approved product (February 22, 2027) is later than the date that is provided by adding the number of days determined according to §§ 156(c) and (g)(1) for the approved product to the expiration date of the '840 patent (July 27, 2026). As such, the period by which the patent may be extended is not limited by the fourteen-year rule of §156(c)(3).
- (xi) The date that is five years from the expiration date of the '840 patent (January 27, 2028) is later than the date that is provided by adding the number of days determined according to §§ 156(c) and (g)(1) for the approved product to the expiration date of the '840 patent (July 27, 2026). As such, the period by which the patent may be extended is not limited by the five-year rule of §156(g)(6)(a).
- (xii) The '840 patent issued after the effective date of Public Law No. 98-417. As such, the two- or three-year limit of 35 U.S.C. § 156(g)(6)(C) does not apply.

13. Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(13)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(a)(13), Applicant acknowledges its duty to disclose to the Director of the PTO and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services any information which is material to the determination of entitlement to the extension sought, particularly as that duty is defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.765.

14. Applicable Fee [§ 1.740(a)(14)]

Payment of the fee prescribed in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(j) for a patent term extension application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 is authorized to be charged against deposit account no. 03-1952 referencing docket number 146392019700. The undersigned also authorizes any additional required fees to be deducted from, or any overpayments to be credited to, deposit account no. 03-1952.

Patent No.: 7,097,840

Docket No.: 146392019700
Client Ref. No.: 10813

15. Name and Address for Correspondence [§ 1.740(a)(15)]

Please direct all inquiries, questions, and communications regarding this application for term extension to:

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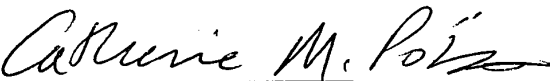
The correspondence address for U.S. Patent No. 7,097,840 is unchanged for all other purposes. A Power of Attorney granted to the Practitioners associated with Customer Number 25226 by Genentech, Inc. (*see* Attachment I) and ImmunoGen, Inc. (*see* Attachment A) are provided.

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Two additional copies of this application are enclosed, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(b). Applicant also provides herewith two further copies of the application for the convenience of the Office, pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 2753.

Sincerely,

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Attachment A

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent of: Sharon Erickson *et al.*

Patent No.: 7,097,840

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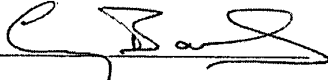
**AUTHORIZATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY TO FILE APPLICATION FOR
EXTENSION OF PATENT TERM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 156**

As an authorized representative of ImmunoGen, Inc., co-owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 7,097,840 (the "'840 Patent"), I hereby authorize Genentech, Inc., co-owner and exclusive licensee of the '840 Patent, to act as agent for ImmunoGen, Inc., in the submission of a patent term extension application under 35 U.S.C. § 156 for the '840 Patent. I understand that counsel for Genentech, Morrison & Foerster LLP, will file and prosecute this patent term extension application and hereby grant Morrison & Foerster LLP any authorization from ImmunoGen, Inc., necessary for Morrison & Foerster LLP to act in this capacity. In that regard, practitioners associated with Customer Number 25226 are appointed to file and prosecute the patent term extension application for the '840 Patent and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected with this patent term extension

application. Please direct all correspondence regarding this patent term extension application to Morrison & Foerster LLP, 755 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304-1018. The correspondence address for the '840 Patent is to be unchanged for all other purposes.

Date 4/16/2013

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Attachment B

Ado-trastuzumab emtansine Product Label

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use KADCYLA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for KADCYLA.

KADCYLA™ (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) for injection, for intravenous use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2013

WARNING: HEPATOTOXICITY, CARDIAC TOXICITY, EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

- Do not substitute KADCYLA for or with trastuzumab. (2.1)
- Hepatotoxicity, liver failure and death have occurred in KADCYLA-treated patients. Monitor hepatic function prior to initiation and prior to each dose. Institute dose modifications or permanently discontinue as appropriate. (2.2, 5.1)
- KADCYLA may lead to reductions in left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF). Assess LVEF prior to initiation. Monitor and withhold dosing or discontinue as appropriate. (2.2, 5.2)
- Can cause fetal harm. Advise women of potential risk to the fetus. (5.3, 8.1, 8.6)

INDICATIONS AND

USAGE

KADCYLA is a HER2-targeted antibody and microtubule inhibitor conjugate indicated, as a single agent, for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive, metastatic breast cancer who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination. Patients should have either:

- Received prior therapy for metastatic disease, or
- Developed disease recurrence during or within six months of completing adjuvant therapy. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- For intravenous infusion only. Do not administer as an intravenous push or bolus. Do not use Dextrose (5%) solution. (2.3)
- The recommended dose of KADCYLA is 3.6 mg/kg given as an intravenous infusion every 3 weeks (21-day cycle) until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Do not administer KADCYLA at doses greater than 3.6 mg/kg. Do not substitute KADCYLA for or with trastuzumab. (2.1)
- Management of adverse events (infusion-related reactions, hepatotoxicity, left ventricular cardiac dysfunction, thrombocytopenia, pulmonary toxicity or peripheral neuropathy) may require temporary interruption, dose reduction, or treatment discontinuation of KADCYLA. (2.2)

DOSAGE FORMS AND

STRENGTHS

Lyophilized powder in single-use vials containing 100 mg per vial or 160 mg per vial. (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None. (4)

WARNINGS AND

PRECAUTIONS

- Pulmonary Toxicity: Permanently discontinue KADCYLA in patients diagnosed with interstitial lung disease or pneumonitis. (2.2, 5.4)
- Infusion-Related Reactions, Hypersensitivity Reactions: Monitor for signs and symptoms during and after infusion. If significant infusion-related reactions or hypersensitivity reactions occur, slow or interrupt the infusion and administer appropriate medical therapies. Permanently discontinue KADCYLA for life threatening infusion-related reaction. (2.1, 2.2, 5.5)
- Thrombocytopenia: Monitor platelet counts prior to each KADCYLA dose. Institute dose modifications as appropriate. (2.2, 5.6)
- Neurotoxicity: Monitor for signs or symptoms. Withhold dosing temporarily for patients experiencing Grade 3 or 4 peripheral neuropathy. (2.2, 5.7, 13.2)
- HER2 Testing: Perform using FDA-approved tests by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency. (5.8)

ADVERSE*

REACTIONS

The most common adverse drug reactions (frequency > 25%) with KADCYLA (n=884 treated patients) were fatigue, nausea, musculoskeletal pain, thrombocytopenia, headache, increased transaminases, and constipation. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Genentech at 1-888-835-2555 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

USE IN SPECIFIC

POPULATIONS

- Nursing Mothers: Discontinue nursing or discontinue KADCYLA taking into consideration the importance of the drug to the mother. (8.3)
- Females of Reproductive Potential: Counsel females on pregnancy prevention and planning. Encourage patient participation in the MoTHER Pregnancy Registry by contacting 1-800-690-6720). (5.3, 8.1, 8.6)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION.

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Do Not Substitute KADCYLA for or with Trastuzumab

WARNING: HEPATOTOXICITY, CARDIAC TOXICITY, EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY

- Hepatotoxicity: Serious hepatotoxicity has been reported, including liver failure and death in patients treated with KADCYLA. Monitor serum transaminases and bilirubin prior to initiation of KADCYLA treatment and prior to each KADCYLA dose. Reduce dose or discontinue KADCYLA as appropriate in cases of increased serum transaminases or total bilirubin. (2.2, 5.1)
- Cardiac Toxicity: KADCYLA administration may lead to reductions in left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF). Evaluate left ventricular function in all patients prior to and during treatment with KADCYLA. Withhold treatment for clinically significant decrease in left ventricular function. (2.2, 5.2)
- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Exposure to KADCYLA can result in embryo-fetal death or birth defects. Advise patients of these risks and the need for effective contraception. (5.3, 8.1, 8.6)

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

KADCYLA™, as a single agent, is indicated for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive, metastatic breast cancer who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination. Patients should have either:

- Received prior therapy for metastatic disease, or
- Developed disease recurrence during or within six months of completing adjuvant therapy.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Doses and Schedules

The recommended dose of KADCYLA is 3.6 mg/kg given as an intravenous infusion every 3 weeks (21-day cycle) until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Do not administer KADCYLA at doses greater than 3.6 mg/kg. Do not substitute KADCYLA for or with trastuzumab.

Closely monitor the infusion site for possible subcutaneous infiltration during drug administration [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.9)].

First infusion: Administer infusion over 90 minutes. Patients should be observed during the infusion and for at least 90 minutes following the initial dose for fever, chills, or other infusion-related reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.5)].

Subsequent infusions: Administer over 30 minutes if prior infusions were well tolerated. Patients should be observed during the infusion and for at least 30 minutes after infusion.

2.2 Dose Modifications

KADCYLA dose should not be re-escalated after a dose reduction is made.

If a planned dose is delayed or missed, it should be administered as soon as possible; do not wait until the next planned cycle. The schedule of administration should be adjusted to maintain a 3-

week interval between doses. The infusion may be administered at the dose and rate the patient tolerated in the most recent infusion.

The infusion rate of KADCYLA should be slowed or interrupted if the patient develops an infusion-related reaction. Permanently discontinue KADCYLA for life-threatening infusion-related reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

Management of increased serum transaminases, hyperbilirubinemia, left ventricular dysfunction, thrombocytopenia, pulmonary toxicity or peripheral neuropathy may require temporary interruption, dose reduction or treatment discontinuation of KADCYLA as per guidelines provided in Tables 1 to 5.

Table 1 Recommended Dose Reduction Schedule for Adverse Events

Dose Reduction Schedule	Dose Level
Starting dose	3.6 mg/kg
First dose reduction	3 mg/kg
Second dose reduction	2.4 mg/kg
Requirement for further dose reduction	Discontinue treatment

Hepatotoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]

A reduction in the dose of KADCYLA is recommended in the case of hepatotoxicity exhibited as increases in serum transaminases and/or hyperbilirubinemia (see Tables 2 and 3).

Table 2 Dose Modification Guidelines for Increased Serum Transaminases (AST/ALT)

Grade 2 (> 2.5 to $\leq 5 \times$ ULN)	Grade 3 (> 5 to $\leq 20 \times$ ULN)	Grade 4 ($> 20 \times$ ULN)
Treat at same dose level.	Do not administer KADCYLA until AST/ALT recovers to Grade ≤ 2 , and then reduce one dose level.	Permanently discontinue KADCYLA.

ALT = alanine transaminase; AST = aspartate transaminase; ULN = upper limit of normal.

Table 3 Dose Modification Guidelines for Hyperbilirubinemia

Grade 2 (> 1.5 to $\leq 3 \times$ ULN)	Grade 3 (> 3 to $\leq 10 \times$ ULN)	Grade 4 ($> 10 \times$ ULN)
Do not administer KADCYLA until total bilirubin recovers to Grade ≤ 1 , and then treat at same dose level.	Do not administer KADCYLA until total bilirubin recovers to Grade ≤ 1 , and then reduce one dose level.	Permanently discontinue KADCYLA.

Permanently discontinue KADCYLA treatment in patients with serum transaminases $> 3 \times$ ULN and concomitant total bilirubin $> 2 \times$ ULN.

Permanently discontinue KADCYLA in patients diagnosed with nodular regenerative hyperplasia (NRH).

Left Ventricular Dysfunction [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]

Table 4 Dose Modifications for Left Ventricular Dysfunction

Symptomatic CHF	LVEF < 40%	LVEF 40% to ≤ 45% and decrease is ≥ 10% points from baseline	LVEF 40% to ≤ 45% and decrease is < 10% points from baseline	LVEF > 45%
Discontinue KADCYLA	Do not administer KADCYLA. Repeat LVEF assessment within 3 weeks. If LVEF < 40% is confirmed, discontinue KADCYLA.	Do not administer KADCYLA. Repeat LVEF assessment within 3 weeks. If the LVEF has not recovered to within 10% points from baseline, discontinue KADCYLA.	Continue treatment with KADCYLA. Repeat LVEF assessment within 3 weeks.	Continue treatment with KADCYLA.

CHF = Congestive Heart Failure; LVEF = Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction

Thrombocytopenia [see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]

A reduction in dose is recommended in the case of Grade 4 thrombocytopenia (platelets < 25,000/mm³) (see Table 5).

Table 5 Dose Modification Guidelines for Thrombocytopenia

Grade 3	Grade 4
PLT 25,000/mm ³ to < 50,000/mm ³	PLT < 25,000/mm ³
Do not administer KADCYLA until platelet count recovers to ≤ Grade 1 (≥ 75,000/mm ³), and then treat at same dose level.	Do not administer KADCYLA until platelet count recovers to ≤ Grade 1 (≥ 75,000/mm ³), and then reduce one dose level.

PLT = Platelets

Pulmonary Toxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]

KADCYLA should be permanently discontinued in patients diagnosed with interstitial lung disease (ILD) or pneumonitis.

Peripheral Neuropathy [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]

KADCYLA should be temporarily discontinued in patients experiencing Grade 3 or 4 peripheral neuropathy until resolution to ≤ Grade 2.

2.3 Preparation for Administration

In order to prevent medication errors it is important to check the vial labels to ensure that the drug being prepared and administered is KADCYLA (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) and not trastuzumab.

Administration:

- Administer KADCYLA as an intravenous infusion only with a 0.22 micron in-line non-protein adsorptive polyethersulfone (PES) filter. Do not administer as an intravenous push or bolus.
- Do not mix KADCYLA, or administer as an infusion, with other medicinal products.
- In order to improve traceability of biological medicinal products, the tradename of the administered product should be clearly recorded (or stated) in the patient file.

Reconstitution:

- Use aseptic technique for reconstitution and preparation of dosing solution. Appropriate procedures for the preparation of chemotherapeutic drugs should be used.
- Using a sterile syringe, slowly inject 5 mL of Sterile Water for Injection into the 100 mg KADCYLA vial, or 8 mL of Sterile Water for Injection into the 160 mg KADCYLA vial to yield a solution containing 20 mg/mL. Swirl the vial gently until completely dissolved. Do not shake. Inspect the reconstituted solution for particulates and discoloration.
- The reconstituted solution should be clear to slightly opalescent and free of visible particulates. The color of the reconstituted solution should be colorless to pale brown. Do not use if the reconstituted solution contains visible particulates or is cloudy or discolored.
- The reconstituted lyophilized vials should be used immediately following reconstitution with Sterile Water for Injection. If not used immediately, the reconstituted KADCYLA vials can be stored for up to 4 hours in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F); discard unused KADCYLA after 4 hours. Do not freeze.
- The reconstituted product contains no preservative and is intended for single-use only.

Dilution:

Determine the correct dose (mg) of KADCYLA [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

- Calculate the volume of the 20 mg/mL reconstituted KADCYLA solution needed.
- Withdraw this amount from the vial and add it to an infusion bag containing 250 mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection. Do not use Dextrose (5%) solution.
- Gently invert the bag to mix the solution in order to avoid foaming.
- The diluted KADCYLA infusion solution should be used immediately. If not used immediately, the solution may be stored in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for up to 4 hours prior to use. Do not freeze or shake.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Lyophilized powder in single-use vials: 100 mg per vial or 160 mg per vial of ado-trastuzumab emtansine.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Hepatotoxicity

Hepatotoxicity, predominantly in the form of asymptomatic, transient increases in the concentrations of serum transaminases, has been observed in clinical trials with KADCYLA [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. Serious hepatobiliary disorders, including at least two fatal cases of severe drug-induced liver injury and associated hepatic encephalopathy, have been reported in

clinical trials with KADCYLA. Some of the observed cases may have been confounded by comorbidities and/or concomitant medications with known hepatotoxic potential.

Monitor serum transaminases and bilirubin prior to initiation of KADCYLA treatment and prior to each KADCYLA dose. Patients with known active hepatitis B virus or hepatitis C virus were excluded from Study 1 [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. Reduce the dose or discontinue KADCYLA as appropriate in cases of increased serum transaminases and/or total bilirubin [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. Permanently discontinue KADCYLA treatment in patients with serum transaminases > 3 x ULN and concomitant total bilirubin > 2 x ULN. KADCYLA has not been studied in patients with serum transaminases > 2.5 x ULN or bilirubin > 1.5 x ULN prior to the initiation of treatment.

In clinical trials of KADCYLA, cases of nodular regenerative hyperplasia (NRH) of the liver have been identified from liver biopsies (3 cases out of 884 treated patients). Two of these three cases of NRH were observed in the randomized trial (Study 1) [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. NRH is a rare liver condition characterized by widespread benign transformation of hepatic parenchyma into small regenerative nodules; NRH may lead to non-cirrhotic portal hypertension. The diagnosis of NRH can be confirmed only by histopathology. NRH should be considered in all patients with clinical symptoms of portal hypertension but with normal transaminases and no manifestations of cirrhosis. Upon diagnosis of NRH, KADCYLA treatment must be permanently discontinued.

5.2 Left Ventricular Dysfunction

Patients treated with KADCYLA are at increased risk of developing left ventricular dysfunction. A decrease of LVEF to < 40% has been observed in patients treated with KADCYLA. In the randomized trial (Study 1), left ventricular dysfunction occurred in 1.8% of patients in the KADCYLA-treated group and 3.3% of patients in the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

Assess LVEF prior to initiation of KADCYLA and at regular intervals (e.g. every three months) during treatment to ensure the LVEF is within the institution's normal limits. Treatment with KADCYLA has not been studied in patients with LVEF < 50% prior to initiation of treatment. If, at routine monitoring, LVEF is < 40%, or is 40% to 45% with a 10% or greater absolute decrease below the pretreatment value, withhold KADCYLA and repeat LVEF assessment within approximately 3 weeks. Permanently discontinue KADCYLA if the LVEF has not improved or has declined further [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. Patients with a history of symptomatic congestive heart failure (CHF), serious cardiac arrhythmia, or history of myocardial infarction or unstable angina within 6 months were excluded from Study 1 [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*].

5.3 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

KADCYLA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of KADCYLA in pregnant women and no reproductive and developmental toxicology studies have been conducted with ado-trastuzumab emtansine. Nevertheless, treatment with trastuzumab, the antibody component of KADCYLA, during pregnancy in the postmarketing setting has resulted in oligohydramnios, some associated with fatal pulmonary hypoplasia, skeletal abnormalities and neonatal death. DM1, the cytotoxic component of KADCYLA, can be expected to cause embryo-fetal toxicity based on its mechanism of action.

If KADCYLA is used during pregnancy, or if the patient becomes pregnant while receiving KADCYLA, apprise the patient of the potential hazard to the fetus [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

Verify pregnancy status prior to the initiation of KADCYLA. Advise patients of the risks of embryo-fetal death and birth defects and the need for contraception during and after treatment. Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately if they suspect they may be pregnant. If KADCYLA is administered during pregnancy or if a patient becomes pregnant while receiving KADCYLA, immediately report exposure to the Genentech Adverse Event Line at 1-888-835-2555. Encourage women who may be exposed during pregnancy to enroll in the MoTHER Pregnancy Registry by contacting 1-800-690-6720 [see *Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

5.4 Pulmonary Toxicity

Cases of interstitial lung disease (ILD), including pneumonitis, some leading to acute respiratory distress syndrome or fatal outcome have been reported in clinical trials with KADCYLA. Pneumonitis at an incidence of 0.8% (7 out of 884 treated patients) has been reported, with one case of grade 3 pneumonitis. Signs and symptoms include dyspnea, cough, fatigue, and pulmonary infiltrates. These events may or may not occur as sequelae of infusion reactions. In the randomized trial (Study 1), the overall frequency of pneumonitis was 1.2% [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

Permanently discontinue treatment with KADCYLA in patients diagnosed with ILD or pneumonitis.

Patients with dyspnea at rest due to complications of advanced malignancy and co-morbidities may be at increased risk of pulmonary toxicity.

5.5 Infusion-Related Reactions, Hypersensitivity Reactions

Treatment with KADCYLA has not been studied in patients who had trastuzumab permanently discontinued due to infusion-related reactions (IRR) and/or hypersensitivity; treatment with KADCYLA is not recommended for these patients.

Infusion-related reactions, characterized by one or more of the following symptoms – flushing, chills, pyrexia, dyspnea, hypotension, wheezing, bronchospasm, and tachycardia have been reported in clinical trials of KADCYLA. In the randomized trial (Study 1), the overall frequency of IRRs in patients treated with KADCYLA was 1.4% [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. In most patients, these reactions resolved over the course of several hours to a day after the infusion was terminated. KADCYLA treatment should be interrupted in patients with severe IRR. KADCYLA treatment should be permanently discontinued in the event of a life-threatening IRR [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. Patients should be observed closely for IRR reactions, especially during the first infusion.

One case of a serious, allergic/anaphylactic-like reaction has been observed in clinical trials of single-agent KADCYLA. Medications to treat such reactions, as well as emergency equipment, should be available for immediate use.

5.6 Thrombocytopenia

Thrombocytopenia, or decreased platelet count, was reported in clinical trials of KADCYLA (103 of 884 treated patients with \geq Grade 3; 283 of 884 treated patients with any Grade). The majority of these patients had Grade 1 or 2 events ($<$ LLN to \geq 50,000/mm³) with the nadir occurring by day 8 and generally improving to Grade 0 or 1 (\geq 75,000 /mm³) by the next scheduled dose. In clinical trials of KADCYLA, the incidence and severity of thrombocytopenia were higher in Asian patients. Independent of race, the incidence of severe hemorrhagic events in patients treated with KADCYLA was low.

In the randomized trial (Study 1), the overall frequency of thrombocytopenia was 31.2% in the KADCYLA-treated group and 3.3% in the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group [see *Adverse*

Reactions (6.1)]. The incidence of \geq Grade 3 thrombocytopenia was 14.5% in the KADCYLA-treated group and 0.4% in the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group. In Asian patients, the incidence of \geq Grade 3 thrombocytopenia was 45.1% in the KADCYLA-treated group and 1.3% in the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group.

Monitor platelet counts prior to initiation of KADCYLA and prior to each KADCYLA dose [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. KADCYLA has not been studied in patients with platelet counts $<100,000/\text{mm}^3$ prior to initiation of treatment. In the event of decreased platelet count to Grade 3 or greater ($< 50,000/\text{mm}^3$) do not administer KADCYLA until platelet counts recover to Grade 1 ($\geq 75,000/\text{mm}^3$) [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. Patients with thrombocytopenia ($< 100,000/\text{mm}^3$) and patients on anti-coagulant treatment should be closely monitored during treatment with KADCYLA.

5.7 Neurotoxicity

Peripheral neuropathy, mainly as Grade 1 and predominantly sensory, was reported in clinical trials of KADCYLA (14 of 884 treated patients with \geq Grade 3; 196 of 884 treated patients with any Grade). In the randomized trial (Study 1), the overall frequency of peripheral neuropathy was 21.2% in the KADCYLA-treated group and 13.5% in the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group [*see Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. The incidence of \geq Grade 3 peripheral neuropathy was 2.2% in the KADCYLA-treated group and 0.2% in the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group.

KADCYLA should be temporarily discontinued in patients experiencing Grade 3 or 4 peripheral neuropathy until resolution to \leq Grade 2. Patients should be clinically monitored on an ongoing basis for signs or symptoms of neurotoxicity [*see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.2)*].

5.8 HER2 Testing

Detection of HER2 protein overexpression or gene amplification is necessary for selection of patients appropriate for KADCYLA therapy because these are the only patients studied for whom benefit has been shown [*see Indications and Usage (1), Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. In the randomized study (Study 1), patients with breast cancer were required to have evidence of HER2 overexpression defined as 3+ IHC by Dako Herceptest™ or evidence of overexpression defined as FISH amplification ratio ≥ 2.0 by Dako HER2 FISH PharmDx™ test kit. Only limited data were available for patients whose breast cancer was positive by FISH and 0 or 1+ by IHC.

Assessment of HER2 status should be performed by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency in the specific technology being utilized. Improper assay performance, including use of sub-optimally fixed tissue, failure to utilize specified reagents, deviation from specific assay instructions, and failure to include appropriate controls for assay validation, can lead to unreliable results.

5.9 Extravasation

In KADCYLA clinical studies, reactions secondary to extravasation have been observed. These reactions, observed more frequently within 24 hours of infusion, were usually mild and comprised erythema, tenderness, skin irritation, pain, or swelling at the infusion site. Specific treatment for KADCYLA extravasation is unknown. The infusion site should be closely monitored for possible subcutaneous infiltration during drug administration.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in other sections of the label:

- Hepatotoxicity [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Left Ventricular Dysfunction [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]

- Pulmonary Toxicity [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Infusion-Related Reactions, Hypersensitivity Reactions [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- Thrombocytopenia [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*]
- Neurotoxicity [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

In clinical trials, KADCYLA has been evaluated as single-agent in 884 patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer. The most common (frequency $\geq 25\%$) adverse drug reactions (ADRs) seen in 884 patients treated with KADCYLA were fatigue, nausea, musculoskeletal pain, thrombocytopenia, headache, increased transaminases, and constipation.

The ADRs described in Table 6 were identified in patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer treated in a randomized trial (Study 1) [*see Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. Patients were randomized to receive KADCYLA or lapatinib plus capecitabine. The median duration of study treatment was 7.6 months for patients in the KADCYLA-treated group and 5.5 months and 5.3 months for patients treated with lapatinib and capecitabine, respectively. Two hundred and eleven (43.1%) patients experienced \geq Grade 3 adverse events in the KADCYLA-treated group compared with 289 (59.2%) patients in the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group. Dose adjustments for KADCYLA were permitted [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2)*]. Thirty-two patients (6.5%) discontinued KADCYLA due to an adverse event, compared with 41 patients (8.4%) who discontinued lapatinib, and 51 patients (10.5%) who discontinued capecitabine due to an adverse event. The most common adverse events leading to KADCYLA withdrawal were thrombocytopenia and increased transaminases. Eighty patients (16.3%) treated with KADCYLA had adverse events leading to dose reductions. The most frequent adverse events leading to dose reduction of KADCYLA (in $\geq 1\%$ of patients) included thrombocytopenia, increased transaminases, and peripheral neuropathy. Adverse events that led to dose delays occurred in 116 (23.7%) of KADCYLA treated patients. The most frequent adverse events leading to a dose delay of KADCYLA (in $\geq 1\%$ of patients) were neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, fatigue, increased transaminases and pyrexia.

Table 6 reports the ADRs that occurred in patients in the KADCYLA-treated group (n=490) of the randomized trial (Study 1). Selected laboratory abnormalities are shown in Table 7. The most common ADRs seen with KADCYLA in the randomized trial (frequency $> 25\%$) were nausea, fatigue, musculoskeletal pain, thrombocytopenia, increased transaminases, headache, and constipation. The most common NCI-CTCAE (version 3) \geq Grade 3 ADRs (frequency $> 2\%$) were thrombocytopenia, increased transaminases, anemia, hypokalemia, peripheral neuropathy and fatigue.

Table 6 Summary of Adverse Drug Reactions Occurring in Patients on the KADCYLA Treatment Arm in the Randomized Trial (Study 1)

Adverse Drug Reactions (MedDRA) System Organ Class	KADCYLA (3.6 mg/kg) n=490 Frequency rate %		Lapatinib (1250 mg) + Capecitabine (2000 mg/m ²) n=488 Frequency rate %	
	All grades (%)	Grade 3 – 4 (%)	All grades (%)	Grade 3 – 4 (%)
Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders				
Neutropenia	6.7	2.0	9.0	4.3
Anemia	14.3	4.1	10.5	2.5
Thrombocytopenia	31.2	14.5	3.3	0.4
Cardiac Disorders				
Left ventricular dysfunction	1.8	0.2	3.3	0.4
Eye Disorders				
Lacrimation increased	3.3	0	2.5	0
Dry eye	3.9	0	3.1	0
Vision blurred	4.5	0	0.8	0
Conjunctivitis	3.9	0	2.3	0
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Dyspepsia	9.2	0	11.5	0.4
Stomatitis	14.1	0.2	32.6	2.5
Dry Mouth	16.7	0	4.9	0.2
Abdominal pain	18.6	0.8	17.6	1.6
Vomiting	19.2	0.8	29.9	4.5
Diarrhea	24.1	1.6	79.7	20.7
Constipation	26.5	0.4	11.1	0
Nausea	39.8	0.8	45.1	2.5
General Disorders and Administration				
Peripheral edema	7.1	0	8.2	0.2
Chills	7.6	0	3.1	0
Pyrexia	18.6	0.2	8.4	0.4
Asthenia	17.8	0.4	17.6	1.6
Fatigue	36.3	2.5	28.3	3.5
Hepatobiliary Disorders				
Nodular regenerative hyperplasia*	0.4	ND	0	0
Portal hypertension*	0.4	0.2	0	0
Immune System Disorders				
Drug hypersensitivity	2.2	0	0.8	0
Injury, Poisoning, and Procedural				
Infusion-related reaction	1.4	0	0.2	0
Infections and Infestations				
Urinary tract infection	9.4	0.6	3.9	0
Investigations				
Blood alkaline phosphatase	4.7	0.4	3.7	0.4

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	All grades (%)	Grade 3 – 4 (%)	All grades (%)	Grade 3 – 4 (%)
increased				
Increased transaminases	28.8	8.0	14.3	2.5
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders				
Hypokalemia	10.2	2.7	9.4	4.7
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders				
Myalgia	14.1	0.6	3.7	0
Arthralgia	19.2	0.6	8.4	0
Musculoskeletal pain	36.1	1.8	30.5	1.4
Nervous System Disorders				
Dysgeusia	8.0	0	4.1	0.2
Dizziness	10.2	0.4	10.7	0.2
Peripheral neuropathy	21.2	2.2	13.5	0.2
Headache	28.2	0.8	14.5	0.8
Psychiatric Disorders				
Insomnia	12.0	0.4	8.6	0.2
Respiratory, Thoracic, and Mediastinal Disorders				
Pneumonitis	1.2	0	0	0
Dyspnea	12.0	0.8	8.0	0.4
Cough	18.2	0.2	13.1	0.2
Epistaxis	22.5	0.2	8.4	0
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Pruritus	5.5	0.2	9.2	0
Rash	11.6	0	27.5	1.8
Vascular Disorders				
Hypertension	5.1	1.2	2.3	0.4

* Nodular Regenerative Hyperplasia and Portal Hypertension occurred in the same patient.

ND = Not determined

Table 7 Selected Laboratory Abnormalities

Parameter	KADCYLA (3.6 mg/kg)			Lapatinib (1250 mg) + Capecitabine (2000 mg/m ²)		
	All Grade %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %	All Grade %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %
Increased bilirubin	17	<1	0	57	2	0
Increased AST	98	7	<1	65	3	0
Increased ALT	82	5	<1	54	3	0
Decreased platelet count	83	14	3	21	<1	<1
Decreased hemoglobin	60	4	1	64	3	<1
Decreased neutrophils	39	3	<1	38	6	2
Decreased potassium	33	3	0	31	6	<1

6.2 Immunogenicity

As with all therapeutic proteins, there is the potential for an immune response to KADCYLA.

A total of 836 patients from six clinical studies were tested at multiple time points for anti-therapeutic antibody (ATA) responses to KADCYLA. Following KADCYLA dosing, 5.3% (44/836) of patients tested positive for anti-KADCYLA antibodies at one or more post-dose time points. The presence of KADCYLA in patient serum at the time of ATA sampling may interfere with the ability of this assay to detect anti-KADCYLA antibodies. As a result, data may not accurately reflect the true incidence of anti-KADCYLA antibody development. In addition, neutralizing activity of anti-KADCYLA antibodies has not been assessed.

Immunogenicity data are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the test methods used. Additionally, the observed incidence of a positive result in a test method may be influenced by several factors, including sample handling, timing of sample collection, drug interference, concomitant medication and the underlying disease. Therefore, comparison of the incidence of antibodies to KADCYLA with the incidence of antibodies to other products may be misleading. Clinical significance of anti-KADCYLA antibodies is not yet known.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

No formal drug-drug interaction studies with KADCYLA have been conducted. *In vitro* studies indicate that DM1, the cytotoxic component of KADCYLA, is metabolized mainly by CYP3A4 and to a lesser extent by CYP3A5. Concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, clarithromycin, atazanavir, indinavir, nefazodone, nelfinavir, ritonavir, saquinavir, telithromycin, and voriconazole) with KADCYLA should be avoided due to the potential for an increase in DM1 exposure and toxicity. Consider an alternate medication with no or minimal potential to inhibit CYP3A4. If concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors is unavoidable, consider delaying KADCYLA treatment until the strong CYP3A4 inhibitors have cleared from the circulation (approximately 3 elimination half-lives of the inhibitors) when possible. If a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor is coadministered and KADCYLA treatment cannot be delayed, patients should be closely monitored for adverse reactions.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Category D [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]

Risk Summary

KADCYLA can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of KADCYLA in pregnant women. No reproductive and

developmental toxicology studies have been conducted with ado-trastuzumab emtansine. Nevertheless, two components of KADCYLA (trastuzumab and DM1) are known or suspected to cause fetal harm or death when administered to a pregnant woman. If KADCYLA is administered during pregnancy, or if a patient becomes pregnant while receiving KADCYLA, apprise the patient of the potential hazard to the fetus. Patients should be advised to use effective contraception during treatment with KADCYLA and for 6 months following the last dose of KADCYLA.

If KADCYLA is administered during pregnancy or if a patient becomes pregnant while receiving KADCYLA, immediately report exposure to the Genentech Adverse Event Line at 1-888-835-2555. Encourage women who may be exposed during pregnancy to enroll in the MoTHER Pregnancy Registry by contacting 1-800-690-6720 [see *Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

Human Data

In the post-marketing setting, treatment with trastuzumab during pregnancy has resulted in cases of oligohydramnios, some associated with fatal pulmonary hypoplasia, skeletal abnormalities and neonatal death. These case reports described oligohydramnios in pregnant women who received trastuzumab either alone or in combination with chemotherapy. In some case reports, amniotic fluid index increased after trastuzumab was stopped. In one case, trastuzumab therapy resumed after the amniotic fluid index improved, and oligohydramnios recurred.

Animal Data

There were no reproductive and developmental toxicology studies conducted with ado-trastuzumab emtansine. DM1, the cytotoxic component of KADCYLA, disrupts microtubule function. DM1 is toxic to rapidly dividing cells in animals and is genotoxic, suggesting it has the potential to cause embryotoxicity and teratogenicity. In studies where trastuzumab was administered to pregnant monkeys at doses up to 25 mg/kg (about 7 times the clinical dose), trastuzumab crossed the placental barrier during the early and late phases of gestation. The resulting concentrations of trastuzumab in fetal blood and amniotic fluid were approximately 33% and 25%, respectively, of those present in the maternal serum but were not associated with adverse findings.

8.3 Nursing Mothers

It is not known whether KADCYLA, specifically, is excreted in human milk, but IgG is known to be excreted in human milk. In lactating monkeys, trastuzumab was excreted in small amounts (about 0.3% of maternal serum concentrations) in breast milk after post-partum doses of 25 mg/kg (about 7 times the clinical dose of KADCYLA). Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from KADCYLA, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or discontinue KADCYLA, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness of KADCYLA have not been established in pediatric patients.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Of 495 patients who were randomized to KADCYLA in the randomized trial (Study 1) [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*], 65 patients (13%) were \geq 65 years of age and 11 patients (2%) were \geq 75 years of age. In patients \geq 65 years old (n=138 across both treatment arms) the hazard ratios for progression-free survival (PFS) and Overall Survival (OS) were 1.06 (95% CI: 0.68, 1.66) and 1.05 (95% CI: 0.58, 1.91), respectively.

Population pharmacokinetic analysis indicates that age does not have a clinically meaningful effect on the pharmacokinetics of ado-trastuzumab emtansine [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

8.6 Females of Reproductive Potential

KADCYLA can cause embryo-fetal harm when administered during pregnancy. Counsel patients regarding pregnancy prevention and planning. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception while receiving KADCYLA and for 6 months following the last dose of KADCYLA.

If KADCYLA is administered during pregnancy or if the patient becomes pregnant while receiving KADCYLA, immediately report exposure to the Genentech Adverse Event Line at 1-888-835-2555. Encourage women who may be exposed during pregnancy to enroll in the MotHER Pregnancy Registry by contacting 1-800-690-6720 [see *Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

8.7 Renal Impairment

No dedicated renal impairment trial for KADCYLA has been conducted. Based on the population pharmacokinetics, as well as analysis of Grade 3 or greater adverse drug reactions and dose modifications, dose adjustments of KADCYLA are not needed in patients with mild (creatinine clearance [CLcr] 60 to 89 mL/min) or moderate (CLcr 30 to 59 mL/min) renal impairment. No dose adjustment can be recommended for patients with severe renal impairment (CLcr less than 30 mL/min) because of the limited data available [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

8.8 Hepatic Impairment

In vitro studies in human liver microsomes indicates that DM1 is metabolized by CYP3A4/5. The influence of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of ado-trastuzumab emtansine conjugate has not been determined.

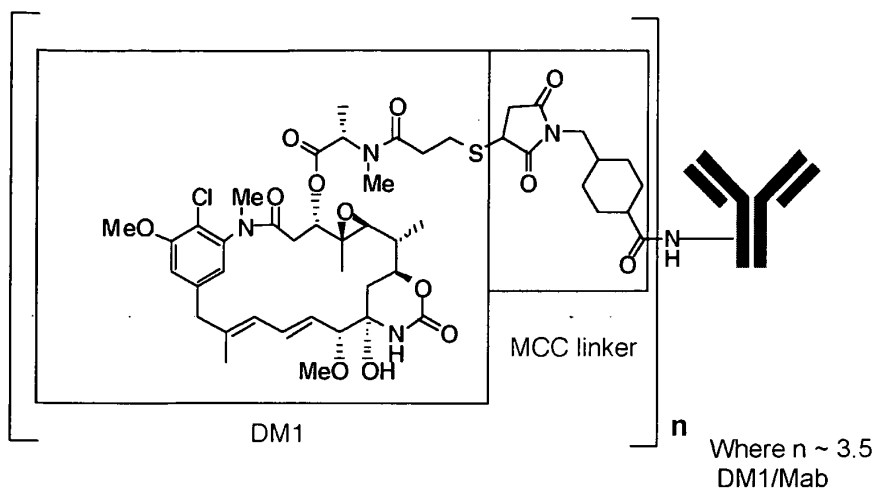
10 OVERDOSAGE

There is no known antidote for overdose of KADCYLA. In clinical trials, overdose of KADCYLA has been reported at approximately two times the recommended dose which resulted in Grade 2 thrombocytopenia (resolved 4 days later) and one death. In the fatal case, the patient incorrectly received KADCYLA at 6 mg/kg and died approximately 3 weeks following the overdose; a cause of death and a causal relationship to KADCYLA were not established.

11 DESCRIPTION

KADCYLA (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) is a HER2-targeted antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) which contains the humanized anti-HER2 IgG1, trastuzumab, covalently linked to the microtubule inhibitory drug DM1 (a maytansine derivative) via the stable thioether linker MCC (4-[N-maleimidomethyl] cyclohexane-1-carboxylate). Emtansine refers to the MCC-DM1 complex.

The antibody trastuzumab, is a well characterized recombinant monoclonal antibody product produced by mammalian (Chinese hamster ovary) cells, and the small molecule components (DM1 and MCC) are produced by chemical synthesis. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine contains an average of 3.5 DM1 molecules per antibody. Ado-trastuzumab emtansine has the following chemical structure:



Note: The bracketed structure is DM1 plus MCC which represents the emtansine component. The n is, on average, 3.5 DM1 molecules per trastuzumab (Mab) molecule.

KADCYLA (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) is a sterile, white to off-white preservative free lyophilized powder in single-use vials. Each vial contains 100 mg or 160 mg ado-trastuzumab emtansine. Following reconstitution, each single-use vial contains ado-trastuzumab emtansine (20 mg/mL), polysorbate 20 [0.02% (w/v)], sodium succinate (10 mM), and sucrose [6% (w/v)] with a pH of 5.0 and density of 1.026 g/mL. The resulting solution containing 20 mg/mL ado-trastuzumab emtansine is administered by intravenous infusion following dilution.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Ado-trastuzumab emtansine is a HER2-targeted antibody-drug conjugate. The antibody is the humanized anti-HER2 IgG1, trastuzumab. The small molecule cytotoxin, DM1, is a microtubule inhibitor. Upon binding to sub-domain IV of the HER2 receptor, ado-trastuzumab emtansine undergoes receptor-mediated internalization and subsequent lysosomal degradation, resulting in intracellular release of DM1-containing cytotoxic catabolites. Binding of DM1 to tubulin disrupts microtubule networks in the cell, which results in cell cycle arrest and apoptotic cell death. In addition, *in vitro* studies have shown that similar to trastuzumab, ado-trastuzumab emtansine inhibits HER2 receptor signaling, mediates antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity and inhibits shedding of the HER2 extracellular domain in human breast cancer cells that overexpress HER2.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetics of KADCYLA was evaluated in a phase I study and in a population pharmacokinetic analysis for the ado-trastuzumab emtansine conjugate (ADC) using pooled data from 5 trials in patients with breast cancer. A linear two-compartment model with first-order elimination from the central compartment adequately describes the ADC concentration-time profile. In addition to ADC, the pharmacokinetics of total antibody (conjugated and unconjugated trastuzumab), DM1 were also determined. The pharmacokinetics of KADCYLA are summarized below.

Distribution

Maximum concentrations (C_{max}) of ADC and DM1 were observed close to the end of infusion. In Study 1, mean (SD) ADC and DM1 Cycle 1 C_{max} following KADCYLA administration was 83.4 (16.5) $\mu\text{g/mL}$ and 4.61 (1.61) ng/mL , respectively.

In vitro, the mean binding of DM1 to human plasma proteins was 93%. *In vitro*, DM1 was a substrate of P-glycoprotein (P-gp).

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, the central volume of distribution of ADC was 3.13 L.

Metabolism

In vitro studies indicate that DM1, the small molecule component of KADCYLA, undergoes metabolism by CYP3A4/5. DM1 did not inhibit or induce major CYP450 enzymes *in vitro*. In human plasma, ado-trastuzumab emtansine catabolites MCC-DM1, Lys-MCC-DM1, and DM1 were detected at low levels.

Elimination

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, following intravenous infusion of KADCYLA, the clearance of the ADC was 0.68 L/day and the elimination half-life ($t_{1/2}$) was approximately 4 days. No accumulation of KADCYLA was observed after repeated dosing of intravenous infusion every 3 weeks.

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis (n=671), body weight, sum of longest diameter of target lesions by RECIST, HER2 extracellular domain (ECD) concentrations, AST, albumin, and baseline trastuzumab concentrations were identified as statistically significant covariates for ado-trastuzumab emtansine clearance. However, the magnitude of effect of these covariates on ado-trastuzumab emtansine exposure suggests that, with the exception of body weight, these covariates are unlikely to have a clinically meaningful effect on KADCYLA exposure. Therefore, the body weight based dose of 3.6 mg/kg every 3 weeks without correction for other covariates is considered appropriate.

Effect of Renal Impairment

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis in 668 patients, including moderate (CL_{cr} 30 - 59 mL/min, n=53) and mild (CL_{cr} 60 - 89 mL/min, n=254) renal impairment, indicate that pharmacokinetics of the ADC is not affected by mild to moderate renal impairment as compared to normal renal function ($CL_{cr} \geq 90$ mL/min, n=361). Data from only one patient with severe renal impairment ($CL_{cr} < 30$ mL/min) is available [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.7)*].

Effects of Age and Race

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, age (< 65 (n=577); 65 - 75 (n=78); > 75 (n=16)) and race (Asian (n=73); non-Asian (n=598)) do not have a clinically meaningful effect on the pharmacokinetics of ado-trastuzumab emtansine.

12.6 Cardiac Electrophysiology

The effect of multiple doses of KADCYLA (3.6 mg/kg every 3 weeks) on the QTc interval was evaluated in an open label, single arm study in 51 patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer. No large changes in the mean QT interval (i.e., > 20 ms) were detected in the study.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenicity studies have not been conducted with ado-trastuzumab emtansine.

DM1 was aneugenic or clastogenic in an *in vivo* single-dose rat bone marrow micronucleus assay at exposures that were comparable to mean maximum concentrations of DM1 measured in humans administered KADCYLA. DM1 was not mutagenic in an *in vitro* bacterial reverse mutation (Ames) assay.

Based on results from animal toxicity studies, KADCYLA may impair fertility in humans. In a single-dose toxicity study of ado-trastuzumab emtansine in rats, degeneration of seminiferous tubules with hemorrhage in the testes associated with increased weights of testes and epididymides at a severely toxic dose level (60 mg/kg; about 4 times the clinical exposure based on AUC) were observed. The same dose in female rats resulted in signs of hemorrhage and necrosis of the corpus luteum in ovaries. In monkeys dosed with ado-trastuzumab emtansine once every three weeks for 12 weeks (four doses), at up to 30 mg/kg (about 7 times the clinical exposure based on AUC), there were decreases in the weights of epididymides, prostate, testes, seminal vesicles and uterus, although the interpretation of these effects is unclear due to the varied sexual maturity of enrolled animals.

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

In monkeys, treatment with doses of ado-trastuzumab emtansine up to 30 mg/kg (about 7 times the clinical exposure based on AUC) caused dose dependent axonal degeneration in the sciatic nerve with hypertrophy or hyperplasia of the Schwann cells, and axonal degeneration of the dorsal funiculus in the spinal cord. Based on the mechanism of action of the cytotoxic component DM1, there is clinical potential for neurotoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*].

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Metastatic Breast Cancer

The efficacy of KADCYLA was evaluated in a randomized, multicenter, open-label trial of 991 patients with HER2-positive, unresectable locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer. Prior taxane and trastuzumab-based therapy was required before trial enrollment. Patients with only prior adjuvant therapy were required to have disease recurrence during or within six months of completing adjuvant therapy. Breast tumor samples were required to show HER2 overexpression defined as 3+ IHC or FISH amplification ratio ≥ 2.0 determined at a central laboratory. Patients were randomly allocated (1:1) to receive lapatinib plus capecitabine or KADCYLA. Randomization was stratified by world region (United States, Western Europe, other), number of prior chemotherapy regimens for unresectable locally advanced or metastatic disease (0–1, >1) and visceral versus non-visceral disease as determined by the investigators.

KADCYLA was given intravenously at 3.6 mg/kg on Day 1 of a 21-day cycle. Lapatinib was administered at 1250 mg/day orally once per day of a 21-day cycle and capecitabine was administered at 1000 mg/m² orally twice daily on Days 1–14 of a 21-day cycle. Patients were treated with KADCYLA or lapatinib plus capecitabine until progression of disease, withdrawal of consent, or unacceptable toxicity. At the time of the primary analysis, median time on study drug was 5.7 months (range: 0–28.4) for KADCYLA, 4.9 months (range: 0–30.8) for lapatinib, and 4.8 months (range: 0–30.4) for capecitabine.

The co-primary efficacy endpoints of the study were progression-free survival (PFS) based on tumor response assessments by an independent review committee (IRC), and overall survival (OS). PFS was defined as the time from the date of randomization to the date of disease progression or death from any cause (whichever occurred earlier). Overall survival was defined as the time from the date of randomization to the date of death from any cause. Additional endpoints included PFS (based on investigator tumor response assessments), objective response rate (ORR), duration of response and time to symptom progression.

Patient demographics and baseline tumor characteristics were balanced between treatment arms. All patients had metastatic disease at study entry. The median age was approximately 53 years (range 24–84 years), 74% were White, 18% were Asian and 5% were Black. All but 5 patients were women. Twenty-seven percent of patients were enrolled in United States, 32% in Europe and 16% in Asia. Tumor prognostic characteristics including hormone receptor status (positive: 18 of 22

55%, negative: 43%), presence of visceral disease (68%) and non-visceral disease only (33%) and the number of metastatic sites (< 3: 61%, ≥ 3: 37%) were similar in the study arms.

The majority of patients (88%) had received prior systemic treatment in the metastatic setting. Twelve percent of patients had prior treatment only in the neoadjuvant or adjuvant setting and had disease relapse within 6 months of treatment. All but one patient received trastuzumab prior to study entry; approximately 85% of patients received prior trastuzumab in the metastatic setting. Over 99% percent of patients had received a taxane, and 61% of patients had received an anthracycline prior to study entry. Overall, patients received a median of 3 systemic agents in the metastatic setting. Among patients with hormone receptor-positive tumors, 44.4% received prior adjuvant hormonal therapy and 44.8% received hormonal therapy for locally advanced/metastatic disease.

The randomized trial demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in IRC-assessed PFS in the KADCYLA-treated group compared with the lapatinib plus capecitabine-treated group [hazard ratio (HR) = 0.65, 95% CI: 0.55, 0.77, $p < 0.0001$], and an increase in median PFS of 3.2 months (median PFS of 9.6 months in the KADCYLA-treated group vs. 6.4 months in the lapatinib plus capecitabine group). See Table 8 and Figure 1. The results for investigator-assessed PFS were similar to those observed for IRC-assessed PFS.

At the time of PFS analysis, 223 patients had died. More deaths occurred in the lapatinib plus capecitabine arm (26%) compared with the KADCYLA arm (19%), however the results of this interim OS analysis did not meet the pre-specified stopping boundary for statistical significance. At the time of the second interim OS analysis, 331 events had occurred. The co-primary endpoint of OS was met; OS was significantly improved in patients receiving KADCYLA (HR = 0.68, 95% CI: 0.55, 0.85, $p = 0.0006$). This result crossed the pre-specified efficacy stopping boundary (HR = 0.73 or $p = 0.0037$). The median duration of survival was 30.9 months in the KADCYLA arm vs. 25.1 months in the lapatinib plus capecitabine arm. See Table 8 and Figure 2.

A treatment benefit with KADCYLA in terms of PFS and OS was observed in patient subgroups based on stratification factors, key baseline demographic and disease characteristics, and prior treatments. In the subgroup of patients with hormone receptor-negative disease (n=426), the hazard ratios for PFS and OS were 0.56 (95% CI: 0.44, 0.72) and 0.75 (95% CI: 0.54, 1.03), respectively. In the subgroup of patients with hormone receptor-positive disease (n=545), the hazard ratios for PFS and OS were 0.72 (95% CI: 0.58, 0.91) and 0.62 (95% CI: 0.46, 0.85), respectively. In the subgroup of patients with non-measurable disease (n=205), based on IRC assessments, the hazard ratios for PFS and OS were 0.91 (95% CI: 0.59, 1.42) and 0.96 (95% CI: 0.54, 1.68), respectively; in patients with measurable disease the hazard ratios were 0.62 (95% CI: 0.52, 0.75) and 0.65 (95% CI: 0.51, 0.82), respectively. The PFS and OS hazard ratios in patients who were younger than 65 years old (n=853) were 0.62 (95% CI: 0.52, 0.74) and 0.66 (95% CI: 0.52, 0.83), respectively. In patients ≥ 65 years old (n=138), the hazard ratios for PFS and OS were 1.06 (95% CI: 0.68, 1.66) and 1.05 (95% CI: 0.58, 1.91), respectively.

Table 8 Summary of Efficacy from Study 1

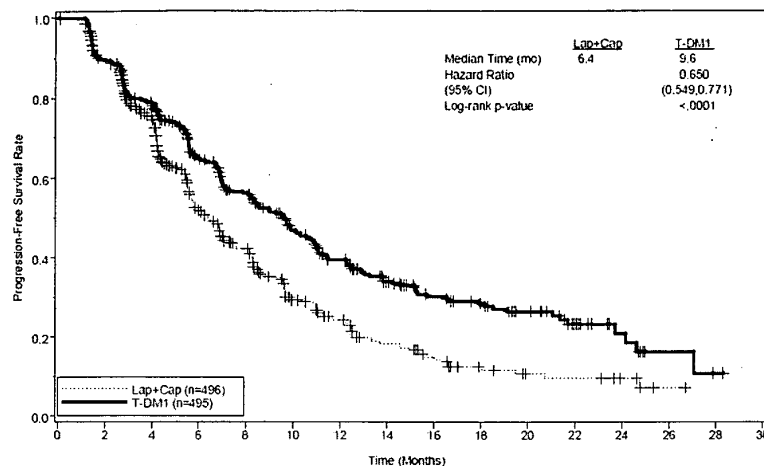
	KADCYLA N= 495	Lapatinib +Capecitabine N= 496
Progression-Free Survival (independent review)		
Number (%) of patients with event	265 (53.5%)	304 (61.3%)
Median duration of PFS (months)	9.6	6.4
Hazard Ratio (stratified*)		0.650
95% CI for Hazard Ratio		(0.549, 0.771)
p-value (Log-Rank test, stratified*)		<0.0001
Overall Survival **		
Number (%) of patients who died	149 (30.1%)	182 (36.7%)
Median duration of survival (months)	30.9	25.1
Hazard Ratio (stratified*)		0.682
95% CI for Hazard Ratio		(0.548, 0.849)
p-value (Log-Rank test*)		0.0006
Objective Response Rate (independent review)		
Patients with measurable disease	397	389
Number of patients with OR (%)	173 (43.6%)	120 (30.8%)
Difference (95% CI)		12.7% (6.0, 19.4)
Duration of Objective Response (months)		
Number of patients with OR	173	120
Median duration (95% CI)	12.6 (8.4, 20.8)	6.5 (5.5, 7.2)

PFS: progression-free survival; OR: objective response

* Stratified by world region (United States, Western Europe, other), number of prior chemotherapeutic regimens for locally advanced or metastatic disease (0-1 vs. >1), and visceral vs. non-visceral disease.

** The second interim analysis for OS was conducted when 331 events were observed and the results are presented in this table.

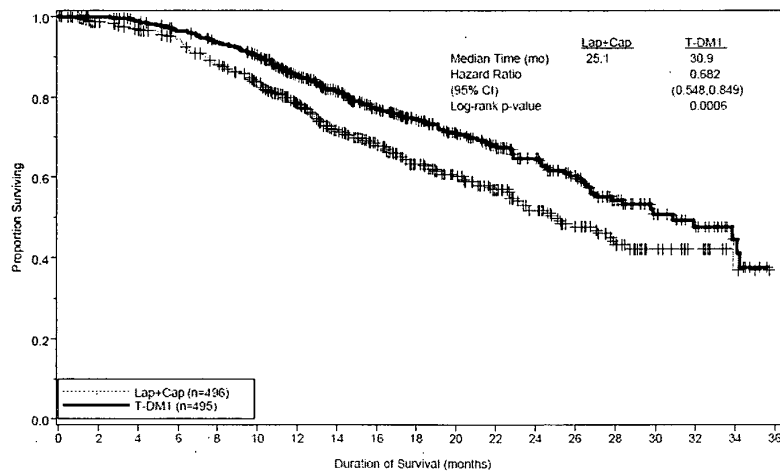
Figure 1 Kaplan-Meier Curve of IRC-Assessed Progression-Free Survival for Study 1



Number at Risk:	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
Lap+Cap	496	404	310	176	129	73	53	35	25	14	9	8	5	1	0	0
T-DM1	495	419	341	236	183	130	101	72	54	44	30	18	9	3	1	0

T-DM1: ado-trastuzumab emtansine; Lap: lapatinib; Cap: capecitabine; IRC: independent review committee.
Hazard ratio is estimated based on a stratified Cox model; p-value is estimated based on a stratified log-rank test.

Figure 2 Kaplan-Meier Curve of Overall Survival for Study 1



Number at Risk:	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
Lap+Cap	496	471	453	435	403	368	297	240	204	155	133	110	85	63	45	27	17	7	4
T-DM1	495	485	474	457	439	418	349	293	242	197	164	135	111	86	62	39	28	13	5

T-DM1: ado-trastuzumab emtansine; Lap: lapatinib; Cap: capecitabine.
Hazard ratio is estimated based on a stratified Cox model; p-value is estimated based on a stratified log-rank test.

15 REFERENCES

1. OSHA Hazardous Drugs. *OSHA*. <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hazardousdrugs/index.html>

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied/Storage

KADCYLA (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) is supplied as:

Carton Contents	NDC
One 100 mg vial, single use vial	NDC 50242-088-01
One 160 mg vial, single use vial	NDC 50242-087-01

Store vials in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) until time of reconstitution. *Do not freeze or shake.*

16.2 Special Handling

Follow procedures for proper handling and disposal of anticancer drugs¹.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

- Inform patients of the possibility of severe liver injury and advise patients to immediately seek medical attention if they experience symptoms of acute hepatitis such as nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain (especially RUQ abdominal pain), jaundice, dark urine, generalized pruritus, anorexia, etc. [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].
- Advise patients to contact a health care professional immediately for any of the following: new onset or worsening shortness of breath, cough, swelling of the ankles/legs, palpitations, weight gain of more than 5 pounds in 24 hours, dizziness or loss of consciousness [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- Advise pregnant women and females of reproductive potential that KADCYLA exposure can result in fetal harm, including embryo-fetal death or birth defects [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3), Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.6)*].
- Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception while receiving KADCYLA and for 6 months following the last dose of KADCYLA [*See Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.6)*].
- Advise nursing mothers treated with KADCYLA to discontinue nursing or discontinue KADCYLA, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.3)*].
- Encourage women who are exposed to KADCYLA during pregnancy to enroll in the MoTHER Pregnancy Registry by contacting 1-800-690-6720 [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.6)*].

KADCYLA™ [ado-trastuzumab emtansine]

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Attachment C

**Ado-trastuzumab emtansine Biologics' License
Application (BLA) Approval (redacted)**

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APPROVAL LETTER



BLA 125427/0

BLA APPROVAL

Genentech, Inc.
Attention: Erica J. Evans, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Evans:

Please refer to your Biologics License Application (BLA) dated August 24, 2012, received August 27, 2012, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine).

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated June 12, and 25; July 11 and 31; August 24, and 27; September 12, 18(2), 21, 25(2), 26(2), and 28(2); October 8(2), 9(2), 11(2), 17(2), 18(2), 23(2), 24, 25, 29, 30, and 31; November 1, 2(3), 5, 6, 8(2), 12(3), 13(3), 14(2), 16, 20(2), 26, and 30(2); December 5(2), 6, 7(6), 13, 14, 19, 20, 21(2) and January 2, 3, 4, 7, 11, 15(2), 17(2), 18, 22, 23, 24,(3), 25(3), 28(2), 30(2) and February 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, and 15, 2013.

LICENSING

We have approved your BLA for Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) effective this date. You are hereby authorized to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) under your existing Department of Health and Human Services U.S. License No. 1048. Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) is indicated, as a single agent, for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive, metastatic breast cancer who previously received trastuzumab and a taxane, separately or in combination.

MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS

Under this license, you are approved to manufacture ado-trastuzumab emtansine bulk drug substance at ^{(b) (4)} and ado-trastuzumab emtansine final drug product at ^{(b) (4)}. Drug product labeling and packaging will be done at Genentech Hillsboro Fill Finish Facility in Hillsboro, Oregon.

You may label your product with the proprietary name, Kadcyla, and will market it as a lyophilized product in two single-use presentations of 100 mg per 15 mL vial and 160 mg per 20 mL vial.

Trastuzumab intermediate will be manufactured at Genentech, Inc., Vacaville, CA and Roche Singapore Technical Operations Pte. Ltd, Singapore. DM1 intermediate will be manufactured at [REDACTED] (b) (4)

DATING PERIOD

The dating period for ado-trastuzumab emtansine drug product (160 mg/vial) shall be 36 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 2°C to 8°C. The dating period for ado-trastuzumab emtansine drug product (100 mg/vial) shall be 24 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 2°C to 8°C. The date of manufacture shall be defined as the date of [REDACTED] (b) (4) the formulated drug product. The dating period for your trastuzumab intermediate shall be [REDACTED] (b) (4). The dating period for your ado-trastuzumab emtansine drug substance shall be [REDACTED] (b) (4).

We have approved the stability protocols in your license application for the purpose of extending the expiration dating period of the drug substance and drug product under 21 CFR 601.12. Data supporting extension of the expiration dating period should be submitted to the BLA Annual Report.

Consistent with 21 CFR 601.12, Genentech must inform FDA about each change in the product, production process, quality controls, equipment, facilities, responsible personnel, or labeling established in the approved application.

FDA LOT RELEASE

You are not currently required to submit samples of future lots of ado-trastuzumab emtansine to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) for release by the Director, CDER, under 21 CFR 610.2. We will continue to monitor compliance with 21 CFR 610.1, requiring completion of tests for conformity with standards applicable to each product prior to release of each lot.

Any changes in the manufacturing, testing, packaging, or labeling of Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine), or in the manufacturing facilities, will require the submission of information to your biologics license application for our review and written approval, consistent with 21 CFR 601.12.

APPROVAL & LABELING

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling text.

We note that your February 13, 2013, submission includes final printed labeling (FPL) for your package insert. We have not reviewed this FPL. You are responsible for assuring that the wording in this printed labeling is identical to that of the approved content of labeling in the structured product labeling (SPL) format.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at

<http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>.

Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for the patient package insert, Medication Guide). Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As" at

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

In addition, within 14 days of the date of this letter, amend any pending supplement that includes labeling changes for this BLA with content of labeling in SPL format to include the changes approved in this supplement.

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

We acknowledge your January 30, 2013, submission containing final printed carton and container labels.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your application for Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) was not referred to an FDA advisory committee because outside expertise was not necessary; there were no controversial issues that would benefit from advisory committee discussion.

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable. Breast cancer is on the list of conditions that do not occur in pediatric patients and qualify for a full waiver.

POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 505(o)

Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) authorizes FDA to require holders of approved drug and biological product applications to conduct postmarketing studies and clinical trials for certain purposes, if FDA makes certain findings required by the statute.

We have determined that an analysis of spontaneous postmarketing adverse events reported under subsection 505(k)(1) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess signals of serious risks of embryo-fetal toxicity and of increased toxicity due to a variable antibody drug ratio and to identify unexpected serious risks of increased toxicity due to [REDACTED] (b)(4)

Furthermore, the new pharmacovigilance system that FDA is required to establish under section 505(k)(3) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess this serious risk.

Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following:

1. Establish a Pregnancy Registry to collect and analyze information for 10 years on pregnancy complications and birth outcomes in women with breast cancer exposed to ado-trastuzumab-emtansine within 6 months of conception or during pregnancy. Submit yearly interim reports, which may be included in your annual reports, on the cumulative findings and analyses from the Pregnancy Registry.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Draft Protocol Submission:	03/13
Final Protocol Submission:	05/13
Interim Report #1:	05/14
Interim Report #2:	05/15
Interim Report #3:	05/16
Interim Report #4:	05/17
Interim Report #5:	05/18
Interim Report #6:	05/19
Interim Report #7:	05/20
Interim Report #8:	05/21
Interim Report #9:	05/22
Study Completion:	05/23
Final Report Submission:	05/24

2. Perform a multivariate characterization study to support the implementation of *trans*-succinimidyl 4-(*N*-maleimidomethyl) cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (SMCC) during manufacture of T-DMI.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 03/13
Study Completion: 05/13
Final Report Submission: 06/13

3. Develop and validate an iCIEF method to use as a drug substance and drug product regulatory method for monitoring the unconjugated antibody content and propose a specification limit for the unconjugated antibody content based on clinical and commercial batch data.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 05/13
Study Completion: 11/13
Final Report Submission: 12/13

4. Provide quarterly reports on the status of any

These reports should include, at a minimum, a summary of the root cause analyses, associated corrective actions, and disposition of all affected DM1 batches. Also, provide the disposition of any potentially affected finished product batches using these affected DM1 batches. Submit an interim report documenting that the manufacturing processes have been appropriately controlled at the manufacturing facilities according to Genentech's evaluation. The interim report should include a request for follow-up inspection(s). Submit a final report with a statement concerning the follow-up performed on the issues during the course of the FDA inspection(s), an update on whether there have been any further instances of , and a proposal to prevent managed by each site's quality system.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Quarterly Report #1: 05/13
Quarterly Report #2: 08/13
Quarterly Report #3: 11/13
Quarterly Report #4: 02/14
Interim Report: 04/14

Quarterly Report #5: 05/14
Quarterly Report #6: 08/14
Quarterly Report #7: 11/14
Quarterly Report #8: 02/15
Final Report Submission: 04/15

Finally, we have determined that only a clinical trial (rather than a nonclinical or observational study) will be sufficient to assess a signal of a serious risk of increased toxicity in patients with hepatic impairment.

Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following:

5. Conduct a clinical trial to evaluate the impact of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of Kadcyla (ado-trastuzumab emtansine), total trastuzumab, and DM1-containing catabolites. Based on the results of this trial, update the approved Kadcyla labeling with recommendations for appropriate use of Kadcyla in patients with hepatic impairment.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this trial according to the following schedule:

Trial Completion:	06/14
Final Report Submission:	06/15

Submit the protocol(s) to your IND 071072, with a cross-reference letter to this BLA. Submit all final report(s) to your BLA. Prominently identify the submission with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission, as appropriate: **“Required Postmarketing Protocol Under 505(o)”**, **“Required Postmarketing Final Report Under 505(o)”**, **“Required Postmarketing Correspondence Under 505(o)”**.

Section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) of the FDCA requires you to report periodically on the status of any study or clinical trial required under this section. This section also requires you to periodically report to FDA on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Section 506B of the FDCA, as well as 21 CFR 601.70 requires you to report annually on the status of any postmarketing commitments or required studies or clinical trials.

FDA will consider the submission of your annual report under section 506B and 21 CFR 601.70 to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) provided that you include the elements listed in 505(o) and 21 CFR 601.70. We remind you that to comply with 505(o), your annual report must also include a report on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Failure to submit an annual report for studies or clinical trials required under 505(o) on the date required will be considered a violation of FDCA section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) and could result in enforcement action.

POSTMARKETING COMMITMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 506B

We remind you of your postmarketing commitments:

6. Transfer the methodology for validated dye ingress testing developed by Genentech to [redacted] (b)(4). Conduct a study to confirm filling and crimping conditions for container closure integrity using the validated transferred dye ingress method and provide a final report in the 2014 annual report.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Study Completion: 03/13
Final Report Submission: 04/14

7. Conduct a study to assess the risk of endotoxin masking [redacted] (b)(4) using endotoxin spiked ado-trastuzumab emtansine drug product [redacted] (b)(4). Submit a final report that includes updated specifications as a Prior Approval Supplement.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Report Submission: 03/13

8. If endotoxin masking is observed in the drug product [redacted] (b)(4), develop an alternative method to quantitate endotoxin in the finished ado-trastuzumab emtansine drug product [redacted] (b)(4) using routine production conditions. Submit a final report on any changes in the analytical methods as a Prior Approval Supplement.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 09/13
Final Report Submission: 12/13

9. Dedicate [redacted] (b)(4) for ado-trastuzumab emtansine drug product manufacture and submit a final report of the results from sterilization validation and 3 media fill simulations as a Changes Being Effected Supplement (CBE-0).

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Report Submission: 06/13

10. Conduct cleaning verification (b)(4)

(b)(4) until use of (b)(4) is implemented and report the updated (b)(4) procedures in the 2014 Annual Report.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Study completion: 06/13

Final Report Submission: 04/14

11. Conduct endotoxin spiking and recovery studies (b)(4)

(b)(4)
Submit the final report as a Changes Being Effected in 30 days Supplement (CBE-30).

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Report Submission: 05/13

12. Develop a validated, sensitive, and accurate assay for the detection of neutralizing antibodies to ado-trastuzumab emtansine, including procedures for accurate detection of neutralizing antibodies to ado-trastuzumab emtansine in the presence of ado-trastuzumab emtansine levels that are expected to be present in the serum or plasma at the time of patient sampling. The assay final report will be submitted as a Prior Approval Supplement by June, 2015.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Report Submission (Assay and Methodology) Date: 06/15

13. Reassess release and stability specifications for ado-trastuzumab emtansine drug substance and drug product through the end of February 2015. Submit the final report as a Changes Being Effected-30 Supplement (CBE-30).

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Report Submission: 05/15

14. Provide a material compatibility assessment (b)(4)

(b)(4)

(b) (4)

Provide a

toxicological risk assessment (b) (4)

If significant (b) (4) are identified during these assessments, initiate action to mitigate the source(s) of risk to product quality.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Material Compatibility Assessment Completion:	04/13
(b) (4) Assessment and Toxicological Risk Assessment:	05/13
Final Report Submission:	06/13

15. Conduct ado-trastuzumab emtansine exposure-response analyses for progression-free survival, final overall survival, and safety utilizing data from trial BO25734/TDM4997 (TH3RESA). The results of the exposure-response analyses from both TH3RESA and BO21977/TDM4370g (EMILIA) will be used to determine whether a postmarketing trial is needed to optimize the dose in patients with metastatic breast cancer who have lower exposure to ado-trastuzumab emtansine conjugate at the approved dose (3.6 mg/kg q3w). Submit a final report of the exposure-response analyses based on TH3RESA and EMILIA.

The timetable you submitted on February 15, 2013, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Trial Completion:	06/16
Final Report Submission:	12/16

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 071072 for this product. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all postmarketing final reports to this BLA. In addition, under 21 CFR 601.70 you should include a status summary of each commitment in your annual progress report of postmarketing studies to this BLA. The status summary should include expected summary completion and final report submission dates, any changes in plans since the last annual report, and, for clinical studies/trials, number of patients entered into each study/trial. All submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing commitments should be prominently labeled "Postmarketing Commitment Protocol," "Postmarketing Commitment Final Report," or "Postmarketing Commitment Correspondence."

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the

proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the package insert to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

As required under 21 CFR 601.12(f)(4), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see page 2 of the Form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

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If you have any questions, call Lisa Skarupa, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-2219.

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The application concerns methods of treatment using anti-ErbB receptor antibody-maytansinoid conjugates, and articles of manufacture suitable for use in such methods. In particular, the invention concerns ErbB receptor-directed cancer therapies, using anri-ErbB receptor antibody-maytansinoid conjugates.

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VARIABLE HEAVY DOMAIN

	10	20	30	40	
2C4	EVQLQSGPELVKPGT	SVKISCKAS	[GFTFTDYTMD]	WVKQS	
	** ** *	* ** *		* *	
574	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGG	SLRSLCAAS	[GFTFTDYTMD]	WVRQA	
		** * *		* *	
hum III	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGG	SLRSLCAAS	[GFTFSSYAMS]	WVRQA	
	50	a	60	70	80
2C4	HGKSLEWIG	[DVNPNSGGSIYNQRFKG]	KASLIVDRSSRIYVM		
	* *	** *	*** *	**** *	
574	PGKGLEWVA	[DVNPNSGGSIYNQRFKG]	RFTLSVDRSKNTLYL		
	*****	*** ****	* * *		
hum III	PGKGLEWVA	[VISGGGSTYYADSVKG]	RFTISRDNKNTLYL		
	abc	90	100ab	110	
2C4	EIRSLTFEDTAVYYCAR	[NLGFSFYFDX]	WGQGTTLTVSS		
	*** **		**		
574	QMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAR	[NLGFSFYFDY]	WGQGTTLTVTSS		

hum III	QMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAR	[GRVGYSLYDY]	WGQGTTLTVTSS		

FIG. 1

Variable Light Domain

	10	20	30	40
2C4	DTVMTQSHKIMTSVGD	RSITC [KASQDVSIGVA]	WYQQR	P
	**	*** *	*	*
574	DIQMTQSPSSLSASV	GDRVTITC [KASQDVSIGVA]	WYQQK	P
		* ** ***		
hum KI	DIQMTQSPSSLSASV	GDRVTITC [KASQDVSIGVA]	WYQQK	P
	50	60	70	80
2C4	GQSPKLLIY [SASYRYT]	GVPDRFTGSGSGTDFT	FTT	ISSVQA
	**	* *	*	* *
574	GKAPKLLIY [SASYRYT]	GVPSRFRFSGSGSGTDFT	LT	TISSLQP
	* ****			
hum KI	GKAPKLLIY [AASSLES]	GVPSRFRFSGSGSGTDFT	LT	TISSLQP
	90	100		
2C4	EDLAVYYC [QYYIYPT]	FGG	GKLEIKRT	
	* *	*	*	
574	EDFATYYC [QYYIYPT]	FGQ	GKVEIKRT	
	*** *			
hum KI	EDFATYYC [QYNSLPWT]	FGQ	GKVEIKRT	

FIG. 2

Maytansinoids
(DM1)

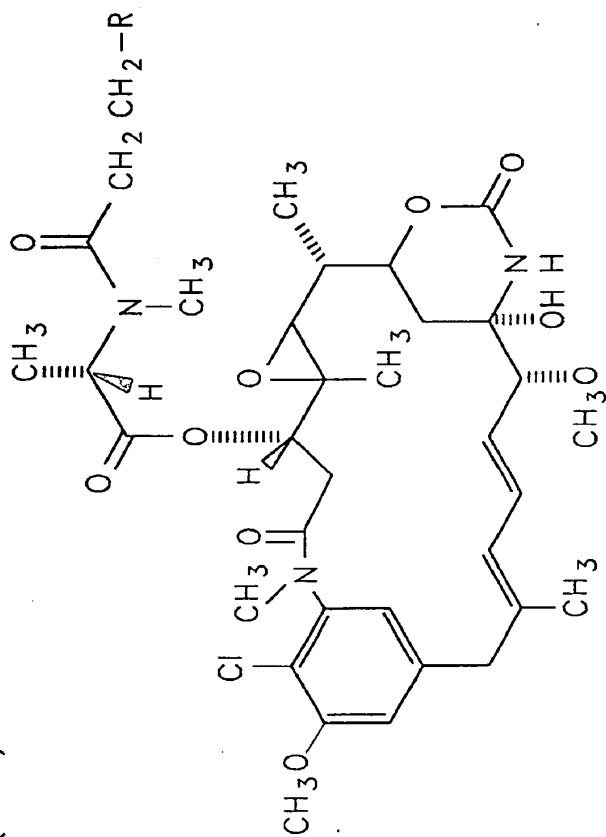


FIG. 3

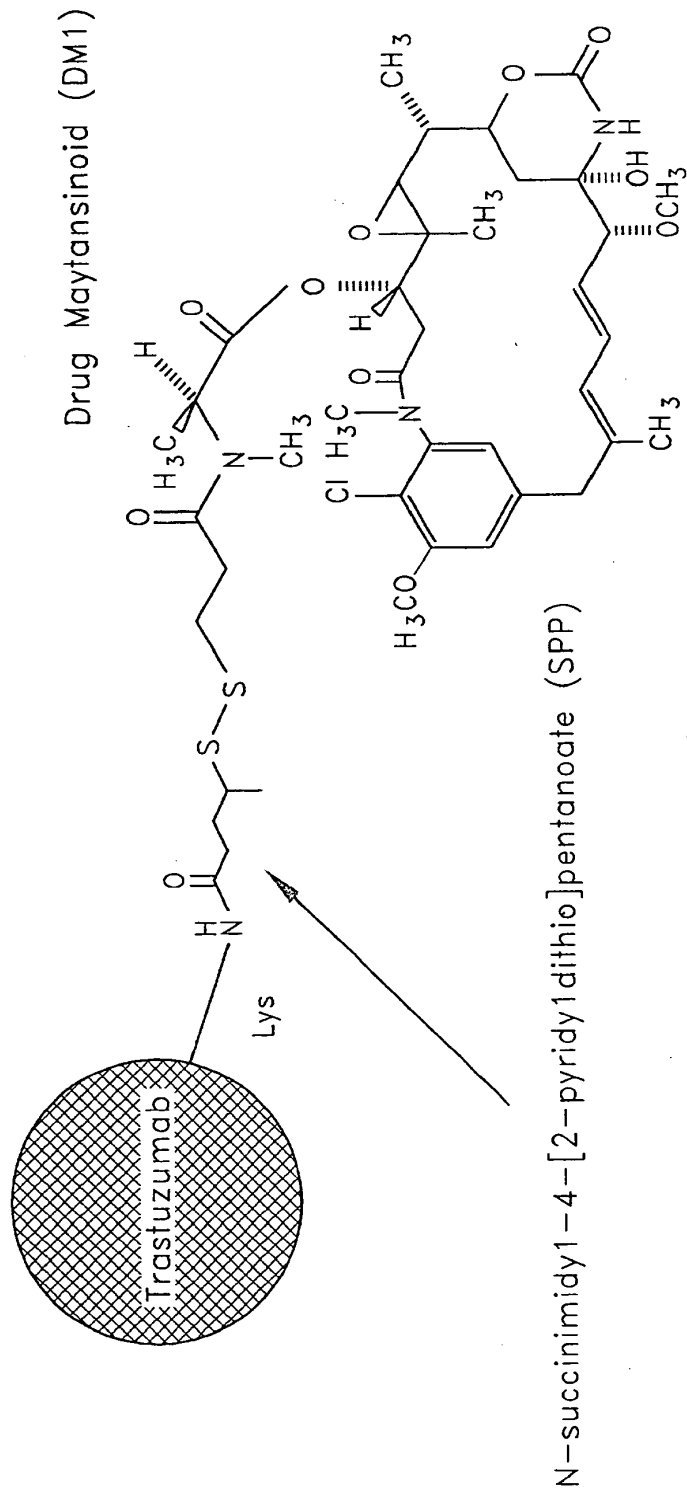


FIG. 4

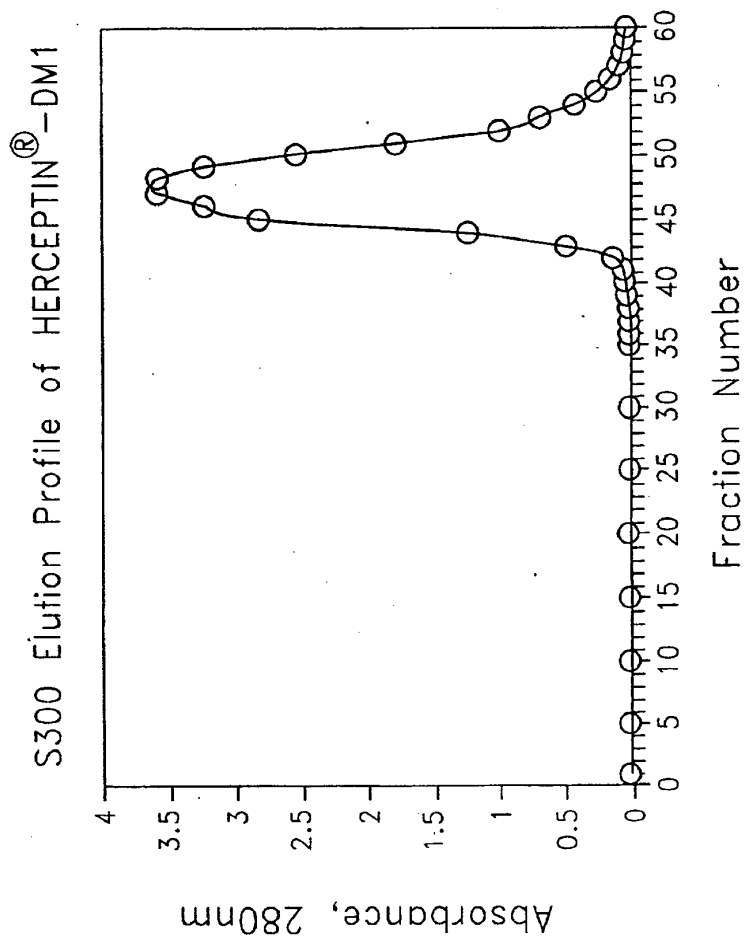


FIG. 5

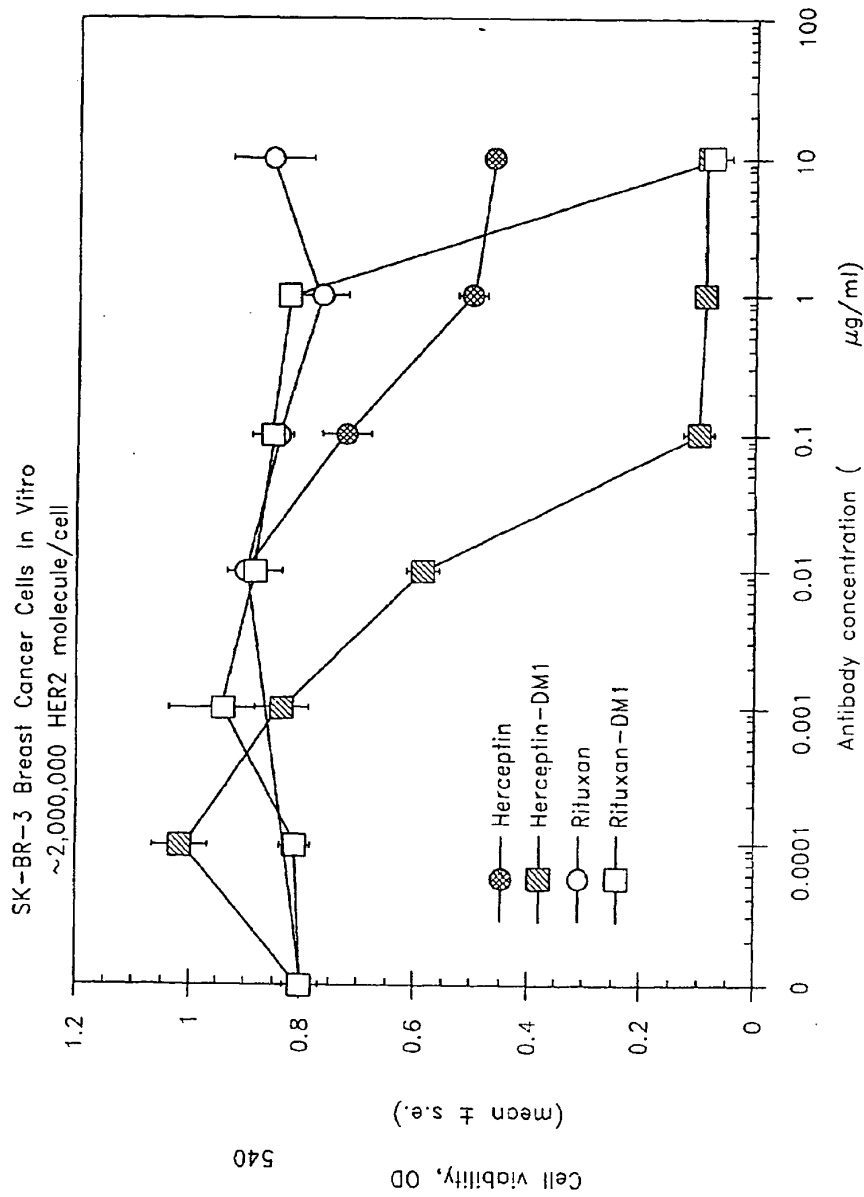


FIG. 6

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          rmaI          sau3AI          hgiAI/aspHI          rmaI          mmaI
          mboI/ndeII   mboI/ndeII   mboI/ndeII   mboI/ndeII   mboI/ndeII
          dpnII         dpnII         dpnII         dpnII         dpnII
          pvuI/bspCI   pvuI/bspCI   pvuI/bspCI   pvuI/bspCI   pvuI/bspCI
          mcrI         mcrI         mcrI         mcrI         mcrI
          bsiEI       bsiEI       bsiEI       bsiEI       bsiEI
          taqI       taqI       taqI       taqI       taqI
          aluI       aluI       aluI       aluI       aluI
          1 AAGCTCGATC GGTGCACATTT AATTCATGAT CGCGAGCTAG CAGCTTGCAAT GCCTGCGACA GAAATGGTGTG AACTCCCCGAG AGTGTCTCTAC ACCTAGGGGA
          TTCGAGCTAG CCACGGTGTAA TTAAGTACTPA GCGCTCGATC GCGAGCTAGTATGAT GCGAGCTAGTATGAT GCGAGCTAGTATGAT GCGAGCTAGTATGAT GCGAGCTAGTATGAT
          ^start of linker 1 ^end of linker 1 ^start of linker 1 ^start of MMTV promoter
          styI       bsaJI       hgiJII       hgiJII       hgiJII
          tseI       bsaJI       hgiJII       hgiJII       hgiJII
          fnu4HI/bsoFI fnu4HI/bsoFI fnu4HI/bsoFI fnu4HI/bsoFI fnu4HI/bsoFI
          bbvI       bbvI       bbvI       bbvI       bbvI
          101 GAAGCAGCCA AGGGTGTGTT TCCACCCCAAG GACGACCCCGT CTGGGCACAA ACGGATGAGC CCATCAGACA AAGACATATT CATTCTCTGC TGCAAACTTG
          CTTCTGCTGGT TCCCAACAA AGGGTGGTTC CTGCTGGGCA GACGGGTGTT TGCCTACTCG GGTAGTCTGT TTCTGTATAA GTAAGAGACG ACGTTTGAAC
          mwoI       mwoI       mwoI       mwoI       mwoI
          cac8I       cac8I       cac8I       cac8I       cac8I
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          bsiHKAI     bsiHKAI     bsiHKAI     bsiHKAI     bsiHKAI
          bmyI       bmyI       bmyI       bmyI       bmyI
          mwoI       mwoI       mwoI       mwoI       mwoI
          aciI       aciI       aciI       aciI       aciI
          aluI       aluI       aluI       aluI       aluI
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          CGTATCGAGA CGAARACGACC CCGTAACCCC CTTCAACGCC TCCCGGAGG TGGAACTGA GAAAATATC GAGAAGAC GTTCTAATGT

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FIG. 7A

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          edeI      avallI      bsp0I
          eco8II     asuI      sfanI
          tsp509I   taqI   mnlI   bsu36I/mstII/sauI   mnlI   fnu4HI/bs0FI   eco57I
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          TAGATTTGTT MAGCCCTCTG AGCTGGAAGG AGAGGACTCC GTTCCCTGGTG TCGSTTGAAG GAGMATGTTT GGCCTAGCTA AAACAGGAAG TCTTTATCTT

          cac8I      tsp509I      hgaI      tsp509I      haeIII/p
          bsmI      esp3I      bsmBI      muniI/mfeI      stuI
          apol      mnlI      mboII      haeI
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          GATABAATG AGTTTAAATG TTCAATCTTT ACCCTTATCT TTTATCTTTC TCTGGAGTT GGAGTTTACT TCTTGTCCAC GTTCCCTGATA ACTGGTGTCC

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          maeI      bfaI      mvaI      ecorII      avallI
          bfaI      apyI      dsav      bstNI      ppuMI
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          GATCTTTCAT TTTTCCCTT TTTTTCACA AAAACAGTTT FATCCTCTGT CCACCACCGT TGCTCCCTGA ATATCCCTGTG GAATGTAGAT GTCTGGTTGT

          bsmFI      bstNI      bstYI/xhoII
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          CTACGGGGA ATGGTATAG TCCITCTATA CTGAATTTAA CCTATCCAC CCAATGTCAG TTACCGATAT TTCACAAATAT AICTAGGAG GGAAGACAC

          bslI      mboII      maeIII      tsp509I      mnlI
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FIG. 7B

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rmaI          styI          smlI          mboII          nlaIII          rnaI
maeI          bsajI          bsmAI          bsmAI          rsaI          maeI
bfaI          mnII          bsmAI          mboII          csp6I          bfaI
aluI          mnII          bsmAI          mboII          nlaIII          bsmI
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TTTCTGAGCG GTCTCGATCT GGAGGAACCA CATAACAAG AGTTCTTCTT TTTCTGCTGT ACTTTGTTGT CCAATGTACTA ATATAATAG ATCCTTGTC
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          styI          alwNI
          bsII          bsmFI
          bsII bsajI mnII alw26I/bsmAI          nlaIII
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TACGTGAAA ACCCCTTCT AARGSTATG GTTCCCTCCC TGTCCACCAC CTGATTAICT TGTATAAGA CGTTTTTCAA TACCGTACTC AATAATACTT

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haeIII/palI   nlaIV          mseI          bstF5I
asuI          aciI bsajI aflII/bfri maeIII          mnII          bsmAI
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sacI
hgiJII
hgiAI/aspHI
ec1136II
bsp1286
bslHKAI
bmyI
dclI
sau3AI
mboI/ndelI
dpmII aluI
dpmI banII ddelI
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          tsp509I
          apoI

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FIG. 7C

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 esp3I
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 bstF5I acII maeIII
 mnlI
 hphI
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 *bp820 in pCI
 *start of BS insert at HindIII

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 tspFI
 401 GGCACGCGG AGGTAAGTAT CAAGGTACA AGACAGGTTT AAGGAGACCA ATAGAACTG GGCTTGTGCG GACAGAGAAG ACTCTTGGGT TTCTGATAGG
 CCGTGACCGG TCCATTCATA GTCCAATGT TCTGTCCAAA TTCTCTGGT TATCTTTGAC CCGMACAGCT CTGTCTCTTC TGAGAACGCA AAGACATATCC

pleI
 hinfI
 mboII
 bpuAI
 bsmAI
 taqI
 bbsI
 bsrI
 bsmAI
 taqI
 bbsI
 nlaIV
 hgiCI
 bani

FIG. 7D

*start of chimeric intron at pCI 857

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fnu4HI/bscFI
mcrI
eagI/xmaIII/eclXI
eaeI
cfrI
notI
fnu4HI/bscFI
tru9I haeIII/palI tsp509I
mseI bsiEI hindIII ecoRI
alul smlI aciI aciI alul tagI
bslI bsaVI tsp509I aflIII/bfrI cac8I ecorV apoI
CACCTATTGG TCTTACTGAC ATCCACTTGG CCTTCTCTC CACAGGTGTC CACTCCCGAGG TTCAATTACA GCTCTTAAGC GGCCGCAAGC TTGATATCGA
GTGGATAACC AGAATGACTG TAGGTGAAC GGAAGAGAG GTGTCCACAG GTGAGGGTCC AAGTTAATGT CGAGTAATCG CCGGGCTTCG AACTATAGCT
^end of chimeric intron at pCI 989

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^end of BS insert at HindIII^

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scrFI
mvaI
ecoRII
dsav
bstNI
bssKI
apyI
bslI bsaVI
CACCTATTGG TCTTACTGAC ATCCACTTGG CCTTCTCTC CACAGGTGTC CACTCCCGAGG TTCAATTACA GCTCTTAAGC GGCCGCAAGC TTGATATCGA
GTGGATAACC AGAATGACTG TAGGTGAAC GGAAGAGAG GTGTCCACAG GTGAGGGTCC AAGTTAATGT CGAGTAATCG CCGGGCTTCG AACTATAGCT
^end of chimeric intron at pCI 989
foki
bstF5I
501
xmaI/pspAI
smaI mboI/ndeII sau3AI
scrFI dpnII mboI/ndeII
ncII dpnI dpnII
tseI dsav alwI rmaI alwI
fnu4HI/bscFI
bbvI cauII nlaIV maeI nlaIV tsp509I
scfI bssKI bstYI/xhoII bstYI/xhoII ecorI
pstI bsaJI bamHI bfaI bamHI apoI
bsgI avai alwI speI alwI apoI
601 ATTCTTCAG CCCGGGGAT CCACTAGTGG ATCCAAAGAA TTCAAAAGC TTCTCGAGG CGGGGGCCCG GCCCCACCC CTCGAGCAC CCCGGGGCCC
TAAGGAGCTC GGGCCCCCA GTGATCACC TAGGTTCTT AAGTTTTTCG AAGAGTCCC GGGGGGGGG GAGGTCGTG GGGGGGGGG
^start of human HER2 from BS at xhoI

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FIG. 7E

hinPI
 hhaI/cfoI
 thaI
 fnuDII/mvnI
 bstUI
 mwoI bsh1236I mspI
 hpaII mwoI
 mspAII/nbspRII
 mwoI tseI
 nlaIV fnu4HI/bscFI
 hgiJII bslI
 bsp1286 bbvI
 bmyI aciI
 banII bslI
 cac8I
 301 GCCTGCCACC CCTGTTCTCC GAVGTGTAAG GCCTCCCGCT GCTGGGGAGA GAGTTCTGAG GATTGTGAGA GCCTGACGGC CACTGTCTGT GCCGGTGGCT
 CGGACGGTGG EGACAAGAGG CTACACATTC CCGAGGGCGA CGACCCCTCT CTCAGACTC CTAACAGTCT CGGACTGCC GTGACAGACA CGGCCACCGA
 191 A C H P C S P M C K G S R C W G E S S E D C Q S L T R T V C A G G C

sau96I
 nlaIV
 haeIII/palI
 sau96I
 pspOMI/bsp120I haeIII/palI
 tseI haeI
 mwoI hgiJII scrFI
 mspI eccO109I/draII mvaI
 hpaII bsp1286 ecorII
 nael/ngoMI bmyI dsav
 cfr10I/bsrFI asuI bstNI
 cac8I banII bssKI
 tseI fnu4HI/bscFI apyI
 fnu4HI/bscFI fnu4HI/bscFI mwoI cac8I mnlI
 bbvI nlaIII tspRI bbvI bsvI apaI
 bbvI nlaIII tspRI bbvI bsvI apaI
 401 GTGCCGGCTG CAAGGGGCCA CTGCCACTG ACTGCTGCCA TGAGCACTGT GCTGCCGGCT GCACGGGCC CAAGCACTCT GACTGCCCTGG CCTGCCCTCCA
 CACGGCGGAC GTTCCCGGT GACGGGTGAC TGACGACGGT ACTCGTCACA CGACGGCCGA CGTGCCCGG GTTCGTGAGA CTGACGGACC GGACGGAGGT
 225 A R C K G P L P T D C C H E Q C A A G C T G P K H S D C L A C L H

FIG. 7H

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                bstE1I
scrFI          bstZ17I
mvaI          mspI
ecorIII       sau96I bst1107I
dsav          mnLI hpaII
                bsII haeIII/palI
                bsaJI cfr10I/bsrFI
                avai asuI accI
                aflIII hinFI nlaIII
                maEII pleI
                taII
                acaRACAGAG CACGTTTGAG TCCATGCCCA ATCCCGAGGG CCGGTATACA
                TGTTGTGTCT GTGCAAACTC AGGTACGGGT TAGGGCTCCC GGCCATATGT
                T D T F E S M P N P E G R Y T
2501 CTTCAACCAC AGTGGCATCT GTGAGCTGCA CTGCCAGCC CTGGTCACCT ACAACACAGA CACGTTTGAG TCCATGCCCA ATCCCGAGGG CCGGTATACA
    GAAGTTGGTG TCACCGTAGA CACTCGACGT GACGGGTGG GACCCAGTGA TGTTGTGTCT GTGCAAACTC AGGTACGGGT TAGGGCTCCC GGCCATATGT
258 F N H S G I C E L H C P A L V T Y N T D T F E S M P N P E G R Y T

                tseI
                fnu4HI/bsoFI
                bbvI
                tspRI sfaNI
                aluI tspRI bsII bsaJI maEIII
                CTGAGCTGCA CTGCCAGCC CTGGTCACCT ACAACACAGA CACGTTTGAG TCCATGCCCA ATCCCGAGGG CCGGTATACA
                CACTCGACGT GACGGGTGG GACCCAGTGA TGTTGTGTCT GTGCAAACTC AGGTACGGGT TAGGGCTCCC GGCCATATGT
                E L H C P A L V T Y N T D T F E S M P N P E G R Y T

                cac8I
                hinPI
                hhaI/cfoI
                nlaIV
                narI
                kasI
                hinLI/acyI
                hgiCI
                haeII aluI
                eheI pvuII
                banI mspAII/ospBII
                ahaII/bsaHI maEIII
                bsmFI
                bsp45I
                tsp45I
                maEIII
                hphI
                mnLI
                hgiAI/aspHI
                bsp1286
                bsiHKAI
                bmyI
                nlaIII
                hphI
                mnLI mnLI maEIII
                bsrI
                bsaJI cfr10I/bsrFI
                avai asuI accI
                aflIII hinFI nlaIII
                maEII pleI
                taII
                acaRACAGAG CACGTTTGAG TCCATGCCCA ATCCCGAGGG CCGGTATACA
                TGTTGTGTCT GTGCAAACTC AGGTACGGGT TAGGGCTCCC GGCCATATGT
                T D T F E S M P N P E G R Y T
2601 TTCCGGCCCA GCTGTGTGAC TGCCCTGTCCC TACAACACTACC TTCTTAGCGA CGTGGATCC TGCACCCCTCG TCTGCCCTCC GCACAACCAA GAGGTGACAG
    AAGCCGGGT CGACACACTG ACGGACAGGG ATGTTGATGG AAAGATGCCCT GCACCCTAGG ACGTGGGAGC AGACGGGGGA CGTGTGGTT CTCCACTGTC
291 F G A S C V T A C P Y N Y L S T D V G S C T L V C P L H N Q E V T A

                cac8I
                foki
                bstF5I
                mnLI
                acII
                mspAII/ospBII
                mslI
                tseI
                fnu4HI/bsoFI
                bbvI
                bsmFI
                bsp1286
                bmyI
                nlaIII
                hphI
                mnLI mnLI maEIII
                bsrI
                bsaJI cfr10I/bsrFI
                avai
                asuI
                accI
                aflIII hinFI nlaIII
                maEII pleI
                taII
                acaRACAGAG CACGTTTGAG TCCATGCCCA ATCCCGAGGG CCGGTATACA
                TGTTGTGTCT GTGCAAACTC AGGTACGGGT TAGGGCTCCC GGCCATATGT
                T D T F E S M P N P E G R Y T
2701 CAGAGGATGG AACACAGCGG TGTGAGAAAGT GCAGCAAGCC CTGTGCCCGA GTGTGCTATG GTCGTGGCAT GGAGCACTTG CGAGAGGTGA GGCAGGTTAC
    GTCTCCYACC TTGTGTCGCC AACTCTTCA CGTGTTCGG GACACGGCT CACACGATAC CAGACCCGTA CCTCTCCAAC GCTCTCCAATG CCGTCAATG
325 E D G T Q R C E K C S K P C A R V C Y G L G M E H L R E V R A V T

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FIG. 7I


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scrFI mvaI ecorII scrFI mvaI ecorII
mvaI dsav dsav mvaI dsav
bstNI bssKI bssKI dsav
apyl apyl bssKI bssKI
mwoI haeIII/palI haeIII/palI
sau96I sau96I sau96I
asul asul asul
nlaIV nlaIV nlaIV
bsmI bsmI bsmI
mnlI mnlI mnlI
301 GCCCACCAC GTGTGTCAAC TGCAGCCAGT TCCTTCGGGG CCAGGAGTGC GTGGAGGAAAT GCCGAGTACT GCCAGGGGCTC CCCAGGGGAGT ATGTGAATGC
CCGGGTGGGT CACACAGTTC ACCTCGGTCA AGGAAGCCCC GGTCCTCAG CACCTCCTTA CGGCTCATGA CGTCCCAG GGTCCCTCA TACACTTAG
525 P T Q C V N C S Q F L R G Q E C V E E C R V L Q G L P R E Y V N A

tspRI hpaII tspRI
mwoI bsaWI bsaWI
bstAFI sau96I sau96I
alwNI avall avall
alw26I/bsmAI asul mnlI
401 CAGGACTGT TTGCCGTGG ACCCTGAGTG TCAGCCCCAG AATGGCTCAG TGACCTGTTT TGGACCCGGAG GGTGACCCAGT GTGTGGCTG TGCCACTAT
GTCCGTGACA AARGGCACGG TGGGACTCAC AGTCGGGTC ITACCGAGTC ACATGGACAAA ACCTGGCCTC CGACTGGTCA CACACCCGAC ACCGGTGATA
558 R H C L P C H P E C Q P Q N G S V T C F G P E A D Q C V A C A H Y

tseI mwoI mwoI
fnu4HI/bsOFI fnu4HI/bsOFI
mspAII/nbspBII mspAII/nbspBII
acII acII
cac8I cac8I
sau96I sau96I
haeIII/palI acII
ppuMI haeIII/palI mnlI hinPI cac8I
501 AAGGACCTC CCTTCTGGT mwoI asul bbvI mspAII/nbspBII mnlI nspHI bseRI hhaI/cfoI
TTCCITGGGAG GAAAGACCA CCGGGGACG GGGTCGGCAC ACTTTGGACT GGAGAGGATG TACGGGTAGA CCTTCRAAGG TCTACTCCTC CCGCGTACGG
591 K D P P F C V A R C P S G V K P D L S Y M P I W K F P D E E G A C Q

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FIG. 7L

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scrFI
mvaI
ecorII
dsav
bstNI
bssKI
apyI
sau96I
avaII fokI
asuI bstF5I
mslI
3601 AGCCTTGCCC CATCAACTGC ACCACTCCT GTGTGGACCT GGATGACNAG GGTCGCCCG CCGAGCAGAG AGCCAGCCCT CTGACGTCCA TCGTCTCTGC
TCGGNACCGG GTAGTGRCC TGGGTGAGGA CACACTGGA CACTACTGTC CCGAGGGGC GGCTGCTC TCGGTGGGA GACTGCAGGT AGCAGAGACG
625 P C P I N C T H S C V D L D D K G C P A E Q R A S P L T S I V S A
          tseI
          fnu4HI/bsoFI
          bbvI aciI
          cac8I mnlI aatII bsmBI aciI
          tail
          maeII esp3I
          hinII/acyI bsmAI
          ahaiI/bsaHI
          tseI
          fnu4HI/bsoFI
          bbvI aciI
          mwoI
          mboII accII csp6I sfaNI bsmAI bbvI
          fnu4HI/
          tseI
          fnu4HI/bsoFI hpaII rsaI
          mboII ndeII
          mamI
          dpnII
          dpnI
          bsaBI
          alwI
          nlaIV
          bstYI/xhoII
          bamHI
          alwI
          mwoI
          bsmI
          GGTGGTTGGC ATTCTGCTGG TCGTGGTCTT GGGGTGGTC TTGGGATCC TCATCAAGCG AGGGCAGCAG AGTACACGAT AGTACACGAT GCGGAGACTG
          CCACCAACCG TAAGAGGACC AGCACCAGAA CCCCACCCAG AAACCCTAGG AGTAGTTCG TCGCGTCTC TTCTAGGCCT TCATGTGCTA GGCCTCTGAC
658 V V G I L L V V V L G V V F G I L I K R R Q K I R K Y T M R R L
          mspi
          mroI
          bspMII
          bspEI
          bsaWI
          sau3AI
          mboI/ndeII
          dpnII
          dpnI
          alwI
          bstYI/xhoII
          tseI
          fnu4HI/bsoFI hpaII rsaI
          mwoI
          bbvI mboII accII csp6I sfaNI bsmAI bbvI
          fnu4HI/
          tseI
          fnu4HI/bsoFI hpaII rsaI
          mboII ndeII
          mamI
          dpnII
          dpnI
          bsaBI
          alwI
          nlaIV
          bstYI/xhoII
          bamHI
          alwI
          mwoI
          bsmI
          GGTGGTTGGC ATTCTGCTGG TCGTGGTCTT GGGGTGGTC TTGGGATCC TCATCAAGCG AGGGCAGCAG AGTACACGAT AGTACACGAT GCGGAGACTG
          CCACCAACCG TAAGAGGACC AGCACCAGAA CCCCACCCAG AAACCCTAGG AGTAGTTCG TCGCGTCTC TTCTAGGCCT TCATGTGCTA GGCCTCTGAC
658 V V G I L L V V V L G V V F G I L I K R R Q K I R K Y T M R R L

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FIG. 7M


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sau3AI
mboI/ndeII
dpnII
nlaIV
bstYI/xhoII
bamHI
acilI
esp3I mnlI
bsmBI ddeI
bsmAI aluI hphI
801 CTGCAGGAAA CCGAGCTGGT GAGCCGCTG ACACCTAGCG GAGCGATCCC CAACCCAGCG CAGATCCGGA TCCGAAAGA GACGGAGCTG AGGAAGGTGA
GACGTCCTTT GCCTCGACCA CCTCGCGGAC TGTGGATCGC CTGCGTACGC CTGCTAGCG GTTGGTCCGC GTCTAGCCT AGGACTTTCT CTGCTCGAC TCCTTCCACT
691 L Q E T E L V E P L T P S G A M P N Q A Q M R I L K E T E L R K V R

rmaI
mspAII/nspBII
acilI maeI
fnu4HI/bsoFI acilI
nlaIV bfaI sfanI
801 CTGCAGGAAA CCGAGCTGGT GAGCCGCTG ACACCTAGCG GAGCGATCCC CAACCCAGCG CAGATCCGGA TCCGAAAGA GACGGAGCTG AGGAAGGTGA
GACGTCCTTT GCCTCGACCA CCTCGCGGAC TGTGGATCGC CTGCGTACGC CTGCTAGCG GTTGGTCCGC GTCTAGCCT AGGACTTTCT CTGCTCGAC TCCTTCCACT
691 L Q E T E L V E P L T P S G A M P N Q A Q M R I L K E T E L R K V R

bslI
sau3AI
mboI/ndeII
dpnII
dpmI
alwI
nlaIV
bstYI/xhoII
bamHI
sfanI alwI
801 AGGTGCTTGG ATCTGGCGCT TTTGGCACAG TCTACAAAGG CATCTGGATC CCTGATGGGG AGAATGTGAA AATCCAGTG GCCATCAAAG TGTGTAGGGA
TCCCGAACC TAGACCGCGA AAACCGTGTG AGATGTTCCC GTAGACTAG GGACTACCCC TCTTACACTT TTAAGGTGAC CGGTAGTTTC ACAACTCCCT
725 V L G S G A F G T V Y K G I W I P D G E N V K I P V A I K V L R E

alwI haeII
accI
801 AGGTGCTTGG ATCTGGCGCT TTTGGCACAG TCTACAAAGG CATCTGGATC CCTGATGGGG AGAATGTGAA AATCCAGTG GCCATCAAAG TGTGTAGGGA
TCCCGAACC TAGACCGCGA AAACCGTGTG AGATGTTCCC GTAGACTAG GGACTACCCC TCTTACACTT TTAAGGTGAC CGGTAGTTTC ACAACTCCCT
725 V L G S G A F G T V Y K G I W I P D G E N V K I P V A I K V L R E

nlaIV mwoI
hgiJII bslI
bsp1286 acilI
bmyI
banII ndeI bsmAI bglI sfanI
001 AAACACATCC CCCAAGCCA ACAAGAAT CTAGACGAA GCATAGTGA TGGCTGGTGT GGGCTCCCCA TATGCTCCC GCCTTCTGGG CATCTGCCGTG
TTTGTAGG GGGTTCGCT TGTTCITTA GAATCTGCTT CGTATGCACT ACCGACCACA CCCGAGGGGT ATACAGAGGG CGGAAGACCC GTAGACGGAC
758 N T S P K A N K E I L D E A Y V M A G V G S P Y V S R L L G I C L

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FIG. 7N


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sau96I
sanDI
scrFI
mvaI nlaIV
ecoRII
dsav avall
bstNI
bssKI
bsaJI
apyI asuI
haeIII/palI
mscI/balI
hinPI
haeI ppuMI hhaI/cfoI
haeI nlaIV haeII bslI
eco0109I/draII foki
nlaIIV bsmFI afeI/eco47III bstF5I
acil cfrI
CCGCATGGCC AGGGACCCCC AGCGTITIGT GSTCATCCAG
TCCCTGGGGG TCGCGAACA CCAGTAGGTC
4601 ATGTTGGATG ATTGACTCTG AATGTCGGCC AAGATTCCGG GAGTTGGTGT CTGATTTCTC CCGCATGGCC AGGGACCCCC AGCGTITIGT GSTCATCCAG
TACAACCTAC TAACTGAGAC TTACAGCCCG TTCTAAGCCG CTCAACCCACA GACTTAAGAG GCGGTACCGG TCCCTGGGGG TCGCGAACA CCAGTAGGTC
958 C W M I D S E C R P R F R E L V S E F S R M A R D P Q R F V V I Q

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sau96I
haeIII/palI
asuI
sau96I
pspOMI/bsp120I
nlaIV
hgiJII
bsp1286
bmyI
banII
bsmFI
asul bstXI styI
apal bsrI bsaJI
mnli
mnli
AATGAGGACT TGGGCCAGC CAGTCCCTTG GACAGCACCCT TCTACCGCTC ACTGCTGGAG GACGATGACA TGGGGACCT GGTGGATGCT GAGGAGTATC
TTACTCCTGA ACCCGGTGCG GTCAGGGAAC CTGTCTGTTGGA AGATGGGAG TGACGACCTC CTGCTACTGT ACCCCCTGGA CCACCTACGA CTCCTCATAG
991 N E D L G P A S P L D S T F Y R S L L E D D D M G D L V D A E E Y L

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FIG. 7Q

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scrFI
nciI
mspi
hpaJI
dsav
cauII
bssKI
bslI
xmaI/pspAI
smaI
scrFI
nciI
dsav
cauII
bssKI
bsaJI
mwol
bsaJI
hlnPI
avaI
hhaI/cfoI
mboII
GCAGGGCTTC TTCTGTCCAG ACCGTGCC CCGGCGTGG GGCATGGTCC ACCACAGGCA CGGCGTCA TCTACCAGGA GTGGCGGTGG
acc65I
4801 ACCATGGGT CFTCCCGAAG AAGACAGGTC TGGGACGGG CCGGCGTGG GGCATGGTCC ACCACAGGCA CGGCGTCA TCTACCAGGA GTGGCGGTGG
1025 V P Q Q G F F C P D P A P G A G G M V H R R H R S S S T R S S G G G
bslI
rsaI
csp6I
nlaIV
kpnI
hgiCI
bani
asp718
acc65I
mboII
GCAGGGCTTC TTCTGTCCAG ACCGTGCC CCGGCGTGG GGCATGGTCC ACCACAGGCA CGGCGTCA TCTACCAGGA GTGGCGGTGG
4901 GGACCTGACA CTAGGCTGG AGCCTCTGA AGAGGAGGCC CCCAGGCTC CACTGGCACC CTCGGAAGGG GCTGGGTCCG ATGTATTTGA TGGTGACCTG
1058 D L T L G L E P S E E E A P R S P L A P S E G A G S D V F D G D L
scrFI
mvaI
ecoRII
dsav
bstNI
bssKI
bslI
bsaJI
tsp45I
maeIII
hphI apyI
bsteII
TGGTGACCTG
ACCACTGGAC

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FIG. 7R


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rmaI
maeI
styI
bsaJI
blnI
avriI
haeIII/pal
stuI
haeI
mnlI
bseRI
mnlI bfaI
TTTGGAGGCC
TCTTCATCAC TCCTCGGAAA AARCTCCGG
501 CAGAAGGCCA AGTCCGCAGA AGCCCTGATG TCTCCTCAGG GAGCAGGGGA GCGCGCCTCT GAGCTATTCC AGAAGTAGTG AGGAGCCTTT TTTGGAGGCC
GTCITCCCGT TCAGGCGTCT TCGGGACTAC ACAGGAGTCC CTCGTCCCTT CCGCCGGAGA CTCGATARG TCTTCATCAC TCCTCGGAAA AARCTCCGG

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sau96I
sau96I
pspOMI/bsp120I
nlaIV
hgiJII
thaI haeIII/palI
fnuDII/mvni
sacII/sstII
mspAlI/nspBII
kspI bsp1286
dsai bmyI
bsaJI asuI
fnu4HI/bsOFI
haeIII/palI
mcRI banII
eagI/smaIII/eclXI
eaeI cac8I
cfrI acI
bsiEI asuI
notI bstUI
rmaI maeI fnu4HI/bsOFI
rsal maeI csp6I bfaI acI bsh1236I
hincII/hindII
accI avai scaI xbaI bsrBI acI apaI
mnlI drdI
tail maeII bslI
601 TAGGCTTTG CAAAAGCCTT ATCGATACG TCGACTCGAG AGTACTTCVA GAGCGGCCG CCGCCCATCG CCTCTGACAG CAACGTCTAT GACCICCTAA
ATCCGARAAC GTTTTTCGAA TAGCTATGGC AGCTGAGCTC TCATGAAGAT CTCGCCGGCG CCCGGGTAGC GGAGACTGTC GTTGGAGATA CTGGAGGANT
^start of BS insert of HER2 xba-hindIII ^start of hgh ex 4 (cla/nar) ^TG PCR 5' pri
^end of human HER2 insert fromp BS at xhoI

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FIG. 7U


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mspI
hpaII
scrFI
ncII
dsav
cauII
bssKI
bsII
tsei
bsII
fnu4HI/bsoFI
mnlI
mboII
bbvI
bsaJI
bsrI
bglII
bstYI/xhoII
scfI
taqI
701 AGGACCTAGA GARGGCATC CAACCGCTGA TGGGAGGCT GGAAGATGGC AGCCCCCGGA CTGGGCGAGAT CTTCAGCAG ACCTACAGCA AGTTCGACAC
TCCTGGATCT CCTTCCGTAG GTTTGCGACT ACCCCTCCGA CCTTCTACCG TCGGGGGCCT GACCCGCTTA GAAGTTCGTC TGGATGTCGT TCAAGCTGTG
^end of ex 4/ start ex 5

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801 AAACCTCAC AACGATGAC CACTACTCAA GAACCTACGG CTGCTCTACT GCTTCAGGAA GGACATGGAC AAGGTCGAGA CATTCTGCG CATCGTGCAG
TTTGAGTGTG TTGCTACTGC GTGATGAGTT CTTGATGCCC GACGAGATGA CGAAGTCCCTT CCTGTACCTG TTCCAGCTCT GTAAGGACCG GTAGCACGTC

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FIG. 7V


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scrFI
mvaI
ecorII
ecorII
dsav
bstNI
bssKI
apyI
haeIII/palI
msci/balI
haeI
eaeI
cfrI
hphI
301 GGGTTTCAC CATATTGGCC AGGCTGGTCT CCAACTCCTA ATCTCAGTG ATCTACCCAC CTTGGCCTCC CAATTTGCTG GGATTACAGG CGTGAACCCAC
CCCCAAGTG GTATACCAGG TCCGACCAGA GGTGAGGAT TAGAGTCCAC TAGATGGTG GAACCCGAGG GTTAAACGAC CCTAATGTCC GCACCTGGTG

sau3AI
mboI/ndeII
dpmII
hphI
dmiI
ddeI
bsmAI
bsaI
cfrI
hphI
301 GGGTTTCAC CATATTGGCC AGGCTGGTCT CCAACTCCTA ATCTCAGTG ATCTACCCAC CTTGGCCTCC CAATTTGCTG GGATTACAGG CGTGAACCCAC
CCCCAAGTG GTATACCAGG TCCGACCAGA GGTGAGGAT TAGAGTCCAC TAGATGGTG GAACCCGAGG GTTAAACGAC CCTAATGTCC GCACCTGGTG

mspl
cfr10I/bsrFI
bsaBI
styI sau96I hpaII
ncoI haeIII/palI
dsaI asuI ageI
bsaJI pflMI
bsaJI nlaIII bslI bsmFI
401 TGCTCCCTTC CCTGTCCCTC TGATTTTAAA ATRACTATAC CAGCAGGAGG ACGTCCAGAC ACAGCATFAG CTACCTGCCA TGGCCCAACC GGTGGGACAT
ACGAGGGAG GGACAGGAG ACTAAAATT TATTGATATG GTCTCCTCC TGCAGGCTG TGTCTATCC GATGACGGT ACCGGGTTGG CCACCCTGTA

mwoI
cac8I
501 TTGAGTTGCT TGTCTGCGAC TGTCTCTCA TCGTGGGTGGT CCACTCAGTA GATGCCCTGT GAATTACGAT CGGTGCACAT TAATTCATGA AATTCGTAAT
AATCAACGA ACGAACCGTG ACAGGAGAGT ACGCAACCCA GGTGAGTCAT CTACGGACAA CTTAATGCTA GCCACGTGTA ATTAAGTACT TTACGCATTA
^end of linker 2

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FIG. 7Y

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scrFI
mvaI
ecorII
dsav nlaIV
bstNI
bssKI
bsaJI
apyI hgiCI
mwoI bani
mspI
hsaII
msp509I
tsrBI
nlaIII aluI
msp509J aciI
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sapi
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FIG. 7Z

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 ecorII fnuDII/mvni
 dsav bstOI
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FIG. 7AA

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FIG. 7BB

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 mspI
 hpaiI
 dsav
 hyaI
 thaI
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 bsh1236I
 hinPI mspAllI/nspBII
 foki cauII
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FIG. 7FF

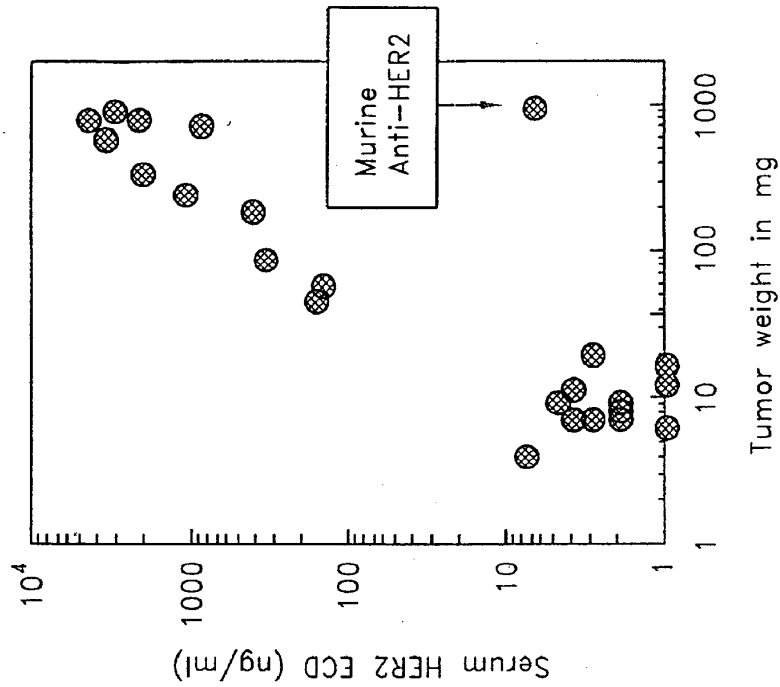


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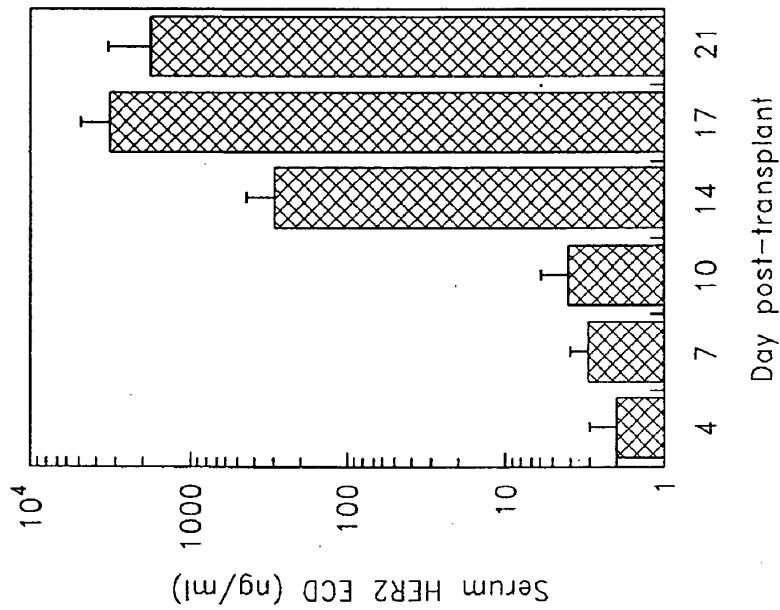


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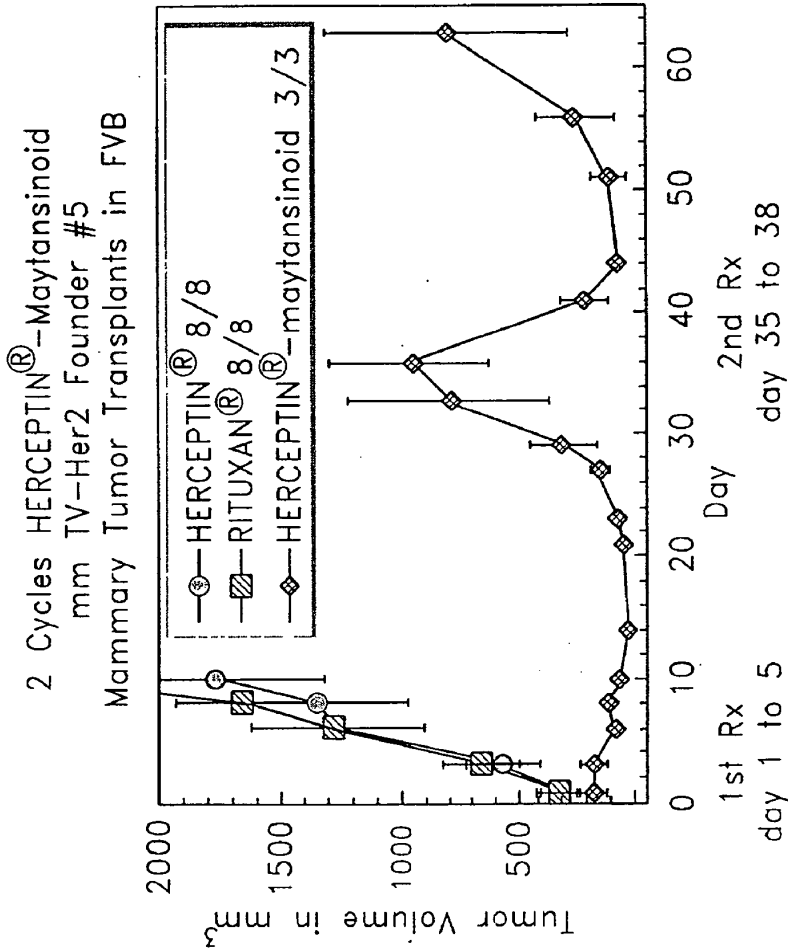


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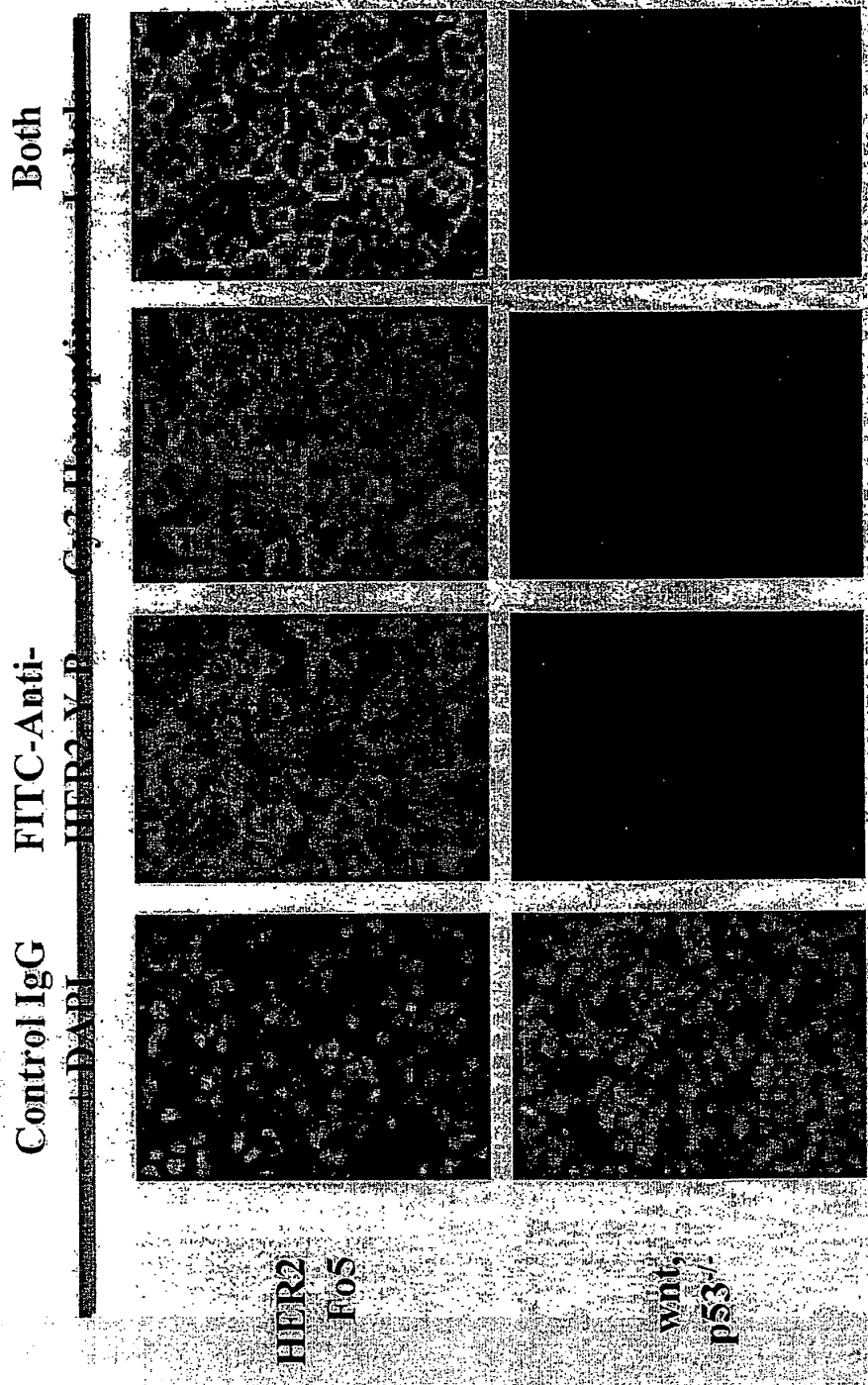


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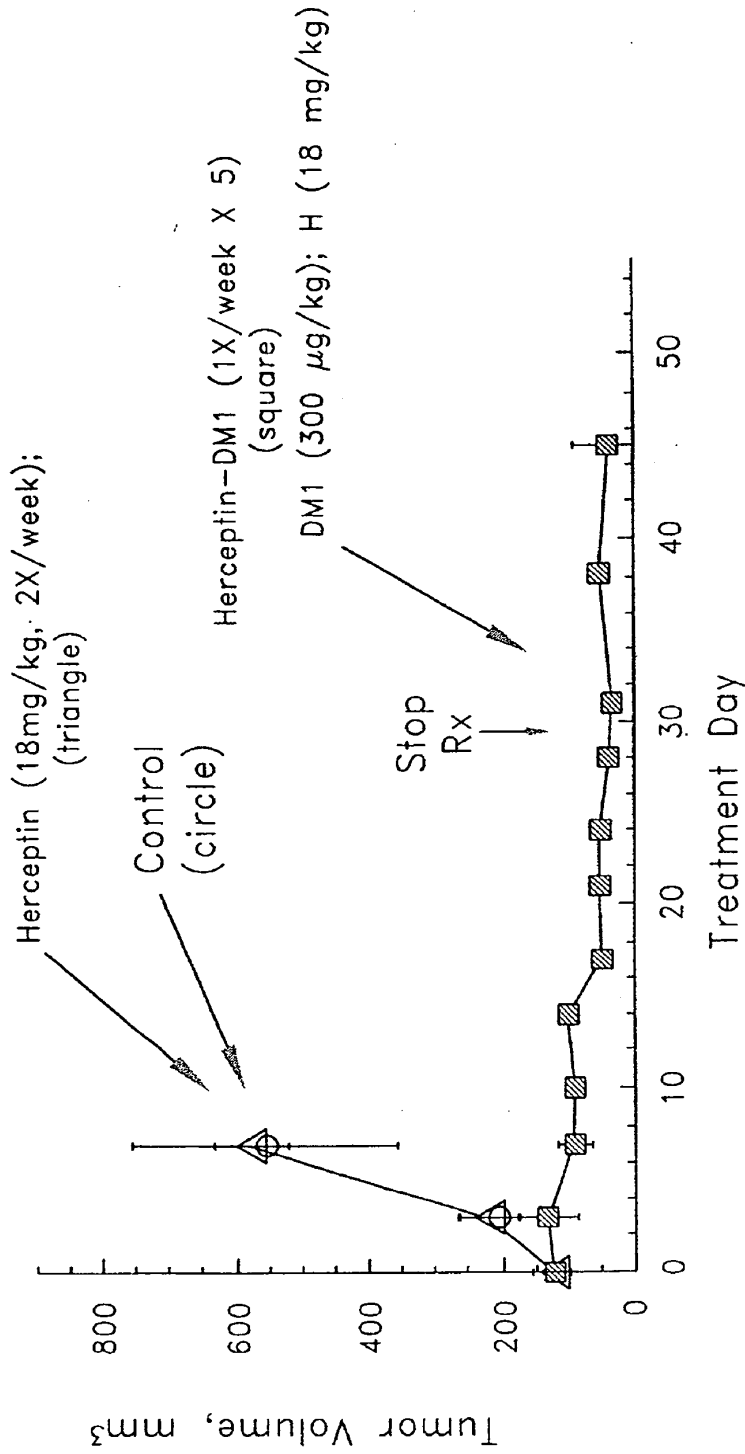


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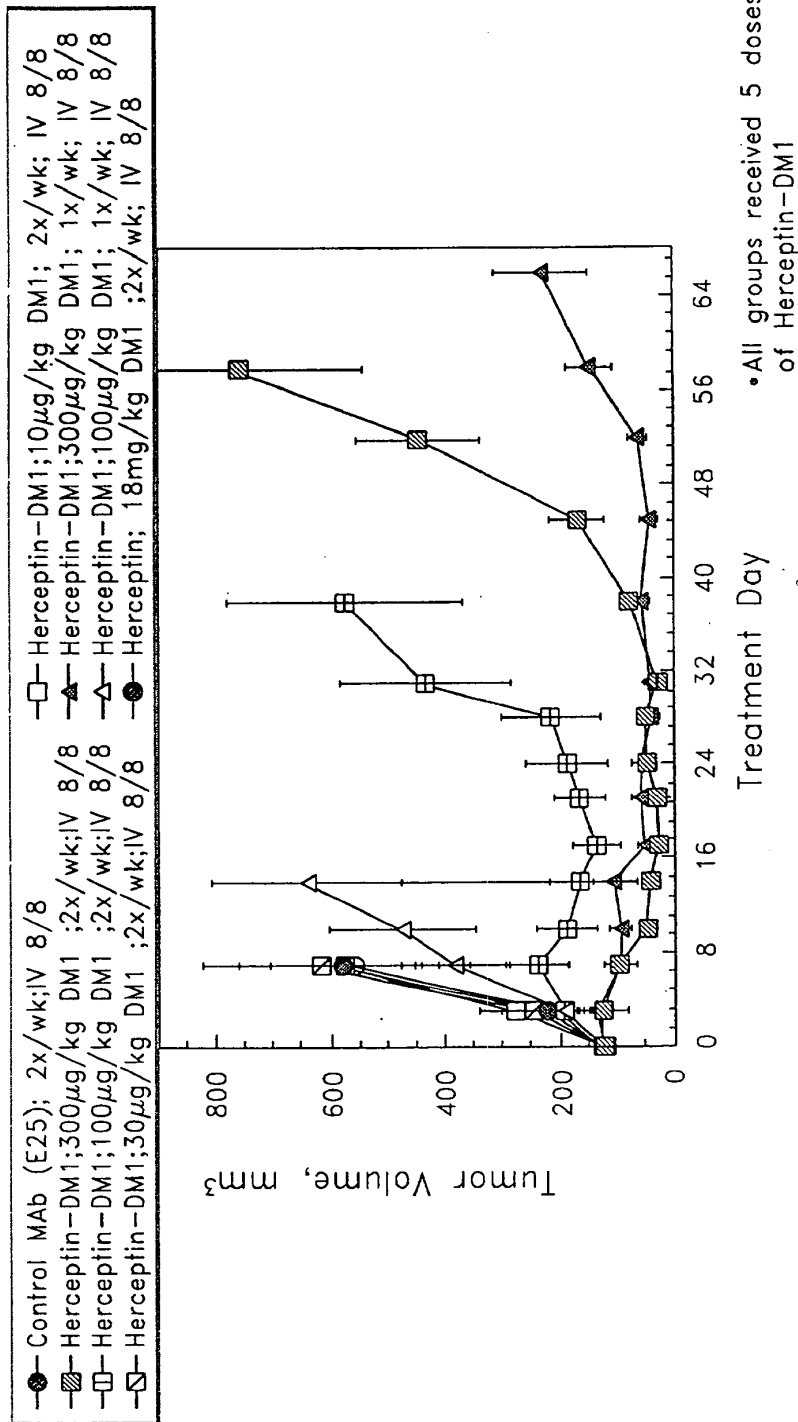


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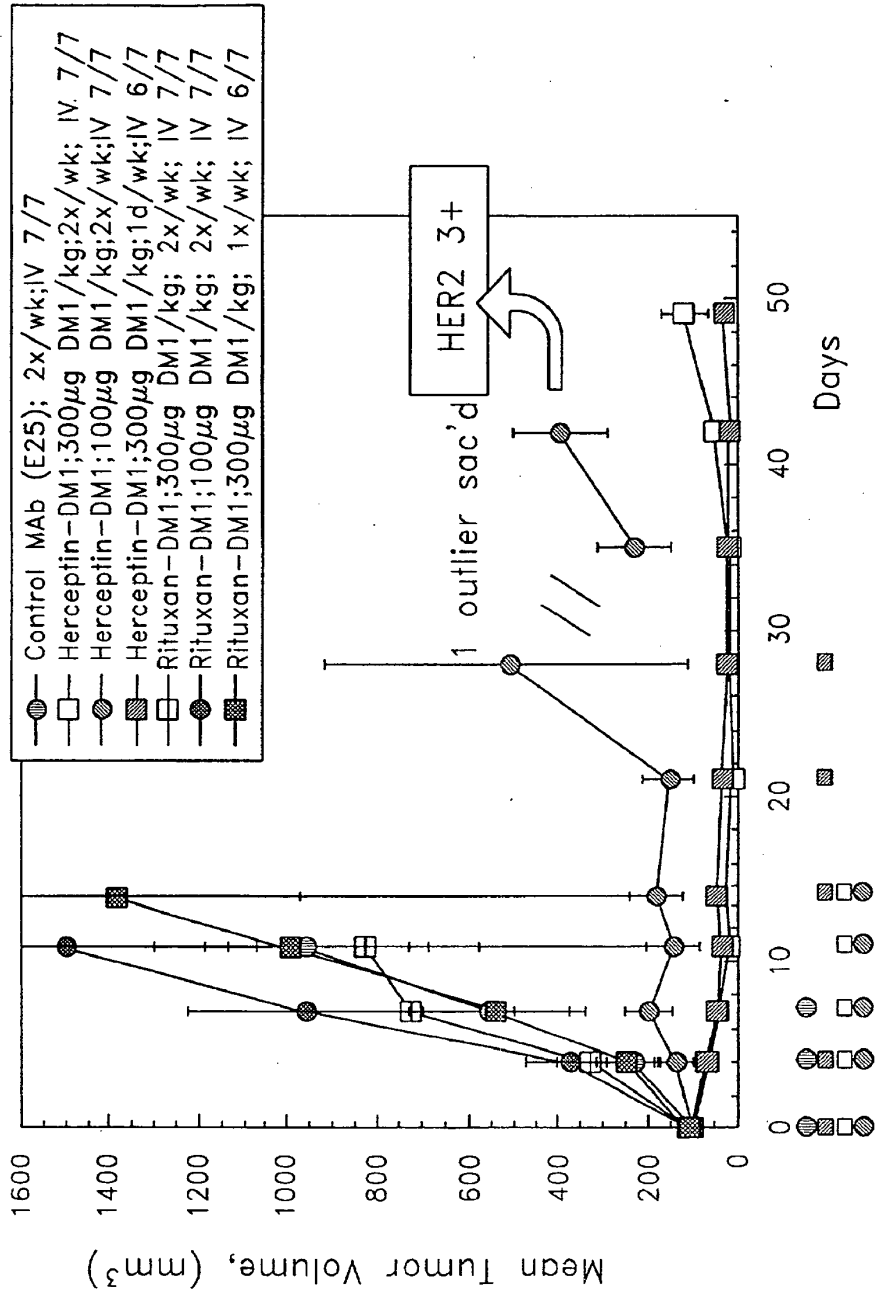


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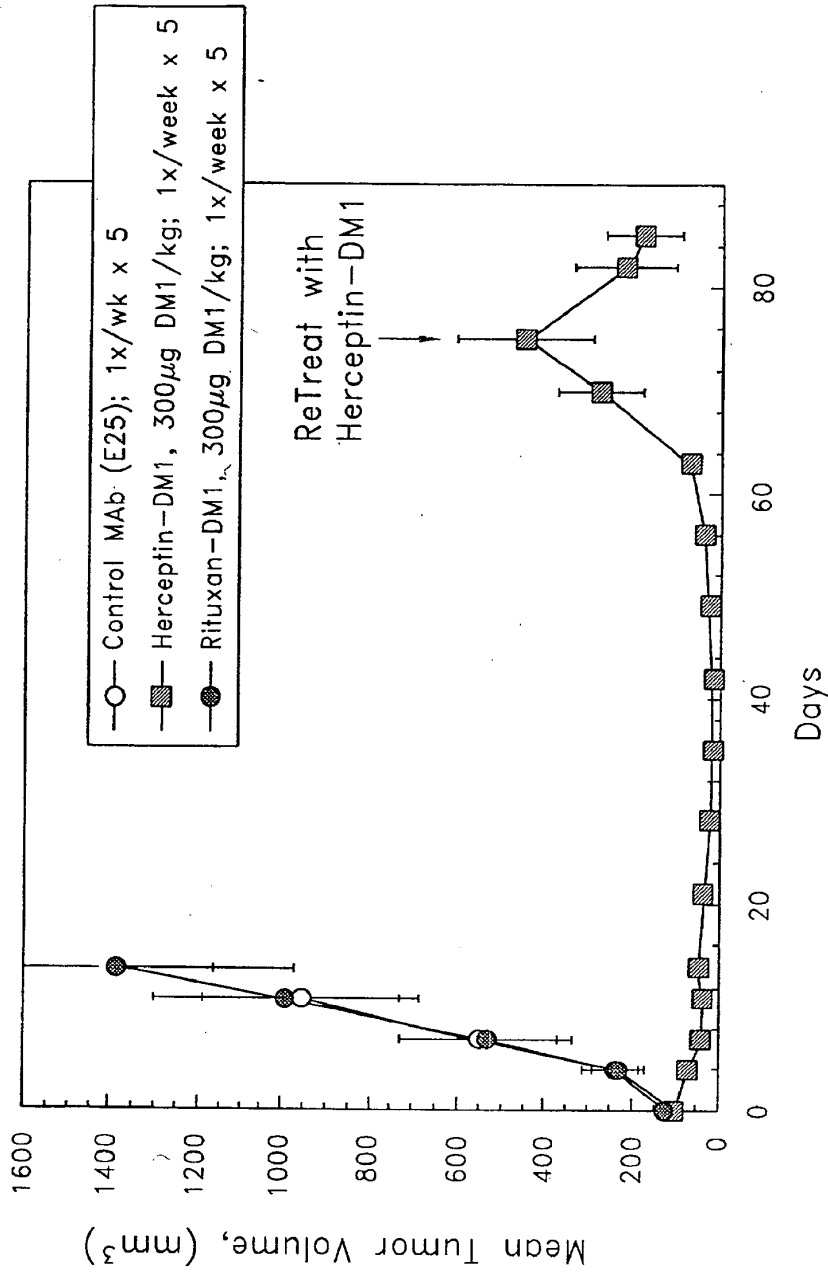


FIG. 14

**METHODS OF TREATMENT USING
ANTI-ERBB ANTIBODY-MAYTANSINOID
CONJUGATES**

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/238,327, filed Oct. 5, 2000, 60/189,844 filed Mar. 16, 2000, and 60/327,563 filed Jun. 23, 2000 (converted from U.S. application Ser. No. 09/602,530) under 35 USC §119(e).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention concerns methods of treatment, especially ErbB receptor-directed cancer therapies, using anti-ErbB receptor antibody-maytansinoid conjugates, and articles of manufacture suitable for use in such methods.

2. Description of the Related Art

1. Maytansine and Maytansinoids

Maytansine was first isolated from the east African shrub *Maytenus serrata* (U.S. Pat. No. 3,896,111). Subsequently, it was discovered that certain microbes also produce maytansinoids, such as maytansinol and C-3 maytansinol esters (U.S. Pat. No. 4,151,042). Synthetic maytansinol and maytansinol analogues are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,137,230; 4,248,870; 4,256,746; 4,260,608; 4,265,814; 4,294,757; 4,307,016; 4,308,268; 4,308,269; 4,309,428; 4,313,946; 4,315,929; 4,317,821; 4,322,348; 4,331,598; 4,361,650; 4,364,866; 4,424,219; 4,450,254; 4,362,663; and 4,371,533, the disclosures of which are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

Maytansine and maytansinoids are highly cytotoxic but their clinical use in cancer therapy has been greatly limited by their severe systemic side-effects primarily attributed to their poor selectivity for tumors. Clinical trials with maytansine had been discontinued due to serious adverse effects on the central nervous system and gastrointestinal system (Issel et al., *Can. Immunol. Rev.* 5:199-207 [1978]).

2. The ErbB Family of Receptor Tyrosine Kinases and Anti-ErbB Antibodies

Members of the ErbB family of receptor tyrosine kinases are important mediators of cell growth, differentiation and survival. The receptor family includes four distinct members, including epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR or ErbB1), HER2 (ErbB2 or p185^{neu}), HER3 (ErbB3) and HER4 (ErbB4 or tyro2).

p185^{neu} was originally identified as the product of the transforming gene from neuroblastomas of chemically treated rats. The activated form of the neu proto-oncogene results from a point mutation (valine to glutamic acid) in the transmembrane region of the encoded protein. Amplification of the human homologue of neu is observed in breast and ovarian cancers and correlates with a poor prognosis (Slamon et al., *Science*, 235:177-182 (1987); Slamon et al., *Science*, 244:707-712 (1989); and U.S. Pat. No. 4,968,603). To date, no point mutation analogous to that in the neu proto-oncogene has been reported for human tumors. Overexpression of ErbB2 (frequently but not uniformly due to gene amplification) has also been observed in other carcinomas including carcinomas of the stomach, endometrium, salivary gland, lung, kidney, colon, thyroid, pancreas and bladder. See, among others, King et al., *Science*, 229:974 (1985); Yokota et al., *Lancet*: 1:765-767 (1986); Fukushima et al., *Mol Cell Biol.*, 6:955-958 (1986); Geurin et al., *Oncogene Res.*, 3:21-31 (1988); Cohen et al., *Oncogene*, 4:81-88 (1989); Yonemura et al., *Cancer Res.*, 51:1034 (1991); Borst et al., *Gynecol. Oncol.*, 38:364 (1990); Weiner

et al., *Cancer Res.*, 50:421-425 (1990); Kern et al., *Cancer Res.*, 50:5184 (1990); Park et al., *Cancer Res.*, 49:6605 (1989); Zhou et al., *Mol. Carcinog.*, 3:354-357 (1990); Aasland et al., *Br. J. Cancer* 57:358-363 (1988); Williams et al., *Pathobiology* 59:46-52 (1991); and McCann et al., *Cancer*, 65:88-92 (1990). ErbB2 may be overexpressed in prostate cancer (Gu et al., *Cancer Lett.* 99:185-9 (1996); Ross et al., *Hum. Pathol.* 28:827-33 (1997); Ross et al., *Cancer* 79:2162-70 (1997); and Sadasivan et al., *J. Urol.* 150:126-31 (1993)).

A spliced form of erbB2 oncogene encoding a constitutively tyrosine phosphorylated ErbB2 receptor is disclosed in PCT publication WO 00/20579, published on Apr. 13, 2000. The erbB2 protein encoded by the splice variant has an in frame deletion of 16 amino acids (CVLDLDDKGC-PAEQRAS (SEQ ID NO: 11)), two of which are conserved cysteine residues.

Antibodies directed against the rat p185^{neu} and human ErbB2 protein products have been described. Drebin and colleagues have raised antibodies against the rat neu gene product, p185^{neu}. See, for example, Drebin et al., *Cell* 41:695-706 (1985); Myers et al., *Meth. Enzym.* 198:277-290 (1991); and WO94/22478. Drebin et al., *Oncogene* 2:273-277 (1988) report that mixtures of antibodies reactive with two distinct regions of p185^{neu} result in synergistic anti-tumor effects on neu-transformed NIH-3T3 cells implanted into nude mice. See also U.S. Pat. No. 5,824,311 issued Oct. 20, 1998.

Other anti-ErbB2 antibodies with various properties have been described in Tagliabue et al., *Int. J. Cancer* 47:933-937 (1991); McKenzie et al., *Oncogene* 4:543-548 (1989); Maier et al., *Cancer Res.* 51:5361-5369 (1991); Bacus et al., *Molecular Carcinogenesis* 3:350-362 (1990); Stancovski et al., *PNAS (USA)* 88:8691-8695 (1991); Bacus et al., *Cancer Research* 52:2580-2589 (1992); Xu et al., *Int. J. Cancer* 53:401-408 (1993); WO94/00136; Kasprzyk et al., *Cancer Research* 52:2771-2776 (1992); Hancock et al., *Cancer Res.* 51:4575-4580 (1991); Shawver et al., *Cancer Res.* 54:1367-1373 (1994); Arceaga et al., *Cancer Res.* 54:3758-3765 (1994); Harwerth et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:15160-15167 (1992); U.S. Pat. No. 5,783,186; and Klapper et al., *Oncogene* 14:2099-2109 (1997).

Hudziak et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 9(3): 1165-1172 (1989) describe the generation of a panel of anti-ErbB2 antibodies which were characterized using the human breast tumor cell line SK-BR-3. Relative cell proliferation of the SK-BR-3 cells following exposure to the antibodies was determined by crystal violet staining of the monolayers after 72 hours. Using this assay, maximum inhibition was obtained with the antibody called 4D5 which inhibited cellular proliferation by 56%. Other antibodies in the panel reduced cellular proliferation to a lesser extent in this assay. The antibody 4D5 was further found to sensitize ErbB2-overexpressing breast tumor cell lines to the cytotoxic effects of TNF- α . See also U.S. Pat. No. 5,677,171 issued Oct. 14, 1997. The anti-ErbB2 antibodies discussed in Hudziak et al. are further characterized in Fendly et al., *Cancer Research* 50:1550-1558 (1990); Kotts et al., *In Vitro* 26(3):59A (1990); Sarup et al., *Growth Regulation* 1:72-82 (1991); Shepard et al., *J. Clin. Immunol.* 11(3):117-127 (1991); Kumar et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 11(2):979-986 (1991); Lewis et al., *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* 37:255-263 (1993); Pietras et al., *Oncogene* 9:1829-1838 (1994); Vitetta et al., *Cancer Research* 54:5301-5309 (1994); Sliwkowski et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 269(20):14661-14665 (1994); Scott et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 266:14300-5 (1991); D'souza et al., *Proc. Natl.*

Acad. Sci. 91:7202-7206 (1994); Lewis et al. *Cancer Research* 56:1457-1465 (1996); and Schaefer et al. *Oncogene* 15:1385-1394 (1997).

The murine monoclonal anti-HER2 antibody inhibits the growth of breast cancer cell lines that overexpress HER2 at the 2+ and 3+ level, but has no activity on cells that express lower levels of HER2 (Lewis et al., *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* [1993]). Based on this observation, antibody 4D5 was humanized (Carter et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89: 4285-4289 [1992]). The humanized version designated HERCEPTIN® (huMAb4D5-8, rhuMAb HER2, U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,337) was tested in breast cancer patients whose tumors overexpress HER2 but who had progressed after conventional chemotherapy (Baselga et al., *J. Clin. Oncol.* 14:737-744 [1996]; Cobleigh et al., *J. Clin. Oncol.* 17: 2639-2648 [1999]). Most patients in this trial expressed HER2 at the 3+ level, though a fraction was 2+ tumors. Remarkably, HERCEPTIN® induced clinical responses in 15% of patients (complete responses in 4% of patients, and partial responses in 11%) and the median duration of those responses was 9.1 months. HERCEPTIN® received marketing approval from the Food and Drug Administration Sep. 25, 1998 for the treatment of patients with metastatic breast cancer whose tumors overexpress the ErbB2 protein.

Homology screening has resulted in the identification of two other ErbB receptor family members; ErbB3 (U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,183,884 and 5,480,968 as well as Kraus et al. *PNAS (USA)* 86:9193-9197 (1989)) and ErbB4 (EP Pat Appln No 599,274; Plowman et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 90:1746-1750 (1993); and Plowman et al., *Nature*, 366: 473-475 (1993)). Both of these receptors display increased expression on at least some breast cancer cell lines.

3. Maytansinoid-antibody Conjugates

In an attempt to improve their therapeutic index, maytansine and maytansinoids have been conjugated to antibodies specifically binding to tumor cell antigens. Immunoconjugates containing maytansinoids are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,208,020; 5,416,064 and European Patent EP 0 425 235 B1, the disclosures of which are hereby expressly incorporated by reference. Liu et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 93:8618-8623 (1996) described immunoconjugates comprising a maytansinoid designated DM1 linked to the monoclonal antibody C242 directed against human colorectal cancer. The conjugate was found to be highly cytotoxic towards cultured colon cancer cells, and showed antitumor activity in an in vivo tumor growth assay. Chari et al. *Cancer Research* 52:127-131 (1992) describe immunoconjugates in which a maytansinoid was conjugated via a disulfide linker to the murine antibody A7 binding to an antigen on human colon cancer cell lines, or to another murine monoclonal antibody TA.1 that binds the HER-2/neu oncogene. The cytotoxicity of the TA.1-maytansinoid conjugate was tested in vitro on the human breast cancer cell line SK-BR-3, which expresses 3×10^5 HER-2 surface antigens per cell. The drug conjugate achieved a degree of cytotoxicity similar to the free maytansinoid drug, which could be increased by increasing the number of maytansinoid molecules per antibody molecule. The A7-maytansinoid conjugate showed low systemic cytotoxicity in mice.

Although HERCEPTIN® is a breakthrough in treating patients with ErbB2-overexpressing breast cancers that have received extensive prior anti-cancer therapy, generally approximately 85% of the patients in this population fail to respond, or respond only poorly, to HERCEPTIN® treatment, and in the clinical trial preceding marketing approval, the median time to disease progression in all treated patients was only 3.1 months. Therefore, there is a significant clinical

need for developing farther HER2-directed cancer therapies for those patients with HER2-overexpressing tumors or other diseases associated with HER2 expression that do not respond, or respond poorly, to HERCEPTIN® treatment.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is based on the unexpected experimental finding that HERCEPTIN®-maytansinoid conjugates are highly effective in the treatment of HER2 (ErbB2) overexpressing tumors that do not respond, or respond poorly, to HERCEPTIN® therapy. The anti-ErbB2-maytansinoid conjugates of the present invention are expected to have superior clinical activity compared to treatment with HERCEPTIN® alone, including a better objective response rate and/or longer duration of response and/or increased survival.

In one aspect, the present invention concerns a method for the treatment of a tumor in a mammal, wherein the tumor is characterized by the overexpression of an ErbB receptor and does not respond or responds poorly to treatment with a monoclonal anti-ErbB antibody, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a conjugate of the anti-ErbB antibody with a maytansinoid.

In a preferred embodiment, the patient is human. In another preferred embodiment, the ErbB receptor is (human) ErbB2 (HER2). The method is not limited by the mechanism of action of the anti-ErbB antibody used. Thus, the anti-ErbB antibody may, for example, have growth inhibitory properties and/or may induce cell death and/or apoptosis. In a particularly preferred embodiment, the method concerns the treatment of cancer including, without limitation, breast, ovarian, stomach, endometrial, salivary gland, lung, kidney, colon, colorectal, thyroid, pancreatic, prostate and bladder cancer. Preferably the cancer is breast cancer, in particular, breast cancer which overexpresses ErbB2 at a 2+ level or above, more preferably at a 3+ level. A preferred group of antibodies has a biological characteristic of a 4D5 monoclonal antibody, or binds essentially the same epitope as a 4D5 monoclonal antibody, a humanized form of the murine monoclonal antibody 4D5 (ATCC CRL 10463) being particularly preferred.

The maytansinoid used in the conjugates of the present invention may be maytansine or, preferably, maytansinol or a maytansinol ester. The antibody and maytansinoid may be conjugated by a bispecific chemical linker, such as N-succinimidyl-4-(2-pyridylthio)propanoate (SPDP) or N-succinimidyl-4-(2-pyridylthio)pentanoate (SPP). The linking group between the antibody and the maytansinoid may, for example, be a disulfide, thioether, acid labile, photolabile, peptidase labile, or esterase labile group.

In another aspect, the invention concerns an article of manufacture comprising a container and a composition contained therein, wherein the composition comprises an anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugate, and further comprising a package insert or label indicating that the composition can be used to treat cancer characterized by overexpression of an ErbB receptor, preferably at a 2+ level or above.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows the heavy chain variable region sequence of a humanized anti-HER2 antibody 2C4 (SEQ ID NO: 1) aligned with the heavy chain variable region sequences of antibody 574 (SEQ ID NO: 2) and the human subgroup V_HIII upon which the humanized sequences are based (SEQ ID NO: 3).

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FIG. 2 shows the light chain variable region sequence of a humanized anti-HER2 antibody 2C4 (SEQ ID NO: 4) aligned with the light chain variable region sequences of antibody 574 (SEQ ID NO: 5) and the sequence of the human subgroup upon which the humanized sequences are based (SEQ ID NO: 6).

FIG. 3 shows the structure of the maytansinoid, designated "DM1." In the structure of DM1, "R" can be occupied by a variety of groups capable of forming a chemical bond with a selected linker. Preferably, "R" is an SH group or a protected derivative thereof, which forms an S—S bond with a linker, such as N-succinimidyl-4-(2-pyridylthio)pentanoate (SPP).

FIG. 4 illustrates the structure of a HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate.

FIG. 5 is the elution profile of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate on a Sephacryl S300 gel filtration column.

FIG. 6 shows the anti-proliferative effect of HERCEPTIN® and HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate on SK-BR3 cells in vitro. As control, the unrelated monoclonal antibody RITUXAN® or RITUXAN®-DM1 conjugate was used.

FIG. 7A–GG shows the nucleotide sequence of a HER2 transgene plasmid construct (SEQ ID NO: 7) directing the expression of native human HER2 (ErbB2) in the mammary gland of a transgenic mouse. The reverse strand is also depicted (SEQ ID NO: 10). The figure includes the nucleotide sequence of HER2 (ErbB2) cDNA insert (SEQ ID NO: 8) as well as the deduced amino acid sequence of HER2 (ErbB2) (SEQ ID NO: 9), including the signal sequence. Within SEQ ID NO: 9, residues from about 22 to about 645, inclusive represent the HER2 (ErbB2) extracellular domain.

FIGS. 8A and B show that the amount of HER2 extracellular domain (ECD) shed into serum increases following transplant (FIG. 8A) and is proportional to the weight of the resulting tumor (FIG. 8B).

FIG. 9 illustrates the effect of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 on HER2-transgenic tumors. Two mm³ pieces of MMTV-HER2-transgenic tumors were transplanted into the mammary fat pad of FVB mice. When tumors reached 250 mm³, groups of 8 mice were injected i.v. on 5 consecutive days with a HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate. Two other groups of mice were treated IP twice per week with 10 mg/kg of either HERCEPTIN® or RITUXAN®.

FIG. 10 shows that tumor cells originating from Founder 5 show binding to cy3-HERCEPTIN® and to an anti-tyrosine-phosphorylated-HER2 antibody. Antibodies were injected intravenously into transgenic mice and the next day tumors were collected and sectioned. Antibody binding was visualized by fluorescence microscopy.

FIG. 11 shows the effect of HERCEPTIN® and HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate on the growth of HER2 transgenic tumor transplant. HERCEPTIN®-DM1 was administered once a week for 5 weeks at 300 µg DM1/kg or 18 mg/kg of HERCEPTIN®. HERCEPTIN® or a control mAb (RITUXAN®) was administered twice a week at 18 mg/kg.

FIG. 12 shows evaluation of doses and schedule of treatment with HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate in HER2 transgenic tumor transplant in nude mice. HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate was administered either twice a week at various doses (300, 100, 30 or 10 µg DM1/kg) or once a week at various doses (300 or 100 µg DM1/kg) for 5 weeks. HERCEPTIN® or a control mAb E25 (RITUXAN®) was administered twice a week at 18 mg/kg.

FIG. 13 shows the effect of different HERCEPTIN®-DM1 dosing regimens on HER2-transgenic tumors compared to matching doses of RITUXAN®-DM1. Mice with 100 mm³ tumors were injected i.v. with HERCEPTIN®-

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DM1 or RITUXAN®-DM1 at doses of 100 or 300 µg DM1/kg twice a week or 300 µg DM1/kg once a week. All animals received 5 doses.

FIG. 14 is a comparison of the most effective observed dose of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 and RITUXAN®-DM1. A second dose of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 following the beginning of tumor regrowth was effective in shrinking the tumors again.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

1. Definitions

Unless defined otherwise, technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Singleton et al., *Dictionary of Microbiology and Molecular Biology 2nd ed.*, J. Wiley & Sons (New York, N.Y. 1994). One skilled in the art will recognize many methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein, which could be used in the practice of the present invention. Indeed, the present invention is in no way limited to the methods and materials described. For purposes of the present invention, the following terms are defined below.

An "ErbB receptor" or "ErbB" is a receptor protein tyrosine kinase which belongs to the ErbB receptor family and includes ErbB1 (EGFR), ErbB2 (HER2), ErbB3 (HER3) and ErbB4 (HER4) receptors and other members of this family to be identified in the future. The definition specifically includes ErbB receptors encoded by spliced forms of the corresponding erbB oncogenes, including, without limitation, the deletion variant of ErbB2 disclosed in PCT publication No. WO 00/20579 (published on Apr. 13, 2000). The ErbB receptor will generally comprise an extracellular domain, which may bind an ErbB ligand; a lipophilic transmembrane domain; a conserved intracellular tyrosine kinase domain; and a carboxyl-terminal signaling domain harboring several tyrosine residues which can be phosphorylated. The ErbB receptor may be a "native sequence" ErbB receptor or a functional derivative, such as an "amino acid sequence variant" thereof. Preferably the ErbB receptor is native sequence human ErbB receptor.

The terms "ErbB 1", "epidermal growth factor receptor" and "EGFR" are used interchangeably herein and refer to native sequence EGFR as disclosed, for example, in Carpenter et al. *Ann. Rev. Biochem.* 56:881–914 (1987), including naturally occurring mutant forms thereof (e.g. a deletion mutant EGFR as in Humphrey et al. *PNAS (USA)* 87:4207–4211 (1990)), and its functional derivatives, such as amino acid sequence variants. erbB1 refers to the gene encoding the EGFR protein product.

The expressions "ErbB2" and "HER2" are used interchangeably herein and refer to native sequence human HER2 protein described, for example, in Semba et al., *PNAS (USA)* 82:6497–6501 (1985) and Yamamoto et al. *Nature* 319:230–234 (1986) (Genebank accession number X03363), and functional derivatives, such as amino acid sequence variants thereof. The term erbB2 refers to the gene encoding human HER2 and neu refers to the gene encoding rat p185^{neu}. Preferred HER2 is native sequence human HER2. Examples of antibodies which bind HER2 include MAbs 4D5 (ATCC CRL 10463), 2C4 (ATCC HB-12697), 7F3 (ATCC HB-12216), and 7C2 (ATCC HB 12215) (see, U.S. Pat. No. 5,772,997; WO98/77797; and U.S. Pat. No. 5,840,525, expressly incorporated herein by reference).

Humanized anti-HER2 antibodies include huMAb4D5-1, huMAb4D5-2, huMAb4D5-3, huMAb4D5-4, huMAb4D5-6, huMAb4D5-7 and huMAb4D5-8 (HERCEPTIN®) as described in Table 3 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,337 expressly incorporated herein by reference; humanized 520C9 (WO93/21319). Human anti-HER2 antibodies are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,772,997 issued Jun. 30, 1998 and WO 97/00271 published Jan. 3, 1997.

"ErbB3" and "HER3" refer to the receptor polypeptide as disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,183,884 and 5,480,968 as well as Kraus et al. *PNAS (USA)* 86:9193-9197 (1989), and functional derivatives, including amino acid sequence variants thereof. Examples of antibodies which bind HER3 are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,968,511 (Akita and Sliwkowski), e.g. the 8B8 antibody (ATCC HB 12070) or a humanized variant thereof.

The terms "ErbB4" and "HER4" herein refer to the receptor polypeptide as disclosed, for example, in EP Pat Appln No 599,274; Plowman et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 90:1746-1750 (1993); and Plowman et al., *Nature*, 366:473-475 (1993), and functional derivatives, including amino acid sequence variants thereof such as the HER4 isoforms disclosed in WO 99/19488.

A "native" or "native sequence" EGFR, HER2, HER3 or HER4 polypeptide may be isolated from nature, produced by techniques of recombinant DNA technology, chemically synthesized, or produced by any combinations of these or similar methods. "Functional derivatives" include amino acid sequence variants, and covalent derivatives of the native polypeptides as long as they retain a qualitative biological activity of the corresponding native polypeptide. Amino acid sequence variants generally differ from a native sequence in the substitution, deletion and/or insertion of one or more amino acids anywhere within a native amino acid sequence. Deletional variants include fragments of the native polypeptides, and variants having N- and/or C-terminal truncations. Ordinarily, amino acid sequence variants will possess at least about 70% homology, preferably at least about 80%, more preferably at least about 90% homology with a native polypeptide.

"Homology" is defined as the percentage of residues in the amino acid sequence variant that are identical after aligning the sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to achieve the maximum percent homology. Methods and computer programs for the alignment are well known in the art. One such computer program is "Align 2", authored by Genentech, Inc., which was filed with user documentation in the United States Copyright Office, Washington, D.C. 20559, on Dec. 10, 1991.

By "ErbB ligand" is meant a polypeptide which binds to and/or activates an ErbB receptor. The ErbB ligand of particular interest herein is a native sequence human ErbB ligand such as Epidermal Growth Factor (EGF) (Savage et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 247:7612-7621 (1972)); Transforming Growth Factor alpha (TGF-alpha) (Marquardt et al., *Science* 223:1079-1082 (1984)); amphiregulin also known as schwannoma or keratinocyte autocrine growth factor (Shoyab et al. *Science* 243:1074-1076 (1989); Kimura et al. *Nature* 348:257-260 (1990); and Cook et al. *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 11:2547-2557 (1991)); betacellulin (Shing et al., *Science* 259:1604-1607 (1993); and Sasada et al. *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 190:1173 (1993)); heparin-binding epidermal growth factor (HB-EGF) (Higashiyama et al., *Science* 251:936-939 (1991)); epiregulin (Toyoda et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 270:7495-7500 (1995); and Komurasaki et al. *Oncogene* 15:2841-2848 (1997)); a heregulin (see below); neuregulin-2 (NRG-2) (Carraway et al., *Nature* 387:512-516

(1997)); neuregulin-3 (NRG-3) (Zhang et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 94:9562-9567 (1997)); or cripto (CR-1) (Kannan et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 272(6):3330-3335 (1997)). ErbB ligands which bind EGFR include EGF, TGF-alpha, amphiregulin, betacellulin, HB-EGF and epiregulin. ErbB ligands which bind HER3 include heregulins. ErbB ligands capable of binding HER4 include betacellulin, epiregulin, HB-EGF, NRG-2, NRG-3 and heregulins.

"Heregulin" (HRG) when used herein refers to a polypeptide which activates the ErbB2-ErbB3 and ErbB2-ErbB4 protein complexes (i.e. induces phosphorylation of tyrosine residues in the complex upon binding thereto). Various heregulin polypeptides encompassed by this term are disclosed in Holmes et al., *Science* 256:1205-1210 (1992); WO 92/20798; Wen et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 14(3):1909-1919 (1994) and Marchionni et al., *Nature* 362:312-318 (1993), for example. The term includes biologically active fragments and/or variants of a naturally occurring HRG polypeptide, such as an EGF-like domain fragment thereof (e.g. HRG $\beta_{177-244}$).

An "ErbB hetero-oligomer" herein is a noncovalently associated oligomer comprising at least two different ErbB receptors. Such complexes may form when a cell expressing two or more ErbB receptors is exposed to an ErbB ligand and can be isolated by immunoprecipitation and analyzed by SDS-PAGE as described in Sliwkowski et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 269(20):14661-14665 (1994), for example. Examples of such ErbB hetero-oligomers include EGFR-HER2, HER2-HER3 and HER3-HER4 complexes. Moreover, the ErbB hetero-oligomer may comprise two or more HER2 receptors combined with a different ErbB receptor, such as HER3, HER4 or EGFR. Other proteins, such as a cytokine receptor subunit (e.g. gp130), may be included in the hetero-oligomer.

In the context of HER2 variants, such as HER2 fragments, the phrase "having the biological activity of a native human HER2" is used to refer to the qualitative ability of such fragments to induce tumor growth when overexpressed in an animal model (transgenic or non-transgenic) of the present invention.

"Tumor", as used herein, refers to all neoplastic cell growth and proliferation, whether malignant or benign, and all pre-cancerous and cancerous cells and tissues.

The terms "cancer" and "cancerous" refer to or describe the physiological condition in mammals that is typically characterized by unregulated cell growth. Examples of cancer include, but are not limited to, carcinoma, lymphoma, blastoma, sarcoma, and leukemia or lymphoid malignancies. More particular examples of such cancers include squamous cell cancer (e.g. epithelial squamous cell cancer), lung cancer including small-cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, adenocarcinoma of the lung and squamous carcinoma of the lung, cancer of the peritoneum, hepatocellular cancer, gastric or stomach cancer including gastrointestinal cancer, pancreatic cancer, glioblastoma, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, liver cancer, bladder cancer, hepatoma, breast cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, colorectal cancer, endometrial or uterine carcinoma, salivary gland carcinoma, kidney or renal cancer, prostate cancer, vulval cancer, thyroid cancer, hepatic carcinoma, anal carcinoma, penile carcinoma, as well as head and neck cancer.

A cancer which "overexpresses" an ErbB receptor is one which has significantly higher levels of an ErbB receptor, such as HER2, at the cell surface thereof, compared to a noncancerous cell of the same tissue type. Such overexpression may be caused by gene amplification or by increased transcription or translation. ErbB receptor overexpression

may be determined in a diagnostic or prognostic assay by evaluating increased levels of the ErbB protein present on the surface of a cell (e.g. via an immunohistochemistry assay; IHC). Alternatively, or additionally, one may measure levels of ErbB-encoding nucleic acid in the cell, e.g. via fluorescent in situ hybridization (FISH; see WO98/45479 published October, 1998), Southern blotting, or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) techniques, such as real time quantitative PCR (RT-PCR). One may also study ErbB receptor overexpression by measuring shed antigen (e.g., ErbB extracellular domain) in a biological fluid such as serum (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 4,933,294 issued Jun. 12, 1990; WO91/05264 published Apr. 18, 1991; U.S. Pat. No. 5,401,638 issued Mar. 28, 1995; and Sias et al. *J. Immunol. Methods* 132: 73-80 (1990)). Aside from the above assays, various in vivo assays are available to the skilled practitioner. For example, one may expose cells within the body of the patient to an antibody which is optionally labeled with a detectable label, e.g. a radioactive isotope, and binding of the antibody to cells in the patient can be evaluated, e.g. by external scanning for radioactivity or by analyzing a biopsy taken from a patient previously exposed to the antibody.

The tumors overexpressing HER2 are rated by immunohistochemical scores corresponding to the number of copies of HER2 molecules expressed per cell, and can be determined biochemically: 0=0-10,000 copies/cell, 1+=at least about 200,000 copies/cell, 2+=at least about 500,000 copies/cell, 3+=at least about 2,000,000 copies/cell. Overexpression of HER2 at the 3+ level, which leads to ligand-independent activation of the tyrosine kinase (Hudziak et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 84: 7159-7163 [1987]), occurs in approximately 30% of breast cancers, and in these patients, relapse-free survival and overall survival are diminished (Slamon et al., *Science* 244: 707-712 [1989]; Slamon et al., *Science* 235: 177-182 [1987]).

Conversely, a cancer which is "not characterized by overexpression of an ErbB receptor" is one which, in a diagnostic assay, does not express higher than normal levels of ErbB receptor compared to a noncancerous cell of the same tissue type.

A "hormone independent" cancer is one in which proliferation thereof is not dependent on the presence of a hormone which binds to a receptor expressed by cells in the cancer. Such cancers do not undergo clinical regression upon administration of pharmacological or surgical strategies that reduce the hormone concentration in or near the tumor. Examples of hormone independent cancers include androgen independent prostate cancer, estrogen independent breast cancer, endometrial cancer and ovarian cancer. Such cancers may begin as hormone dependent tumors and progress from a hormone-sensitive stage to a hormone-refractory tumor following anti-hormonal therapy.

The term "antibody" herein is used in the broadest sense and specifically covers intact monoclonal antibodies, polyclonal antibodies, multispecific antibodies (e.g. bispecific antibodies) formed from at least two intact antibodies, and antibody fragments, so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity.

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 polyclonal antibody preparations which include different antibodies directed against different determinants

(epitopes), each monoclonal antibody is directed against a single determinant on the antigen. In addition to their specificity, the monoclonal antibodies are advantageous in that they may be synthesized uncontaminated by other antibodies. The modifier "monoclonal" indicates the character of the antibody as being obtained from a substantially homogeneous population of antibodies, and is not to be construed as requiring production of the antibody by any particular method. For example, the monoclonal antibodies to be used in accordance with the present invention may be made by the hybridoma method first described by Kohler et al., *Nature*, 256:495 (1975), or may be made by recombinant DNA methods (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567). The "monoclonal antibodies" may also be isolated from phage antibody libraries using the techniques described in Clackson et al., *Nature*, 352:624-628 (1991) and Marks et al., *J. Mol. Biol.*, 222:581-597 (1991), for example.

The monoclonal antibodies herein specifically include "chimeric" antibodies in which a portion of the heavy and/or light chain is identical with or homologous to corresponding sequences in antibodies derived from a particular species or belonging to a particular antibody class or subclass, while the remainder of the chain(s) is identical with or homologous to corresponding sequences in antibodies derived from another species or belonging to another antibody class or subclass, as well as fragments of such antibodies, so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity (U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567; and Morrison et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 81:6851-6855 (1984)). Chimeric antibodies of interest herein include primatized antibodies comprising variable domain antigen-binding sequences derived from a non-human primate (e.g. Old World Monkey, Ape etc) and human constant region sequences.

"Antibody fragments" comprise a portion of an intact antibody, preferably comprising the antigen-binding or variable region thereof. Examples of antibody fragments include Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂, and Fv fragments; diabodies; linear antibodies; single-chain antibody molecules; and multispecific antibodies formed from antibody fragment(s).

An "intact" antibody is one which comprises an antigen-binding variable region as well as a light chain constant domain (C_L) and heavy chain constant domains, C_H1, C_H2 and C_H3. The constant domains may be native sequence constant domains (e.g. human native sequence constant domains) or amino acid sequence variant thereof. Preferably, the intact antibody has one or more effector functions.

"Humanized" forms of non-human (e.g., rodent) antibodies are chimeric antibodies that contain minimal sequence derived from non-human immunoglobulin. For the most part, humanized antibodies are human immunoglobulins (recipient antibody) in which residues from a hypervariable region of the recipient are replaced by residues from a hypervariable region of a non-human species (donor antibody) such as mouse, rat, rabbit or nonhuman primate having the desired specificity, affinity, and capacity. In some instances, framework region (FR) residues of the human immunoglobulin are replaced by corresponding non-human residues. Furthermore, humanized antibodies may comprise residues that are not found in the recipient antibody or in the donor antibody. These modifications are made to further refine antibody performance. In general, the humanized antibody will comprise substantially all of at least one, and typically two, variable domains, in which all or substantially all of the hypervariable loops correspond to those of a non-human immunoglobulin and all or substantially all of the FRs are those of a human immunoglobulin sequence. The humanized antibody optionally also will comprise at

least a portion of an immunoglobulin constant region (Fc), typically that of a human immunoglobulin. For further details, see Jones et al., *Nature* 321:522-525 (1986); Riechmann et al., *Nature* 332:323-329 (1988); and Presta, *Curr. Op. Struct. Biol.* 2:593-596 (1992).

Humanized anti-ErbB2 antibodies include huMAb4D5-1, huMAb4D5-2, huMAb4D5-3, huMAb4D5-4, huMAb4D5-5, huMAb4D5-6, huMAb4D5-7 and 4D5-8 (HERCEPTIN®) as described in Table 3 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,337 expressly incorporated herein by reference; humanized 520C9 (WO93/21319) and humanized 2C4 antibodies. The heavy chain and light chain of humanized antibody 2C4 are shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, respectively.

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

Depending on the amino acid sequence of the constant domain of their heavy chains, intact antibodies can be assigned to different "classes". There are five major classes of intact antibodies: 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 heavy-chain constant domains that correspond to the different classes of antibodies are called α , δ , ϵ , γ , and μ , respectively. The subunit structures and three-dimensional configurations of different classes of immunoglobulins are well known.

"Antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity" and "ADCC" refer to a cell-mediated reaction in which non-specific 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 Fc γ RIII only, whereas monocytes express Fc γ RI, Fc γ RII and Fc γ RIII. 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 U.S. Pat. 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 a animal model such as that disclosed in Clynes et al. *PNAS (USA)* 95:652-656 (1998).

"Human effector cells" are leukocytes which express one or more FcRs and perform effector functions. Preferably, the cells express at least Fc γ RIII and perform ADCC effector function. Examples of human leukocytes which mediate ADCC include peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), natural killer (NK) cells, monocytes, cytotoxic T cells and neutrophils; with PBMCs and NK cells being preferred. The effector cells may be isolated from a native source thereof, e.g. from blood or PBMCs as described herein.

The terms "Fc receptor" or "FcR" are used to describe a receptor that binds to the Fc region of an antibody. The preferred FcR is a native sequence human FcR. Moreover, a preferred FcR is one which binds an IgG antibody (a gamma receptor) and includes receptors of the Fc γ RI, Fc γ RII, and Fc γ RIII subclasses, including allelic variants and alternatively spliced forms of these receptors. Fc γ RII receptors include Fc γ RIIA (an "activating receptor") and Fc γ RIIB (an

"inhibiting receptor"), which have similar amino acid sequences that differ primarily in the cytoplasmic domains thereof. Activating receptor Fc γ RIIA contains an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif (ITAM) in its cytoplasmic domain. Inhibiting receptor Fc γ RIIB contains an immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibition motif (ITIM) in its cytoplasmic domain. (see review M. in Daëron, *Annu. Rev. Immunol.* 15:203-234 (1997)). FcRs are reviewed in Ravetch and Kinet, *Annu. Rev. Immunol* 9:457-92 (1991); Capel et al., *Immunomethods* 4:25-34 (1994); and de Haas et al., *J. Lab. Clin. Med.* 126:330-41 (1995). Other FcRs, including those to be identified in the future, are encompassed by the term "FcR" herein. The term also includes the neonatal receptor, FcRn, which is responsible for the transfer of maternal IgGs to the fetus (Guyer et al., *J. Immunol.* 117:587 (1976) and Kim et al., *J. Immunol.* 24:249 (1994)).

"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.

"Native antibodies" are usually heterotetrameric glycoproteins of about 150,000 daltons, composed of two identical light (L) chains and two identical heavy (H) chains. Each light chain is linked to a heavy chain by one covalent disulfide bond, while the number of disulfide linkages varies among the heavy chains of different immunoglobulin isotypes. Each heavy and light chain also has regularly spaced intrachain disulfide bridges. Each heavy chain has at one end a variable domain (V_H) followed by a number of constant domains. Each light chain has a variable domain at one end (V_L) and a constant domain at its other end. The constant domain of the light chain is aligned with the first constant domain of the heavy chain, and the light-chain variable domain is aligned with the variable domain of the heavy chain. Particular amino acid residues are believed to form an interface between the light chain and heavy chain variable domains.

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).

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 24-34 (L1), 50-56 (L2) and 89-97 (L3) in the light chain variable domain and 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" (e.g. residues 26-32 (L1), 50-52 (L2) and 91-96 (L3) in the light chain variable domain and 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)). "Framework Region" or "FR" residues are those variable domain residues other than the hypervariable region residues as herein defined.

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.

An antibody "which binds" an antigen of interest, e.g. ErbB2 antigen, is one capable of binding that antigen with sufficient affinity such that the antibody is useful as a diagnostic and/or therapeutic agent in targeting a cell expressing the antigen and/or for targeted delivery of a cytotoxic or other chemotherapeutic agent, such as a maytansinoid. Where the antibody is one which binds ErbB2, it will usually preferentially bind ErbB2 as opposed to other ErbB receptors, and may be one which does not significantly cross-react with other proteins such as EGFR, ErbB3 or ErbB4. In such embodiments, the extent of binding of the antibody to these non-ErbB2 proteins (e.g., cell surface binding to endogenous receptor) will be less than 10% as determined by fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis or radioimmunoprecipitation (RIA). Sometimes, the anti-ErbB2 antibody will not significantly cross-react with the rat neu protein, e.g., as described in Schecter et al. *Nature* 312:513 (1984) and Drebin et al., *Nature* 312: 545-548 (1984).

Unless indicated otherwise, the expressions "monoclonal antibody 4D5", and "4D5 monoclonal antibody" refer to an antibody that has antigen binding residues of, or derived from, the murine 4D5 antibody. For example, the monoclonal antibody 4D5 may be murine monoclonal antibody 4D5 (ATCC CRL 10463) or a variant thereof, such as humanized antibody 4D5, possessing antigen binding amino acid residues of murine monoclonal antibody 4D5. Exemplary humanized 4D5 antibodies include huMAb4D5-1, huMAb4D5-2, huMAb4D5-3, huMAb4D5-4, huMAb4D5-5, huMAb4D5-7 and huMAb4D5-8 (HERCEPTIN®) as in

U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,337, with huMAb4D5-8 (HERCEPTIN®) being a preferred humanized 4D5 antibody.

An antibody having a "biological characteristic" of a designated antibody, such as the monoclonal antibody designated 4D5, is one which possesses one or more of the biological characteristics of that antibody which distinguish it from other antibodies that bind to the same antigen (e.g. ErbB2). For example, an antibody with a biological characteristic of 4D5 may show growth inhibitory effect on ErbB2 overexpressing cells in a manner that is dependent on the ErbB2 expression level and/or bind the same epitope in the extracellular domain of ErbB2 as that bound by 4D5 (e.g. which blocks binding of monoclonal antibody 4D5 to ErbB2).

A "growth inhibitory agent" when used herein refers to a compound or composition which inhibits growth of a cell, especially an ErbB expressing cancer cell either in vitro or in vivo. Thus, the growth inhibitory agent may be one which significantly reduces the percentage of ErbB expressing cells in S phase. Examples of growth inhibitory agents include agents that block cell cycle progression (at a place other than S phase), such as agents that induce G1 arrest and M-phase arrest. Classical M-phase blockers include the vincas (vincristine and vinblastine), taxanes, and topo II inhibitors such as doxorubicin, epirubicin, daunorubicin, etoposide, and bleomycin. Those agents that arrest G1 also spill over into S-phase arrest, for example, DNA alkylating agents such as tamoxifen, prednisone, dacarbazine, mechlorethamine, cisplatin, methotrexate, 5-fluorouracil, and ara-C. Further information can be found in *The Molecular Basis of Cancer*, Mendelsohn and Israel, eds., Chapter 1, entitled "Cell cycle regulation, oncogenes, and antineoplastic drugs" by Murakami et al. (WB Saunders: Philadelphia, 1995), especially p. 13.

Examples of "growth inhibitory" antibodies are those which bind to ErbB2 and inhibit the growth of cancer cells overexpressing ErbB2. Preferred growth inhibitory anti-ErbB2 antibodies inhibit growth of SK-BR-3 breast tumor cells in cell culture by greater than 20%, and preferably greater than 50% (e.g. from about 50% to about 100%) at an antibody concentration of about 0.5 to 30 µg/ml, where the growth inhibition is determined six days after exposure of the SK-BR-3 cells to the antibody (see U.S. Pat. No. 5,677,171 issued Oct. 14, 1997). The SK-BR-3 cell growth inhibition assay is described in more detail in that patent and hereinbelow. The preferred growth inhibitory antibody is monoclonal antibody 4D5, e.g., humanized 4D5.

A molecule (e.g. antibody) which "induces cell death" is one which causes a viable cell to become nonviable. The cell is generally one which expresses the ErbB2 receptor, especially where the cell overexpresses the ErbB2 receptor. Preferably, the cell is a cancer cell, e.g. a breast, ovarian, stomach, endometrial, salivary gland, lung, kidney, colon, thyroid, pancreatic, prostate or bladder cancer cell. In vitro, the cell may be a SK-BR-3, BT474, Calu 3, MDA-MB-453, MDA-MB-361 or SKOV3 cell. Cell death in vitro may be determined in the absence of complement and immune effector cells to distinguish cell death induced by antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC) or complement dependent cytotoxicity (CDC). Thus, the assay for cell death may be performed using heat inactivated serum (i.e. in the absence of complement) and in the absence of immune effector cells. To determine whether the molecule is able to induce cell death, loss of membrane integrity as evaluated by uptake of propidium iodide (PI), trypan blue (see Moore et al. *Cytochemistry* 17:1-11 (1995)) or 7AAD can be assessed relative to untreated cells. Preferred cell death-

inducing antibodies are those which induce PI uptake in the PI uptake assay in BT474 cells. Examples of antibodies which induce cell death include anti-ErbB2 antibodies 7C2 and 7F3 (WO 98/17797, expressly incorporated herein by reference), including humanized and/or affinity matured variants thereof.

A molecule (e.g. antibody) which "induces apoptosis" is one which induces programmed cell death as determined by binding of annexin V, fragmentation of DNA, cell shrinkage, dilation of endoplasmic reticulum, cell fragmentation, and/or formation of membrane vesicles (called apoptotic bodies). The cell is usually one which overexpresses the ErbB2 receptor. Preferably the cell is a tumor cell, e.g. a breast, ovarian, stomach, endometrial, salivary gland, lung, kidney, colon, thyroid, pancreatic, prostate or bladder cancer cell. In vitro, the cell may be a SK-BR-3, BT474, Calu 3 cell, MDA-MB-453, MDA-MB-361 or SKOV3 cell. Various methods are available for evaluating the cellular events associated with apoptosis. For example, phosphatidyl serine (PS) translocation can be measured by annexin binding; DNA fragmentation can be evaluated through DNA laddering; and nuclear/chromatin condensation along with DNA fragmentation can be evaluated by any increase in hypodiploid cells. Preferably, the molecule which induces apoptosis is one which results in about 2 to 50 fold, preferably about 5 to 50 fold, and most preferably about 10 to 50 fold, induction of annexin binding relative to untreated cell in an annexin binding assay using BT474 cells. Sometimes the pro-apoptotic molecule will be one which further blocks ErbB ligand activation of an ErbB receptor. In other situations, the molecule is one which does not significantly block ErbB ligand activation of an ErbB receptor. Further, the molecule may induce apoptosis, without inducing a large reduction in the percent of cells in S phase (e.g. one which only induces about 0-10% reduction in the percent of these cells relative to control). Examples of antibodies which induce apoptosis include anti-ErbB2 antibodies 7C2 and 7F3 (WO 98/17797, expressly incorporated herein by reference), including humanized and/or affinity matured variants thereof.

An antibody which "blocks" ligand activation of an ErbB receptor is one which reduces or prevents such activation as hereinabove defined, wherein the antibody is able to block ligand activation of the ErbB receptor substantially more effectively than monoclonal antibody 4D5, e.g. about as effectively as monoclonal antibodies 7F3 or 2C4 or Fab fragments thereof and preferably about as effectively as monoclonal antibody 2C4 or a Fab fragment thereof. For example, the antibody that blocks ligand activation of an ErbB receptor may be one which is about 50-100% more effective than 4D5 at blocking formation of an ErbB hetero-oligomer. Blocking of ligand activation of an ErbB receptor can occur by any means, e.g. by interfering with: ligand binding to an ErbB receptor, ErbB complex formation, tyrosine kinase activity of an ErbB receptor in an ErbB complex and/or phosphorylation of tyrosine kinase residue(s) in or by an ErbB receptor. Examples of antibodies which block ligand activation of an ErbB receptor include monoclonal antibodies 2C4 and 7F3 (which block HRG activation of ErbB2/ErbB3 and ErbB2/ErbB4 hetero-oligomers; and EGF, TGF- α , amphiregulin, HB-EGF and/or epiregulin activation of an EGFR/ErbB2 hetero-oligomer); and L26, L96 and L288 antibodies (Klapper et al. *Oncogene* 14:2099-2109 (1997)), which block EGF and NDF binding to T47D cells which express EGFR, ErbB2, ErbB3 and

ErbB4. Humanized and/or affinity matured variants these and other antibodies within the definition are specifically included.

The term "epitope" is used to refer to binding sites for (monoclonal or polyclonal) antibodies on protein antigens.

Antibodies that bind to a certain epitope are identified by "epitope mapping." There are many methods known in the art for mapping and characterizing the location of epitopes on proteins, including solving the crystal structure of an antibody-antigen complex, competition assays, gene fragment expression assays, and synthetic peptide-based assays, as described, for example, in Chapter 11 of Harlow and Lane, *Using Antibodies*, a Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., 1999. Competition assays are discussed below. According to the gene fragment expression assays, the open reading frame encoding the protein is fragmented either randomly or by specific genetic constructions and the reactivity of the expressed fragments of the protein with the antibody to be tested is determined. The gene fragments may, for example, be produced by PCR and then transcribed and translated into protein in vitro, in the presence of radioactive amino acids. The binding of the antibody to the radioactively labeled protein fragments is then determined by immunoprecipitation and gel electrophoresis. Certain epitopes can also be identified by using large libraries of random peptide sequences displayed on the surface of phage particles (phage libraries). Alternatively, a defined library of overlapping peptide fragments can be tested for binding to the test antibody in simple binding assays. The latter approach is suitable to define linear epitopes of about 5 to 15 amino acids.

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.

The "epitope 4D5" is the region in the extracellular domain of ErbB2 to which the antibody 4D5 (ATCC CRL 10463) binds. This epitope is close to the transmembrane domain of ErbB2, and extends from about residue 519 to about residue 625, inclusive within the ErbB2 extracellular domain sequence included in SEQ ID NO: 3, FIG. 4. To screen for antibodies which bind to the 4D5 epitope, a routine cross-blocking assay such as that described in Harlow and Lane, supra, can be performed. Alternatively, epitope mapping can be performed to assess whether the antibody binds to the 4D5 epitope of ErbB2 (e.g. any one or more residues in the region from about residue 529 to about residue 625, inclusive in SEQ ID NO: 3).

The "epitope 3H4" is the region in the extracellular domain of ErbB2 to which the antibody 3H4 binds. This epitope includes residues from about 541 to about 599, inclusive, in the amino acid sequence of ErbB2 extracellular domain (see FIG. 4 and SEQ ID NO: 3).

The "epitope 7C2/7F3" is the region at the N terminus of the extracellular domain of ErbB2 to which the 7C2 and/or 7F3 antibodies (each deposited with the ATCC, see below) bind. To screen for antibodies which bind to the 7C2/7F3 epitope, a routine cross-blocking assay such as that described in *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring

Harbor Laboratory, Ed Harlow and David Lane (1988), can be performed. Alternatively, epitope mapping can be performed to establish whether the antibody binds to the 7C2/7F3 epitope on ErbB2 (e.g. any one or more of residues in the region from about residue 22 to about residue 53 of ErbB2; see FIG. 4, and SEQ ID NO: 3).

A tumor which "does not respond, or responds poorly, to treatment with a monoclonal anti-ErbB antibody" does not show statistically significant improvement in response to anti-ErbB antibody treatment when compared to no treatment or treatment with placebo in a recognized animal model or a human clinical trial, or which responds to initial treatment with anti-ErbB antibodies but grows as treatment is continued. A particularly suitable animal model for testing the efficacy of anti-ErbB antibodies is the transgenic animal model disclosed herein, and illustrated in Example 3.

The terms "treat" or "treatment" refer to both therapeutic treatment and prophylactic or preventative measures, wherein the object is to prevent or slow down (lessen) an undesired physiological change or disorder, such as the development or spread of cancer. For purposes of this invention, beneficial or desired clinical results include, but are not limited to, alleviation of symptoms, diminishment of extent of disease, stabilized (i.e., not worsening) state of disease, delay or slowing of disease progression, amelioration or palliation of the disease state, and remission (whether partial or total), whether detectable or undetectable. "Treatment" can also mean prolonging survival as compared to expected survival if not receiving treatment. Those in need of treatment include those already with the condition or disorder as well as those prone to have the condition or disorder or those in which the condition or disorder is to be prevented.

A "disorder" is any condition that would benefit from treatment of the present invention. This includes chronic and acute disorders or diseases including those pathological conditions which predispose the mammal to the disorder in question. Non-limiting examples of disorders to be treated herein include benign and malignant tumors; leukemias and lymphoid malignancies, in particular breast, ovarian, stomach, endometrial, salivary gland, lung, kidney, colon, thyroid, pancreatic, prostate or bladder cancer. A preferred disorder to be treated in accordance with the present invention is malignant tumor, such as breast cancer, that overexpresses an ErbB receptor (e.g. ErbB2 and/or EGFR), and does not respond or responds poorly to treatment with antibody to the receptor(s) that is/are overexpressed. A particularly preferred disorder is an ErbB2-overexpressing breast cancer that does not respond or responds poorly to HERCEPTIN® therapy.

The term "therapeutically effective amount" refers to an amount of a drug effective to treat a disease or disorder in a mammal. In the case of cancer, the therapeutically effective amount of the drug may reduce the number of cancer cells; reduce the tumor size; inhibit (i.e., slow to some extent and preferably stop) cancer cell infiltration into peripheral organs; inhibit (i.e., slow to some extent and preferably stop) tumor metastasis; inhibit, to some extent, tumor growth; and/or relieve to some extent one or more of the symptoms associated with the cancer. To the extent the drug may prevent growth and/or kill existing cancer cells, it may be cytostatic and/or cytotoxic. For cancer therapy, efficacy can, for example, be measured by assessing the time to disease progression (TTP) and/or determining the response rate (RR).

The term "objective response rate" refers to the number of treated individuals that respond to treatment as determined by a quantitative measure.

The term "cytotoxic agent" as used herein refers to a substance that inhibits or prevents the function of cells and/or causes destruction of cells. The term is intended to include radioactive isotopes (e.g. At²¹¹, I¹³¹, I¹²⁵, Y⁹⁰, Re¹⁸⁶, Re¹⁸⁸, Sm¹⁵³, Bi²¹², P³² and radioactive isotopes of Lu), chemotherapeutic agents, and toxins such as small molecule toxins or enzymatically active toxins of bacterial, fungal, plant or animal origin, including fragments and/or variants thereof.

A "chemotherapeutic agent" is a chemical compound useful in the treatment of cancer. Examples of chemotherapeutic agents include alkylating agents such as thiotepa and cyclophosphamide (CYTOXAN™); alkyl sulfonates such as busulfan, improsulphan and piposulfan; aziridines such as benzodopa, carboquone, meturedopa, and uredopa; ethylenimines and methylamelamines including altretamine, triethylenemelamine, triethylenephosphoramide, triethylenethiophosphoramide and trimethylolomelamine; nitrogen mustards such as chlorambucil, chlornaphazine, chlorthophosphamide, estramustine, ifosfamide, mechlorethamine, mechlorethamine oxide hydrochloride, melphalan, novembichin, phenesterine, prednimustine, trofosfamide, uracil mustard; nitrosureas such as carmustine, chlorozotocin, fotemustine, lomustine, nimustine, ranimustine; antibiotics such as aclacinomysins, actinomycin, authramycin, azaserine, bleomycins, cactinomycin, calicheamicin, carabycin, carminomycin, carzinophilin, chromomycins, dactinomycin, daunorubicin, detorubicin, 6-diazo-5-oxo-L-norleucine, doxorubicin, epirubicin, esorubicin, idarubicin, marcellomycin, mitomycins, mycophenolic acid, nogalamycin, olivomycins, peplomycin, potfiromycin, puromycin, quelamycin, rodorubicin, streptonigrin, streptozocin, tubercidin, ubenimex, zinostatin, zorubicin; anti-metabolites such as methotrexate and 5-fluorouracil (5-FU); folic acid analogues such as denopterin, methotrexate, pteropterin, trimetrexate; purine analogs such as fludarabine, 6-mercaptopurine, thiamiprine, thioguanine; pyrimidine analogs such as ancitabine, azacitidine, 6-azauridine, carmofof, cytarabine, dideoxyuridine, doxifluridine, enocitabine, floxuridine, 5-FU; androgens such as calusterone, dromostanolone propionate, epitiofanol, mepitiofanol, testolactone; anti-adrenals such as aminoglutethimide, mitotane, trilostane; folic acid replenisher such as frolinic acid; aceglatone; aldophosphamide glycoside; aminolevulinic acid; amsacrine; bestrabucil; bisantrene; edatraxate; defofamine; demecolcine; diaziquone; elformithine; elliptinium acetate; etoglucid; gallium nitrate; hydroxyurea; lentinan; lonidamine; mitoguanzone; mitoxantrone; mopidamol; nitracrine; pentostatin; phenamet; pirarubicin; podophyllin acid; 2-ethylhydrazide; procarbazine; PSK7; razoxane; sizofiran; spirogermanium; tenuazonic acid; triaziquone; 2, 2', 2''-trichlorotriethylamine; urethan; vindesine; dacarbazine; mannomustine; mitobronitol; mitolactol; pipobroman; gacytosine; arabinoside ("Ara-C"); cyclophosphamide; thiotepa; taxanes, e.g. paclitaxel (TAXOL®, Bristol-Myers Squibb Oncology, Princeton, N.J.) and docetaxel (TAXOTERE®, Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, Antony, France); chlorambucil; gemcitabine; 6-thioguanine; mercaptopurine; methotrexate; platinum analogs such as cisplatin and carboplatin; vinblastine; platinum; etoposide (VP-16); ifosfamide; mitomycin C; mitoxantrone; vincristine; vinorelbine; navelbine; novantrone; teniposide; daunomycin; aminopterin; xeloda; ibandronate; CPT-11; topoisomerase inhibitor RFS 2000; difluoromethylornithine (DMFO); retinoic acid; esperamicins; capecitabine; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts, acids or derivatives of any of the above. Also included in this definition are anti-hormonal agents that act to regulate or inhibit hormone action on tumors such as anti-estrogens including for example tamoxifen, raloxifene, aromatase inhibiting 4(5)-imidazoles, 4-hydroxytamoxifen, trioxifene, keoxifene, LY117018, onapristone, and toremifene (Fareston); and anti-androgens such as flutamide, nilutamide, bicalutamide, leuprolide, and goserelin; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, acids or derivatives of any of the above.

The term "prodrug" as used in this application refers to a precursor or derivative form of a pharmaceutically active substance that is less cytotoxic to tumor cells compared to the parent drug and is capable of being enzymatically activated or converted into the more active parent form. See, e.g., Wilman, "Prodrugs in Cancer Chemotherapy" *Biochemical Society Transactions*, 14, pp. 375-382, 615th Meeting Belfast (1986) and Stella et al., "Prodrugs: A Chemical Approach to Targeted Drug Delivery," *Directed Drug Delivery*, Borchardt et al., (ed.), pp. 247-267, Humana Press (1985). The prodrugs of this invention include, but are not limited to, phosphate-containing prodrugs, thiophosphate-containing prodrugs, sulfate-containing prodrugs, peptide-containing prodrugs, D-amino acid-modified prodrugs, glycosylated prodrugs, β -lactam-containing prodrugs, optionally substituted phenoxyacetamide-containing prodrugs or optionally substituted phenylacetamide-containing prodrugs, 5-fluorocytosine and other 5-fluorouridine prodrugs which can be converted into the more active cytotoxic free drug. Examples of cytotoxic drugs that can be derivatized into a prodrug form for use in this invention include, but are not limited to, those chemotherapeutic agents described above.

The term "nucleic acid" refers to polynucleotides such as deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), and, where appropriate, ribonucleic acid (RNA). The term also includes, as equivalents, analogs of either DNA or RNA made from nucleotide analogs, and as applicable, single (sense or antisense) and double-stranded polynucleotides. An "isolated" nucleic acid molecule is a nucleic acid molecule that is identified and separated from at least one contaminant nucleic acid molecule with which it is ordinarily associated in the natural source of the nucleic acid. An isolated nucleic acid molecule is other than in the form or setting in which it is found in nature. Isolated nucleic acid molecules therefore are distinguished from the nucleic acid molecule as it exists in natural cells. However, an isolated nucleic acid molecule includes a nucleic acid molecule contained in cells that ordinarily express the antibody where, for example, the nucleic acid molecule is in a chromosomal location different from that of natural cells.

As used herein, the term "vector" refers to a nucleic acid molecule capable of transporting another nucleic acid to which it has been linked. The term "expression vector" includes plasmids, cosmids or phages capable of synthesizing the subject HER2 protein encoded by the respective recombinant gene carried by the vector. Preferred vectors are those capable of autonomous replication and expression of nucleic acids to which they are linked. In the present specification, "plasmid" and "vector" are used interchangeably, as the plasmid is the most commonly used form of vector.

As used herein, the terms "transcriptional regulatory elements" and "transcriptional regulatory sequences" are used interchangeably and refer to nucleic acid, e.g. DNA sequences necessary for the expression of an operably linked coding sequence in a particular host organism. The control

sequences that are suitable for prokaryotes, for example, include a promoter, optionally an operator sequence, and a ribosome binding site. Eukaryotic cells are known to utilize promoters, enhancers, splicing signals and polyadenylation signals. These terms are intended to encompass all elements that promote or regulate transcription, including promoters, core elements required for basic interaction of RNA polymerase and transcription factors, upstream elements, enhancers, and response elements (Lewin, "Genes V" (Oxford University Press, Oxford) pages 847-873). Reference herein to the transcriptional regulatory elements of a gene or class of gene includes both all or an intact region of the naturally occurring transcriptional regulatory elements and modified forms of the transcriptional regulatory elements of the gene or group of genes. Such modified forms include rearrangements of the elements, deletions of some elements or extraneous sequences, and insertion of heterologous elements. The modular nature of transcriptional regulatory elements and the absence of position-dependence of the function of some regulatory elements such as enhancers make such modifications possible. Numerous techniques are available for dissecting the regulatory elements of genes to determine their location and function. Such information can be used to direct modification of the elements, if desired. It is preferred, however, that an intact region of the transcriptional regulatory elements of a gene be used.

The term "tissue-specific promoter" means a nucleotide sequence that serves as a promoter, i.e., regulates expression of a selected DNA sequence operably linked to the promoter, and which effects expression of the selected DNA sequence in specific cells of a tissue, such as cells of a mammary gland. In an illustrative embodiment, gene constructs utilizing mammary gland-specific promoters can be used to preferentially direct expression of a HER2 protein or protein fragment in the mammary gland tissue.

Nucleic acid is "operably linked" when it is placed into a functional relationship with another nucleic acid sequence. For example, DNA for a presequence or secretory leader is operably linked to DNA for a polypeptide if it is expressed as a preprotein that participates in the secretion of the polypeptide; a promoter or enhancer is operably linked to a coding sequence if it affects the transcription of the sequence; or a ribosome binding site is operably linked to a coding sequence if it is positioned so as to facilitate translation. Generally, "operably linked" means that the DNA sequences being linked are contiguous, and, in the case of a secretory leader, contiguous and in reading phase. However, enhancers do not have to be contiguous. Linking is accomplished by ligation at convenient restriction sites. If such sites do not exist, the synthetic oligonucleotide adaptors or linkers are used in accordance with conventional practice.

The term "transfection" refers to the introduction of a nucleic acid, e.g., an expression vector, into a recipient cell by nucleic acid-mediated gene transfer. "Transformation", as used herein, refers to a process in which a cell's genotype is changed as a result of the cellular uptake of exogenous DNA or RNA, and, for example, the transformed cell expresses a recombinant form of HER2.

As used herein, the term "transgene" refers to a nucleic acid sequence which is partly or entirely heterologous, i.e., foreign, to the transgenic animal or cell into which it is introduced, or, is homologous to an endogenous gene of the transgenic animal or cell into which it is introduced, but which is designed to be inserted, or is inserted, into the animal's genome in such a way as to alter the genome of the cell into which it is inserted (e.g., it is inserted at a location which differs from that of the natural gene or its insertion

results in a knockout). A transgene can be operably linked to one or more transcriptional regulatory sequences and any other nucleic acid, such as introns, that may be necessary for optimal expression of a selected nucleic acid.

Accordingly, the term "transgene construct" refers to a nucleic acid which includes a transgene, and (optionally) such other nucleic acid sequences as transcriptionally regulatory sequence, polyadenylation sites, replication origins, marker genes, etc., which may be useful in the general manipulation of the transgene for insertion in the genome of a host organism.

The term "transgenic" is used herein as an adjective to describe the property, for example, of an animal or a construct, of harboring a transgene. For instance, as used herein, a "transgenic organism" is any animal, preferably a non-human mammal, in which one or more of the cells of the animal contain heterologous nucleic acid introduced by way of human intervention, such as by transgenic techniques well known in the art. The nucleic acid is introduced into the cell, directly or indirectly by introduction into a precursor of the cell, by way of deliberate genetic manipulation, such as by microinjection or by infection with a recombinant virus. The term genetic manipulation does not include classical cross-breeding, or in vitro fertilization, but rather is directed to the introduction of a recombinant DNA molecule. This molecule may be integrated within a chromosome, or it may be extrachromosomally replicating DNA. In the typical transgenic animals described herein, the transgene causes cells to express or overexpress a recombinant form of the subject HER2 proteins. The terms "founder line" and "founder animal" refer to those animals that are the mature product of the embryos to which the transgene was added, i.e., those animals that grew from the embryos into which DNA was inserted, and that were implanted into one or more surrogate hosts.

The terms "progeny" and "progeny of the transgenic animal" refer to any and all offspring of every generation subsequent to the originally transformed mammals. The term "non-human mammal" refers to all members of the class Mammalia except humans. "Mammal" refers to any animal classified as a mammal, including humans, domestic and farm animals, and zoo, sports, or pet animals, such as mouse, rat, rabbit, pig, sheep, goat, cattle and higher primates.

As used herein, the expressions "cell," "cell line," and "cell culture" are used interchangeably and all such designations include progeny. Thus, the words "transformants" and "transformed cells" include the primary subject cell and cultures derived therefrom without regard for the number of transfers. It is also understood that all progeny may not be precisely identical in DNA content, due to deliberate or inadvertent mutations. Mutant progeny that have the same function or biological activity as screened for in the originally transformed cell are included. Where distinct designations are intended, it will be clear from the context.

A "liposome" is a small vesicle composed of various types of lipids, phospholipids and/or surfactant which is useful for delivery of a drug (such as the anti-ErbB2 antibodies disclosed herein and, optionally, a chemotherapeutic agent) to a mammal. The components of the liposome are commonly arranged in a bilayer formation; similar to the lipid arrangement of biological membranes.

The term "package insert" is used to refer to instructions customarily included in commercial packages of therapeutic products, that contain information about the indications, usage, dosage, administration, contraindications and/or warnings concerning the use of such therapeutic products.

A "cardioprotectant" is a compound or composition which prevents or reduces myocardial dysfunction (i.e. cardiomyopathy and/or congestive heart failure) associated with administration of a drug, such as an anti-ErbB antibody or its maytansinoid conjugate, to a patient. The cardioprotectant may, for example, block or reduce a free-radical-mediated cardiotoxic effect and/or prevent or reduce oxidative-stress injury. Examples of cardioprotectants encompassed by the present definition include the iron-chelating agent dexrazoxane (ICRF-187) (Seifert et al. *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy* 28:1063-1072 (1994)); a lipid-lowering agent and/or anti-oxidant such as probucol (Singal et al. *J. Mol. Cell Cardiol.* 27:1055-1063 (1995)); amifostine (aminothioliol 2-[3-aminopropyl]amino]ethanethiol-dihydrogen phosphate ester, also called WR-2721, and the dephosphorylated cellular uptake form thereof called WR-1065) and S-3-(3-methylaminopropylamino)propylphosphorothioic acid (WR-151327), see Green et al. *Cancer Research* 54:738-741 (1994); digoxin (Bristow, M. R. In: Bristow M R, ed. *Drug-Induced Heart Disease*. New York: Elsevier 191-215 (1980)); beta-blockers such as metoprolol (Hjalmarson et al. *Drugs* 47:Suppl 4:31-9 (1994); and Shaddy et al. *Am. Heart J.* 129:197-9 (1995)); vitamin E; ascorbic acid (vitamin C); free radical scavengers such as oleanolic acid, ursolic acid and N-acetylcysteine (NAC); spin trapping compounds such as alpha-phenyl-tert-butyl nitron (PBN); (Paracchini et al., *Anticancer Res.* 13:1607-1612 (1993)); selenoorganic compounds such as P251 (Elbesen); and the like.

2. Detailed Description

The present invention is based on results obtained in a novel murine HER2-transgenic tumor model in which HERCEPTIN® or the murine antibody 4D5 from which HERCEPTIN® was derived, had little effect on tumor growth. Using this model to test the efficacy of HERCEPTIN® and HERCEPTIN®-maytansinoid conjugates, it was surprisingly found that while the transplanted tumor obtained from such transgenic mice responded poorly to HERCEPTIN® treatment, the HERCEPTIN®-maytansinoid conjugates were highly efficacious.

Accordingly, the present invention is based on the use of anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugates in the treatment of ErbB overexpressing tumors that do not respond well to anti-ErbB antibody and/or maytansinoid treatment.

A. Production of Anti-ErbB Antibodies

A description follows as to exemplary techniques for the production of the antibodies used in accordance with the present invention. The production of antibodies will be illustrated with reference to anti-ErbB2 antibodies but it will be apparent for those skilled in the art that antibodies to other members of the ErbB receptor family can be produced and modified in a similar manner.

The ErbB2 antigen to be used for production of antibodies may be, e.g., a soluble form of the extracellular domain of ErbB2 or a portion thereof, containing the desired epitope. Alternatively, cells expressing ErbB2 at their cell surface (e.g. NIH-3T3 cells transformed to overexpress ErbB2; or a carcinoma cell line such as SK-BR-3 cells, see Stancovski et al. *PNAS (USA)* 88:8691-8695 (1991)) can be used to generate antibodies. Other forms of ErbB2 useful for generating antibodies will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

(i) Polyclonal Antibodies

Polyclonal antibodies are preferably raised in animals by multiple subcutaneous (sc) or intraperitoneal (ip) injections of the relevant antigen and an adjuvant. It may be useful to conjugate the relevant antigen to a protein that is immunogenic in the species to be immunized, e.g., keyhole limpet

hemocyanin, serum albumin, bovine thyroglobulin, or soybean trypsin inhibitor using a bifunctional or derivatizing agent, for example, maleimidobenzoyl sulfosuccinimide ester (conjugation through cysteine residues), N-hydroxysuccinimide (through lysine residues), glutaraldehyde, succinic anhydride, SOCl_2 , or $\text{R}^1\text{N}=\text{C}=\text{NR}$, where R and R^1 are different alkyl groups.

Animals are immunized against the antigen, immunogenic conjugates, or derivatives by combining, e.g., 100 μg or 5 μg of the protein or conjugate (for rabbits or mice, respectively) with 3 volumes of Freund's complete adjuvant and injecting the solution intradermally at multiple sites. One month later the animals are boosted with $1/2$ to $1/10$ the original amount of peptide or conjugate in Freund's complete adjuvant by subcutaneous injection at multiple sites. Seven to 14 days later the animals are bled and the serum is assayed for antibody titer. Animals are boosted until the titer plateaus. Preferably, the animal is boosted with the conjugate of the same antigen, but conjugated to a different protein and/or through a different cross-linking reagent. Conjugates also can be made in recombinant cell culture as protein fusions. Also, aggregating agents such as alum are suitably used to enhance the immune response.

(ii) Monoclonal Antibodies

Monoclonal antibodies are 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. Thus, the modifier "monoclonal" indicates the character of the antibody as not being a mixture of discrete antibodies.

For example, the monoclonal antibodies may be made using the hybridoma method first described by Kohler et al., *Nature*, 256:495 (1975), or may be made by recombinant DNA methods (U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567).

In the hybridoma method, a mouse or other appropriate host animal, such as a hamster, is immunized as hereinabove described to elicit lymphocytes that produce or are capable of producing antibodies that will specifically bind to the protein used for immunization. Alternatively, lymphocytes may be immunized in vitro. Lymphocytes then are fused with myeloma cells using a suitable fusing agent, such as polyethylene glycol, to form a hybridoma cell (Goding, *Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice*, pp. 59-103 (Academic Press, 1986)).

The hybridoma cells thus prepared are seeded and grown in a suitable culture medium that preferably contains one or more substances that inhibit the growth or survival of the unfused, parental myeloma cells. For example, if the parental myeloma cells lack the enzyme hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (HGPRT or HPRT), the culture medium for the hybridomas typically will include hypoxanthine, aminopterin, and thymidine (HAT medium), which substances prevent the growth of HGPRT-deficient cells.

Preferred myeloma cells are those that fuse efficiently, support stable high-level production of antibody by the selected antibody-producing cells, and are sensitive to a medium such as HAT medium. Among these, preferred myeloma cell lines are murine myeloma lines, such as those derived from MOPC-21 and MPC-11 mouse tumors available from the Salk Institute Cell Distribution Center, San Diego, Calif. USA, and SP-2 or XG3-Ag8-653 cells available from the American Type Culture Collection, Rockville, Md. USA. Human myeloma and mouse-human heteromyeloma cell lines also have been described for the production of human monoclonal antibodies (Kozbor, *J. Immunol.* 133:3001 (1984); and Brodeur et al., *Monoclonal Antibody*

Production Techniques and Applications, pp. 51-63 (Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, 1987)).

Culture medium in which hybridoma cells are growing is assayed for production of monoclonal antibodies directed against the antigen. Preferably, the binding specificity of monoclonal antibodies produced by hybridoma cells is determined by immunoprecipitation or by an in vitro binding assay, such as radioimmunoassay (RIA) or enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).

The binding affinity of the monoclonal antibody can, for example, be determined by the Scatchard analysis of Munson et al., *Anal. Biochem.*, 107:220 (1980).

After hybridoma cells are identified that produce antibodies of the desired specificity, affinity, and/or activity, the clones may be subcloned by limiting dilution procedures and grown by standard methods (Goding, *Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice*, pp. 59-103 (Academic Press, 1986)). Suitable culture media for this purpose include, for example, D-MEM or RPMI-1640 medium. In addition, the hybridoma cells may be grown in vivo as ascites tumors in an animal.

The monoclonal antibodies secreted by the subclones are suitably separated from the culture medium, ascites fluid, or serum by conventional antibody purification procedures such as, for example, protein A-Sepharose, hydroxylapatite chromatography, gel electrophoresis, dialysis, or affinity chromatography.

DNA encoding the monoclonal antibodies is readily isolated and sequenced using conventional procedures (e.g., by using oligonucleotide probes that are capable of binding specifically to genes encoding the heavy and light chains of murine antibodies). The hybridoma cells serve as a preferred source of such DNA. Once isolated, the DNA may be placed into expression vectors, which are then transfected into host cells such as *E. coli* cells, simian COS cells, Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells, or myeloma cells that do not otherwise produce antibody protein, to obtain the synthesis of monoclonal antibodies in the recombinant host cells. Review articles on recombinant expression in bacteria of DNA encoding the antibody include Skerra et al., *Curr. Opin. in Immunol.*, 5:256-262 (1993) and Plückthun, *Immunol. Revs.*, 130:151-188 (1992).

In a further embodiment, monoclonal antibodies or antibody fragments can be isolated from antibody phage libraries generated using the techniques described in McCafferty et al., *Nature*, 348:552-554 (1990). Clackson et al., *Nature*, 352:624-628 (1991) and Marks et al., *J. Mol. Biol.*, 222:581-597 (1991) describe the isolation of murine and human antibodies, respectively, using phage libraries. Subsequent publications describe the production of high affinity (nM range) human antibodies by chain shuffling (Marks et al., *BioTechnology*, 10:779-783 (1992)), as well as combinatorial infection and in vivo recombination as a strategy for constructing very large phage libraries (Waterhouse et al., *Nuc. Acids. Res.*, 21:2265-2266 (1993)). Thus, these techniques are viable alternatives to traditional monoclonal antibody hybridoma techniques for isolation of monoclonal antibodies.

The DNA also may be modified, for example, by substituting the coding sequence for human heavy chain and light chain constant domains in place of the homologous murine sequences (U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567; and Morrison, et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 81:6851 (1984)), or by covalently joining to the immunoglobulin coding sequence all or part of the coding sequence for a non-immunoglobulin polypeptide.

Typically such non-immunoglobulin polypeptides are substituted for the constant domains of an antibody, or they are substituted for the variable domains of one antigen-combining site of an antibody to create a chimeric bivalent antibody comprising one antigen-combining site having specificity for an antigen and another antigen-combining site having specificity for a different antigen.

(iii) Humanized Antibodies

Methods for humanizing non-human antibodies have been described in the art. Preferably, a humanized antibody has one or more amino acid residues introduced into it from a source which is non-human. These non-human amino acid residues are often referred to as "import" residues, which are typically taken from an "import" variable domain. Humanization can be essentially performed following the method of Winter and co-workers (Jones et al., *Nature*, 321:522-525 (1986); Riechmann et al., *Nature*, 332:323-327 (1988); Verhoeyen et al., *Science*, 239:1534-1536 (1988)), by substituting hypervariable region sequences for the corresponding sequences of a human antibody. Accordingly, such "humanized" antibodies are chimeric antibodies (U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567) wherein substantially less than an intact human variable domain has been substituted by the corresponding sequence from a non-human species. In practice, humanized antibodies are typically human antibodies in which some hypervariable region residues and possibly some FR residues are substituted by residues from analogous sites in rodent antibodies.

The choice of human variable domains, both light and heavy, to be used in making the humanized antibodies is very important to reduce antigenicity. According to the so-called "best-fit" method, the sequence of the variable domain of a rodent antibody is screened against the entire library of known human variable-domain sequences. The human sequence which is closest to that of the rodent is then accepted as the human framework region (FR) for the humanized antibody (Sims et al., *J. Immunol.*, 151:2296 (1993); Chothia et al., *J. Mol. Biol.*, 196:901 (1987)). Another method uses a particular framework region derived from the consensus sequence of all human antibodies of a particular subgroup of light or heavy chains. The same framework may be used for several different humanized antibodies (Carter et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 89:4285 (1992); Presta et al., *J. Immunol.*, 151:2623 (1993)).

It is further important that antibodies be humanized with retention of high affinity for the antigen and other favorable biological properties. To achieve this goal, according to a preferred method, humanized antibodies are prepared by a process of analysis of the parental sequences and various conceptual humanized products using three-dimensional models of the parental and humanized sequences. Three-dimensional immunoglobulin models are commonly available and are familiar to those skilled in the art. Computer programs are available which illustrate and display probable three-dimensional conformational structures of selected candidate immunoglobulin sequences. Inspection of these displays permits analysis of the likely role of the residues in the functioning of the candidate immunoglobulin sequence, i.e., the analysis of residues that influence the ability of the candidate immunoglobulin to bind its antigen. In this way, FR residues can be selected and combined from the recipient and import sequences so that the desired antibody characteristic, such as increased affinity for the target antigen(s), is achieved. In general, the hypervariable region residues are directly and most substantially involved in influencing antigen binding.

Example 1 below describes production of an exemplary humanized anti-ErbB2 antibody. The humanized antibody herein may, for example, comprise nonhuman hypervariable region residues incorporated into a human variable heavy domain and may further comprise a framework region (FR) substitution at a position selected from the group consisting of 69H, 71H and 73H utilizing the variable domain numbering system set forth in Kabat et al., *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*, 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. (1991). In one embodiment, the humanized antibody comprises FR substitutions at two or all of positions 69H, 71H and 73H.

Various forms of the humanized antibody are contemplated. For example, the humanized antibody may be an antibody fragment, such as a Fab. Alternatively, the humanized antibody may be an intact antibody, such as an intact IgG1 antibody.

(iv) Human Antibodies

As an alternative to humanization, human antibodies can be generated. For example, it is now possible to produce transgenic animals (e.g., mice) that are capable, upon immunization, of producing a full repertoire of human antibodies in the absence of endogenous immunoglobulin production. For example, it has been described that the homozygous deletion of the antibody heavy-chain joining region (J_H) gene in chimeric and germ-line mutant mice results in complete inhibition of endogenous antibody production. Transfer of the human germ-line immunoglobulin gene array in such germ-line mutant mice will result in the production of human antibodies upon antigen challenge. See, e.g., Jakobovits et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 90:2551 (1993); Jakobovits et al., *Nature*, 362:255-258 (1993); Bruggermann et al., *Year in Immunol.*, 7:33 (1993); and U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,591,669, 5,589,369 and 5,545,807.

Alternatively, phage display technology (McCafferty et al., *Nature* 348:552-553 (1990)) can be used to produce human antibodies and antibody fragments in vitro, from immunoglobulin variable (V) domain gene repertoires from unimmunized donors. According to this technique, antibody V domain genes are cloned in-frame into either a major or minor coat protein gene of a filamentous bacteriophage, such as M13 or fd, and displayed as functional antibody fragments on the surface of the phage particle. Because the filamentous particle contains a single-stranded DNA copy of the phage genome, selections based on the functional properties of the antibody also result in selection of the gene encoding the antibody exhibiting those properties. Thus, the phage mimics some of the properties of the B-cell. Phage display can be performed in a variety of formats; for their review see, e.g., Johnson, Kevin S. and Chiswell, David J., *Current Opinion in Structural Biology* 3:564-571 (1993). Several sources of V-gene segments can be used for phage display. Clackson et al., *Nature*, 352:624-628 (1991) isolated a diverse array of anti-oxazolone antibodies from a small random combinatorial library of V genes derived from the spleens of immunized mice. A repertoire of V genes from unimmunized human donors can be constructed and antibodies to a diverse array of antigens (including self-antigens) can be isolated essentially following the techniques described by Marks et al., *J. Mol. Biol.* 222:581-597 (1991), or Griffith et al., *EMBO J.* 12:725-734 (1993). See, also, U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,565,332 and 5,573,905.

As discussed above, human antibodies may also be generated by in vitro activated B cells (see U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,567,610 and 5,229,275).

Human anti-ErbB2 antibodies are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,772,997 issued Jun. 30, 1998 and WO 97/00271 published Jan. 3, 1997.

(v) Antibody Fragments

Various techniques have been developed for the production of antibody fragments. Traditionally, these fragments were derived via proteolytic digestion of intact antibodies (see, e.g., Morimoto et al., *Journal of Biochemical and Biophysical Methods* 24:107-117 (1992); and Brennan et al., *Science*, 229:81 (1985)). However, these fragments can now be produced directly by recombinant host cells. For example, the antibody fragments can be isolated from the antibody phage libraries discussed above. Alternatively, Fab'-SH fragments can be directly recovered from *E. coli* and chemically coupled to form F(ab')₂ fragments (Carter et al., *Bio/Technology* 10:163-167 (1992)). According to another approach, F(ab')₂ fragments can be isolated directly from recombinant host cell culture. Other techniques for the production of antibody fragments will be apparent to the skilled practitioner. In other embodiments, the antibody of choice is a single chain Fv fragment (scFv). See WO 93/16185; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,571,894; and 5,587,458. The antibody fragment may also be a "linear antibody", e.g., as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,641,870 for example. Such linear antibody fragments may be monospecific or bispecific.

(vi) Bispecific Antibodies

Bispecific antibodies are antibodies that have binding specificities for at least two different epitopes. Exemplary bispecific antibodies may bind to two different epitopes of the ErbB2 protein. Other such antibodies may combine an ErbB2 binding site with binding site(s) for EGFR, ErbB3 and/or ErbB4. Alternatively, an anti-ErbB2 arm may be combined with an arm which binds to a triggering molecule on a leukocyte such as a T-cell receptor molecule (e.g. CD2 or CD3), or Fc receptors for IgG (FcγR), such as FcγRI (CD64), FcγRII (CD32) and FcγRIII (CD16) so as to focus cellular defense mechanisms to the ErbB2-expressing cell. Bispecific antibodies may also be used to localize cytotoxic agents to cells which express ErbB2. WO 96/16673 describes a bispecific anti-ErbB2/anti-FcγRIII antibody and U.S. Pat. No. 5,837,234 discloses a bispecific anti-ErbB2/anti-FcγRI antibody. A bispecific anti-ErbB2/Fcα antibody is shown in WO98/02463. U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,337 teaches a bispecific anti-ErbB2/anti-CD3 antibody.

Methods for making bispecific antibodies are known in the art. Traditional production of full length bispecific antibodies is based on the coexpression of two immunoglobulin heavy chain-light chain pairs, where the two chains have different specificities (Millstein et al., *Nature*, 305:537-539 (1983)). Because of the random assortment of immunoglobulin heavy and light chains, these hybridomas (quadromas) produce a potential mixture of 10 different antibody molecules, of which only one has the correct bispecific structure. Purification of the correct molecule, which is usually done by affinity chromatography steps, is rather cumbersome, and the product yields are low. Similar procedures are disclosed in WO 93/08829, and in Traunecker et al., *EMBO J.*, 10:3655-3659 (1991).

According to a different approach, antibody variable domains with the desired binding specificities (antibody-antigen combining sites) are fused to immunoglobulin constant domain sequences. The fusion preferably is with an immunoglobulin heavy chain constant domain, comprising at least part of the hinge, CH2, and CH3 regions. It is preferred to have the first heavy-chain constant region (CH1) containing the site necessary for light chain binding,

present in at least one of the fusions. DNAs encoding the immunoglobulin heavy chain fusions and, if desired, the immunoglobulin light chain, are inserted into separate expression vectors, and are co-transfected into a suitable host organism. This provides for great flexibility in adjusting the mutual proportions of the three polypeptide fragments in embodiments when unequal ratios of the three polypeptide chains used in the construction provide the optimum yields. It is, however, possible to insert the coding sequences for two or all three polypeptide chains in one expression vector when the expression of at least two polypeptide chains in equal ratios results in high yields or when the ratios are of no particular significance.

In a preferred embodiment of this approach, the bispecific antibodies are composed of a hybrid immunoglobulin heavy chain with a first binding specificity in one arm, and a hybrid immunoglobulin heavy chain-light chain pair (providing a second binding specificity) in the other arm. It was found that this asymmetric structure facilitates the separation of the desired bispecific compound from unwanted immunoglobulin chain combinations, as the presence of an immunoglobulin light chain in only one half of the bispecific molecule provides for a facile way of separation. This approach is disclosed in WO 94/04690. For further details of generating bispecific antibodies see, for example, Suresh et al., *Methods in Enzymology*, 121:210 (1986).

According to another approach described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,731,168, the interface between a pair of antibody molecules can be engineered to maximize the percentage of heterodimers which are recovered from recombinant cell culture. The preferred interface comprises at least a part of the C_H3 domain of an antibody constant domain. In this method, one or more small amino acid side chains from the interface of the first antibody molecule are replaced with larger side chains (e.g. tyrosine or tryptophan). Compensatory "cavities" of identical or similar size to the large side chain(s) are created on the interface of the second antibody molecule by replacing large amino acid side chains with smaller ones (e.g. alanine or threonine). This provides a mechanism for increasing the yield of the heterodimer over other unwanted end-products such as homodimers.

Techniques for generating bispecific antibodies from antibody fragments have also been described in the literature. For example, bispecific antibodies can be prepared using chemical linkage. Brennan et al., *Science*, 229: 81 (1985) describe a procedure wherein intact antibodies are proteolytically cleaved to generate F(ab')₂ fragments. These fragments are reduced in the presence of the dithiol complexing agent sodium arsenite to stabilize vicinal dithiols and prevent intermolecular disulfide formation. The Fab' fragments generated are then converted to thionitrobenzoate (TNB) derivatives. One of the Fab'-TNB derivatives is then reconverted to the Fab'-thiol by reduction with mercaptoethylamine and is mixed with an equimolar amount of the other Fab'-TNB derivative to form the bispecific antibody. The bispecific antibodies produced can be used as agents for the selective immobilization of enzymes.

Recent progress has facilitated the direct recovery of Fab'-SH fragments from *E. coli*, which can be chemically coupled to form bispecific antibodies. Shalaby et al., *J. Exp. Med.*, 175: 217-225 (1992) describe the production of a fully humanized bispecific antibody F(ab')₂ molecule. Each Fab' fragment was separately secreted from *E. coli* and subjected to directed chemical coupling in vitro to form the bispecific antibody. The bispecific antibody thus formed was able to bind to cells overexpressing the ErbB2 receptor and

normal human T cells, as well as trigger the lytic activity of human cytotoxic lymphocytes against human breast tumor targets.

Various techniques for making and isolating bispecific antibody fragments directly from recombinant cell culture have also been described. For example, bispecific antibodies have been produced using leucine zippers. Kostelny et al., *J. Immunol.*, 148(5):1547-1553 (1992). The leucine zipper peptides from the Fos and Jun proteins were linked to the Fab' portions of two different antibodies by gene fusion. The antibody homodimers were reduced at the hinge region to form monomers and then re-oxidized to form the antibody heterodimers. This method can also be utilized for the production of antibody homodimers. The "diabody" technology described by Hollinger et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 90:6444-6448 (1993) has provided an alternative mechanism for making bispecific antibody fragments. The fragments comprise a heavy-chain variable domain (V_H) connected to a light-chain variable domain (V_L) by a linker which is too short to allow pairing between the two domains on the same chain. Accordingly, the V_H and V_L domains of one fragment are forced to pair with the complementary V_L and V_H domains of another fragment, thereby forming two antigen-binding sites. Another strategy for making bispecific antibody fragments by the use of single-chain Fv (sFv) dimers has also been reported. See Gruber et al., *J. Immunol.*, 152:5368 (1994).

Antibodies with more than two valencies are contemplated. For example, trispecific antibodies can be prepared. Tutt et al. *J. Immunol.* 147: 60 (1991).

(vii) Other Amino Acid Sequence Modifications

Amino acid sequence modification(s) of the anti-ErbB2 antibodies described herein are contemplated. For example, it may be desirable to improve the binding affinity and/or other biological properties of the antibody. Amino acid sequence variants of the anti-ErbB2 antibody are prepared by introducing appropriate nucleotide changes into the anti-ErbB2 antibody nucleic acid, or by peptide synthesis. Such modifications include, for example, deletions from, and/or insertions into and/or substitutions of, residues within the amino acid sequences of the anti-ErbB2 antibody. Any combination of deletion, insertion, and substitution is made to arrive at the final construct, provided that the final construct possesses the desired characteristics. The amino acid changes also may alter post-translational processes of the anti-ErbB2 antibody, such as changing the number or position of glycosylation sites.

A useful method for identification of certain residues or regions of the anti-ErbB2 antibody that are preferred locations for mutagenesis is called "alanine scanning mutagenesis" as described by Cunningham and Wells *Science*, 244: 1081-1085 (1989). Here, a residue or group of target residues are identified (e.g., charged residues such as arg, asp, his, lys, and glu) and replaced by a neutral or negatively charged amino acid (most preferably alanine or polyalanine) to affect the interaction of the amino acids with ErbB2 antigen. Those amino acid locations demonstrating functional sensitivity to the substitutions then are refined by introducing further or other variants at, or for, the sites of substitution. Thus, while the site for introducing an amino acid sequence variation is predetermined, the nature of the mutation per se need not be predetermined. For example, to analyze the performance of a mutation at a given site, alanine scanning or random mutagenesis is conducted at the target codon or region and the expressed anti-ErbB2 antibody variants are screened for the desired activity.

Amino acid sequence insertions include amino- and/or carboxyl-terminal fusions ranging in length from one residue to polypeptides containing a hundred or more residues, as well as intrasequence insertions of single or multiple amino acid residues. Examples of terminal insertions include an anti-ErbB2 antibody with an N-terminal methionyl residue or the antibody fused to a cytotoxic polypeptide. Other insertional variants of the anti-ErbB2 antibody molecule include the fusion to the N- or C-terminus of the anti-ErbB2 antibody to an enzyme (e.g. for ADEPT) or a polypeptide which increases the serum half-life of the antibody.

Another type of variant is an amino acid substitution variant. These variants have at least one amino acid residue in the anti-ErbB2 antibody molecule replaced by a different residue. The sites of greatest interest for substitutional mutagenesis include the hypervariable regions, but FR alterations are also contemplated. Conservative substitutions are shown in Table 1 under the heading of "preferred substitutions". If such substitutions result in a change in biological activity, then more substantial changes, denominated "exemplary substitutions" in Table 1, or as further described below in reference to amino acid classes, may be introduced and the products screened.

TABLE 1

Original Residue	Exemplary Substitutions	Preferred Substitutions
Ala (A)	val; leu; ile	val
Arg (R)	lys; gln; asn	lys
Asn (N)	gln; his; asp, lys; arg	gln
Asp (D)	glu; asn	glu
Cys (C)	ser; ala	ser
Gln (Q)	asn; glu	asn
Glu (E)	asp; gln	asp
Gly (G)	ala	ala
His (H)	asn; gln; lys; arg	arg
Ile (I)	leu; val; met; ala; phe; norleucine	len
Leu (L)	norleucine; ile; val; met; ala; phe	ile
Lys (K)	arg; gln; asn	arg
Met (M)	leu; phe; ile	leu
Phe (F)	leu; val; ile; ala; tyr	tyr
Pro (P)	ala	ala
Ser (S)	thr	thr
Thr (T)	ser	ser
Trp (W)	tyr; phe	tyr
Tyr (Y)	trp; phe; thr; ser	phe
Val (V)	ile; leu; met; phe; ala; norleucine	leu

Substantial modifications in the biological properties of the antibody are accomplished by selecting substitutions that differ significantly in their effect on maintaining (a) the structure of the polypeptide backbone in the area of the substitution, for example, as a sheet or helical conformation, (b) the charge or hydrophobicity of the molecule at the target site, or (c) the bulk of the side chain. Naturally occurring residues are divided into groups based on common side-chain properties:

- (1) hydrophobic: norleucine, met, ala, val, leu, ile;
- (2) neutral hydrophilic: cys, ser, thr;
- (3) acidic: asp, glu;
- (4) basic: asn, gln, his, lys, arg;
- (5) residues that influence chain orientation: gly, pro; and
- (6) aromatic: trp, tyr, phe.

Non-conservative substitutions will entail exchanging a member of one of these classes for another class.

Any cysteine residue not involved in maintaining the proper conformation of the anti-ErbB2 antibody also may be substituted, generally with serine, to improve the oxidative stability of the molecule and prevent aberrant crosslinking. Conversely, cysteine bond(s) may be added to the antibody to improve its stability (particularly where the antibody is an antibody fragment such as an Fv fragment).

A particularly preferred type of substitutional variant involves substituting one or more hypervariable region residues of a parent antibody (e.g. a humanized or human antibody). Generally, the resulting variant(s) selected for further development will have improved biological properties relative to the parent antibody from which they are generated. A convenient way for generating such substitutional variants involves affinity maturation using phage display. Briefly, several hypervariable region sites (e.g. 6-7 sites) are mutated to generate all possible amino substitutions at each site. The antibody variants thus generated are displayed in a monovalent fashion from filamentous phage particles as fusions to the gene III product of M13 packaged within each particle. The phage-displayed variants are then screened for their biological activity (e.g. binding affinity) as herein disclosed. In order to identify candidate hypervariable region sites for modification, alanine scanning mutagenesis can be performed to identify hypervariable region residues contributing significantly to antigen binding. Alternatively, or additionally, it may be beneficial to analyze a crystal structure of the antigen-antibody complex to identify contact points between the antibody and human ErbB2. Such contact residues and neighboring residues are candidates for substitution according to the techniques elaborated herein. Once such variants are generated, the panel of variants is subjected to screening as described herein and antibodies with superior properties in one or more relevant assays may be selected for further development.

It may be desirable to modify the antibody of the invention with respect to effector function, e.g. so as to enhance antigen-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC) and/or complement dependent cytotoxicity (CDC) of the antibody. This may be achieved by introducing one or more amino acid substitutions in an Fc region of the antibody. Alternatively or additionally, cysteine residue(s) may be introduced in the Fc region, thereby allowing interchain disulfide bond formation in this region. The homodimeric antibody thus generated may have improved internalization capability and/or increased complement-mediated cell killing and antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC). See Caron et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 176:1191-1195 (1992) and Shopes, B. *J. Immunol.* 148:2918-2922 (1992). Homodimeric antibodies with enhanced anti-tumor activity may also be prepared using heterobifunctional cross-linkers as described in Wolff et al. *Cancer Research* 53:2560-2565 (1993). Alternatively, an antibody can be engineered which has dual Fc regions and may thereby have enhanced complement lysis and ADCC capabilities. See Stevenson et al. *Anti-Cancer Drug Design* 3:219-230 (1989).

To increase the serum half life of the antibody, one may incorporate a salvage receptor binding epitope into the antibody (especially an antibody fragment) as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,739,277, for example. As used herein, the term "salvage receptor binding epitope" refers to an epitope of the Fc region of an IgG molecule (e.g., IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃, or IgG₄) that is responsible for increasing the in vivo serum half-life of the IgG molecule.

(viii) Glycosylation Variants

Antibodies are glycosylated at conserved positions in their constant regions (Jefferis and Lund, *Chem. Immunol.*

65:111-128 [1997]; Wright and Morrison, *TibTECH* 15:26-32 [1997]). The oligosaccharide side chains of the immunoglobulins affect the protein's function (Boyd et al., *Mol. Immunol.* 32:1311-1318 [1996]; Wittwe and Howard, *Biochem.* 29:4175-4180 [1990]), and the intramolecular interaction between portions of the glycoprotein which can affect the conformation and presented three-dimensional surface of the glycoprotein (Hefferis and Lund, supra; Wyss and Wagner, *Current Opin. Biotech.* 7:409-416 [1996]). Oligosaccharides may also serve to target a given glycoprotein to certain molecules based upon specific recognition structures. For example, it has been reported that in agalactosylated IgG, the oligosaccharide moiety 'flips' out of the inter-CH2 space and terminal N-acetylglucosamine residues become available to bind mannose binding protein (Malhotra et al., *Nature Med.* 1:237-243 [1995]). Removal by glycopeptidase of the oligosaccharides from CAMPATH-1H (a recombinant humanized murine monoclonal IgG1 antibody which recognizes the CDw52 antigen of human lymphocytes) produced in Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells resulted in a complete reduction in complement mediated lysis (CMCL) (Boyd et al., *Mol. Immunol.* 32:1311-1318 [1996]), while selective removal of sialic acid residues using neuraminidase resulted in no loss of DMCL. Glycosylation of antibodies has also been reported to affect antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC). In particular, CHO cells with tetracycline-regulated expression of $\beta(1,4)$ -N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase III (GnTIII), a glycosyltransferase catalyzing formation of bisecting GlcNAc, was reported to have improved ADCC activity (Umana et al., *Mature Biotech.* 17:176-180 [1999]).

Glycosylation of antibodies is typically either N-linked or O-linked. N-linked refers to the attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the side chain of an asparagine residue. The tripeptide sequences asparagine-X-serine and asparagine-X-threonine, where X is any amino acid except proline, are the recognition sequences for enzymatic attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the asparagine side chain. Thus, the presence of either of these tripeptide sequences in a polypeptide creates a potential glycosylation site. O-linked glycosylation refers to the attachment of one of the sugars N-acetylgalactosamine, galactose, or xylose to a hydroxyamino acid, most commonly serine or threonine, although 5-hydroxyproline or 5-hydroxylysine may also be used.

Glycosylation variants of antibodies are variants in which the glycosylation pattern of an antibody is altered. By altering is meant deleting one or more carbohydrate moieties found in the antibody, adding one or more carbohydrate moieties to the antibody, changing the composition of glycosylation (glycosylation pattern), the extent of glycosylation, etc.

Addition of glycosylation sites to the antibody is conveniently accomplished by altering the amino acid sequence such that it contains one or more of the above-described tripeptide sequences (for N-linked glycosylation sites). The alteration may also be made by the addition of, or substitution by, one or more serine or threonine residues to the sequence of the original antibody (for O-linked glycosylation sites). Similarly, removal of glycosylation sites can be accomplished by amino acid alteration within the native glycosylation sites of the antibody.

The amino acid sequence is usually altered by altering the underlying nucleic acid sequence. Nucleic acid molecules encoding amino acid sequence variants of the anti-ErbB2 antibody are prepared by a variety of methods known in the art. These methods include, but are not limited to, isolation

from a natural source (in the case of naturally occurring amino acid sequence variants) or preparation by oligonucleotide-mediated (or site-directed) mutagenesis, PCR mutagenesis, and cassette mutagenesis of an earlier prepared variant or a non-variant version of the anti-ErbB2 antibody.

The glycosylation (including glycosylation pattern) of antibodies may also be altered without altering the amino acid sequence or the underlying nucleotide sequence. Glycosylation largely depends on the host cell used to express the antibody. Since the cell type used for expression of recombinant glycoproteins, e.g. antibodies, as potential therapeutics is rarely the native cell, significant variations in the glycosylation pattern of the antibodies can be expected (see, e.g. Hse et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 272:9062-9070 [1997]). In addition to the choice of host cells, factors which affect glycosylation during recombinant production of antibodies include growth mode, media formulation, culture density, oxygenation, pH, purification schemes and the like. Various methods have been proposed to alter the glycosylation pattern achieved in a particular host organism including introducing or overexpressing certain enzymes involved in oligosaccharide production (U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,047,335; 5,510,261 and 5,278,299). Glycosylation, or certain types of glycosylation, can be enzymatically removed from the glycoprotein, for example using endoglycosidase H (Endo H). In addition, the recombinant host cell can be genetically engineered, e.g. make defective in processing certain types of polysaccharides. These and similar techniques are well known in the art.

The glycosylation structure of antibodies can be readily analyzed by conventional techniques of carbohydrate analysis, including lectin chromatography, NMR, Mass spectrometry, HPLC, GPC, monosaccharide compositional analysis, sequential enzymatic digestion, and HPAEC-PAD, which uses high pH anion exchange chromatography to separate oligosaccharides based on charge. Methods for releasing oligosaccharides for analytical purposes are also known, and include, without limitation, enzymatic treatment (commonly performed using peptide-N-glycosidase F/endo- β -galactosidase), elimination using harsh alkaline environment to release mainly O-linked structures, and chemical methods using anhydrous hydrazine to release both N- and O-linked oligosaccharides.

(viii) Screening for Antibodies with the Desired Properties

Techniques for generating antibodies have been described above. One may further select antibodies with certain biological characteristics, as desired.

For example, to identify growth inhibitory anti-ErbB2 antibodies, one may screen for antibodies which inhibit the growth of cancer cells which overexpress ErbB2. In one embodiment, the growth inhibitory antibody of choice is able to inhibit growth of SK-BR-3 cells in cell culture by about 20-100% and preferably by about 50-100% at an antibody concentration of about 0.5 to 30 $\mu\text{g/ml}$. To identify such antibodies, the SK-BR-3 assay described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,677,171 can be performed. According to this assay, SK-BR-3 cells are grown in a 1:1 mixture of F12 and DMEM medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, glutamine and penicillin streptomycin. The SK-BR-3 cells are plated at 20,000 cells in a 35 mm cell culture dish (2 ml/35 mm dish). 0.5 to 30 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of the anti-ErbB2 antibody is added per dish. After six days, the number of cells, compared to untreated cells are counted using an electronic COULTER™ cell counter. Those antibodies

which inhibit growth of the SK-BR-3 cells by about 20-100% or about 50-100% may be selected as growth inhibitory antibodies.

To select for antibodies which induce cell death, loss of membrane integrity as indicated by, e.g., PI, trypan blue or 7AAD uptake may be assessed relative to control. The preferred assay is the PI uptake assay using BT474 cells. According to this assay, BT474 cells (which can be obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (Rockville, Md.)) are cultured in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (D-MEM):Ham's F-12 (50:50) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated FBS (Hyclone) and 2 mM L-glutamine. (Thus, the assay is performed in the absence of complement and immune effector cells). The BT474 cells are seeded at a density of 3×10^5 per dish in 100x20 mm dishes and allowed to attach overnight. The medium is then removed and replaced with fresh medium alone or medium containing 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of the appropriate monoclonal antibody. The cells are incubated for a 3 day time period. Following each treatment, monolayers are washed with PBS and detached by trypsinization. Cells are then centrifuged at 1200 rpm for 5 minutes at 4° C., the pellet resuspended in 3 ml ice cold Ca^{2+} binding buffer (10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 140 mM NaCl, 2.5 mM CaCl_2) and aliquoted into 35 mm strainer-capped 12x75 tubes (1 ml per tube, 3 tubes per treatment group) for removal of cell clumps. Tubes then receive PI (10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$). Samples may be analyzed using a FACSCAN™ flow cytometer and FACSCONVERT™ CellQuest software (Becton Dickinson). Those antibodies which induce statistically significant levels of cell death as determined by PI uptake may be selected as cell death-inducing antibodies.

In order to select for antibodies which induce apoptosis, an annexin binding assay using BT474 cells is available. The BT474 cells are cultured and seeded in dishes as discussed in the preceding paragraph. The medium is then removed and replaced with fresh medium alone or medium containing 10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of the monoclonal antibody. Following a three day incubation period, monolayers are washed with PBS and detached by trypsinization. Cells are then centrifuged, resuspended in Ca^{2+} binding buffer and aliquoted into tubes as discussed above for the cell death assay. Tubes then receive labeled annexin (e.g. annexin V-FITC) (1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$). Samples may be analyzed using a FACSCAN™ flow cytometer and FACSCONVERT™ CellQuest software (Becton Dickinson). Those antibodies which induce statistically significant levels of annexin binding relative to control are selected as apoptosis-inducing antibodies.

In addition to the annexin binding assay, a DNA staining assay using BT474 cells is available. In order to perform this assay, BT474 cells which have been treated with the antibody of interest as described in the preceding two paragraphs are incubated with 9 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ HOECHST 33342™ for 2 hr at 37° C., then analyzed on an EPICS ELITE™ flow cytometer (Coulter Corporation) using MODFIT LT™ software (Verity Software House). Antibodies which induce a change in the percentage of apoptotic cells which is 2 fold or greater (and preferably 3 fold or greater) than untreated cells (up to 100% apoptotic cells) may be selected as pro-apoptotic antibodies using this assay.

To identify an antibody which blocks ligand activation of an ErbB receptor, the ability of the antibody to block ErbB ligand binding to cells expressing the ErbB receptor (e.g. in conjugation with another ErbB receptor with which the ErbB receptor of interest forms an ErbB hetero-oligomer) may be determined. For example, cells naturally expressing, or transfected to express, ErbB receptors of the ErbB hetero-oligomer may be incubated with the antibody and then

exposed to labeled ErbB ligand. The ability of the anti-ErbB2 antibody to block ligand binding to the ErbB receptor in the ErbB hetero-oligomer may then be evaluated.

For example, inhibition of HRG binding to MCF7 breast tumor cell lines by anti-ErbB2 antibodies may be performed using monolayer MCF7 cultures on ice in a 24-well-plate format essentially as described in Example 1 below. Anti-ErbB2 monoclonal antibodies may be added to each well and incubated for 30 minutes. ^{125}I -labeled rHRG $\beta 1_{177-224}$ (25 pm) may then be added, and the incubation may be continued for 4 to 16 hours. Dose response curves may be prepared and an IC_{50} value may be calculated for the antibody of interest. In one embodiment, the antibody which blocks ligand activation of an ErbB receptor will have an IC_{50} for inhibiting HRG binding to MCF7 cells in this assay of about 50 nM or less, more preferably 10 nM or less. Where the antibody is an antibody fragment such as a Fab fragment, the IC_{50} for inhibiting HRG binding to MCF7 cells in this assay may, for example, be about 100 nM or less, more preferably 50nM or less.

Alternatively, or additionally, the ability of the anti-ErbB2 antibody to block ErbB ligand-stimulated tyrosine phosphorylation of an ErbB receptor present in an ErbB hetero-oligomer may be assessed. For example, cells endogenously expressing the ErbB receptors or transfected to expressed them may be incubated with the antibody and then assayed for ErbB ligand-dependent tyrosine phosphorylation activity using an anti-phosphotyrosine monoclonal (which is optionally conjugated with a detectable label). The kinase receptor activation assay described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,766,863 is also available for determining ErbB receptor activation and blocking of that activity by an antibody.

In one embodiment, one may screen for an antibody which inhibits HRG stimulation of p180 tyrosine phosphorylation in MCF7 cells. For example, the MCF7 cells may be plated in 24-well plates and monoclonal antibodies to ErbB2 may be added to each well and incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature; then rHRG $\beta 1_{177-244}$ may be added to each well to a final concentration of 0.2 nM, and the incubation may be continued for 8 minutes. Media may be aspirated from each well, and reactions may be stopped by the addition of 100 μl of SDS sample buffer (5% SDS, 25 mM DTT, and 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8). Each sample (25 μl) may be electrophoresed on a 4–12% gradient gel (Novex) and then electrophoretically transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride membrane. Antiphosphotyrosine (at 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) immunoblots may be developed, and the intensity of the predominant reactive band at $M_r=180,000$ may be quantified by reflectance densitometry. The antibody selected will preferably significantly inhibit HRG stimulation of p180 tyrosine phosphorylation to about 0–35% of control in this assay. A dose-response curve for inhibition of HRG stimulation of p180 tyrosine phosphorylation as determined by reflectance densitometry may be prepared and an IC_{50} for the antibody of interest may be calculated. In one embodiment, the antibody which blocks ligand activation of an ErbB receptor will have an IC_{50} for inhibiting HRG stimulation of p180 tyrosine phosphorylation in this assay of about 50 nM or less, more preferably 10 nM or less. Where the antibody is an antibody fragment such as a Fab fragment, the IC_{50} for inhibiting HRG stimulation of p180 tyrosine phosphorylation in this assay may, for example, be about 100 nM or less, more preferably 50 nM or less.

One may also assess the growth inhibitory effects of the antibody on MDA-MB-175 cells, e.g. essentially as described in Schaefer et al. *Oncogene* 15:1385–1394 (1997). According to this assay, MDA-MB-175 cells may be treated

with an anti-ErbB2 monoclonal antibody (10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) for 4 days and stained with crystal violet. Incubation with an anti-ErbB2 antibody may show a growth inhibitory effect on this cell line similar to that displayed by monoclonal antibody 2C4. In a further embodiment, exogenous HRG will not significantly reverse this inhibition. Preferably, the antibody will be able to inhibit cell proliferation of MDA-MB-175 cells to a greater extent than monoclonal antibody 4D5 (and optionally to a greater extent than monoclonal antibody 7F3), both in the presence and absence of exogenous HRG.

In one embodiment, the anti-ErbB2 antibody of interest may block heregulin dependent association of ErbB2 with ErbB3 in both MCF7 and SK-BR-3 cells as determined in a co-immunoprecipitation experiment substantially more effectively than monoclonal antibody 4D5, and preferably substantially more effectively than monoclonal antibody 7F3.

To screen for antibodies which bind to an epitope on ErbB2 bound by an antibody of interest, a routine cross-blocking assay such as that described in *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Ed Harlow and David Lane (1988), can be performed. Alternatively, or additionally, epitope mapping can be performed by methods known in the art (see, e.g. FIGS. 1A and 1B herein).

The results obtained in the cell-based assays described above can then be followed by testing in animal, e.g. murine, models, and human clinical trials. In particular, the inability or limited ability of an antibody to treat ErbB2 overexpressing tumors can be demonstrated in the transgenic mouse model disclosed in the present application as described in the Examples below.

B. Anti-ErbB Antibody-maytansinoid Conjugates (Immunoconjugates)

Anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugates are prepared by chemically linking an anti-ErbB antibody to a maytansinoid molecule without significantly diminishing the biological activity of either the antibody or the maytansinoid molecule. Maytansinoids are well known in the art and can be synthesized by known techniques or isolated from natural sources. Suitable maytansinoids are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 5,208,020 and in the other patents and nonpatent publications referred to hereinabove. Preferred maytansinoids are maytansinol and maytansinol analogues modified in the aromatic ring or at other positions of the maytansinol molecule, such as various maytansinol esters.

There are many linking groups known in the art for making antibody-maytansinoid conjugates, including, for example, those disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,208,020 (e.g., at column 7, lines 55–67 and at column 8, lines 1–14), or EP Patent 0 425 235 B1, and Chari et al. *Cancer Research* 52:127–131(1992). The linking groups include disulfide groups, thioether groups, acid labile groups, photolabile groups, peptidase labile groups, or esterase labile groups, as disclosed in the above-identified patents, disulfide and thioether groups being preferred. For example, for a compound as illustrated in FIG. 3, "R" may be SH or may be SSR₁, where R₁ represents methyl, linear alkyl, branched alkyl, cyclic alkyl, simple or substituted aryl or heterocyclic.

In addition, there are many possible sites within the antibody molecule for linking maytansinoid to the antibody. For example, in one embodiment HERCEPTIN® can be linked to the maytansinoid at lysine 13 in the light chain, at lysine 32 in the heavy chain, at lysine 26 in both Fab fragments and at lysine 38 in the Fc fragment.

Conjugates of the antibody and maytansinoid may be made using a variety of bifunctional protein coupling agents such as N-succinimidyl-3-(2-pyridylthio) propionate (SPDP), succinimidyl-4-(N-maleimidomethyl) cyclohexane-1-carboxylate, iminothiolane (IT), bifunctional derivatives of imidoesters (such as dimethyl adipimidate HCL), active esters (such as disuccinimidyl suberate), aldehydes (such as glutaraldehyde), bis-azido compounds (such as bis (p-azidobenzoyl) hexanediamine), bis-diazonium derivatives (such as bis-(p-diazoniumbenzoyl)-ethylenediamine), diisocyanates (such as toluene 2,6-diisocyanate), and bis-active fluorine compounds (such as 1,5-difluoro-2,4-dinitrobenzene). Particularly preferred coupling agents include N-succinimidyl-3-(2-pyridylthio) propionate (SPDP) (Carlsson et al., *Biochem. J.* 173:723-737 [1978]) and N-succinimidyl-4-(2-pyridylthio)pentanoate (SPP) to provide for a disulfide linkage.

The linker may be attached to the maytansinoid molecule at various positions, depending on the type of the link. For example, an ester linkage may be formed by reaction with a hydroxyl group using conventional coupling techniques. The reaction may occur at the C-3 position having a hydroxyl group, the C-14 position modified with hydroxymethyl, the C-15 position modified with a hydroxyl group, and the C-20 position having a hydroxyl group. In a preferred embodiment, the linkage is formed at the C-3 position of maytansinol or a maytansinol analogue.

C. Pharmaceutical Formulations

Therapeutic formulations of the antibody-maytansinoid conjugates used in accordance with the present invention are prepared for storage by mixing an antibody having the desired degree of purity with optional pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or stabilizers (*Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences* 16th edition, Osol, A. Ed. (1980)), 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 octadecyltrimethylbenzyl 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). Preferred lyophilized anti-ErbB2 antibody formulations are described in WO 97/04801, expressly incorporated herein by reference.

The formulation herein may also contain more than one active compound as necessary for the particular indication being treated, preferably those with complementary activities that do not adversely affect each other. For example, it may be desirable to further provide antibodies or antibody-maytansinoid conjugates which bind to EGFR, ErbB2 (e.g. an antibody which binds a different epitope on ErbB2), ErbB3, ErbB4, or vascular endothelial factor (VEGF) in the one formulation. Alternatively, or additionally, the compo-

sition may further comprise a chemotherapeutic agent, cytotoxic agent, cytokine, growth inhibitory agent, anti-hormonal agent, and/or cardioprotectant. Such molecules are suitably present in combination in amounts that are effective for the purpose intended.

The active ingredients may also be entrapped in microcapsules prepared, for example, by coacervation techniques or by interfacial polymerization, for example, hydroxymethylcellulose or gelatin-microcapsules and poly-(methylmethacrylate) microcapsules, respectively, in colloidal drug delivery systems (for example, liposomes, albumin microspheres, microemulsions, nano-particles and nanocapsules) or in macroemulsions. Such techniques are disclosed in *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences* 16th edition, Osol, A. Ed. (1980).

Sustained-release preparations may be prepared. Suitable examples of sustained-release preparations include semipermeable matrices of solid hydrophobic polymers containing the antibody, which matrices are in the form of shaped articles, e.g. films, or microcapsules. Examples of sustained-release matrices include polyesters, hydrogels (for example, poly(2-hydroxyethyl-methacrylate), or poly(vinylalcohol)), polylactides (U.S. Pat. No. 3,773,919), copolymers of L-glutamic acid and γ ethyl-L-glutamate, non-degradable ethylene-vinyl acetate, degradable lactic acid-glycolic acid copolymers such as the LUPRON DEPOT™ (injectable microspheres composed of lactic acid-glycolic acid copolymer and leuprolide acetate), and poly-D-(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid.

The formulations to be used for in vivo administration must be sterile. This is readily accomplished by filtration through sterile filtration membranes.

In one embodiment, the formulation comprises 5 mg/ml HERCEPTIN®-DM1, 100 mg/ml sucrose, 0.1% polysorbate 20 and 10 mM sodium succinate at pH 5.0.

D. Treatment with the Anti-ErbB2 Antibody-maytansinoid Conjugates

It is contemplated that, according to the present invention, the anti-ErbB2 antibody-maytansinoid conjugates may be used to treat various diseases or disorders. Exemplary conditions or disorders include benign or malignant tumors; leukemias and lymphoid malignancies; other disorders such as neuronal, glial, astrocytic, hypothalamic, glandular, macrophagal, epithelial, stromal, blastocoeic, inflammatory, angiogenic and immunologic disorders.

Generally, the disease or disorder to be treated is cancer. Examples of cancer to be treated herein include, but are not limited to, carcinoma, lymphoma, blastoma, sarcoma, and leukemia or lymphoid malignancies. More particular examples of such cancers include squamous cell cancer (e.g. epithelial squamous cell cancer), lung cancer including small-cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, adenocarcinoma of the lung and squamous carcinoma of the lung, cancer of the peritoneum, hepatocellular cancer, gastric or stomach cancer including gastrointestinal cancer, pancreatic cancer, glioblastoma, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, liver cancer, bladder cancer, hepatoma, breast cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, colorectal cancer, endometrial or uterine carcinoma, salivary gland carcinoma, kidney or renal cancer, prostate cancer, vulval cancer, thyroid cancer, hepatic carcinoma, anal carcinoma, penile carcinoma, as well as head and neck cancer.

The cancer will comprise ErbB-expressing cells, such that an anti-ErbB antibody herein is able to bind to the cancer, and will be typically characterized by overexpression of the ErbB receptor. In a preferred embodiment, the cancer comprises ErbB2-expressing cells, even more preferably, cells

which are characterized by overexpression of the ErbB2 receptor. To determine ErbB, e.g. ErbB2 expression in the cancer, various diagnostic/prognostic assays are available. In one embodiment, ErbB2 overexpression may be analyzed by IHC, e.g. using the HERCEPTEST® (Dako). Paraffin embedded tissue sections from a tumor biopsy may be subjected to the IHC assay and accorded a ErbB2 protein staining intensity criteria as follows:

Score 0

no staining is observed or membrane staining is observed in less than 10% of tumor cells.

Score 1+

a faint/barely perceptible membrane staining is detected in more than 10% of the tumor cells. The cells are only stained in part of their membrane.

Score 2+

a weak to moderate complete membrane staining is observed in more than 10% of the tumor cells.

Score 3+

a moderate to strong complete membrane staining is observed in more than 10% of the tumor cells.

Those tumors with 0 or 1+ scores for ErbB2 overexpression assessment may be characterized as not overexpressing ErbB2, whereas those tumors with 2+ or 3+ scores may be characterized as overexpressing ErbB2.

Alternatively, or additionally, fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) assays such as the INFORM™ (sold by Ventana, Ariz.) or PATHVISION™ (Vysis, Ill.) may be carried out on formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tumor tissue to determine the extent (if any) of ErbB2 overexpression in the tumor. In comparison with IHC assay, the FISH assay, which measures her2 gene amplification, seems to correlate better with response of patients to treatment with HERCEPTIN®, and is currently considered to be the preferred assay to identify patients likely to benefit from HERCEPTIN® treatment or treatment with the immunoconjugates of the present invention.

In one embodiment, the cancer will be one which expresses (and may overexpress) EGFR. Examples of cancers which may express/overexpress EGFR include squamous cell cancer (e.g. epithelial squamous cell cancer), lung cancer including small-cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, adenocarcinoma of the lung and squamous carcinoma of the lung, cancer of the peritoneum, hepatocellular cancer, gastric or stomach cancer including gastrointestinal cancer, pancreatic cancer, glioblastoma, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, liver cancer, bladder cancer, hepatoma, breast cancer, colon cancer, rectal cancer, colorectal cancer, endometrial or uterine carcinoma, salivary gland carcinoma, kidney or renal cancer, prostate cancer, vulval cancer, thyroid cancer, hepatic carcinoma, anal carcinoma, penile carcinoma, as well as head and neck cancer.

Preferably, the immunoconjugates of the present invention and/or ErbB, e.g. ErbB2 or EGFR protein to which they are bound are internalized by the cell, resulting in increased therapeutic efficacy of the immunoconjugate in killing the cancer cell to which they bind. In a preferred embodiment, the cytotoxic agent (maytansinoid) targets or interferes with nucleic acid in the cancer cell.

The treatment of the present invention targets ErbB overexpressing tumors that do not respond, or respond poorly, to treatment with an unconjugated anti-ErbB antibody. Such patients might have received prior treatment with an anti-ErbB antibody not conjugated to a maytansinoid moiety, where the prior treatment either did not result in significant improvement, or resulted in transient response. Prior treatment of any particular patient with an unconjugated anti-

ErbB antibody is, however, not a prerequisite of identifying patients who are candidates for treatment in accordance with the present invention. An ordinary skilled physician can readily identify patients who are expected to benefit from treatment with the immunoconjugates of the present invention based on publicly available clinical data and his or her own experience. Treatment of mammals, and in particular human patients, with or without prior treatment with an (unconjugated) anti-ErbB antibody is specifically within the scope of the present invention.

The anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugates are administered to a mammal, preferably to a human patient in accord with known methods, such as intravenous administration, e.g., as a bolus or by continuous infusion over a period of time, by intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intracerebrospinal, subcutaneous, intra-articular, intrasynovial, intrathecal, oral, topical, or inhalation routes. Intravenous or subcutaneous administration of the antibody is preferred.

Other therapeutic regimens may be combined with the administration of the anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugates. The combined administration includes coadministration, using separate formulations or a single pharmaceutical formulation, and consecutive administration in either order, wherein preferably there is a time period while both (or all) active agents simultaneously exert their biological activities.

In one preferred embodiment, the patient is treated with two or more different anti-ErbB antibodies, at least one of which is in the form of a maytansinoid conjugate. For example, the patient may be treated with a first anti-ErbB2 antibody-maytansinoid conjugate in which the antibody is growth inhibitory (e.g. HERCEPTIN®), and a second anti-ErbB2 antibody or antibody-immunoconjugate, e.g. an antibody-maytansinoid conjugate which blocks ligand activation of an ErbB receptor, (e.g. 2C4 or a humanized and/or affinity matured variant thereof) or induces apoptosis of an ErbB2-overexpressing cell (e.g. 7C2, 7F3 or humanized variants thereof). In another embodiment, the treatment involves the administration of antibodies that specifically bind two or more different ErbB receptors, such as, for example, ErbB2 and EGFR receptors, where at least one of the anti-ErbB antibodies is administered as a maytansinoid conjugate. Preferably such combined therapy results in a synergistic therapeutic effect.

It may also be desirable to combine administration of the anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugates, with administration of an antibody directed against another tumor-associated antigen, which is not member of the ErbB family of receptors. The other antibody in this case may, for example, bind to vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), and may be in the form of a maytansinoid conjugate, or another immunoconjugate.

In one embodiment, the treatment of the present invention involves the combined administration of an anti-ErbB2 antibody-maytansinoid conjugate (or conjugates) and one or more chemotherapeutic agents or growth inhibitory agents, including coadministration of cocktails of different chemotherapeutic agents. Preferred chemotherapeutic agents include taxanes (such as paclitaxel and docetaxel) and/or anthracycline antibiotics. Preparation and dosing schedules for such chemotherapeutic agents may be used according to manufacturers' instructions or as determined empirically by the skilled practitioner. Preparation and dosing schedules for such chemotherapy are also described in Chemotherapy Service Ed., M. C. Perry, Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, Md. (1992).

In a preferred embodiment, the treatment is initiated with an anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugate, followed by maintenance treatment with an unconjugated or 'naked' anti-ErbB antibody. This strategy may eliminate or reduce tumor cells resistant to the naked antibody in the initial round because of the ability of the antibody-DM1 conjugate to effectively kill such tumor cells.

The antibody-maytansinoid conjugates may be combined with an anti-hormonal compound; e.g., an anti-estrogen compound such as tamoxifen; an anti-progesterone such as onapristone (see, EP 616 812); or an anti-androgen such as flutamide, in dosages known for such molecules. Where the cancer to be treated is hormone independent cancer, the patient may previously have been subjected to anti-hormonal therapy and, after the cancer becomes hormone independent, the anti-ErbB2 antibody (and optionally other agents as described herein) may be administered to the patient.

Sometimes, it may be beneficial to also coadminister a cardioprotectant (to prevent or reduce myocardial dysfunction associated with the therapy) or one or more cytokines to the patient. In addition to the above therapeutic regimes, the patient may be subjected to surgical removal of cancer cells and/or radiation therapy.

Suitable dosages for any of the above coadministered agents are those presently used and may be lowered due to the combined action (synergy) of the agent and anti-ErbB2 antibody.

For the prevention or treatment of disease, the appropriate dosage of antibody-maytansinoid conjugates will depend on the type of disease to be treated, as defined above, the severity and course of the disease, whether the antibody is administered for preventive or therapeutic purposes, previous therapy, the patient's clinical history and response to the antibody, and the discretion of the attending physician. The antibody-maytansinoid conjugate is suitably administered to the patient at one time or over a series of treatments. Depending on the type and severity of the disease, about 1 µg/kg to 15 mg/kg (e.g. 0.1–20 mg/kg) of antibody-maytansinoid conjugate is an initial candidate dosage for administration to the patient, whether, for example, by one or more separate administrations, or by continuous infusion. A typical daily dosage might range from about 1 µg/kg to 100 mg/kg or more, depending on the factors mentioned above. For repeated administrations over several days or longer, depending on the condition, the treatment is sustained until a desired suppression of disease symptoms occurs. A preferred dosing regimen comprises administering an initial loading dose of about 4 mg/kg, followed by a weekly maintenance dose of about 2 mg/kg of the anti-ErbB2 antibody-maytansinoid conjugate. However, other dosage regimens may be useful. The progress of this therapy is easily monitored by conventional techniques and assays.

Based on the data disclosed herein, it is anticipated that one useful dosing protocol may entail approximately weekly (or less frequent) administration of the anti-ErbB antibody-maytansinoid conjugate where each dose of the conjugate is about 0.2–10 mg/kg, preferably about 1–3 mg/kg of the conjugate (e.g. where there are 1 to about 10, preferably about 3–4, maytansinoid molecules conjugated to each antibody molecule). From about 2–10, preferably about 4–6, dosages of the conjugate may be administered to the patient approximately every week.

In a preferred embodiment, the patients are treated initially with anti-ErbB-maytansinoid conjugate followed by therapy with unconjugated anti-ErbB antibody. Preferably, the anti-ErbB antibody in the conjugate and the unconju-

gated antibody are the same antibody. For example, treatment could be initiated with weekly injections of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 at about 0.5–5 mg/kg, preferably at about 1–3 mg/kg for 4–6 weeks, with the option of repeating this treatment. Patients can then be rolled over to conventional HERCEPTIN® therapy, which typically consists of treatment with a 4 mg/kg initial dose of HERCEPTIN®, followed by weekly treatment with a maintenance dose of 2 mg/kg. However, the 4 mg/kg initial dose may be omitted, with therapy going straight to the 2 mg/kg maintenance dose.

E. Articles of Manufacture

In another embodiment of the invention, an article of manufacture containing materials useful for the treatment of the disorders described above is provided. The article of manufacture comprises a container and a label or package insert on or associated with the container. Suitable containers include, for example, bottles, vials, syringes, etc. The containers may be formed from a variety of materials such as glass or plastic. The container holds a composition which is effective for treating the condition and may have a sterile access port (for example the container may be an intravenous solution bag or a vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle). At least one active agent in the composition is an anti-ErbB2 antibody-maytansinoid conjugate. In one embodiment the container is a 10 cc vial containing 10 mL of a solution comprising HERCEPTIN®-DM1.

The label or package insert indicates that the composition is used for treating the condition of choice, such as cancer. In one embodiment, the label or package insert indicates that the composition comprising the antibody which binds ErbB2 can be used to treat cancer which expresses an ErbB receptor selected from the group consisting of epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), ErbB2, ErbB3 and ErbB4, preferably EGFR. In addition, the label or package insert may indicate that the patient to be treated is one having cancer characterized by excessive activation of an ErbB receptor selected from EGFR, ErbB2, ErbB3 or ErbB4. For example, the cancer may be one which overexpresses one of these receptors and/or which overexpresses an ErbB ligand (such as TGF-α). The label or package insert may also indicate that the composition can be used to treat cancer, wherein the cancer is not characterized by overexpression of the ErbB2 receptor. For example, whereas the present package insert for HERCEPTIN® indicates that the antibody is used to treat patients with metastatic breast cancer whose tumors overexpress the ErbB2 protein, the package insert herein may indicate that the antibody or composition is used to treat cancer that does not respond, or respond poorly, to treatment with HERCEPTIN®. In other embodiments, the package insert may indicate that the antibody-maytansinoid conjugate or composition can be used also to treat hormone independent cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer or colorectal cancer.

Moreover, the article of manufacture may comprise (a) a first container with a composition contained therein, wherein the composition comprises a maytansinoid conjugate of a first antibody which binds ErbB2 and inhibits growth of cancer cells which overexpress ErbB2; and (b) a second container with a composition contained therein, wherein the composition comprises a second antibody which binds ErbB2 and blocks ligand activation of an ErbB receptor, or a conjugate of this second antibody with a maytansinoid. The article of manufacture in this embodiment of the invention may further comprise a package insert indicating that the first and second compositions can be used to treat cancer.

Alternatively, or additionally, the article of manufacture may further comprise a second (or third) container comprising a pharmaceutically-acceptable buffer, such as bacteriostatic water for injection (BWF1), phosphate-buffered saline, Ringer's solution and dextrose solution. It may further include other materials desirable from a commercial and user standpoint, including other buffers, diluents, filters, needles, and syringes.

Further details of the invention are illustrated in the following non-limiting examples.

EXAMPLE 1

Production Characterization and Humanization of Anti-ErbB2 Monoclonal Antibody 4D5

The murine monoclonal antibody 4D5 which specifically binds the extracellular domain of ErbB2 was produced as described in Fendly et al., *Cancer Research* 50:1550-1558 (1990). Briefly, NIH 3T3/HER2-3₄₀₀ cells (expressing approximately 1×10^5 ErbB2 molecules/cell) produced as described in Hudziak et al *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)* 84:7158-7163 (1987) were harvested with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) containing 25 mM EDTA and used to immunize BALB/c mice. The mice were given injections i.p. of 10^7 cells in 0.5 ml PBS on weeks 0, 2, 5 and 7. The mice with antisera that immunoprecipitated ³²P-labeled ErbB2 were given i.p. injections of a wheat germ agglutinin-Sepharose (WGA) purified ErbB2 membrane extract on weeks 9 and 13. This was followed by an i.v. injection of 0.1 ml of the ErbB2 preparation and the splenocytes were fused with mouse myeloma line X63-Ag8.653. Hybridoma supernatants were screened for ErbB2-binding by ELISA and radioimmunoprecipitation.

Epitope Mapping and Characterization

The ErbB2 epitope bound by monoclonal antibody 4D5 was determined by competitive binding analysis (Fendly et al. *Cancer Research* 50:1550-1558 (1990)). Cross-blocking studies were done by direct fluorescence on intact cells using the PANDEX™ Screen Machine to quantitate fluorescence. The monoclonal antibody was conjugated with fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC), using established procedures (Wofsy et al. *Selected Methods in Cellular Immunology*, p. 287, Mishel and Schiigi (eds.) San Francisco: W. J. Freeman Co. (1980)). Confluent monolayers of NIH 3T3/HER2-3₄₀₀ cells were trypsinized, washed once, and resuspended at 1.75×10^6 cell/ml in cold PBS containing 0.5% bovine serum albumin (BSA) and 0.1% Na₂S₂O₃. A final concentration of 1% latex particles (IDC, Portland, Oreg.) was added to reduce clogging of the PANDEX™ plate membranes. Cells in suspension, 20 μ l, and 20 μ l of purified monoclonal antibodies (100 μ g/ml to 0.1 μ g/ml) were added to the PANDEX™ plate wells and incubated on ice for 30 minutes. A predetermined dilution of the FITC-labeled monoclonal antibody in 20 μ l was added to each well, incubated for 30 minutes, washed, and the fluorescence was quantitated by the PANDEX™. Monoclonal antibodies were considered to share an epitope if each blocked binding of the other by 50% or greater in comparison to an irrelevant monoclonal antibody control. In this experiment, monoclonal antibody 4D5 was assigned epitope 1 (amino acid residues from about 529 to about 625, inclusive within the ErbB2 extracellular domain (see SEQ ID NO: 3).

The growth inhibitory characteristics of monoclonal antibody 4D5 were evaluated using the breast tumor cell line, SK-BR-3 (see Hudziak et al. *Molec. Cell. Biol.*

9(3):1165-1172 (1989)). Briefly, SK-BR-3 cells were detached by using 0.25% (vol/vol) trypsin and suspended in complete medium at a density of 4×10^5 cells per ml. Aliquots of 100 μ l (4×10^4 cells) were plated into 96-well microdilution plates, the cells were allowed to adhere, and 100 μ l of media alone or media containing monoclonal antibody (final concentration 5 μ g/ml) was then added. After 72 hours, plates were washed twice with PBS (pH 7.5), stained with crystal violet (0.5% in methanol), and analyzed for relative cell proliferation as described in Sugaman et al. *Science* 230:943-945 (1985). Monoclonal antibody 4D5 inhibited SK-BR-3 relative cell proliferation by about 56%.

Monoclonal antibody 4D5 was also evaluated for its ability to inhibit HRG-stimulated tyrosine phosphorylation of proteins in the M_r 180,000 range from whole-cell lysates of MCF7 cells (Lewis et al. *Cancer Research* 56:1457-1465 (1996)). MCF7 cells are reported to express all known ErbB receptors, but at relatively low levels. Since ErbB2, ErbB3, and ErbB4 have nearly identical molecular sizes, it is not possible to discern which protein is becoming tyrosine phosphorylated when whole-cell lysates are evaluated by Western blot analysis. However, these cells are ideal for HRG tyrosine phosphorylation assays because under the assay conditions used, in the absence of exogenously added HRG, they exhibit low to undetectable levels of tyrosine phosphorylation proteins in the M_r 180,000 range.

MCF7 cells were plated in 24-well plates and monoclonal antibodies to ErbB2 were added to each well and incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature; then rHRG β 1₁₇₇₋₂₄₄ was added to each well to a final concentration of 0.2 nM, and the incubation was continued for 8 minutes. Media was carefully aspirated from each well, and reactions were stopped by the addition of 100 μ l of SDS sample buffer (5% SDS, 25 mM DTT, and 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 6.8). Each sample (25 μ l) was electrophoresed on a 4-12% gradient gel (Novex) and then electrophoretically transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride membrane. Antiphosphotyrosine (4G10, from UBI, used at 1 μ g/ml) immunoblots were developed, and the intensity of the predominant reactive band at M_r 180,000 was quantified by reflectance densitometry, as described previously (Holmes et al. *Science* 256:1205-1210 (1992); Sliwkowski et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 269:14661-14665 (1994)).

Monoclonal antibody 4D5 significantly inhibited the generation of a HRG-induced tyrosine phosphorylation signal at M_r 180,000. In the absence of HRG, but was unable to stimulate tyrosine phosphorylation of proteins in the M_r 180,000 range. Also, this antibody does not cross-react with EGFR (Fendly et al. *Cancer Research* 50:1550-1558 (1990)), ErbB3, or ErbB4. Monoclonal antibody 4D5 was able to block HRG stimulation of tyrosine phosphorylation by ~50%.

The growth inhibitory effect of monoclonal antibody 4D5 on MDA-MB-175 and SK-BR-3 cells in the presence or absence of exogenous rHRG β 1 was assessed (Schaefer et al. *Oncogene* 15:1385-1394 (1997)). ErbB2 levels in MDA-MB-175 cells are 4-6 times higher than the level found in normal breast epithelial cells and the ErbB2-ErbB4 receptor is constitutively tyrosine phosphorylated in MDA-MB-175 cells. Monoclonal antibody 4D5 was able to inhibit cell proliferation of MDA-MB-175 cells, both in the presence and absence of exogenous HRG. Inhibition of cell proliferation by 4D5 is dependent on the ErbB2 expression level (Lewis et al. *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* 37:255-263 (1993)). A maximum inhibition of 66% in SK-BR-3 cells could be detected. However this effect could be overcome by exogenous HRG.

Humanization

The murine monoclonal antibody 4D5 was humanized, using a novel "gene conversion mutagenesis" strategy, as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,337, the entire disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference. The humanized monoclonal antibody 4D5 used in the following experiments is designated huMAb4D5-8. This antibody is of IgG1 isotype.

EXAMPLE 2

HERCEPTIN®-DM1 Conjugates

1. Purification of HERCEPTIN®

HERCEPTIN® (huMAb4D5-8, rhuMAb HER2, U.S. Pat. No. 5,821,337) (1 vial containing 440 mg antibody) was dissolved in 50 mL MES buffer (25 mM MES, 50 mM NaCl, pH 5.6). The sample was loaded on a cation exchange column (Sephacryl S, 15 cm x 1.7 cm) that had been equilibrated in the same buffer. The column was then washed with the same buffer (5 column volumes). HERCEPTIN® was eluted by raising the NaCl concentration of the buffer to 200 mM. Fractions containing the antibody were pooled, diluted to 10 mg/mL, and dialyzed into a buffer containing 50 mM potassium phosphate, 50 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA, pH 6.5.

2. Modification of HERCEPTIN® with SPP

The purified HERCEPTIN® antibody was modified with N-succinimidyl-4-(2-pyridylthio)pentanoate (SPP) to introduce dithiopyridyl groups. The antibody (376.0 mg, 8 mg/mL) in 44.7 mL of 50 mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 6.5) containing NaCl (50 mM) and EDTA (1 mM) was treated with SPP (5.3 molar equivalents in 2.3 mL ethanol). After incubation for 90 minutes under argon at ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was gel filtered through a Sephadex G25 column equilibrated with 35 mM sodium citrate, 154 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA. Antibody containing fractions were pooled and assayed. The degree of modification of the antibody was determined as described above. Recovery of the modified antibody (HERCEPTIN®-SPP-Py) was 337 mg (89.7%) with 4.5 releasable 2-thiopyridine groups linked per antibody.

3. Conjugation of HERCEPTIN®-SPP-Py with DM1

The modified antibody (337.0 mg, 9.5 μmols of releasable 2-thiopyridine groups) was diluted with the above 35 mM sodium citrate buffer, pH 6.5, to a final concentration of 2.5 mg/mL. DM1 (1.7 equivalents, 16.1 μmols) in 3.0 mM dimethylacetamide (DMA, 3% v/v in the final reaction mixture) was then added to the antibody solution. The structure of DM1 is shown in FIG. 3, where the nature of the "R" group is not critical and can be occupied, for example, by a variety of groups capable of forming a chemical bond with a linker. DM1 used in the present reaction was stored as an S—S form, which is more stable, and was reduced to the SH form for conjugation with the HERCEPTIN® antibody. The reaction proceeded at ambient temperature under argon for 20 hours. The structure of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugates is illustrated in FIG. 4.

The reaction was loaded on a Sephacryl S300 gel filtration column (5.0 cm x 90.0 cm, 1.77 L) equilibrated with 35 mM sodium citrate, 154 mM NaCl, pH 6.5. The flow rate was 5.0 mL/min and 65 fractions (20.0 mL each) were collected. A major peak centered around fraction No. 47 (FIG. 5). The major peak comprises monomeric HERCEPTIN®-DM1. Fractions 44–51 were pooled and assayed. The number of DM1 drug molecules linked per antibody molecule was

determined by measuring the absorbance at 252 nm and 280 nm, and found to be 3.7 drug molecules per antibody molecule.

4. Anti-proliferative Effect of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 Conjugate in vitro

SK-BR3 cells, which express 3+ level of HER2 on cell surface, were treated with HERCEPTIN®, HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate, control mAb RITUXAN® or RITUXAN®-DM1 conjugates, and the effect of these treatments on cell proliferation was monitored. As shown in FIG. 6, the extent of cell growth inhibition by treatment with HERCEPTIN®-DM1 was dramatically more pronounced than that with HERCEPTIN®, while the control RITUXAN® antibody did not inhibit cell growth. Although the RITUXAN®-DM1 did inhibit cell growth, it did so only at high concentrations. For example, the RITUXAN®-DM1 conjugate did not inhibit growth at concentration up to 1 μg/ml. In contrast, the HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate was highly potent and significantly inhibited cell growth starting from 0.01 μg/ml and reaching a plateau at 0.1 μg/ml. The RITUXAN®-DM1 conjugate required 100 times higher concentration to achieve the same level of cell growth inhibition as HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate. This is also reflected in a 100-fold difference in IC₅₀ value, concentration required to inhibit cell growth by 50%, of the respective conjugates.

EXAMPLE 3

Transgenic Animals

In order to improve the clinical activity of HERCEPTIN®, a transgenic HER2 mouse model was developed in which novel HER2-directed therapies could be tested pre-clinically. Tumors arise readily in transgenic mice that express a mutationally activated form of neu, the rat homolog of HER2, but the HER2 that is overexpressed in breast cancers is not mutated and tumor formation is much less robust in transgenic mice that overexpress nonmutated HER2 (Webster et al., *Semin. Cancer Biol.* 5: 69–76 [1994]). To improve tumor formation with nonmutated HER2, a strategy was used to further enhance overexpression of nonmutated HER2 in a transgenic mouse.

Any promoter that promotes expression of HER2 in epithelial cells in the mouse mammary gland can be used in the disclosed constructs. Many of the milk protein genes are transcribed by promoter/enhancer elements that are specifically active in mammary glands. Milk protein genes include those genes encoding caseins (α-S₁ and β), β-lactoglobulin, α-lactalbumin, and whey acidic protein. The ovine β-lactoglobulin promoter is well characterized and widely used in the art (Whitelaw et al., *Biochem J.* 286: 31–39, [1992]). However, similar fragments of promoter DNA from other species are also suitable. A preferred promoter is the promoter derived from the Long Terminal Repeat (LTR) of the Mouse Mammary Tumor Virus (MMTV). A HER2 transgenic construct of the present invention was generated using the MMTV LTR promoter.

To improve tumor formation with nonmutated HER2, we have made transgenic mice using a HER2 cDNA plasmid in which an upstream ATG was deleted in order to prevent initiation of translation at such upstream ATG codons, which would otherwise reduce the frequency of translation initiation from the downstream authentic initiation codon of HER2 (for example, see Child et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 274: 24335–24341 [1999]). Additionally, a chimeric intron was added to the 5' end, which should also enhance the level of expression as reported earlier (Neuberger and Williams,

Nucleic Acids Res. 16: 6713 [1988]; Buchman and Berg, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 8: 4395 [1988]; Brinster et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85: 836 [1988]. The chimeric intron was derived from a Promega vector, pCI-neo mammalian expression vector (bp 890-1022). The cDNA 3'-end is flanked by human growth hormone exons 4 and 5, and polyadenylation sequences. Moreover, FVB mice were used because this strain is more susceptible to tumor development. The promoter from MMTV-LTR was used to ensure tissue-specific HER2 expression in the mammary gland. Animals were fed the AIN 76A diet in order to increase susceptibility to tumor formation (Rao et al., *Breast Cancer Res. and Treatment* 45: 149-158 [1997]). The nucleotide sequence of this transgene plasmid construct (SEQ ID NO: 1) is shown in FIG. 7.

Animals suitable for transgenic experiments can be obtained from standard commercial sources such as Taconic (Germantown, N.Y.). Many strains are suitable, but FVB female mice are preferred because of their higher susceptibility to tumor formation. FVB males were used for mating and vasectomized CD. 1 studs were used to stimulate pseudopregnancy. Vasectomized mice can be obtained from any commercial supplier. Founders were bred with either FVB mice or with 129/BL6xFVB p53 heterozygous mice. The mice with heterozygosity at p53 allele were used to potentially increase tumor formation. However, this has proven unnecessary. Therefore, some F1 tumors are of mixed strain. Founder tumors are FVB only. Six founders were obtained with some developing tumors without having litters.

EXAMPLE 4

HER2 Transgenic Mouse as a Tumor Model to Evaluate HER2-directed Therapies

Mammary gland biopsies of one founder transgenic mouse made as described in Example 3, showed 3+ expression of HER2, as determined by immunohistochemical staining, at about 2 months of age. The amount of HER2 extracellular domain (ECD) shed into serum was measured and found to be about 1.2 ng/ml (Huang et al., supra). This mouse subsequently developed a mammary tumor at 5 months of age, after bearing 4 litters. The tumor was surgically resected under aseptic conditions and minced into small pieces, 2 mm³, which were then transplanted into the mammary fat pad of wild-type FVB female mice. As can be seen in FIG. 8A, the amount of HER2 ECD shed into serum increased over time following transplant and was found to be directly proportional to the weight of the tumor that developed (FIG. 8B). Tumors developed in 22 of 31 recipient mice, with a latency of 5 weeks. With subsequent passage, tumors developed with shorter latency and grew more rapidly, and tumor incidence increased to >95% of recipients. HER2 expression, as determined by immunohistochemical staining, was 3+ but heterogeneous in the primary tumor, but became uniformly 3+ after the first passage.

Treatment of tumor-bearing mice with HERCEPTIN® or 4D5, the murine antibody from which humanized HERCEPTIN® was derived, had only a modest effect on the growth of the transplanted tumors (FIG. 9). HER2 expression was 3+ in tumors that grew during HERCEPTIN® or 4D5 therapy, indicating that there was no selection of HER2-negative tumors. Moreover, as can be seen in FIG. 10, cy3-HERCEPTIN® was detected decorating tumor cells after injection into tumor-bearing mice, indicating that the lack of efficacy was not due to failure of the antibody to access the tumor. In addition, HER2 appears to be activated

in the tumor cells, as evidenced by the binding of an anti-tyrosine phosphorylated HER2 antibody (FIG. 10).

Based on the persistent expression of HER2 and the failure of this tumor model to respond to HERCEPTIN®, a novel approach was tested, using HERCEPTIN® conjugated to maytansinoid DM1 as described in Example 3. FIG. 9 shows that the HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate has dramatic anti-tumor activity in this model. RITUXAN®, an unrelated anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody, was used as a negative control for these studies. There was little response to HERCEPTIN® compared to the control antibody, RITUXAN®, but there was striking anti-tumor activity of the maytansinoid conjugate of HERCEPTIN®. As shown in FIG. 9, all of the mice treated with HERCEPTIN®-maytansinoid showed striking shrinkage of their tumors, though none of the tumors disappeared. After approximately 4 weeks, tumors began to regrow. Five animals were sacrificed at this time. Their tumors were found to express HER2 at 3+ levels. Thus, there was no selection for HER2-negative tumors. Based on this observation, the remaining 3 mice were treated with HERCEPTIN®-maytansinoid for 5 consecutive days. The tumors again regressed in response to the treatment.

Despite its effectiveness at shrinking tumors and suppressing tumor growth, HERCEPTIN®-DM1 does not kill normal human cells, indicating a selective activity. The effect of various concentrations of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 on human mammary epithelial cells, human hepatocytes and human small airway epithelial cells was investigated. At antibody concentrations of up to 10 µg/ml, the conjugate had no significant effect on cell number.

The pharmacokinetics of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 was evaluated in mice and cynomolgous monkeys. It was determined that the HERCEPTIN®-DM1 pharmacokinetics was linear with respect to dose in both mouse and cynomolgous monkeys following i.v. administration. Dose response analysis in mice indicated that tumor suppression increased with increasing exposure to HERCEPTIN®-DM1 and reached maximum suppression following a dose of at least 18 mg/kg given once a week. The concentration-effect relationship will be further characterized in future studies.

FIG. 11 shows the results of treating mice with HER-2 over-expressing tumors with HERCEPTIN®-DM1 once a week for 5 weeks. Each dose contained 300 µg/kg of DM1 and 18 mg/kg of HERCEPTIN®. Another group of animals received HERCEPTIN® twice a week at a dose of 18 mg/kg body weight. Animals that did not receive any treatment were used as control. As shown in FIG. 11, in animals that received HERCEPTIN®-DM1 tumor size was dramatically controlled and, perhaps more importantly, the tumor size was kept under control even after the therapy was stopped.

In yet another experiment, the amount of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate as well as the frequency of administration were varied while keeping the total number of doses at five. The evaluation was carried out in nude mice containing HER2 tumor transplants in mammary pads. As shown in FIG. 12, some animals received HERCEPTIN®-DM1 at 300, 100, 30 or 10 µg DM1/kg twice a week for the total of 5 doses. Another group of animals received HERCEPTIN®-DM1 at 300 or 100 µg DM1/kg once a week for the total of 5 doses. For comparison, HERCEPTIN® alone was administered at 18 mg/kg twice a week or a control monoclonal antibody (E25 directed against CD20, also known as RITUXAN®) was administered twice a week. Consistent with earlier results in this HERCEPTIN® insensitive model, HERCEPTIN® failed to control the growth of mammary tumors. However, HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate showed

dramatic anti-tumor activity in a dose-dependent manner. For example, higher doses showed more potent anti-tumor activity than lower doses in both of the groups, i.e. those receiving treatments twice a week and once a week. Furthermore, twice a week treatment was more effective in keeping the tumor size smaller than once a week treatment schedule. Interestingly, however, there was no significant difference in the profile of tumor growth inhibition at 300 µg DM1/kg dose of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate whether administered twice a week or once a week. This suggests that at 300 µg DM1/kg dose, once a week schedule of treatment is effective in controlling tumor growth and that a higher frequency of administration is not necessary.

The results of a similar experiment are depicted in FIG. 13. The results of three different dosing regimens of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate on tumor size are shown compared to matching dosing regimens of RITUXAN®-DM1. Tumor size was reduced and tumor growth was suppressed for at least about 50 days by treatment with 5 doses of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 at a concentration of 300 µg DM1/kg. This was true both when the HERCEPTIN®-DM1 was administered twice a week and when it was administered once a week. By contrast, administration of 5 doses of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 twice a week at a concentration of 100 µg DM1/kg did not shrink tumor size and suppressed tumor growth for somewhat less time. Matched RITUXAN®-DM1 treatment showed little effect on tumor size, indicating that the observed effect is specific to HERCEPTIN®-DM1. Similarly, unconjugated RITUXAN® (control MAb E25) showed no efficacy.

As can be seen clearly in FIG. 14, a dose of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 (300 µg DM1/kg) once a week for five weeks caused tumors to shrink and prevented regrowth for more than 60 days. FIG. 14 also shows that a second round of treatment with HERCEPTIN®-DM1 after tumor regrowth begins is capable of shrinking tumors a second time. Neither unconjugated RITUXAN® (control MAb E25) nor RITUXAN®-DM1 had any obvious effect on tumor growth.

As shown here, the mammary tumor transplanted from HER2 transgenic mouse serves as a very useful model in evaluating various anti-tumor compounds as well as in establishing efficacy of different treatment regimens in preclinical studies. The model is particularly unique as it shares an important attribute of a fraction of human mammary tumors which are either completely or partially refractory to the treatment of HERCEPTIN® in spite of overexpression of HER2 at 2+ or 3+ levels. Thus, HER2 transgenic model described herein provides a valuable tool not only to study the mechanism of resistance to the anti-tumor activity of HERCEPTIN®, but also for screening compounds or modified HERCEPTIN®, including conjugates, for anti-tumor activity. The insight gained from such studies is likely to help in developing effective breast cancer therapies with broad coverage including HERCEPTIN®-resistant metastatic HER2 overexpressing breast carcinomas. The present HER2 transgenic model is particularly suited for preclinical research as well as drug development, and is a better alternative to in vitro studies carried out using breast carcinoma cell lines. It is an in vivo system with normal stroma and microenvironment of breast epithelium with cell-cell and cell-matrix interactions that are typical of a tissue. It also takes into account local factors and cytokines produced in the normal course of mammary gland development and attendant regulatory networks. It is also suitable to carry out pharmacokinetics studies of drug candidates at a smaller scale, which can then be scaled up for studies in non-human primate models. The results provide a sound basis for actual

clinical trials in human subjects. As per the strategy described herein, the development of a HER2 transgenic model does not need to involve any in vitro selection, and requires minimal in vivo selection, the latter being limited to the extent of serial passage of the mammary tissue in order to reduce the duration of time needed to develop tumors and obtaining homogenous overexpression of HER2 in mammary cells. Moreover, breeding of these mice provides a continuous source of tissues for various follow-up or supplemental studies. This is particularly significant since the availability of clinical samples of tissues from breast cancer patients is highly limited.

The HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate as described herein was found to have superior activity over HERCEPTIN® in this HER2 transgenic model that mimics HERCEPTIN®-resistant metastatic HER2 overexpressing breast carcinomas. Approximately, 85% of breast cancer patients either do not respond to HERCEPTIN therapy or respond poorly. The molecular basis of the resistance is not clearly understood. However, it is not due to a lower level of HER2 expression since these tumors also overexpress HER2 at 2+ or 3+ levels. Nevertheless, this significant proportion of breast cancer patients is not able to avail themselves of the powerful potential of HERCEPTIN® therapy. Preclinical studies carried out using the HERCEPTIN®-insensitive HER2 transgenic mouse model as outlined in this application shows a dramatic response of these tumors to HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate as compared to HERCEPTIN®.

The HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate was found to effectively control the growth of HERCEPTIN®-resistant tumors in a dose-dependent manner at a dosage of 100 µg DM1/kg and above. Administration of the tested conjugate at 300 µg DM1/kg once a week brought about a very impressive inhibition of tumor growth. Five such doses completely prevented the emergence of tumor for more than 60 days, and when the tumor did begin to reemerge, a second round of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 was able to control the growth. This is in contrast with a rapid growth of tumors in animals treated with control monoclonal antibody (RITUXAN®), maytansinoid conjugated control monoclonal antibody (RITUXAN®-DM1) or unconjugated HERCEPTIN®. Thus, the preclinical studies presented herein clearly show that the HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate is able to elicit a dramatic anti-tumor response even in HERCEPTIN®-resistant breast tumors. The better objective response rate obtained with the HERCEPTIN®-DM1 conjugate will allow a higher fraction of breast cancer patients to benefit from this powerful therapy. The fact that the effect of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 is dose-dependent suggests that in an actual clinical setting, the strategy is likely to provide a considerable maneuver of doses to achieve the best anti-tumor activity. Moreover, the duration of anti-tumor response is significantly longer, permitting less frequent administration of the conjugate without compromising the therapeutic efficacy. The resultant cost-effectiveness and convenience is quite significant. Furthermore, the conjugate is likely to improve survival rate among the responders. For example, the median time to disease progression in HERCEPTIN® treated patients was only 3.1 months. With the superior therapeutic efficacy of HERCEPTIN®-DM1 as compared to HERCEPTIN®, survival rate is likely to be increased.

All references cited through the specification, and the references cited therein, are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

Deposit of Biological Material

The following hybridoma cell lines have been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Va. 20110-2209, USA (ATCC):

Antibody Designation	ATCC No.	Deposit Date
7C2	ATCC HB-12215	October 17, 1996
7F3	ATCC HB-12216	October 17, 1996
4D5	ATCC CRL 10463	May 24, 1990
2C4	ATCC HB-12697	April 8, 1999

This deposit was made under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purpose of Patent Procedure and the Regulations thereunder (Budapest Treaty). This assures maintenance of viable cultures for 30 years from the date of the deposit. The organisms will be made available by ATCC under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, and subject to an agreement between Genentech, Inc. and ATCC, which assures permanent and unrestricted availability of the progeny of the cultures to the public upon issuance of the pertinent U.S. patent or upon laying open to the public of any U.S. or foreign patent application, whichever comes first, and assures availability of the progeny to one determined by the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to be entitled thereto according to 35 USC §122 and the Commissioner's rules pursuant thereto (including 37 CFR §1.12 with particular reference to 886 OG 638).

In respect of those designations in which a European patent is sought, a sample of the deposited microorganism will be made available until the publication of the mention of the grant of the European patent or until the date on which the application has been refused or withdrawn or is deemed

to be withdrawn, only by the issue of such a sample to an expert nominated by the person requesting the sample. (Rule 28(4) EPC)

The assignee of the present application has agreed that if the cultures on deposit should die or be lost or destroyed when cultivated under suitable conditions, they will be promptly replaced on notification with a viable specimen of the same culture. Availability of the deposited strain is not to be construed as a license to practice the invention in contravention of the rights granted under the authority of any government in accordance with its patent laws.

The foregoing written specification is considered to be sufficient to enable one skilled in the art to practice the invention. The present invention is not to be limited in scope by the constructs deposited, since the deposited embodiments are intended to illustrate only certain aspects of the invention and any constructs that are functionally equivalent are within the scope of this invention. The deposit of material herein does not constitute an admission that the written description herein contained is inadequate to enable the practice of any aspect of the invention, including the best mode thereof, nor is it to be construed as limiting the scope of the claims to the specific illustrations that they represent. Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to those shown and described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description and fall within the scope of the appended claims.

It is understood that the application of the teachings of the present invention to a specific problem or situation will be within the capabilities of one having ordinary skill in the art in light of the teachings contained herein. Examples of the products of the present invention and representative processes for their isolation, use, and manufacture appear below, but should not be construed to limit the invention.

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What is claimed is:

1. A method for the treatment of a tumor in a mammal, comprising the steps of (i) identifying said tumor as being characterized by overexpression of an ErbB2 receptor and as being a tumor that does not respond, or responds poorly, to treatment with an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope and which has a growth inhibitory effect on SK-BR-3 cells, and (ii) administering to a mammal having said tumor a therapeutically effective amount of a conjugate of an anti-ErbB2 antibody which binds to the 4D5 epitope with a maytansinoid.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the mammal is human.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the anti-ErbB2 antibody is a growth inhibitory antibody effective to inhibit the growth of SK-BR-3 breast tumor cells in vitro.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the anti-ErbB2 antibody induces cell death when applied at an effective concentration in vitro to SK-BR-3 cells.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the anti-ErbB2 antibody induces apoptosis when applied at an effective concentration in vitro to SK-BR-3 cells.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the tumor is cancer.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of breast, ovarian, stomach, endometrial, salivary gland, lung, kidney, colon, colorectal, thyroid, pancreatic, prostate and bladder cancer.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the cancer is breast cancer.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the breast cancer overexpresses ErbB2 at a 2+ level or more.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the breast cancer overexpresses ErbB2 at a 3+ level.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the breast cancer is a metastatic breast cancer.

12. The method of claim 10 wherein the antibody has a biological characteristic of a 4D5 monoclonal antibody (ATCC CRL 10463) such that the antibody shows a growth inhibitory effect on SK-BR-3 cells in a manner that is dependent on the ErbB2 expression level and/or blocks binding of monoclonal antibody 4D5 to ErbB2.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein the antibody binds essentially the same epitope as a 4D5 monoclonal antibody (ATCC CRL 10463).

14. The method of claim 12 wherein the antibody is the monoclonal antibody 4D5 (ATCC CRL 10463).

15. The method of claim 12 wherein the antibody is humanized.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the antibody is selected from the group consisting of humanized antibodies huMAb4D5-3, huMAb4D5-4, huMAb4D5-5, huMAb4D5-6, huMAb4D5-7 and huMAb4D5-8.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the antibody is humanized antibody huMAb4D5-8.

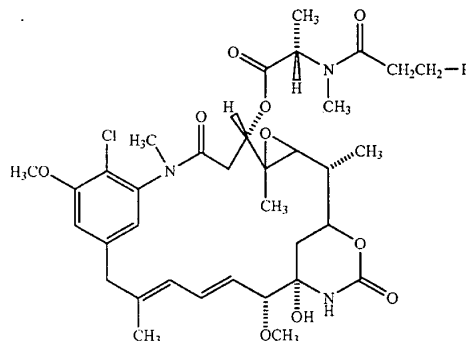
18. The method of claim 1 wherein the antibody is an antigen binding fragment of said antibody.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the antibody binding is selected from the group consisting of a Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂, F_v fragment, diabody, linear antibody, and single-chain antibody molecule.

20. The method of claim 1 wherein the maytansinoid is a maytansinoid ester.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein the maytansinoid is a C-3 ester of maytansinoid.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein the maytansinoid is DM1 having the structure



wherein R is SH.

23. The method of claim 1 wherein the antibody and maytansinoid are conjugated by a bispecific chemical linker.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein said chemical linker is N-succinimidyl-4-(2-pyridylthio)propanoate (SPDP), succinimidyl-4-(N-maleimidomethyl)cyclohexane-1-carboxylate (SMCC) or N-succinimidyl-4-(2-pyridylthio)pentanoate (SPP).

25. The method of claim 1 wherein the antibody and maytansinoid are conjugated by a linking group selected from the group consisting of a disulfide, thioether, acid labile, photolabile, peptidase labile, and esterase labile group.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein the linking group is a disulfide or a thioether group.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein the linking group comprises a disulfide group.

28. The method of claim 1 wherein the conjugate comprises 1 to about 10 maytansinoid molecules per antibody molecule.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein the conjugate comprises from about 3 to about 5 maytansinoid molecules per antibody molecule.

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30. The method of claim 1 further comprising the administration of a second antibody which binds ErbB2.

31. The method of claim 30 wherein the second antibody comprises monoclonal antibody 2c4 (ATCC HB-12697) or humanized 2C4.

32. The method of claim 30 wherein the second antibody is humanized antibody, huMAb4D5-8.

33. The method of claim 1 wherein treatment with the conjugate is followed by treatment with an unconjugated anti-ErbB antibody.

34. The method of claim 28 wherein the conjugate is administered weekly at a dose of 0.1 to 10 mg/kg body weight.

35. The method of claim 34 wherein said administration is followed by a dose of 0.3 mg/kg body weight approximately 10 weeks later.

36. The method of claim 29 wherein the conjugate is administered weekly at a dose of 1 to 3 mg/kg body weight.

37. The method of claim 36 wherein said administration is followed by a dose of 0.3 mg/kg body weight approximately 10 weeks later.

38. The method of claim 1 wherein the conjugate is administered weekly at a dose of 0.1 to 5 mg/kg body weight

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for 4 to 6 weeks, followed by maintenance treatment with unconjugated anti-ErbB2 antibody.

39. The method of claim 38 wherein the unconjugated antibody is humanized antibody huMAb4D5-8 or humanized 2C4.

40. The method of claim 30 wherein said second antibody is conjugated with a cytotoxic agent.

41. The method of claim 40 wherein the cytotoxic agent is a maytansinoid.

42. The method of claim 1 wherein said treatment has an improved objective response rate compared to treatment with huMAb4D5-8 alone.

43. The method of claim 1 wherein said treatment has a longer duration of response than treatment with huMAb4D5-8 alone.

44. The method of claim 1 wherein said treatment results in increased survival of the mammal treated compared with treatment with huMAb4D5-8 alone.

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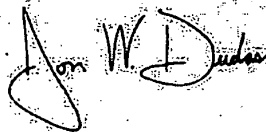
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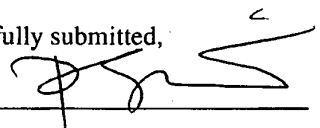
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