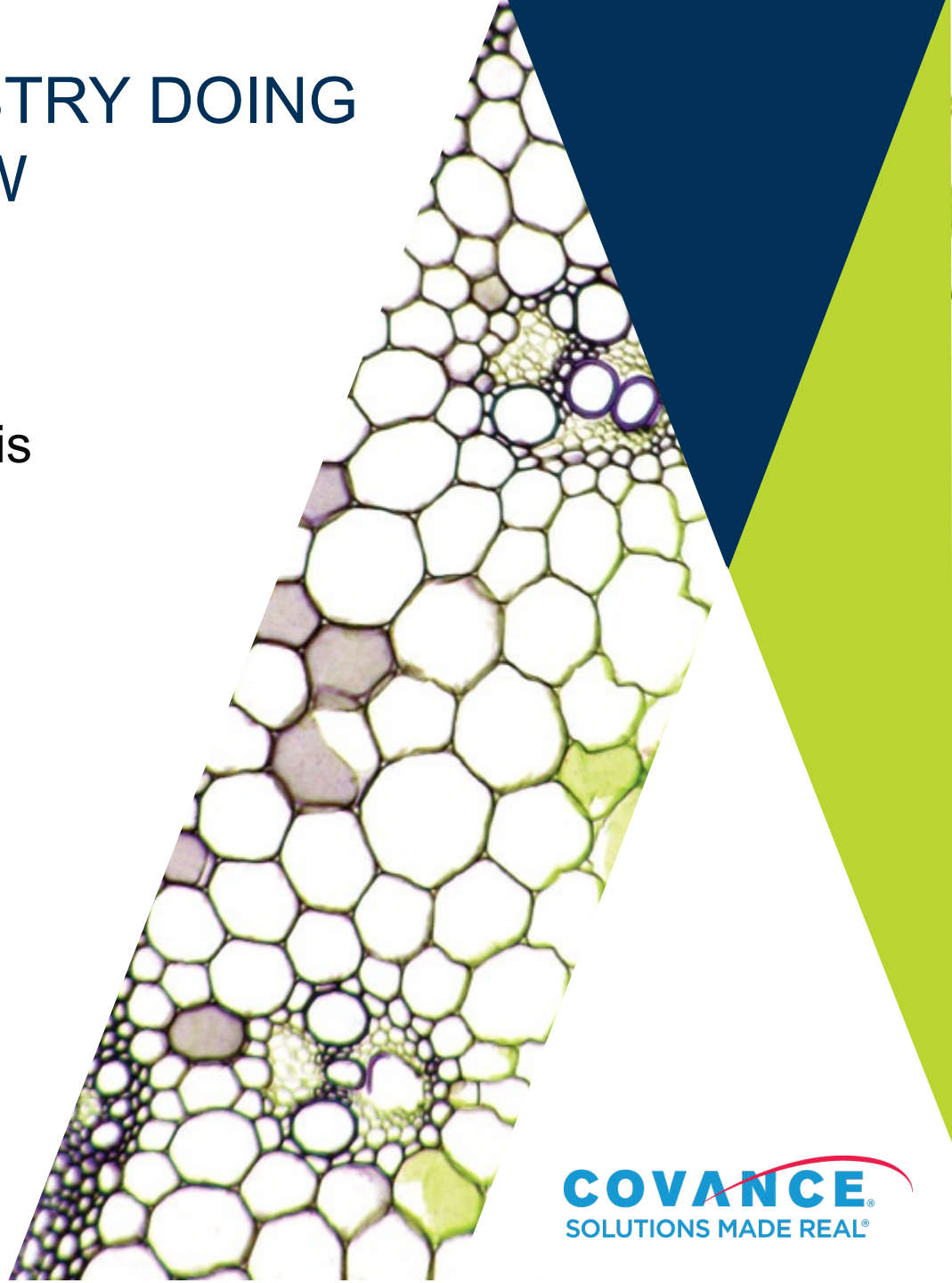


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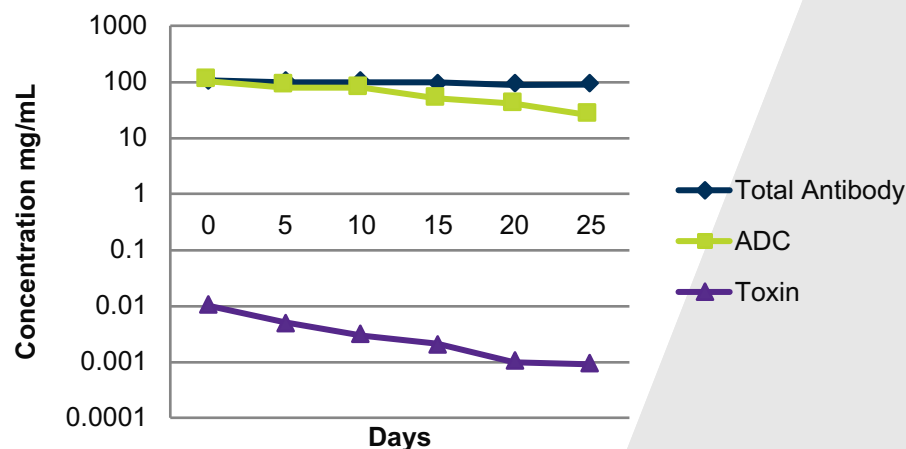
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# ADC Bioanalytical PK Assays

Assay	Purpose	Technology
PK Total Antibody DAR = 0	Assess overall Antibody PK behaviour	Ligand Binding
PK Conjugated Antibody (ADC) DAR $\geq 1$	Assess level of active drug	Ligand Binding
PK Unconjugated Drug	“Free” drug level	LC-MS/MS

Example data (Covance):



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# Analytical Considerations For Nonclinical Safety Assessment Of ADCs

Analytical consideration	Small molecules	Large Molecules	ADCs
Manufacturing	Chemical synthesis	Biologically-derived	Biologically derived + conjugation from chemical synthesis
Toxicity	On- and off-target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low toxicity due to selectivity</li> <li>Complex pharmacology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ag-independent</li> <li>on- and off- target</li> </ul>
Pharmacokinetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short half-life</li> <li>High Volume of distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long half-life</li> <li>Lower Volume of distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Ab half-life</li> <li>Toxin: rapid clearance</li> <li>Lower Volume of distribution</li> </ul>
PK assays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total drug product</li> <li>metabolites</li> </ul>	Total Ab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conjugated Drug (ADC)</li> <li>Total Antibody DAR=0</li> <li>unconjugated toxin</li> </ul>
Immunogenicity assays	No	Yes	Yes

# Ways To Mitigate Risks Of ADC Development Program

Build a panel of analytical assays to fully understand the mode of action:

- ▶ Full Bio CMC data package (Physiochemical characterisation)
- ▶ Full Pharmacokinetic characterisation (ADC, Unconjugated and toxin)
- ▶ Full immunogenicity package with possible epitope mapping

# Validated Toxin Bioanalytical assays

## LC-MS/MS

- ▶ Solid Phase Extraction
- ▶ API 5000
- ▶ Limits of Quantification
  - Rat: 10 pg/mL
  - Monkey: 10 – 20 pg/mL
  - Human: 10 pg/mL
- ▶ Freeze Thaw
  - 2 – 4 (linker dependent)

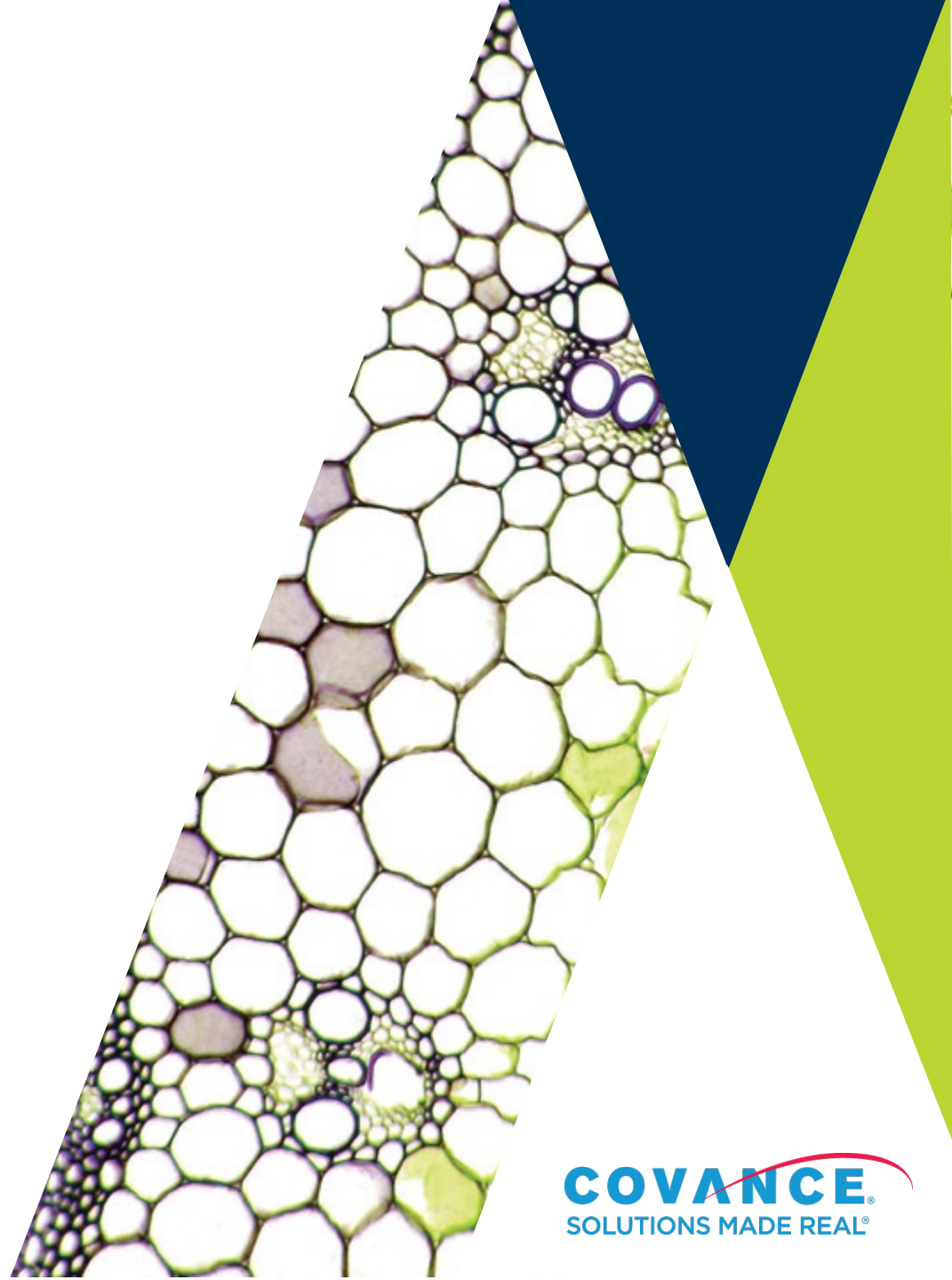


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# Validated LBA Bioanalytical assay formats

Total antibody	ADC
<b>Preclinical</b>	
<b>Generic:</b> Capture: Antigen Detection: Anti-Human IgG	Capture: Anti-tox mAb (71%) Detection: Anti-Human IgG, anti-ID mAb
<b>Selective:</b> Capture and Detection: Anti-ID mAb	Capture: Antigen Detection: Anti-tox mAb
<b>Human</b>	
Capture and Detection: Anti-ID mAb	Capture: anti-tox mAb Detection: anti-ID mAb

# IMMUNOGENICITY



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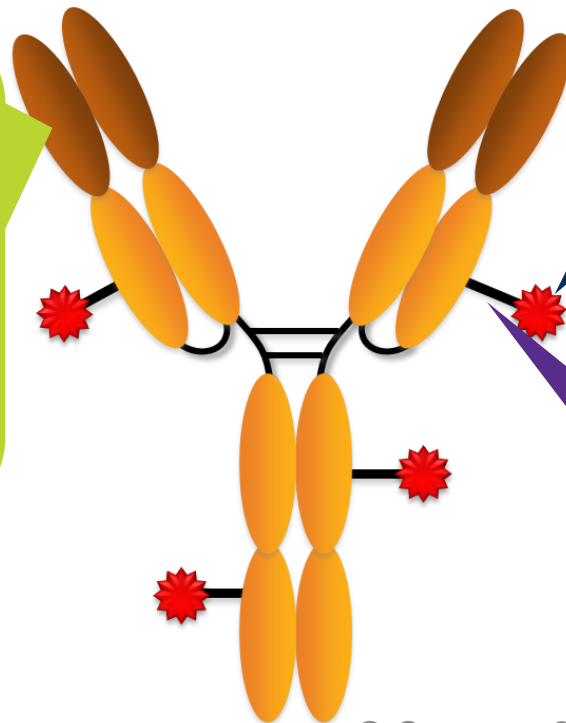
# Specific ADC Components That Can Be Affected By Immunogenicity

## Monoclonal Antibody

ADA to CDR > Neutralise antigen binding

ADA to Fc-gamma R > Inhibit ADCC or CDC

ADA to FcRn > Inhibit exposure



## Cytotoxic Agent

- reduce efficacy
- immune complex

## Linker

- reduce efficacy
- lead to epitope spreading
- immune complex

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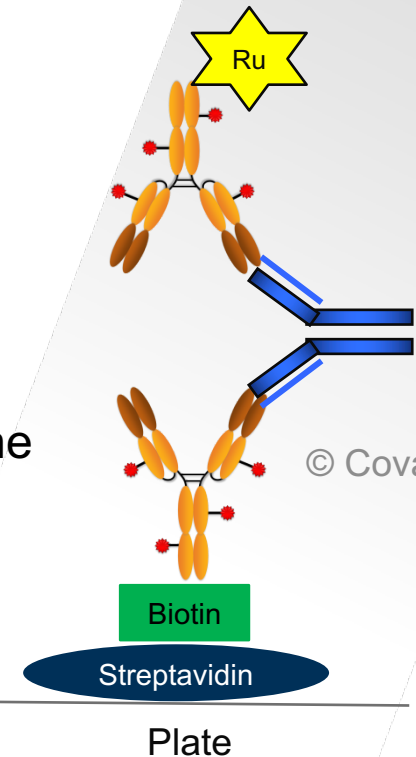
# Validated ADA assay formats

## CLINICAL AND PRE-CLINICAL

### Bridging assays

#### 3 Tiers

- ▶ Screening
  - Detect the presence of anti-ADC
- ▶ Confirmatory
  - demonstrate the specificity of the binding to the ADC
- ▶ Titer
  - The highest dilution factor to give a response greater than the assay cut point



# Animal Data Do Not Always Predict Clinical Outcomes, But Is Still Of Value

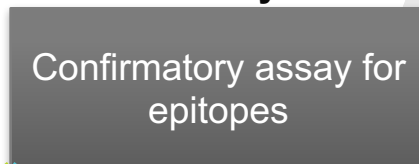
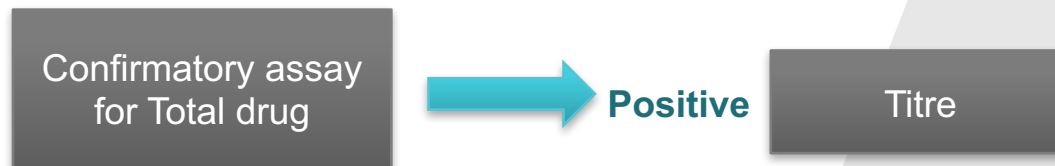
- ▶ For immunogenicity assessment in pre-clinical, the main purpose is to confirm appropriate interpretation of PK and PD
- ▶ The greater the difference between the foreign protein and the human protein sequence, the bigger the immunogenic reaction
- ▶ ADC reagents can introduce neo-epitopes
- ▶ ADC reagents can introduce immune complex formation
- ▶ Work done in Pre-clinical to develop bioanalytical assays can be helpful for clinical program

# Triage Of ADA Data For ADC Antibodies

**Screening tier 1 – Identify all Antibody responses**



**Confirmatory tier 2 – Identify Antibody drug response for total drug**



# Interpretation Of Immunogenicity

Immunogenicity *must be* considered with other endpoints

- ▶ ADA...onset of immune response & kinetics
- ▶ PK....pharmacokinetics (drug exposure)
- ▶ PD....pharmacodynamics (drug activity/efficacy)
- ▶ AE....adverse events/clinical observations (drug toxicity)

....all are important when interpreting study results!

**ADA + PK + PD + AE = Immunogenicity Assessment**

# Conclusion

- ▶ No single package can be applied to all ADCs but there are trends
- ▶ Bespoke approaches necessary to answer specific questions
  - DAR profile
  - Epitope mapping
- ▶ Understanding the impact of immunogenicity on the mode of action can de-risk the development pathway

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