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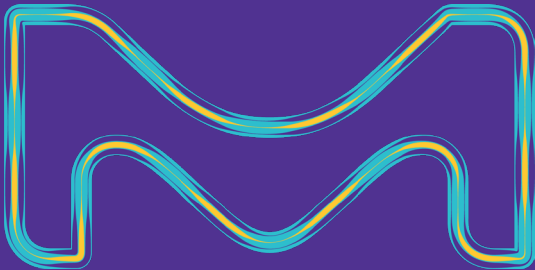
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# Our expertise

Areas of focus

Our portfolio addresses therapeutic areas such as:



Oncology



Neurology & Immunology



Cardiovascular Metabolism  
and Endocrinology



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# Overview of Biologics Discovery

## Three Sites for Biologics Discovery

### Darmstadt, Germany

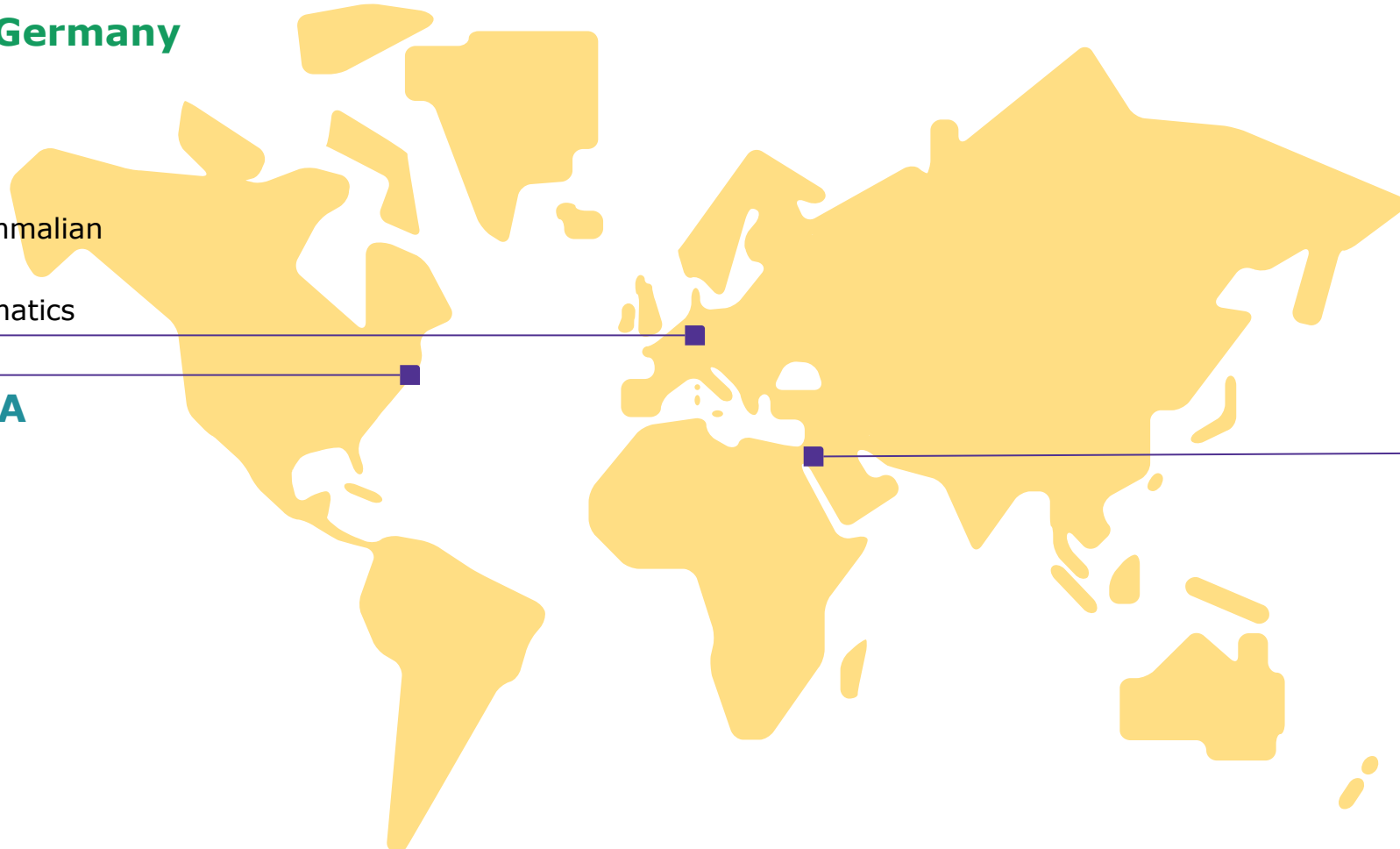
- Phage Display
- Yeast Display
- ADC
- Microbial & Mammalian Expression
- Research Informatics

### Billerica, USA

- B-cell Cloning
- Yeast Display
- NGS
- Mammalian Expression
- Research Informatics

### Yavne, Israel

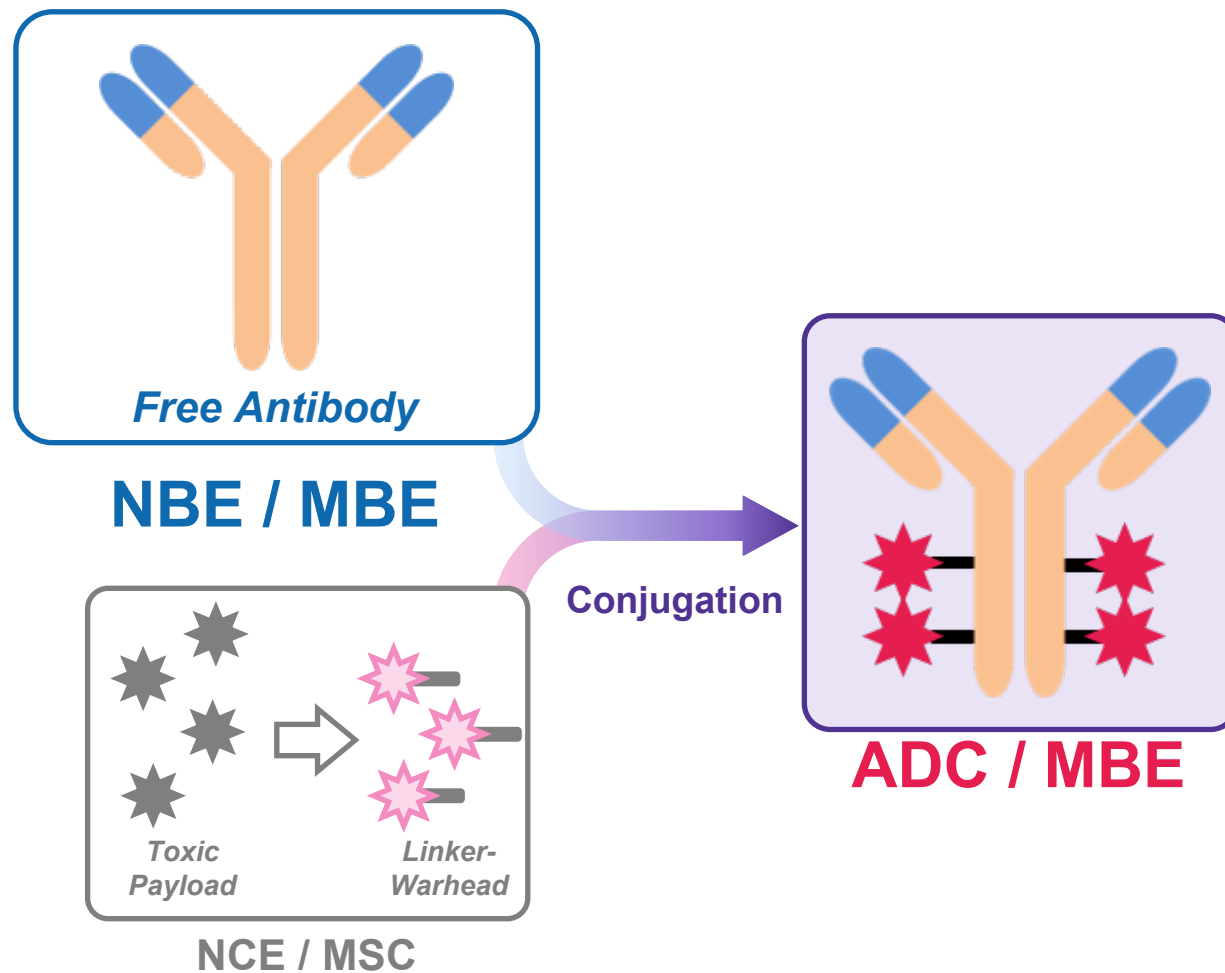
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- ADC



# From small-molecules to biologics and ADCs

## Quick overview of identifiers and abbreviations

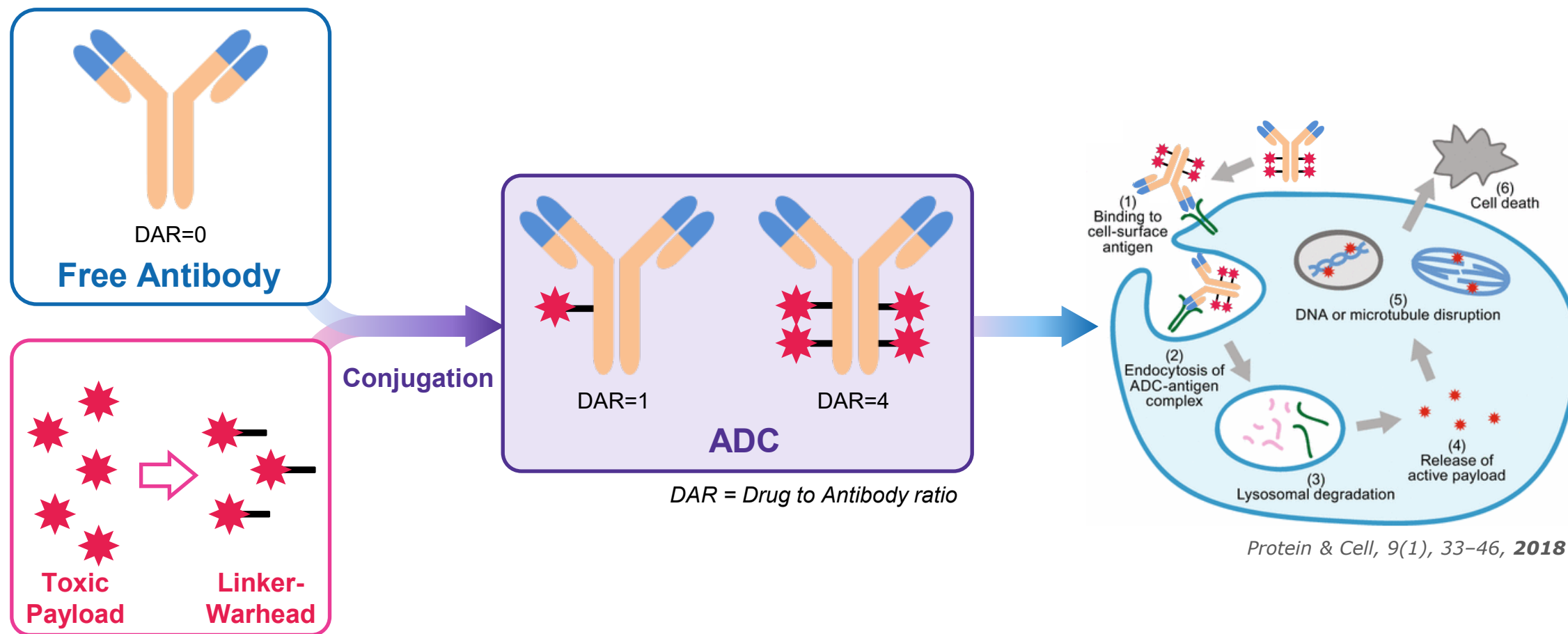
<b>NCE</b>	<b>New Chemical Entity</b> (small-molecule)
<b>MSC</b>	<b>Merck Chemical Entity</b>
<b>NBE</b>	<b>New Biological Entity</b>
<b>ADC</b>	<b>Antibody-Drug Conjugate</b>
<b>PPB</b>	<b>Protein Purification Batch</b>
<b>MBE</b>	<b>Merck Biological Entity</b> (Unique Substance Identifier) <i>aka. APP</i> = Actual Product Protein
<b>ROP</b>	<b>Research Operating Procedure</b>
<b>BRAIN</b>	<b>Biologics Research All-In-One</b> Genedata Biologics @ Merck/EMD





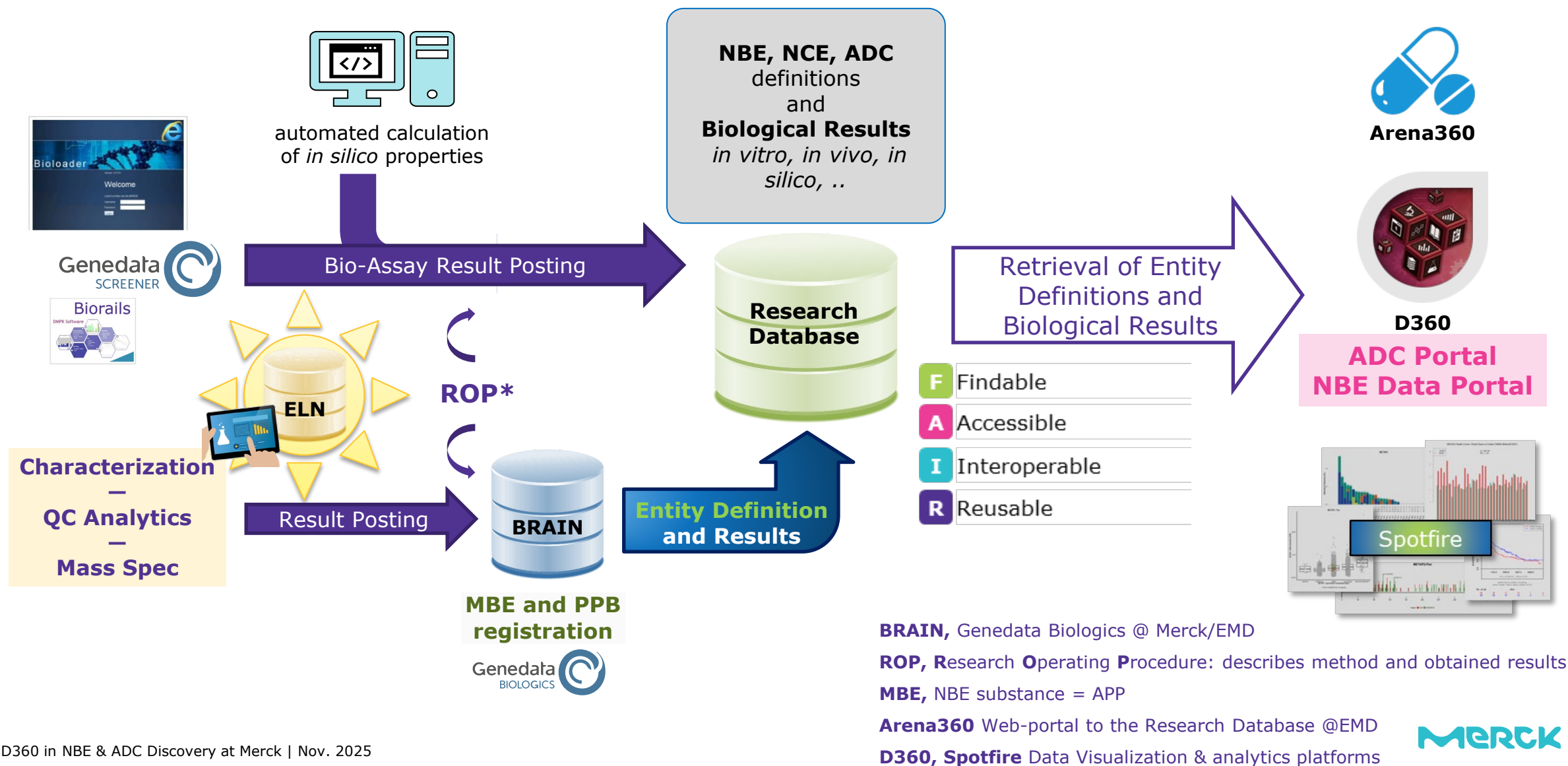
# Antibody-Drug Conjugates

## Structure and mechanism of action of ADC



# Research Data Landscape

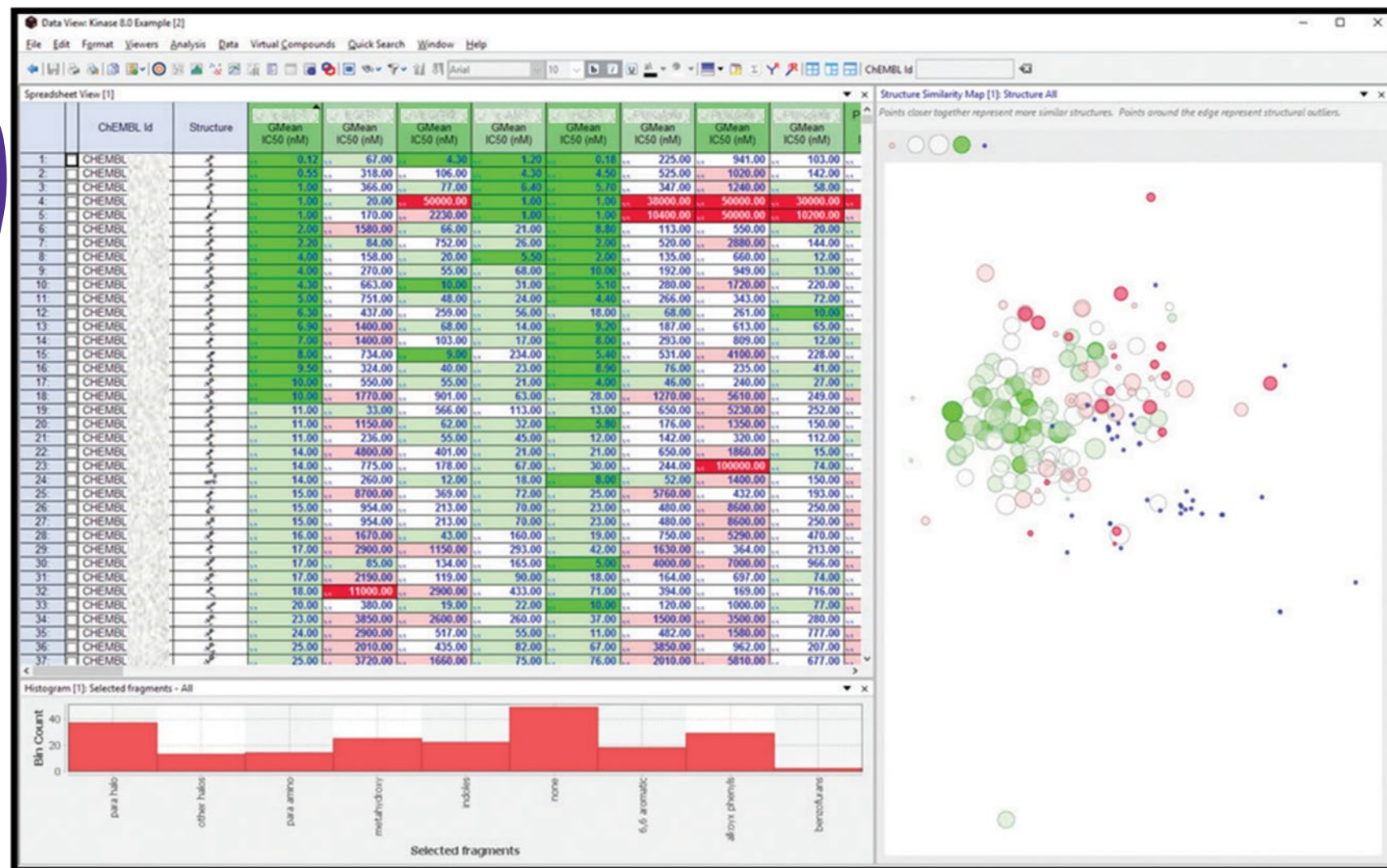
## Orchestration of Data from different streams



# Data Retrieval for Informed Decision Making

## D360 – Quick Overview

- D360 by Certara, Scientific data Informatics tool.
- **Tailored For Discovery Research Scientists**
- Self-service real time data access, analysis and visualization.
- Informed decision making in Drug Development Project Teams



# NBE Data Portal in D360

## Putting complex molecule assay data in context

Batch & Substance Data					Func. Assays	QC Assays		In silico Preds.	Chain & Feature Sequences		Sequence Alignment (for SAR)									
	MBE Code	Concat PPB Code	MBE Format	MBE Alias	KD (uM) <small>OP6403,   (Heme 100)   (Heme 100)</small>	ROP64003 Analytical SEC Mean % Purity-SEC (%) Result Grouping Code: null	ROP64003 Analytical SEC Mean % Aggregation (%) Result Grouping Code: null	ROP63006 In Silico Predictions - Protein-Sol Properties Mean % Solubility (%)	MBE Chain Features Concat Feature AA Sequence Feature Name: HCDR1 Feature Name Number: 1	MBE Chain Features Concat Feature AA Sequence Feature Name: HFW2 Feature Name Number: 1	Sequence Alignment									
1:	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">MBE-1102</a>	<a href="#">PPB-1102</a>	3 Chain Concat	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	0.209 1/1	93.400 1/1	6.600 1/1	41.790 1/1	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	Sequence Alignment									
2:	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">MBE-1103</a>	<a href="#">PPB-1103</a>	3 Chain Concat	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	0.013 1/1	92.600 1/1	7.400 1/1	42.600 1/1	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	Sequence Alignment									
3:	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">MBE-1104</a>	<a href="#">PPB-1104</a>	3 Chain Concat	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	0.006 1/1	94.700 1/1	5.300 1/1	42.060 1/1	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	Sequence Alignment									
4:	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">MBE-1105</a>	<a href="#">PPB-1105</a>	3 Chain Concat	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	0.003 1/1	90.900 1/1	9.100 1/1	42.470 1/1	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	Sequence Alignment									
5:	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">MBE-1106</a>	<a href="#">PPB-1106</a>	3 Chain Concat	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	0.001 1/1	98.600 1/1	1.400 1/1	42.200 1/1	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	Sequence Alignment									
6:	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">MBE-1107</a>	<a href="#">PPB-1107</a>	3 Chain Concat	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	0.001 1/1	98.200 1/1	1.800 1/1	42.610 1/1	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	OP6403, (Heme 100) (Heme 100)	Sequence Alignment									

HCDR1

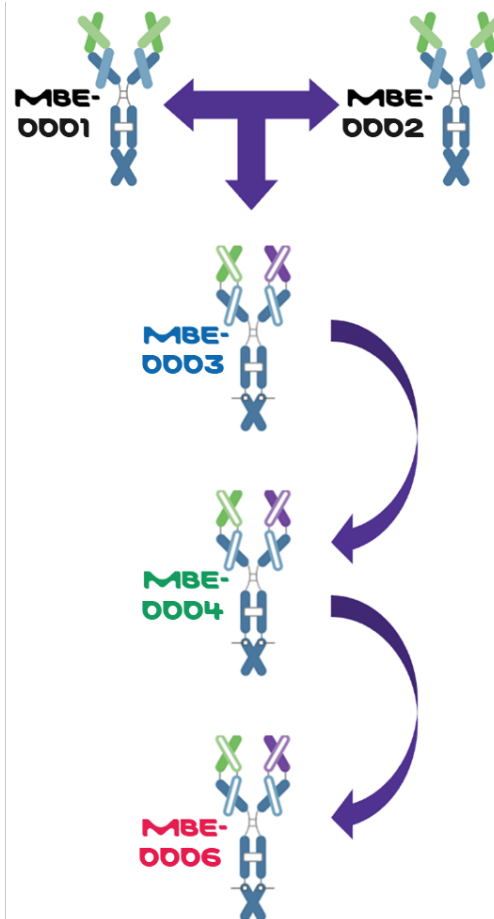
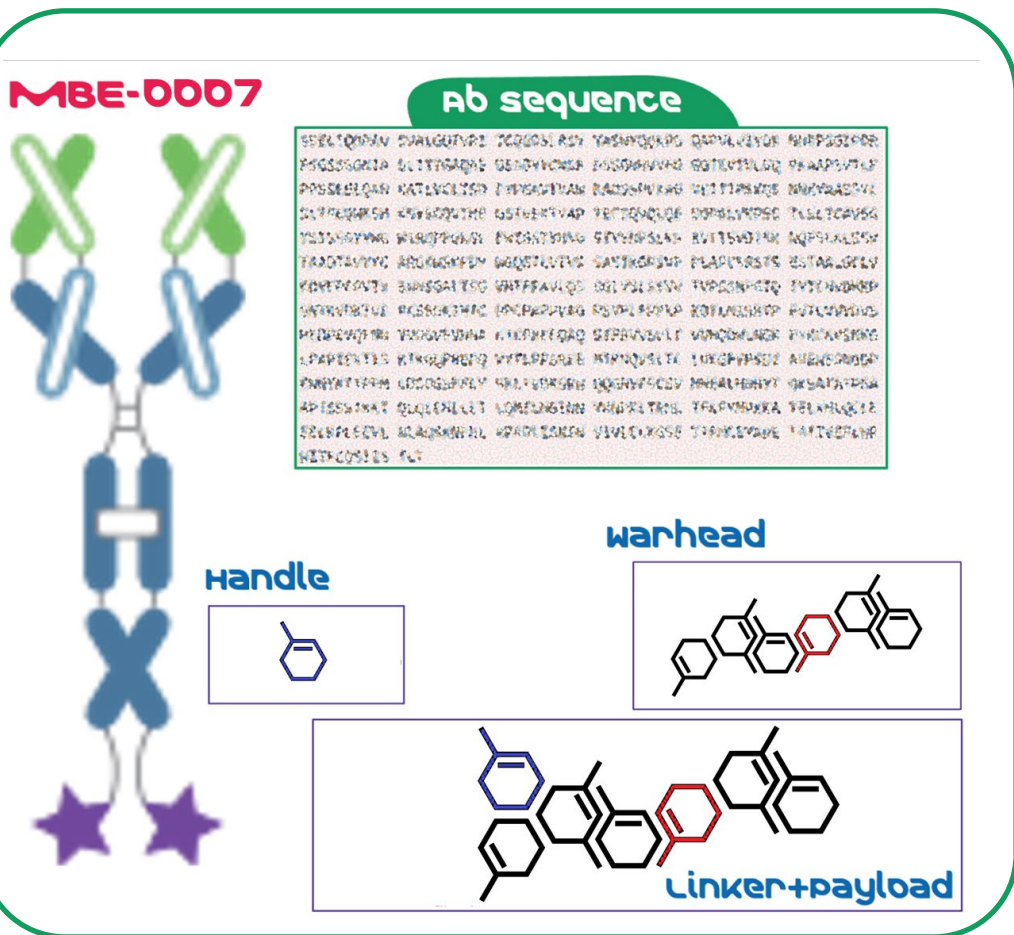
Sequence Alignment										
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MBE-1102										
MBE-1103										
MBE-1104										
MBE-1105										
MBE-1106										
MBE-1107										

- Data originate from BRAIN
- Data from the RDB



# D360 ADC Portal

## ADC – Why Dedicated Portal?



**ADC Group has unique needs due to..**

- **Complexity of Molecules**  
Profile over both:
  - Whole Molecule
  - Constituent parts
- **Ancestry Requirements**
  - Incorporate results from pre-cursor molecules
  - Both direct & Indirect ancestors
- **Experimental Results Across Modalities**
  - Small molecule assays for conjugated molecules
  - MBE assays for whole molecule and antibody



# D360 ADC Portal – Data Presentation Layer

## Two Views over ADCs – Single Row vs Multi Row

Choose Data Category

Information

Please select the desired data category for your query. The data category describes the primary record type that will be retrieved when the query is run.

Scientific Data Domain

NCE
NBE
ADC Portal
HTSEval
Only for testing
MQUEST

Antibody-drug conjugates (single row per PPB)

Antibody-drug conjugates (multi row)

Advanced Categories:

Antibody-drug conjugates (multi row)

Select
Cancel

PPB Code	PPB Alias	MBE Format	Conjugation Site(s)	Linker+Payload MS Code	Linker+Payload Structure	Warhead MS Entity	Warhead Structure	Linker MS Entity	Linker Structure	Handle 1 MS Entity	Handle 1 Structure
PPB-		IgG	interchain cysteines			MSC					
PPB-		IgG	HC_Q295			MSC				MSC	
PPB-		IgG	HC_Q295			MSC				MSC	
PPB-		IgG	interchain cysteines			MSC					
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PPB-		IgG	HC_Q295							MSC	

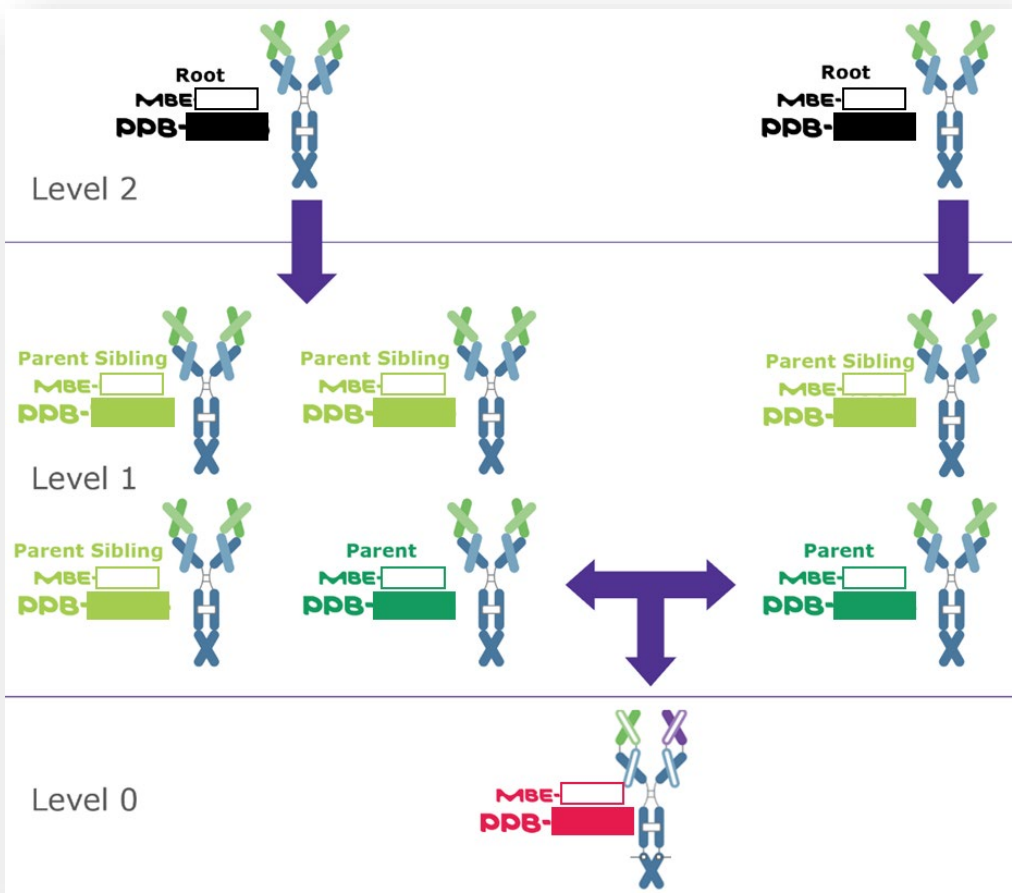
PPB Code	PPB Alias	MBE Format	Conjugation Site	Conjugation Component Type No	Conjugation Component Type	Conjugated MS Entity	Conjugated MS Entity Structure
PPB-				1	Handle		
PPB-					Linker+Payload		
PPB-		IgG	cysteines	1	Linker+Payload		
PPB-		IgG	interchain cysteines	1	Warhead		
PPB-		IgG	interchain cysteines	2	Linker+Payload		
PPB-		IgG	interchain cysteines	2	Warhead		

- ADC described over multiple rows.
- One row per conjugated component

- One row per ADC
- Conjugated components returned in columns

# D360 ADC Portal – Data Presentation Layer

## Molecule Hierarchy Information



### Ancestor information covers...

- **Pre-cursor Molecules**
  - All hierarchy levels from parent(s) through to root(s).
  - Direct and indirect ancestors
- **Ancestry Results**
  - I.e., assay results of all ancestor molecules

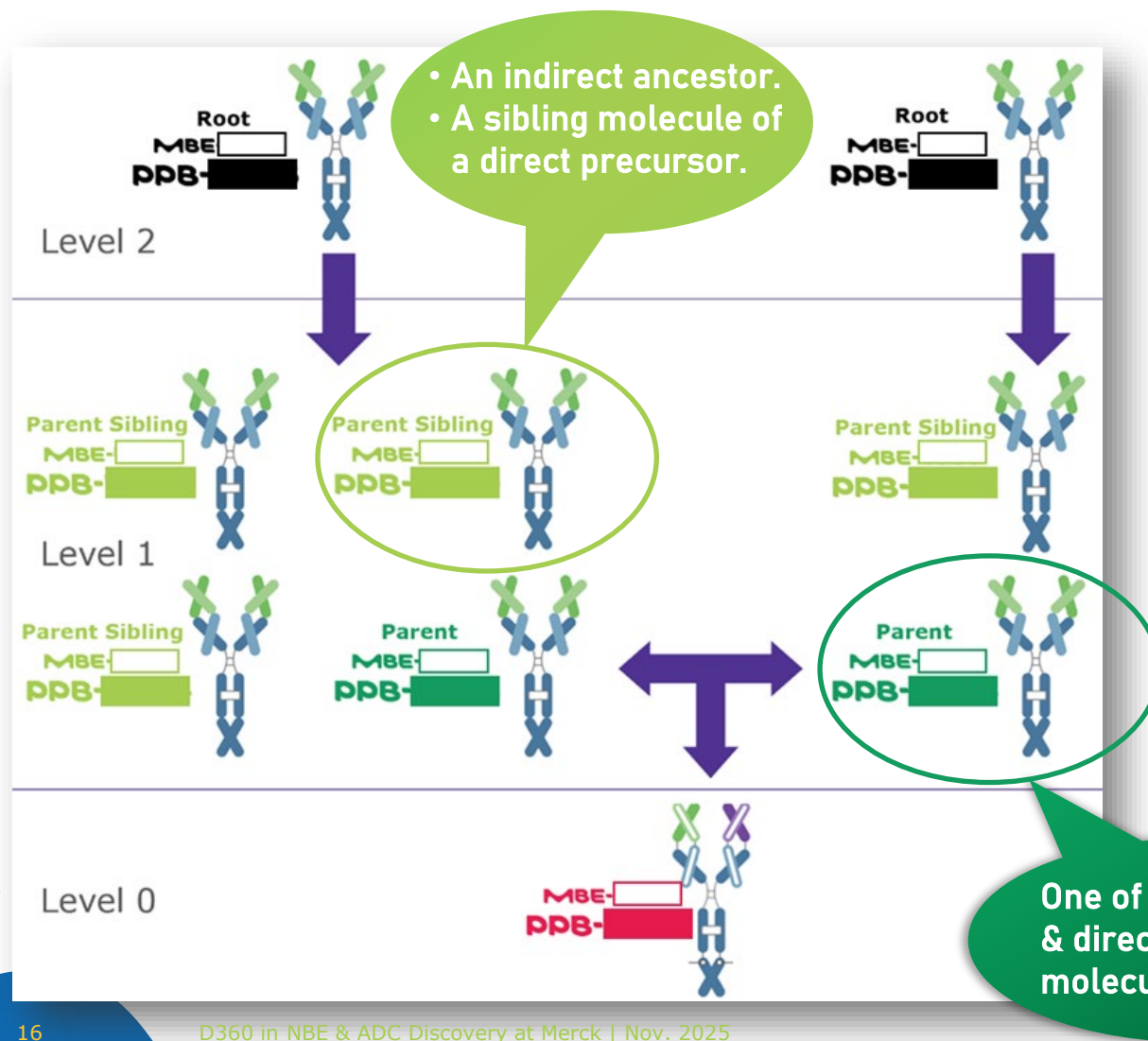
MBE Code	PPB Code	Ancestor MBE	Ancestor PPB	Ancestor Level	Ancestor is Parent?	Ancestor is Parent Sibling?	Ancestor is Root?	Directly or Indirectly Related?	ROP60111 ADC	ROP60111 ADC
									Direct Ancestors	Indirect Ancestors
MBE- <div></div>	PPB- <div></div>	MBE- <div></div>	PPB- <div></div>	1.0	Y	N	N	Direct	0.002	0.016
		MBE- <div></div>	PPB- <div></div>	1.0	Y	N	N	Direct		
		MBE- <div></div>	PPB- <div></div>	1.0	N	Y	N	Indirect		
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		MBE- <div></div>	PPB- <div></div>	2.0	N	N	Y	Direct		
		MBE- <div></div>	PPB- <div></div>	2.0	N	N	Y	Direct		
									2/2	1/1

Results of Siblings of Parents

Results of Parent Molecules

# ADC Data Portal in D360 – Unique Challenges for ADCs

## Molecular Heritage



### Profiling based upon Ancestor Molecules

- ADCs may be built-up from multiple **pre-cursor molecules**
- Results pertaining to pre-cursor molecules may be used in assessing / profiling the final ADC.

### Value of "Direct" and "Indirect" Ancestors

- In cases where experimental results are lacking for immediate pre-cursor molecules
- results associated with the sibling molecules of the pre-cursors may be used.

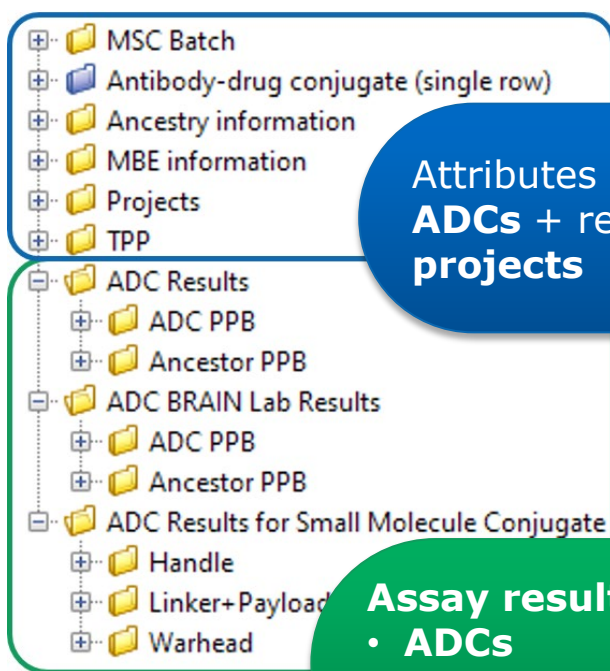


# ADC Data Portal in D360 – The solution

## ADC-specific data catalog



- The ADC portal contains a comprehensive, ADC-specific data dictionary.
- This allows users to easily find all data associated with ADCs, their components and related entities.



Attributes of the  
**ADCs + related  
projects & TPPs**

Assay results for all  
• **ADCs**  
• **ADC-Components**  
• **Ancestor molecules**

PPB Code:  Brain Project Code:  MBE Code:  MBE Monomer Seq Name:

ROP06326 / ADC

	ADC	Parent PPB	Root PPB	Warhead
BxPC-3 Rockland	0.500			2.870
	0.026			2.367
	0.014			0.163

MBE Alias:  MBE-1

MBE created by:  MBE last modified by:

MBE Monomer Length:  Monomer Mw:

MBE Monomer Sequence:

MBE Monomer Sequence (S):

MBE Complex Seq Name:

MBE Complex Length:  Complex Mw:

MBE Complex Sequence:

MBE Complex Sequence (S):

ADC					Warhead				
	Effect (%) Mean	Effect (%) Mean	Effect (%) Mean	Effect (%) Mean		Effect (%) Mean	Effect (%) Mean	Effect (%) Mean	Effect (%) Mean
Cell: Rockland					Cell: Rockland				
1	-79.7				1				-98.7
2	-76.0				2				-99.0
3		-49.5	-98.5	-99.0	3	-79.0	-47.8	-96.8	-99.7
4		-47.8	-98.8	-99.0	4			1/1	-97.0
					5	-81.0	-41.5	-99.4	-99.7
					6	-83.7		-98.0	
					7	-84.0		-98.3	

Filtered: 0 of 4

	Site Handle Count	Site Linker+Payload Count	Conjugation Site	Handle 1 MS Entity	Handle 1 MS Entity Structure	Linker+Payload MS Entity	Linker+Payload MS Entity Structure
1	0	1				MSC	MSC

Example D360  
form, pulling in  
multiple data sets  
from the  
dictionary.





# ADC Portal in D360

## Insights to drive ADC discovery

- The "D360 ADC Portal" is a dedicated portal with two flavors:  
**One Batch per row**  
and  
**One Conjugate per row**
- Designed to meet the specific needs and challenges in support of our Antibody-Drug Conjugate (ADC) molecule activities.

The screenshot displays the D360 ADC Portal interface, which includes a spreadsheet view and a 'Choose Data Category' dialog box.

**Spreadsheet View:**

	PPB Code	Glyph	MBE Sequence	Linker+Payload	Warhead	Handle
5:	<input type="checkbox"/> PPB					
6:	<input type="checkbox"/> PPB					
7:	<input type="checkbox"/> PPB					
8:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PPB					
9:	<input type="checkbox"/> PPB					
10:	<input type="checkbox"/> PPB					
11:	<input type="checkbox"/> PPB					

**Choose Data Category Dialog Box:**

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Please select the desired data category for your query. The data category describes the primary record type that will be retrieved when the query is run.

**Scientific Data Domain**

NCE NBE **ADC Portal** HTSEval Only for testing MQUEST

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**Antibody-drug conjugates (multi row)**

**Advanced Categories:**

Antibody-drug conjugates (multi row) Select Cancel ?



# D360 for NBE/ADC Discovery

## Challenges and Opportunities

- ❑ Wide **Diversity and Complexity** of ADC Constructs
- ❑ Support for **sequence-based filters** in queries
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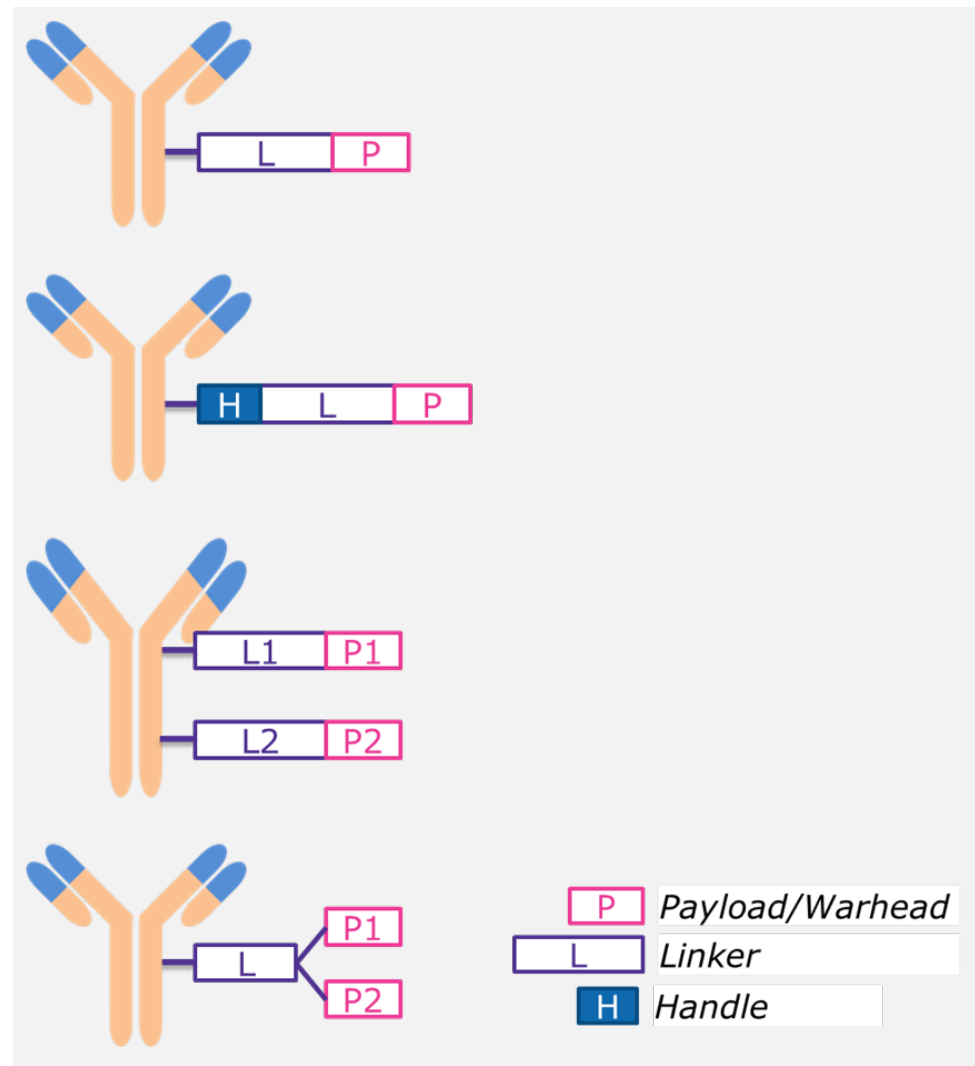
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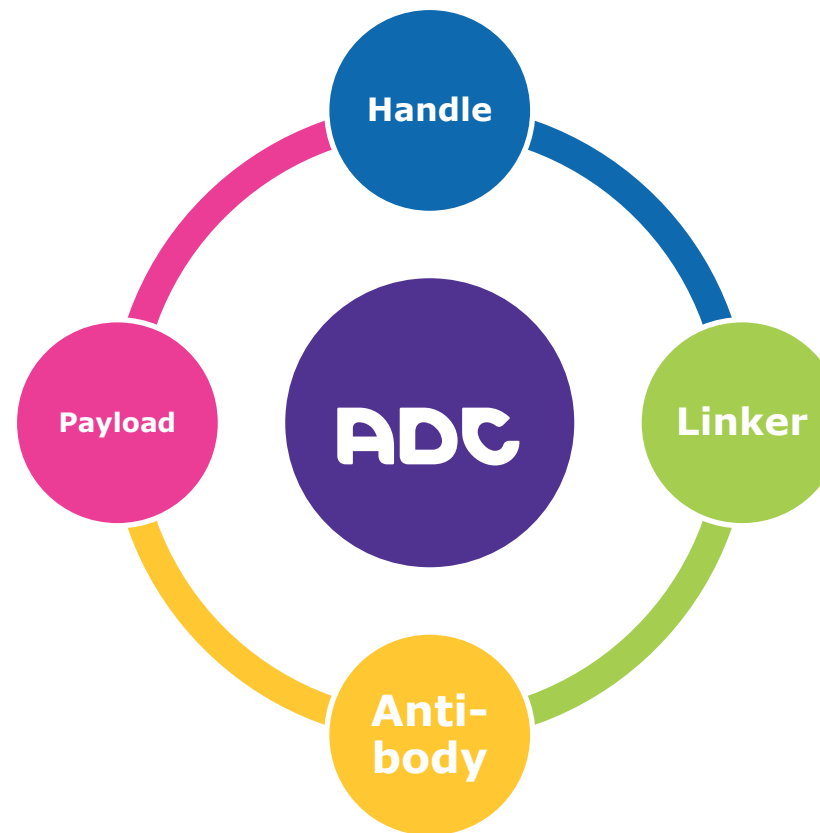
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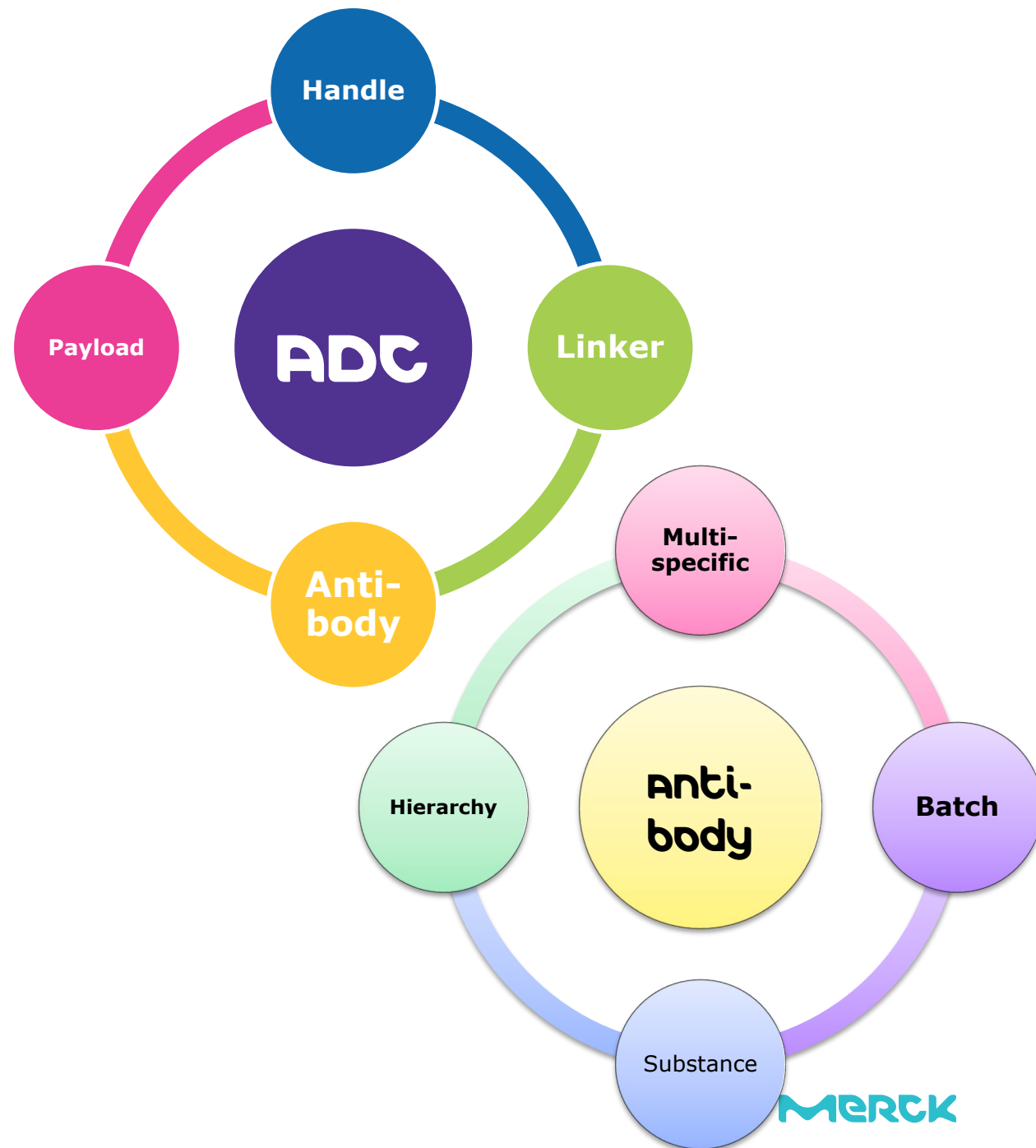
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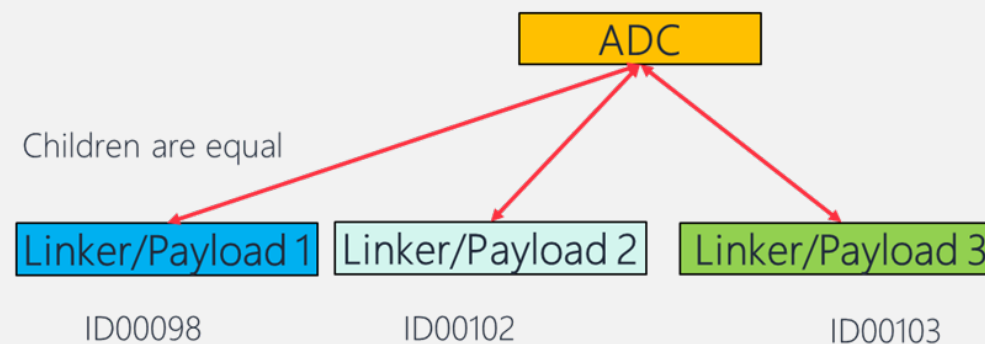
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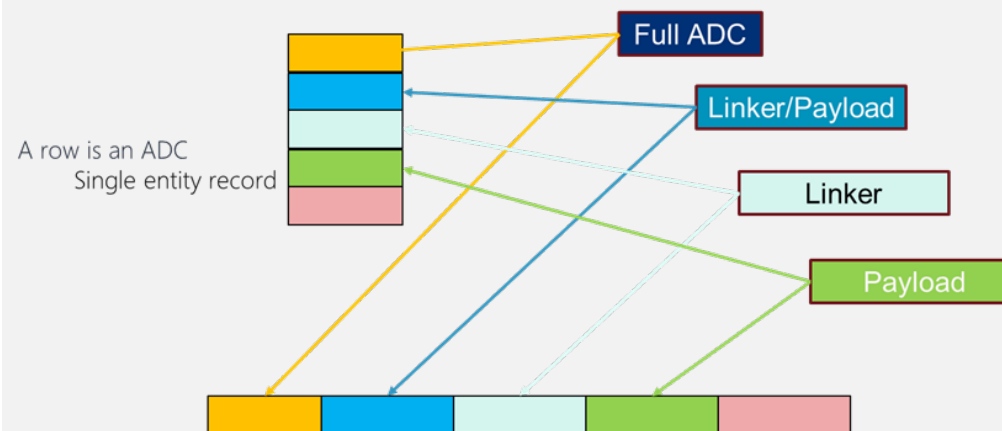
### Parent – Child Relationship

Numbering or Hierarchy established for children



### Data Category (What is a Row?)

Design a specific data category containing multiple concepts  
Multi-entity record





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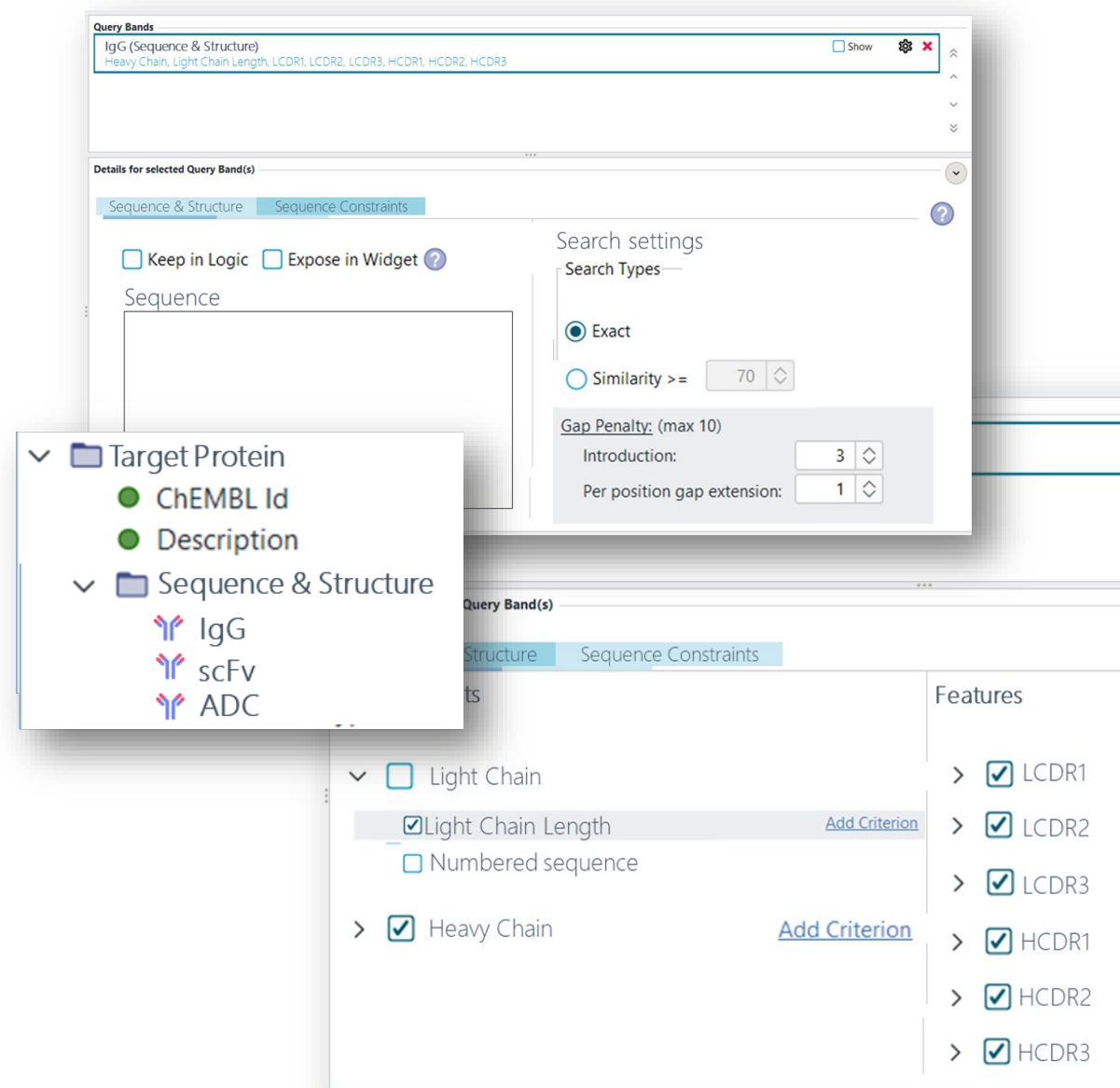
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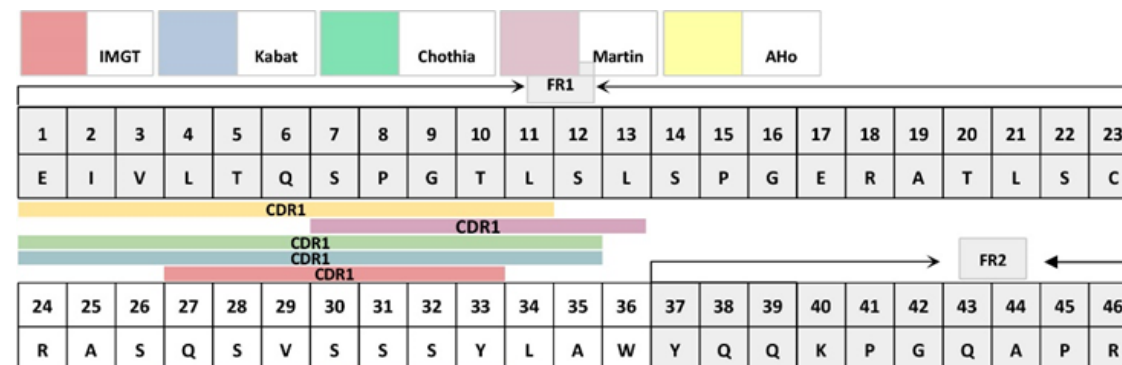
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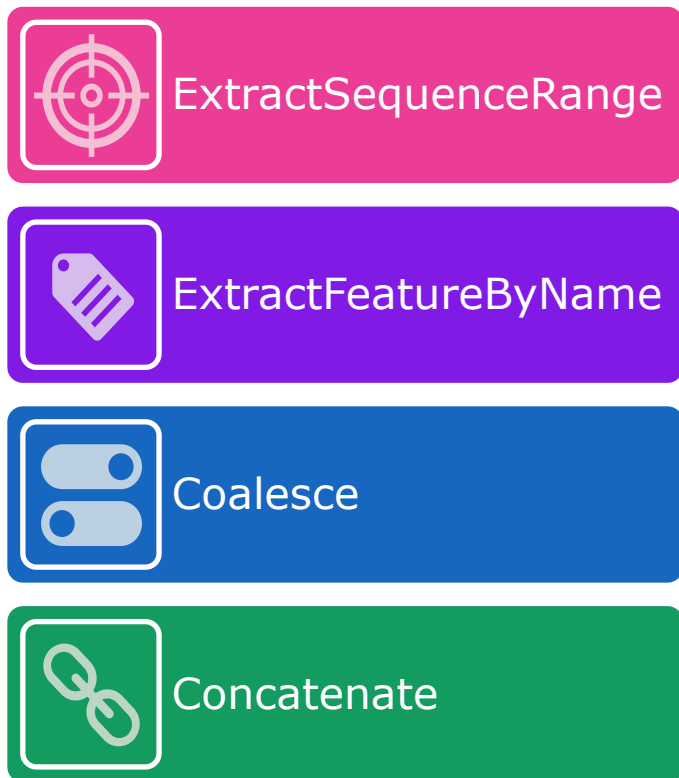
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