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SUMMARY ABSTRACT

Our group has already demonstrated substantial regression of B cell lymphoma and leukemia using Lym-1 monoclonal antibody labeled with ^{131}I . Complete remissions were achieved. Those obtained at higher radiation dose rates have generally been more prolonged with some at 1-2 years at present.

We plan to extend our success in treating B cell malignancies with ^{131}I labeled Lym-1 by a major effort in therapy with ^{67}Cu Lym-1, which has been pioneered by this D.O.E. program. Our recent pharmacokinetics and early therapeutic responses with this radiopharmaceutical substantiate our previous projections that ^{67}Cu could offer a therapeutic advantage in treating lymphoma and other cancers. We have recently requested the supplement necessary to support the ^{67}Cu special costs which will be incurred beyond the portion funded by this budget.

Yttrium-90, labeled by a macrocycle, DOTA will be studied in patients as a continuation of the ^{111}In -BAD (DOTA) Lym-1 studies reported in this annual report. Excellent images and pharmacokinetics of the ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 encourage us to initiate the combined $^{90}\text{Y}/^{111}\text{In}$ -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 studies. Lymphomas and related diseases represent a special case for radioimmunotherapy because of their documented radiosensitivity and immunodeficiency, and thus offer a unique opportunity to conduct therapeutic feasibility studies in a responsive human model.

Using murine and chimeric L6 and other MoAb to breast cancer, we have applied the strategies that were developed in taking Lym-1 antibody from the bench to the patient. We have examined a number of monoclonal antibodies for treatment of breast cancer and chose chimeric L6 for prototype studies because of certain characteristics. Reasons for selecting L6 were its similarity to Lym-1 and its tumor cell cytotoxicity in vitro. After pharmacokinetic studies with ^{131}I Ch L-6 were completed, therapy studies in 11 patients revealed clinical response in 6. Several other promising MoAbs, including one that internalizes into the cancer cell, are under investigation because they offer additional therapeutic or mechanistic opportunities. Breast cancer is different from B cell malignancies because immunodeficiency is less likely, the tumor cells are less radiosensitive, and antigen targets are generally less homogeneous. This provides opportunities to explore differences and similarities. Breast cancer is more common than B cell malignancies, but shares with B cell malignancies no current hope of curative therapy after initial metastasis. It should be noted that most of the antibodies we are using for breast cancer also target prostate cancer and lung cancer.

The chemistry of attachment of conjugates to antibodies and their impact on immunological targeting and biological activities (cytotoxicity), metabolic fate, and therapeutic index will continue to be a major strength and function of this program. From the beginning, this grant has supported the conception, synthesis, and development of the first macrocyclic, bifunctional chelating agent TETA (6-p-nitrobenzyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazatetradecane-N,N',N",N"-tetraacetic acid and its derivatives, including Lym-1-2IT-BAT), for use in Cu-67-based radioimmunodiagnosis and therapy. This work has led to the further development of several new macrocyclic bifunctional chelating agents for copper, indium, yttrium and other metals.

Radiometal Labeling of Lym-1 Conjugates. Successful Cu-67 labelings of Lym-1-2IT-BAT for human radiopharmaceutical have shown patient pharmacokinetics of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 with promising therapeutic dosimetry.

¹¹¹In/⁹⁰Y BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1. ¹¹¹In-BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 has recently been studied in 4 patients with excellent tumor uptake and good excretion of ¹¹¹In (reported here). The combined ¹¹¹In/⁹⁰Y DOTA Lym-1 studies will now be initiated in patients in an MTD for therapy. ¹¹¹In-BAD(DOTA)-Ch L-6 studies have been done in mice and the IND for breast cancer patients is in progress. Radioautography of mice receiving ⁹⁰Y-BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 demonstrate no bone uptake and excellent tumor uptake (see illustration in this report).

Several positron-emitting radiometals, among them Ga-68 Cu-64 and Mn-52, are expected to form stable chelates with one or more macrocycle chelating agents. Binding studies have been conducted using the longer lived isotopes Ga-67 and Mn-54. Dr. Michael Welch and Ms. Carla Mathias have attached out BAT reagent to the protein albumin and now to antibodies. PET animal studies with this agent have been very promising.

Using specific and biologically active, radiolabeled MoAb, such as Lym-1, L-6, and Ch L-6 the influence of factors, such as amount of administered MoAb; amount and schedule for administered radionuclide; radiation dose rate; alterations to tumor delivery by use of internalizing Moabs ;variations in the characteristics of the radionuclide, chelate, linkage, and site-specific attachments for radionuclides will continue to be studied. Methods to be used include: those developed in the last 3-5 years in this DOE program; quantitative imaging that provides absolute amounts (and concentrations) of MoAb in tumor and organs for pharmacokinetics and radiation dosimetry in patients; tomographic imaging estimates of tumor volume; and in vitro tests for in vivo cytotoxicity. Statistical and protocol designs are used which provide the most information from a minimum number of patients.

Strengths of this ongoing program include: an interactive, interdisciplinary investigative team, investigators who bridge the interface between basic and clinical sciences; use of "state-of-the-art" methods in chemistry, immunochemistry, molecular biology, radiopharmacy, imaging and computer software already established and in many instances developed by the group under this DOE program; and existence of established resources and specialized laboratory investigators.

RADIOIMMUNOTHERAPY: DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH

PROGRAM GOAL:

TO ANSWER THE FUNDAMENTAL SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH FOR DELIVERING RADIATION THERAPY TO CANCER ON ANTIBODY-BASED RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS.

DURING THE CURRENT GRANT PERIOD, OCTOBER 1990-91, THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WERE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR PROGRAM:

- * DEVELOPMENT OF $^{111}\text{In}/^{90}\text{Y}$ BAD (DOTA) LYM-1 AS A POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC RADIOPHARMACEUTICAL SYSTEM
- * DOCUMENTATION OF FAVORABLE PHARMACOKINETICS OF ^{111}In BAD (DOTA) LYM-1 IN PATIENTS
- * GENETIC ENGINEERING OF SELECTED PORTIONS OF LYM-1 FOR NEW RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS WITH SELECTED MOLECULAR STRUCTURE
- * DOCUMENTED DURABLE COMPLETE REMISIONS IN LYMPHOMA PATIENTS RECEIVING HIGHER RADIATION DOSE RATE FROM INJECTIONS OF 80-100 mCi ^{131}I -LYM-1 PER METER SQUARE BODY SURFACE AREA
- * DEVELOPMENT OF ^{67}Cu BAT (TETA) LYM-1 AS A POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC RADIOPHARMA-CEUTICAL, WITH PATIENT PHARMACOKINETIC STUDIES AND LOW DOSE THERAPEUTIC RESPONSES IN PATIENTS WITH LYMPHOMA
- * FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF QUANTITATIVE RADIONUCLIDE IMAGING TECHNIQUES AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THERAPY PLANNING AND DOSIMETRY CALCULATIONS FROM IMAGING PHARMACOKINETICS
- * QUANTITATIVE IMAGING, PHARMACOKINETICS, AND DOSIMETRY LEADING TO RADIOIMMUNOTHERAPY IN BREAST CANCER

DURING THIS 12 MONTH PERIOD, 13 PAPERS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED OR ARE IN PRESS. TWENTY-FOUR ABSTRACTS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED; AND 10 NATIONAL AND 5 INTERNATIONAL INVITED LECTURES HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

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OBJECTIVE

TO ANSWER THE FUNDAMENTAL SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH FOR DELIVERING RADIATION THERAPY TO CANCER ON ANTIBODY-BASED RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS.

RESEARCH PLAN

I. To Develop Radioimmunopharmaceuticals for Cancer Therapy

- A. To determine radionuclide choices appropriate for therapy to solid tumors, to infiltrating bone marrow tumor, and to leukemic or intracavitory single cell disease.
- B. To develop and test antibody radiopharmaceuticals from new radiochelates designed to completely control the chosen radiometals *in vivo*.
 1. To develop new chelates for Cu-67 with improved metabolic properties, for better biodistribution and imaging results in human patients.
 2. To develop a macrocycle/linker family that will completely control both In-111 and Y-90.
 3. To test the antibody-macrocycle conjugates for their ability to hold desirable therapeutic and positron emitting radiometals under physiological conditions and during catabolism *in vivo* by pharmacokinetic studies in patients.
 4. To test the feasibility of effective therapy with these agents when indicated (i.e. ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1, $^{111}\text{In}/^{90}\text{Y}$ -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1, $^{111}\text{In}/^{90}\text{Y}$ -BAD(DOTA)-ChL-6).
- C. To seek the most effective chelate-antibody linkage(s) for rapid clearance of the radiochelate from liver and other normal organs, while maintaining retention of the antibody-radiochelate conjugate on the tumor cell surface.
- D. To build more effective tumor targeting molecules by recombinant technology using as the initial building block of the molecular structure of the antigen binding region from chosen MoAb clones.

II. To Develop Therapy Planning Based on Quantitative Imaging

- A. To utilize quantitative imaging to evaluate selected developmental radiopharmaceuticals.
 1. To obtain quantitative pharmacokinetics and tumor uptake information in a mode which allows statistical evaluation of the validity of the information about a radiopharmaceutical from a few patient studies.
- B. To utilize planar quantitative imaging techniques that we have developed to obtain radiopharmacokinetic data on serial therapy doses in patients.

- C. To utilize this information to calculate the radiation dose to the patients, their normal organs and tumors for each therapy dose.
- D. To develop S.P.E.C.T. quantitative methods to determine more accurate normal organ uptake and tumor uptake, particularly in tumors deep in the body.
- E. To correlate the projected therapy dosimetry with that actually observed/correlate with information from autoradiography of biopsies, and in vivo quantitation of the radioactivity.
- F. To determine the most effective manner to utilize this approach to plan a treatment course and to predict responses.

III. To Develop and Implement Methods to Increase Tumor Delivery and Therapeutic Index of the Radioimmunopharmaceutical in Cancer Patients.

- A. To use MoAbs and chimeric MoAb chosen and/or developed containing the effector cell signals to create inflammatory response at tumor sites, causing increased vascular permeability.
- B. To develop immunoconjugates by recombinant technology reproducing the selected molecular structure which retains immunoreactivity, carry the appropriate chelate for radiometal, and have effective size/charge characteristics for enhanced tumor delivery and hepatocyte metabolism.
- C. To develop radioimmunoconjugates with internalizing MoAbs and compare their radiobiologic effect in vitro and in vivo to that of membrane bound radioimmunopharmaceuticals
- D. To develop and study human pharmacokinetics and therapy feasibility of Cu-67 and Y-90 radioimmunotherapy pharmaceuticals for lymphoma and adenocarcinoma with tumor cell membrane targeting MoAb radiopharmaceuticals.

RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS (PROGRESS)

A. DEVELOPMENT OF DOSIMETRIC APPROACHES TO TREATMENT PLANNING FOR RADIOIMMUNOTHERAPY

1. Major Accomplishments

The objective of quantitative imaging is to provide pharmacokinetic information for patients that is analogous to that provided by biodistribution studies in mice. Radionuclide images depict the distribution of labeled antibodies in-vivo; thus the amount of radionuclide in a specific organ or site can be estimated by relating the counts detected in a defined region of interest to the total radionuclide content. This pharmacokinetic information can be used to obtain definitive answers to basic questions of importance for optimizing radioimmunoimaging and radioimmunotherapy and, in addition, can provide a data base from which to calculate the distribution of radiation absorbed doses. The projects supported by this program routinely employ quantitative imaging in evaluating therapies.

Considerable work has been done on the computer programs used. A comprehensive software system has been developed to provide pharmacokinetic data and radiation dosimetry for any portion of a patient from sequential planar images of patients who received radiolabeled antibody. This software, in concert with our quantitative imaging methods, provides a major step in our ultimate goal to develop a comprehensive treatment planning approach which allows us to evaluate individual patients relative to the suitability of radioimmunotherapy, and to compare therapeutic efficacy and toxicity with estimated radiation absorbed doses. The program provides calculated radiation absorbed doses for: the whole body, the red marrow and tumors/organs that demonstrate detectable uptake of a radiolabeled monoclonal antibody (MoAb) in sequential gamma camera images. Various options in this computer program provide organ and tumor volumes from SPECT images, attenuation correction factors for various sites from a whole body transmission image, and allow the user to visualize and stack images in various time sequences that aid clinical interpretation.

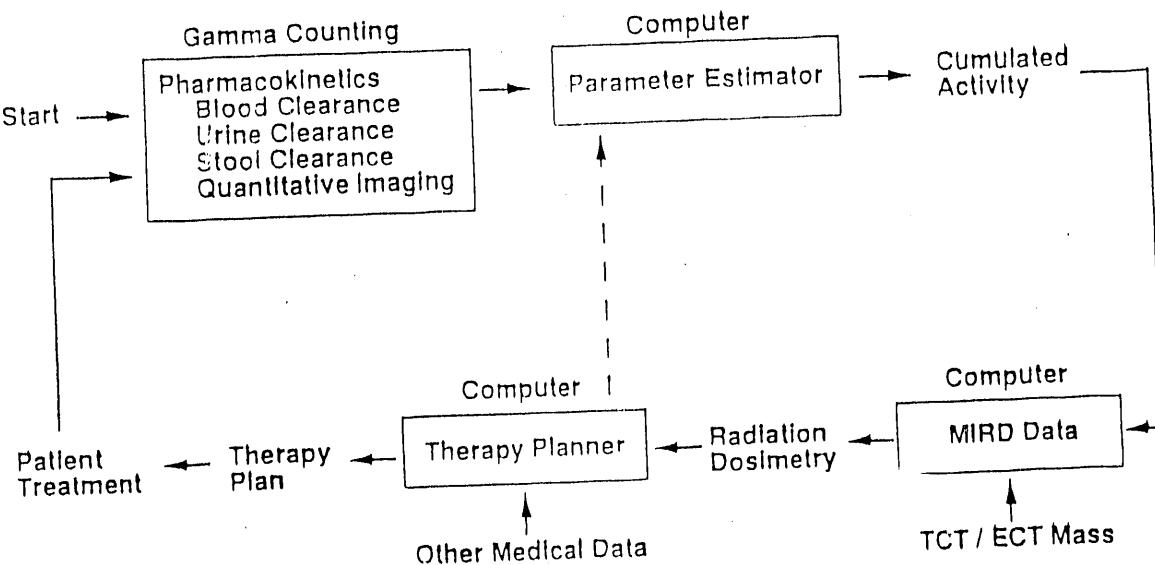


Figure 1. Treatment planning system. A parameter estimator is applied to patient data to obtain cumulated activity. These estimates are used as inputs to a therapy planner along with MIRD and mass data to obtain radiation dosimetry. A therapy planner incorporates other medical data to reach a therapy plan for the patient that can incorporate the radiopharmaceutical studied, the same MoAb with a different radionuclide, or a fragment of the same MoAb (where the different behaviors are available). The process is iterated, if necessary, to complete the therapy regimen.

2. Organizational Structure

Dr. G. DeNardo and the medical physicist direct the quantitative imaging and dosimetry section and are responsible for the overall management of the microVAX II quantitative imaging data base. Dr. Macey and Dr. Groch provide support in the area of imaging and dosimetry software development.

3. Specific Illustrations

Studies of Abdominal Phantom

Transmission and emission images of a phantom (Alderson phantom) which was designed to simulate the abdomen of a patient were obtained in a manner analogous to that used for quantitative imaging of patients in an effort to assess the accuracy of the method and influence of background radioactivity. The simulated liver and spleen were filled with water containing an accurately assayed amount of radionuclide sufficient to provide a concentration of radioactivity comparable to that observed in patients who had received radiolabeled antibody. Water containing no radioactivity, or a concentration of radioactivity equal to 7% or 14% of that placed in the liver and spleen was put in the concavity of the trunk of the phantom that surrounded the liver and spleen. In the absence of background radionuclide in the abdominal phantom and in the absence of background subtraction, the radionuclidic content of the liver or spleen was accurately quantitated by the described methods, including the use of a first order attenuation correction factor determined by transmission imaging (Figure 2). However, radionuclidic content of the liver or spleen was less accurately determined in the presence of radionuclide in the surrounding phantom regardless of whether general phantom background was subtracted or not. Radionuclidic content was over-estimated when background radionuclide was not subtracted. The errors were greater for the spleen than for the liver and greater when larger amounts of radionuclide were placed in the abdominal phantom. Similar studies for tumors ranging from 2 to 5 cm in diameter indicated that they can be accurately quantitated as well.

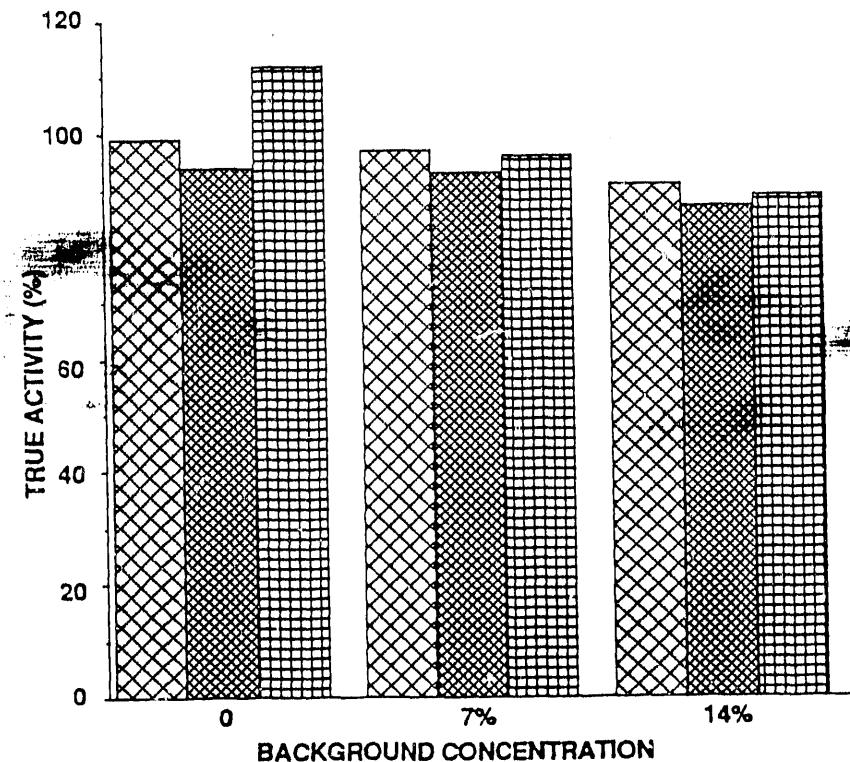


Figure 2. Results of quantitation of I-123, Tc-99m and In-111 in simulated liver of an abdominal phantom in the absence of and presence of Tc-99m in the surrounding phantom using the geometric mean method and attenuation correction factors for the liver determined by transmission imaging. Quantitations were accurate when background was subtracted.

B. TETA AND DOTA LYM-1 DEVELOPMENT AND $^{67}\text{Cu}^{/}\text{Y}$ PHARMACOLOGYStudies in Mice

The TETA macrocycle and the DOTA macrocycle tightly bind ^{67}Cu and ^{88}Y , respectively, in physiologic milieu and can be conjugated to Lym-1 with preservation of immunoreactivity. Indium and yttrium-BAD-Lym-1 (chelated by DOTA) behave the same in mice and are tightly bound so that indium does not escape to the reticuloendothelial system and yttrium to the skeleton as has been the case with other chelates. This provides an exciting system for pharmacologic and subsequent therapeutic trials in patients. Similarly, biodistribution studies of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 in mice have confirmed that it is tightly bound and has great promise as an imaging and therapeutic radionuclide for patients. Pharmacologic biodistribution studies of ^{67}Cu and ^{90}Y Lym-1 have been completed in athymic mice bearing human Raji lymphoma. When injected into lymphoma-bearing mice, the tumor accumulation and retention of these constructs is greater than that of iodinated Lym-1. Furthermore, there is no accumulation in the bone marrow in contrast to the results obtained by other investigators for yttrium labeled antibodies conjugated by other chelates. If proven in patients, this avoids a significant source of marrow radiation that led to termination of two clinical trials in which other yttrium-chelated antibodies were utilized.

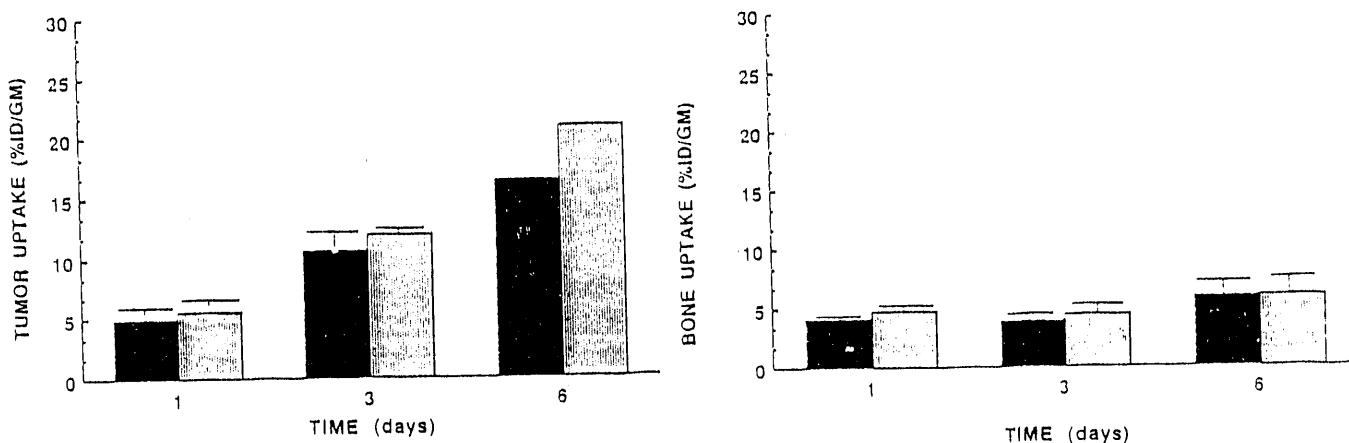


Figure 3.

A. Correlation of concentrations of ^{111}In (■) and ^{88}Y (▨)-2IT-BAD Lym-1 in Raji human lymphoma implanted in nude mice ($N > 3$). B. Correlation of concentrations of ^{111}In (■) and ^{88}Y (▨)-2IT-BAD Lym-1 in bone (without marrow) from nude mice ($N \geq 3$).

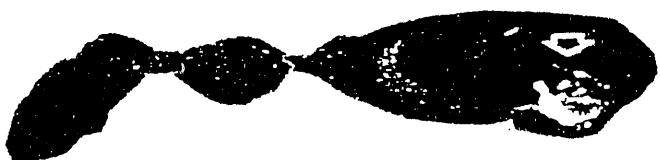


Figure 4.

Autoradiography of a nude mouse 5 days after injection with ^{90}Y -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1. The arrow indicates a Raji tumor with good uptake. The other area seen is the liver.

Studies in Patients

General

The objective of quantitative imaging is to provide pharmacokinetic information for patients that is analogous to that provided by biodistribution studies in mice. Radionuclide images depict the distribution of labeled antibodies in-vivo; thus the amount of radionuclide in a specific organ or site can be estimated by relating the counts detected in a defined region of interest to the total radionuclide content. This pharmacokinetic information can be used to obtain definitive and relevant answers to basic questions of importance for optimizing radioimmunolocalization and radioimmunotherapy and, in addition, can provide a data base from which to calculate the distribution of radiation absorbed doses. The clinical projects supported by this program routinely employ quantitative imaging in evaluating therapies. A correlation between the concentration of radionuclide observed by counting biopsy samples and that observed by quantitative imaging was found (Figure 5).

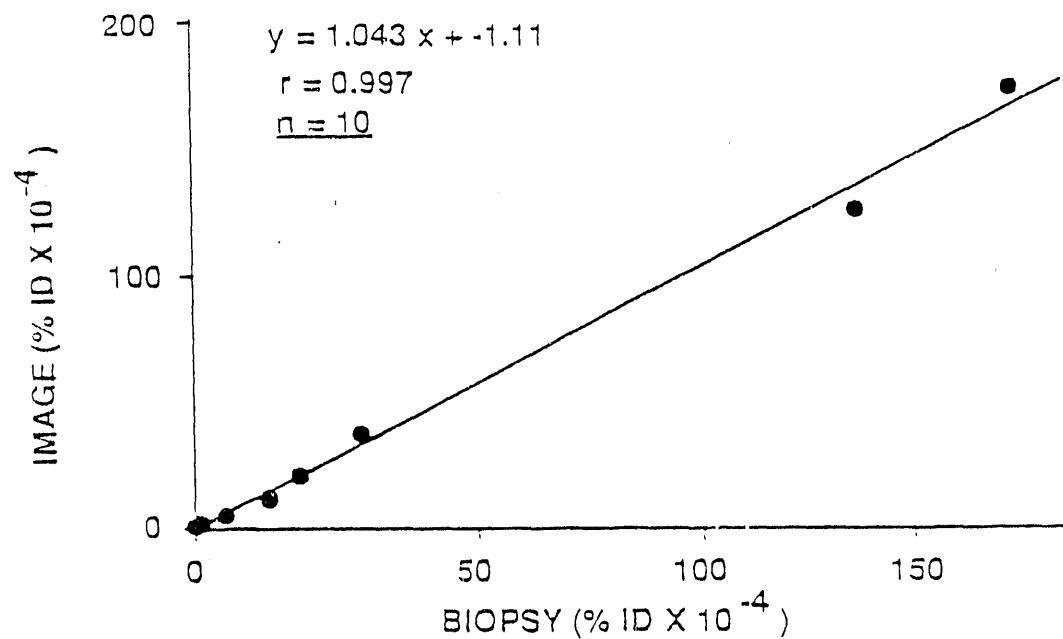


Figure 5. Correlation of tumor concentration of I-131 Lym-1 determined by counting biopsy sample and imaging patient.

Studies have also been initiated to identify possible sources of error in dose calculations. The influence of remaining body activity on the calculated radiation absorbed doses delivered to various organs/sites in the body has been investigated for patients receiving diagnostic and therapy doses of I-131 labeled Lym-1 considering the liver as both the target and the source. Good agreement was found using the corrected cumulated activity and the corrected 'S' factor methods. Doses are overestimated by up to 20% for the liver using the straightforward MIRD approach. This correction factor is small for typical tumor sites of less than 100 ml with uptakes of less than 1% of the administered dose. The magnitude of this correction factor for organs and uptake sites at various distances from high uptake organs/sites in the body merits further consideration. The remaining body activity correction factor can be elegantly calculated for any site in the body from a whole body image. The validity of the remaining whole body activity approach can be examined and refined for a specific target organ/site in the body.

Transmission and emission images of patients who had received intravenous antibodies labeled with In-111, I-123, Cu-67 or I-131 were obtained and quantitations performed by previously described methods.

Using the techniques described, an observer became capable of obtaining reproducible quantitative results after modest experience. Greater effort was required for two observers to obtain results comparable to each other. The major impediment to the achievement of reproducible results was related to the choice of the region for background radioactivity. There was a propensity in all instances for background estimates to be excessive, so that a region of least body background was selected.

⁶⁷Copper BAT(TETA) Lym-1 Imaging Pharmacology Studies.

We have particularly focused upon radionuclide and radiochemical improvements because of our recognition that ¹³¹I was not an ideal radionuclide for radioimmunotherapy and because of the unique strengths of our group in radiochemistry. The requirements for an ideal therapeutic radionuclide are more demanding than those for an imaging radionuclide. The choices of radionuclide and conjugation techniques can substantially affect the radiopharmaceutical stability and in vivo pharmacokinetics thereby influencing the radiation dose distribution and the efficacy of treatment. While ¹³¹I is a practical radionuclide, it is not an ideal radionuclide for radioimmunotherapy because of "dehalogenation" and substantial imaging and radiation safety problems secondary to multiple energetic photons. A variety of metals have been advocated for radioimmunotherapy because of superior physical characteristics and observations that their retention in tumors was longer than that of the corresponding radioiodinated antibody leading to an increased radiation absorbed dose to the tumor. For ten years we have advocated and explored the use of ⁶⁷Cu as a therapeutic radionuclide for radioimmunotherapy.

TABLE 1. Properties of Copper-67

Half life: 62 hours

Decay mode: beta minus

Beta energy/abundance (Emax, keV): 577(20%), 486(35%), 395(45%)

Gamma energy/abundance (keV): 92(24%), 184(47%)

Decay product: ⁶⁷Zn

Collaborations with Drs. Mausner and Srivastava of the Brookhaven National Laboratory and others at the Los Alamos National Laboratory have led to an acceptably reliable supply of chemically and radionuclidically pure ⁶⁷Cu. Meares has developed a new macrocycle, TETA, specifically designed to chelate ⁶⁷Cu (Figure 6). This macrocycle, a derivative of polyazamacrocycles (bearing a side chain for antibody attachment) binds Cu with remarkable chemical inertness.

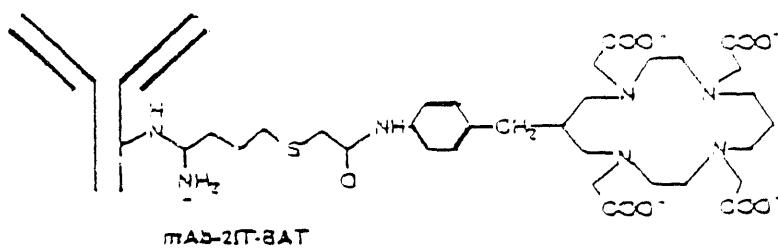


Figure 6. Structural formula of ⁶⁷Cu-BAT(TETA)-Lym-1.

The radiochemistry required to use TETA and DOTA to conjugate ^{67}Cu or ^{90}Y , respectively, to Lym-1 has been completed as have the procedures necessary to prepare sterile and pyrogen free radiopharmaceuticals. All preclinical studies including mouse studies with ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 or ^{90}Y -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 have been completed. Pharmacokinetics in mice implanted with Raji human lymphoma confirmed the superiority of these formulations over earlier ones relative to radiochemical stability and marrow toxicity. INDs for clinical studies for each radiopharmaceutical are in place. Pharmacokinetic studies with ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 have been obtained in eight patients. The pharmacokinetics in these eight patients verified our original anticipation that this would be an exciting therapeutic as well as quantitative imaging radionuclide.

Radiochemical/Radiopharmaceutical Quality. All of the ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 preparations had fewer than three chelates on each antibody molecule when assayed by ^{57}Co (Table 2). Loss of radiolabel from ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 was due to loss of radiometal from the chelate as opposed to loss of the radiochelate from the antibody. This conclusion was chromatographically evident by the observed binding of copper with albumin, the serum protein for which copper is known to have an association in vivo. The rate of transcomplexation of ^{67}Cu from ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 was found to be 0.3 percent per day. In contrast, over 95% of ^{67}Cu has been found to transcomplex from ^{67}Cu -CITC-Lym-1 or ^{67}Cu -DTPA-Lym-1.

Table 2. Characteristics of Radiochemicals/Radiopharmaceuticals

	^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1	Radiochemicals/Radiopharmaceuticals		
Chelates/MoAb		Yield (%)	Purity (%)	Immunoreactivity (%)
Preclinical	2.7	≥80	≥90	≥75
Clinical*	0.8-1.3	---	≥90	≥90

* Data reflects 2 chelated Lym-1 lots and 4 radiolabelings; the initial patient preparation was less satisfactory than indicated on this table.

Pharmacokinetics. ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 has proven to be relatively stable *in vitro* and *in vivo* in biologic milieus. The pharmacokinetics of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 in mice and in patients has been the subject of publications attached to this document. The pharmacokinetics of radioiodinated Lym-1 has been extensively explored in nude mice implanted with human lymphoma and in patients under tracer and therapeutic radionuclide conditions. There is no evidence of "dehalogenation" of radioiodinated Lym-1 in the Raji human lymphoma nude mouse model. Uptake and retention of radioiodinated Lym-1 by the Raji lymphoma is good and there is no evidence of active uptake of Lym-1 by normal tissues. The pharmacokinetics of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 in this nude mouse model were comparable to those of radioiodinated Lym-1. There was good uptake and retention of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 by the tumor, no evidence of skeletal or bone marrow uptake or of other normal tissue uptake. While liver uptake and retention of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 was nominally greater than that of radioiodinated Lym-1, the difference was not significant.

Pharmacokinetics of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 were studied in eight patients using blood, fecal and urinary clearance methods and quantitative imaging. The radiopharmaceutical was less than optimum in one patient whose blood clearance was rapid and a second patient had a slower than usual blood clearance of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 and of ^{131}I -Lym-1. The blood clearance of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 was similar to that observed for ^{131}I -Lym-1 for two days after injection but subsequently there was greater flatness of clearance of ^{67}Cu suggesting possibly a small percentage of ^{67}Cu may be recycling as a metabolite into the blood from a tissue, such as the liver.

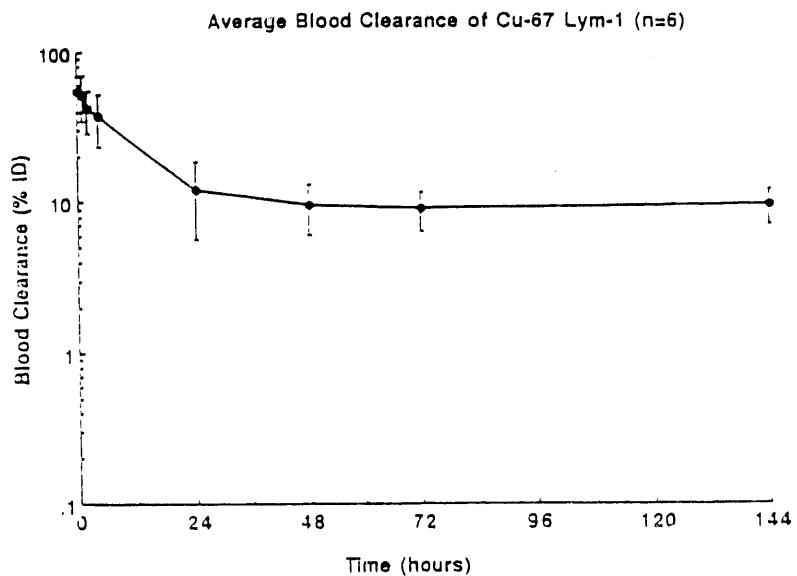


Figure 7. Blood clearance of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 observed in six patients (mean \pm 1 SD). Blood clearances of three of the patients were similar to those for ^{131}I -Lym-1 for 48 hours and then deviated. One patient had slow clearance of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 corresponding to slow clearance of a sub-sequent dose of ^{131}I -Lym-1 and the first patient had a rapid early clearance because of a suboptimal radiopharmaceutical.

There was almost no ^{67}Cu in the initial two hour urine specimens from the patients indicating an absence of free ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA), and subsequent urinary excretion of ^{67}Cu was less than that observed for patients that had received ^{131}I -Lym-1. Whole body counting and urinary excretion indicated that the clearance of ^{67}Cu from the patients was slower than that of ^{131}I . Excretion of ^{67}Cu into the feces was small in amount and only slightly greater than that of ^{131}I . The efficiencies of our scintillation cameras were 5-6 times greater for ^{67}Cu than for ^{131}I despite the lesser abundance of ^{67}Cu photons. This relates to the fact that the photons of ^{67}Cu are ^{99m}Tc -like in energy and more efficient for a scintillation camera than the more energetic photons of ^{131}I . For the same amount of radioactivity and number of counts, superb images were obtained six times faster after injection of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 than after injection of ^{131}I -Lym-1. The quality and resolution of the ^{67}Cu images were much superior to those obtained with ^{131}I .

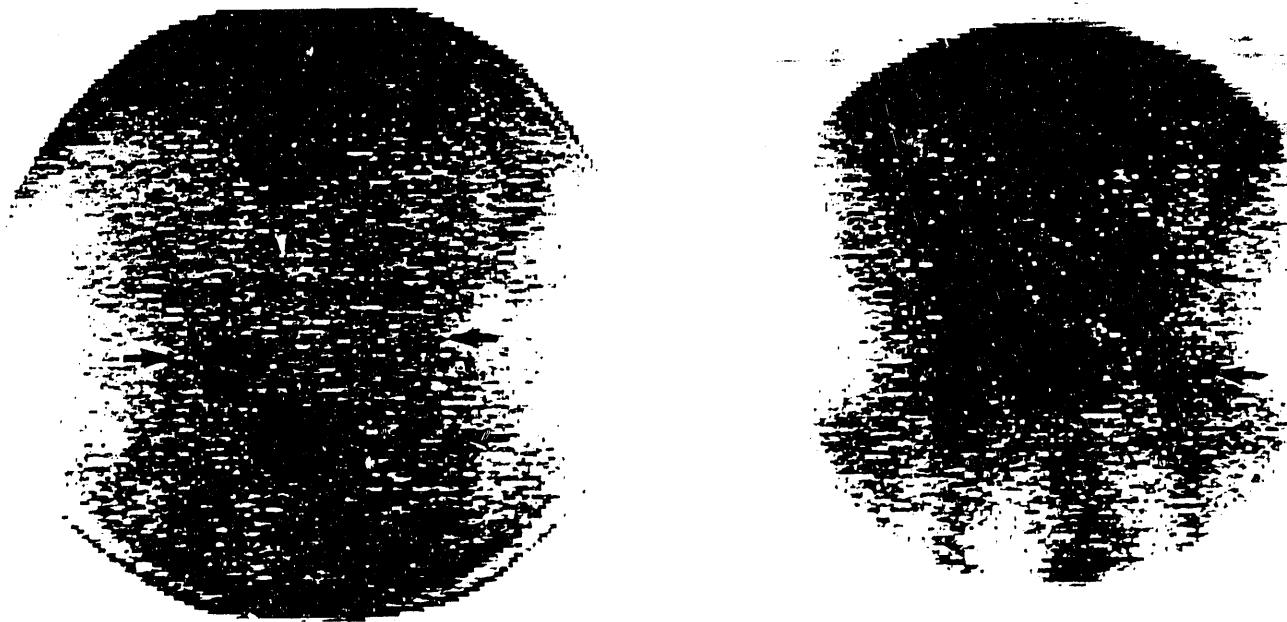


Figure 8. Anterior images of the abdomen and pelvis of a patient with lymphoma obtained 24 hours after injection of 10 mCi of ^{131}I -Lym-1 (left) or ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 (right). Iliofemoral tumors are better visualized with ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 despite increasing the intensity of the computer generated ^{131}I -Lym-1 image 3 times higher than that for the ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 image. This was necessary because of greater clearance of ^{131}I -Lym-1 from the tumors.

There was no evidence of active uptake of ^{67}Cu by any normal tissue. Specifically, there was no uptake of ^{67}Cu by the stomach, thyroid or salivary glands as is the case for ^{131}I . However, retention of ^{67}Cu by the liver was longer than that of ^{131}I leading to a modestly greater radiation absorbed dose.

Table 3. Radiation Dosimetry

Radiation Dose (rads/mCi)

Whole Body	0.3-0.6
Liver	1.6-5.2
Spleen*	3.7-9.1
Kidney	0.5-1.5
Marrow**	0.2-0.7
Tumor***	4.7-20.6
Lung	0.6-1.6

*diseased

**from blood and body

***1.4-5.4 X greater than ^{131}I Lym-1

Importantly, there was no evidence for skeletal or bone marrow uptake of ^{67}Cu in the absence of lymphomatous disease in common with ^{131}I . Radiation absorbed dose to the bone marrow of the patients from blood and whole body contributions was less than that from ^{131}I because of the lesser abundance of photons and shorter physical half-life. Lymphomatous tumor uptake of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 was as great as that of ^{131}I Lym-1 in all instances and the radiation absorbed dose to the tumors was 1.4-5.4 times greater for ^{67}Cu than for ^{131}I because the ^{67}Cu was retained in the tumors much longer than was ^{131}I . This was particularly dramatic in some patients. Three patients that received 5-10 mCi of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 had significant decrease in the size of their tumors after administration of the antibody.



Figure 9. Tumor uptake in left inguinal nodes was observed as early as 4 hours (left) and remained constant from 24 hours (right) through 96 hours. This patient's tumor decreased in size during the period of observation. Images of patients after injection of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 were of good quality and resolution.

No change in tumor size was observed in the other five patients, but the amounts of administered ^{67}Cu were intended for pharmacokinetic rather than therapeutic purposes. None of the patients developed an antiglobulin response (HAMA) against the Lym-1 when tested repeatedly for at least two months following injection.

In summary, the pharmacokinetics and radiation dosimetry of ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 in patients seems highly favorable when compared to that of ^{131}I -Lym-1. The tumor to biologically critical organ (bone marrow) therapeutic ratio is distinctly more favorable for ^{67}Cu -BAT(TETA)-Lym-1 than that of ^{131}I Lym-1.

DOTA Lym-1 Development and In-111/Y-90 Lym-1 Imaging Pharmacology Studies.

Yttrium-90 is a promising radiometal for therapy of cancer due to its high-energy beta emission useful for therapy of solid tumors and its physical half-life of 2.67 days. It can be produced easily by a $^{90}\text{Sr}/^{90}\text{Y}$ generator. A macrocyclic bifunctional chelating agent based on 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-N,N',N",N"-tetraacetic acid (DOTA) forms a stable yttrium complex. It was converted to p-bromoacetamidobenzyl-DOTA (BAD), and conjugated to Lym-1 via 2-iminothiolane. Stability studies of ^{88}Y -Lym-1-2IT-BAD in human serum in vitro showed no measurable loss of yttrium from the ligand over a 25 day period. The improved method of conjugation to remove high molecular weight species has been worked out and is reported on by McCall (1990). We have manufactured a large batch of the conjugate (Lym-1-2IT-BAD) for human use under FDA guidelines.

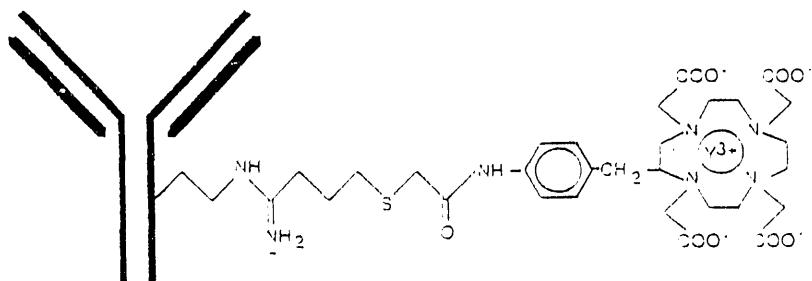


Figure 10. Structural formula of ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1.

Studies in Patients

Radiochemical/Radiopharmaceutical Quality. All of the ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 preparations had 3 chelates on each antibody molecule when assayed by ^{57}Co . By HPLC, all of the radiolabel was associated with the conjugated Lym-1 ($\sim 150,000$).

Pharmacokinetics. ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 and ^{90}Y -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 have proven to be relatively stable in vitro in biologic milieus. The pharmacokinetics of ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 and ^{90}Y -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 in mice have been the subject of publications cited in this document (Deshpande 1989, 1990).

Pharmacokinetics of ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 has been studied in 4 patients that received 3.1-5.3 mCi using blood and urinary clearance methods and quantitative imaging. In 3 of these patients this study was followed by an ^{131}I -Lym-1 study. Similar blood clearance curves were seen in the patients with ^{131}I -Lym-1 when compared to ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 (Figure 11). The ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 had a somewhat slower clearance from the body (and liver) and diminished urinary excretion when compared to ^{131}I -Lym-1 (Figure 12). However, corrected for decay 50% is excreted by Day 6. Therapeutic ratio (T/NT) can be calculated for ^{90}Y by extrapolation of ^{111}In data (see below). If ^{90}Y -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 pharmacokinetics in patients correlates to ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1, as it has in our animal studies, then this will be a good therapeutic agent. Further improvements in dosimetry are expected with the new linkage we have recently developed. (Reported in Chemistry section)

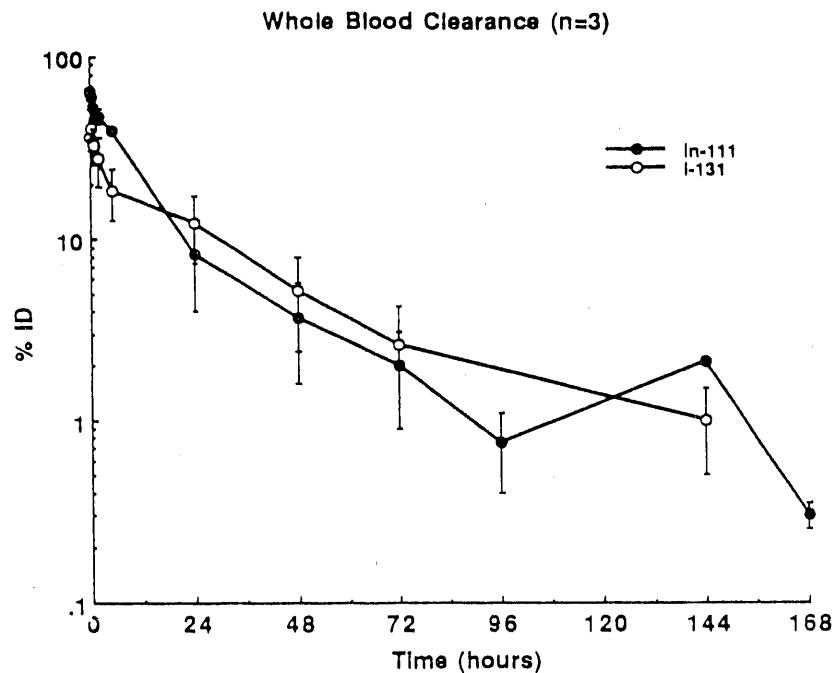


Figure 11. Whole blood clearance of ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 was comparable to that of ^{131}I -Lym-1.

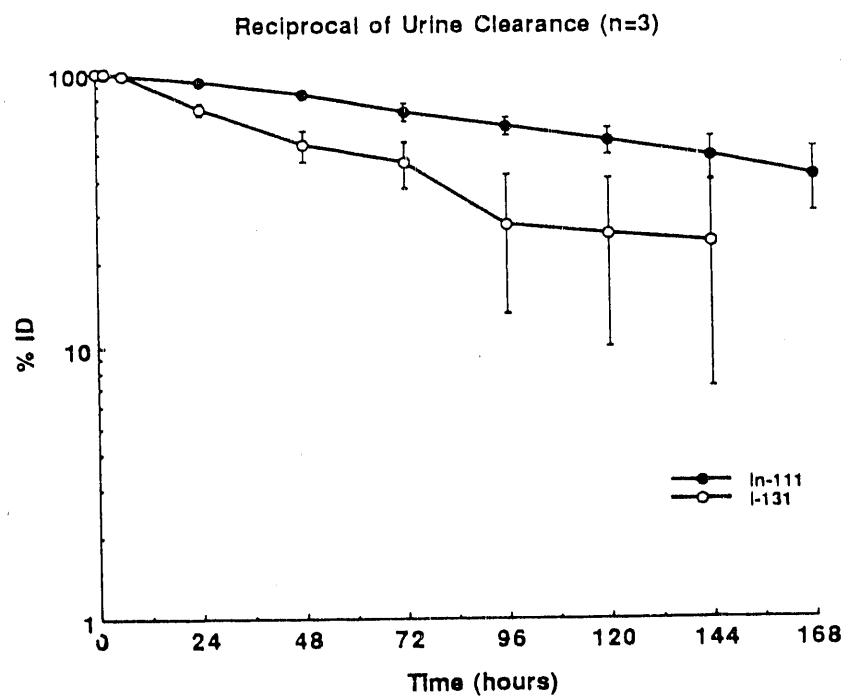


Figure 12. Urinary clearance of ^{111}In -BAD(DOTA)-Lym-1 was diminished when compared to ^{131}I -Lym-1.

Table 4. Radiation Dosimetry

Radiation Dose (rads/mCi)		
	In-111	Y-90*
Whole Body	0.4	1.7- 2.0
Liver	0.3-2.6	15.5- 21.3
Spleen**	2.2-6.8	27.3- 84.6
Kidney	0.2-0.3	2.7- 3.3
Marrow***	0.03-0.1	2.8- 3.4
Tumor	0.2-7.6	4.6-157.8
Lung	0.2-0.4	3.6- 4.9

*extrapolated from In-111 data

**diseased

***from blood and body



Figure 13. Anterior images of the head (left), chest(middle) and pelvis (right) of a patient with lymphoma obtained 48 hours after injection of 5.2 mCi of In-111-BAD Lym-1. Tumor uptake is easily seen in lymphoma of the skull, soft tissue of the temples, nodes in the neck, mediastinum, axilla, chest, abdomen, pelvis and left inguinal area.

C. MOLECULAR AND STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY/PHARMACEUTICAL DEVELOPMENT

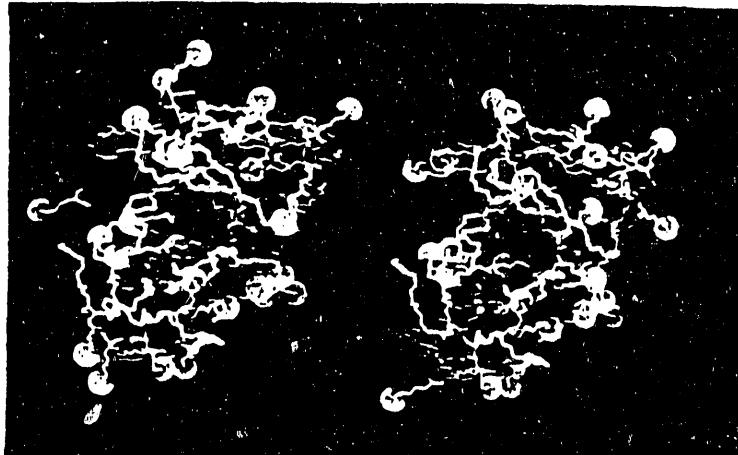
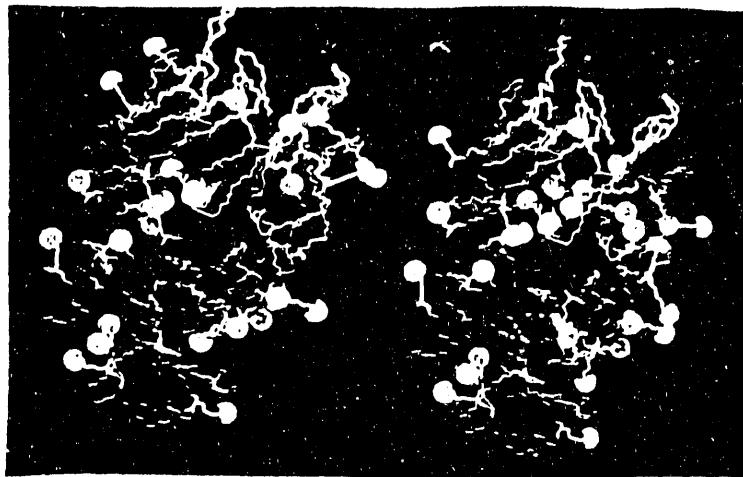
Single-chain antigen-binding proteins produced by recombinant techniques have been suggested to have high potential in cancer therapy. In our opinion they provide the crucial building blocks to initiate designer molecules for antibody based radiopharmaceuticals containing the messages for tumor targeting and vascular permeability as well as radiometal chelates and effective linkage. Our previous sequencing and PCR of the Lym-1 antibody allows us to utilize these methods to create a single-chain version of this antibody. The protein produced can then be modified to improve the properties of our immunoconjugates.

Lym-1 Single-Chain Antigen Binding Protein

The two portions of the SCA protein which encode the variable regions of the Lym-1 antibody were prepared by PCR production of mRNA from Lym-1 cells with several different primers. For the light chain, a primer in the constant region was used along with a primer which incorporates a Cfo I site and the terminal amino acids of the ompA signal peptide onto the variable region amino terminus. For the heavy chain, a primer in the signal peptide was used with a primer that incorporates two stop codons and a BamH1 site at the end of the heavy chain variable region. Both of these products were then subcloned into plasmids to enable faithful reproduction of the exact sequences in relatively large quantities. These clones were sequenced to confirm their identities, and then the DNA was grown, isolated and purified. Likewise, the Cloning Site-Operator-Promoter-Signal Peptide fragment was also cloned into a plasmid. This clone was also sequenced and then the DNA was grown, isolated and purified.

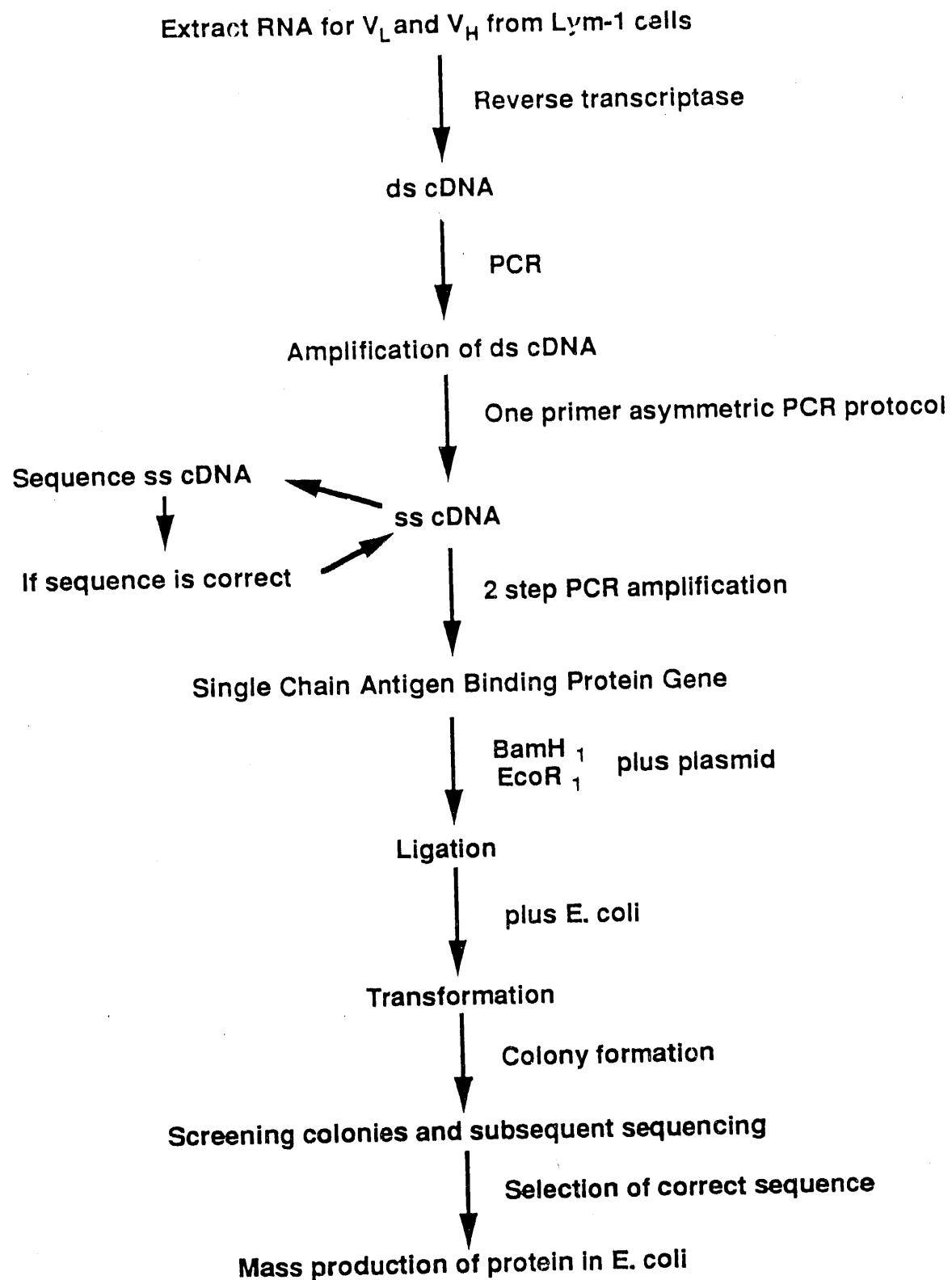
The gene was then assembled by successive ligations and gel purifications. The Eco-promoter-ompA fragment was ligated to the light chain fragment at the Cfo I site. The heavy chain fragment was ligated to the Linker at the Ava II site. These were then purified. The Linker/Heavy fragment was then ligated to the Eco-promoter-ompA-Light fragment, purified and ligated into a pUC8 plasmid that had been digested with EcoR1/BamH1 and purified. The recombinants were then selected, and we are currently sequencing them to isolate the proper clones for expression of the SCA protein.

Models of Fab fragments of Lym-1 (left) and Lb (right) mouse IgG2a. Prepared in MIDAS plus on a Silicon Graphics IRS computer, starting with the structure of McPC603 (Sato, Y., Cohen, G.H., Padlan, E.A., and Davies, D.R. (1986) "The phosphocholine binding immunoglobulin Fab McPC603." *J. Mol. Biol.* 190:593-604. Lysine side chains yellow; peptide backbone red; hypervariable loops white; N-termini blue.



Rotated view of Lym-1 and L6 Fab fragments, with binding sites facing forward. Prepared as figure CHEL-3.

Construction of Lym-1 Single Chain Antigen Binding Protein



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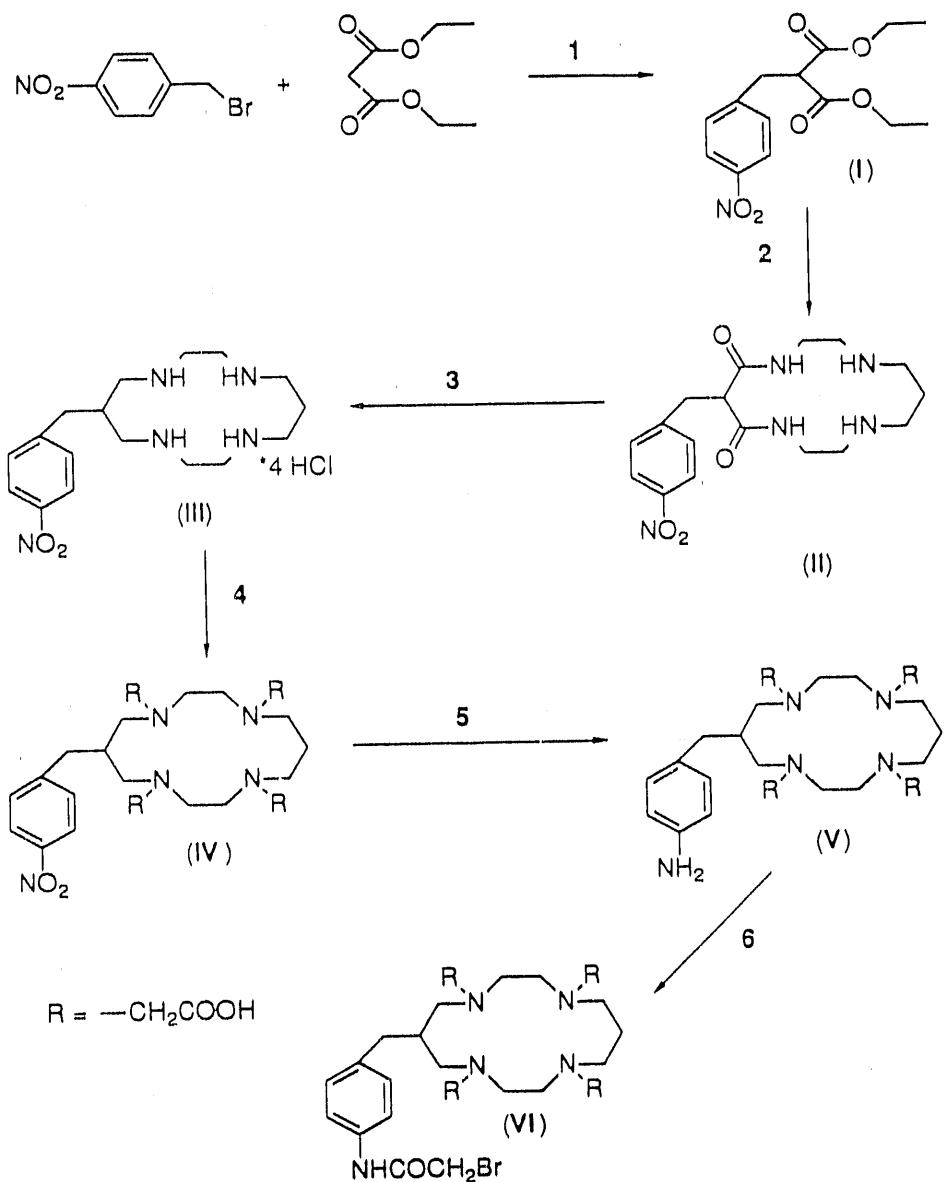
Figure 2. The Lym-1 Single-Chain Antigen-Binding protein gene sequence. The OL/PR promoter, *ompA* signal peptide, Lym-1 light and heavy chain variable regions (numbered using the Kabat system), and synthetic linker (underlined) are shown. The restriction sites used to assemble the gene are underlined and labeled.

D. Chelate Chemistry, November 1990 - October 1991

From the beginning, this grant has supported the conception, synthesis, and development of the first macrocyclic bifunctional chelating agent TETA (6-p-nitrobenzyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazatetradecane-N,N',N'',N''')-tetraacetic acid and its derivatives, including Lym-1-2IT-BAT), for use in ^{67}Cu -based radioimmunodiagnosis and therapy. This work has led to the further development of other macrocyclic bifunctional chelating agents for copper and other metals.

Macrocyclic Synthesis

The synthesis of 6-(p-Bromoacetamidobenzyl)-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane-N,N',N'',N''',-tetraacetic acid (BAT) is currently carried out following the methods described by Moi (Fig. 1). However, reactions 2 and 4 were modified to improve yields. Reaction 2 was carried out by dissolving 50 g of p-Nitrobenzyl diethylmalonate (**I**) and 27 g of N,N'-Bis(2-aminoethyl)-1,3-propanediamine in 3.5 L of neat ethanol at room temperature and refluxed for 6 days. The product, 3-p-Nitrobenzyl-2,4-dioxo-1,5,8,12-tetraazacyclotetradecane (**II**), was isolated and characterized according to standard procedure. The 2 fold increase in total dilution and the absence of the high dilution reagent addition method modestly increased the yield from 21.4% to 32.8%. Reaction 4 was carried out by dissolving 0.707 g of 6-p-Nitrobenzyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane-4 HCl (**III**) in 2.4 mL of H_2O and adjusting the to pH 10 with saturated NaOH. 4 equivalents of bromoacetic acid (0.816 g) were added and again adjusted to pH 10. The reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C and pH 10 was continuously maintained for the duration of the reaction by the addition of 10 M NaOH by a Radiometer pH STAT. After 5 hours, an additional equivalent of Bromoacetic acid was added. Two hours later the reaction was stopped by neutralizing with 6 M HCl. HPLC C-18 purification shows that 6-(p-Nitrobenzyl)-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane-N,N',N'',N''',-tetraacetic acid (**IV**) product yield was marginally improved from 45% to 55%. To date, approximately 0.500 g of **IV** has been synthesized. Assuming comparable product yields and loss due to characterization, approximately 0.300 - 0.350 g of BAT (**VI**) will be synthesized in the upcoming weeks.

Fig. 1 Synthesis of BAT

Conjugation of Lym-1-2IT-BAT and Radiolabeling with Cu-67 for Human Use
General Analytic and Laboratory Techniques

Metal free labware, buffers, and equipment were used scrupulously in the preparation and radiolabeling of antibody conjugate.

Samples examined by thin layer chromatography (TLC) were applied to a plastic-backed silica gel plate (EM Science) which is developed in 10% (w/v) ammonium acetate/methanol (1/1 v/v) solvent. In this system, unchelated metals and antibody conjugates remain at the origin while free chelates migrate to $R_f > 0.5$. The plates are imaged and quantitated with the AMBIS radioanalytic imaging system.

High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) of the conjugates was performed at room temperature on a 7.5 x 300 mm TSK 3000SW gel filtration column (Altex). Unlabeled immunoconjugates were eluted at 0.5 mL/min in 0.1 M sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0; the UV-absorbing fractions were detected at 280 nm. Cu-67 labeled immunoconjugates were eluted at 1.0 mL/min in 0.1 M sodium phosphate buffer pH 7.4, containing 0.005% NaN₃ by weight and detected by a Beckman 170 radioisotope detector.

Cellulose acetate electrophoresis (CAE) was performed with 0.05 M barbital buffer pH 8.6 for 45 minutes at 300 V.

Preparation of Lym-1-2IT-BAT

Bromoacetamidobenzyl TETA (BAT) was prepared and conjugated to Lym-1 (Damon Biotech, Needham Heights, MA) via 2-iminothiolane (2IT). Three lots (A, B, and C) of conjugate were prepared according to the methods of McCall et al.¹ The concentrations of Lym-1 (mg/mL), 2IT (mM), and BAT (mM) in the conjugation solutions were (A) 17, 1.0, and 2.0; (B) 19, 1.0, and 2.0; and (C) 11, 1.5, and 3.0. Conjugates A and B were purified and transferred to double deionized water (dd H₂O) by column centrifugation^{2,3}; conjugate C was purified and transferred to dd H₂O by size exclusion chromatography through a 1 x 30 cm Sephadex G-50 column. Lots A, B, and C were cobalt assayed at 1.0, 1.3, and 1.0 average available chelate sites per antibody according to the method of McCall et al. Each lot was examined by HPLC to assure that antibody conjugate aggregation was <5% in all cases. All conjugates were plunged into liquid nitrogen and stored at -70°C until immediately before use.

Mouse weight toxicity studies of each lot were conducted as follows: 20 µg of conjugate in 100 µL of 0.9 percent sterile saline was injected into each of six BALB/c mice; sterile saline alone was injected into six control mice. All mice were weighed at the time of injection and at 24, 48, 72, and 120 hours after injection. In all cases, weight gain of the conjugate-injected mice at all time points corresponded to that of the control mice.

Lym 1-2IT-BAT-Cu-67 Radiolabeling

Five lots of Cu-67 (Brookhaven and Los Alamos National Laboratories) were used to radiolabel six patient doses. Because the specific activity of the Cu-67 varied by supplier and lot, each lot was titrated against Lym-1-2IT-BAT to determine the achievable activity per unit mass of radioimmunoconjugate. A 1.5- to 2-fold excess of Cu-67 was introduced to conjugate in the complexation solution.

Radiolabeling was performed as follows: Cu-67 in 0.5 M HCl was dried on a 70 °C heat block under a gentle stream of nitrogen gas. 1.0 M ammonium citrate, pH 5.0, was added to the immunoconjugate solution such that final buffer concentration was 0.1 M; then buffered immunoconjugate was added to the dried copper. This complexation solution was allowed to incubate 30 min at room temperature.

100 mM Na₂EDTA was added to a final concentration of 10 mM. The solution was allowed to incubate an additional 10 min at room temperature. A solution of Cu-67 and *unmodified* Lym 1 was similarly challenged to determine that all nonspecifically bound copper is complexed by the EDTA.

The challenged immunoconjugate solution was purified and transferred to 0.9% sterile saline (Travenol, Deerfield, IL) by elution through an open 1 x 30 cm Sephadex G-50 column. 0.7 mL of 25% HSA (Alpha Therapeutic, Los Angeles) had previously been eluted through the column to prevent nonspecific binding of the antibody. The eluent was filtered through a Millipore 0.22 µm cartridge which had also been preconditioned with HSA. In the case of Patient 1, the challenged immunoconjugate

solution was purified and transferred to dd H₂O by column centrifugation before application to the open column. An aliquot of the radiopharmaceutical was challenged with EDTA and examined by TLC to verify the absence of nonspecifically bound copper. Protein recovery was determined using $E^{1\%}$ of 13.5 at 280 nm.⁴ The preparation was diluted in sterile saline solution and stabilized with HSA such that final concentrations of Lym 1-2IT-BAT-Cu-67 and HSA were 1.0 mg/mL and 40 mg/mL, respectively; this solution was examined by HPLC, CAE, and LAL. A fixed Raji cell immunoassay according to the method of DeNardo et al.⁵ was conducted to determine the immunoreactivity of the radiopharmaceutical relative to that of I-125 iodinated Lym 1.

Quality control analysis of the radioimmunoconjugate preparations is summarized in Table 1. Radioanalytic HPLC of the radiopharmaceutical showed that <10% of the Cu-67 label was complexed to aggregates. No significant amounts of radiolabeled low-molecular-weight species (e.g., EDTA-Cu-67) were detected. All radiopharmaceutical preparations displayed >90% immunoreactivity relative to I-125 iodinated Lym 1. Virtually all counts migrated as one CAE band in both cases, and all preparations were LAL negative.

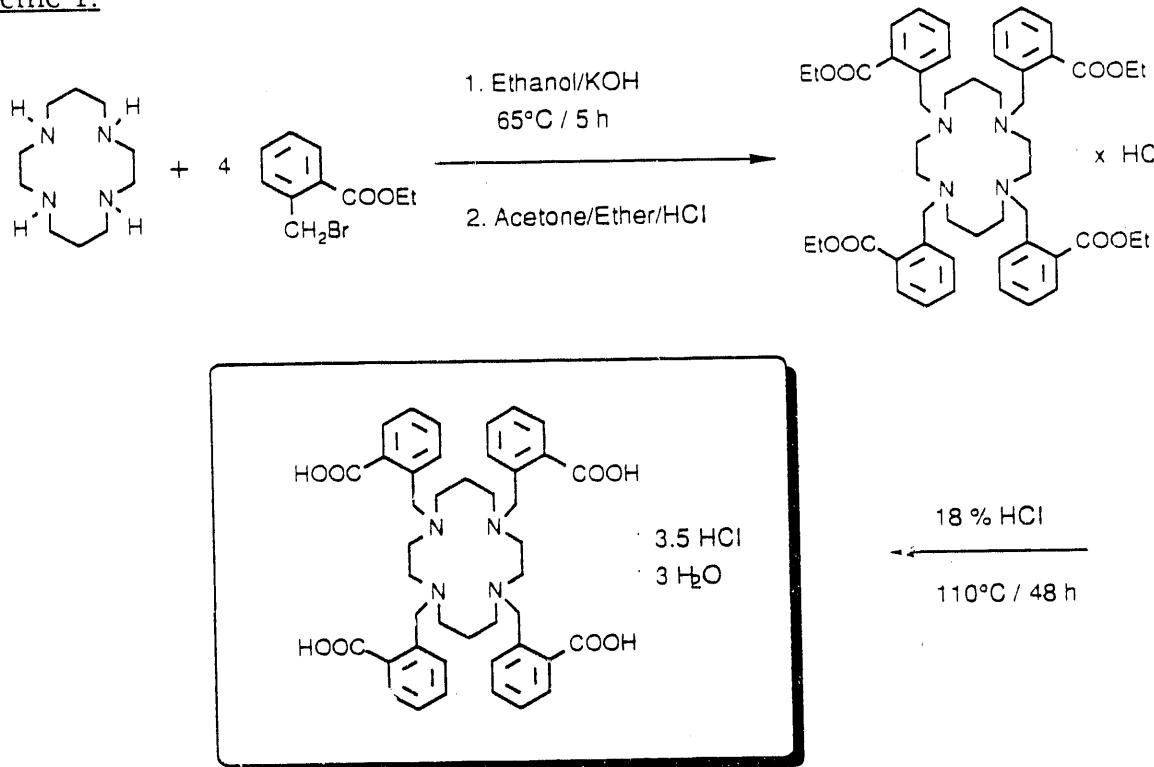
Table 1. Lym-1-2IT-BAT-Cu-67 radiopharmaceutical preparations.

Patient	Conjugate lot	mCi Cu-67 per mg Lym-1-2IT-BAD	Immunoreactivity relative to Lym-1-I-125	Fraction of Cu-67 on aggregates
1	A	0.12	98%	0.01
2	B	1.0	100%	0.09
3	B	0.20	96%	0.07
4	C	1.3	>90%	0.01
5	C	0.80	92%	0.05
6	C	0.77	92%	0.05

Synthesis, characterization and properties of 1,4,8,11-Tetrakis-(2-carboxybenzyl)-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane-hydrochloride

1. Synthesis: This new tetra-substituted derivative of 1,4,8,11-Tetraazacyclotetradecane (cyclam) was synthesized as shown:

Scheme 1:



To a mixture of 1.5 g (7.5 mmol) of 1,4,8,11 - Tetraazacyclotetradecane and 2.58 g (46 mmol) solid KOH in 15 ml abs. ethanol at 65° C, 14.6 g (45 mmol) 2-Bromomethylbenzoic acid-ethylester, dissolved in 15 ml abs. ethanol, was added during 1h. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 5 h at 65° C. After cooling to 4 °C, the formed precipitate (KBr) was filtered off and the ethanol is evaporated. To the oily residue 100 ml of acetone is added. The mixture is refluxed for 15 min. and 3 ml of 36% HCl are added to form the hydrochloride. After cooling down slowly to 4 °C the precipitate is filtered off. A second portion is collected after addition of 100 ml dimethyl ether to the filtrate, saturation with HCl and cooling to -30 °C. The crude intermediate was hydrolyzed in 100 ml of 18 % HCl at 110 °C for 48 h. After cooling the reaction mixture to -30 °C a colorless precipitate was formed to give 3.1 g (3.4 mmol, 45%) of product. The new macrocyclic compound was characterized by NMR, MS, IR and elemental analysis: ^1H NMR ($\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{NaOD}$; $\text{pH}^* \sim 12$): 1.6 - 1.8 (m, 4 H); 2.3 - 2.8 (m, 16 H); 3.7 (s, 8 H); 7.1 - 7.6 (m, 16 H). FAB-MS: m/e 738 ($\text{M} + \text{H}^+$). FT - IR: 1705 cm^{-1} (Ar-COOH). Elemental Analysis: $\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{48}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8 \cdot 3.5 \text{ HCl} \cdot 3 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$. 918.54. Calculated: C: 55.20 H: 6.45 N: 6.00 Cl: 13.32 O: 19.03. Found: C: 54.94 H: 6.31 N: 6.10 Cl: 13.51 O: 19.16 (calculated by difference).

2. Cu(II) - complexes:

A Cu (II)-complex can easily be formed at room temperature by adding an equal amount of $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ to a solution of the ligand in a methanol/water mixture (1:1) at pH~5. At lower pH (~2) the complex decomposes, which indicates that the macrocycle is in a trans- I configuration, where all sidechains point to the same side. A color change and shift to higher wavelengths above pH~8 is unusual for this type of macrocycle and can not be explained so far. It might indicate a configuration change at the nitrogen atoms. The spectroscopic data of the complex (3 mM solutions in methanol/water 1:1), at different pH values are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Absorbance

pH	λ_{max}	$\epsilon(\lambda_{\text{max}})$
11.7	706	245
5.0	606	133
2.3	606	decomposition

The binuclear Cu(II)-complex was crystallized and its X-ray structure solved. The macrocycle is in the trans-I configuration. Both Cu(II) cations are pentacoordinated by two nitrogen atoms of the macrocycle, two oxygen atoms of the carboxylate sidechains and a water molecule acts as a bridging ligand. The coordination geometry is in between square pyramidal and trigonal bipyramidal. The four nitrogen atoms form a perfect plane and the Cu - N and Cu - O bond lengths are in the normal range of 204.6 - 206.1 pm and 195.9 - 196.8 pm respectively. The distance of the bridging oxygen atom to Cu1 and Cu2 is 260.5 and 243.4 pm.

Large Scale Nitrobenzyl-DOTA Synthesis

The synthesis of nitrobenzyl-DOTA, a ten step synthesis, was done in our lab according to the published procedure (Min Moi et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 110 [1988] 6266). The starting material, either (L)- or (D)-Phenylalanine gives nitrobenzyl-(S)- or (R)-DOTA. However, some yields are very relatively low, and a HPLC purification was necessary for the last four steps. The preparations done previously gave final yields of 0.9-1.0%, resulting in about 1.5 g of nitrobenzyl-DOTA. This synthesis report describes the first large scale synthesis of nitrobenzyl-DOTA. In addition, the yields of most of the steps were improved.

The synthesis of the first five precursors of nitrobenzyl-DOTA was done essentially as described. Changes were made in the work-up of the reaction mixtures and the final purifications. The reduction of p-Nitrophenylalanylglycylglycylglycine (5) to 11-p-nitrobenzyl-3,6,9,12-tetraazadodecanol (6) was done on a 250 ml 1 M Borane-THF scale, which allows the reduction of about 7.2 g of (6). However, the improved synthesis of steps 1-5 gave 133.7 g of (6). This would have required about 17 reductions (approximately eight weeks) compared to the usual five. A reduction apparatus therefore had to be designed to do reductions on larger scale. The apparatus was carefully tested, especially the influence of a possible higher hydrogen pressure was investigated. A magnetic stirrer with a speed control system was used to guarantee effective stirring of the mixture. Reductions using up to 1600 ml 1 M Borane-THF can and have been done safely. The work-up of the reduction product was also remarkably improved; purification via a silica gel column chromatography is no longer necessary. Compound (6) can be obtained in high quality and almost quantitative yield.

It was not possible to increase the yields of the tosylation drastically, although numerous reaction conditions were investigated. A HPLC purification of the crude product (7) cannot be avoided due to the high number of byproducts. Most of the yellow material could be removed by open silica gel chromatography which made it possible to use a less sensitive filter in the UV detector of the HPLC (generally absorbance is detected at 254 nm; for this purification a 340 nm filter could be used) and to inject larger amounts to cut the number of injections dramatically. However, the total run time is still 162 hours (245 injections, 130 l HPLC solvents; 185 mg product per injection).

For the purification of (9), HPLC is no longer necessary since (9) can be recrystallized in good quality on this scale. This also eliminates an expensive HPLC procedure. The yields of the detosylation and the final alkylation have also been improved, but HPLC purification is still recommended. Both HPLC purifications can be done using aqueous conditions and the amount of HPLC methanol or acetonitrile necessary for the gradients is relatively small.

Description of the synthesis

Yields are not given when the material of two or more preparations was pooled for final purification. For total yields of each step see Table II.

1. (S)-p-Nitrophenylalanine: (S)-Phenylalanine (80 g, 0.48 mol) was dissolved in 215 ml concentrated sulfuric acid over the course of 5 h at 0 °C. 27 ml Nitric acid were added slowly over the course of 2 hours at 4-8 °C. On neutralization, (S)-p-nitrophenylalanine, (1), precipitated. The precipitate was collected, and recrystallized from water. Yield: 61.63 g (61%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz), D₂O, pH 6) 3.18 (q, 1H), 3.23 (q, 1H), 3.90 (t, 1H), 7.40 (d, 2H), 8.10 (d, 2H).

2. N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-(R)-p-nitrophenylalanine: Compound (1) above (61.63 g, 293.2 mmol in 176 ml H₂O) was reacted with BOC-ON (79.5 g, 105 mmol) in 171 ml dioxane and 62 ml triethylamine (4 hr, room temperature, nitrogen atmosphere). The reaction mixture was poured into 500 ml water and 400 ml ether and the pH adjusted to 1 with 6 M HCl. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate, and the extracts taken to dryness. The yellow material was dissolved in 300 ml ether, the solvent removed under reduced pressure and the residue was lyophilized to give the product, N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-(R)-p-nitrophenylalanine (2) as a white powder. Yield: 18.9 g (64%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.30 (d, 9H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 4.50 (q, 1H), 7.40 (d, 2H), 9.80 (s, 1H).

3. N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-(S)-p-nitrophenylalanine-

N-hydroxysuccinimide ester: N-Hydroxysuccinimide (29 g, 252 mmol) was added to a solution of compound (2) (77.97 g, 252 mmol) and DCC (57 g, 275 mmol) in 1250 ml dioxane (room temperature, 17 hr, under nitrogen). The resulting precipitate was filtered off and the filtrate taken to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 1000 ml 2-propanol and the undissolved material was filtered off. The filtrate was taken to dryness, giving N-tert-butoxycarbonyl)-(S)-p-nitrophenylalanine-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (3). Yield 87.03 g (81.5%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.40 (s, 9H), 2.90 (s, 4H), 3.40 (m, 2H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 8.20 (d, 2H).

4. N-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-(R)-p-nitrophenylalanylglycylglycylglycine:

Compound (3) (93.00 g, 219 mmol) in 415 ml DMF was added to a solution of 58.25 g triglycine and 34.42 g sodium bicarbonate in 820 ml and the solution stirred for 5 h at room temperature (nitrogen atmosphere). The reaction mixture was filtered and

1770 ml water was added. The product, N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-(S)-nitrophenylglycylglycylglycine, (4), was precipitated from solution by the addition of concentrated HCl (final pH 1). The precipitate was aged at 4 °C for 12 h, filtered off, washed with ether and dried in a desiccator under reduced pressure. Yield 104.09 g (99%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O, pH 11) 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 6H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.40 (m, 1H) 7.25 (d, 2H), 8.05 (d, 2H); FABMS m/e=504 (m=Na⁺)

5. (S)-p-Nitrophenylalanylglycylglycylglycine: Compound (4) was dissolved in trifluoroacetic acid at 0 °C and stirred for one hour. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give (S)-p-nitrophenylalanylglycylglycylglycine (5) as the TFA salt in quantitative yield. The TFA-salt (5) is very hygroscopic. The preparation of (5) was always done immediately before the reduction or the sample was stored under high vacuum.

FAB-MS m/e=382 (m=H⁺).

6. & 7. (S)-11-p-Nitrobenzyl-3,6,9,12-tetraazadodecanol hydrochloride (6) and free base (7): Compound (5) (44.52 g), was dissolved in 420 ml freshly distilled THF and after cooling to 0 °C, 1600 ml 1 M Borane-THF complex (1600 mmol) was slowly added. The mixture was refluxed for 17 h, cooled to 0 °C, quenched with 200 ml methanol, saturated with HCl and refluxed again for 17 h. The solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. The remaining viscous colorless solution was decanted and the white gummy precipitate was washed with chloroform, dissolved in 1000 ml water and washed again with 3x200 ml chloroform. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and lyophilized to give (6) as a white powder. The resulting hydrochloride salt (6) was taken up in NaOH solution (to pH 10). This basic solution was continuously extracted with chloroform for 8 h. The organic layer was taken to dryness under reduced pressure to give (S)-11-p-nitrobenzyl-3,6,9,12-tetraazadodecanol (7). (7) ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O, pH 11): 2.25 (br.s, 6H), 2.50-3.00 (m, 14H), 3.10 (m, 1H), 3.60 (t, 2H), 7.35 (d, 2H), 8.15 (d, 2H); FTIR no carbonyl absorption from 1610-1700; FABMS m/e (M=H⁺) 326

8. (S)-11-p-Nitrobenzyl-N,N',N",N", O-(pentatoluenesulfonyl)-3,6,9,12-tetraazadodecanol: Compound (7) (30.9 g, 94 mmol) was dissolved in 470 ml acetonitrile, 240 ml triethylamine and 240 ml methylene chloride. 90.0 g (471 mmol) p-toluenesulfonyl-chloride was added and the mixture was stirred for 5 h under a nitrogen atmosphere. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue taken up in chloroform, washed with HCl and purified by normal phase HPLC to give the product (S)-11-p-Nitrobenzyl-N,N',N",N", O-(pentatoluenesulfonyl)-3,6,9,12-tetraazadodecanol (8).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.50 (m, 12H), 2.60-3.50 (m, 14H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 4.20 (t, 2H), 5.30 (d, 1H), 7.00-7.90 (m, 24H); High resolution FABMS m/e=1096.263 (M+H)⁺ calcd; found=1096.265.

9. (S)-2-p-Nitrobenzyl-N,N',N",N"- (tetratoluenesulfonyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacylododecane: Compound (8) (45.43 g, 41.5 mmol) was dissolved in 4200 ml DMF, Cesium carbonate (13.4 g, 42 mmol) added and the mixture stirred at 60 °C for 5 h under nitrogen atmosphere. The solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure, the residue taken up into chloroform and washed with 0.1 N HCl (3x250 ml). The solvent was again removed under reduced pressure to give the crude compound (9). The residue was purified by open silica gel chromatography (4x8 cm, eluent chloroform), the volume reduced and methanol and ethyl acetate was

added to precipitate the (S)-2-p-Nitrobenzyl-N,N',N",N'''-(tetratoluenesulfonyl)-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane (9) after cooling to 4 °C. Yield: 22.05 g (58%).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): 2.40-2.60 (m, 12H), 3.00-4.20 (m, 16H), 4.50 (m, 1H), 7.00-7.50 (m, 12H), 7.60-7.90 (m, 6H, 8.15 (d, 2H); FABMS m/e calcd (M+H⁺) 924.24; found 924.25.

10. (S)-2-p-Nitrobenzyl-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane: Compound (9) (13.03 g, 14.1 mmol) was dissolved in 600 ml concentrated sulfuric acid and 22.5 g phenol was added. The mixture was heated to 100 °C and stirred for 56 h under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was poured into 2000 ml ice and neutralized with about 3.3 kg barium hydroxide. The barium hydroxide precipitate was aged at 4 °C for 12 h and filtered off. The remaining solution (9.5 l) was evaporated to a small volume (about 300 ml) under reduced pressure and purified by reversed phase HPLC to give the product (S)-2-p-Nitrobenzyl-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane (10). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O, pH 2): 2.80-3.50 (m, 17H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 8.20 (d, 2H); FAB-MS m/e calcd (M+H⁺) 308.210; found 308.209.

11. (S)-2-p-Nitrobenzyl-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-N,N',N",N'''-tetraacetic acid: Bromoacetic acid (10.14 g, 73.0 mmol) was added to a solution of compound (10) (4.48 g, 14.6 mmol) in 45 ml water at pH 11. The mixture was stirred at 70 °C, while the pH was maintained at 10 with 3 N NaOH using a pH-stat.. After 5 h the solution was neutralized with 6 N HCl and purified by reversed phase HPLC to give the product (S)-2-p-Nitrobenzyl-1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-N,N',N",N'''-tetraacetic acid (11).

¹H NMR (300 MHz, D₂O, pH 10) 2.75-4.00 (complex multiplet, 25H), 7.50 (t, 2H); 8.20 (d, 2H); High resolution FAB-MS m/e=540.229 (M+H⁺), found 540.

Table I: Synthesis of Nitrobenzyl-(S)-DOTA

1. Nitration of (S)-Phenylalanine

Starting material:	80.00 g	(484.3 mmol)	
Yield:	61.63 g	(293.2 mmol)	60.5%

2. BOC Protection of (S)-p-Nitrophenylalanine

Starting material:	61.63 g	(293.2 mmol)	
Yield:	77.97 g	(251.8 mmol)	85.9%

3. NHS Activation of the protected amino acid

Starting material:	77.97 g	(251.8 mmol)	
Yield:	87.03 g	(205.3 mmol)	81.5%

4. Synthesis of the tetrapeptide

Starting material:	93.00 g	(219.3 mmol)	
Yield:	104.09 g	(216.0 mmol)	98.6%

5. Deprotection of the tetrapeptide

Starting Material:	103.72 g	(213.3 mmol)	
Yield:	133.66 g	(213.3 mmol)	99.0%

6. Reduction of the tetrapeptide

Starting material:	133.66 g	(213.5 mmol)	
Yield:	100.19 g	(197.3 mmol)	92.4%

7. Synthesis of the free amine of the reduced peptide

Starting Material:	91.93 g	(181.1 mmol)	
Yield:	55.93	(171.9 mmol)	94.9%

8. Tosylation				
Starting material:	52.36 g	(160.8 mmol)		
Yield:	45.43 g	(41.5 mmol)	25.8%	
9. Cyclization				
Starting material:	45.43 g	(41.5 mmol)		
Yield:	22.05 g	(23.9 mmol)	57.6%	
10. Detosylation				
Starting material:	22.03 g	(23.8 mmol)		
Yield:	8.83 g	(16.6 mmol)	69.7%	
11. Alkylation				
Starting material:	8.83 g	(16.6 mmol)		
Yield:	6.50 g	(12.05 mmol)	72.5%	
Total yield:	484.3 mmol =>	12.05 mmol =>>	2.50%	
			2.72%	
Yield calculated for the single steps 1.-11.				

Quality control

The purity of the synthesized nitrobenzyl-(S)-DOTA was carefully checked by FAB-MS, ¹H-NMR and by analytical HPLC. Analytical HPLC revealed single peaks with no impurities detectable. Metal Binding Assays were performed with Co-57 (Table II).

Table II: Characterization of Nitrobenzyl-(S)-DOTA Preparations:

	nbz-(S)-DOTA according to mass	nbz-(S)-DOTA according to metal binding assay
OR 93	2.32 g	2.32 g
OR 94	3.71 g	3.32 g
OR 93/4	0.37 g	0.28 g
OR 94X	0.13 g	no assay
Total	6.53 g	5.93 g

For a 10 mg/ml sample of nitrobenzyl-DOTA one would expect to obtain a 18.5 mM solution (based on weight).

>> Concentrations by UV analysis (NO₂-C₆H₄-, $\epsilon = 9050 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ at 280 nm)

OR 93	17.05 mM	92%
OR 94	14.27 mM	77%
OR 93/4	13.34 mM	72%

>> Concentrations by Co-57 metal binding analysis

(0.1 M NH₄OAc, pH=9, 30 min, RT)

OR 93	18.56 mM \pm 1.57	100%
OR 94	16.60 mM \pm 0.03	90%
OR 93/4	13.94 mM \pm 0.40	75%

>>MS

FAB-MS m/e: 540 (M+H⁺), 562 (M+Na⁺)

CF-FABMS m/e: 540 (M+H⁺), 562 (M+Na⁺), CF FABMS shows less M+Na⁺

Results of Labeling DOTA with Yttrium-88

1. General description

The results of labeling DOTA with Y-88 were analyzed by the TLC assay. Y-88 was purchased from Los Alamos National Laboratory. The solution of Y-88 was dried under IR lamp in the air and then dissolved in the buffer to give a 2 μ M Y-88 solution. DOTA (ammonium salt) was purchased from Parish Chemical Co. The purity was 88.9% \pm 1.7%, determined by Co-57 binding assay. A series of DOTA solutions of varying concentration was prepared. The same volume of Y-88 solution and DOTA solution was mixed and the mixture was incubated under specified conditions. The final concentration of Y-88 was 1 μ M and the molar ratio of DOTA to Y-88 was 1, 5, 10, 30, 70, 100, 300, 700, 1000, and 10000. Ammonium acetate was used as the buffer in all the experiments.

2. Experiments and Results

(1) Buffer Concentration Dependence Studies

The binding assays of Y-DOTA were studied at different concentrations of ammonium acetate: 0.1 M, 1 M, 2 M, 3 M, 5 M, 7 M, and 10 M at RT. The pH of all the solutions was approximately 7. The best results were:

- Y-88 received on 7/10/91: 92% of Y was complexed by DOTA at a ratio [DOTA]/[Y-88] = 100 in 3 h, and 86% at [DOTA]/[Y-88] = 70 in 24 h in 2 M ammonium acetate, pH = 7.16.
- Y-88 received on 9/20/91: 84% of Y was taken by DOTA at [DOTA]/[Y-88] = 70 in 1 h, 99% at [DOTA]/[Y-88] = 70 in 3.5 hrs, and 58% at [DOTA]/[Y-88] = 30 in 125 hrs in 2 M ammonium acetate, pH = 7.16.

(2) pH Dependence Studies

The binding assays of Y-DOTA were performed in 2 M ammonium acetate at three pH's: 7.16, 8.02, and 9.02 respectively. The best result was found at pH 7.16.

(3) Temperature Dependence Studies

The binding of yttrium to DOTA was studied at room temperature and 80 °C in 2 M ammonium acetate, pH=7.16. The results were improved at high temperature: 53% of Y was taken by DOTA at [DOTA]/[Y-88] = 30 in 3 hrs, 87% at [DOTA]/[Y-88] = 30 in 20 hrs (y-88 received on 9/20/91).

(4) Y-88 Purification

Y-88 purification was attempted by several different methods which included: 1) liquid-liquid TOPO extraction; 2) TOPO extraction column; and 3) cation-exchange column. Unfortunately, all the attempts failed to improve on the purity of Y-88 as received.

3. Summary

The best conditions for preparing Y-DOTA are listed below:

Buffer	pH	Temp.	[DOTA]/[Y]	time, h	% Y chelated*
2 M ammonium acetate	7.16	room T	70	3.5	99
			30	125	58
	80 °C		30	3	53
			30	20	87

* Results based on Y-88 received on 9/20/91, without further purification.

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