



# GUILHEM CHAUBET

CHARGÉ DE RECHERCHE CNRS • HDR

CO-DIRECTOR OF THE BIOFUNCTIONAL CHEMISTRY TEAM (UMR7199)

I joined the CNRS in 2017. As a research fellow in UMR 7199 at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Strasbourg, I have developed my research activity in chemical biology, mainly bioconjugation and *in vivo* chemistry. This research work has led to several publications and funding, including an International Training Networks that I coordinate. I obtained my HDR in December 2020 and became the co-director of the Biofunctional Chemistry team alongside Dr Alain Wagner. I am now looking to develop our protein bioconjugation applications further to access new classes of antibody-drug conjugates and use multicomponent reactions to construct complex drug-like structures.

## CONTACT

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## SKILLS

### /Technical

Stereoselective synthesis  
Bioconjugation  
Bioorthogonal chemistry  
Total synthesis  
Transition-metal catalysis  
Analytical chemistry

### /Professional and personal

Problem-solving  
Management  
Teamwork  
Rigorous  
Reporting  
Planning

## LANGAGES

French ●●●●●  
English ●●●●●  
German ●●●●●

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**CNRS – FACULTY OF PHARMACY OF STRASBOURG** / Chargé de Recherche  
Since January 2017

I have mainly developed research projects on the chemical conjugation of proteins, focusing on site-selective strategies using multicomponent reactions and new families of reagents (publications #8, 9 and 12; *vide infra*). In parallel, I also took part in the development of new families of cleavable linkers for antibody-drug conjugates applications (#1), in bioorthogonal chemistry (#4 and 5) and in the late-stage modification of bioactive substances (#3 and 7).

### Funding and management activities

- Coordinator of the Innovative Training Networks "Targeted Anti-Cancer Therapies" (TACT, grant agreement #859458) funded by the European Union under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. This 3.2 M€ ITN gathers six academic and three industrial partners and permitted the recruitment of 11 PhD students.
- Coordinator of the *ANR Jeunes Chercheuses Jeunes Chercheurs* "BioconjUgi".
- In total, ~4.0-M€ worth of funding secured from various national and international entities since 2017.
- Co-director of the research group (15 people); currently supervising 5 PhD students.

### Administrative responsibilities

- Member of the thesis commission of the doctoral school Chemical Sciences (ED 222)
- IT manager and member of the laboratory council of UMR 7199

**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD** / Postdoctoral Research Assistant in the Anderson group  
February 2014 – January 2017

I worked on two main projects: the total synthesis of the natural product rubriflorldilactone A (#13, 15 and 16) and the development of a new palladium-catalyzed synthesis of furans (#11) as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellow (grant agreement #656012).

## EDUCATION

**PhD** / University of Montpellier 2 in the Martinez group  
« New ring contraction reactions : tools for the construction of organised edifices »  
October 2010 – December 2013

I used  $\alpha$ -amino acids as chiral building blocks to access foldamers via multistep synthetic routes relying on key ring-contraction reactions (#17 and 18). I was awarded the French Chemical Society prize for best PhD in chemistry in the Languedoc-Roussillon region.

**MASTER'S DEGREE** / University of Montpellier 2  
October 2008 – June 2010

I received an extensive training in biomolecular chemistry (e.g. peptide and oligonucleotide synthesis, lipid and carbohydrate chemistry) punctuated with three internships in the groups of Jean Martinez and Christian Périgaud (#19 and 20).

## COLLABORATIONS

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### National

Pr Jean Cavarelli (IGBMC, UMR 7104)  
Dr Sarah Cianferani (LSMBO, UMR 7178)

### International

Pr Jérôme Waser (EPFL, Lausanne, Suisse)  
Dr Jaideep Saha (CBR, Lucknow, Inde)

### In the frame of the ITN 'TACT'

Pr Vijay Chudasama (UCL, Londres, Royaume-Uni)  
Pr Chris Scott (QUB, Belfast, Royaume-Uni)  
Pr Floris van Delft (WUR, Wageningen, Pays-Bas)  
Pr Arne Skerra (TUM, Munich, Allemagne)

Dr Graham Cotton (Almac Discovery, Royaume-Uni)  
Dr Andreas Pahl (Heidelberg Pharma, Allemagne)  
Dr Thomas Fessard (Spirochem, Suisse)

## INVITED SPEAKER

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### • 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Investigator Workshop of the EuChemS – Life Sciences Division

Lisbon, Portugal • 1<sup>st</sup> Sep. 2022 • *Challenges in the site-selective chemical conjugation of proteins*

### • RSC Chemical Biology & Bio-Organic Group Forum

Online • 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2021 • *Investigating multicomponent approaches for the site-selective conjugation of native antibodies*

### • National-scale conferences

• LIT, UMR 7200, Strasbourg • 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022 • *Native protein chemical conjugation: a challenging playground for synthetic chemists*

• LIMA, UMR 7042, Strasbourg • 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2022 • *Chemo- and regioselective approaches for the conjugation of native proteins*

• ICMUB, UMR 6302, Dijon • 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 • *Chemo- and regioselective approaches for the conjugation of native proteins*

## PUBLICATIONS

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- #1 • **"A novel family of acid-cleavable linker based on cyclic acetal motifs for the production of antibody-drug conjugates with high potency and selectivity"** T. Rady, L. Turelli, M. Nothisen, E. Tobaldi, S. Erb, F. Thoreau, O. Hernandez-Alba, S. Cianferani, F. Daubeuf, A. Wagner\*, and G. Chaubet\*; *Bioconjugate Chem.*, 2022, DOI: 10.1021/acs.bioconjchem.2c00314
- #2 • **"An overview of chemo- and site-selectivity aspects in the chemical conjugation of proteins"** C. Sornay, V. Vaur, A. Wagner, and G. Chaubet\*; *R. Soc. Open Sci.*, 2022, **9**, 9211563
- #3 • **"Antischistosomal evaluation of stem bark's extract and chemical constituents from *anonidium mannii* against *schistosoma mansoni*"** J. L. T. Matchi, D. T. Nougoué, G. Chaubet, J. Boissier, I. Kuhn, J.-C. Tchouankeu, M. Nothisen, S. Ursuegui, S. A. Ngouela, A. Wagner, *Pharmacog. Mag.*, 2021, **17**, 752
- #4 • **"Bicyclo[6.1.0]nonyne carboxylic acid for the production of stable molecular probes"** T. Rady, M. Mosser, M. Nothisen, S. Erb, I. Dovgan, S. Cianféran, A. Wagner\*, and G. Chaubet\*; *RSC Adv.*, 2021, **11**, 36777
- #5 • **"Plasma induced acceleration and selectivity in strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloadditions"** D. Warther, E. Dursun, M. Recher, S. Ursuegui, M. Mosser, J. Sobska, W. Krezel, G. Chaubet\*, and A. Wagner\*, *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2021, **19**, 5063 • **part of the "2021 Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry HOT article collection" and included in the "OBC Editor's Collection"**
- #6 • **"Non-specific interactions of antibody-oligonucleotide conjugates with living cells"** V. Lehot, I. Kuhn, M. Nothisen, S. Erb, S. Kolodych, S. Cianféran, G. Chaubet, and A. Wagner\*, *Sci Rep*, 2021, **11**, 5881
- #7 • **"Manniindole, an indole derivative from the roots of *Anonidium mannii* and combined antischistosomal and enzymatic activities"** J. L. Toussi Matchi, D. T. Nougoué\*, I. Kuhn, J. Boissier, J.-C. Tchouankeu, M. Nothisen, G. Chaubet, D. Garnier, S. Ursuegui, S. Augustin, and A. Wagner\*; *Nat. Prod. Res.*, 2020, **35**, 5665
- #8 • **"Investigating multicomponent approaches for the site-selective conjugation of native proteins"** C. Sornay, S. Hessmann, S. Erb, I. Dovgan, A. Ekhkirch, T. Botzanowski, S. Cianferani, A. Wagner, and G. Chaubet\*; *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2020, **26**, 13797
- #9 • **"Ethynylation of cysteines from peptides to proteins in living cells"** R. Tessier, R. K. Nandi, B. Dwyer, D. Abegg, C. Sornay, J. Ceballos, S. Erb, S. Cianferani, A. Wagner, G. Chaubet\*, A. Adibekian\*\*, and J. Waser\*\*\*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2020, **132**, 11054 • **selected as "Hot Paper"**
- #10 • **"Recent, non-classical, approaches to antibody lysine modification"** G. Chaubet\*, F. Thoreau, and A. Wagner, *Drug Discov. Today Technol.*, 2018, **30**, 21
- #11 • **"Dual oxidation state tandem catalysis in the palladium-catalyzed isomerization of alkynyl epoxides to furans"** C. Arroniz, G. Chaubet, and E. A. Anderson\*, *ACS Catal.*, 2018, **8**, 8290
- #12 • **"Arginine-selective bioconjugation with 4-azidophenyl glyoxal: application to the single and dual functionalisation of native antibodies"** I. Dovgan, S. Erb, S. Hessmann, S. Ursuegui, C. Michel, C. Muller, G. Chaubet, S. Cianféran, and A. Wagner\*, *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2018, **16**, 1305

- #13 • **"Total synthesis of the schisandraceae nortriterpenoid rubriflorldilactone A"** [G. Chaubet](#), S. S. Goh, M. Mohammad, B. Gockel, M.-C. A. Cordonnier, H. Baars, A. W. Phillips, and E. A. Anderson\*, *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2017, **23**, 14080 • selected as "Hot Paper"
- #14 • **"Microwave-assisted hydantoins synthesis on solid support"** [G. Chaubet](#) and I. Parrot\*, *Comprehensive Organic Chemistry Experiments for the Laboratory Classroom*, Royal Society of Chemistry, 2016, **ISBN**: 978-1-84973-963-4
- #15 • **"Total synthesis of (+)-rubriflorldilactone A"** S. S. Goh, [G. Chaubet](#), B. Gockel, M.-C. A. Cordonnier, H. Baars, A. W. Phillips, and E. A. Anderson\*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2015, **54**, 12618
- #16 • **"Enantioselective synthesis of the predominant AB ring system of the schisandra nortriterpenoid natural products"** B. Gockel, S. S. Goh, E. Puttock, H. Baars, [G. Chaubet](#), and E. A. Anderson\*, *Org. Lett.*, 2014, **16**, 4480
- #17 • **"From diketopiperazines to hydantoins: an unprecedented rearrangement"** [G. Chaubet](#), G. Cazals, A. Lebrun, J. Martinez, and I. Parrot\*, *Synlett*, 2014, **25**, 0574
- #18 • **"Stereoselective synthesis of original spiro lactams displaying promising folded structures"** [G. Chaubet](#), T. Coursindel, X. Morelli, S. Betzi, P. Roche, Y. Guari, A. Lebrun, L. Toupet, Y. Collette, I. Parrot\*, and J. Martinez, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2013, **11**, 4719
- #19 • **"A tandem aza-Friedel-Crafts reaction/Hantzsch cyclization: a simple procedure to access polysubstituted 2-amino-1,3-thiazoles"** [G. Chaubet](#), L. T. Maillard\*, J. Martinez, and N. Masurier, *Tetrahedron* 2011, **67**, 4897
- #20 • **"Synthetic studies towards new nucleoside analogues: preparation of (±)-1',4'-dimethyladenosine"** [G. Chaubet](#), D. Bourgeois\*, and C. Périgaud, *Eur. J. Org. Chem.* 2011, 319