

Guidelines for the analysis of papers

1. Description of the scientific problem, what is the focus of the authors (first or last)?
Aims (short and long)
Strategy
Tactic
2. What? With what? Why? How?
3. Synthesis of the conjugates
Functional groups,
Principle of conjugation, type of reaction, equation of the reaction
Method, coupling reagent
Conditions of the reaction, explanation/interpretation (e.g. pH, ionic strength, solvent, reaction time, temperature, metal ion)
4. Analysis
Purification method (principle, reason)
Analysis of homogeneity
Chemical composition, structure determination, identification
Functional analysis of the components of the conjugate
 - Methods
 - Preserved?
5. Scientific novelty described in the paper
6. Critical remarks
Suitability of the strategy?
Appropriateness of the synthesis method?
Reproducibility of the synthesis described?
Suitability of the purification methods?
The presence of the product was evidenced? Sideproducts?
Suitability of the analytical methods?
Are the conclusions correct?
Is the novelty of the results visible?
Structure, composition, clarity of presentation/writing, language?

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