

# UC-eLinks Assessment Report

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# Key Questions

1. Does the new design help users understand the various options in the UC-eLinks window?
2. Does the new design help users determine the best next step?
3. Does the new design improve the general usability of the UC-eLinks window?

# Methodology

- Task-based user interface testing
- Interview
- Observation
- “Thinking aloud” protocol

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- UC-eLinks Portal:** A window titled "UC-eLinks" shows a search bar with the text "Characterization and isolation of L-to-D-amino-acid-residue isomerase from platypus venom". Below the search bar, there are links for "Visual Abstracts", "Current Contents", "The Registrar's Home", "Chromatography", "Evolutionary Molecules", "Characterization of Amino Acids", and "DMRT".
- SpringerLink - Journal Article:** A window titled "SpringerLink - Journal Article" displays the article "Characterization and isolation of L-to-D-amino-acid-residue isomerase from platypus venom". The article is by A. M. Torres, M. Tsampazi, E. C. Kennett, K. P. Geraghty, P. S. Bansal, P. F. Alewood, and P. W. Kuchel. The journal is "Amino Acids", Volume 32, Number 1, 2006, pages 63-68. The article is published online on 26 May 2006.
- PDF Document:** A window titled "fulltext.pdf (6 pages)" shows the full text of the article. The title is "Amino Acids" and the subtitle is "Characterization and isolation of L-to-D-amino-acid-residue isomerase from platypus venom". The authors are listed as A. M. Torres, M. Tsampazi, E. C. Kennett, K. P. Geraghty, P. S. Bansal, P. F. Alewood, and P. W. Kuchel. The article is published in "Amino Acids" (2006) 32: 63-68. The PDF content includes an abstract, introduction, and keywords.

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# Challenges for Users

- Awareness UC-eLinks
- Reliance on memory
- No full-text online
- Recognizing success

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**Summary.** Platypus venom contains an isomerase that reversibly interconverts the second amino-acid residue in some peptides between the L-form and the D-form. The enzyme acts on the natriuretic peptides OvcNP<sub>a</sub> and OvcNP<sub>b</sub>, and on the defensin-like peptides DLP-2 and DLP-4, but it does not act on DLP-1. While the isomerization of DLP-2 to DLP-4 is inhibited by the amino-peptidase inhibitor amastatin, it is not affected by the leucine amino-peptidase inhibitor bestatin. The enzyme, that is only present in minute quantities in an

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## Two Major Findings

1. Placing links into logical groupings improves usability, but current labels, groupings, and links are confusing to users.
2. Students face many potential pitfalls in trying to reach online full text. Even if students successfully navigate through UC-eLinks to a publisher's site, there is no guarantee that they will obtain the full-text of the article they were seeking.

# Parting Thought

"I think it's very useful if you know what you're looking for and you know what these things are."