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## Spontaneous 2'-deoxyguanosine alkylation by new generation of Top I inhibitors of camptothecin family

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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## NMR experiments

500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in  $H_2O$  on Varian NMR spectrometers were run using a 12 kHz spectral window, using WATERGATE <sup>1</sup> window sequence for water suppression for  $H_2O$ .

( 1-2 ms soft pulses) and presaturation for samples in  $D_2O$ .

 ${}^{1}$ H/ ${}^{13}$ C-HSQCAD spectra  ${}^{2}$  were acquired as the echo-antiecho phase sensitive  ${}^{1}$ H- ${}^{13}$ C HSQC ( heteronuclear single quantum coherence, adiabatic version) with a relaxation delay of 1.2 s and  ${}^{1}$ J(C,H) = 135 Hz.

<sup>1</sup>H/<sup>13</sup>C-HMBC The gradient selected <sup>1</sup>H - <sup>13</sup>C HMBC spectra were performed with acquisition time of 0.2 s, <sup>1</sup>H - 90° pulse width of 7.8  $\mu$ s, <sup>13</sup>C - 90° pulse width of 11.5  $\mu$ s, spectral width of 5000 Hz, 2048 data points in the <sup>1</sup>H dimension and 25000 Hz, 1024 increments in the <sup>13</sup>C dimension, relaxation delay of 1.2 s. The data were acquired as absolute value mode, with 64 transients per t<sub>1</sub> increment. The experiment was optimized for <sup>n</sup>J(C,H) = 8 Hz and low pass filter for <sup>1</sup>J(C,H) = 140 Hz was used. The data were linear predicted to 2048 points and zero filled to 4096 points in F<sub>1</sub> prior to Fourier transformation.

**Pulsed Field Gradient Spin Echo (PFGSE)** experiments were performed in  $H_2O$  according to the following conditions: 16 spectra were acquired using the BPPSTE<sup>3, 4</sup> (stimulated echo sequence

incorporating bipolar gradients) and DPFGDSTE ( with convection compensation) sequences, respectively. The gradient strengths were incremented as a square dependence in the range from 1 to 50 G/cm. The diffusion time ( $\Delta$ ) and the duration of magnetic field gradients ( $\delta$ ) were 300 ms and 2 ms respectively. Other parameters include the following: a sweep width of 12 000 Hz for H<sub>2</sub>O, 32K data points, 128 to 4096 transients, depending on sample concentration, and relaxation delay of 2s. The data were processed using Varian DOSY <sup>5</sup> and DECRA procedure <sup>6, 7</sup> from DOSYToolbox. v.\_0.54\_15Mar08 package of M. Nillson.

Alkylation procedure in buffered water, pH 7



**Fig.1S** 1H/1H COSY spectrum of a reaction product between 2'-deoxy guanosine and 7-ethyl-9-(N-morpholino)methyl-10-hydroxycamptothecin in buffered water solution at pH 7. Marked crosspeaks define scalar connection between 2-NH<sub>2</sub> of 2'-deoxyguanosine and 24-CH<sub>2</sub>- hydrogens of *o*-methylene methide



Fig. 2S 1H/13C HSQC spectrum of bioconjugate (see spectrum in Fig. 2) G stands for guanine atom



Fig. 3S 1H/13C HMBC spectrum of bioconjugate (see spectrum in Fig. 2)



**Fig 4S** PFGSE spectrum of bioconjugate in DMSO-d6 solution. The signals of all 3 motifs of a structure have the same diffusion coefficient which evidences their covalent binding.

## Alkylation procedure in neat water, pH 6

A solution of 2'-deoxyguanosine hydrate (1.07 mg,  $3.76 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol ) in water (3.76 ml, D<sub>2</sub>O) at pH 6 was added to a 7-ethyl-9-(N-morpholino)methyl-10-hydroxycamptothecin hydrochloride (3.97 mg, 7,14x10<sup>-3</sup>mmol). The final reaction solution contained 1.0 mM dG and 2.0 mM SN38 derivative (adjusted to pH=6 using 5 % NaOD). The progress of reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and LC-MS techniques. The reaction was carried out at room temperature and finished after 24 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and solid was purified using HPLC on an RP-C18 LPH column (150 mm x 10 mm) using as a mobile phase 10 mM CH<sub>3</sub>COONH<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution pH=5.4 (A) and MeCN (B), in the following gradient: 0-30 min 10  $\rightarrow$  35% B, 30 min 35% B. Flow rate of the mobile phase: 2.8 ml/min. The course of the chromatography was monitored using UV detection at a wavelength of 260 nm. Product of reaction N2-adduct was collected and was lyophilized.(Yield 6.8 %).



**Fig. 5S** LC-MS run of a precipitated solid from the reaction between 2'-deoxyguanosine and 7-ethyl-9-(N-morpholino)methyl-10-hydroxycamptothecin in neat water solution at pH 6. Retention times and m/z (M+1) values are given for each peak.



**Fig. 6S** 1H NMR run in DMSO- $d_6$  of a precipitated solid from the reaction between 2'deoxyguanosine and 7-ethyl-9-(N-morpholino)methyl-10-hydroxycamptothecin in neat water solution at pH 6. MS spectrum shows only lactone form.



Fig. 7S MS spectrum of a title compound

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