Supporting Information

Calicheamicin χ^{I} and Phenyl *tert*-Butyl Nitrone (PBN): Observation of a Kinetic Isotope Effect by an ESR Study

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Materials:

Spin-trapping reagent phenyl *t*-butyl nitrone (PBN) was purchased from Aldrich and recrystallized with ethyl acetate/hexane. Ethanol, ethanol- d_6 , and triphenylphosphine were used as ACS grade without purification. Antitumor antibiotic calicheamicin $\chi^{I}(1)$ was provided by Wyeth laboratories. Solvents for high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) analysis were used as HPLC grades.

Spin-trapping PBN experiments in the presence of triphenylphosphine in ehtanol:

Continues wave (CW) ESR spectra were recorded with an EMX-Bruker spectrometer, operating at X-band (9.8 GHz) at room temperature. The X-band ESR measurement settings were as follows: center field, 347.0 mT; sweep width, 7.0 mT; modulation frequency, 100 kHz; modulation amplitude, 0.1 mT; receiver gain, 1×10^5 ; time constant, 163.84 ms; sweep time, 167.77 s; scan, 8.

Freshly prepared PBN (0.9 mg, 5.08 μ mol) in ethanol (200 μ L) under nitrogen was added to **1** (0.5 mg, 366 nmol) also under a nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting solution was added to ethanol (100 μ L) containing triphenylphosphine (0.29 mg, 1.1 μ mol) and

then introduced into a quartz tube (Φ 5 mm) at room temperature. The ESR measurement was started immediately.

Spin-trapping PBN experiments in the presence of triphenylphosphine in ehtanol- d_6 :

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PBN (0.9 mg, 5.08 μ mol) in ethanol- d_6 (200 μ L) in the presence of nitrogen was added to **1** (0.5 mg, 366 nmol) under nitrogen atmosphore. A solution of ethanol- d_6 (100 μ L) containing triphenylphosphine (0.29 mg, 1.1 μ mol) was then added and the resulting reaction mixture introduced into a quartz tube (Φ 5 mm) at room temperature. ESR measurements were started immediately.

HPLC analysis:

For the analysis, a JASCO HPLC system equipped with a multichannel detector was used. The conditions were as follows: column, Cosmosil 5C18-AR-II (2.5×150 mm, Nakalai tesque, Kyoto); solvent, linear gradient of 50% acetonitrile and 50% ammonium acetate (0.1%, pH 7.0); flow rate, 0.2 mL/min; detection, 280 nm; temperature, 25 °C.

The spin-trapped sample solutions (10 μ L) which were used for ESR measurements were injected into the HPLC system at room temperature. The spectra of samples of calicheamicin γ_1^{I} **1** only (no spin trapping reagent) in ethanol, **1** with PBN in ethanol, and **1** with PBN in ethanol- d_6 are shown in Figures S1, S2, and S3, respectively.

While only **1** was detected at 15 min (Figure S1), PBN treated **1** in the presence of triphenylphosphine appeared as a single peak at around 3 to 4 min (Figure S2, S3). The results indicated the consumption of the starting material on the spin trapping experiments. However, we were unable to obtain any mass peak attributable to the formation of PBN phenyl radical adducts by the LC-MS measurements.

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Figure S2



Figure S3