Radiation Damage to DNA: From Initial Ionization Events to Final Damage Products

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Clustered DNA Damage at Various LET (Goodhead, (1994), IJRB, Vol. 65 (1) pp. 13)



Radiation-Induced Ionization-Mediated DNA Radical Formation

• Oxidative (A) and reductive (B) pathways to ionizing radiation-induced damage



 Before thermalization and localization, dissociative electron attachment of radiationproduced excess low energy electrons induce bond cleavage via an excited transient negative ion intermediate

LEE Leads to Strand Break as well as C3' \bullet_{dephos} and ROPO₂ \bullet_{ephos} Formation



Radicals Trapped at 77 K in Irradiated Hydrated DNA

• Radicals found at 77 K in hydrated DNA and considered here:



Ion-Beam (High LET) Irradiation of DNA

Experimental observations:

- Lower total yield of stabilized radicals at 77 K vs. low LET
- Higher relative amount of sugar radicals

Hypotheses:

Different spatial arrangement of energy deposition (track structure) leading to

- Excited state processes
- LEE processes

Penumbra Reactions and Radical Formation/Stabilization in Ion-Beam Irradiated DNA



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Sugar Radical Formation in Ion-Beam Core



Core Reactions and Radical Formation/Stabilization in Ion-Beam Irradiated DNA



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Heavy Ion-Beam Bragg Peak



Sample Preparation for Ion-Beam Irradiation

• Isolated direct-type effect with hydrated ($\Gamma = 12 \pm 2 H_2O/nucleotide$) DNA in anaerobic conditions

LET increases to maximum at Bragg Peak (sample 5).



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Radicals Trapped at 77 K in Hydrated DNA



Room Temperature Damage Products

Final Damage Products Considered





thymine glycol

5-hydroxycytosine



4,6-diamino-5formamidopyrimidine

NHCHO



2,6-diamino-4-hydroxy-5,6-dihydrothymine 5-formamidopyrimidine









8-hydroxyadenine

8-hydroxyguanine



(5'R)-8,5'-cyclo-2'-deoxyguanosine



(5'S)-8,5'-cyclo-2'-deoxyguanosine



2'-deoxyadenosine



NH2 HO-CH₂

5.6-dihydrocytosine

8-hydroxy-2'-deoxyguanosine



8-hydroxy-2'-deoxyadenosine

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- Bragg peak determined to be *ca*.
 5.2 mm
- Maximum amount of damage was found to occur just before the Bragg peak



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Ne-22 Beam Penetration into Sample Packet (mm)

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See poster no. 12

Direct-Type vs. Indirect Effect of Radiation

Direct-type effect

Direct effect + Quasi-direct effect



- Direct ionization of bases, sugar-phosphate (Direct ~effect)
- Ionization of adjacent
- solvation water: fast
 hole/electron transfer.
 (Quasi-direct effect)
- Ionization of bulk water: diffusion of reactive species (•OH, e_{aq}^{-} + others) to DNA. (Indirect effect)

SOBP in Tumor Radiotherapy



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