### **Supplemental Information**

for

# UVA-visible photo-excitation of guanine radical cations produces sugar radicals in DNA and model structures

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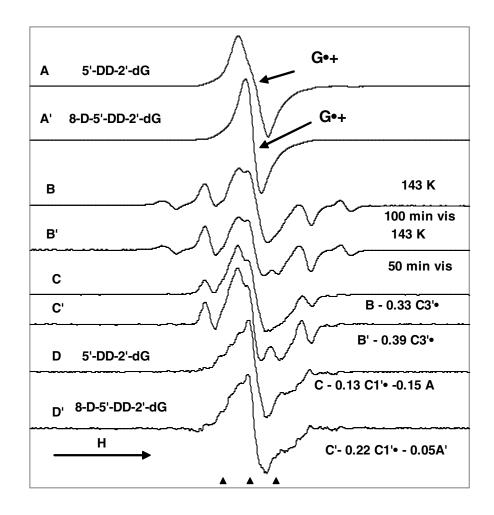
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#### **Supplementary Material:**

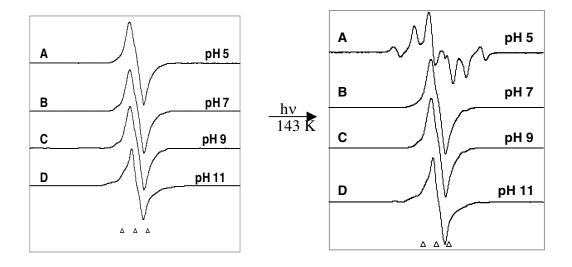
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**Figure S1.** (A) and (A') represent the spectrum of G•<sup>+</sup> formed in 5'-DD-2dG and 8-D-5'-DD-2'-dG respectively before illumination at 77 K in the presence of 5 mg K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> in D<sub>2</sub>O in 7 *M* LiCl glass which was γ-irradiated at 77K for 105 min followed by annealing at 150 K. (B) and (B') After visible illumination at 143 K, showing a nearly complete conversion to sugar radicals. (C) and (C') show the subtraction of C3'• (benchmark) in Figure 1C from B and B' respectively. (D) and (D') show that the 5'-DD-2dG and 8-D-5'-DD-2'-dG produce almost identical spectra after the requisite amount of subtraction of C1'• (benchmark) in Figure 1A and G•<sup>+</sup>. All ESR spectra are recorded at 77 K. The sample in A and A' has a red-violet color; those in B and B' were colorless.



**Figure S2.** 2'-dG (3 mg) in the presence of 5 mg  $K_2S_2O_8$  in  $D_2O$  in 7 M LiCl glass which was  $\gamma$ -irradiated at 77K for 105 min followed by annealing at 150K to produce  $G^{\bullet^+}$ . The pH was adjusted by adding appropriate amounts of 1 M NaOH in  $D_2O$ .

The left hand spectra show the spectra from G•+ after irradiation and annealing. The right hand spectra show the same samples after illumination with visible light for 100 minutes (for spectrum A) with no filter present and this spectrum is same as that of Figure 5B. Substantial changes were noted even after 15 min of irradiation. For spectra B, C and D, all samples were illuminated for 30 min and as no significant changes were found, thus these spectra were taken only after 30 min of illumination. All spectra are recorded at 77 K.

#### Table S1

## TD-DFT 6-311++G(d,p) Calculation for 2'deoxyguanosine (Structure Optimized at DFT B3LYP 6-31G(d))

**Method: TD-DFT** 

**Basis Set:** 6-311++G(d,p)

Functionals: B3LYP Transitions: 16

Total Energy: -963.518542789 Hartrees

Excited State 1	<b>Energy (eV)</b> 1.4548	Wavelength (nm) 852.22	Oscillator Strength f=0.0009
68B->70B 0.817 (1	particle RhoCI	Excited state density	y for  0.2  and above only)
69B->70B -0.557	•		•
<b>Excited State 2</b> 66B->70B -0.393	1.6482	752.22	f=0.0004
68B->70B 0.506			
69B->70B 0.758			
Excited State 3 66B->70B 0.899 68B->70B 0.212 69B->70B 0.329	1.7449	710.54	f=0.0002
Excited State 4 65B->70B 0.229 67B->70B 0.940	1.9371	640.04	f=0.0000
Excited State 5 64B->70B -0.618 65B->70B 0.721 67B->70B -0.295	1.9371	640.04	f=0.0000
Excited State 6 62B->70B -0.361 63B->70B 0.749 64B->70B -0.384 65B->70B -0.311	2.5328	489.51	f=0.0067
Excited State 7 62B->70B 0.883 63B->70B 0.402	2.7877	444.76	f=0.0126
<b>Excited State 8</b>	2.9823	415.73	f=0.0001

62B->70B -0.208 63B->70B 0.450 64B->70B 0.646 65B->70B 0.558			
Excited State 9 58B->70B 0.593 59B->70B 0.484 60B->70B 0.207 61B->70B -0.552	3.3623	368.75	f=0.0340
Excited State 10 70B->71B -0.227 58B->70B -0.515 59B->70B 0.522 60B->70B 0.198	3.4021	364.44	f=0.0506
Excited State 11 58B->70B 0.420 59B->70B 0.401 60B->70B -0.257 61B->70B 0.744	3.6703	337.80	f=0.0009
Excited State 12 58B->70B 0.407 59B->70B -0.460 60B->70B 0.724 61B->70B 0.285	3.7085	334.32	f=0.0014
Excited State 13 70B->71B -0.623 70B->72B 0.655 52B->70B -0.217	4.3669	283.92	f=0.1249
Excited State 14 70B->71B 0.650 70B->72B 0.669	4.4047	281.48	f=0.1282
Excited State 15 57B->70B 0.987	4.6126	268.79	f=0.0018
Excited State 16 68B->71B -0.306 69B->71B 0.206 56B->70B 0.850	4.8881	253.65	f=0.0012