Supplementary Information

Quantifying and comparing radiation damage in the Protein Data Bank

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Supplementary Figures

Supplementary Figure 1: Comparison of the distribution of the B_{Damage} values of all atoms in low and high dose models.

There is minimal difference between the distribution of the B_{Damage} values of all atoms in a structure in a low dose (blue curve) structure as compared to a high dose (orange curve) structure. Displayed kernel density estimates are of a low (1.11 MGy, PDB accession code 5MCC, blue curve) and a high (22.7 MGy, PDB accession code 5MCN, orange curve) dose structure of GH7 family cellobiohydrolase¹. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 2: Investigating the relationship between B_{Damaqe} and dose for the GH7 cellobiohydrolase damage series.

a Swarm plots and **b** box plots representing the distribution of the B_{Damaqe} values of the 204 glutamate and aspartate side chain oxygen atoms across the 11 increasingly damaged structures in the GH7 cellobiohydrolase damage series¹ (5MCC = lowest dose; 5MCN = highest dose). In **b**, boxes demarcate the median, lower and upper quartiles, whilst the tails demarcate the minimum and maximum B_{Damage} values. The median B_{Damage} value of all atoms in the structure varies between 0.96 and 0.98 (depending on the structure): the black line in plots **a** and **b** has been drawn at $B_{Damage} = 0.98$. **c** Whilst the increase in the number of glutamate and aspartate side chain carboxyl group oxygen atoms with a B_{Damage} value greater than the median B_{Damage} value of all atoms in the structure plateaus, **d** the raw B_{Damage} values of these atoms (represented here by the $75th$ percentile) continue to increase. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 3: Setting a lower threshold for the protein size amenable to B_{net} analysis.

 B_{net} vs. the number of aspartate/glutamate side chain oxygen atoms for structures containing up to 50 such atoms. We expect these two variables to be independent, and therefore for the range and distribution of B_{net} values to be the same regardless of the number of side-chain carboxyl group oxygen atoms. However, for very small structures this is not the case, hence we impose a threshold of a minimum 20 aspartate/glutamate side chain oxygen atoms in order to meet this assumption. Red circles represent B_{net} values of individual structures, whilst black squares and diamonds represent the median B_{net} value plus 95% confidence limits (namely the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles), respectively, at every number of side-chain carboxyl group oxygen atoms for which there are 10 or more example structures in the dataset (of 93,978 PDB-REDO structures described in the main text). Note upper confidence limits are not plotted for structures with fewer than six side-chain carboxyl group oxygen atoms because their values are infinite. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 4: Damage to Asp/Glu in high B_{net} structures.

There is clear evidence of radiation damage to aspartate/glutamate side chain carboxyl groups in 5 FXL² and 3 A07³ in their electron density maps. A representative damaged carboxyl group is shown for each structure. Damage to the disulfide bonds in these structures is shown in Figure 6. 2m F_{obs} – D F_{calc} maps (blue) are contoured at 1.5 rmsd; F_{obs} – F_{calc} difference density maps are contoured at +/- 3.0 rmsd (green/red).

Supplementary Figure 5: B_{net} and B_{net} -percentile as a function of PDB deposition year.

Scatter plots of **a** B_{net} and **b** B_{net} -percentile vs. deposition year for our dataset of 93,978 PDB-REDO structures. Spearman's rank correlation coefficients (ρ s) indicate no correlation between these variables. Source data are provided at [https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5566558.](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5566558)

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1: Gradients and y-intercepts of the lines of best fit calculated for the B_{net} vs. dose data for the 23 selected radiation damage series. All values rounded to 3sf. * symbol indicates final four structures have been excluded from the calculation of the line of best fit plotted for the series in Figure 3.

Supplementary Table 2: Mean average and relative standard deviation scores calculated for the gradients and y-intercepts of the lines of best fit plotted between B_{net} and dose for the 23 radiation damage series listed in Supplementary Table 1. All values rounded to 3sf.

Supplementary Table 3: PDB accession codes and associated doses of the PX structures in the 23 radiation damage series analysed. All doses were calculated with RADDOSE (versions 1^{21} , 2^{22} or 3D²³). Full metadata collated for each structure in the series is available at [https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5566557.](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5566557)

Supplementary Table 4: Further exploration of the relationship between B_{net} and dose for four radiation damage datasets (a subset of the 23 datasets listed in Supplementary Tables 1 and 3), each of whose calculated line of best fit between B_{net} and dose has an unusually low gradient. These gradients, calculated for structures downloaded from the PDB, are compared with the gradients of the lines of best fit measured between B_{net} and dose for: i) equivalent structures downloaded from the PDB-REDO databank; and ii) the original (i.e. PDB) structures subjected to three macrocycles of unrestrained B-factor refinement (see Methods for further details).

Supplementary Table 5: Spearman's rank correlation coefficients (p_S) of the B_{net} and B_{net} percentile metrics with eight variables identified as possibly influencing their values (resolution, R_{work} , R_{free} , temperature, molecular mass, the number of aspartate/glutamate side chain oxygen atoms, the percentage of aspartate and glutamate residues in the structure, and B-factor restraint weight).

Supplementary Table 6: The B_{net} , B_{net} -percentile and resolution values, plus the resolution bin considered when calculating B_{net} -percentile scores, for the 10 structures with the highest B_{net} values in the PDB-REDO databank as of 19th November 2020. For comparison, the B_{net} values of the original structures deposited by the authors in the PDB are also provided.

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