

Supplementary Information for Spiropyran-based X-ray sensitive fiber

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Experimental

The Fricke solution was prepared with 112 mg of iron(II) sulfate heptahydrate (Wako Pure Chemical Industry, Ltd.), and 8.26 g of concentrated sulfuric acid diluted in aerated distilled water (corresponding to 0.4 M H₂SO₄ aqueous solution).

The Fricke solution was placed on the same position so that the irradiation conditions were equivalent to the 6-nitro BIPS-dyed composite fiber. The measurement of absorbance was performed using a spectrophotometer (Perkin-Elmer Co., Lambda 1050UV/Vis/NIR). The change in optical density measured with a spectrophotometer with good optical properties is equal to the change in absorbance. The absorbed dose to the Fricke solution D_F is obtained from the change in absorbance ΔA as:

$$D_F = \frac{\Delta A}{\rho l \varepsilon G(Fe^{3+})},$$

where ΔA is the change in absorbance at 304 nm, ρ is the density of the Fricke solution, ℓ is the optical pathlength, ε is the molar extinction coefficient of Fe^{3+} , and $G(\text{Fe}^{3+})$ is the Fe^{3+} ion yield. The absorbed dose to water D_w is obtained as

$$D_w = 1.004D_F.$$

For the Fricke solution, we use the values of 1 cm for ℓ , $1.023 \times 10^6 \text{ g m}^{-3}$ for ρ , $2196 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for ε , and 15.5 for $G(\text{Fe}^{3+})$, and a product of $\varepsilon G(\text{Fe}^{3+}) = 3.4 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ Gy}^{-1}$, the expressions reduce to

$$D_w = 278\Delta A.$$

It has been reported that $G(\text{Fe}^{3+})$ at around 25 °C decreases by 0.12% for a 1°C decrease in the irradiation temperature T_{irrad} , and ε decreases by 0.69% for a 1°C decrease in the reading temperature T_{read} .

Accordingly, the absorbed dose can be corrected more accurately by using the above relationships.^{S1,S2}

The compensation equation is eventually expressed as follows:

$$D_w = 278\Delta A[(1 + 0.0069(25 - T_{\text{read}})) \times (1 + 0.00125(25 - T_{\text{irrad}}))].$$

Figure S1 shows absorption spectra of the Fricke solution before and after X-ray exposure. The absorption intensities at 304 nm before and after X-ray exposure show 0.017 and 0.043, respectively. The experiments were conducted at 19 °C, and the absorbed dose from an X-ray diffractometer (Rigaku ZSX Primus II, Japan) was accordingly estimated to be 7.41 Gy.

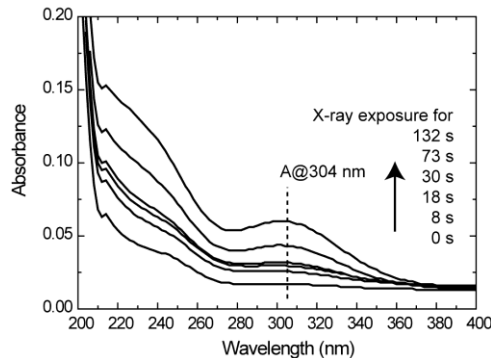


Figure S1. Absorption spectra of the Fricke solution before and after X-ray exposure.

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