

Supplementary information

Mechanism of one-electron oxidation of metformin in aqueous solution.

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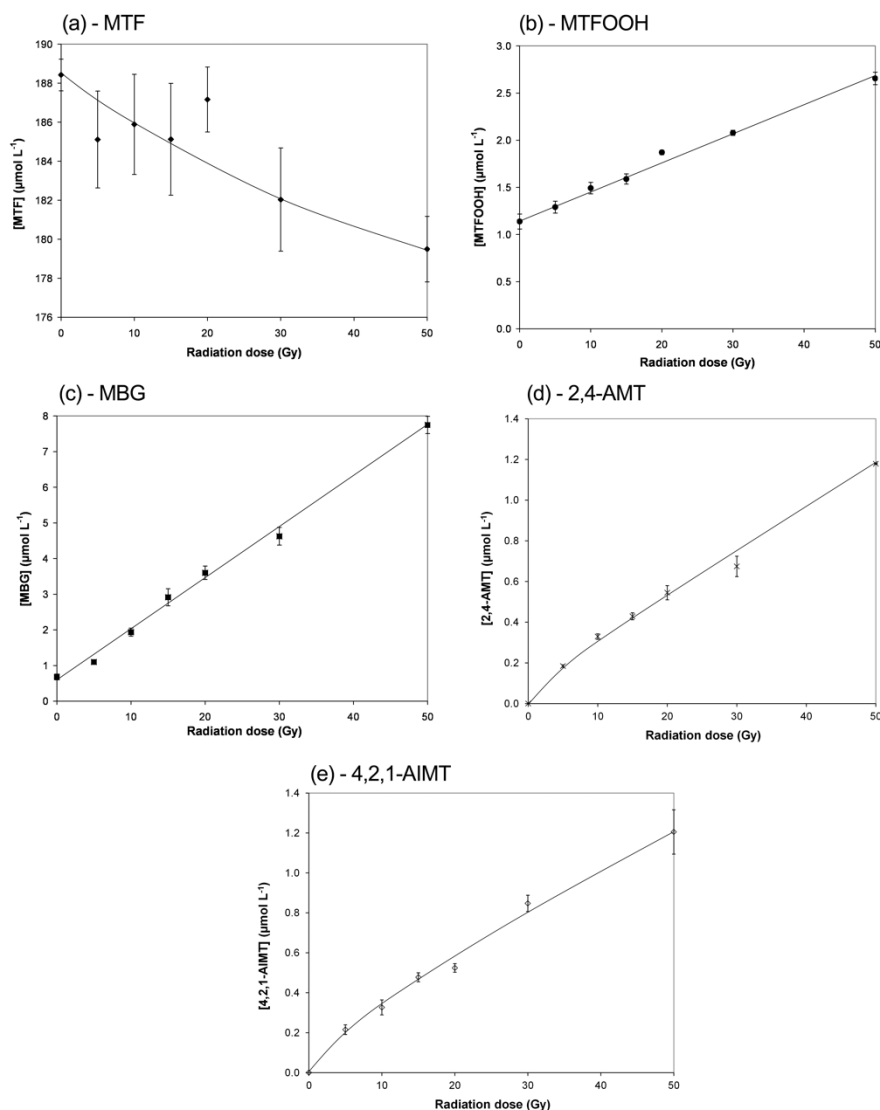


Figure S1. Consumption of MTF and production of radical-induced oxidation products at pH 11.6. Remaining non-oxidized MTF (a) and generated MTFOOH (b), MBG (c), 2,4-AMT (d) and 4,2,1-AIMT (e) as a function of the radiation dose ($I = 7.5 \text{ Gy min}^{-1}$). Aqueous aerated solutions of $200 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ MTF at pH 11.6, irradiated at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 50 Gy (+ control, 0 Gy). MTF = metformin; MTFOOH = hydroperoxide of metformin; 2,4-AMT = 2-amino-4-methylamino-1,3,5-triazine; 4,2,1-AIMT = 4-amino-2-imino-1-methyl-1,2-dihydro-1,3,5-triazine; MBG = methylbiguanide. Results expressed as mean $\pm$ SD of at least 5 independent experiments.

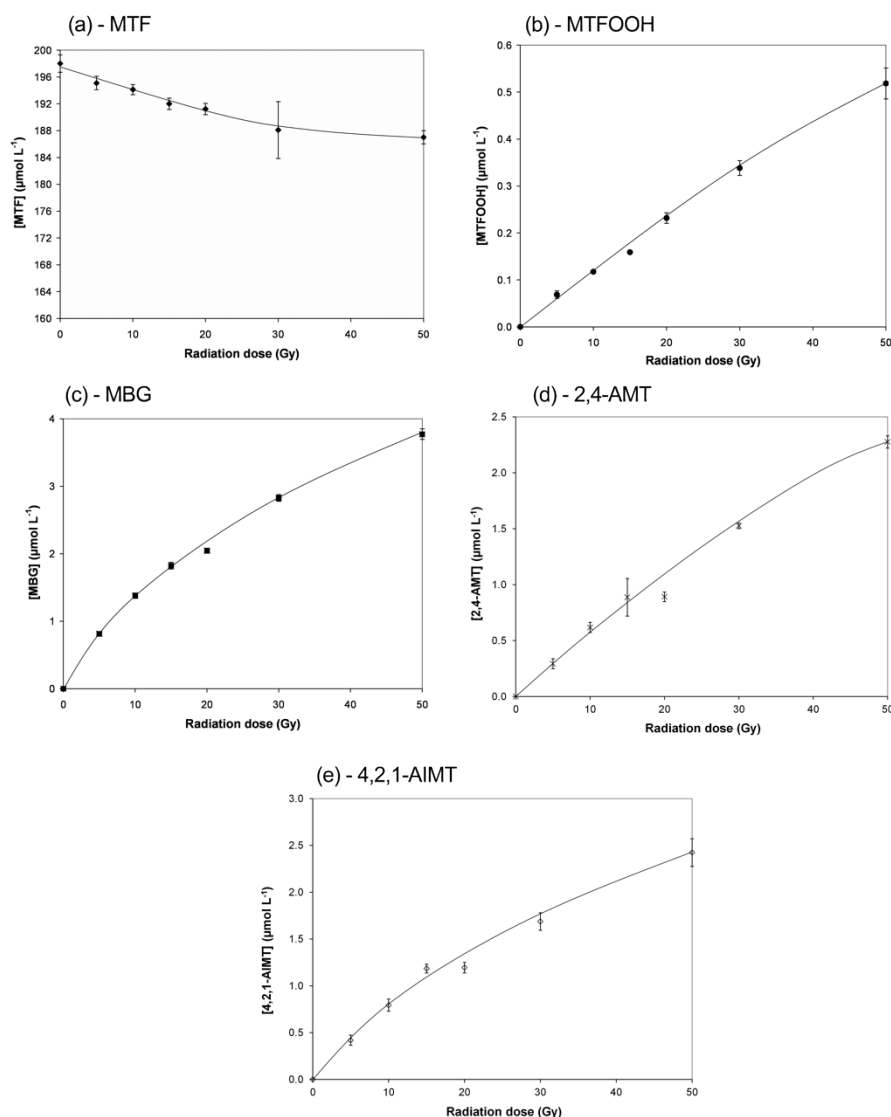


Figure S2. Consumption of MTF and production of radical-induced oxidation products at pH 7.15. Remaining non-oxidized MTF (a) and generated MTFOOH (b), MBG (c), 2,4-AMT (d) and 4,2,1-AIMT (e) as a function of the radiation dose ($I = 7.5 \text{ Gy min}^{-1}$). Aqueous aerated solutions of $200 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ MTF at pH 7.15, irradiated at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 50 Gy (+ control, 0 Gy). MTF = metformin; MTFOOH = hydroperoxide of metformin; 2,4-AMT = 2-amino-4-methylamino-1,3,5-triazine; 4,2,1-AIMT = 4-amino-2-imino-1-methyl-1,2-dihydro-1,3,5-triazine; MBG = methylbiguanide. Results expressed as mean $\pm$ SD of at least 5 independent experiments.

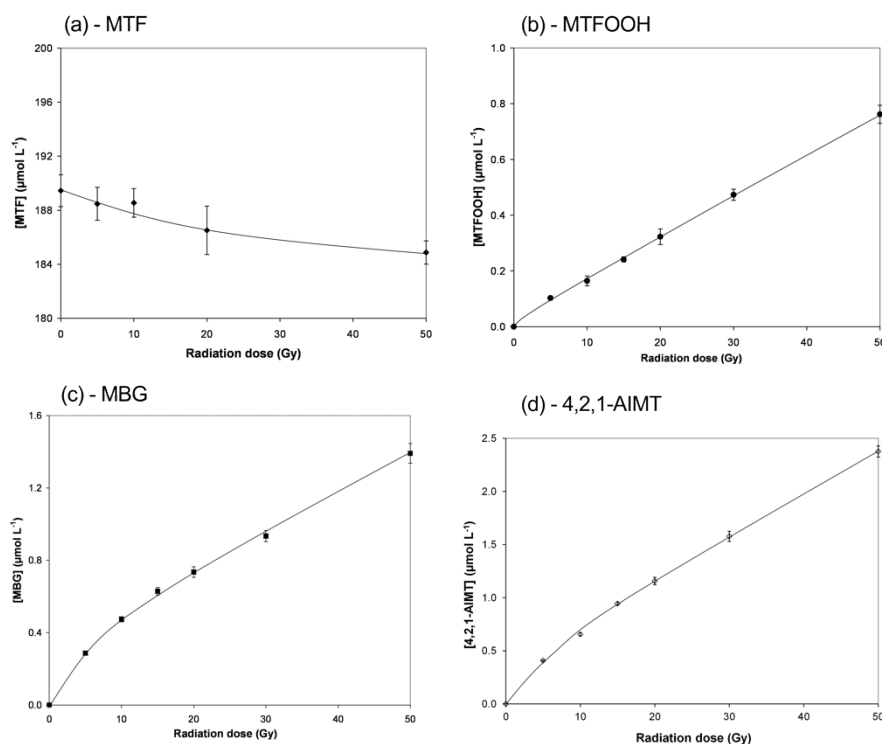


Figure S3. Consumption of MTF and production of radical-induced oxidation products at pH 2.8. Remaining non-oxidized MTF (a) and generated MTFOOH (b), MBG (c) and 4,2,1-AIMT (d) as a function of the radiation dose ($I = 7.5 \text{ Gy min}^{-1}$). Aqueous aerated solutions of $200 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ MTF at pH 2.8, irradiated at 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 50 Gy (+ control, 0 Gy). MTF = metformin; MTFOOH = hydroperoxide of metformin; 4,2,1-AIMT = 4-amino-2-imino-1-methyl-1,2-dihydro-1,3,5-triazine; MBG = methylbiguanide. Results expressed as mean $\pm$ SD of at least 5 independent experiments.