## **Supporting information**

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## Transient species of esculetin produced in pulse radiolysis: experimental and quantum chemical investigations

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*Figure S1* Deconvolution of the transient spectra obtained during the reaction of E with •OH radical (A) and with  $N_3$ • radical (B) after 20 µs of pulse.



*Figure S2.* Deconvolution of the transient spectra obtained during the reaction of E with  $H^{\bullet}$  atom after 20 µs of pulse.



Figure S3 Possible ground state conformers of E used for energy optimization.

*Table ST1.* Energy calculation of the conformers of *E* using B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) basis set in water phase.

Conformer	E <sub>0</sub> (Hartree)	$\Delta E_0$ (kcal/mol)
Α	-647.2222	0.00
В	-647.2219	#0.21
С	-647.2211	#0.67
D	-647.2195	#1.68

 $\#\,\Delta E_0\,was$  calculated with respect to the conformer A





*Figure S4.* Optimized structures of different transients of *E* with atomic charges, bond length and bond angles.