

Supplementary Material

Physico-Chemical Changes Induced by Gamma Irradiation on Some Structural Protein Extracts

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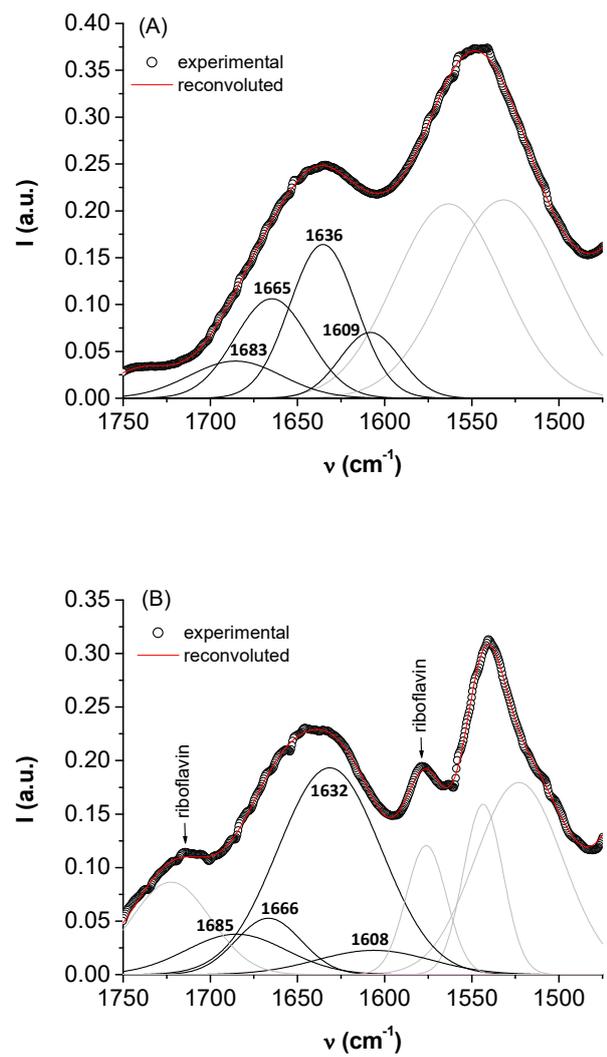


Figure S1. Deconvolution of the amide I region of the IR spectra of (A) collagen, (B) collagen/riboflavin/irradiated; for clarity, band components not belonging to the region of interest are depicted in grey.

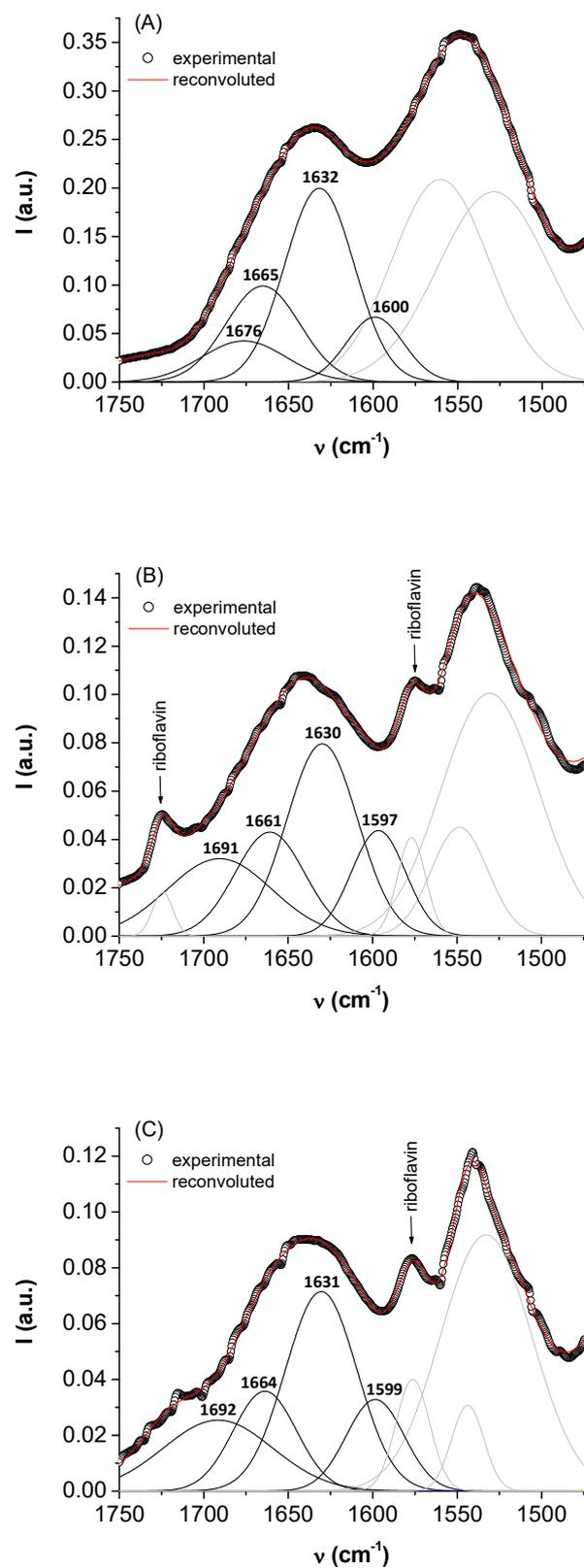


Figure S2. Deconvolution of the amide I region of the IR spectra of (A) bovine gelatin, (B) bovine gelatin/riboflavin, (C) bovine gelatin/riboflavin/gamma irradiated; for clarity, band components not belonging to the region of interest are depicted in grey.

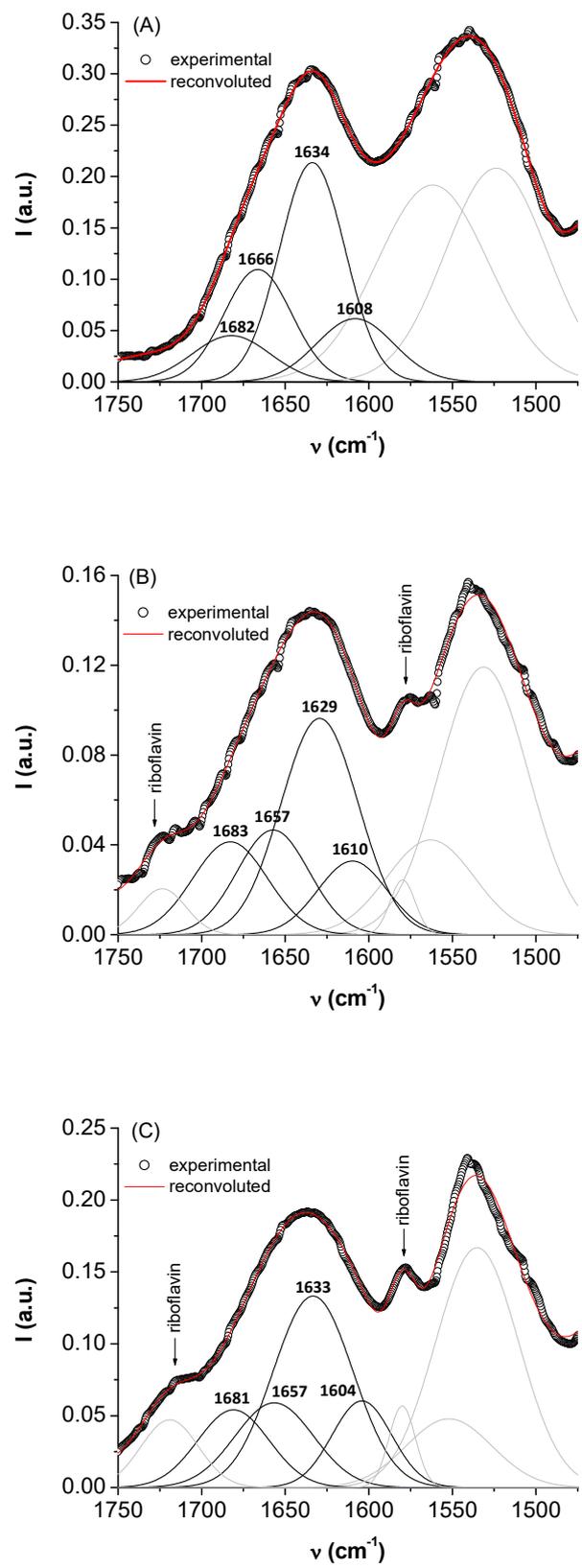


Figure S3. Deconvolution of the amide I region of the IR spectra of (A) fish gelatin, (B) fish gelatin/riboflavin, (C) fish gelatin/riboflavin gamma irradiated; for clarity, band components not belonging to the region of interest are depicted in grey.

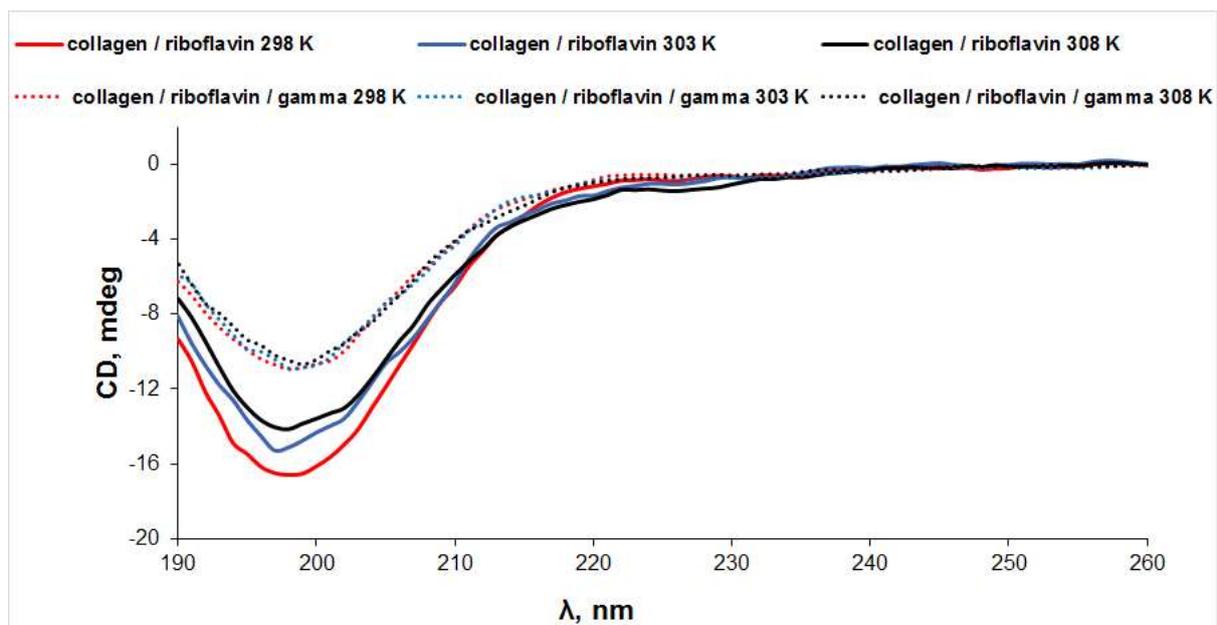


Figure S4. The CD spectra of collagen/riboflavin (line) and collagen/riboflavin/gamma irradiated (dotted line) solutions in acetic acid 0.18 M at different temperatures.

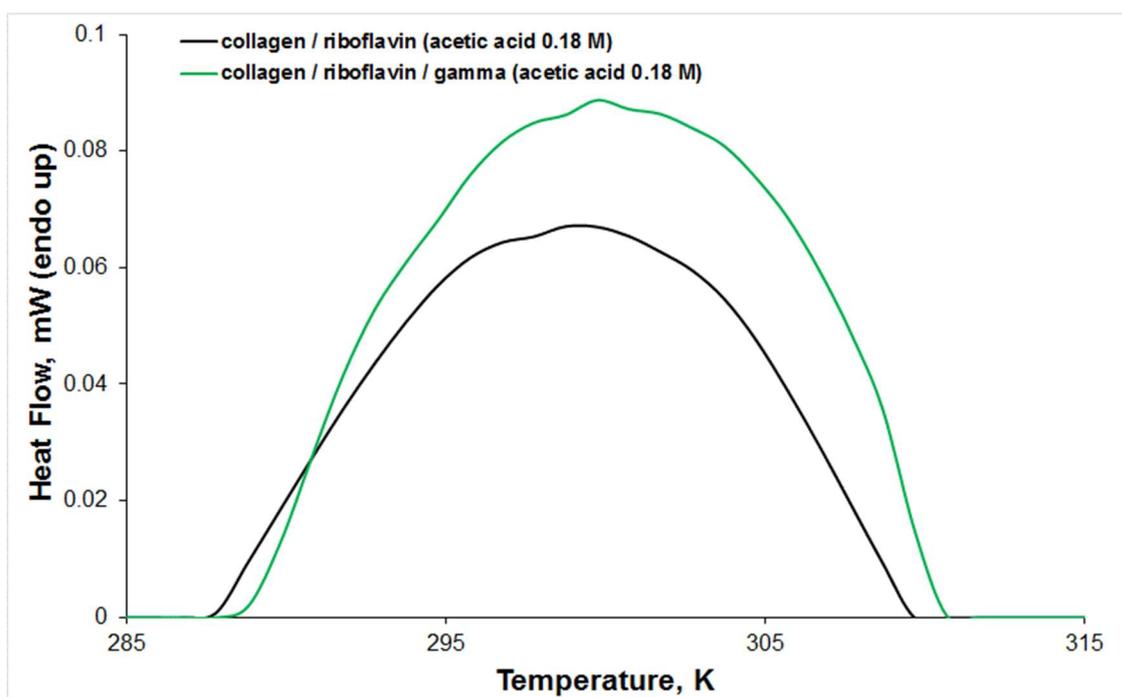


Figure S5. The μ DSC signal for the thermal denaturation of collagen/riboflavin solution in acetic acid 0.18 M, prior to and after gamma irradiation.

Table S1. Assignment of the main IR bands of collagen.

| Sample | Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| collagen | 3290, 3076 (w) | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2958 (w), 2923, 2873 (w), 2852 | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1636 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1547 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1446, 1408 (s) | C-H bending |
| | 1344, 1242 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1080, 1050, 1020 | C-O stretching (glycated collagen) |
| collagen/riboflavin | 3300, 3072 (w) | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2927, 2854 | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1645 (w) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1538 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1445, 1407 (s) | C-H bending |
| | 1343, 1240 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1086, 1052, 1021 | C-O stretching (glycated collagen) |
| collagen/riboflavin/gamma | 3290, 3069 | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2954, 2919 (s), 2972, 2851 (s) | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1642 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1540 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1404 (w) | C-H bending |
| | 1245 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1077, 1060, 1028 | C-O stretching (glycated collagen) |

Abbreviations: s – strong, w – weak.

Table S2. Assignment of the main IR bands of bovine gelatin.

| Sample | Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹) | Assignment |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| bovine gelatin | 3300, 3071 | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2960 (w), 2928, 2875 (w), 2851 (w) | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1635 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1549 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1448 (w), 1409 | C-H bending |
| | 1343, 1243 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1080, 1050, 1021 | C-O stretching (glycated gelatin) |
| bovine gelatin/riboflavin | 3276, 3069 | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2931 (w), 2876 (w) | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1642 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1538 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1454 (w), 1409 | C-H bending |
| | 1343, 1251 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1081; 1021 | C-O stretching (glycated gelatin) |
| bovine gelatin/riboflavin/gamma | 3300, 3068 | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2955 (w), 2918 (s), 2873 (w), 2849 (s) | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1638 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1541 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1448 (w), 1404 (w) | C-H bending |
| | 1350; 1246 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1061, 1031 | C-O stretching (glycated gelatin) |

Abbreviations: s – strong, w – weak.

Table S3. Assignment of the main IR bands of fish gelatin.

| Sample | Wavenumber (cm^{-1}) | Assignment |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| fish gelatin | 3275, 3076 | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2960 (w), 2933, 2877 (w), 2852 (w) | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1635 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1540 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1446, 1406 (s) | C-H bending |
| | 1338, 1243 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1080, 1050, 1024 | C-O stretching (glycated gelatin) |
| fish gelatin/riboflavin | 3279, 3070 | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2934, 2877 (w) | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1634 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1538 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1452, 1401 | C-H bending |
| | 1343, 1247 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1079, 1061, 1029 | C-O stretching (glycated gelatin) |
| fish gelatin/riboflavin/gamma | 3283, 3068 | O-H, N-H stretching (amide A and B) |
| | 2955, 2918 (s), 2872, 2851 (s) | C-H stretching (asymmetric, symmetric) |
| | 1638 (s) | C=O stretching/N-H bending (amide I) |
| | 1539 (s) | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide II) |
| | 1444, 1403 | C-H bending |
| | 1347, 1245 | C-N stretching/N-H bending (amide III) |
| | 1077, 1057, 1028 | C-O stretching (glycated gelatin) |

Abbreviations: s – strong, w – weak.

Table S4. Secondary structure content of collagen samples.

| Sample | Band Assignment | ν (cm⁻¹) | % Area |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------|
| collagen | β -sheet | 1609 | 15 |
| | random coil | 1636 | 41 |
| | α -helix | 1665 | 30 |
| | β -turn | 1683 | 14 |
| collagen/riboflavin/gamma | β -sheet | 1608 | 8 |
| | random coil | 1632 | 68 |
| | α -helix | 1666 | 12 |
| | β -turn | 1685 | 12 |

Table S5. Secondary structure content of bovine gelatin samples.

| Sample | Band Assignment | ν (cm⁻¹) | % Area |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------|
| bovine gelatin | β -sheet | 1600 | 13 |
| | random coil | 1632 | 48 |
| | α -helix | 1665 | 26 |
| | β -turn | 1676 | 13 |
| bovine gelatin/riboflavin | β -sheet | 1597 | 17 |
| | random coil | 1630 | 40 |
| | α -helix | 1661 | 21 |
| | β -turn | 1691 | 22 |
| bovine gelatin/riboflavin/gamma | β -sheet | 1599 | 16 |
| | random coil | 1631 | 43 |
| | α -helix | 1664 | 19 |
| | β -turn | 1692 | 23 |

Table S6. Secondary structure content of fish gelatin samples.

| Sample | Band Assignment | ν (cm⁻¹) | % Area |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------|
| fish gelatin | β -sheet | 1608 | 16 |
| | random coil | 1634 | 47 |
| | α -helix | 1666 | 25 |
| | β -turn | 1682 | 12 |
| fish gelatin/riboflavin | β -sheet | 1610 | 14 |
| | random coil | 1629 | 46 |
| | α -helix | 1657 | 21 |
| | β -turn | 1683 | 19 |
| fish gelatin/riboflavin/gamma | β -sheet | 1604 | 16 |
| | random coil | 1633 | 47 |
| | α -helix | 1657 | 20 |
| | β -turn | 1681 | 17 |

Table S7. Peak temperature and denaturation enthalpy change obtained from μ DSC measurements for solutions prepared in acetic acid 15.7 M.

| Sample | T_{peak} (K) | ΔH (J/g) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| keratin | 300.75 | 1.12 |
| keratin/riboflavin/gamma | 300.79 | 0.95 |
| collagen | 303.84 | 2.56 |
| collagen/riboflavin/gamma | 298.07 | 0.21 |
| bovine gelatin | 302.64 | 2.43 |
| bovine gelatin/riboflavin/gamma | 301.45 | 1.19 |
| fish gelatin | 303.64 | 2.14 |
| fish gelatin/riboflavin/gamma | 303.14 | 0.75 |

Table S8. Parameters of the DMPO and PBN spin adducts formed in protein/riboflavin solutions after exposure to gamma radiation.

| Sample | DMPO | | | | PBN | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 1 hour | | 2 hours | | 1 hour | | 2 hours | |
| | a_N (G) | a_H (G) | a_N (G) | a_H (G) | a_N (G) | a_H (G) | a_N (G) | a_H (G) |
| keratin | - | - | 15.00 | 14.73 | - | - | - | - |
| collagen | 14.80 | 13.97 | 14.80 | 14.04 | 14.70 | 2.76 | 14.85 | 3.15 |
| bovine gelatin | 14.75 | 13.86 | 14.75 | 13.90 | 14.61 | 2.56 | 14.75 | 2.95 |
| fish gelatin | 14.70 | 13.80 | 14.75 | 13.95 | 14.55 | 2.50 | 14.65 | 2.60 |