

# **Unravelling Structures of Radicals of Kynurenic Acid Formed in the Photoinduced Reactions with Tryptophan and Tyrosine**

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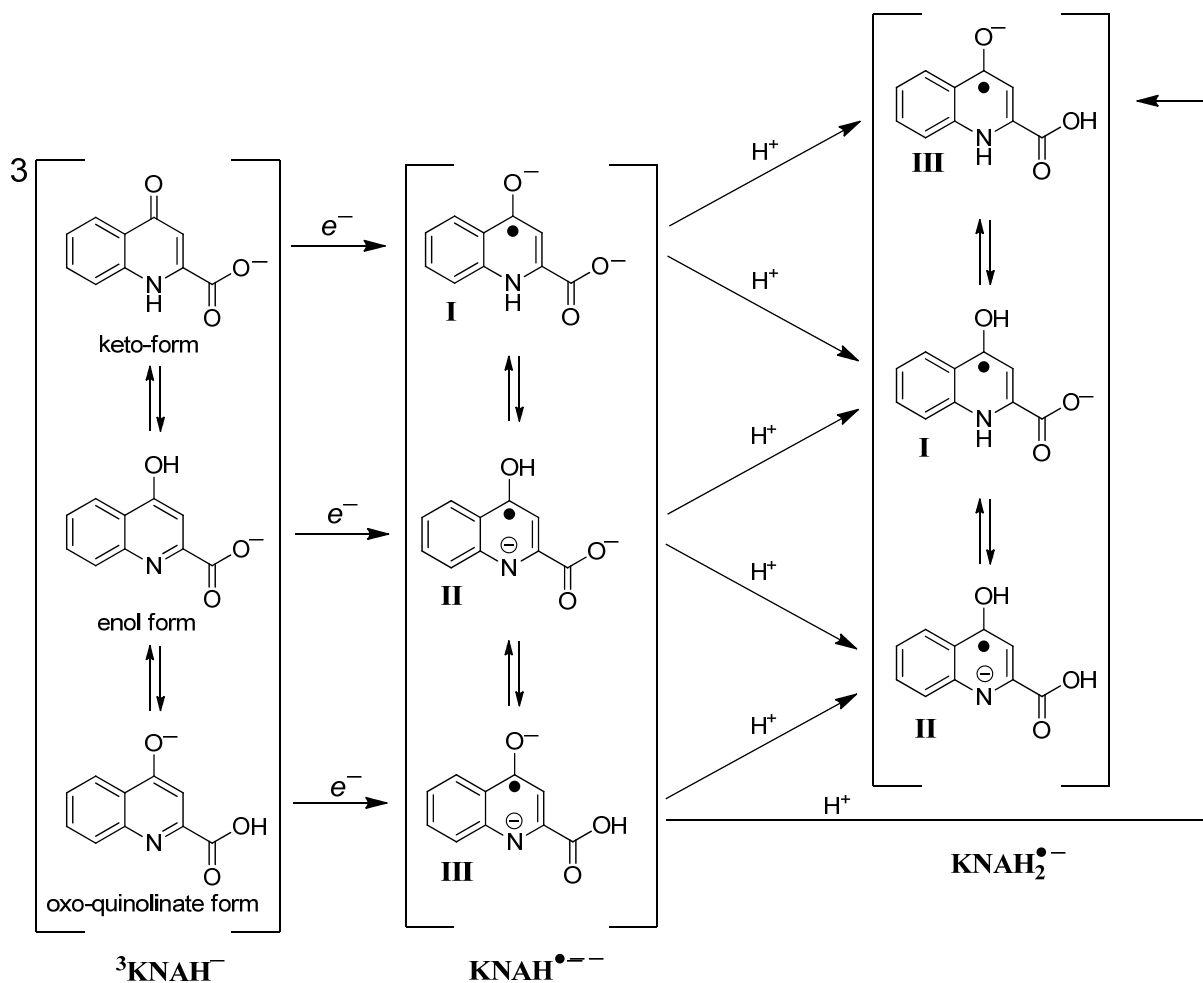
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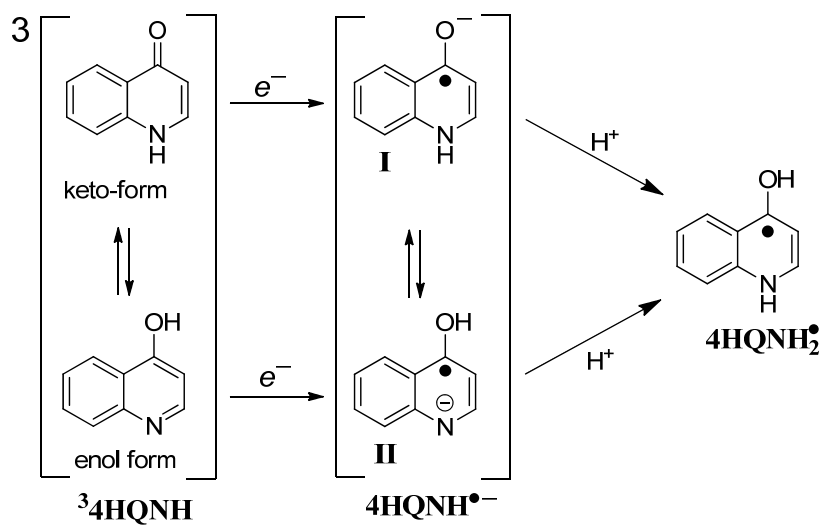
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Scheme S2. Possible pathways of proton-coupled electron transfer to different tautomeric forms of triplet 4-hydroxy quinolone,  $^3\text{4HQNH}$ , and radical structures formed so far.

Table S1. Calculated HFCCs of 4-hydroxy quinoline (4HQN) radicals of different structures.

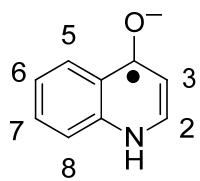
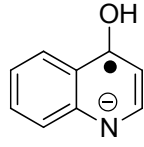
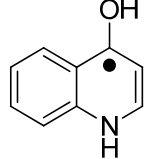
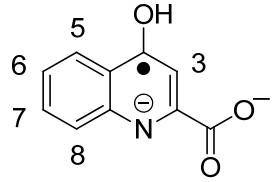
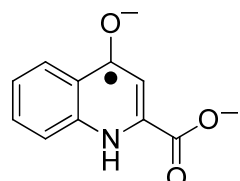
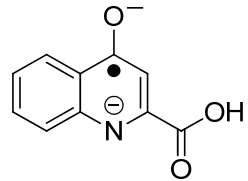
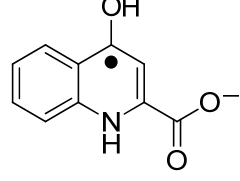
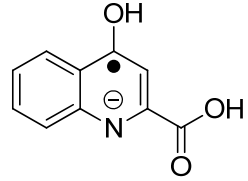
Radical	g-factor	Atom	HFCC, mT
4HQNH <sup>•-</sup> (I) 	2.00323	N1	0.108
		H1(NH)	-0.201
		H2	-0.655
		H3	0.154
		H5	-0.608
		H6	0.006
		H7	-0.395
		H8	-0.372
		H4(OH)	--
4HQNH <sup>•-</sup> (II) 	2.00295	N1	0.277
		H1(NH)	--
		H2	-0.367
		H3	-0.037
		H5	-0.591
		H6	-0.107
		H7	-0.293
		H8	-0.463
		H4(OH)	-0.067
4HQNH <sub>2</sub> <sup>•</sup> 	2.00295	N1	0.243
		H1(NH)	-0.395
		H2	-0.826
		H3	0.173
		H5	-0.440
		H6	-0.016
		H7	-0.328
		H8	-0.194
		H4(OH)	-0.124

Table S2. Calculated HFCCs of kynurenic acid (KNA) radicals of different structures.

Radical	g-factor	Atom	HFCC, mT
KNAH <sup>•-</sup> (I) 	2.00357	N1	0.100
		H1(NH)	-0.220
		H(COOH)	--
		H3	0.067
		H5	-0.295
		H6	-0.136
		H7	-0.108
		H8	-0.299
		H4(OH)	--
KNAH <sup>•-</sup> (II) 	2.00321	N1	0.286
		H1(NH)	--
		H(COOH)	--
		H3	0.127
		H5	-0.353
		H6	-0.296
		H7	-0.059
		H8	-0.473
		H4(OH)	-0.055
KNAH <sup>•-</sup> (III) 	2.00349	N1	0.196
		H1(NH)	--
		H(COOH)	-0.106
		H3	-0.178
		H5	-0.042
		H6	-0.279
		H7	0.060
		H8	-0.279
		H4(OH)	--
KNAH <sub>2</sub> <sup>•-</sup> (I) 	2.00325	N1	0.255
		H1(NH)	-0.407
		H(COOH)	--
		H3	0.206
		H5	-0.288
		H6	-0.11
		H7	-0.176
		H8	-0.224
		H4(OH)	-0.103
KNAH <sub>2</sub> <sup>•-</sup> (II) 	2.00339	N1	0.343
		H1(NH)	--
		(COOH)	-0.110
		H3	0.003
		H5	-0.025
		H6	-0.348
		H7	0.067
		H8	-0.338
		H4(OH)	-0.037

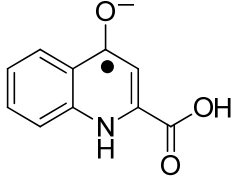
KNAH <sub>2</sub> <sup>•-</sup> (III)		2.00364	N1	0.129
			H1(NH)	-0.247
			H(COOH)	-0.119
			H3	-0.239
			H5	-0.065
			H6	-0.140
			H7	-0.011
			H8	-0.167
			H4(OH)	--

Table S3. Calculated HFCCs of neutral tryptophan and N-acetyl tryptophan radicals.

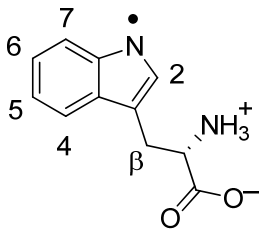
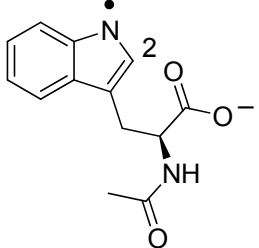
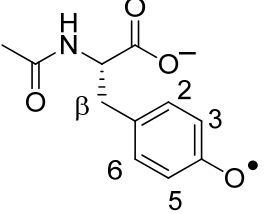
Radical	g-factor	Atom	HFCC, mT
Trp <sup>•</sup> 	2.00282	N1	0.313
		H2	-0.096
		H4	-0.492
		H5	0.090
		H6	-0.425
		H7	-0.041
		β <sub>1</sub>	1.776
		β <sub>2</sub>	0.125
		α	0.082
N-AcTrp <sup>•</sup> 	2.00284	N1	0.325
		H2	-0.108
		H4	-0.438
		H5	0.067
		H6	-0.378
		H7	-0.039
		β <sub>1</sub>	0.866
		β <sub>2</sub>	0.818
		α	0.214

Table S4. HFCCs of neutral N-acetyl tyrosine radical, determined utilizing the CIDNP proportionality relationship between HFCCs and CIDNP intensities detected in the photoreaction of 3,3',4,4'-tetracarboxy benzophenone (TCBP) and N-AcTyr using the known HFCCs for TCBP radicals.<sup>1</sup> CIDNP spectrum is shown in Fig. S1, proportionality relationship – in Fig. S2.

Radical	g-factor	Atom	HFCC, mT
	a	H2,6	0.13
		H3,5	-0.69
		$\beta$	0.86

<sup>a</sup> DFT calculations were not performed for N-AcTyr radical; in calculations of CIDNP using Adrian's model, g-factor known for Tyr radical was used,  $g=2.0041$ .<sup>2</sup>

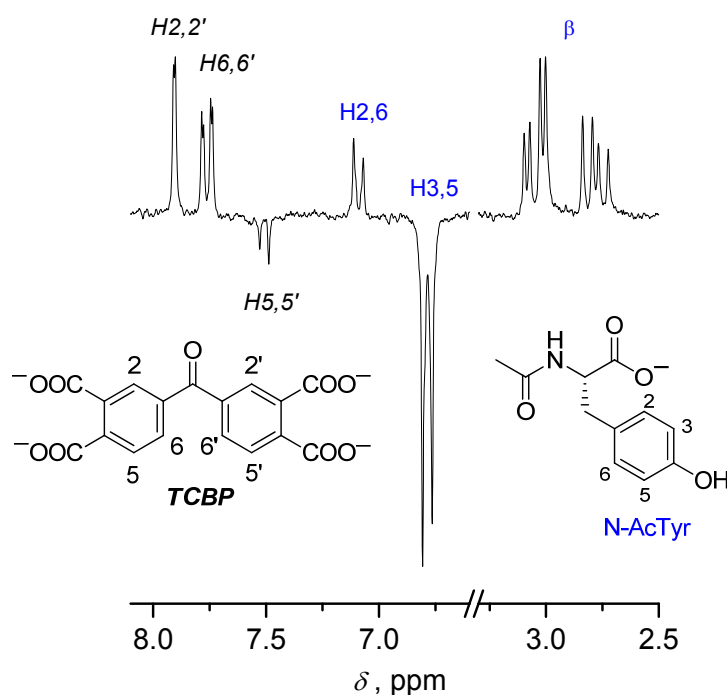


Fig. S1. 200 MHz <sup>1</sup>H CIDNP spectra, obtained in the photoreaction of 0.5 mM 3,3',4,4'-tetracarboxy benzophenone (TCBP) and 2 mM N-acetyl tyrosine in neutral aqueous solution.

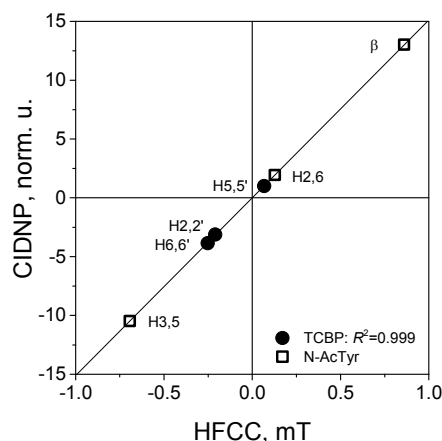


Fig. S2. Correlation between the  $^1\text{H}$  CIDNP intensities of TCBP (solid circles)  $P_{1i}$  and  $-P_{2j}$  of the N-acetyl tyrosine (N-AcTyr, open squares) detected in photoreaction between TCBP and N-AcTyr, and the corresponding  $^1\text{H}$  HFCCs of the TCBP radicals.<sup>1</sup> Solid line: best fit by the function  $P_{1i} = -CA_{1i}$  ( $C > 0$ ). HFCCs for neutral N-AcTyr radical (Table S4) were calculated according to the equation  $A_{2j} = C^{-1}P_{2j}$  (fitting to squares).

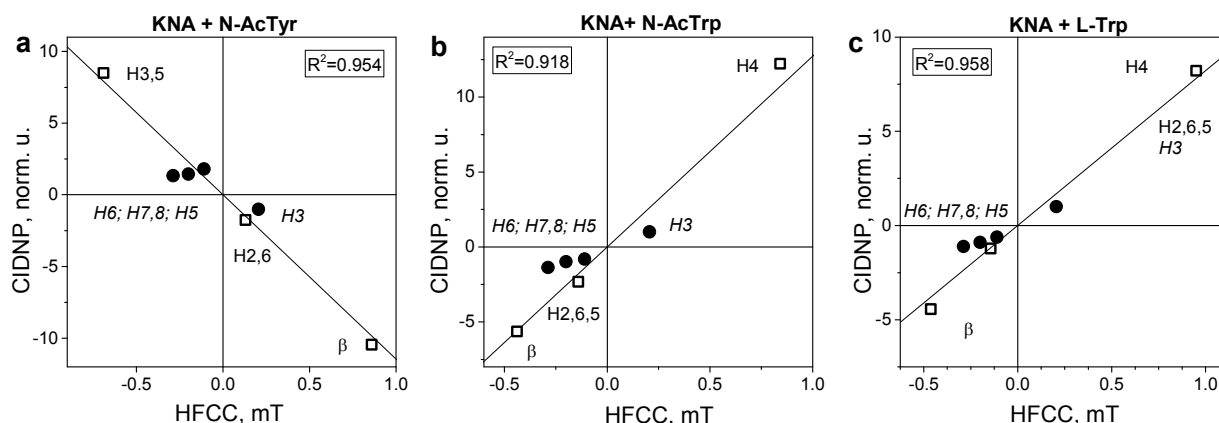


Fig. S3. Correlation between the  $^1\text{H}$  CIDNP intensities  $P_{1i}$  of KNA (solid circles) and  $-P_{2j}$  of the amino acid (open squares) detected in neutral aqueous solution for the photoreaction between KNA and N-AcTyr (a), N-AcTrp (b) or L-Trp (c), and the corresponding  $^1\text{H}$  HFCCs of the radicals  $\text{KNAH}_2^{\bullet-}$  (I) (Table S2),  $\text{N-AcTyrO}^{\bullet}$  (Table S4),  $\text{N-AcTrp}^{\bullet}$  (Table S3),  $\text{Trp}^{\bullet}$  (Table S3). Solid line: best fit by the function  $P_{1i} = CA_{1i}$ ,  $P_{2j} = -CA_{2j}$ .



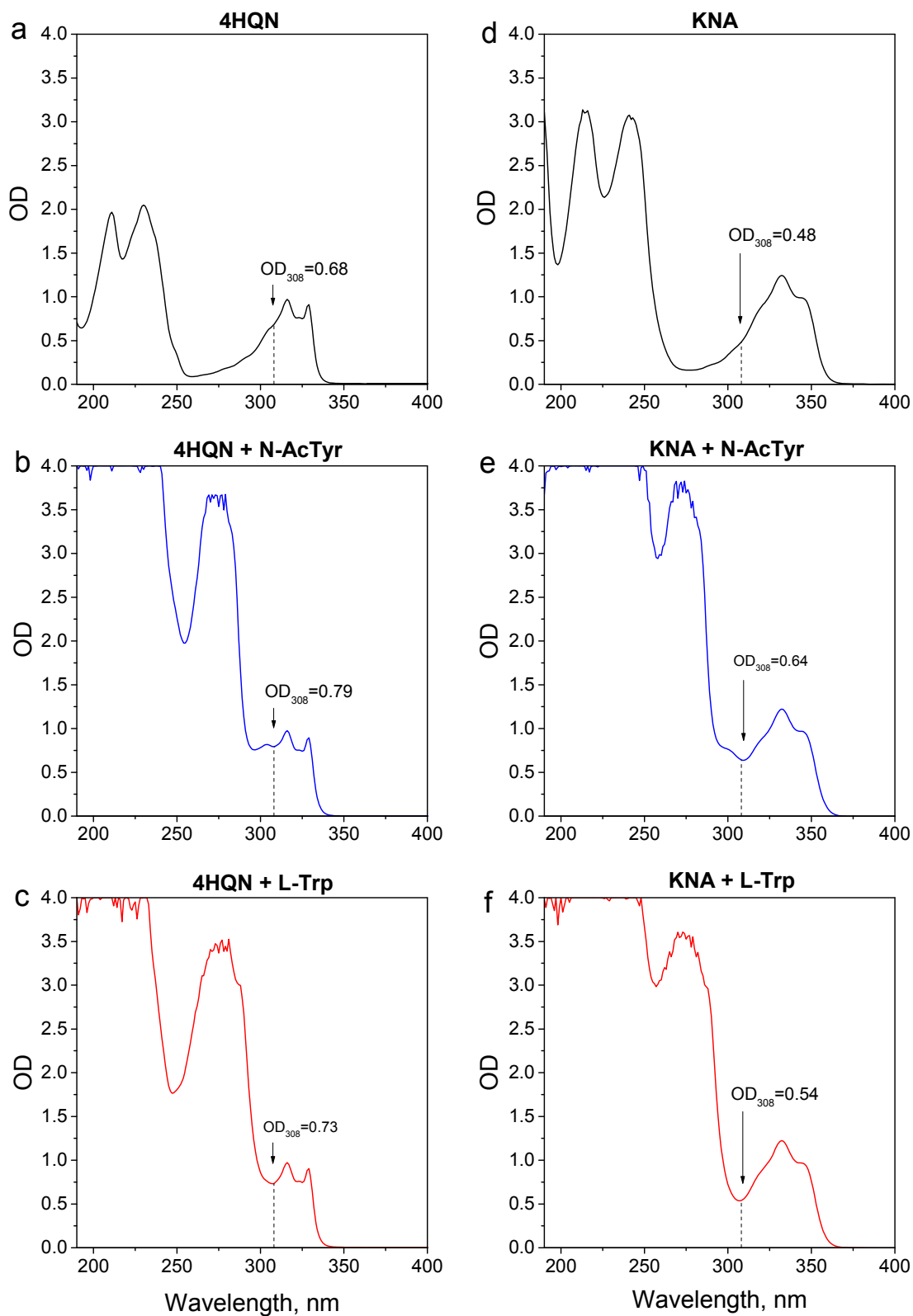


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