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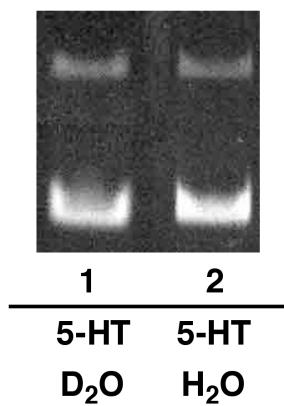
### **Photoinduced DNA Cleavage by Formation of ROS from Oxygen with a Neurotransmitter and Aromatic Amino Acids**

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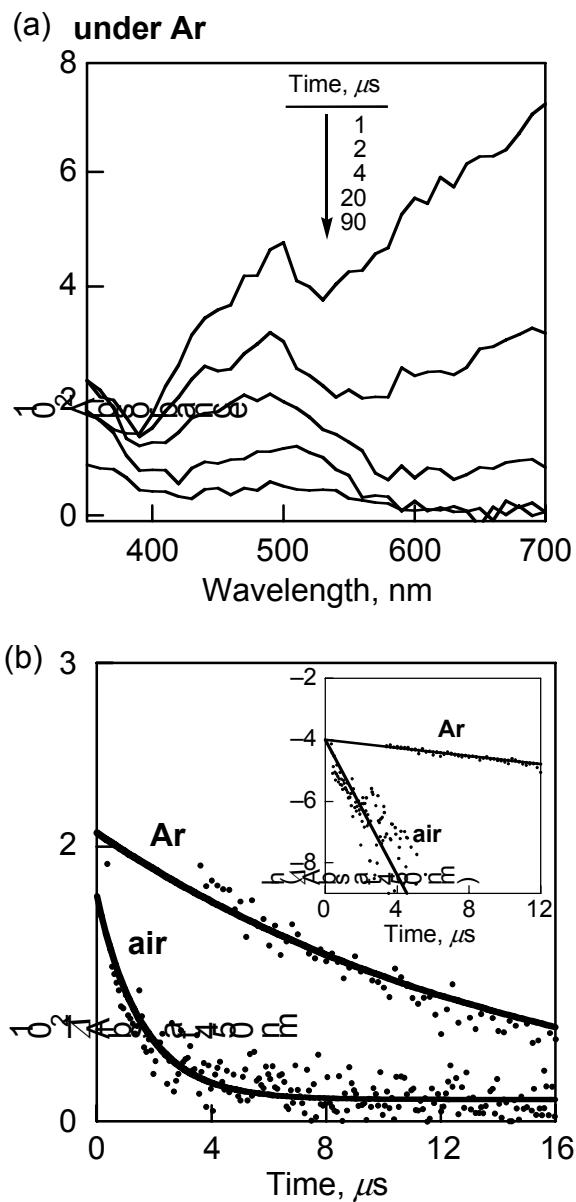
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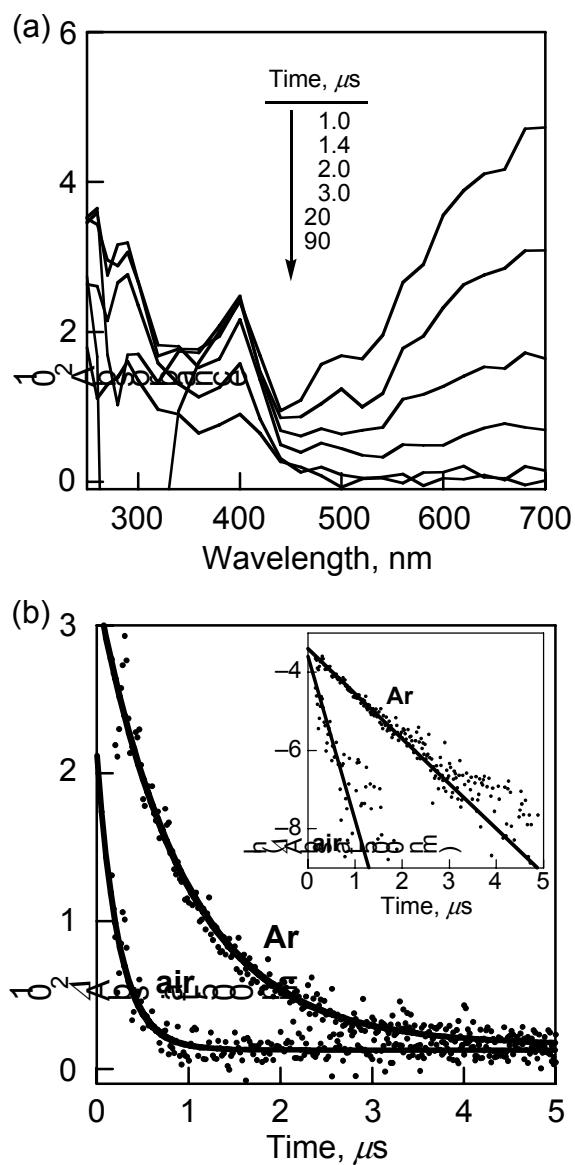
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**Fig S1** Agarose gel electrophoresis of cleaved supercoiled pBR322 DNA after 10 min photoirradiation with monochromatized light ( $\lambda = 300$  nm) at 298 K. Lane 1, with 5-HT (0.50 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in D<sub>2</sub>O; lane 2, photoirradiation with 5-HT (0.50 mmol dm<sup>-3</sup>) in H<sub>2</sub>O.



**Fig S2** (a) Transient absorption spectra of Trp ( $1.9 \times 10^{-4}$  mol dm $^{-3}$ ) in a phosphate buffer solution (0.10 mol dm $^{-3}$ , pH 7.0) after laser excitation at 266 nm. (b) Decay time profiles of  $^3\text{Trp}^*$  ( $\lambda = 450$  nm) in argon- and air-saturated buffer solutions. The solid curves represent the best fit to the exponential decay. Inset: First order plots.



**Fig S3** (a) Transient absorption spectra of Tyr ( $7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ ) in a phosphate buffer solution ( $0.10 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ , pH 7.0) after laser excitation at 266 nm. (b) Decay time profiles of  ${}^3\text{Tyr}^*$  ( $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$ ) in argon- and air-saturated buffer solutions. The solid curves represent the best fit to the exponential decay. Inset: First order plots.