

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS for

A model iron gall ink: an in-depth study of ageing processes involving gallic acid

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Table S.1: Extraction yields obtained for gallic acid extract from model gallic acid inks mock-ups.

Extraction methods	Extraction yields (mg of dye/g of sample)
EDTA-DMF (0.1% of EDTA in H ₂ O/DMF 1:1)	12.9
DMSO	0.9
Oxalic acid solution (C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ /MeOH/acetone/H ₂ O, 1:30:30:40)	0.5
Formic acid solution (HCOOH/MeOH, 1:19)	0.4
Methanolysis (HCl/MeOH 1:30) redissolved in DMSO	0.4
Methanolysis (HCl/MeOH 1:30) redissolved in MeOH	1.0
Methanolysis (HCl/MeOH 1:30) redissolved in DMF	0.1
Methanolysis (HCl/MeOH 1:30) redissolved in H ₂ O/ACN (1:1)	0.7
Methanolysis (HCl/MeOH 1:30) redissolved in H ₂ O/MeOH (1:1)	1.8

Table S.2: Molecular markers identified in the aged and unaged model gallic acid ink mock-ups. The markers detected at trace levels are indicated as (tr).

Compound	t₀	LN 6M	LN 12M	Dark 12M	SB RH 30%	Dark + SB RH 50%
Gallic acid	x	x	x	x	x	x
Marker 1		x	x	tr	x	x
Marker 2		x	x	tr	x	x
Marker 3		x	x	tr	x	x
Marker 4		x	x		x	
Marker 5		x	x	x	x	x
Marker 6		x	x	x	x	x
Marker 7		x	x	x	x	x
Marker 8		x	x	x	x	x
m-digallic acid					x	
p-digallic acid					x	
Marker 9				x		x
Marker 10		x	x		x	x
Marker 11		x	x	x	x	x
Marker 12				x		x
Ellagic acid	x	x	x	x	x	x
Marker 13				x		x
Marker 14				x		x

Table S.3: Parameters used for artificial ageing tests.

	Irradiance (W/m²)	Temperature (°C)	Relative humidity (%)	Time (weeks)
Test 1	1000	40	30	4
Test 2	550	40	50	8

Table S.4: Calibration curves coefficients for gallic and ellagic acid in the HPLC-DAD system.

Analyte	m (Area)	q (Area/mg)	R²
Gallic acid	7.6×10^4	-3.1×10^4	0.999
Ellagic acid	5.5×10^4	-1.0×10^5	0.993

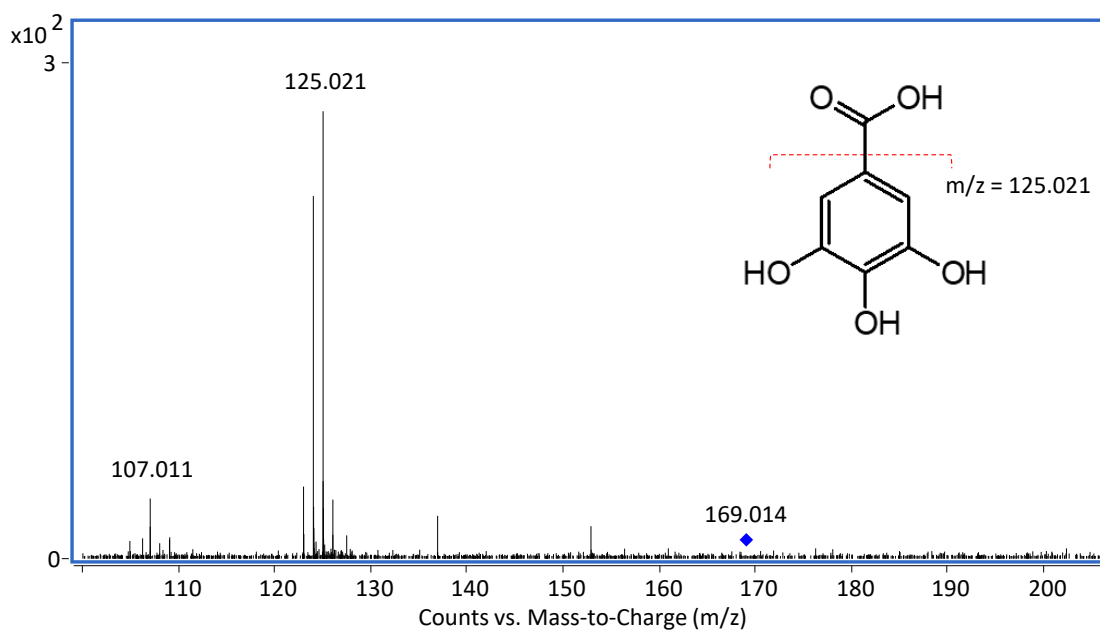


Figure S.1: Tandem mass spectrum of gallic acid ($t_R = 2.8$ min, $C_7H_6O_5$)

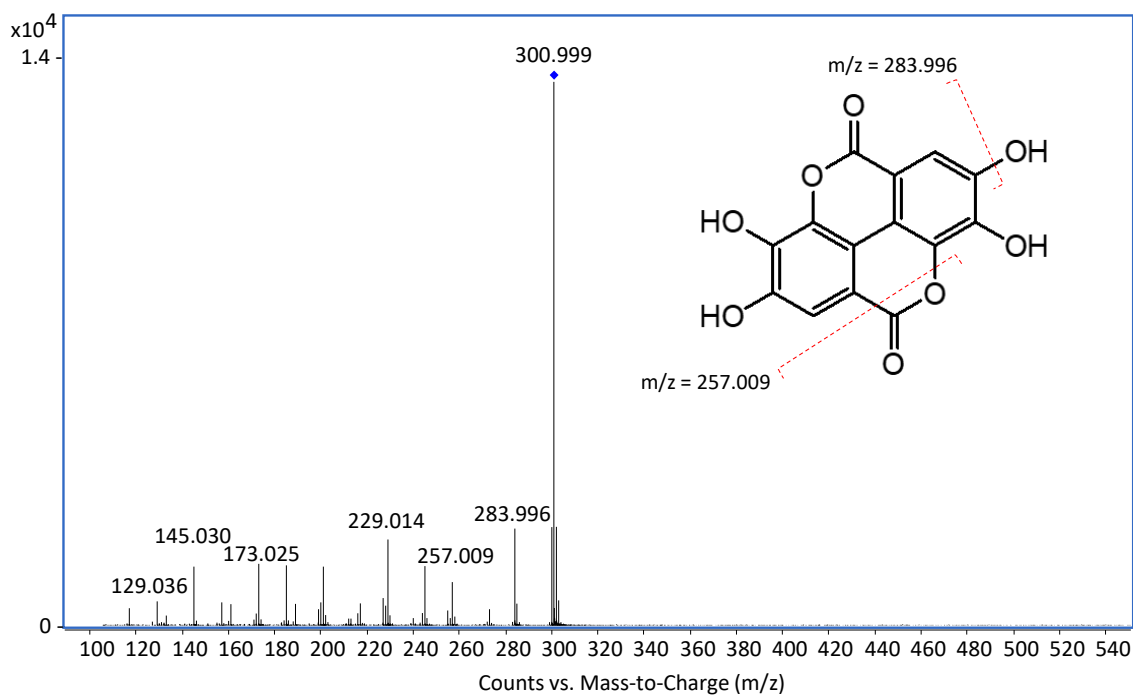


Figure S.2: Tandem mass spectrum of ellagic acid ($t_R = 11.8$ min, $C_{14}H_8O_6$)

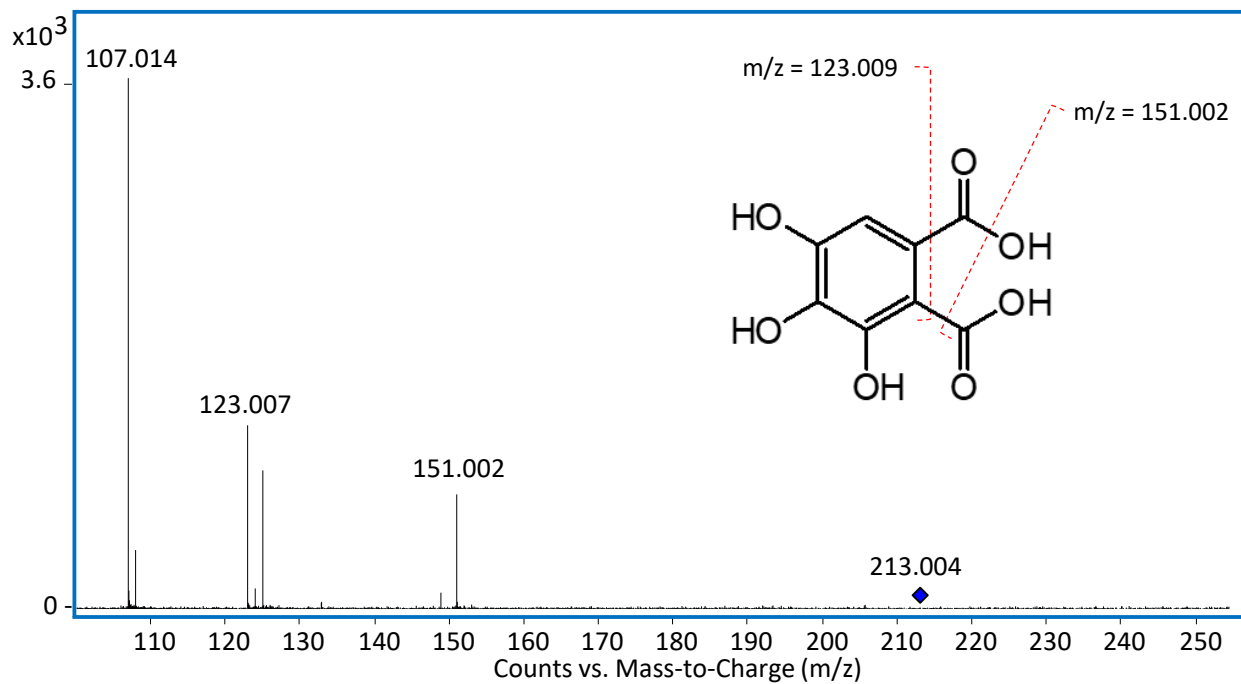


Figure S.3: Tandem mass spectrum of m_1 ($t_R = 2.9$ min, $C_8H_6O_7$) with hypothesized structure

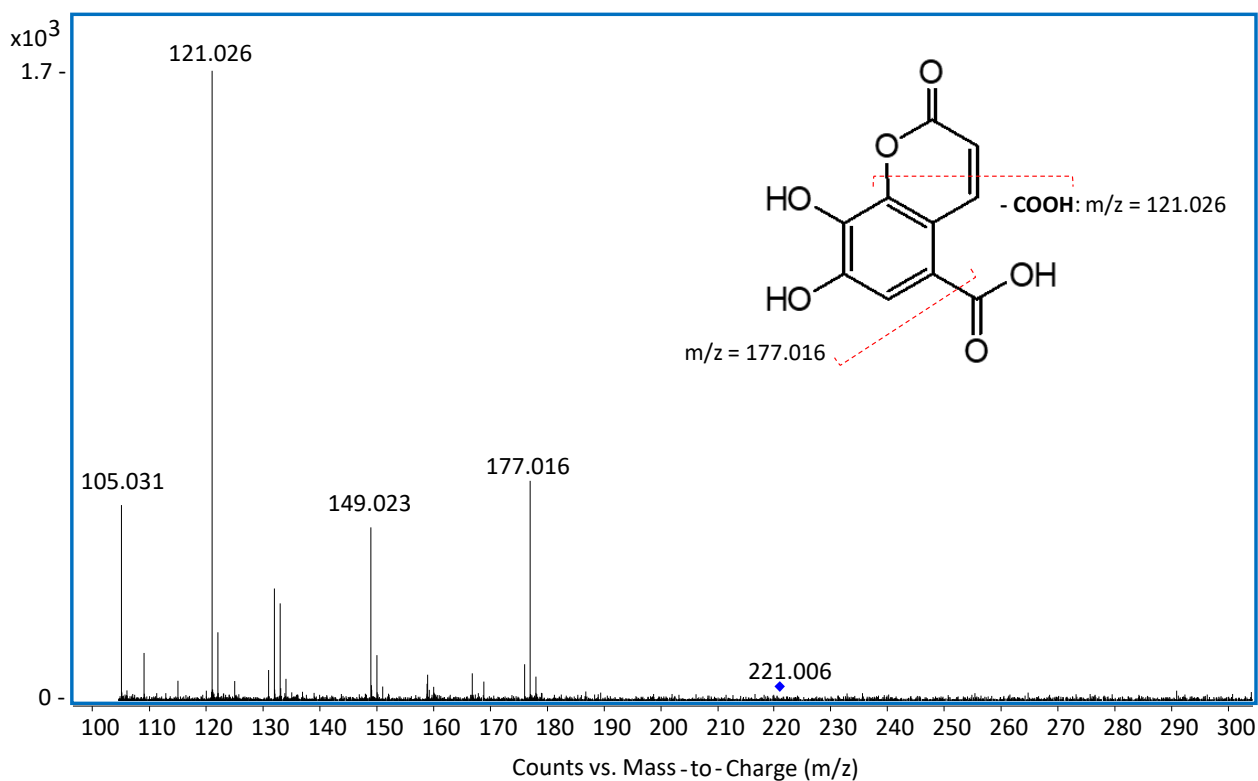


Figure S.4: Tandem mass spectrum of m_2 ($t_R = 3.9$ min, $C_{10}H_6O_6$) with hypothesized structure

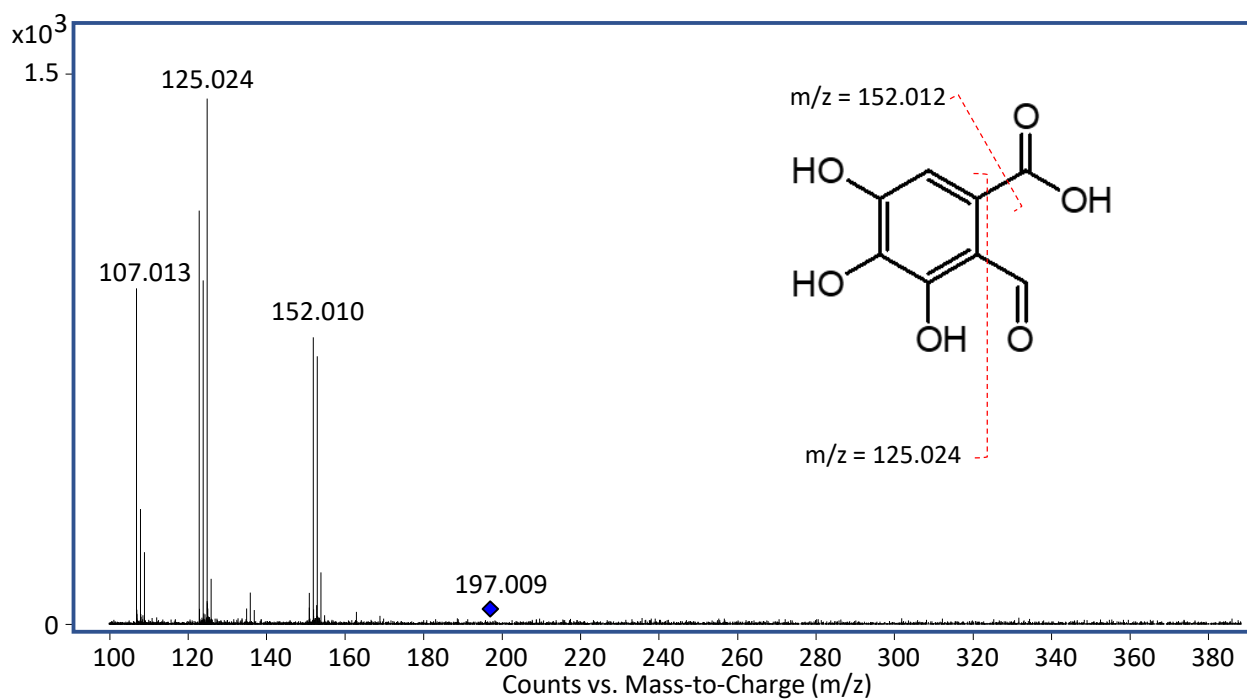


Figure S.5: Tandem mass spectrum of m_3 ($t_R = 4.4$ min, $C_8H_6O_6$) with hypothesized structure

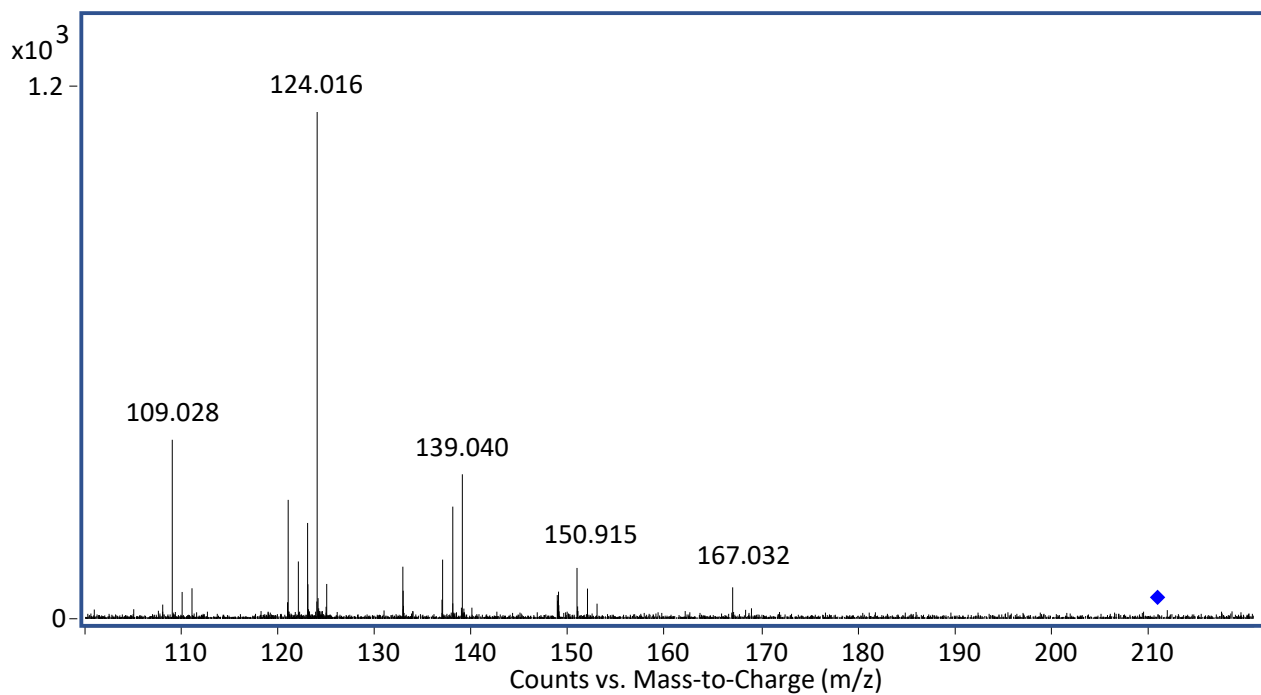


Figure S.6: Tandem mass spectrum of m_4 ($t_R = 4.6$ min, $C_9H_8O_6$)

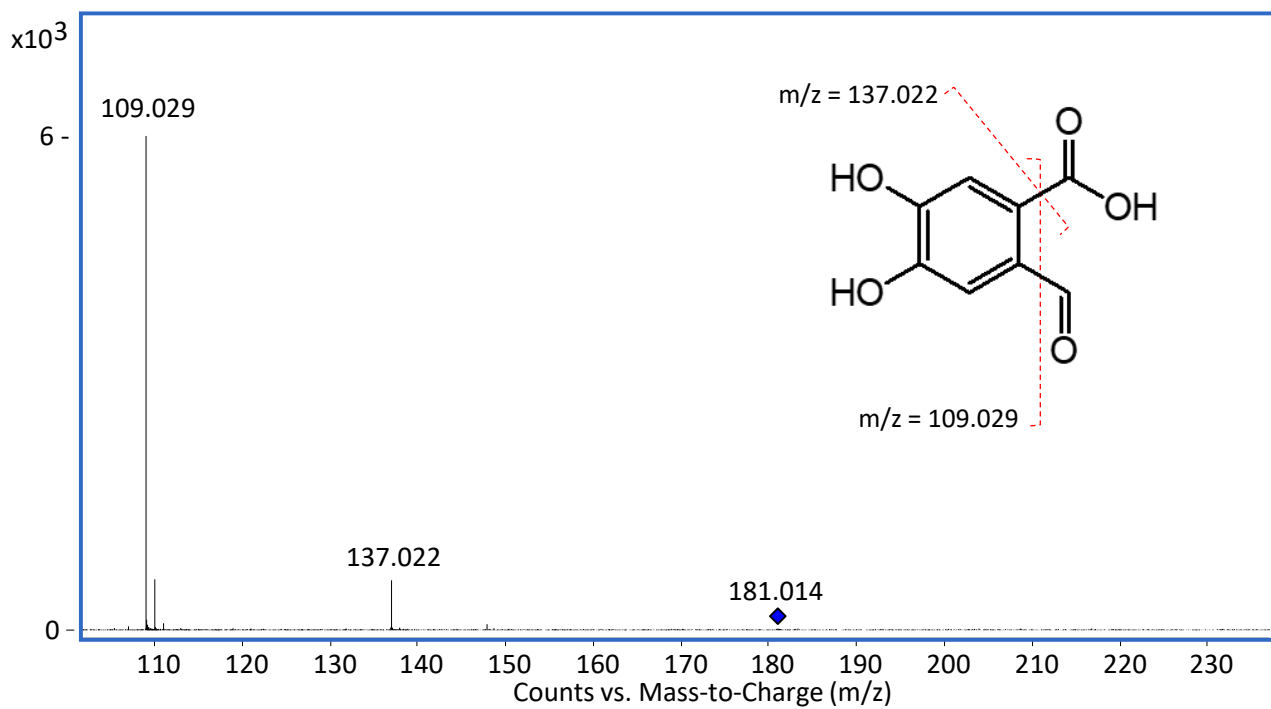


Figure S.7: Tandem mass spectrum of m_5 ($t_R = 6.2$ min, $C_8H_6O_5$) with hypothesized structure

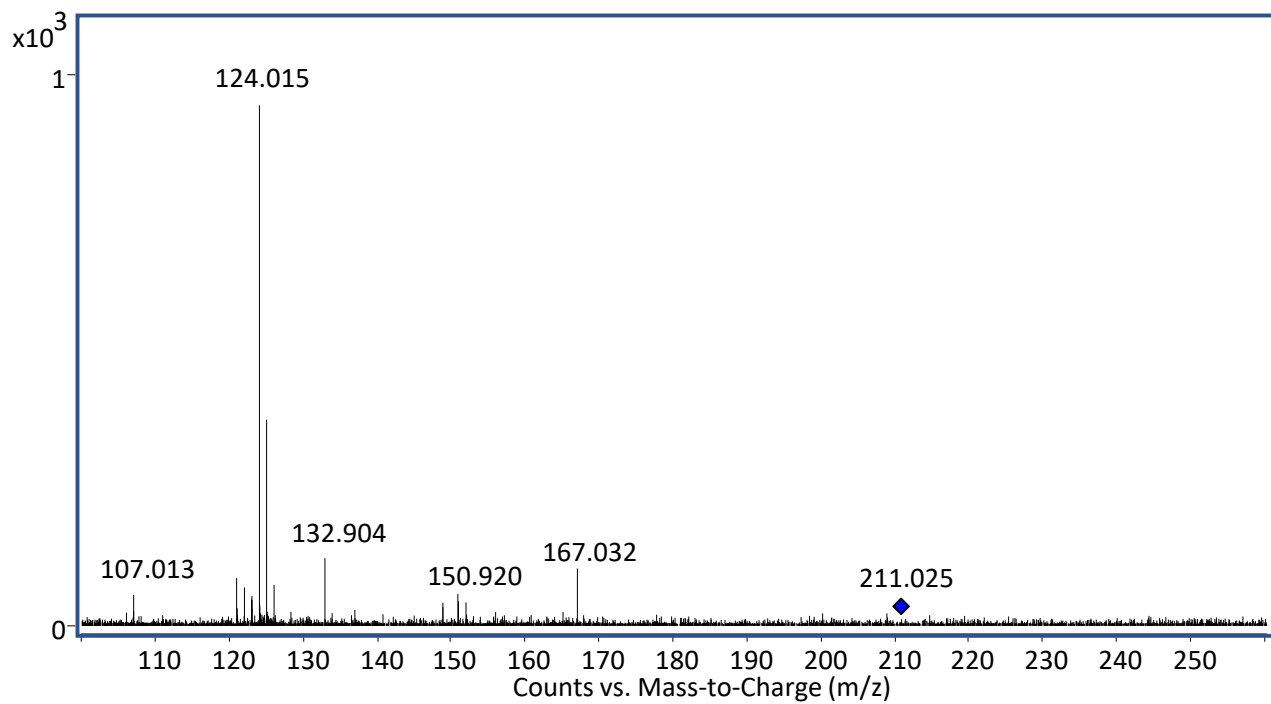


Figure S.8: Tandem mass spectrum of m_6 ($t_R = 7.3$ min, $C_9H_8O_6$)

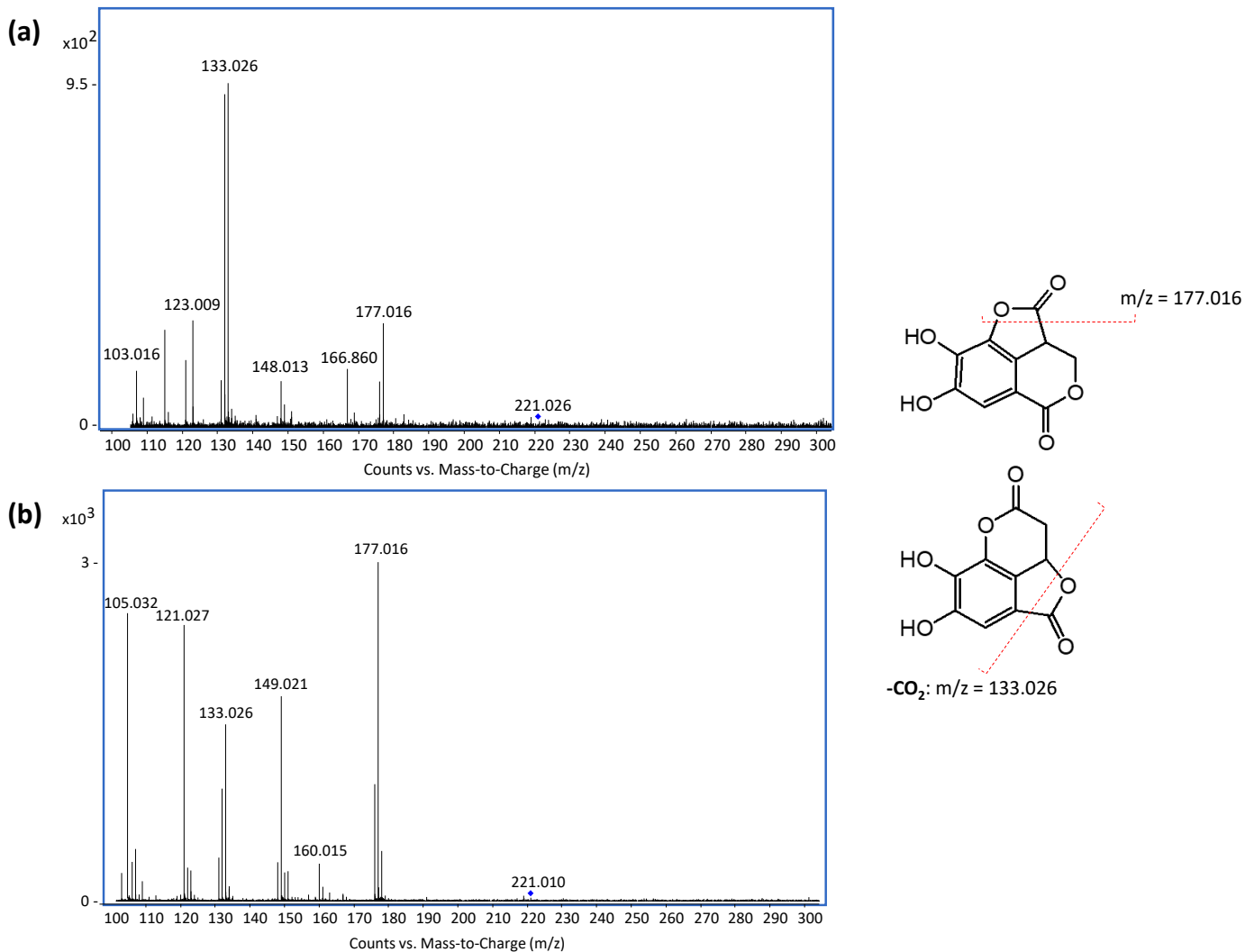


Figure S.9: Tandem mass spectrum of m_7 (spectrum a, $t_R = 8.2$ min, $C_9H_8O_5$) and m_8 (spectrum b, $t_R = 8.9$ min, $C_9H_8O_5$) with hypothesised structures

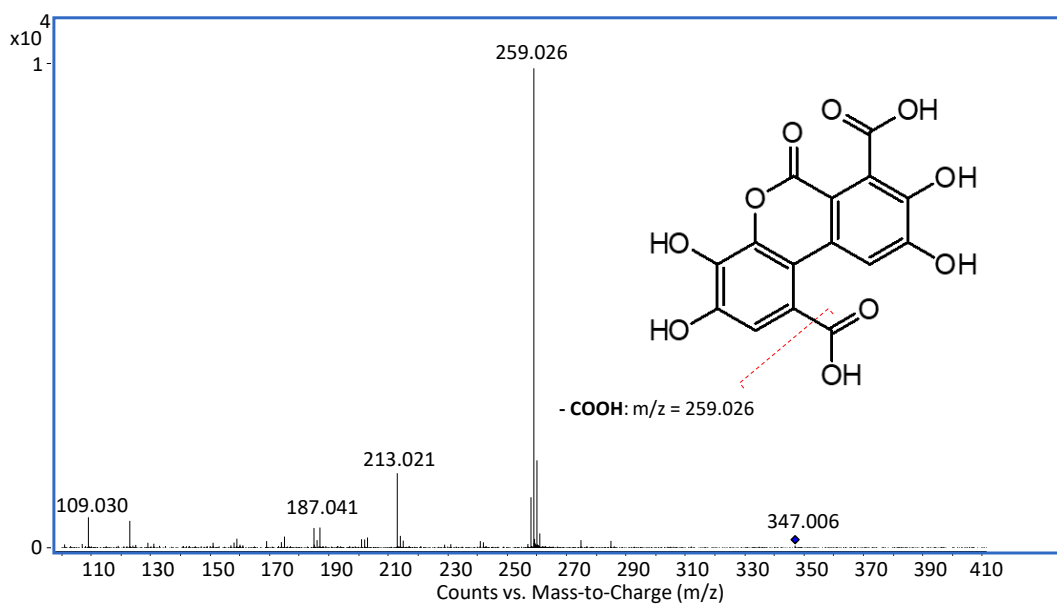


Figure S.10: Tandem mass spectra of m_9 ($t_R = 9.5$ min, $C_{15}H_8O_{10}$) with hypothesised structure

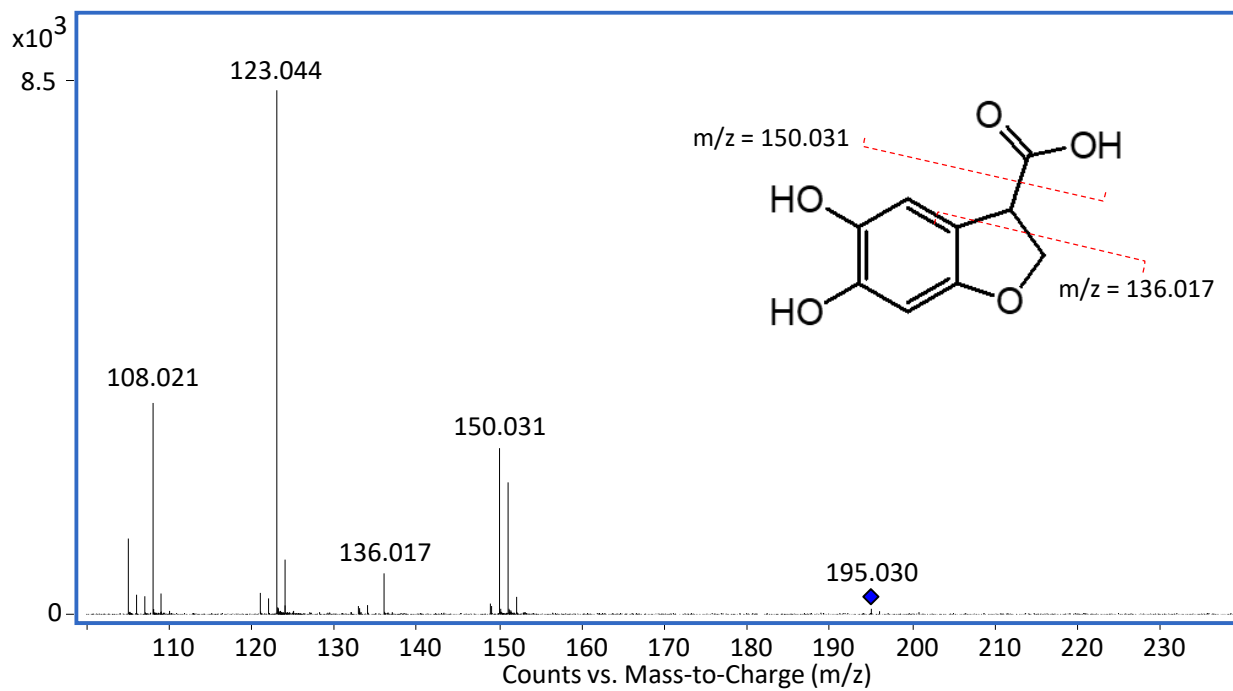


Figure S.11: Tandem mass spectrum of m_{10} ($t_R = 9.7$ min, $C_9H_8O_5$) with hypothesized structure

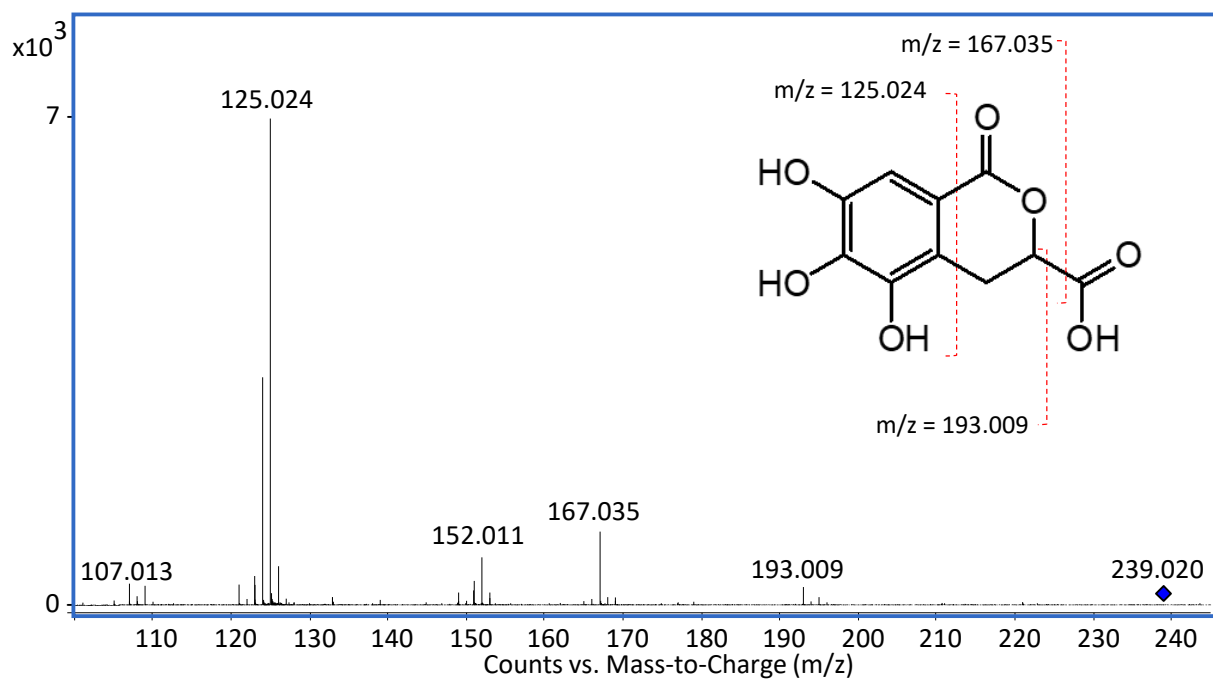


Figure S.12: Tandem mass spectrum of m_{11} ($t_R = 9.9$ min, $C_{10}H_8O_7$) with hypothesized structure

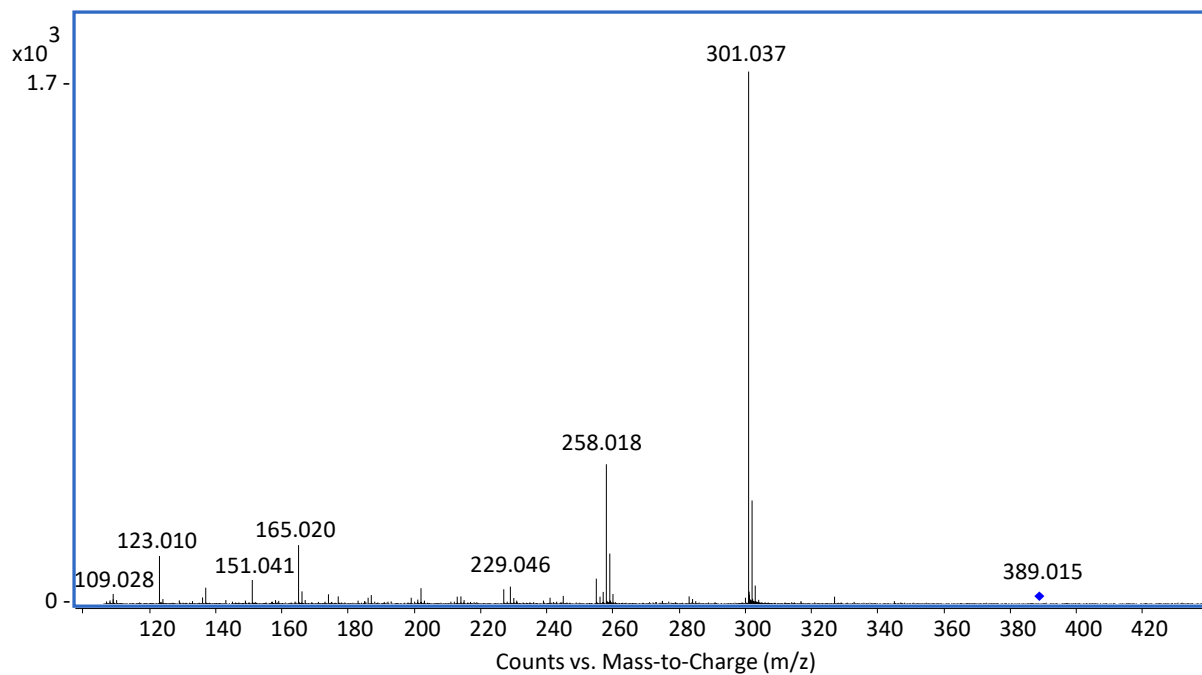


Figure S.13: Tandem mass spectrum of m_{12} ($t_R = 10.5$ min, $C_{17}H_{10}O_{11}$) with hypothesised structure

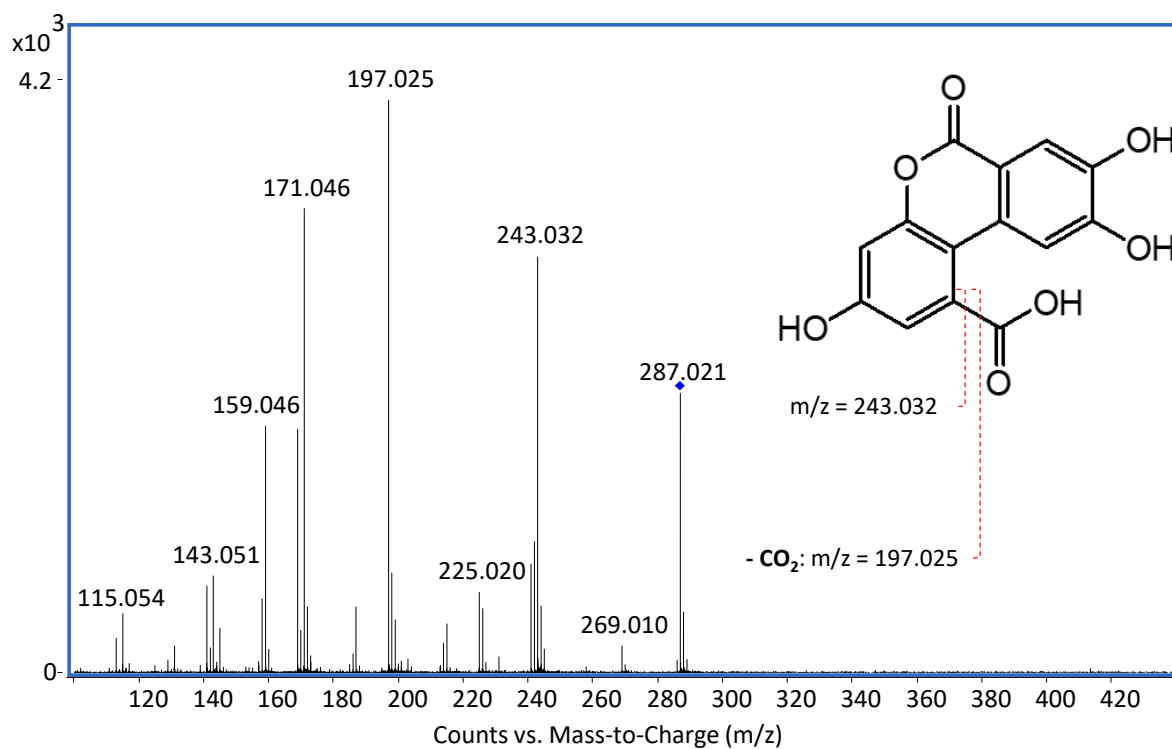


Figure S.14: Tandem mass spectrum of m_{13} ($t_R = 12.3$ min, $C_{14}H_8O_7$) with hypothesised structure

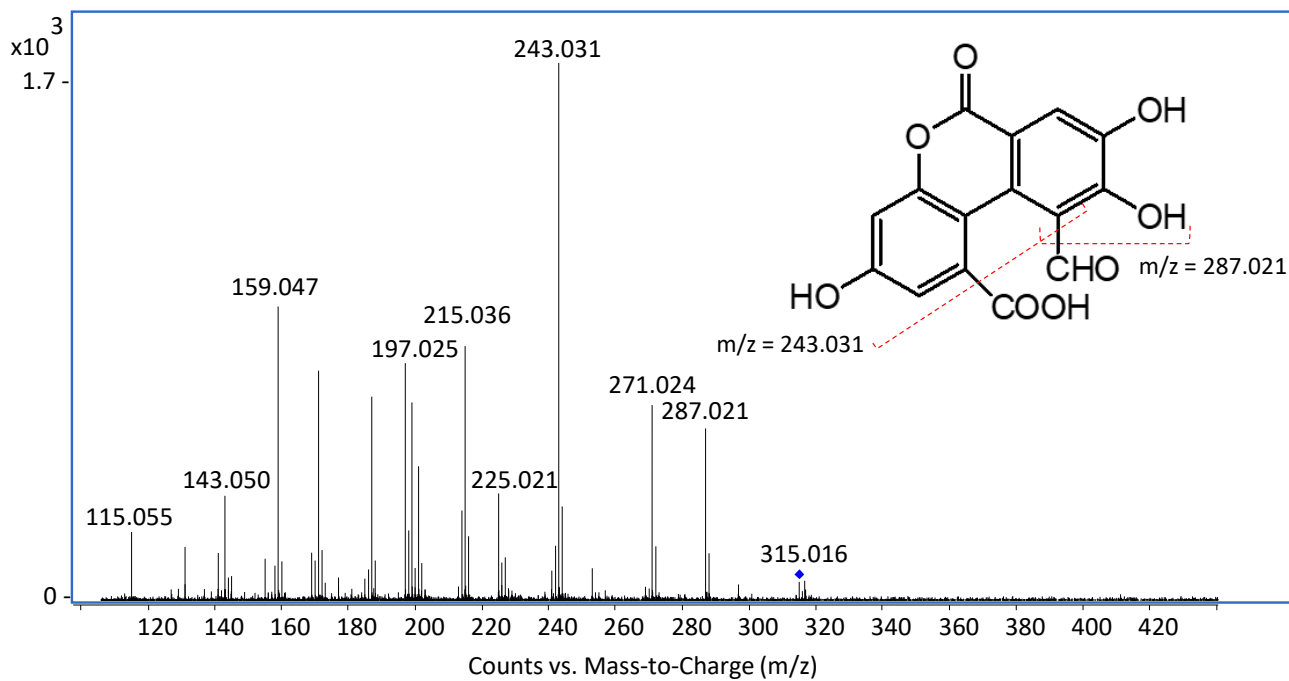


Figure S.15: Tandem mass spectrum of m_{14} ($t_R = 13.2$ min, $C_{15}H_8O_8$) with hypothesized structure