

Supplementary materials for

**Comparative study of naproxen degradation by the UV/chlorine and the UV/ H₂O₂
advanced oxidation processes**

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Text S1. The operating conditions of UPLC-QTOF MS under ESI negative mode.

The chromatographic separation was achieved using a C-18 column (Waters acquity BEH, 1.7 μ m). The mobile phase consisted of 0.1% formic acid water (A) and methanol (B), with a gradient elution of A/B from 95/5 (v/v) to 5/95 for 20 min. The sample injection volume was 0.3 μ L. The Ion Mobility-Q-TOFMS was operated under the following conditions: ESI negative mode, capillary 2.5 kV, source temperature 110 °C, desolvation temperature 350 °C, sampling cone 30 V, cone gas flow 30 L/Hr, desolvation gas flow 700 L/Hr, nebulizer gas flow 6 bar, trap collision energy 4 eV, transfer collision energy 2 eV, trap gas flow 2 mL/min, lock spray capillary 2.5 kV, collision energy 4 eV, trap MSMS collision energy ramp 4~30eV.

Text S2. The calculation of EE/O.

Electrical Energy per Order (EE/O) was applied to compare the cost of the UV/chlorine and UV/H₂O₂ AOPs for the removal of 90% NPX. The total EE/O includes electrical energy for UV irradiation (EE/O_{UV}) and equivalent electrical energy for oxidant consumption (EE/O_{oxidant}). The calculation of EE/O, EE/O_{UV} and EE/O_{oxidant} followed eqs s1-s4.

$$\text{EE/O} = \text{EE/O}_{\text{UV}} + \text{EE/O}_{\text{oxidant}} (\text{kWh/m}^3) \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$\text{EE/O}_{\text{UV}} = \frac{Pt * 1000}{V * \log_{10}([\text{NPX}]t / [\text{NPX}]_0)} (\text{kWh/m}^3) \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$\text{EE/O}_{\text{oxidant}} = \text{Eq}_{\text{oxidant}} * \text{Oxidant/O} (\text{kWh/m}^3) \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$\text{Oxidant/O} = \frac{[\text{Oxidant}]_0}{\log_{10}([\text{NPX}]t / [\text{NPX}]_0)} (\text{mg/L}) \quad \square \quad (\text{S4})$$

where EE/O_{UV}, and EE/O_{oxidant} are the electrical energy consumptions by UV irradiation and oxidant (chlorine or H₂O₂), respectively, kWh/m³; P is electronic energy input of UV lamps, kW (photoelectric conversion efficiency of the reactor was 25.0%, P = UV irradiance / 25.0%)^{s1}; V is the reaction volume, L; t is the reaction time, h; [NPX]₀ and [NPX]_t are the NPX concentrations at 0 h and t h, respectively, mg/L; [Oxidant]₀ is the concentration of oxidant, mg/L, Eq_{oxidant} is the equivalent electric energy consumption to produce per milligram of oxidant, kWh/mg (Eq_{chlorine} = 11.6 × 10⁻⁶ kWh/mg^{s2}, Eq_{H2O2} = 10.8 × 10⁻⁶ kWh/mg^{s3}); Oxidant/O is the oxidant required for per order magnitude elimination of NPX, mg/L).

Table S1. Reactivities between scavengers and involved radicals in the processes.

Scavenger	Rate constants ($M^{-1} s^{-1}$)				
	HO•	Cl•	ClO•	Cl ₂ •	CO ₃ • ⁻
HCO ₃ ⁻	8.5×10^6 ^{s4}	2.2×10^8 ^{s5}	600 ^{s5}	8.0×10^7 ^{s6}	-
TBA	6.0×10^8 ^{s4}	3.0×10^8 ^{s7}	1.3×10^7 ^{s9}	700 ^{s8}	9.6×10^4 ^{s9}

Table S2. Concentrations of HOCl and OCl⁻ at different pHs with 50 μM chlorine dosage.

pH	HOCl (μM)	OCl ⁻ (μM)
6	48.5	1.5
7	38	12
9	1.5	48.5

Table S3. Simulated molar concentration of reactive species with different bicarbonate dosages

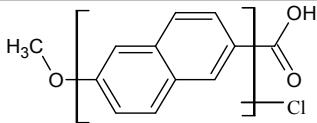
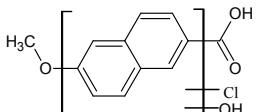
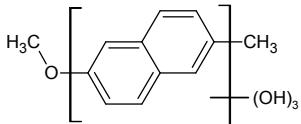
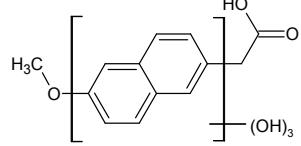
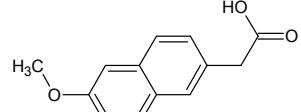
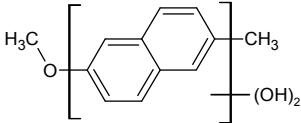
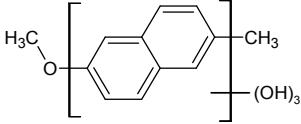
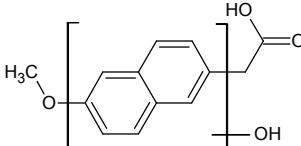
Water treatment	dosage	$\text{CO}_3^{\cdot-}$ (M)	HO^\bullet (M)	Cl^\bullet (M)	$\text{Cl}_2^{\cdot-}$ (M)	ClO^\bullet (M)
UV/H ₂ O ₂	control	1.62×10^{-13}	9.40×10^{-14}	0	0	0
	1 mM	2.45×10^{-12}	8.05×10^{-14}	0	0	0
	5 mM	7.42×10^{-12}	5.11×10^{-14}	0	0	0
UV/chlorine	control	4.74×10^{-12}	9.28×10^{-14}	2.83×10^{-14}	1.82×10^{-13}	9.00×10^{-13}
	1 mM	1.65×10^{-11}	7.59×10^{-14}	1.56×10^{-14}	4.57×10^{-14}	6.83×10^{-13}
	5 mM	2.02×10^{-11}	3.94×10^{-14}	7.65×10^{-15}	7.04×10^{-15}	5.05×10^{-13}

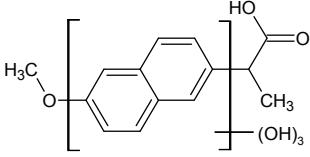
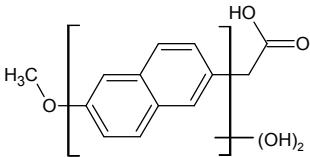
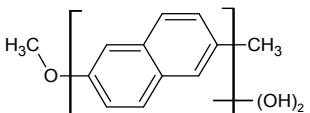
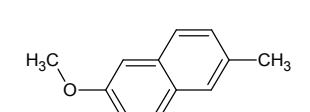
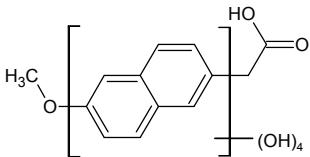
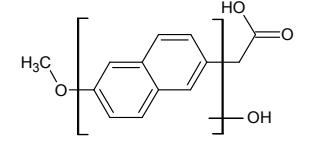
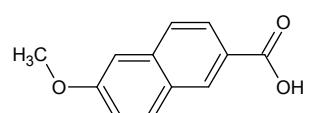
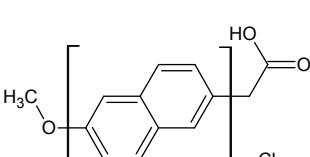
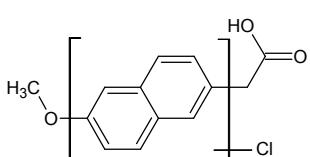
Table S4. Water quality parameters of the real water sample.

	NH ₄ ⁺	Mg ²⁺	Ca ²⁺	F ⁻	Cl ⁻	NO ₂ ⁻	Br ⁻	NO ₃ ⁻	HCO ₃ ⁻	DOC
Concentration (mg/L)	0.04	n.d.	33.13	0.44	16.03	0.06	n.d.	10.79	58.56	0.628

Note: n.d. means undetectable.

Table S5. Accurate mass measurement of product ions of NPX and its transformed products as determined by HPLC/ESI-IT-TOFMS.

Compound	RT (min)	[M-H] ⁻ (m/z) Theoretical	[M-H] ⁻ (m/z) Experimental	Elemental formula	Proposed Structure	UV/chlorine	UV/H ₂ O ₂
236	1.865	235.0150	235.0162	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₃ Cl		✓	
252	2.168	251.0101	251.0111	C ₁₂ H ₈ O ₄ Cl		✓	
220 ^a	2.691	219.0649	219.0657	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O ₄			✓
264	3.915	263.0544	263.0556	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₆		✓	
216	4.642	215.0692	215.0708	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₃		✓	✓
204 ^a	5.102	203.0689	203.0708	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O ₃			✓
220 ^b	5.384	219.0644	219.0657	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O ₄			✓
232 ^a	5.622	231.0647	231.0657	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₄		✓	✓

278	5.862	277.0705	277.0712	C ₁₄ H ₁₃ O ₆		✓	✓
248	5.918	247.0597	247.0606	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₅		✓	✓
204 ^b	5.917	203.0711	203.0708	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O ₃		✓	
172	6.341	171.0805	171.0810	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ O		✓	
280	6.576	279.0499	279.0505	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₇		✓	
232 ^b	8.051	231.0650	231.0657	C ₁₃ H ₁₁ O ₄		✓	✓
202	8.541	201.0556	201.0552	C ₁₂ H ₉ O ₃		✓	✓
250 ^a	8.734	249.0312	249.0318	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ O ₃ Cl		✓	
250 ^b	9.028	249.0309	249.0318	C ₁₃ H ₁₀ O ₃ Cl		✓	

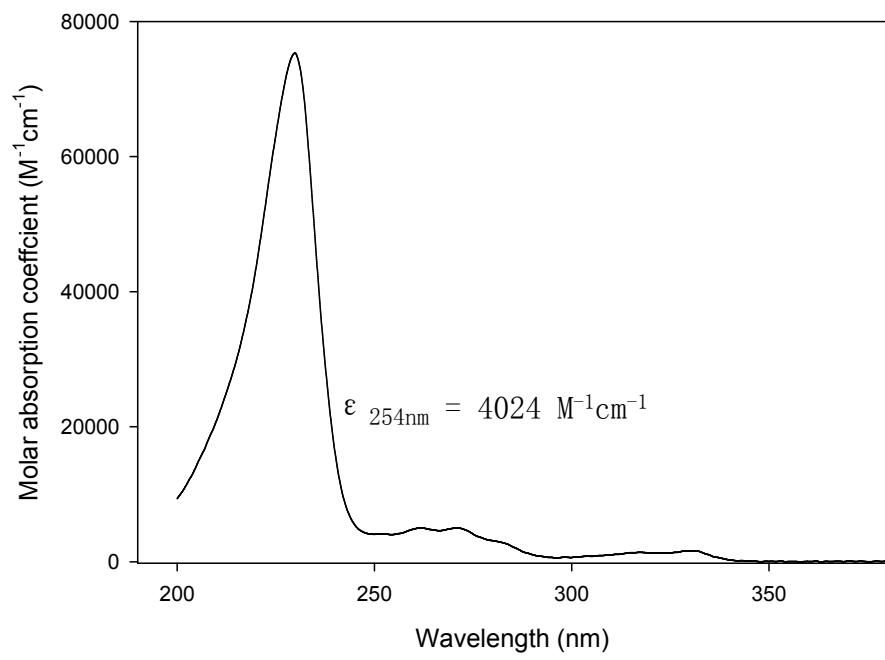


Figure S1. UV-vis absorption spectrum of NPX in aqueous phase.

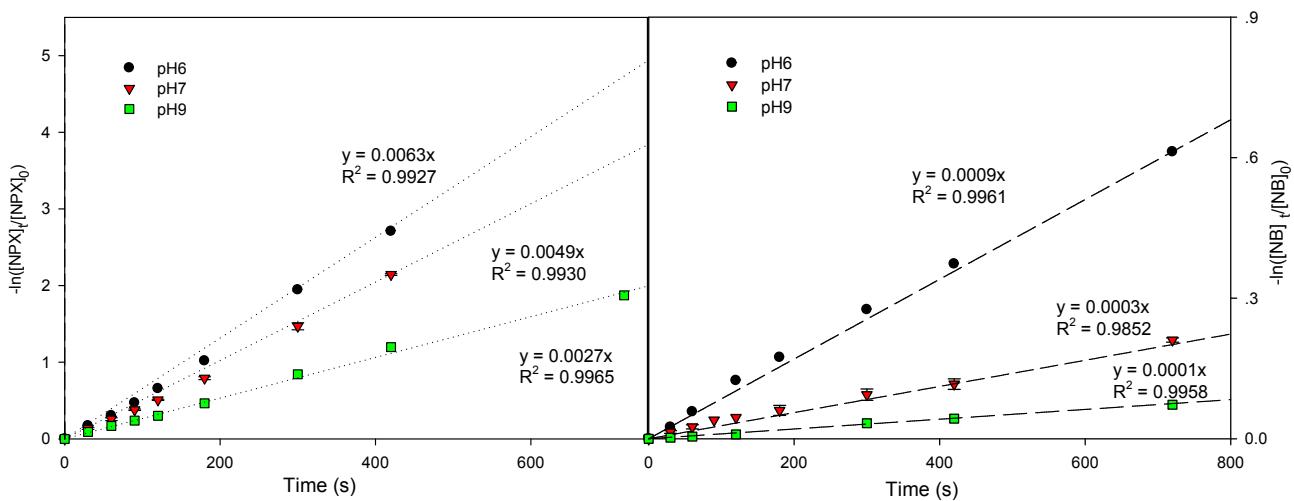


Figure S2. Degradation of NPX and NB by UV/chlorine AOP in pure water at different pHs. Conditions:

$[\text{chlorine}]_0 = 50 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{NPX}]_0 = 5 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{NB}]_0 = 1 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{Phosphate buffer}]_0 = 2 \text{ mM}$.

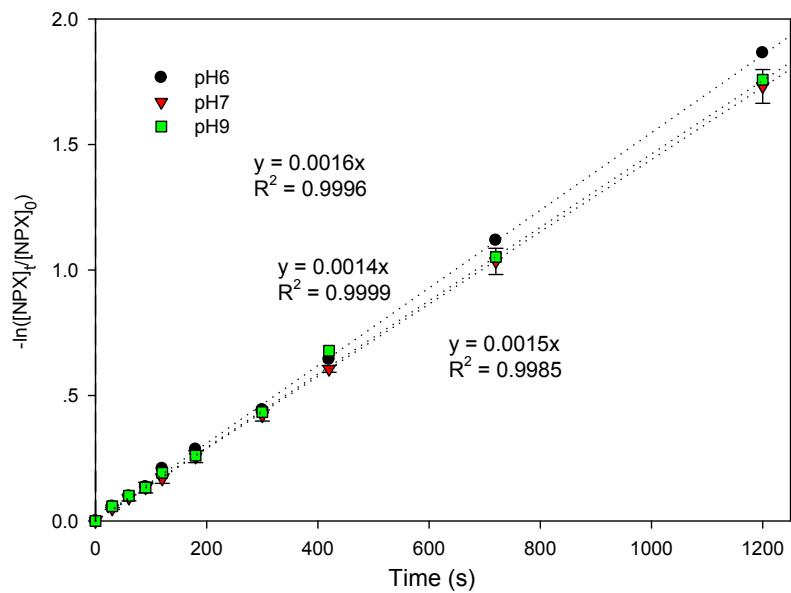


Figure S3. Degradation of NPX by the UV/ H_2O_2 AOP in pure water at different pHs. Conditions: $[H_2O_2]_0 = 50 \mu M$, $[NPX]_0 = 5 \mu M$, $[phosphate\ buffer]_0 = 2 mM$.

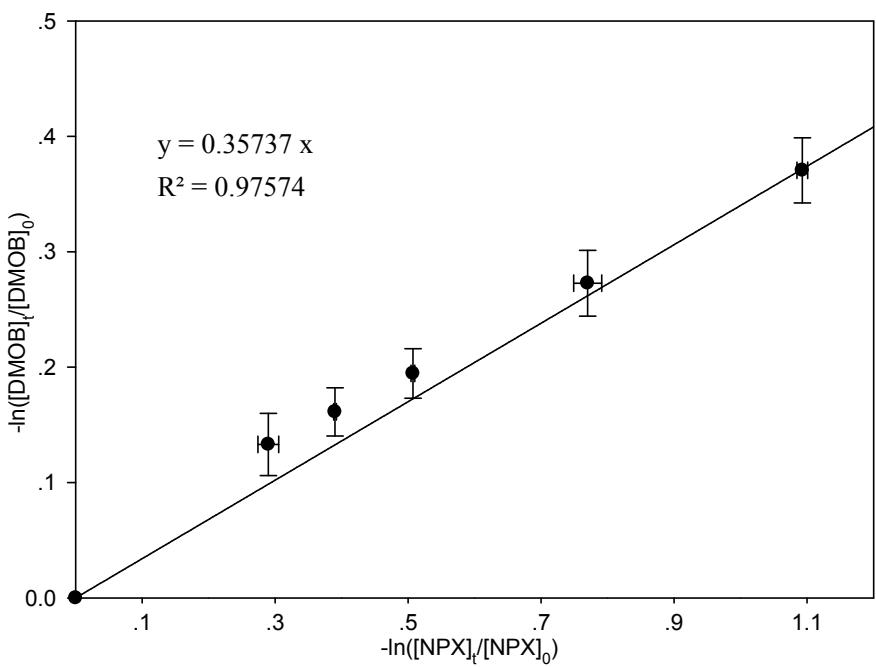


Figure S4. Competition kinetics of NPX versus the reference compound DMOB at pH 10 by $\text{ClO}\cdot$. Direct UV photolysis and chlorination have been subtracted. Conditions: $[\text{chlorine}]_0 = 300 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{NPX}]_0 = [\text{DMOB}]_0 = 5 \mu\text{M}$, $[\text{TBA}]_0 = 0.5 \text{ mM}$.

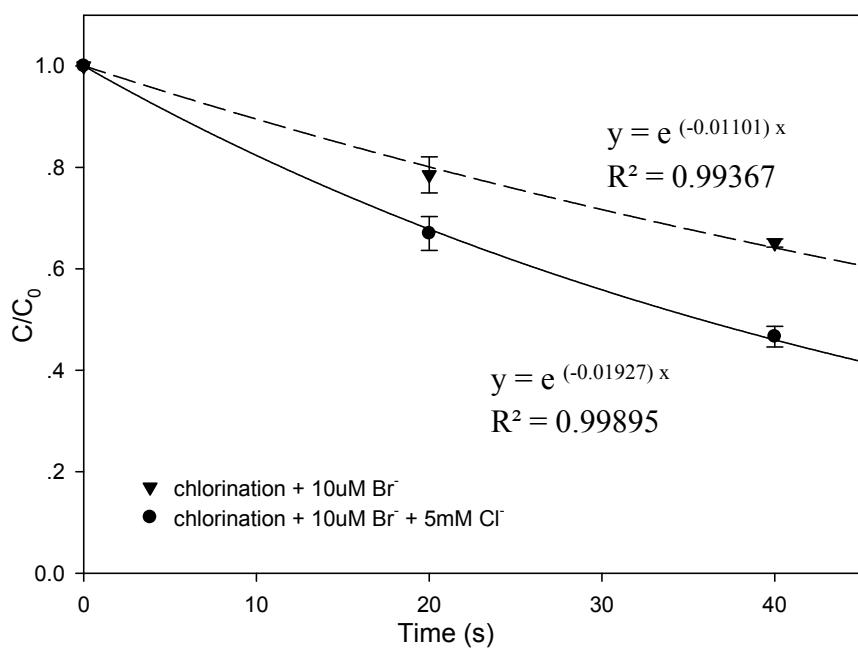


Figure S5. The degradation kinetics of NPX by chlorination with addition of bromide and chloride in pure water at pH 7. Conditions: [chlorine]₀ = 50 μ M, [NPX]₀ = 5 μ M, [bromide]₀ = 10 μ M, [chloride]₀ = 5 mM.

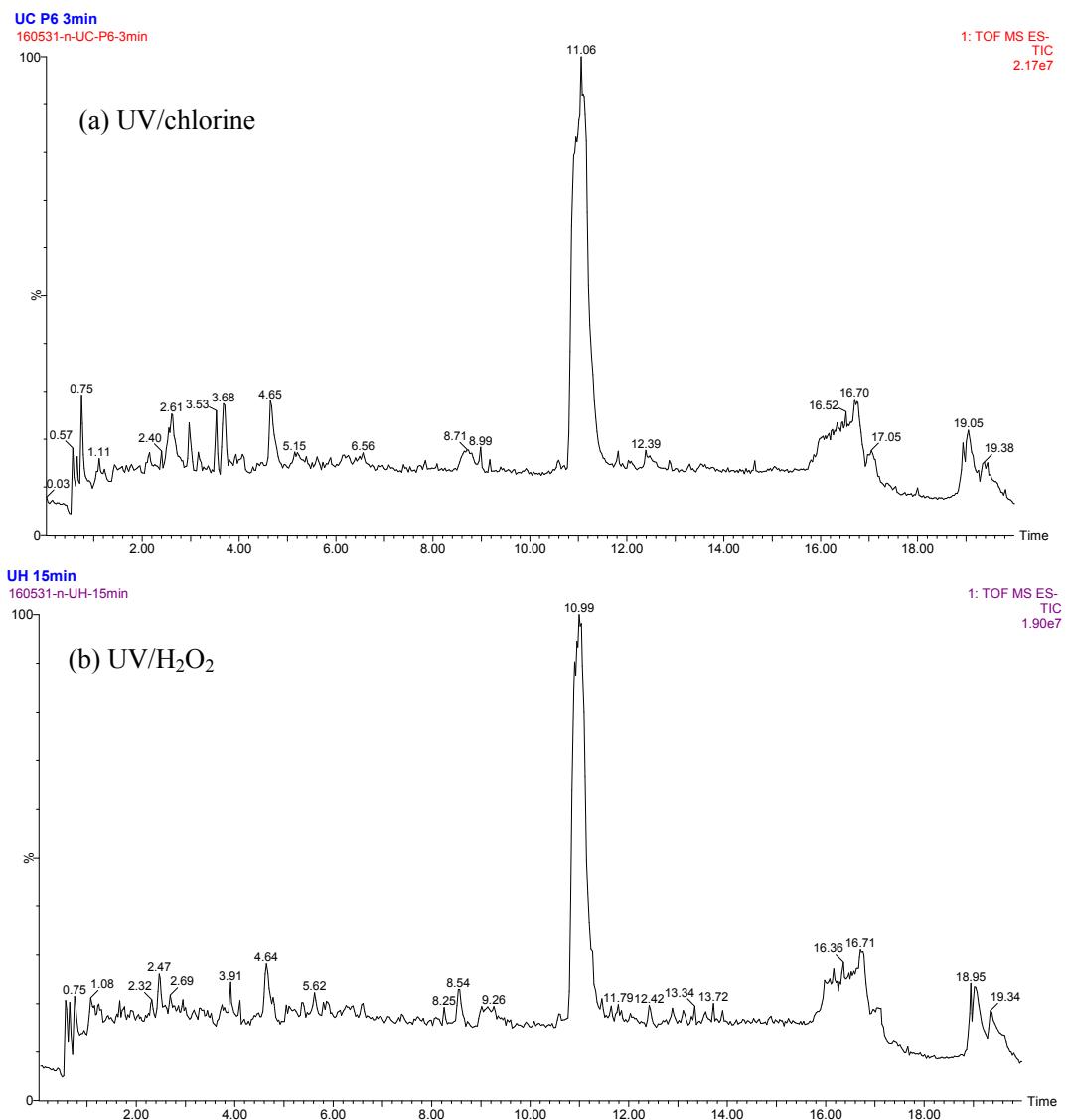
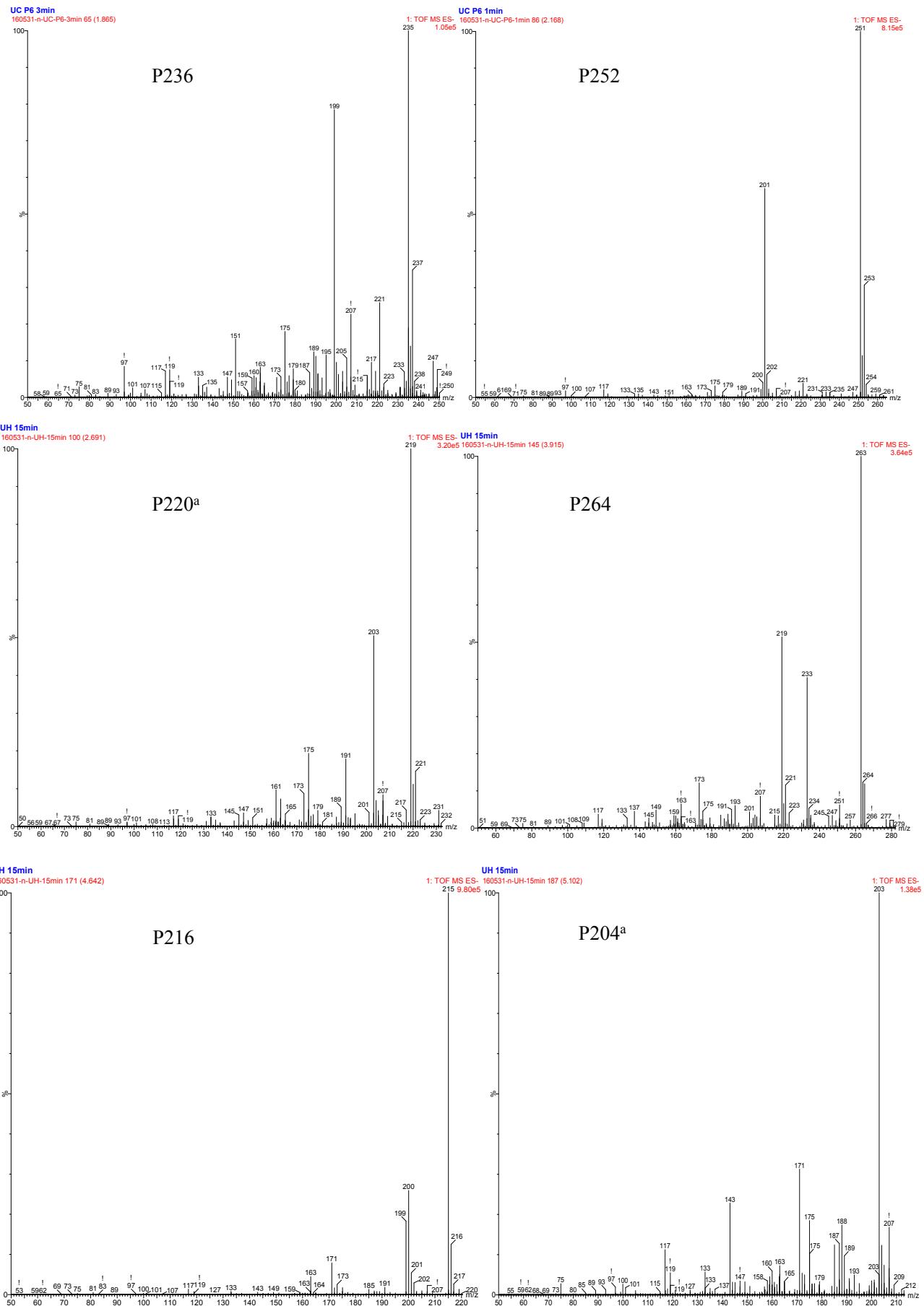
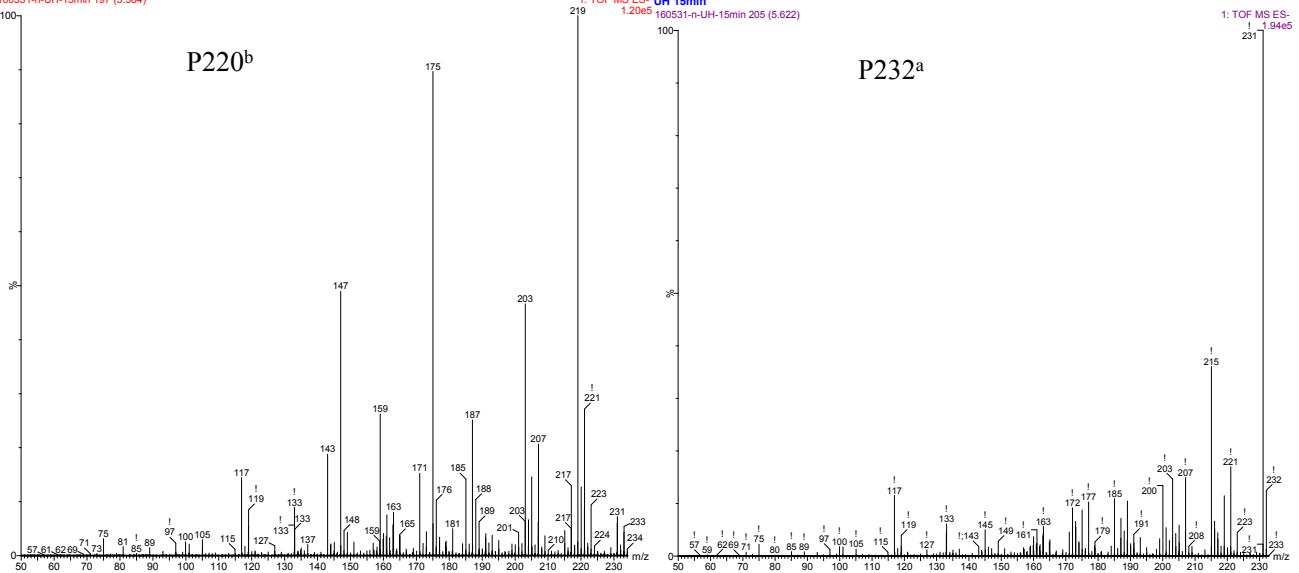


Figure S6. Total ion chromatogram (TIC) under ESI negative mode.



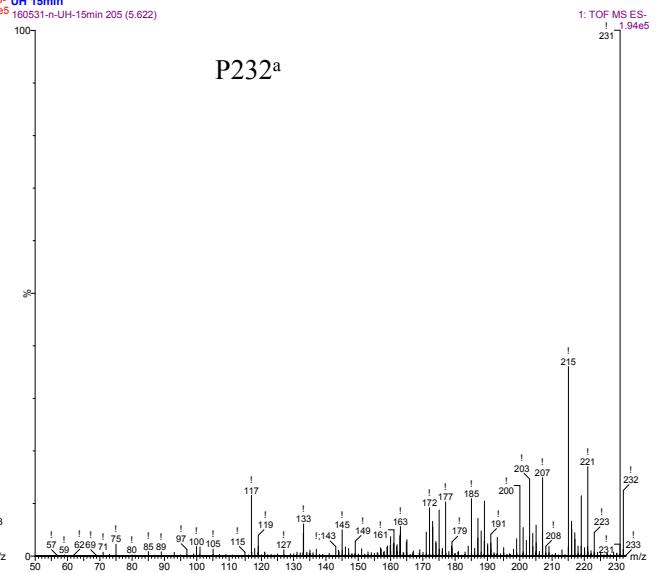
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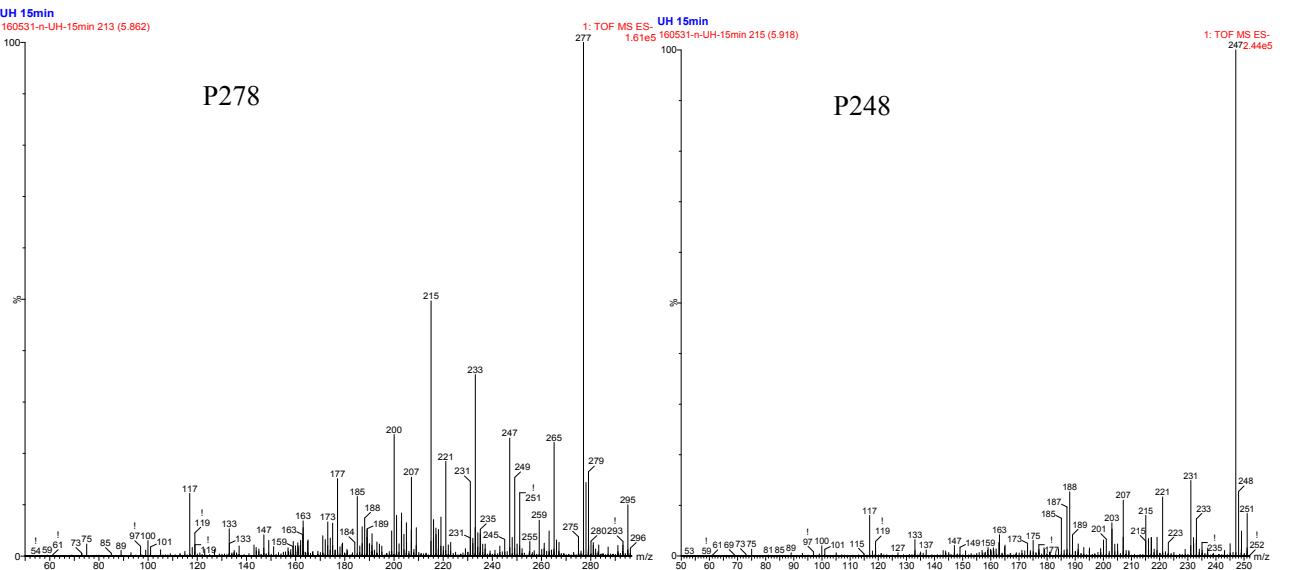
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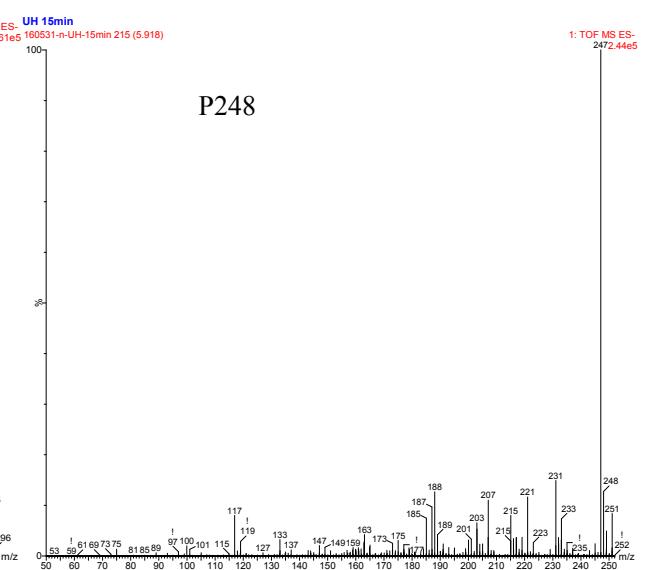
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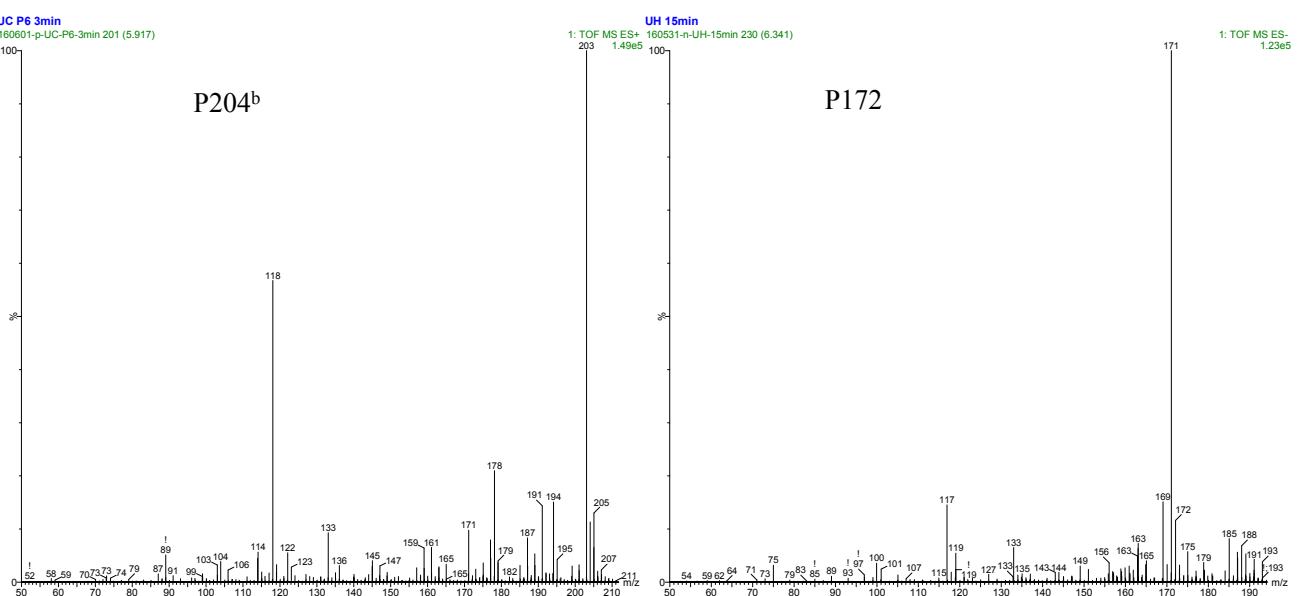
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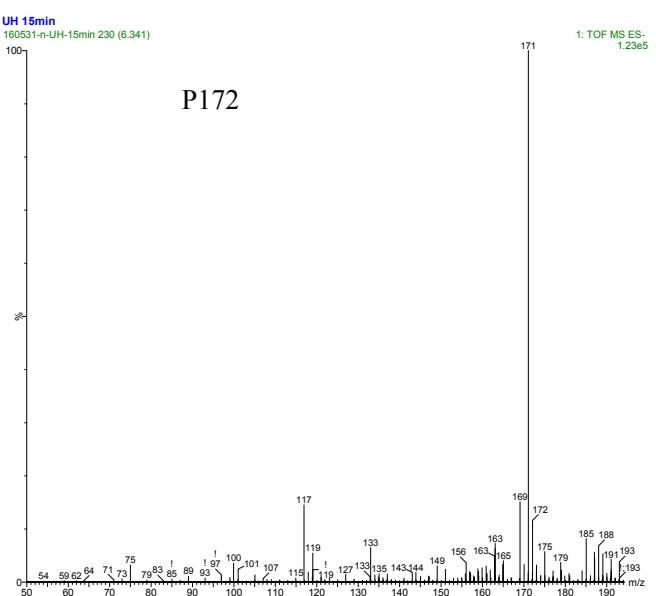
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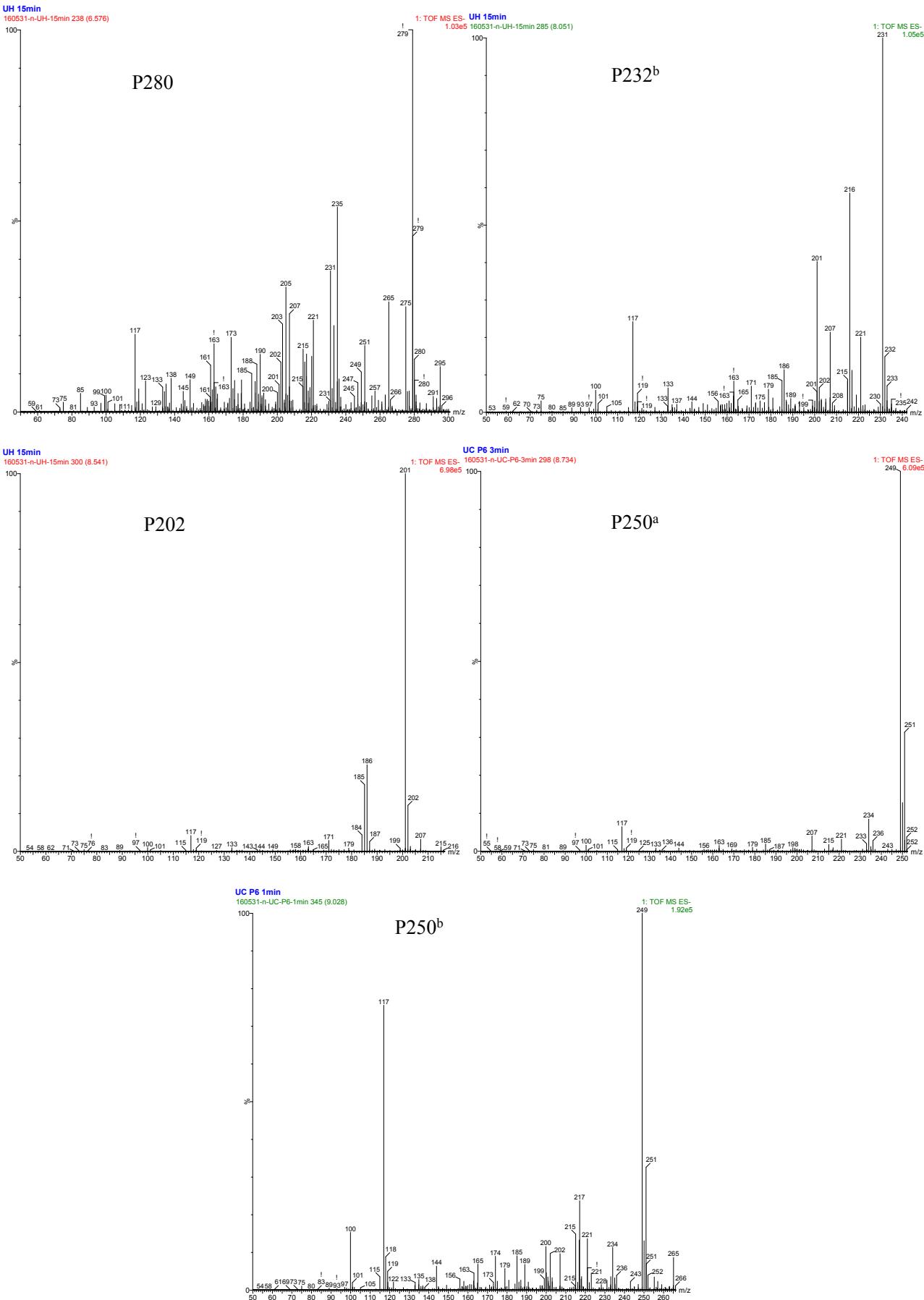


Figure S7. MS and MS2 spectra of the degradation products of NPX by the UV/chlorine and UV/H₂O₂ AOPs under ESI negative mode.

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