

**Clay-catalyzed ozonation of Endocrine-disrupting compounds in solvent-free media -  
To better understand soil catalytic capacity**

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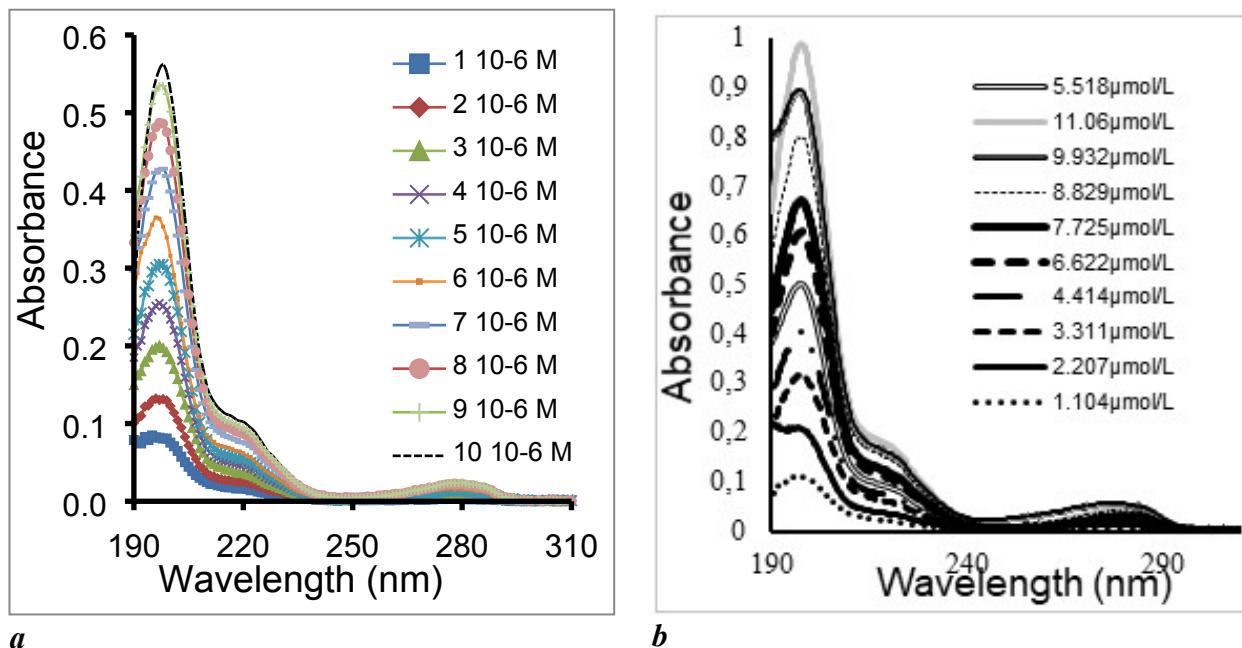
**Table S1.** Physicochemical properties of 17 $\alpha$ -ethinylestradiol (EE2)

Molecular formula	
Molecular structure	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Molecular weight (g/mol)	296.40
Water solubility (mg/L) at 20 °C	4.8
pKa	10.46 - 10.70
Log k <sub>ow</sub>	4.15
λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)	198, 220, 280 nm

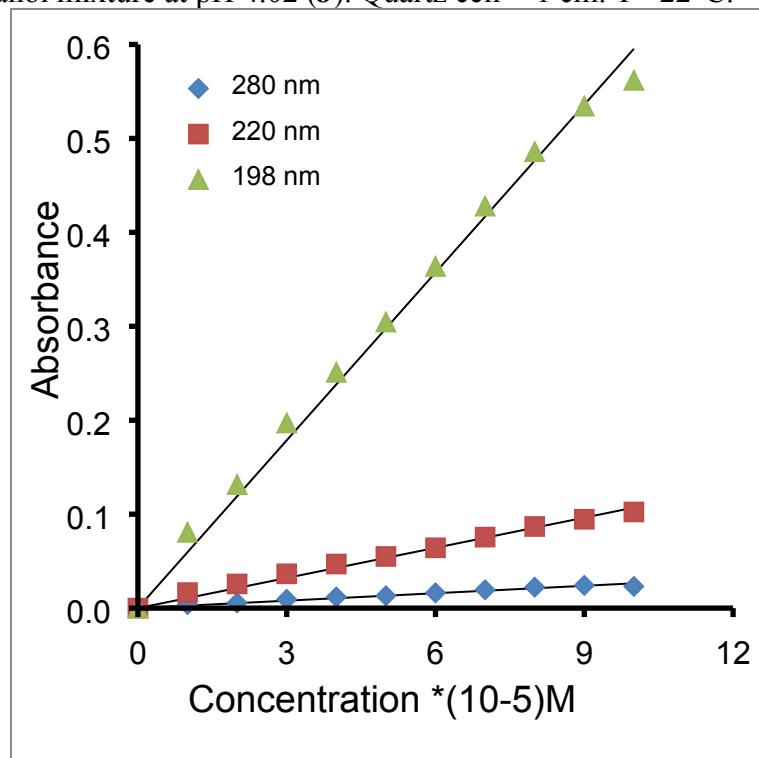
**Table S2.** Gradient used in LC-ToF-MS chromatographic analysis

mobile-phase	Gradient	
	Time (min)	B (%)
A : H <sub>2</sub> O + 0,1 % formic acid B: ACN + 0,1 % formic acid	1.0	3
	6.0	85
	10.0	95
	11.0	95
	11.1	3
	15.0	3

**Calibration of EE2 absorbances in the UV-Vis spectra**



**Fig. S1.** UV-vis spectra of EE2 at different concentration in distilled water at intrinsic pH 5.28 (*a*) and in 99.998-0.001 water- ethanol mixture at pH 4.02 (*b*). Quartz cell = 1 cm. T= 22°C.



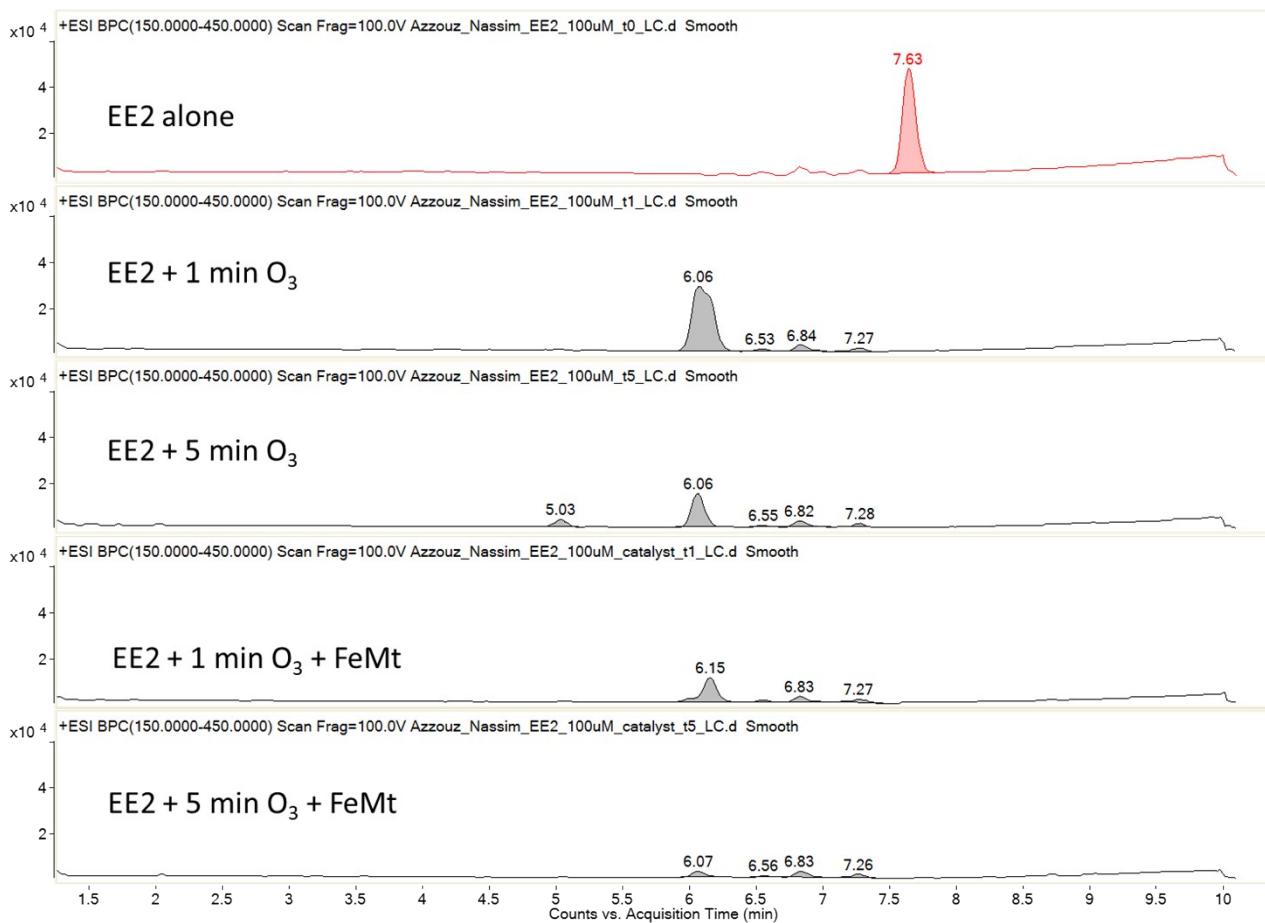
**Fig. S2.** Calibration curves for EE2 in distilled water. T = 22 °C. pH = 5.28. Quartz cell = 1 cm.

**Table S3.** Molar extinction coefficients ( $\epsilon$ ) for the three UV-Vis bands of EE2.

$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ (nm)	aqueous- ethanol solution			aqueous solution		
	198	220	280	198	220	280
$\epsilon$ ( $M^{-1} \cdot cm^{-1}$ )	88100	16800	4600	5960	1070	260
R <sup>2</sup>	0.999	0.997	0.988	0.993	0.989	0.972
[EE2] ( $\mu\text{mol.L}^{-1}$ )	0 – 11.06	0 – 11.06	0.5 – 5.5	0 – 10	0 – 10	0 – 10

**LC-ToF-MS analysis of the evolution in time of the EE2 ozonation in aqueous solution**

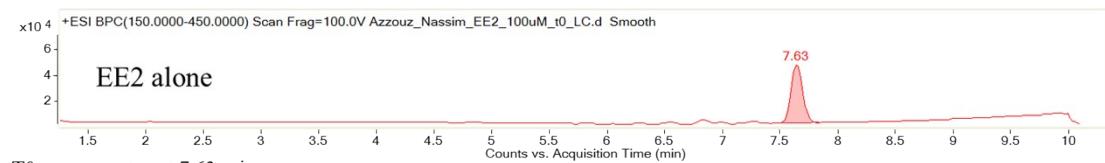
Base peak chromatogram (m/z 150-450) with retention times labeled



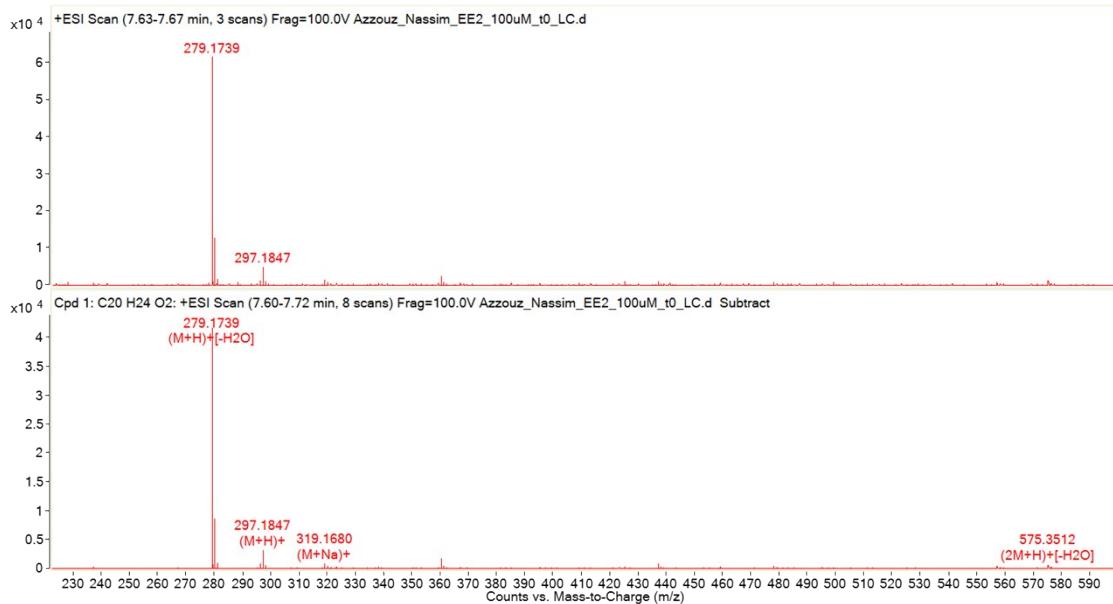
**Fig. S3.** Effect of Fe(II)Mt addition on EE2 degradation as evaluated by LC-ToF-MS analysis of the ozonation mixture in water. Initial EE2 concentration =  $10^{-5}$  M, Fe(II)Mt concentration: 2 g L<sup>-1</sup>, Ozone dose: 600 mg h<sup>-1</sup> at 22 °C

## Intermediate identification by LC-ToF-MS analysis of the ozonation mixture in water

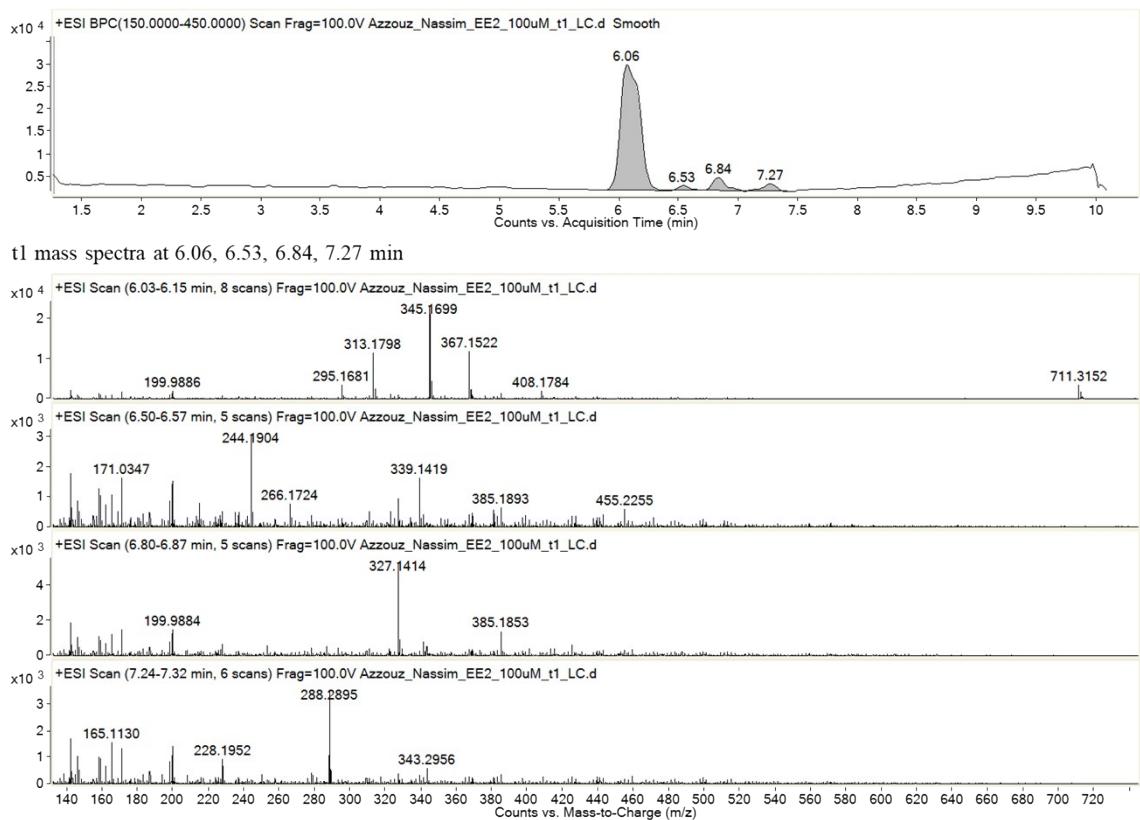
T0 Base peak chromatogram ( $m/z$  150-450) with retention times labeled



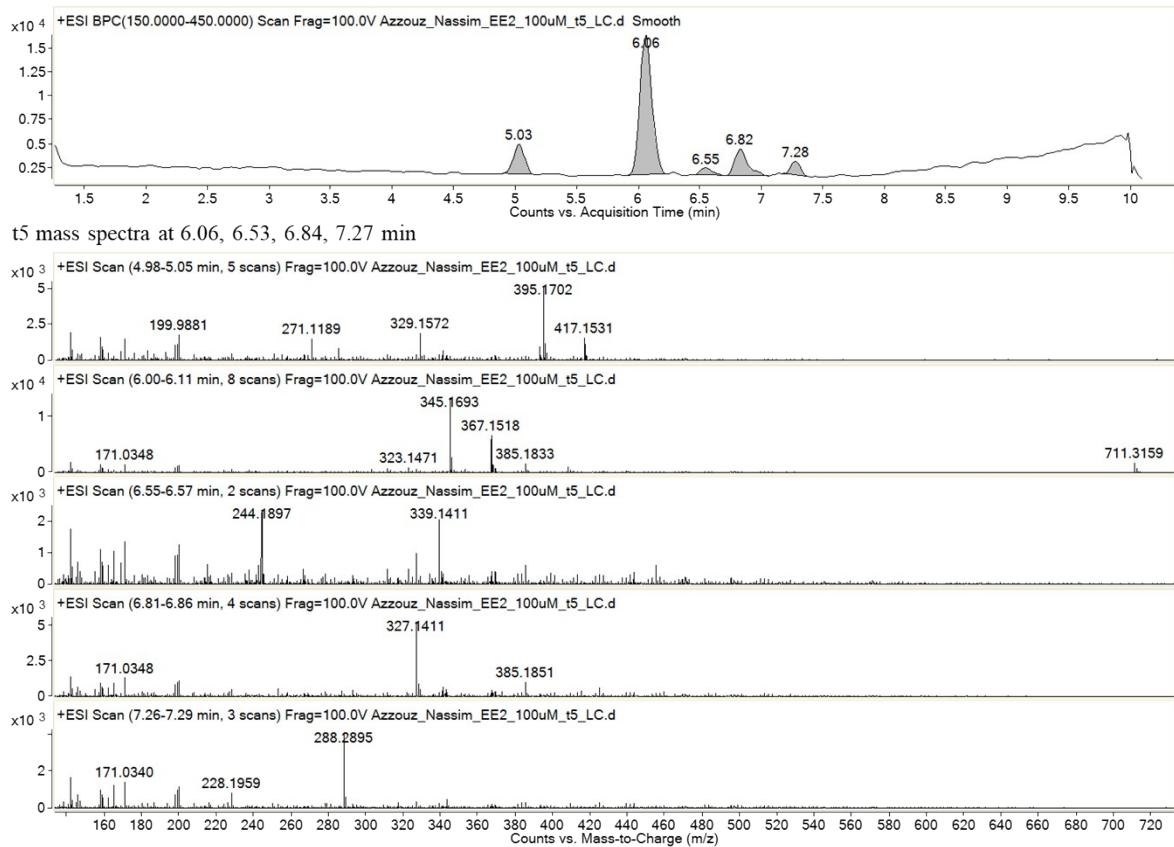
T0 mass spectra at 7.63 min



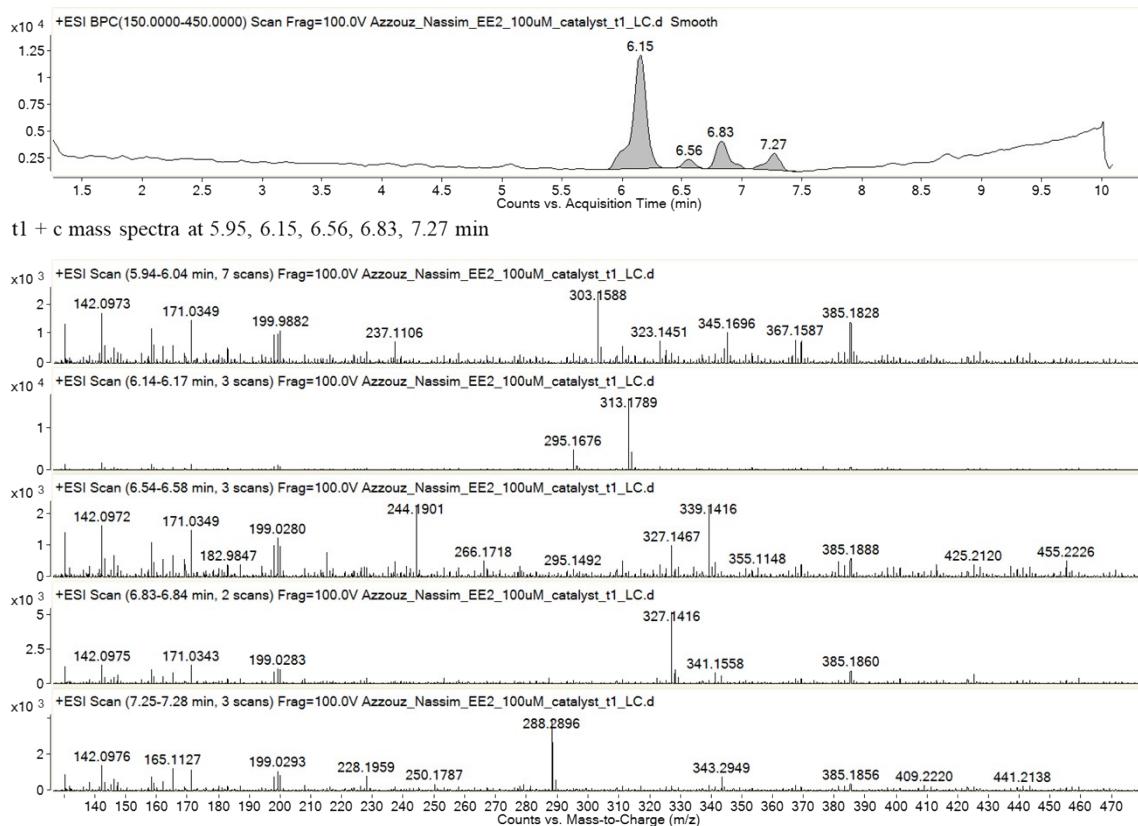
**EE2 + 1 min O<sub>3</sub> base peak chromatogram (m/z 150-450) with retention times labeled**



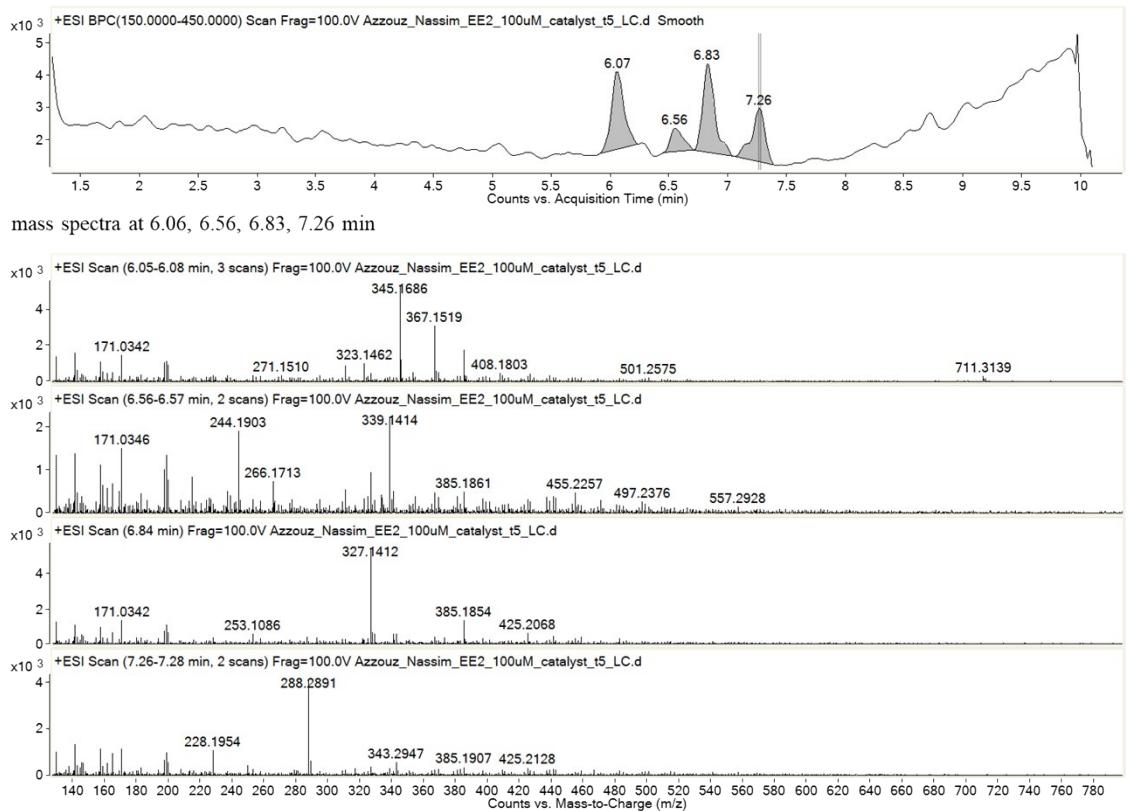
**EE2 + 5 min O<sub>3</sub> base peak chromatogram (m/z 150-450) with retention times labeled**



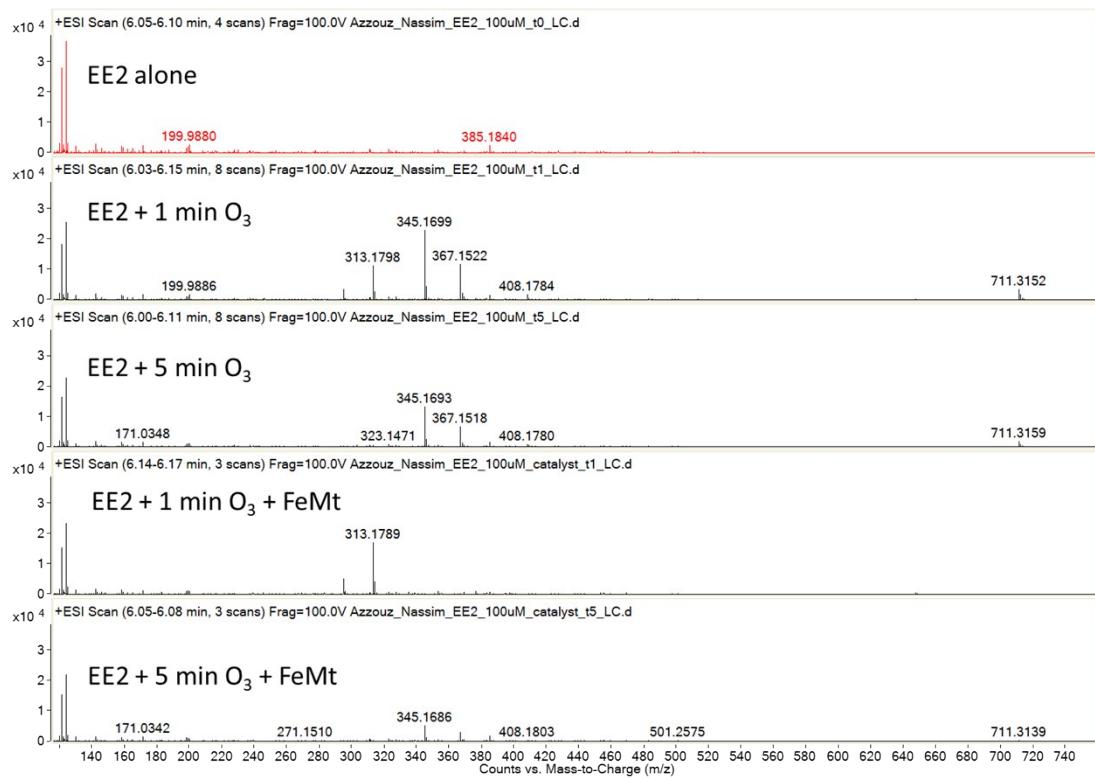
**EE2 + 1 min O<sub>3</sub> + FeMt base peak chromatogram (*m/z* 150-450) with retention times labeled**



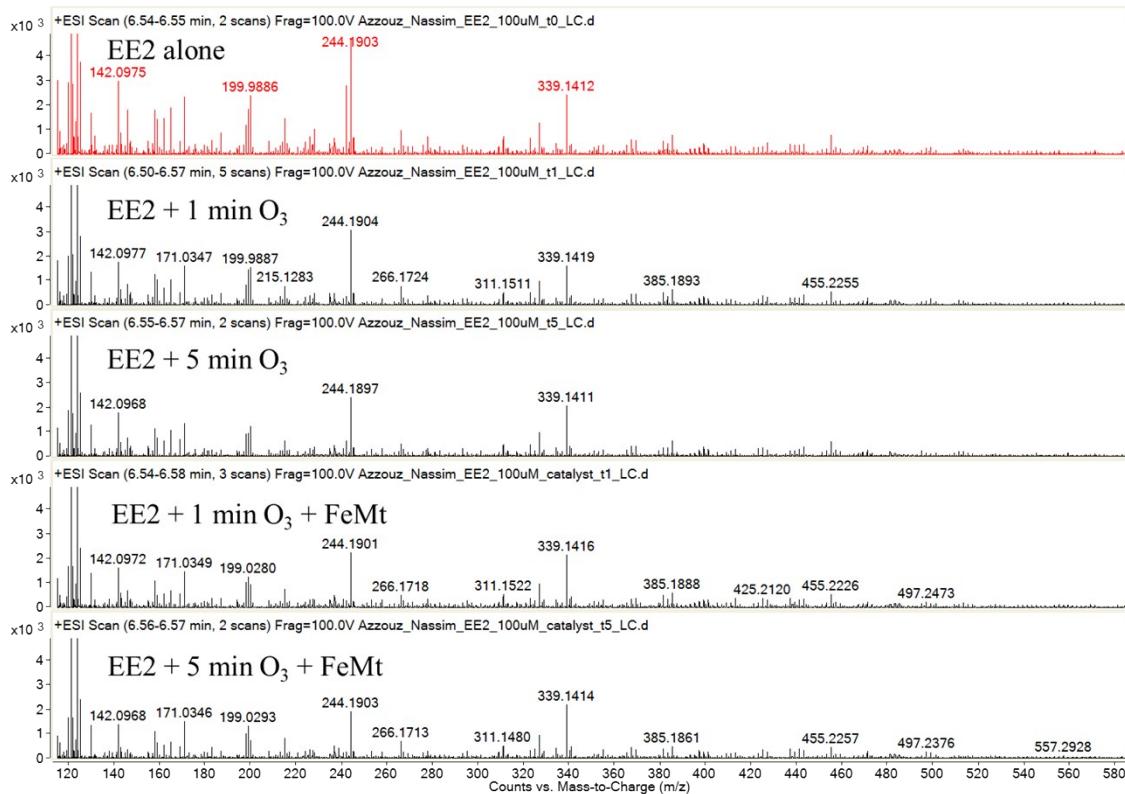
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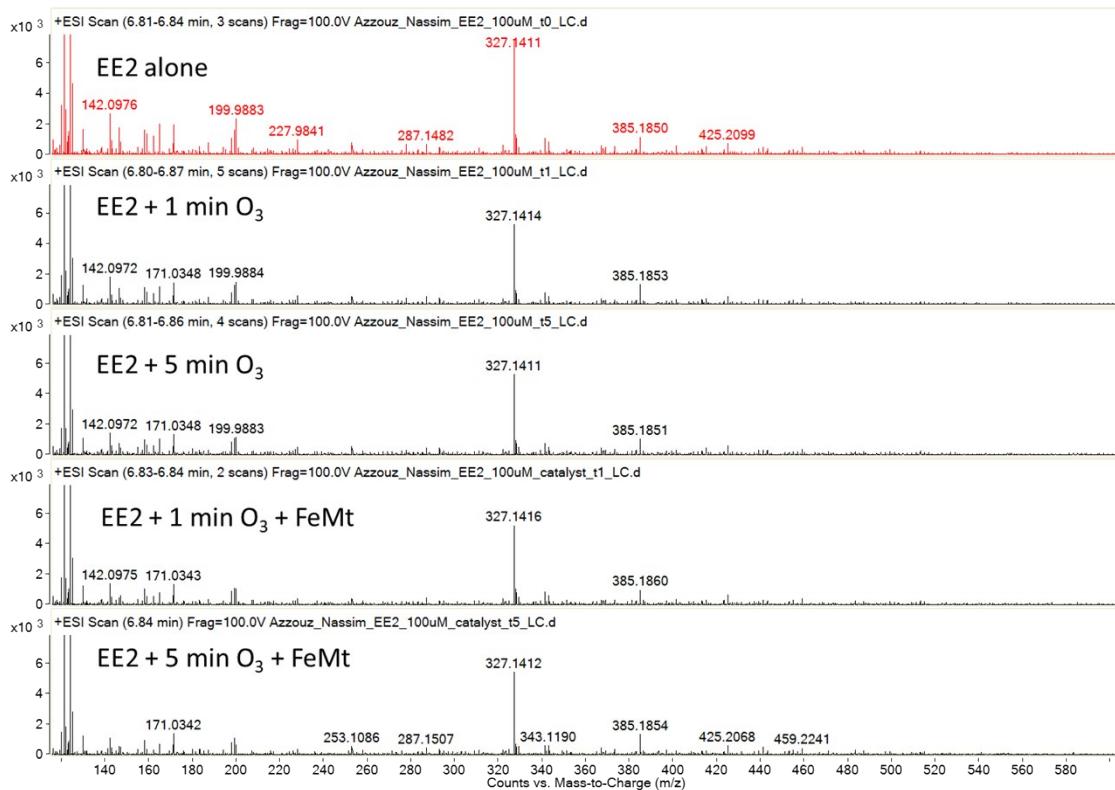
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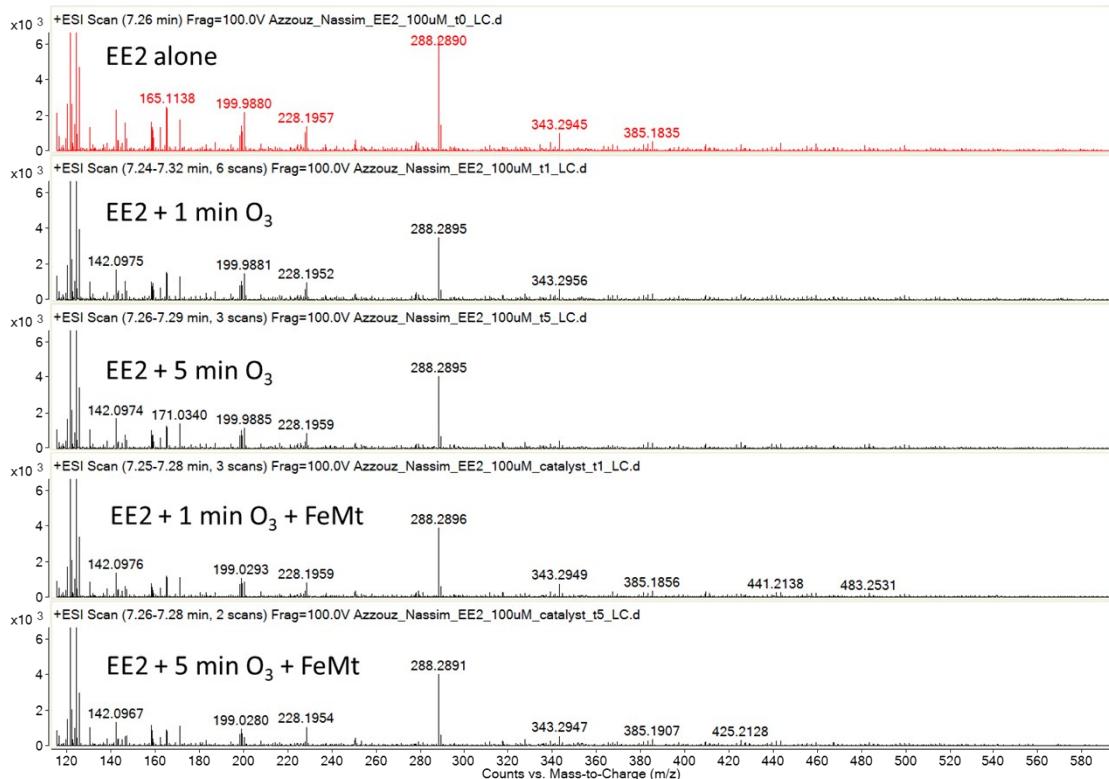
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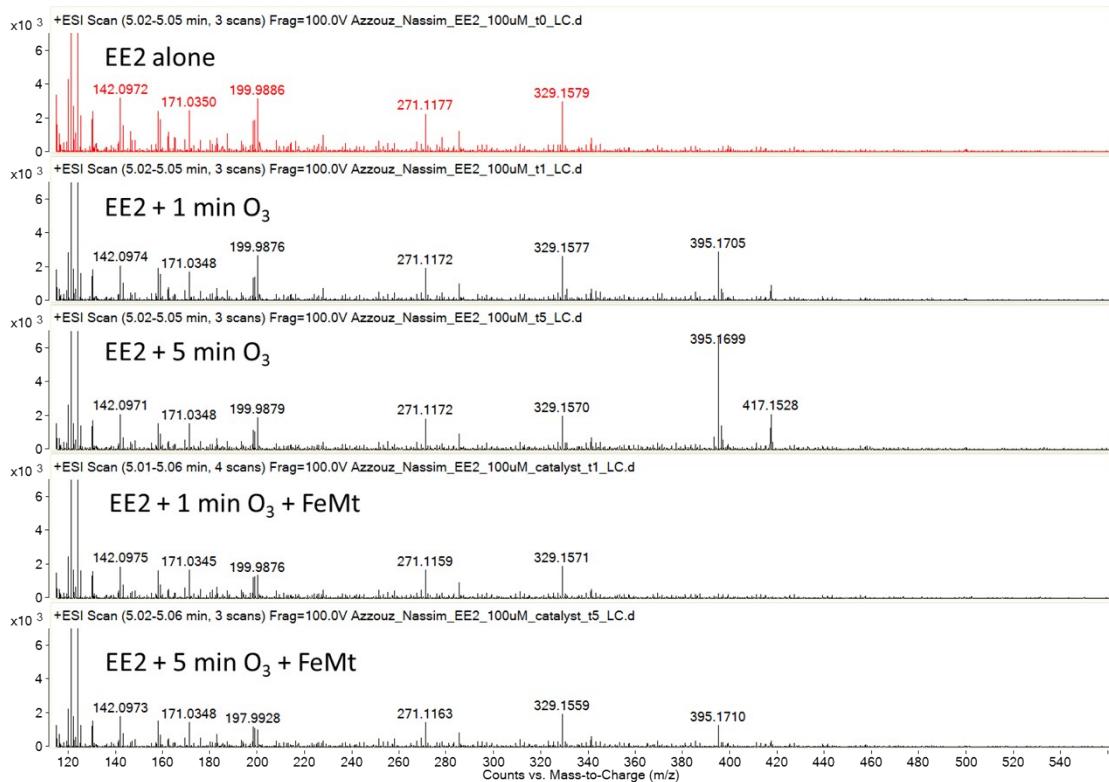
### Comparison of mass spectra at 6.8 min



### Comparison of mass spectra at 7.26 min

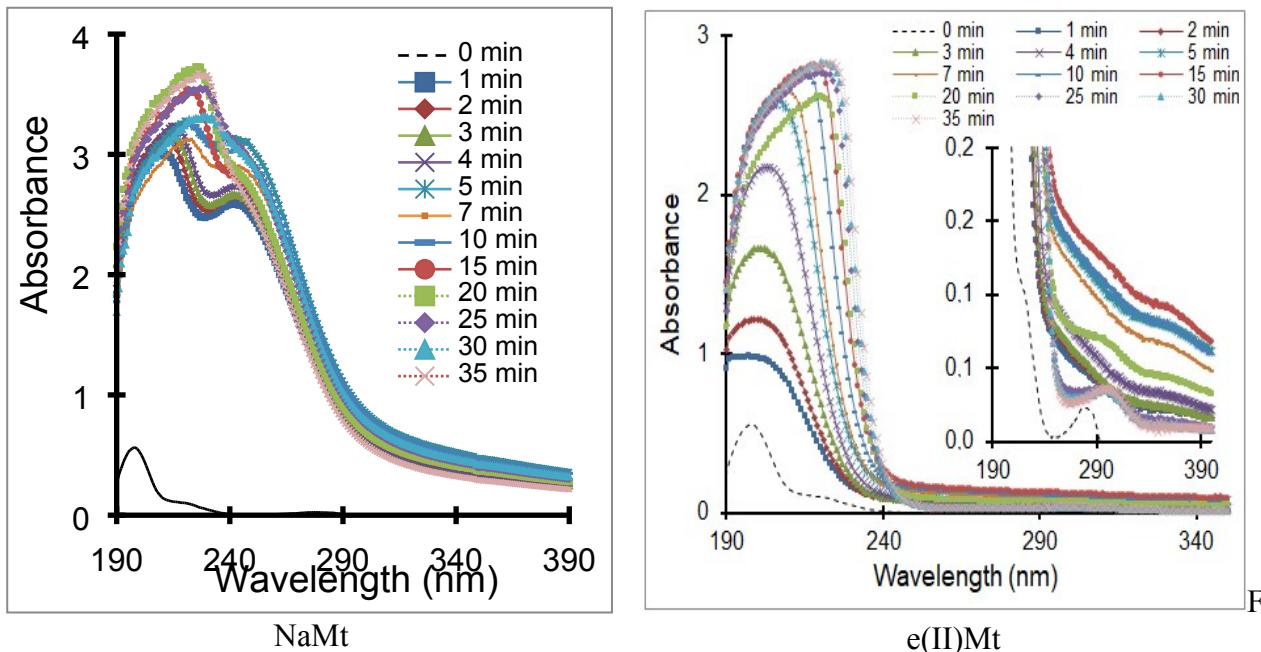


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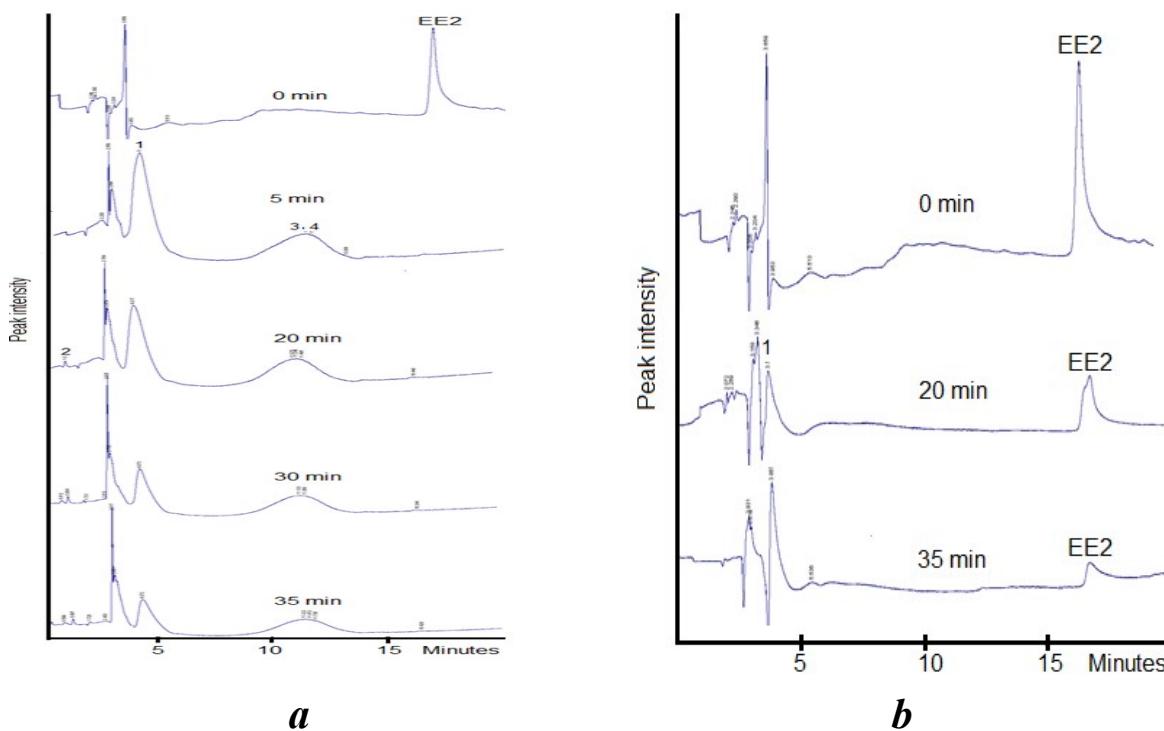


**Fig. S4.** LC-ToF-MS diagram of EE2 ozonation mixture after 1 and 5 min ozonation in the absence (a) and presence of Fe(II)Mt (b) in aqueous solution. Initial EE2 concentration =  $10^{-5}$  M, Fe(II)Mt concentration: 2 g L<sup>-1</sup>, Ozone dose: 600 mg h<sup>-1</sup> at 22 °C.

### Effect of the exchangeable cation during EE2 ozonation in water



**Fig. S5.** UV-vis spectra of EE2 after catalytic ozonation in aqueous solutions. T = 22 °C. pH = intrinsic. Quartz cell = 1 cm.O<sub>3</sub> throughput: 600 mg.h<sup>-1</sup>. Sample volume = 20 mL. Initial concentration: 10<sup>-5</sup> M. Catalyst amount = 40 mg.

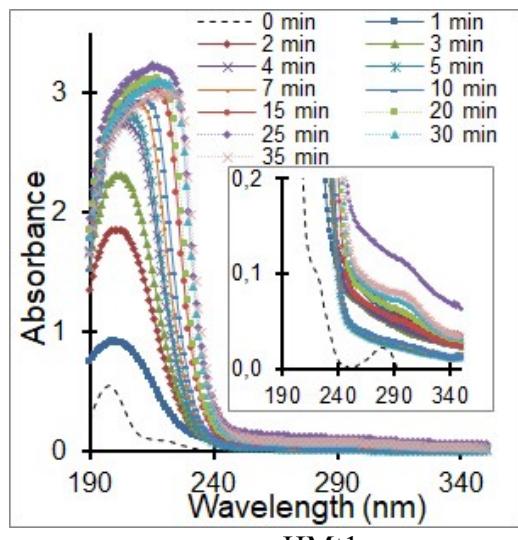


**Fig. S6.** HPLC diagrams of the ozonation mixture in the presence of NaMt (**a**) and Fe(II)Mt (**b**) in distilled water as detected by UV detector at wavelength of 280 nm. T = 22 °C. pH = intrinsic. Concentration: 10<sup>-5</sup> M.

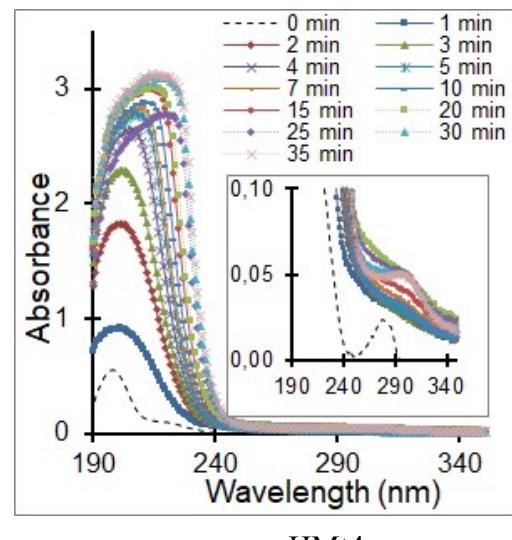
**Table S4.** Retention time and area peak after 35 min of EE2 ozonation.

Catalyst	None		NaMt		Fe(II)Mt		
	HPLC-UV peak	Retention time (min)	Peak area	Retention time (min)	Peak area	Retention time (min)	Peak area
EE2	EE2	16.69	1571	16.42	1062	16.15	7934
Intermediate 1		3.86	77373	11.74	45997	2.93	18196
Intermediate 2		3.51	25660	11.47	17592	3.02	9402
Intermediate 3		3.41	12689	11.22	102030	3.87	64836
Intermediate 4		3.32	16292	4.07	100272	5.54	2074
Intermediate 5		2.81	12043	2.83	86027	-	-
Intermediate 6		-	-	2.71	33-92	-	-
Intermediate 7		-	-	2.43	4737	-	-
Intermediate 8		-	-	1.73	1284	-	-
Intermediate 9		-	-	.99	2856	-	-
Intermediate 10		-	-	-.6-	1129	-	-

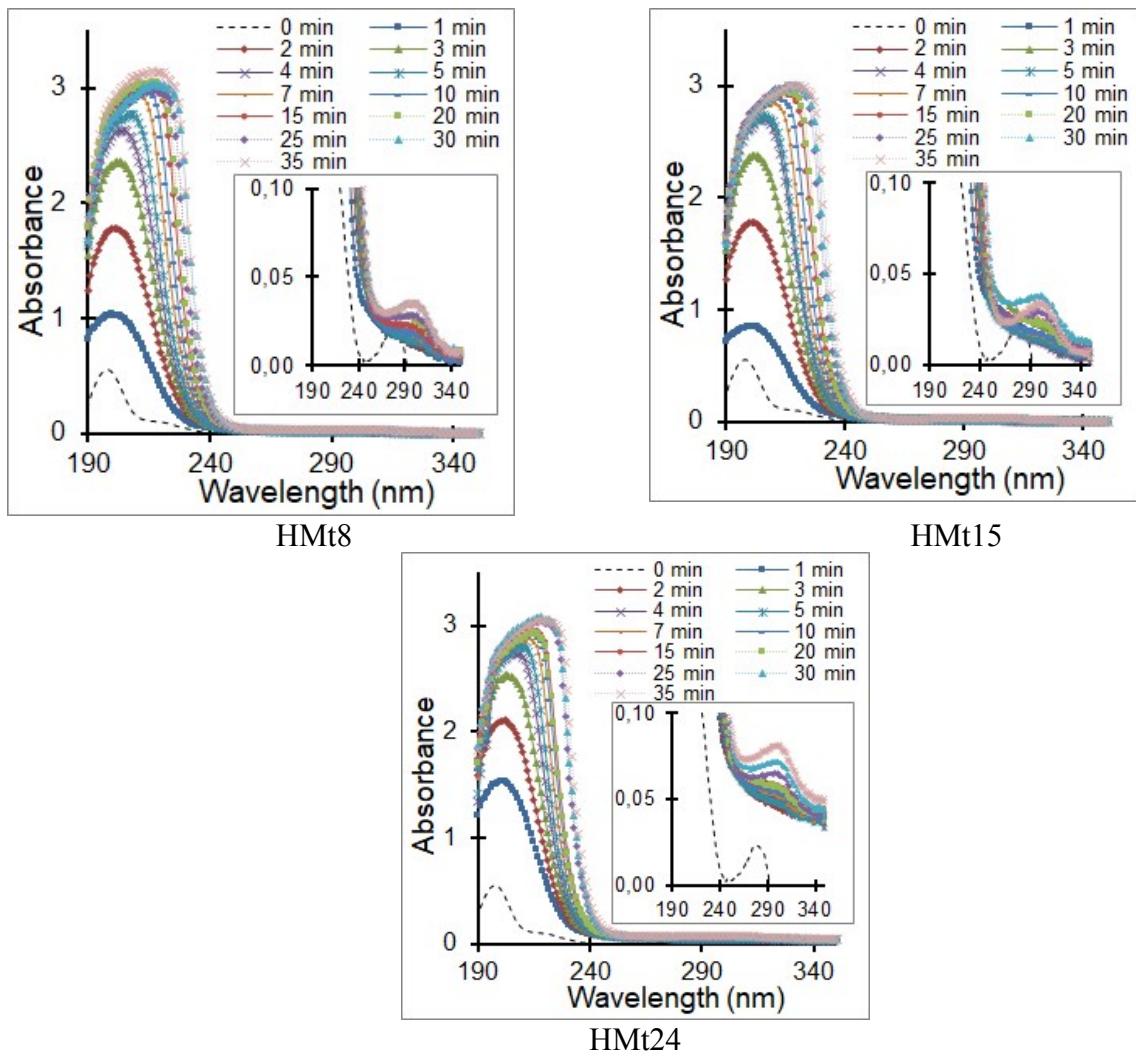
### *Catalytic activity of acid-activated bentonites*



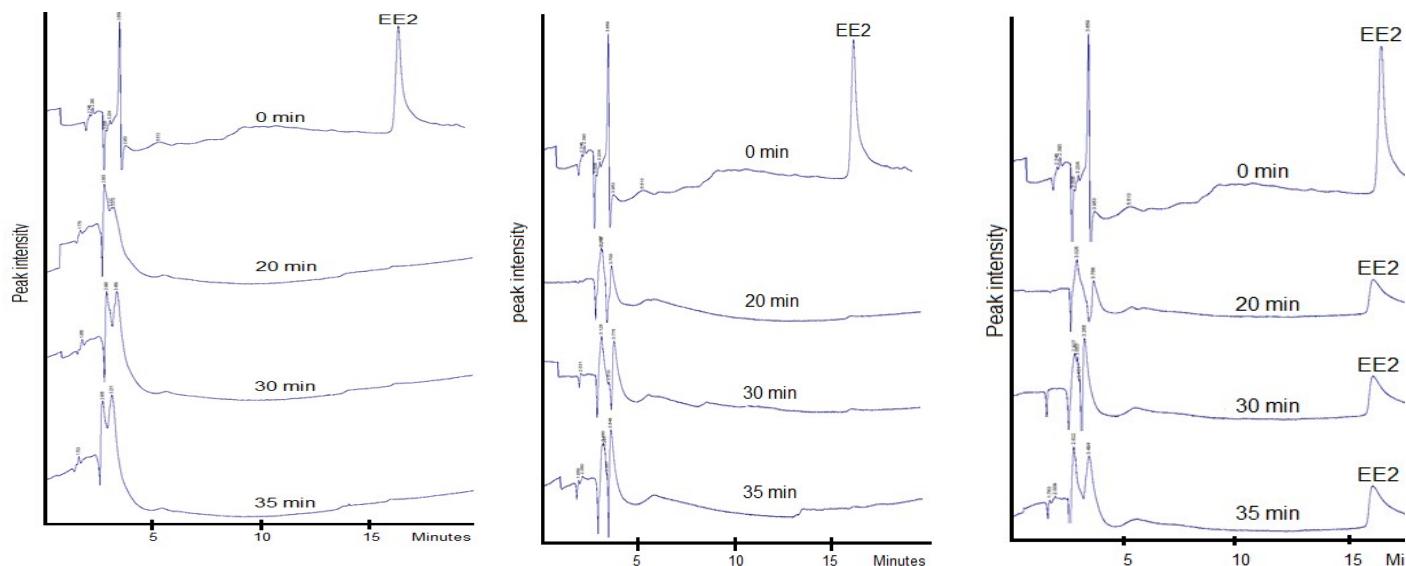
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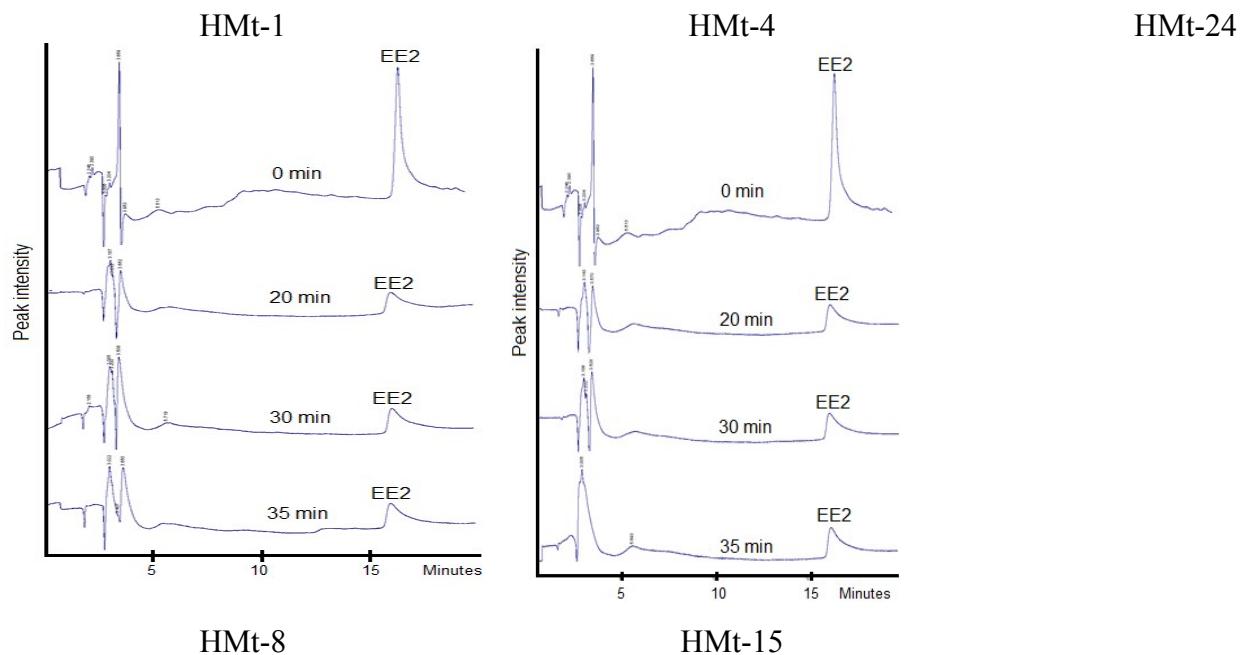


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**Fig. S7.** UV-vis spectra of the ozonation mixture in the presence of acid-activated bentonites in aqueous EE2 solution. T = 22 °C. Quartz cell = 1 cm.O<sub>3</sub> throughput: 6-- mg.h<sup>-1</sup>. Sample volume = 2- mL. Initial concentration: 1-<sup>5</sup> M. Catalyst amount = 4- mg and intrinsic initial pH.





**Fig. S8.** HPLC-UV (28- nm) chromatograms of the initial solution of EE2 and of aliquots taken after different times of ozonation in the presence of HMT catalyst.