

# Self reporting RNA probes as an alternative to cleavable small molecule mass tags

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## Electronic Supplementary Information

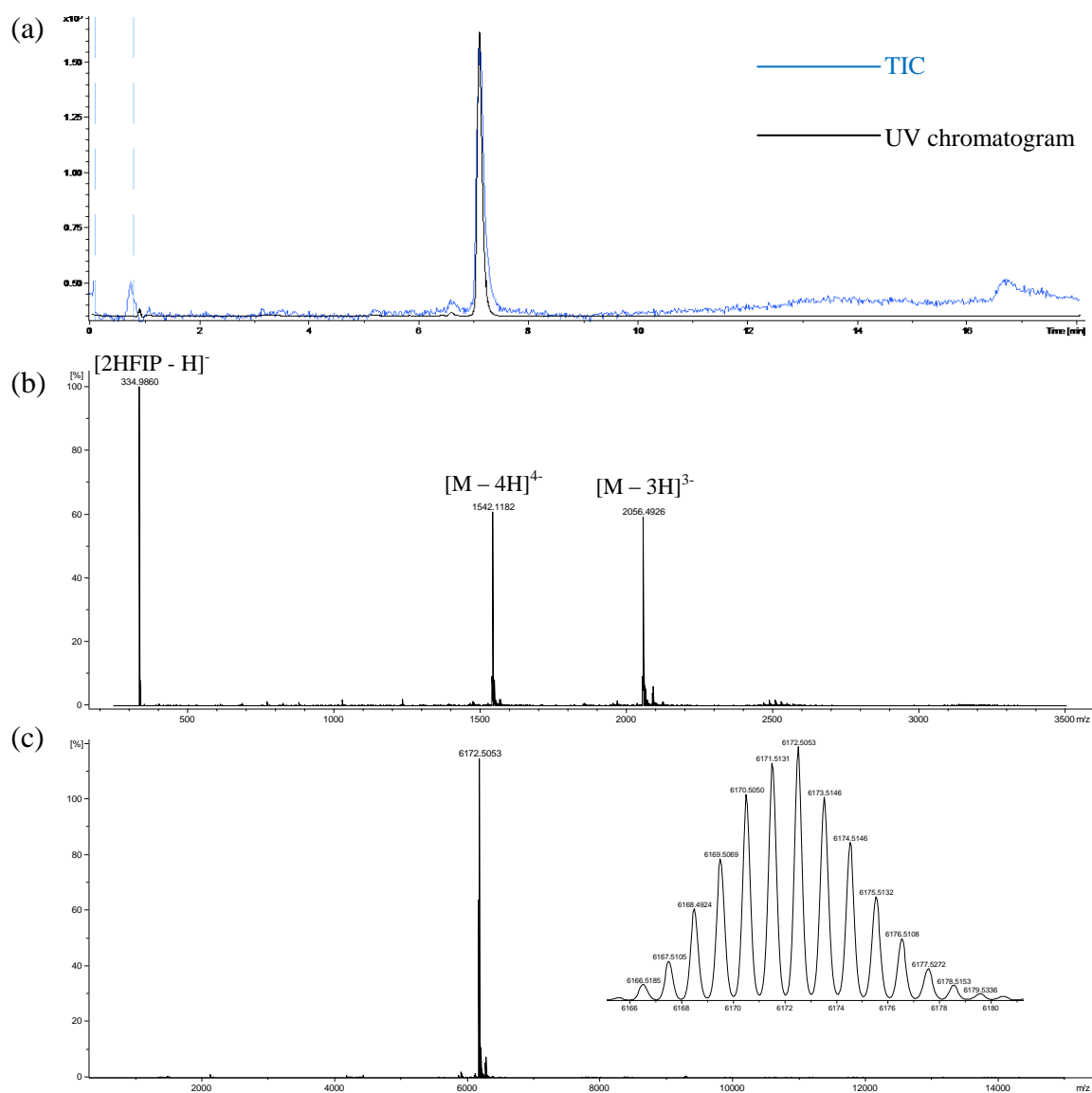
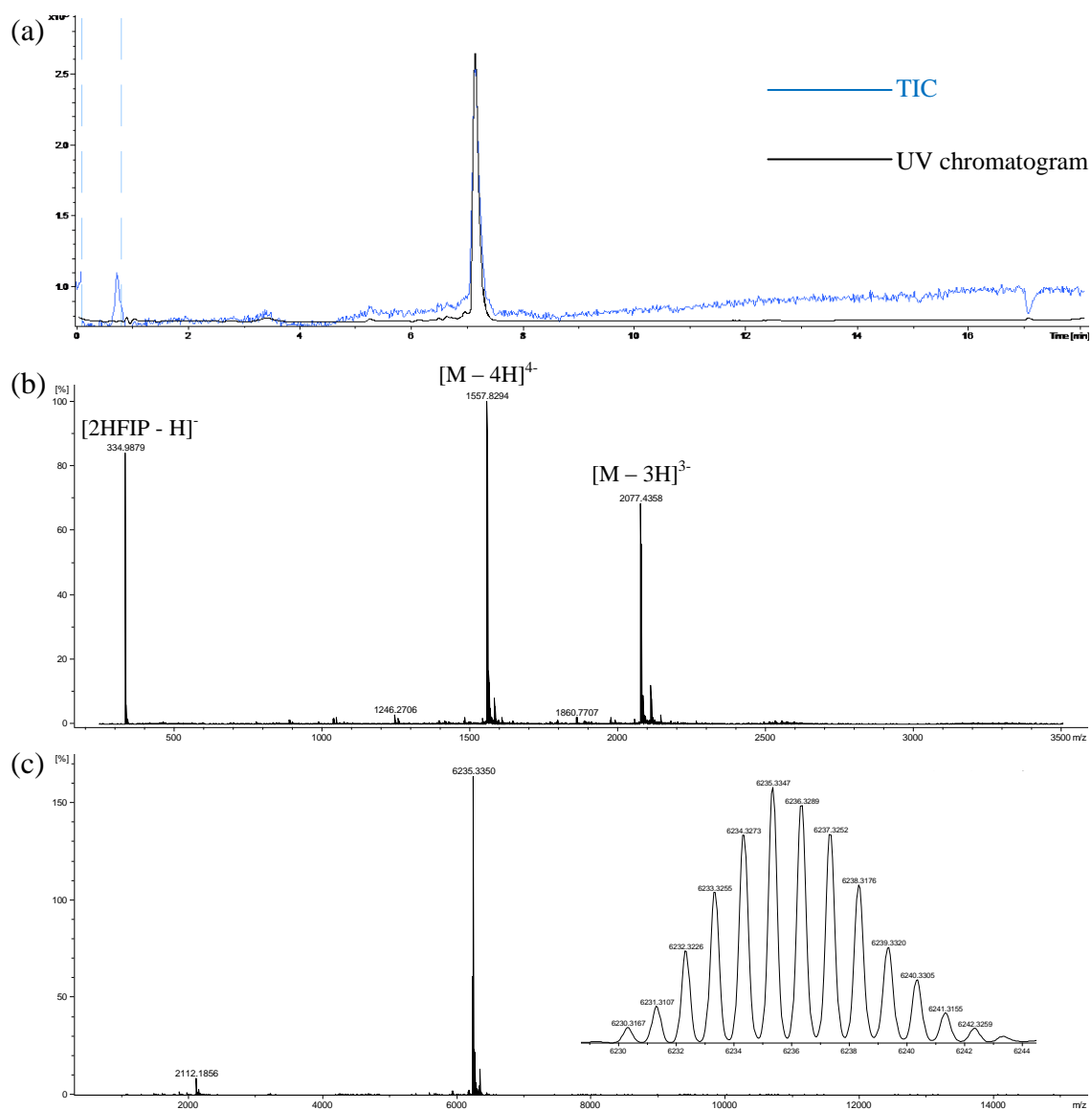
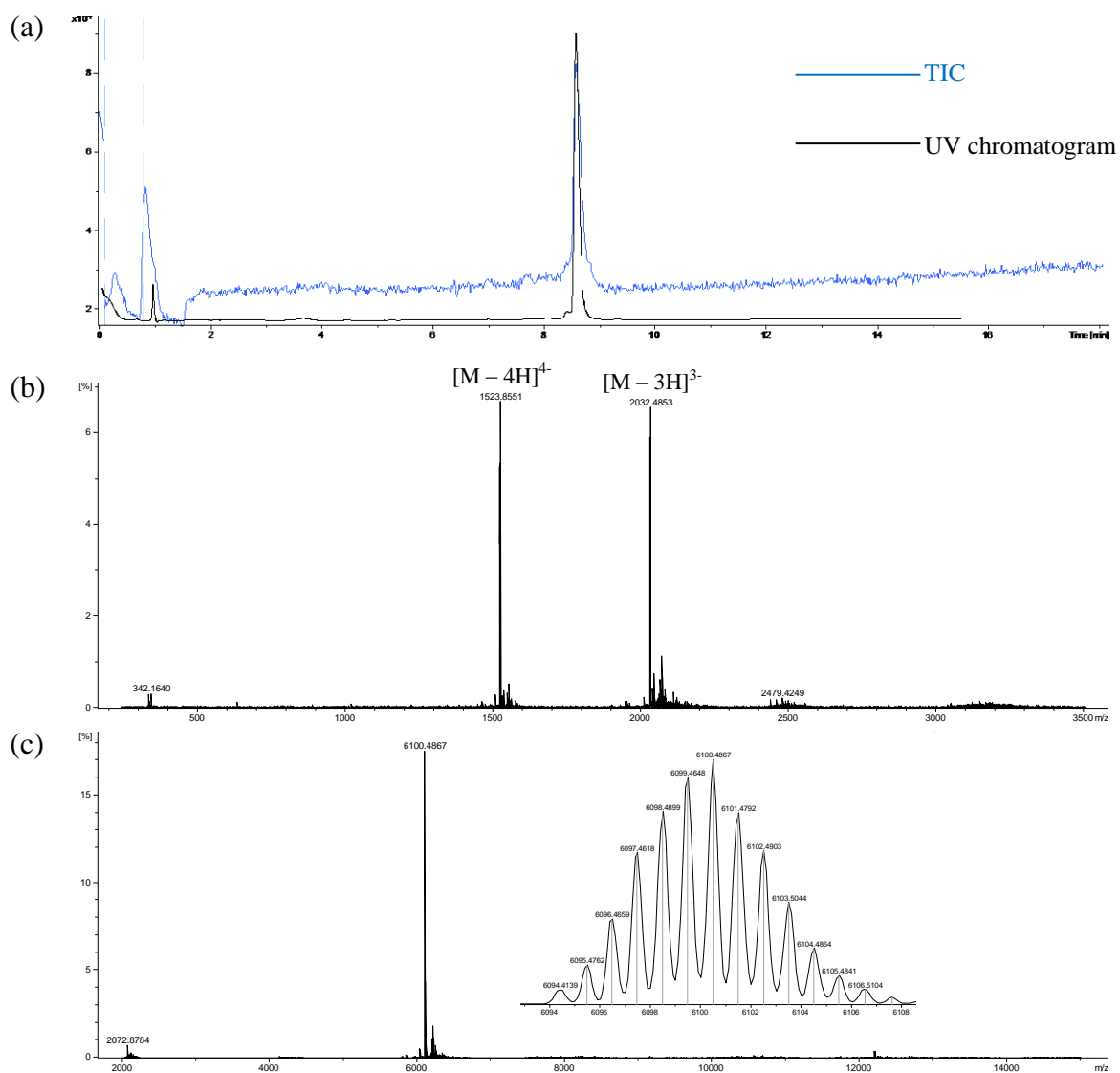


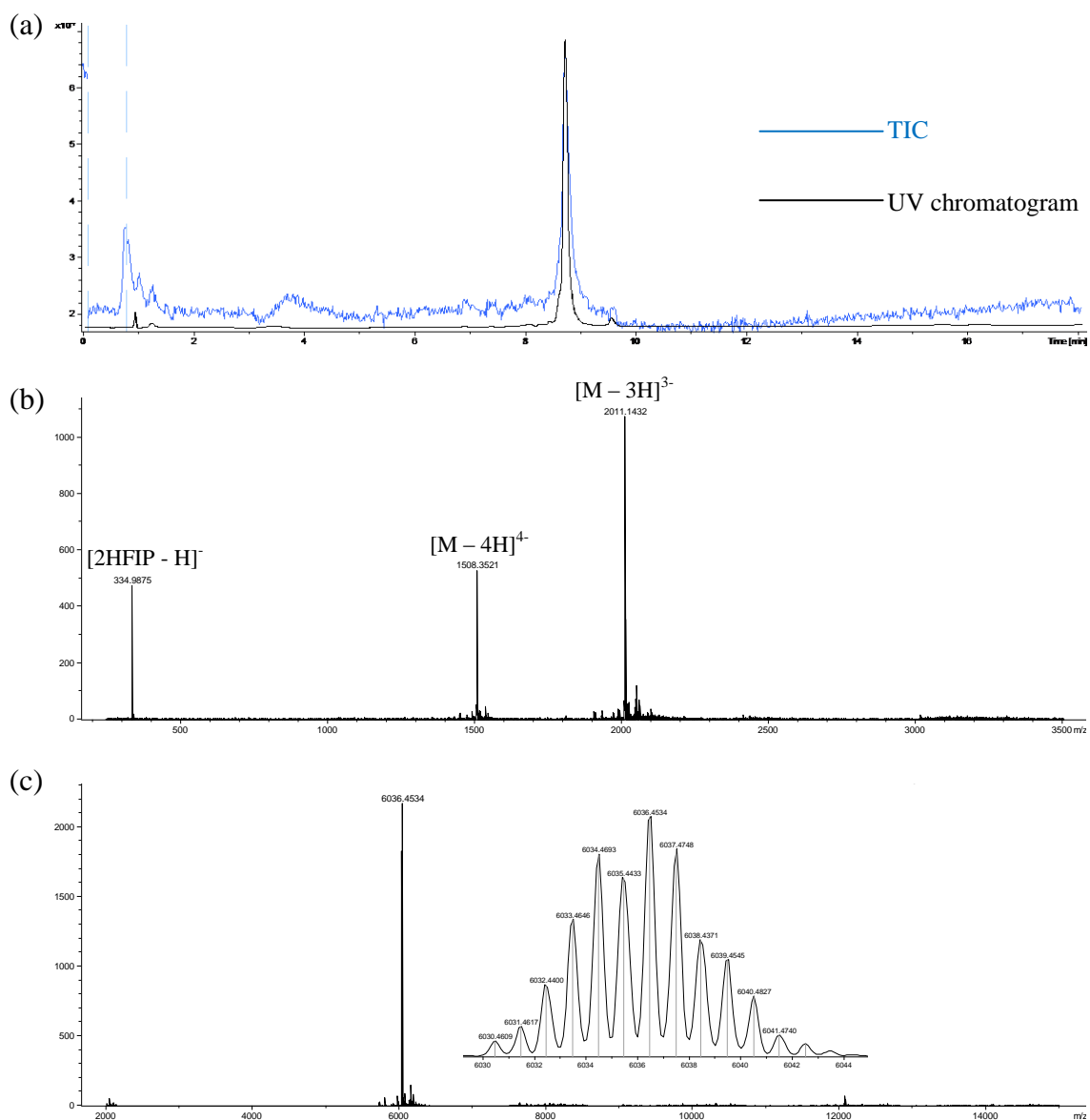
Figure S1 – HPLC-ESI MS analysis of ONT 1 prior to addition of RNase A, showing (a) TIC and UV chromatogram, (b) negative ion ESI mass spectrum and (c) MaxEnt deconvoluted spectrum



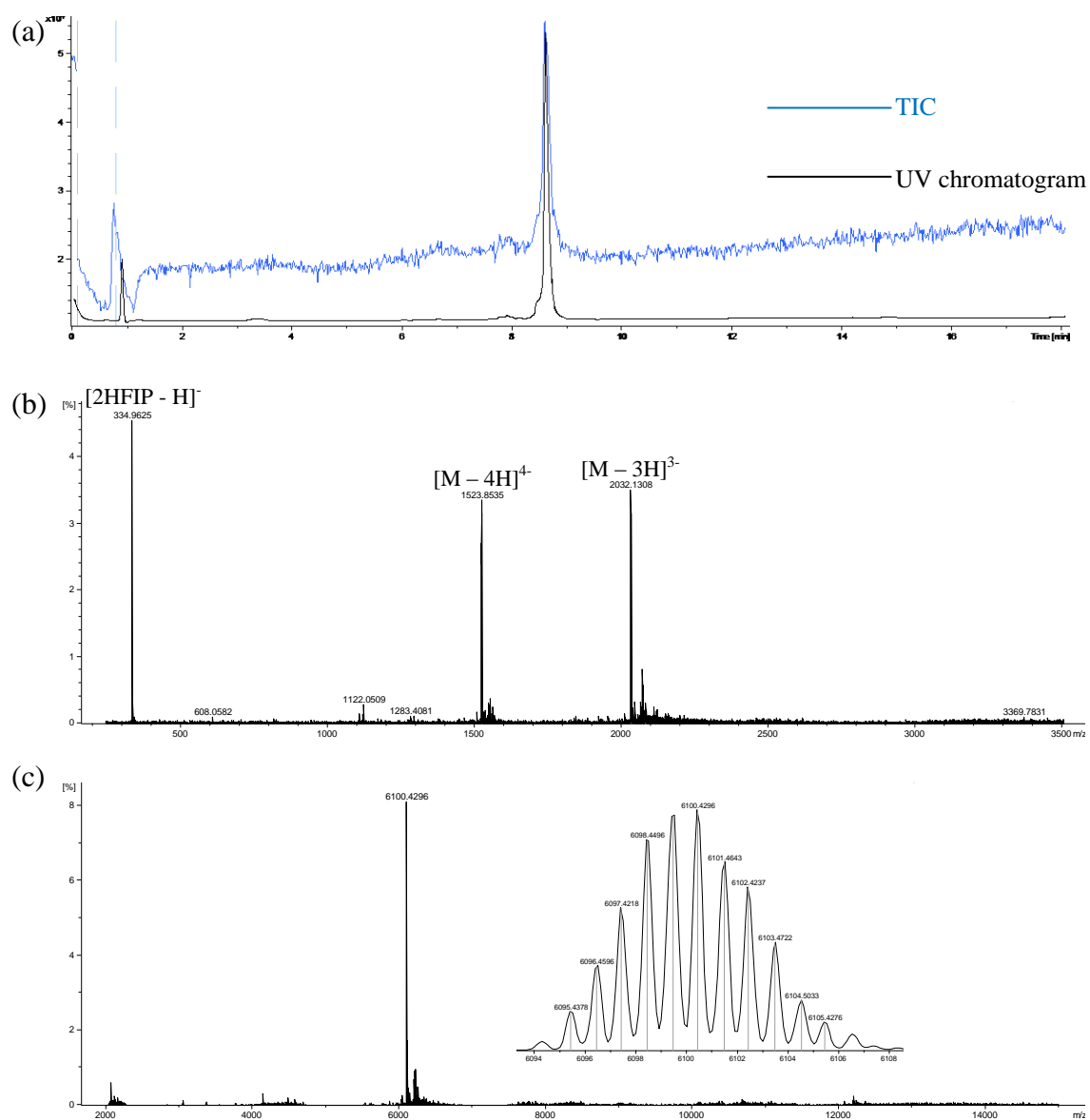
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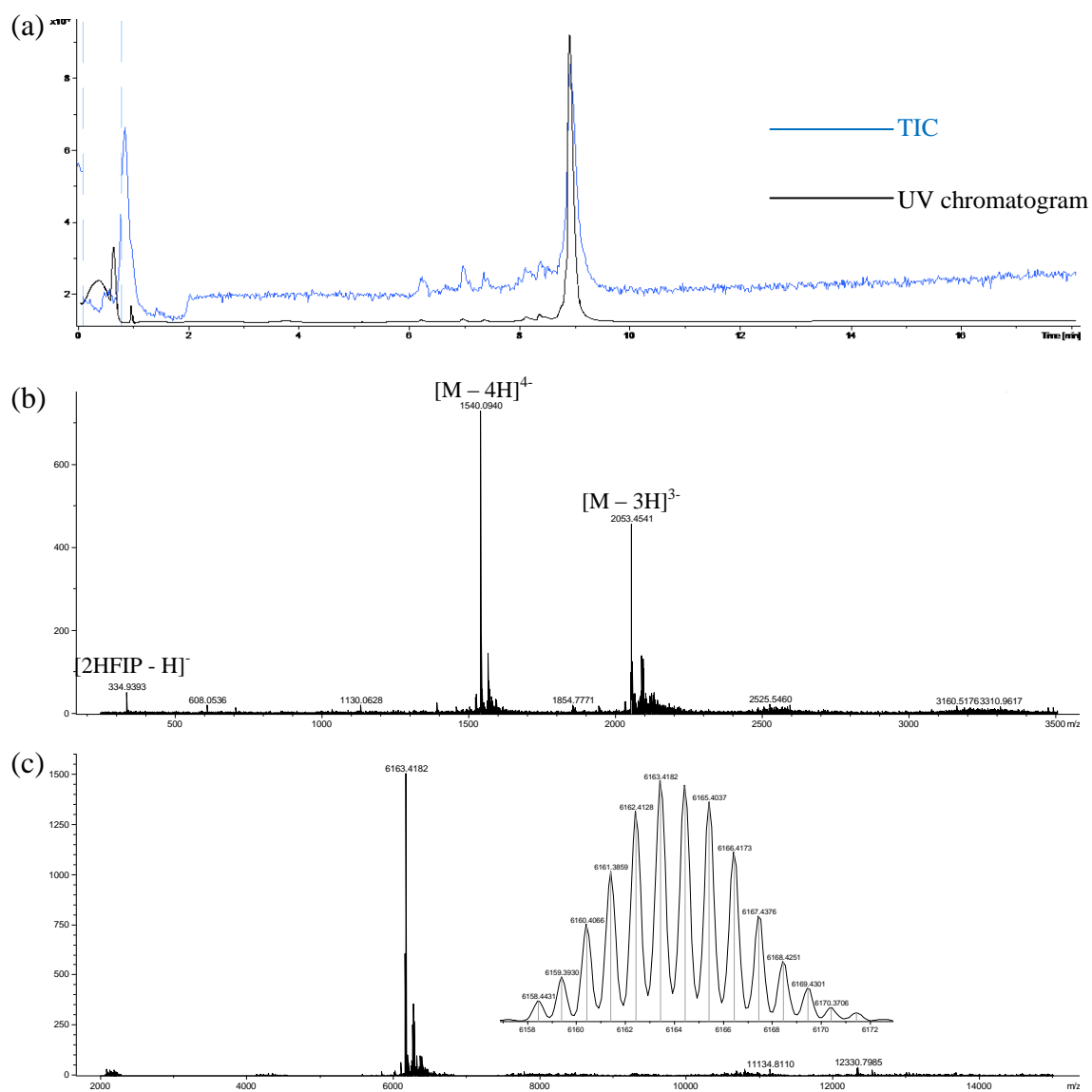
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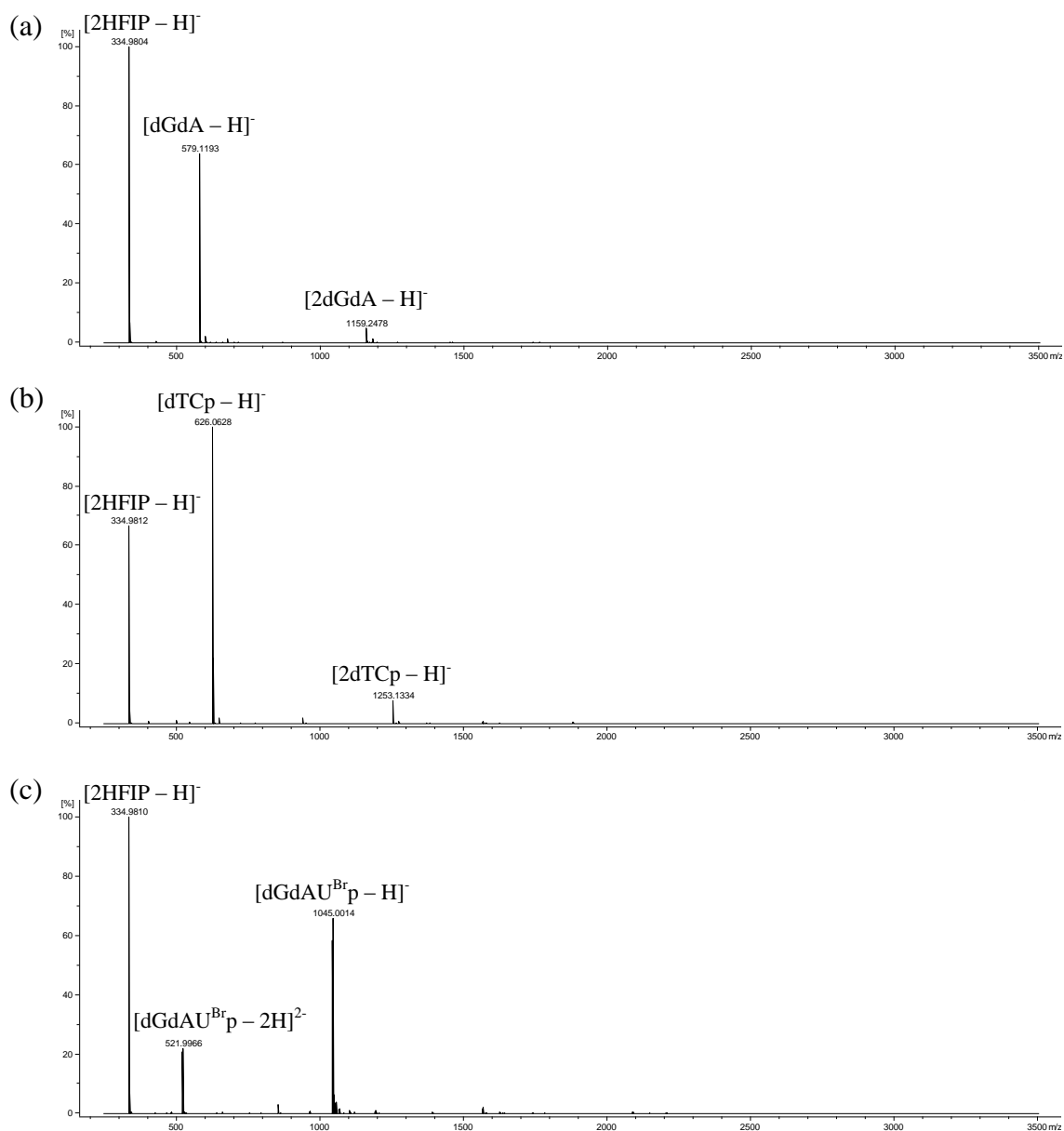
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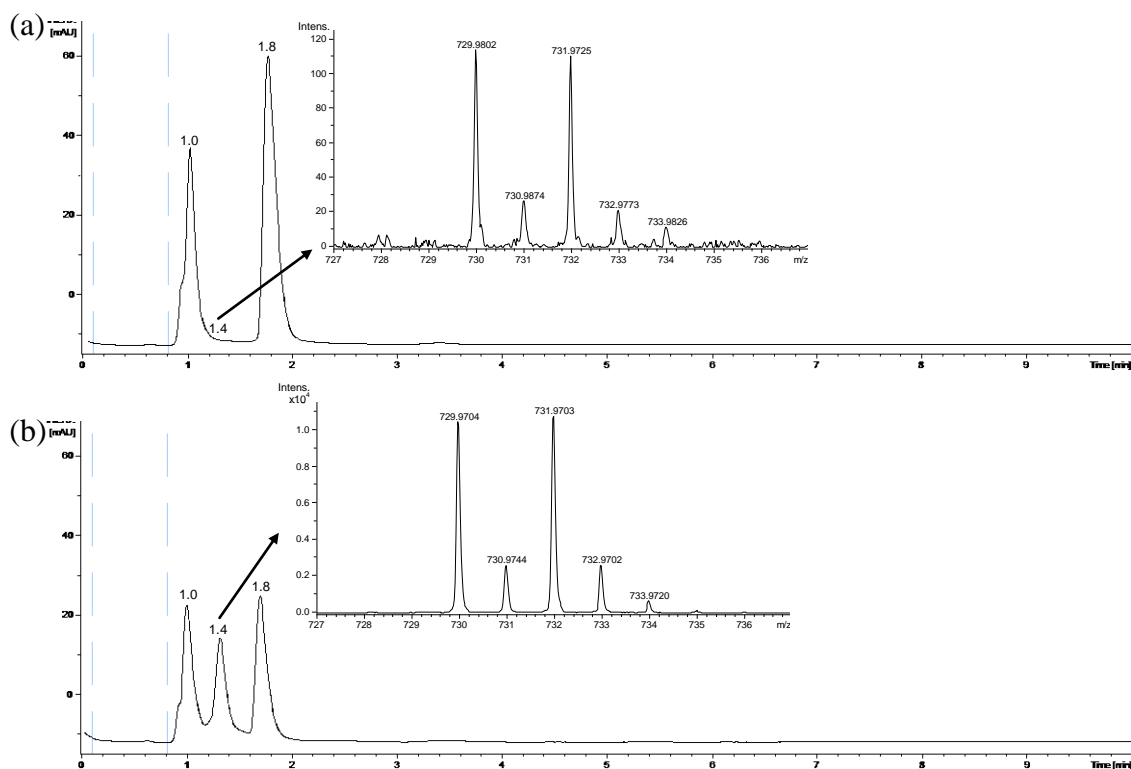
**Figure S5 – HPLC-ESI MS analysis of ONT 5 prior to addition of RNase A, showing (a) TIC and UV chromatogram, (b) negative ion ESI mass spectrum and (c) MaxEnt deconvoluted spectrum.**



**Figure S6 – HPLC-ESI MS analysis of ONT 6 prior to addition of RNase A, showing (a) TIC and UV chromatogram, (b) negative ion ESI mass spectrum and (c) MaxEnt deconvoluted spectrum.**



**Figure S7 – Negative ion ESI mass spectra of observed digestion products of ONT 5 sampled at 5 minutes eluting at  $t_R$  (a) 1.4 min., (b) 5.4 min. and (c) 6.7 min.  $U^{Br}$  = 5-Bromouridine, HFIP = hexafluoroisopropanol.**



**Figure S 8 – HPLC-ESI MS analysis of ONT 1 sampled at (a) 5 minutes and (b) 24 hours showing UV chromatograms and negative ion ESI mass spectra of the brominated overdigestion product  $\text{AU}^{\text{Br}}\text{p}$ .  $\text{U}^{\text{Br}}$  = 5-bromouridine and  $\text{p}$  = 3'-phosphate. N.B. mobile phase gradient normally used for analysis of intact RNA was used for this analysis.**



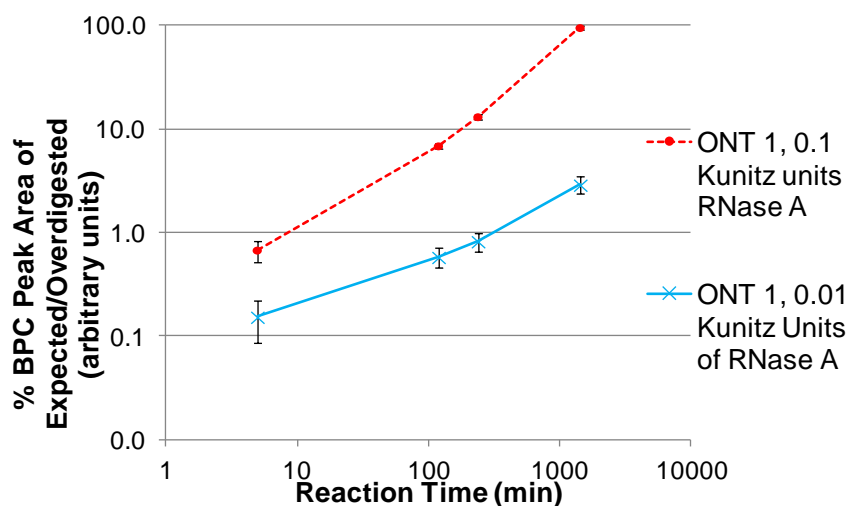


Figure S 9 – A graph showing the peak area of AU<sup>Br</sup>p compared to AAU<sup>Br</sup>p for ONT 1 under different assay conditions. Error bars show  $\pm 1$  standard deviation from triplicate results. d = deoxynucleotide, p = 3'-phosphate



Figure S10 – RNase A expected cleavage sites (green solid line) and unexpected, non-specific cleavage sites (red dashed line) for (a) ONT 1 and (b) the *n*-3 failure sequence of ONT 4, highlighting the proposed origins of the unexpected dinucleotide products. U<sup>Br</sup> = 5-bromouridine