**Supplementary Material** for "Assessing the iron delivery efficacy of transferrin in clinical samples by native electrospray ionization mass spectrometry" by Jake W. Pawlowski, Noelle Kellicker, Cedric E. Bobst and Igor A. Kaltashov

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**Figure S2.** Calculated mass shifts between holo- and apo-Tf for the +21 and +20 charge states. Theoretical mass shift is for two  $Fe^{3+}$  and  $CO_3^{2-}$  is 229.7Da.

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**Figure S5.** Deconvoluted spectra of recombinant Tf reconstituted with iron using carbonate and oxalate as synergistic anions subjected to SEC fractionation (red) and albumin depletion on a BDR column (blue). Peak area's were integrated and there was no significant change in the percent area for any of the three synergistic anion peaks.

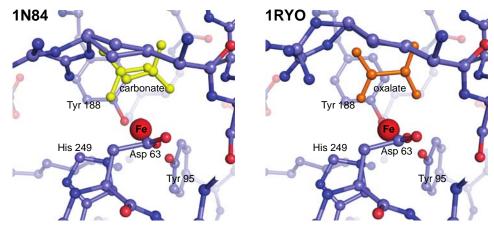
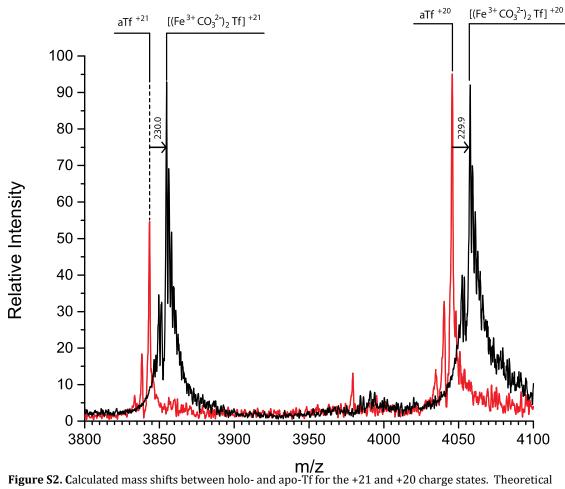
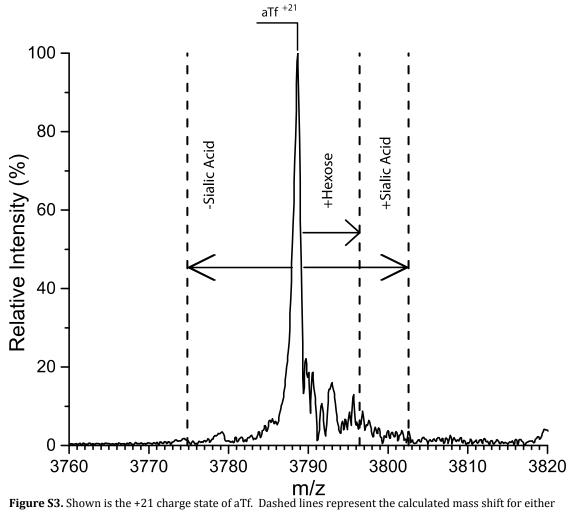


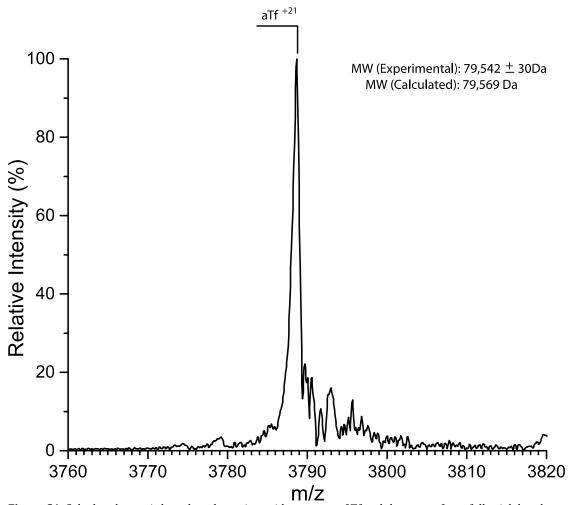
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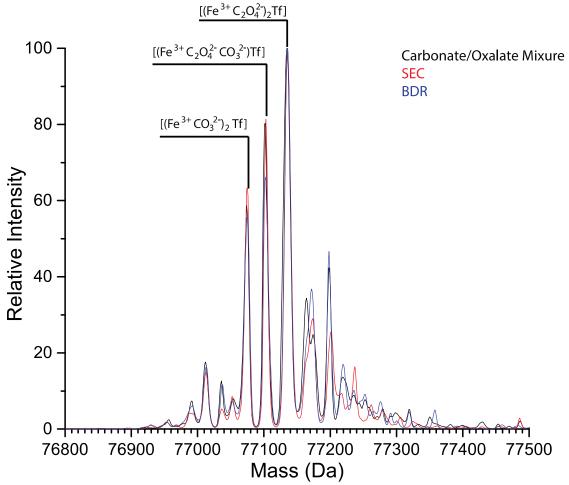
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	% Area		
Synergistic Anion	Orig. Mix	SEC	BDR
Composition			
2 CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	21.5%	23.8%	24.0%
$CO_3^2/C_2O_4^2$	28.5%	27.1%	27.9%
$2 C_2 O_4^2$	50.0%	49.1%	48.0%