

Supplementary information

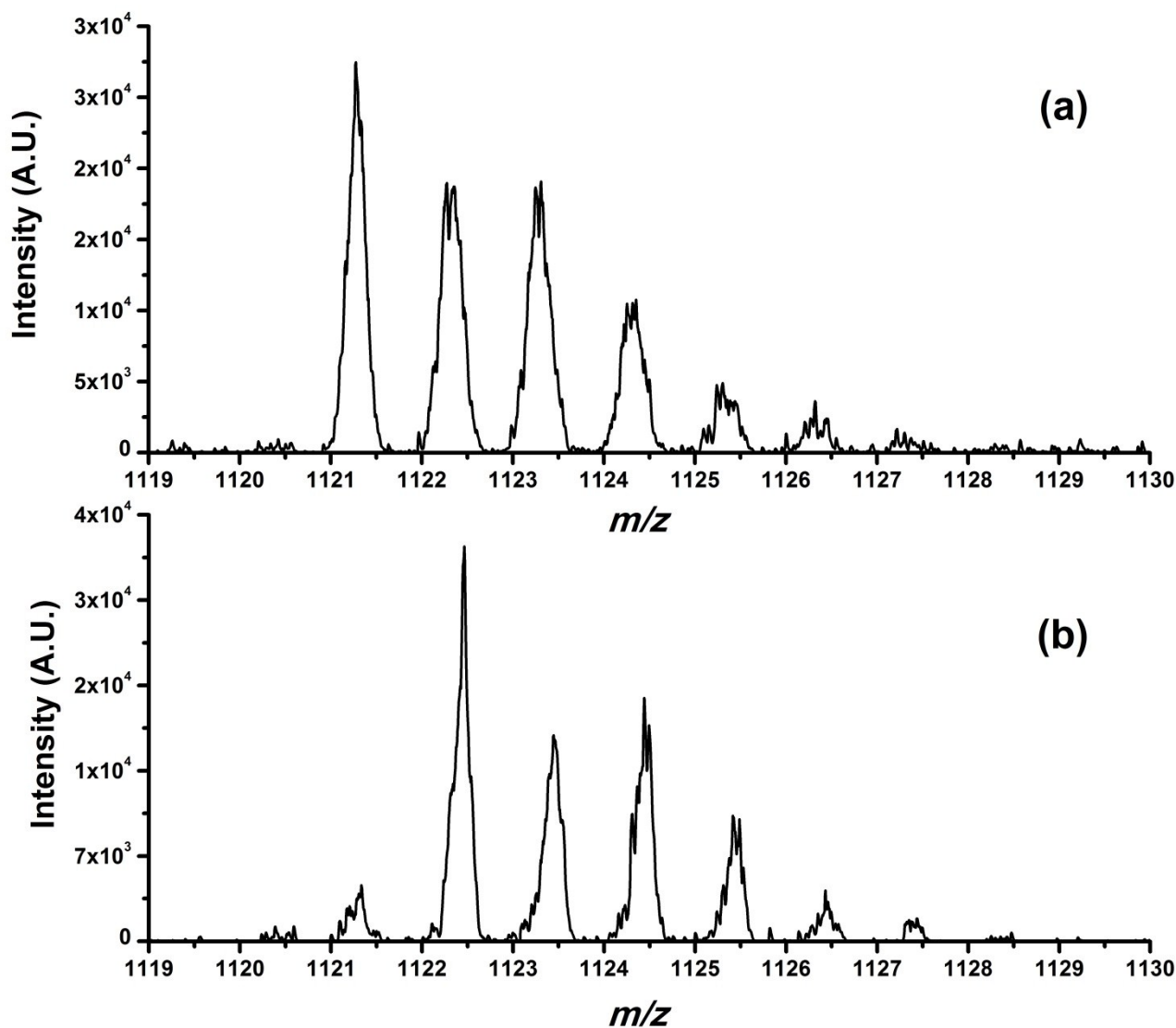


Figure 1S: +veESI mass spectrum of BK 1 μ M and CuSO₄ 1 μ M in water acquired in the Zoom Scan mode. Spray voltage was 0.8 kV in (a) and 4.3 kV in (b).

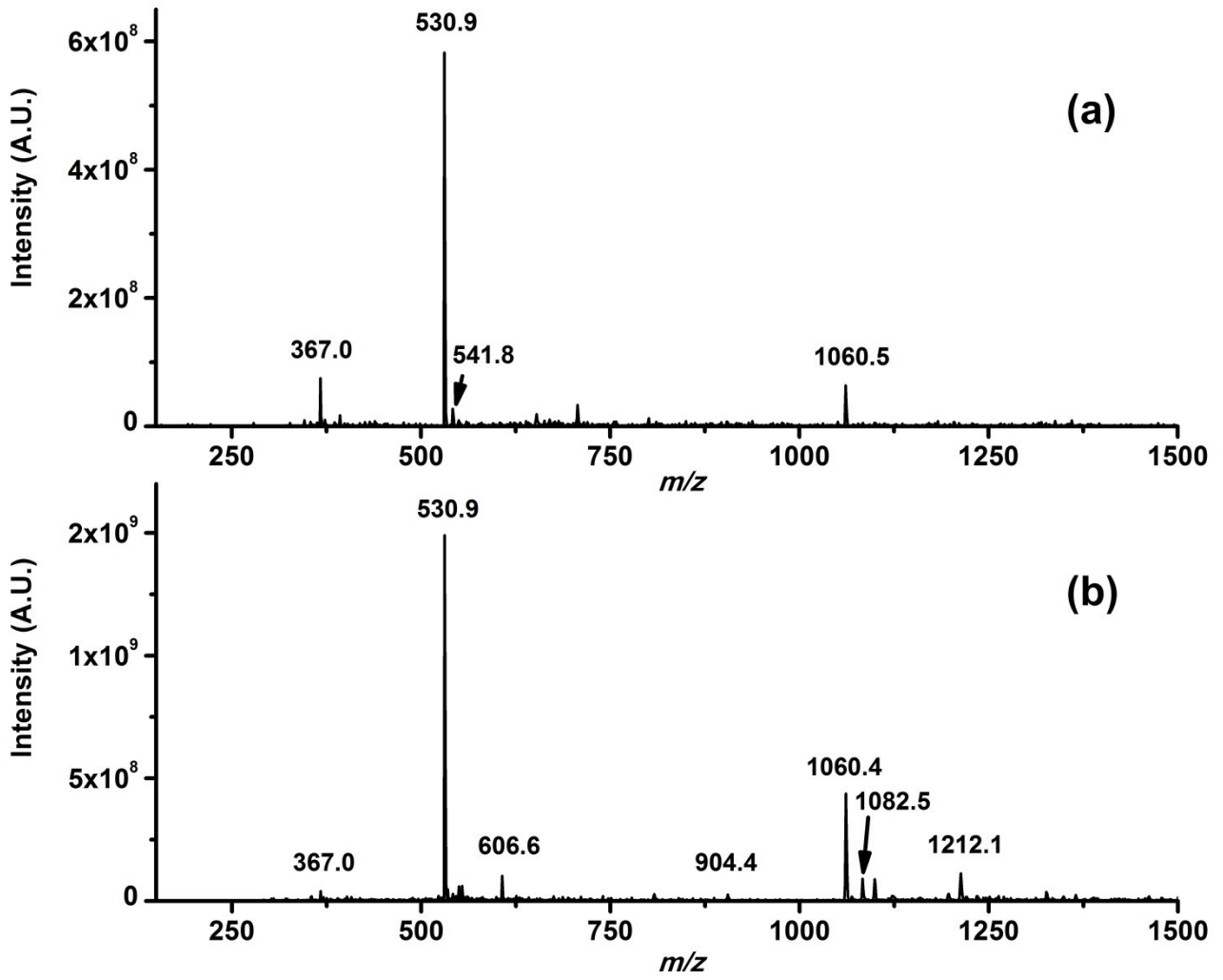


Figure 2S: +ve ESI mass spectrum of BK 1 μ M (a) and 30 μ M (b) in water. Mass range is m/z 200-1500, discussion is in the text.

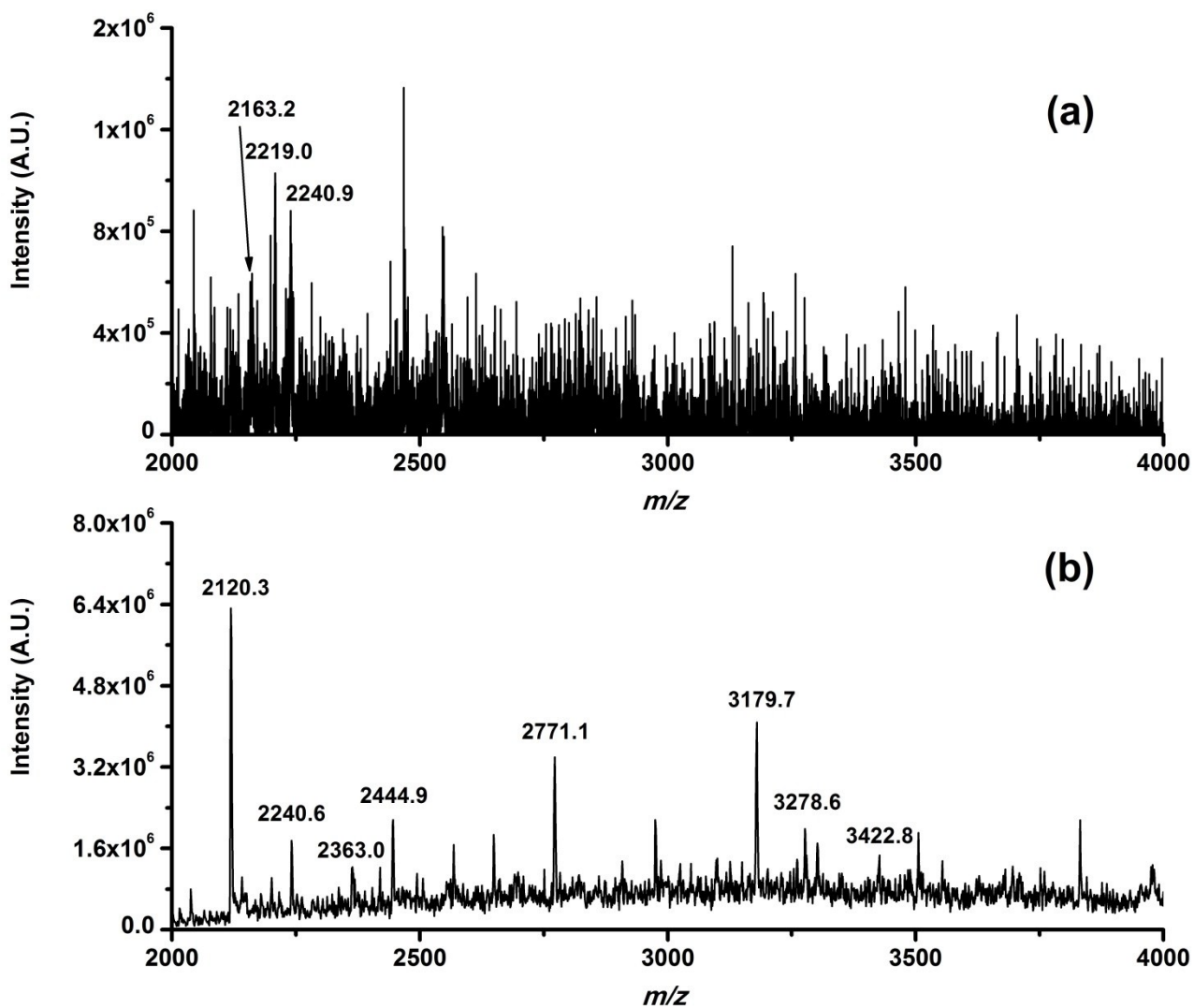


Figure 3S: +ve ESI mass spectrum of BK $1\mu\text{M}$ (a) and $30\mu\text{M}$ (b) in water. Mass range is m/z 2000-4000, assignment is reported in Table 1. Peaks that are not listed in the latter refers to multi-sodiated species.

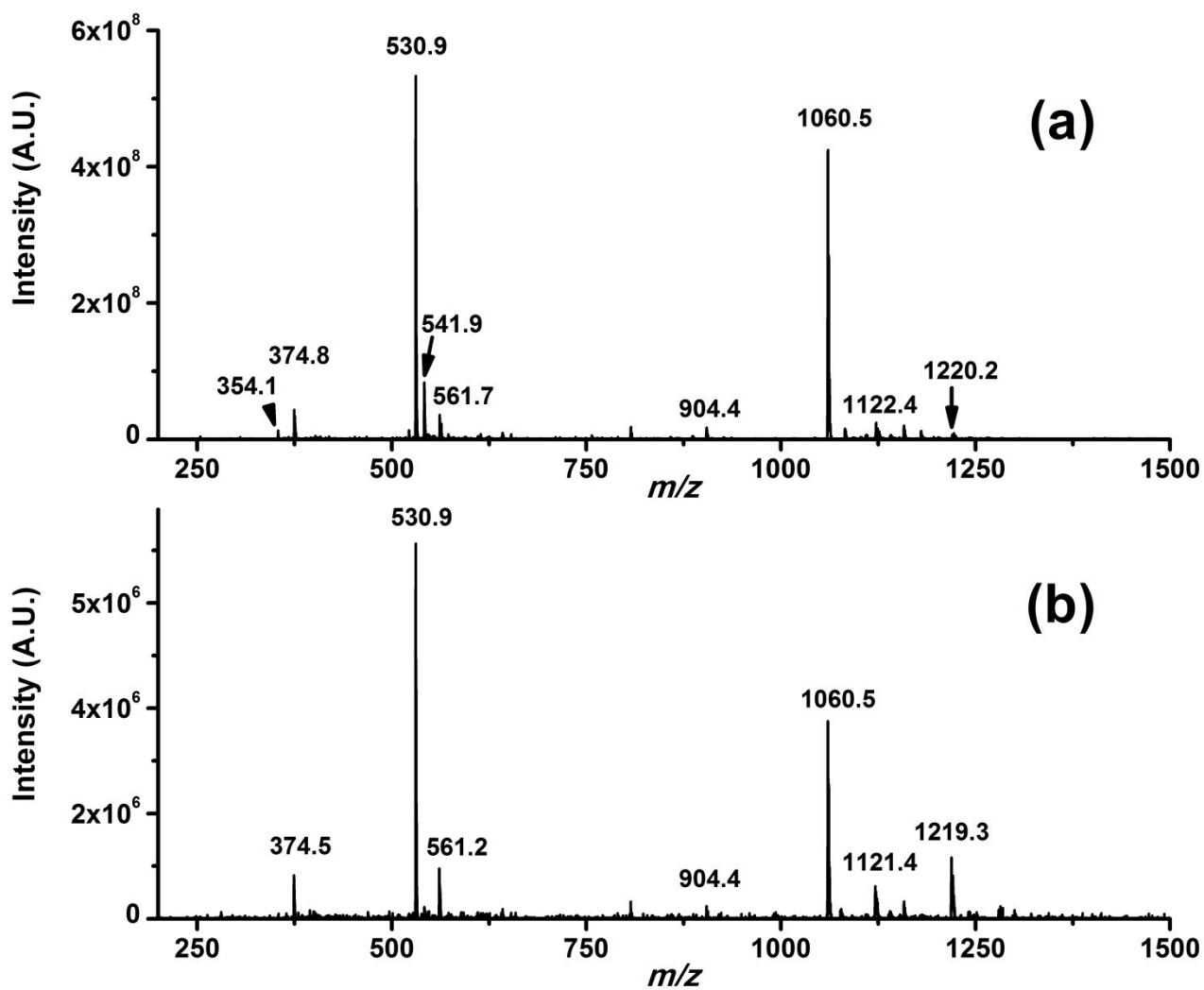


Figure 4S: +ve ESI mass spectrum of BK 30 μM with ZnSO₄ 50 μM (a) and CuSO₄ 50 μM (b) in water, m/z range 200-1500. Assignment is in Table 1.

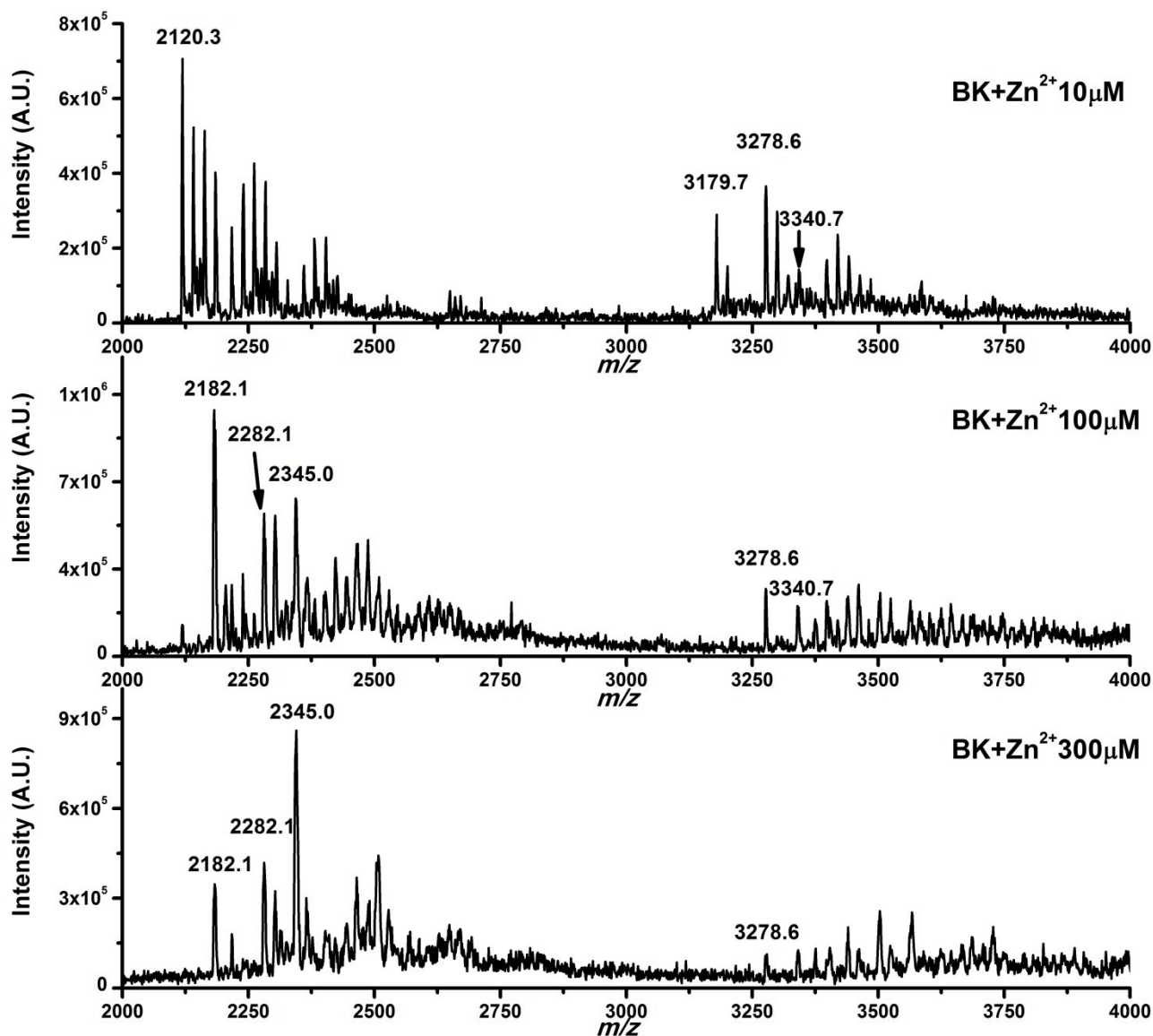


Figure 5S: +ve ESI mass spectrum of BK 30 μM with ZnSO_4 in water at the indicated concentrations, m/z range 2000-4000. Assignment is in Table 1.

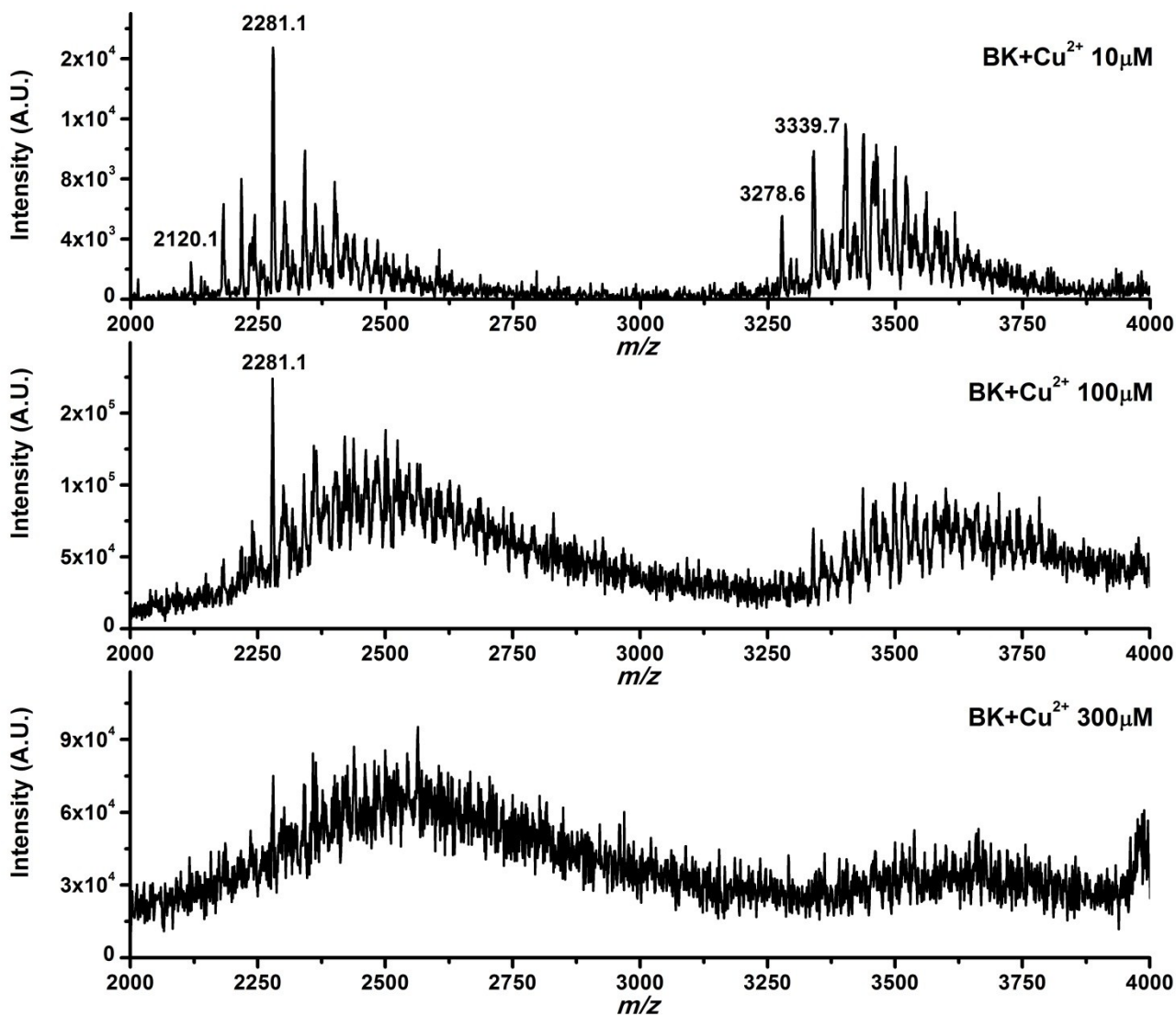


Figure 6S: +ve ESI mass spectrum of BK 30 μM with CuSO_4 in water at the indicated concentrations, m/z range 2000-4000. Assignment is in Table 1.

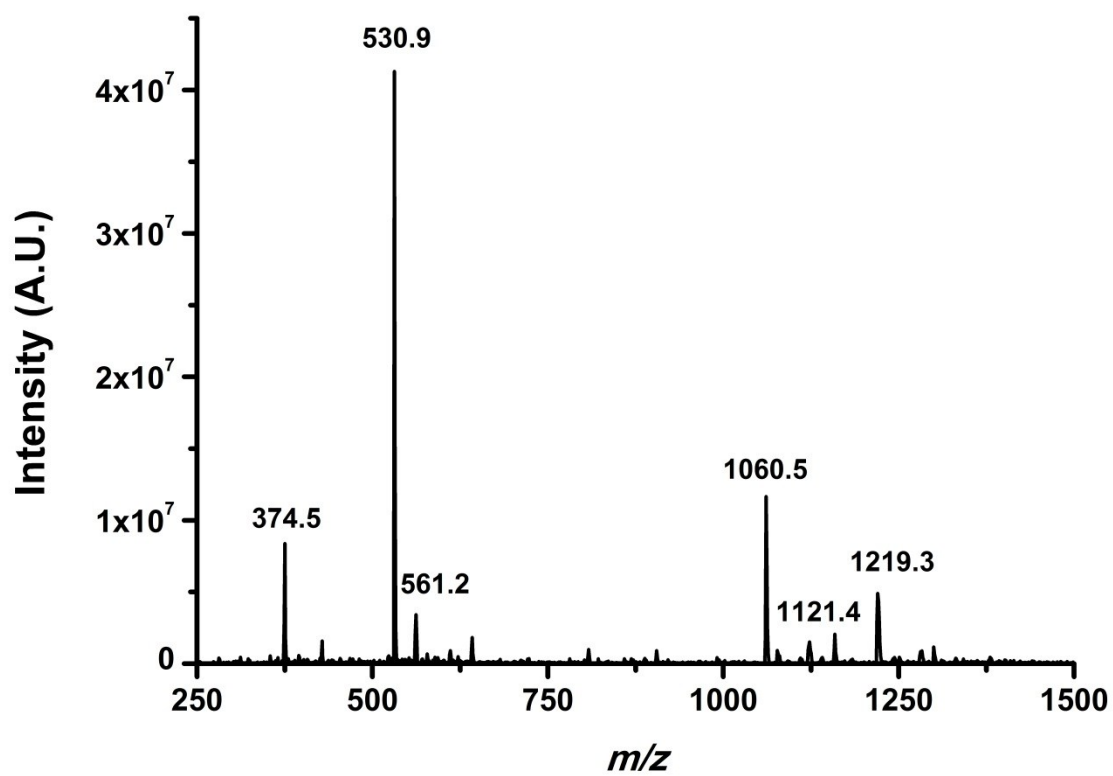


Figure 7S: +ve ESI mass spectrum of BK 30 μ M with CuSO₄ 300 μ M in water, m/z range 250-1500.

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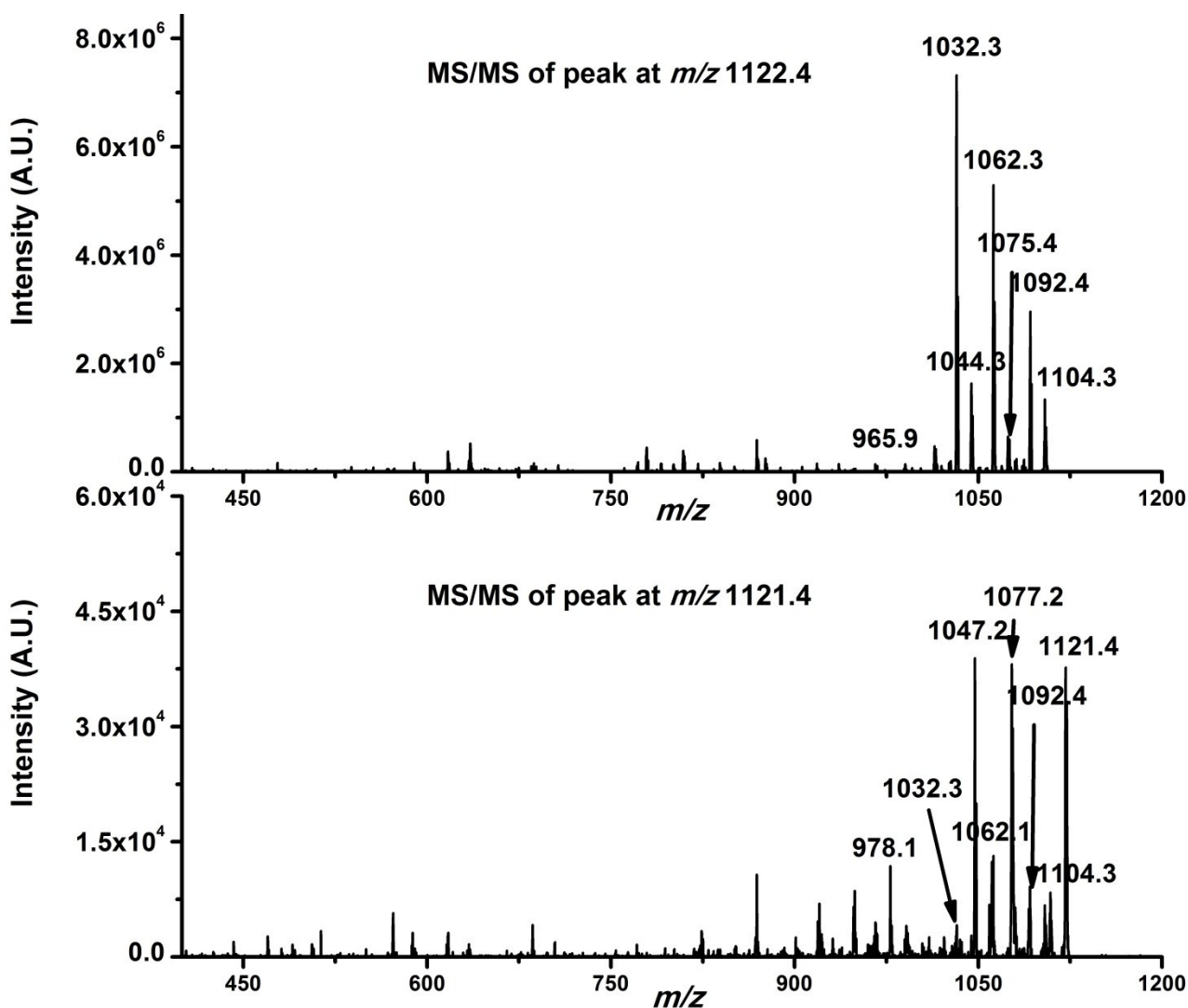


Figure 8S: MS/MS experiments for the BK-Zn (upper part) and BK-Cu (bottom part) molecular peaks. Differences in the spectra are interpreted as different coordination features of the two metal complexes, discussion is in the text.

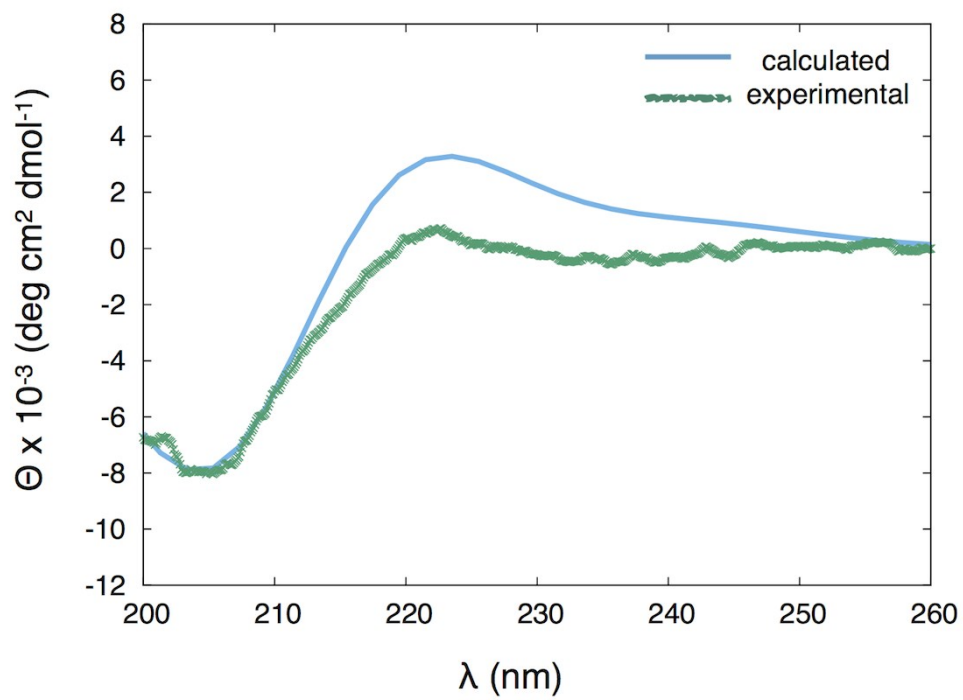


Figure 9S: Experimental and calculated CD spectra of BK. The spectrum was calculated as the average CD spectra of the two main clusters derived from Parallel Tempering simulations.

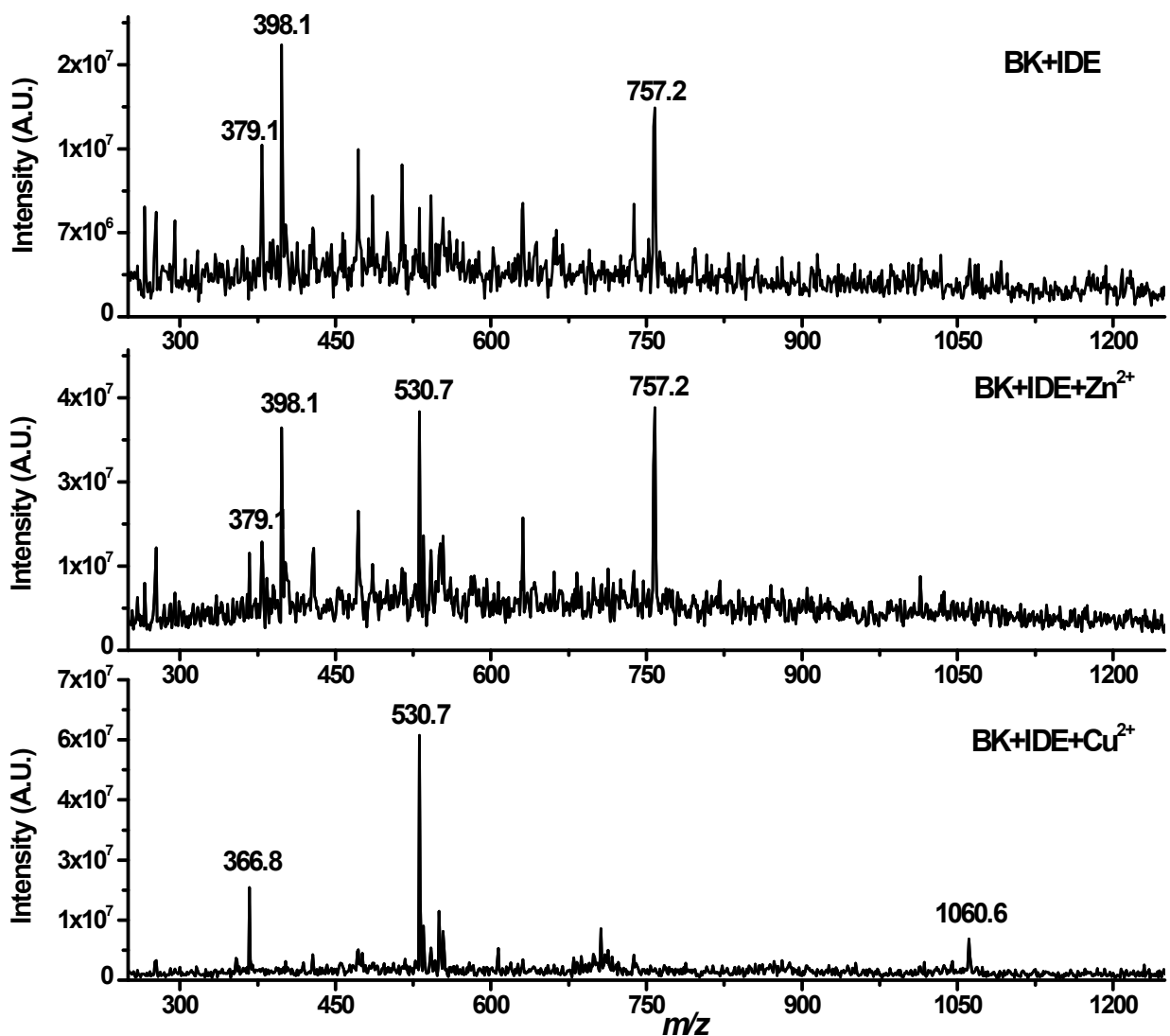


Figure 10S: BK fragmentation patterns after enzymatic digestion of IDE in the presence and in the absence of the indicated metal ions. The main fragment at m/z 757.2 has been assigned to the HArgProProGlyPheSerProOH fragment (confirmed by MS/MS experiments and in accordance with Ref. 10 of the manuscript). The main cleavage site of IDE on BK is therefore between Pro7 and Phe8.

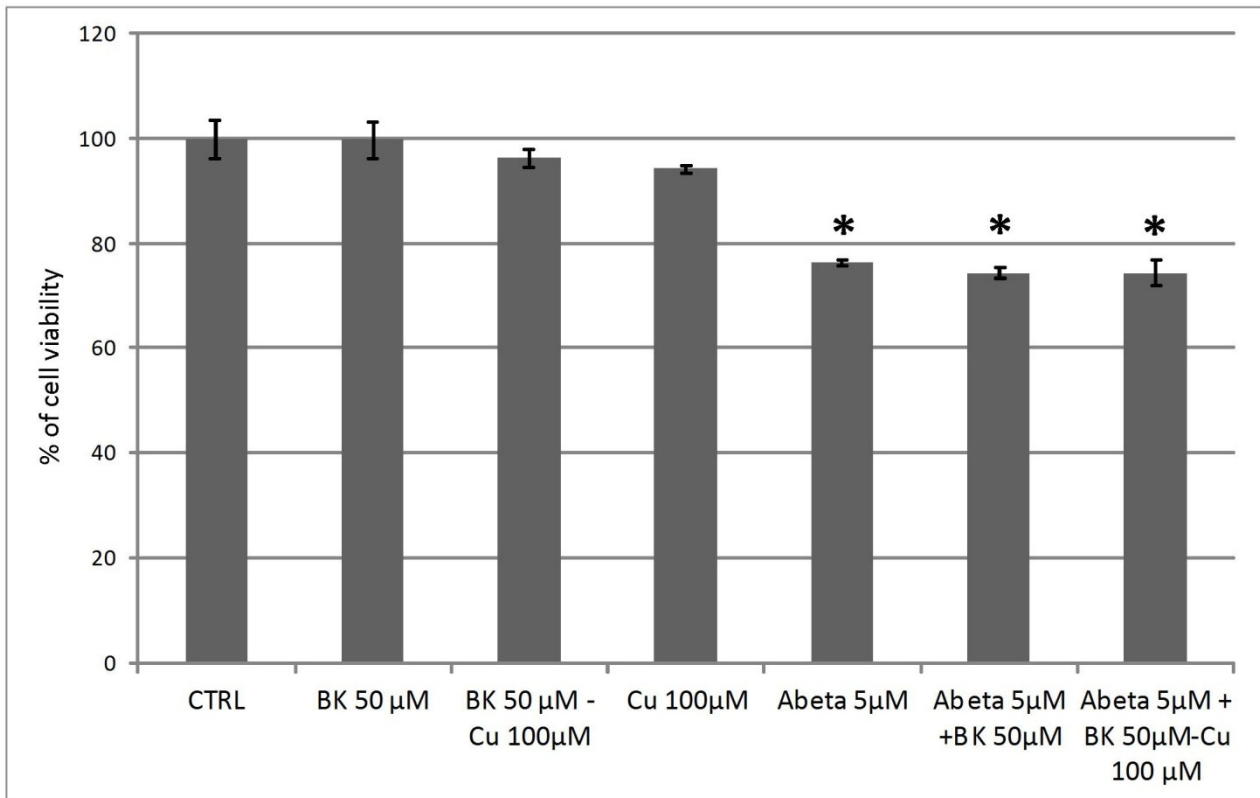


Figure 11S: Dose response experiment to test the cell viability after treatment with A β (1-42), BK, BK-Cu(II) and Cu(II). Neuroblastoma SH-SY5Y cells were incubated for 48hrs and then cell viability was measured using MTT assay. A β toxicity was not affected by treatment in the presence of BK. Results are presented as the means \pm SEM, the experiments were performed 3 times in triplicate. Asterisks (*) represent the correlation significant at the $p \leq 0.05$ level w.r.t. control, One-way Anova.