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Biosynthesis and Isolation of Selenoneine from Genetically Modified Fission Yeast

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A. Analytical reversed-phase HPLC					
<i>Column</i>	Atlantis dC18, 4.6 × 150 mm (Waters Corporation, Milford, USA) with guard column				
<i>Column temperature</i>	30 °C	<i>Flow rate</i>	1.0 mL min ⁻¹		
1. Speciation analysis of <i>S. pombe</i> cell lysates					
<i>Mobile phase</i>	A: water B: methanol	<i>Injection volume</i> DAD	1 µL 260 nm		
<i>Gradient</i>	<i>Time [min]</i> 0 – 20 20 – 21 21 – 27 27 – 28 28 – 35		<i>Eluent B [%]</i> 3 3 – 80 80 80 – 3 3		
<i>Position of 6-port-valve between column and ICPMS</i>	0 – 20 min 20 – 33 min 33 – 35 min	position 1; effluent from column to ICPMS position 2; effluent from column to waste position 1; effluent from column to ICPMS			
2. Determination of isolated product from <i>S. pombe</i>					
<i>Mobile phase</i>	3% MeOH or 20mM ammonium formate, 3% methanol, pH 3 (adjusted with formic acid) or 20mM ammonium formate, 3% methanol, 0.1 M TCEP, pH 3 (adjusted with formic acid)	<i>Injection volume</i>	1µL or 20 µL		
B. Preparative reversed-phase HPLC					
<i>Column</i>	Atlantis dC18 OBT, 19 × 100 mm (Waters Corporation, Milford, USA)				
<i>Column temperature</i>	ambient	<i>Injection volume</i>	1200 µL		
<i>Flow rate</i>	5.0 mL min ⁻¹	DAD	260 nm		
1. Clean-up step 1 (NEUTRAL 1)					
<i>Mobile phase</i>	A: water B: methanol				
<i>Gradient</i>	<i>Time [min]</i> 0 – 20 20 – 21 21 – 30 30 – 31 31 – 45		<i>Eluent B [%]</i> 3 3 – 30 30 30 – 3 3		
<i>Fraction collection</i>	24 – 25 min 25 – 28 min 28 – 30 min	Fraction 1 (F1); before target species Fraction 2 (F2); containing target species Fraction 3 (F3); after target species			
2. Clean-up step 2 (ACIDIC)					
<i>Mobile phase</i>	A: 0.05% CH ₃ COOH in water B: methanol				
<i>Gradient</i>	<i>Time [min]</i> 0 – 11 11 – 12 12 – 17 17 – 18 18 – 25		<i>Eluent B [%]</i> 2 2 – 50 50 50 – 2 2		
<i>Fraction collection</i>	7 – 8 min 8 – 10 min 10 – 11 min	Fraction 1 (F1); before target species Fraction 2 (F2); containing target species Fraction 3 (F3); after target species			
3. Clean-up step 3 (NEUTRAL 2)					
<i>Same settings as for clean-up step NEUTRAL 1 (see above), except for fraction collection</i>					
<i>Fraction collection</i>	24 – 25 min 25 – 29 min 29 – 31 min	Fraction 1 (F1); before target species Fraction 2 (F2); containing target species Fraction 3 (F3); after target species			

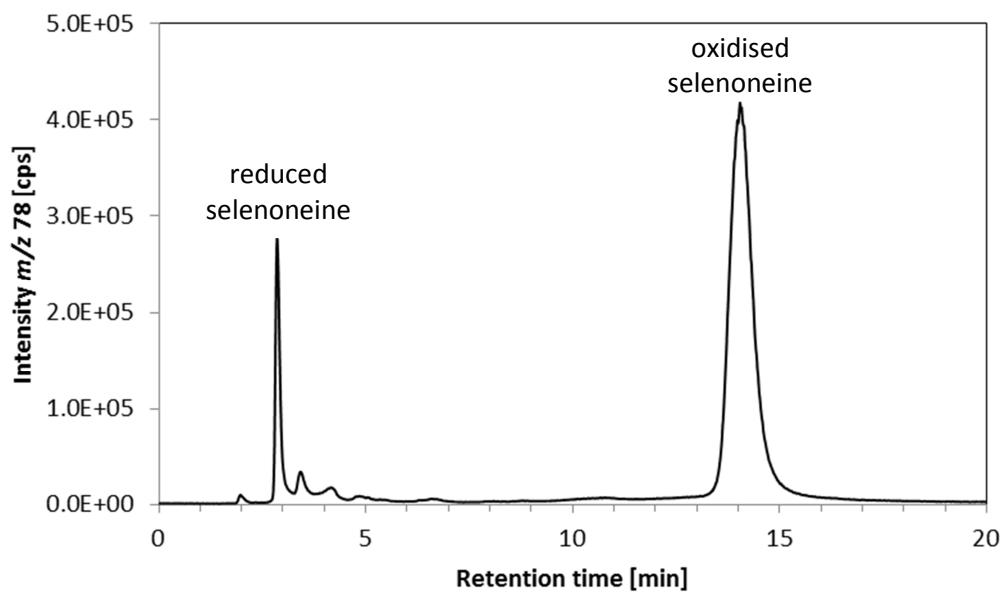


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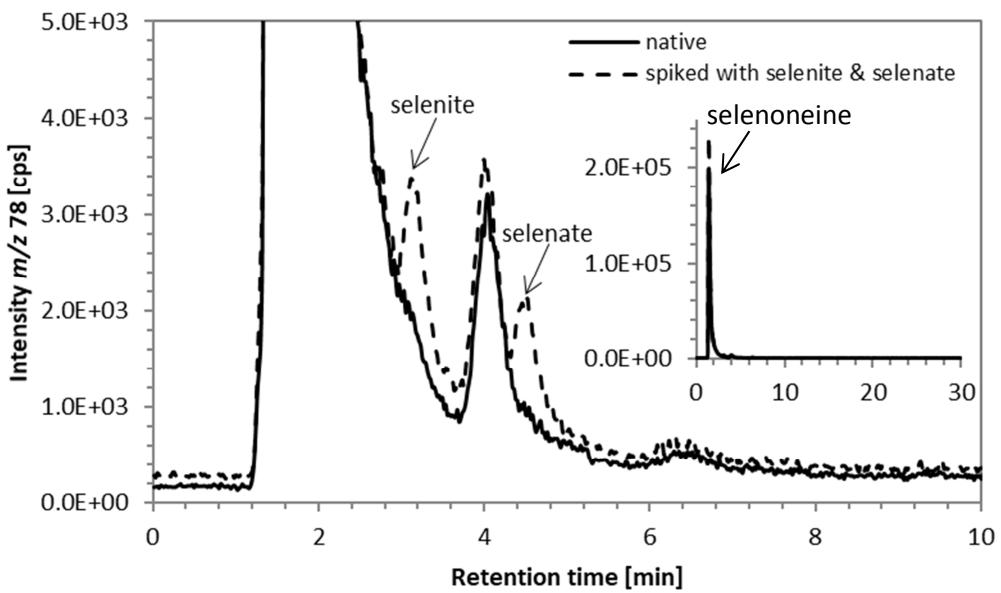


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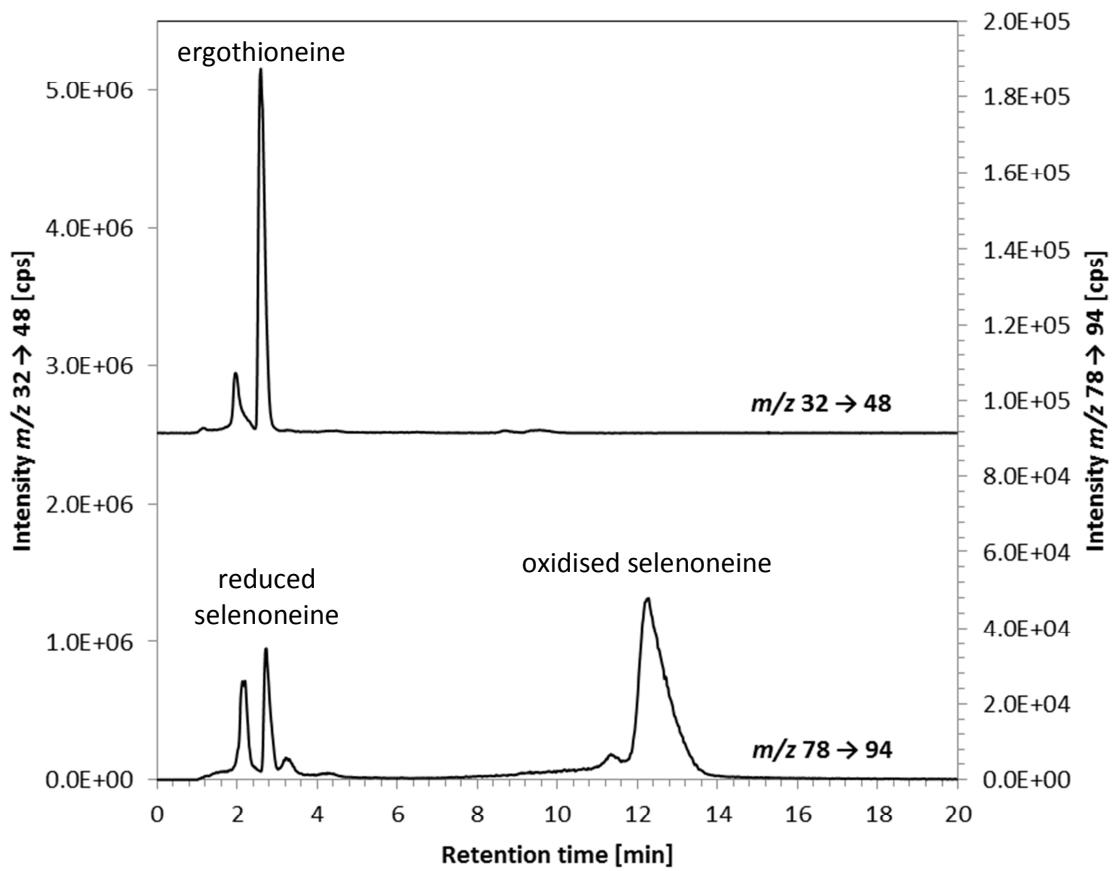


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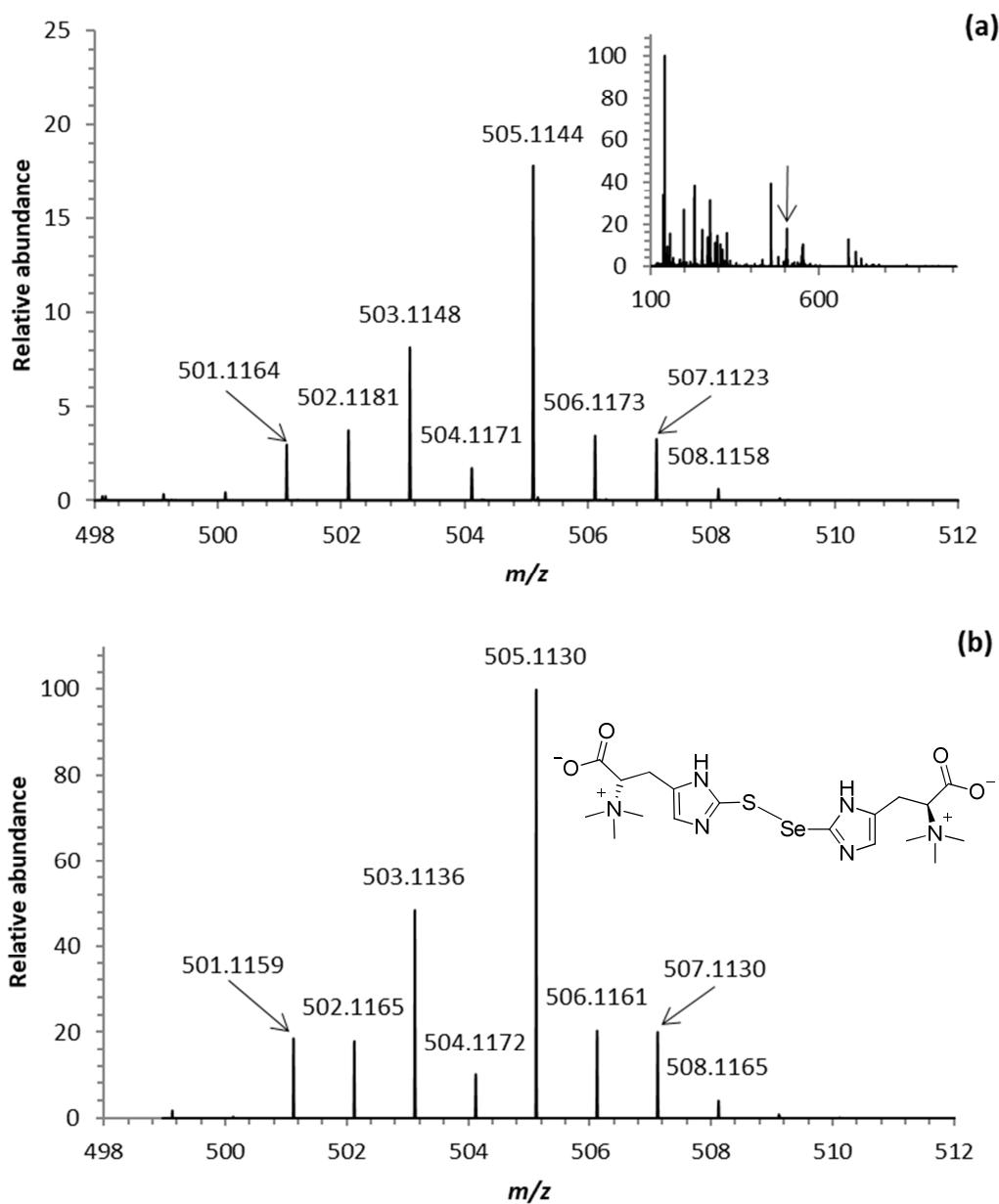


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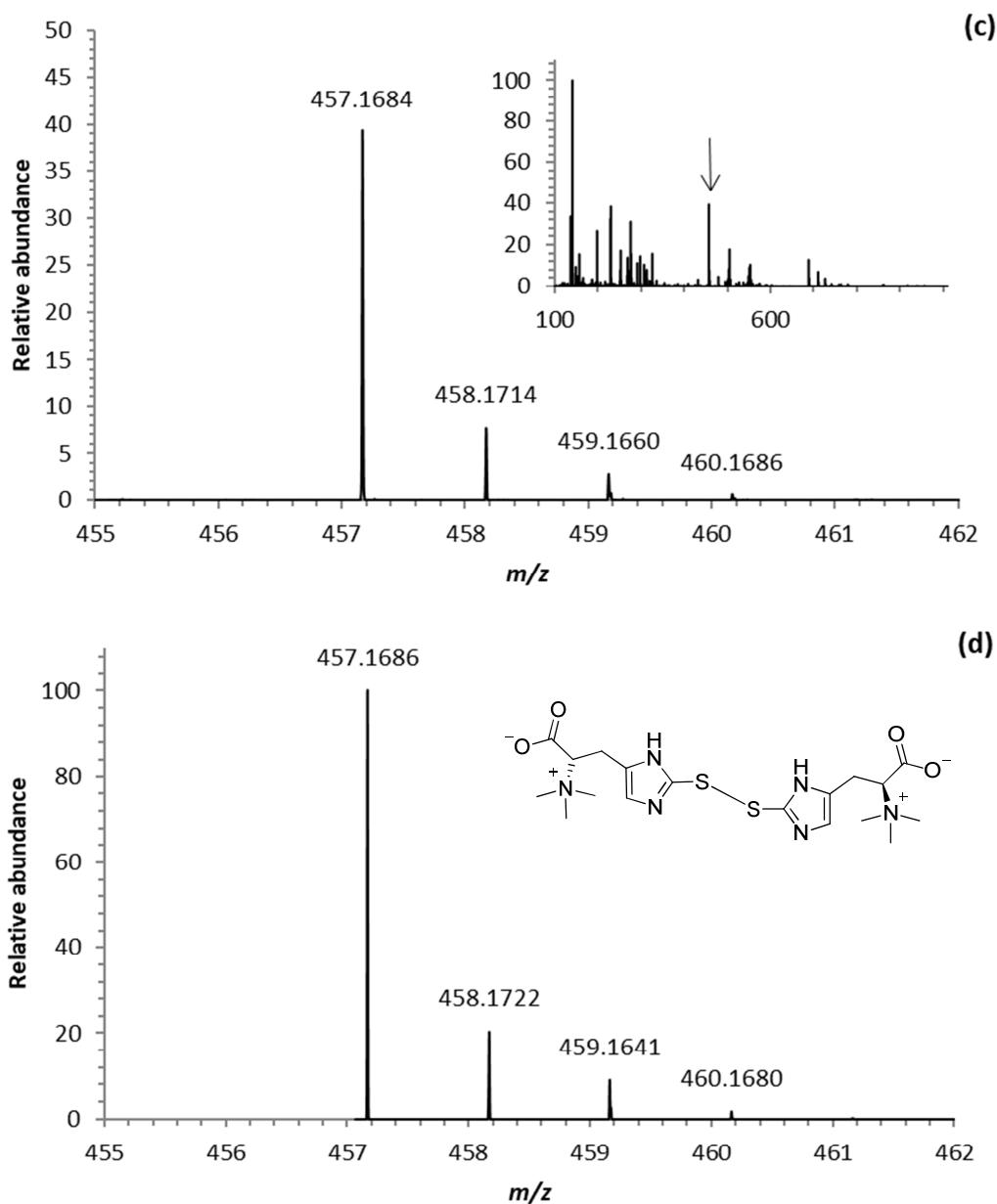


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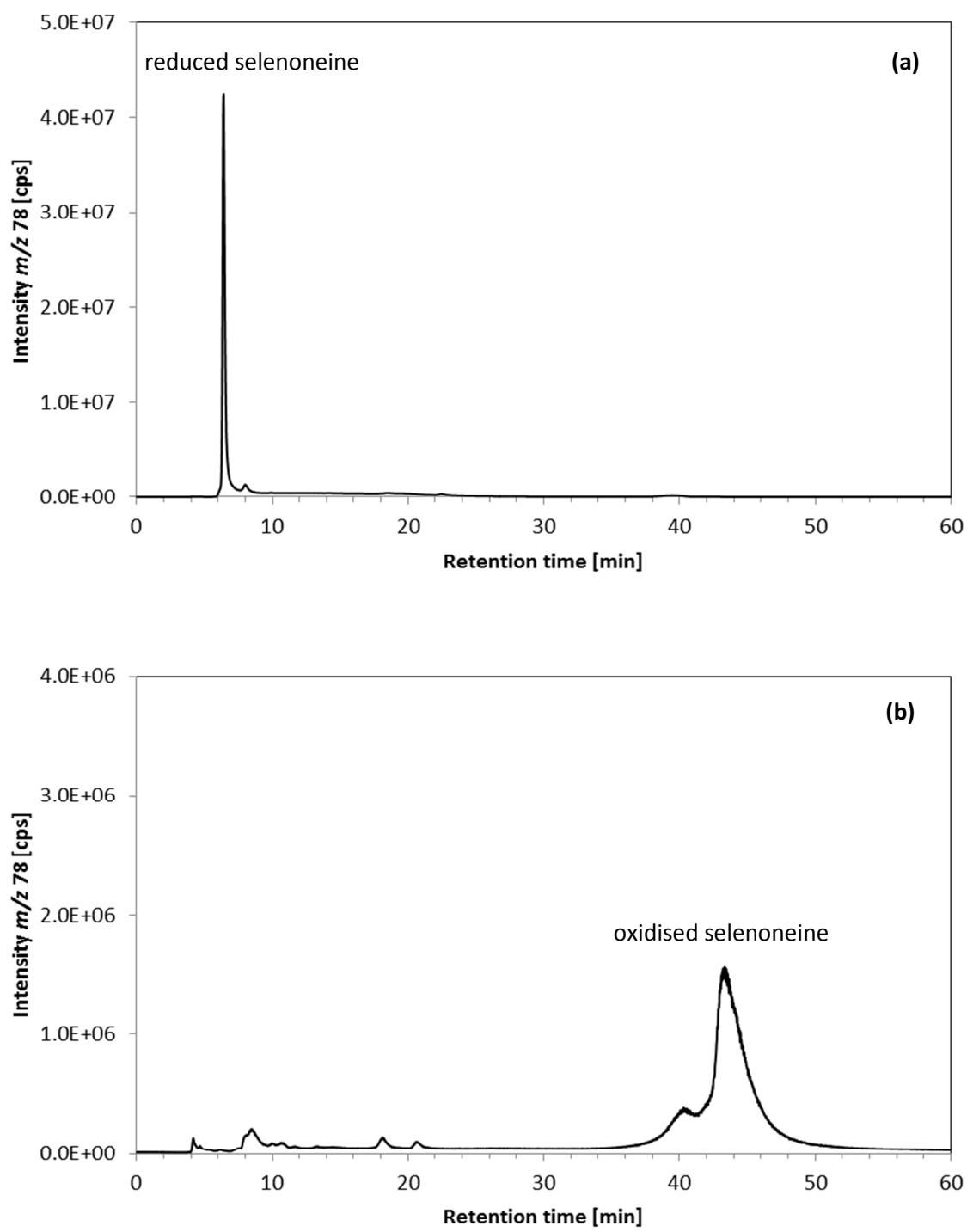


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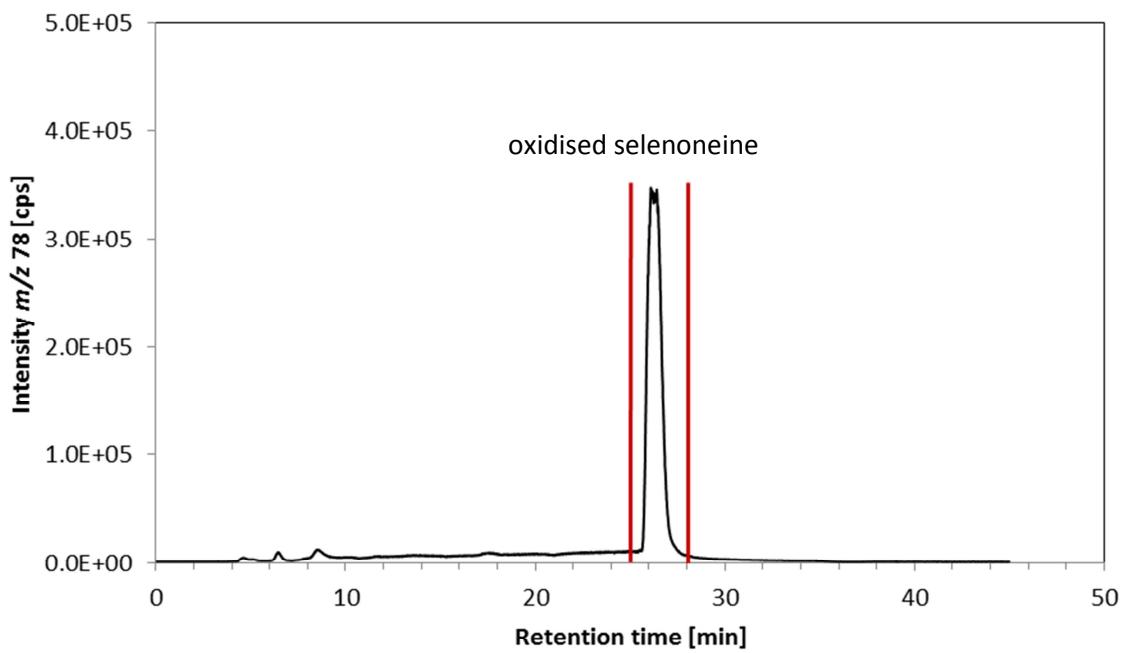


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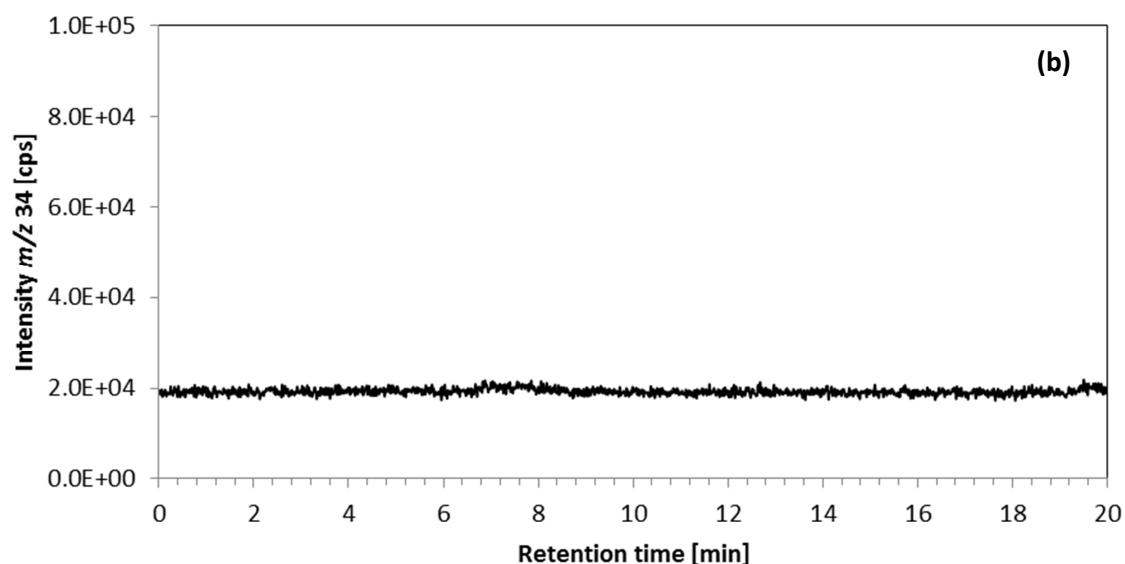
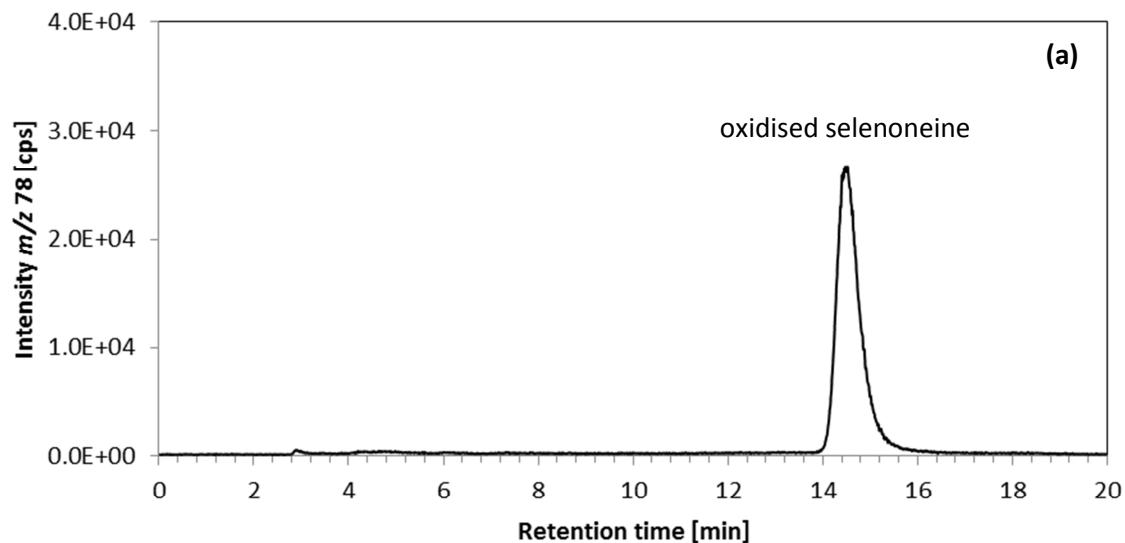


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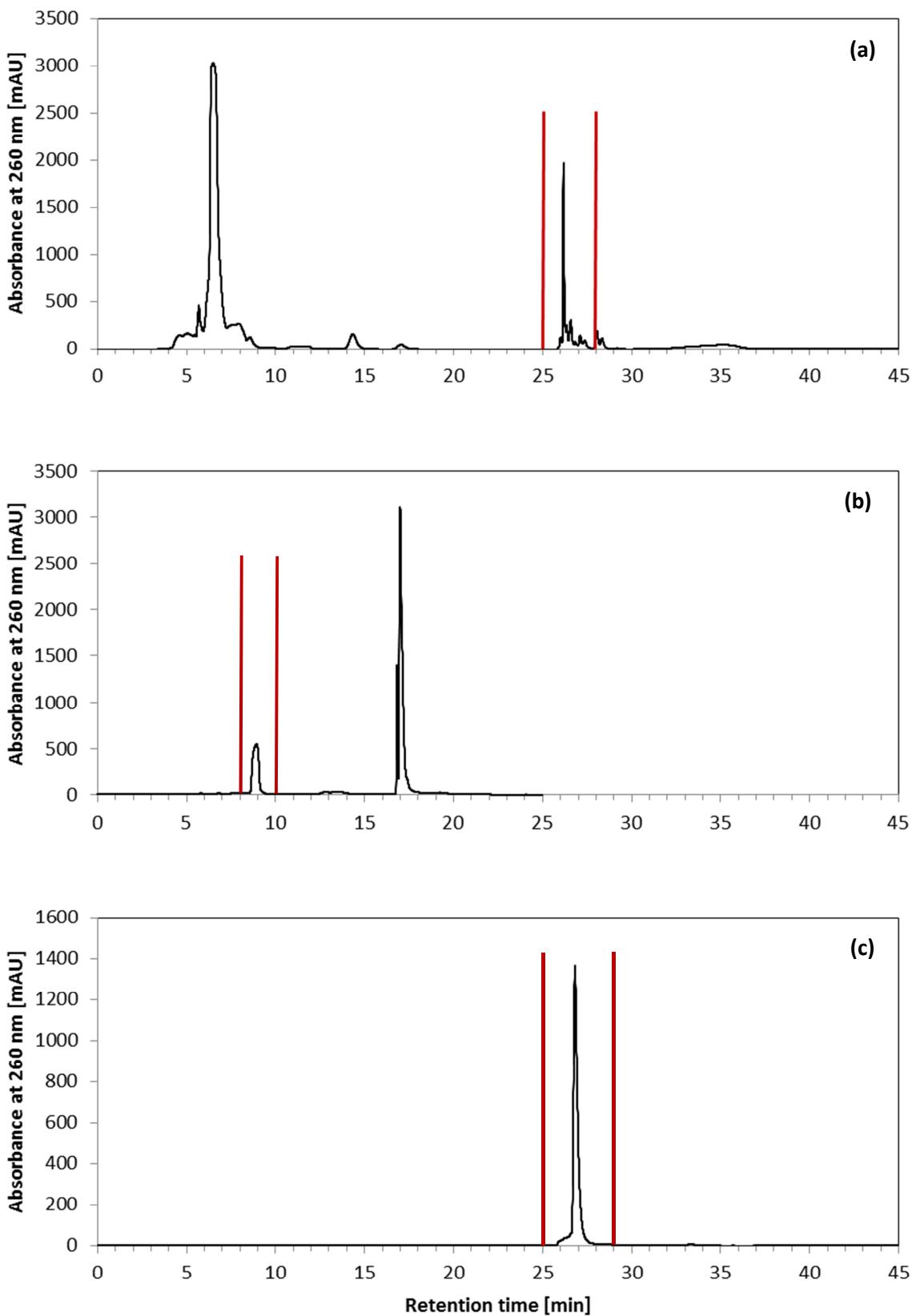


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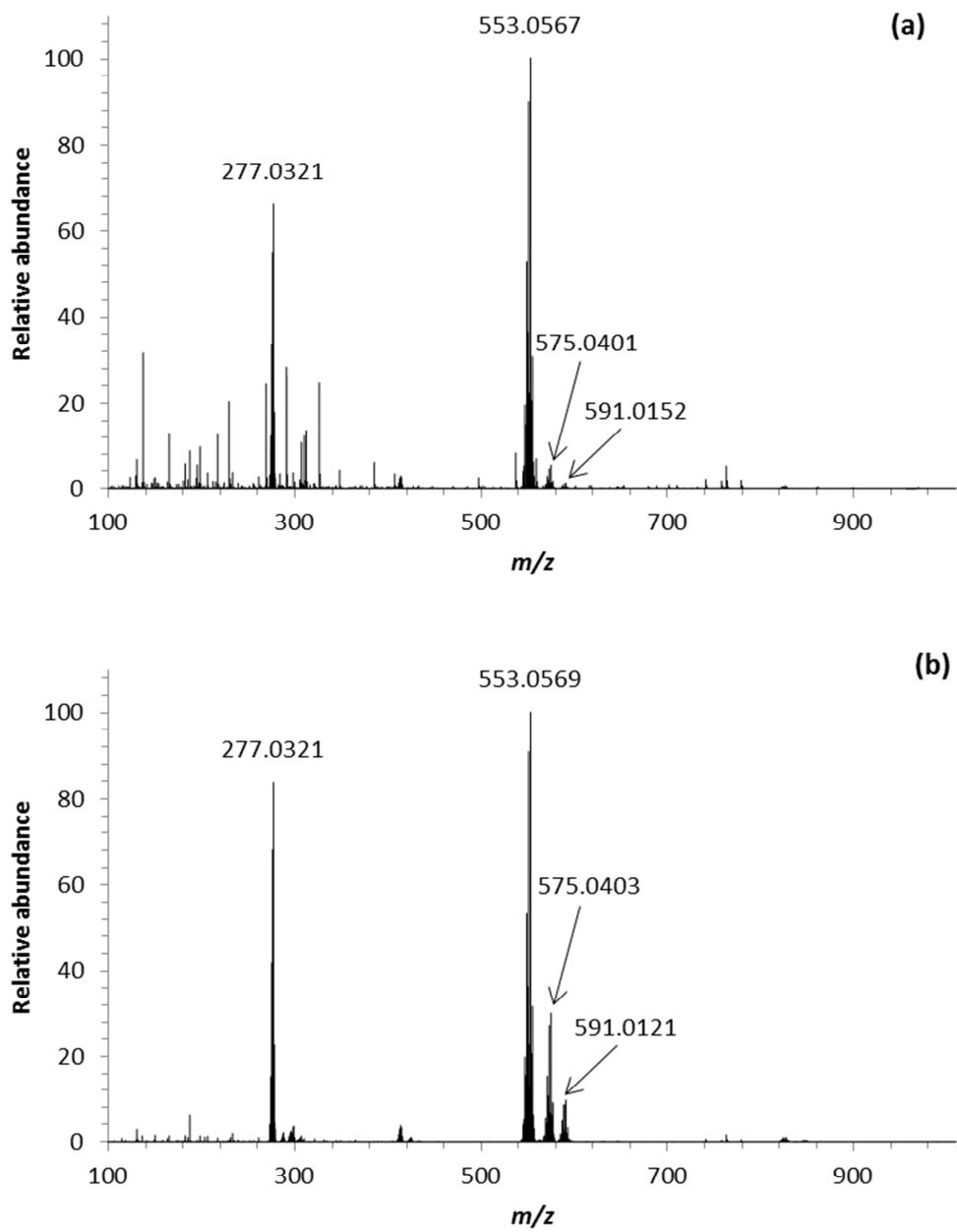


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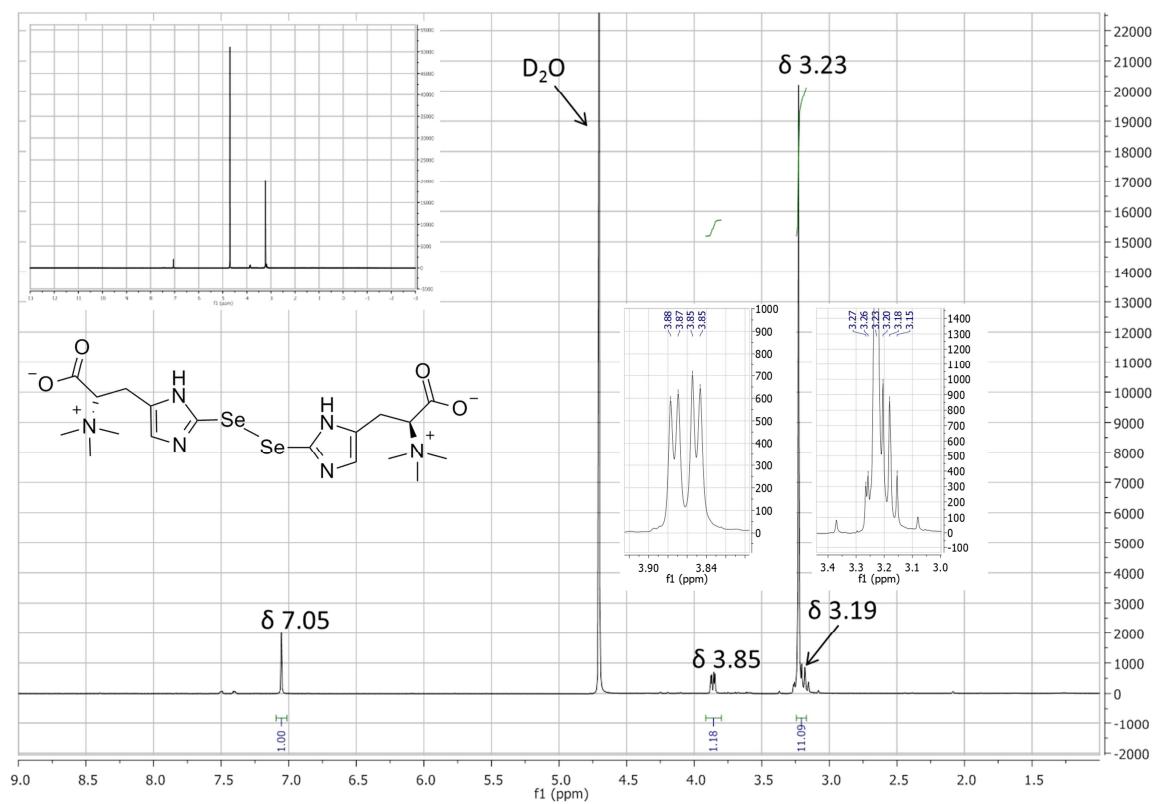


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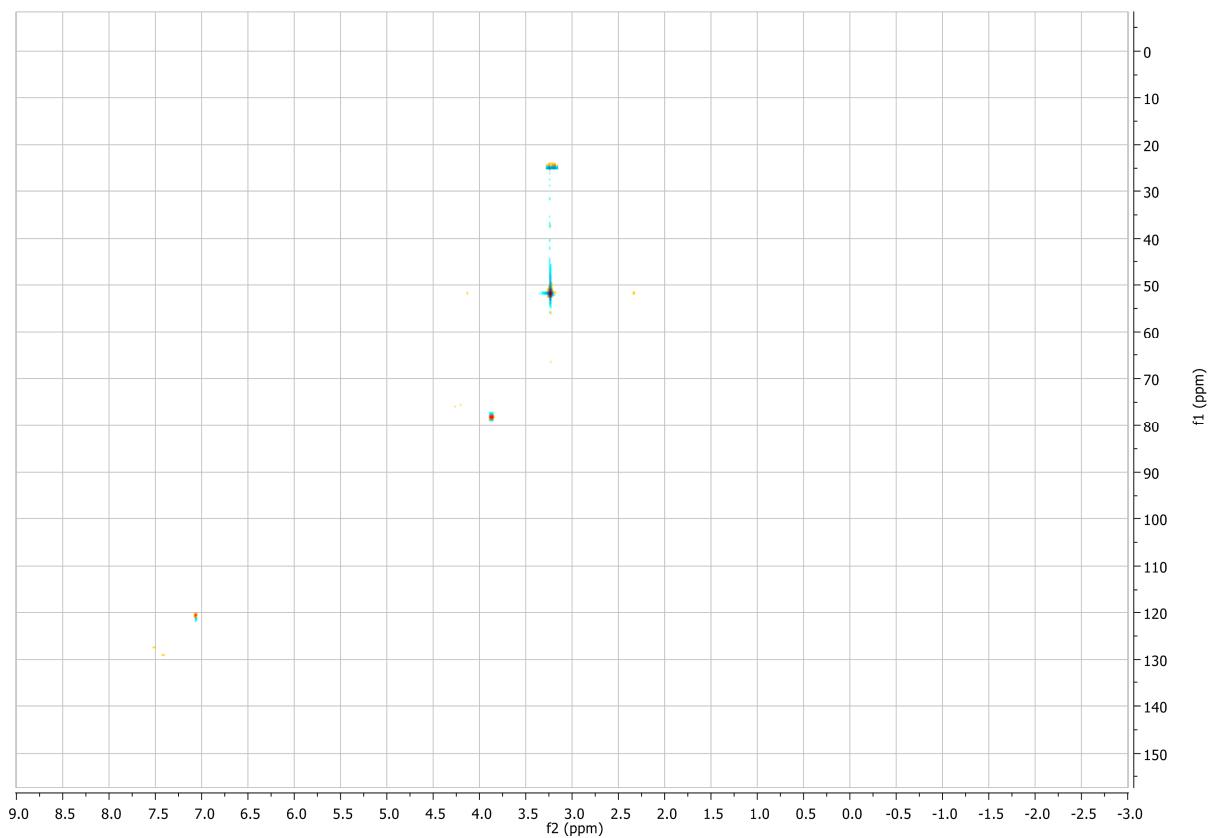


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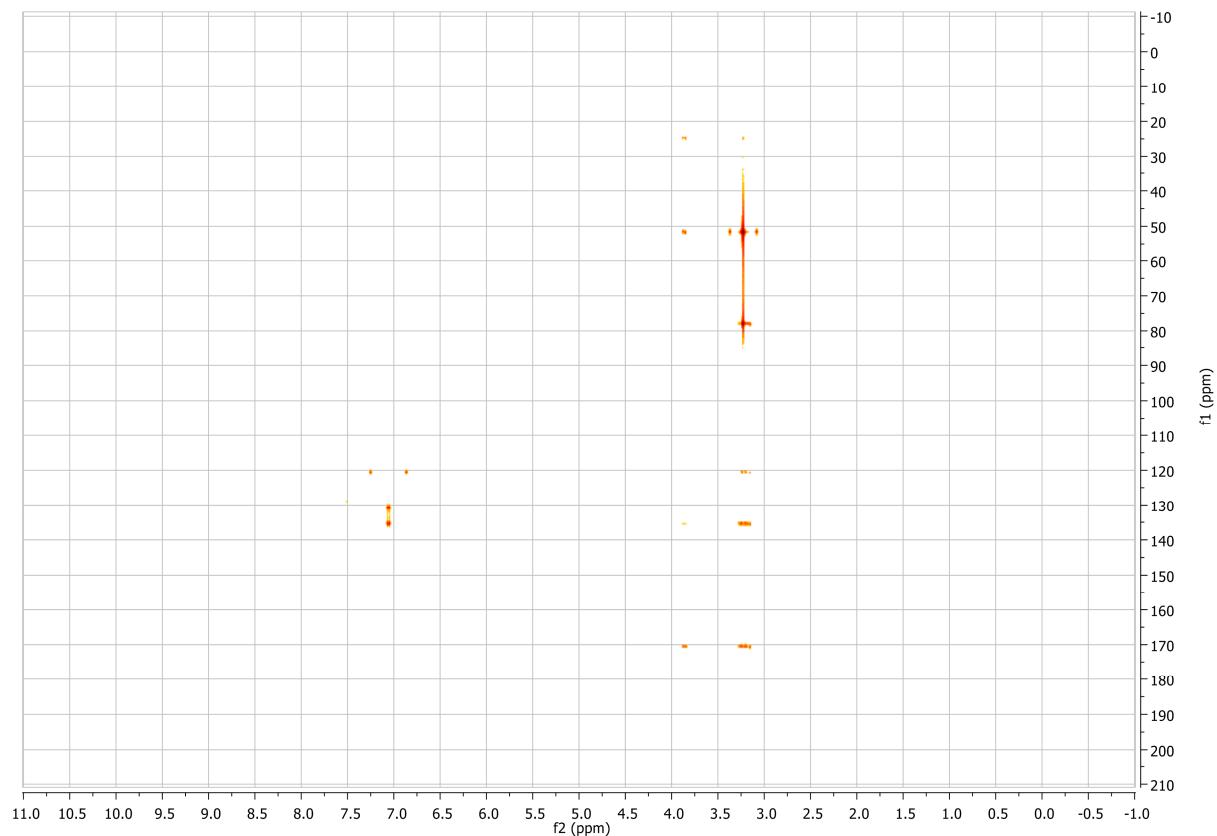


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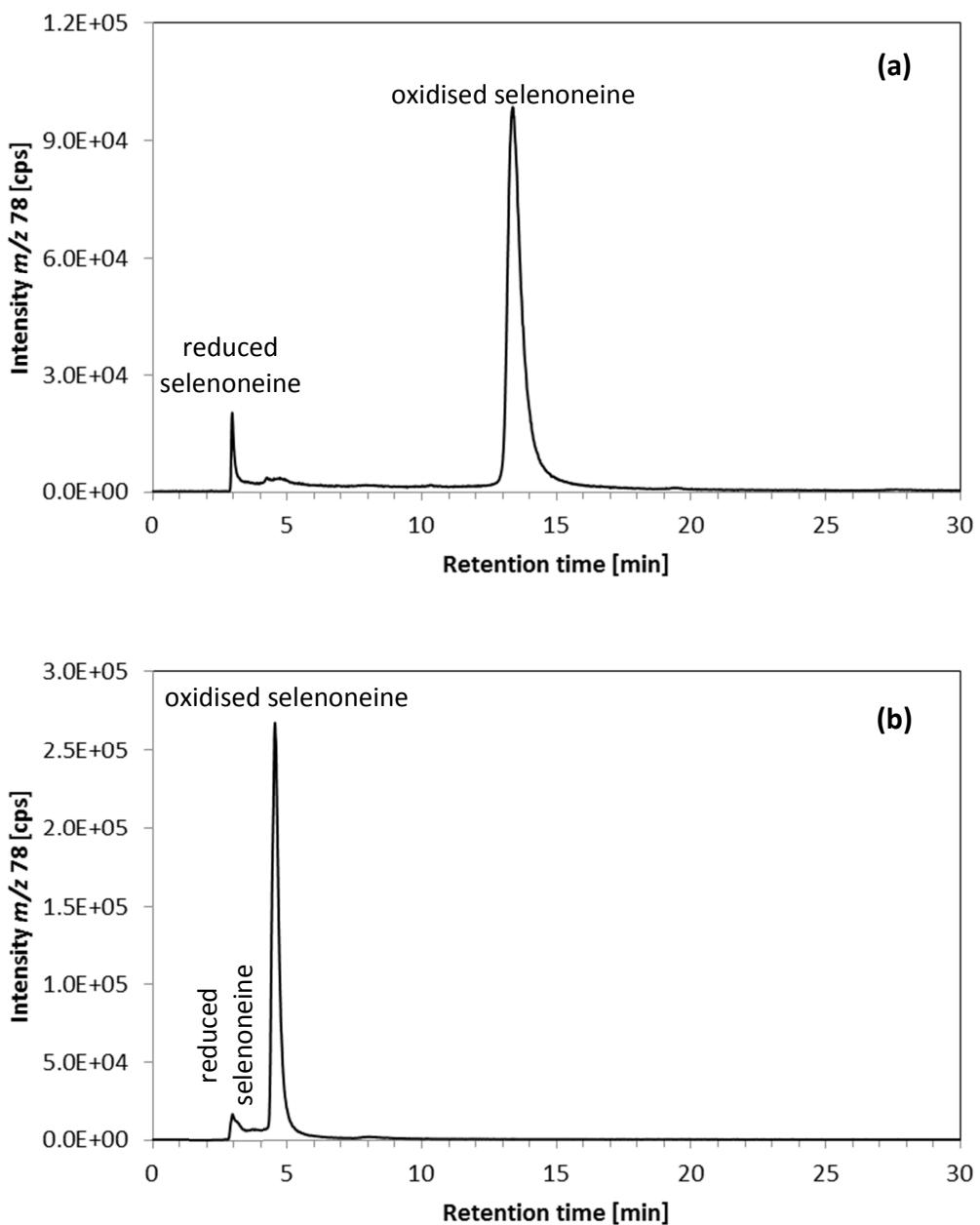


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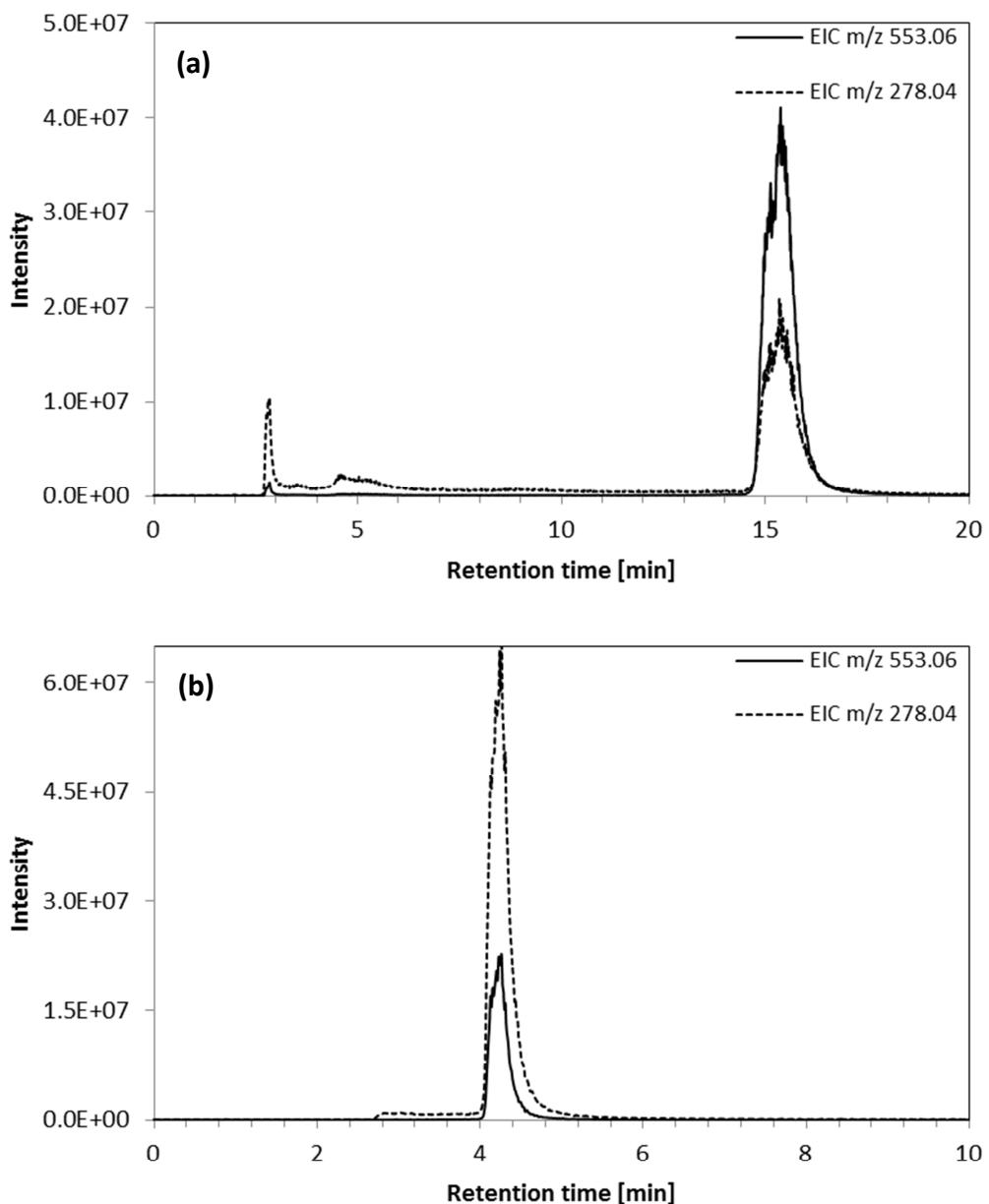


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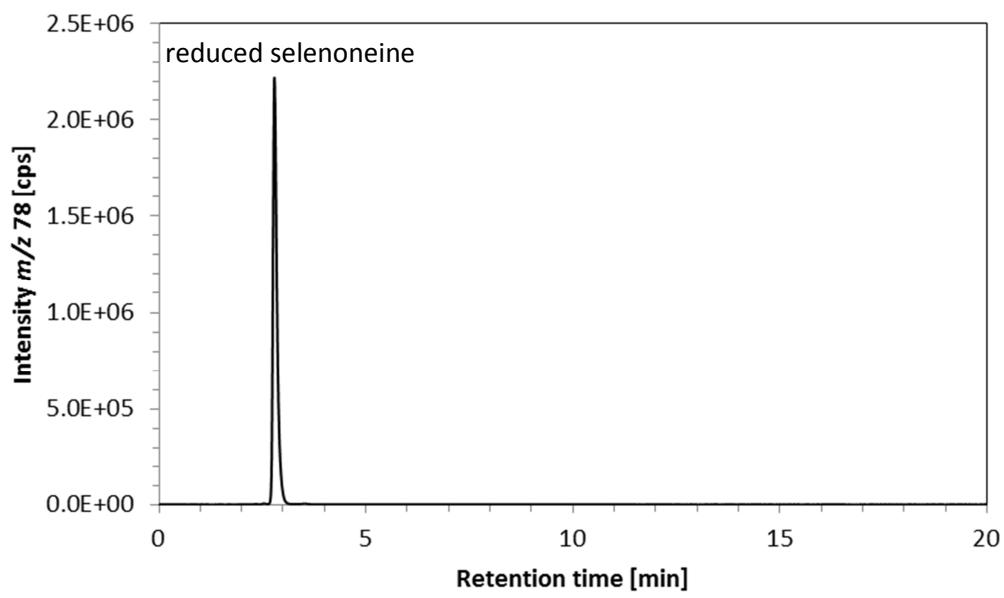


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