

Supporting Information

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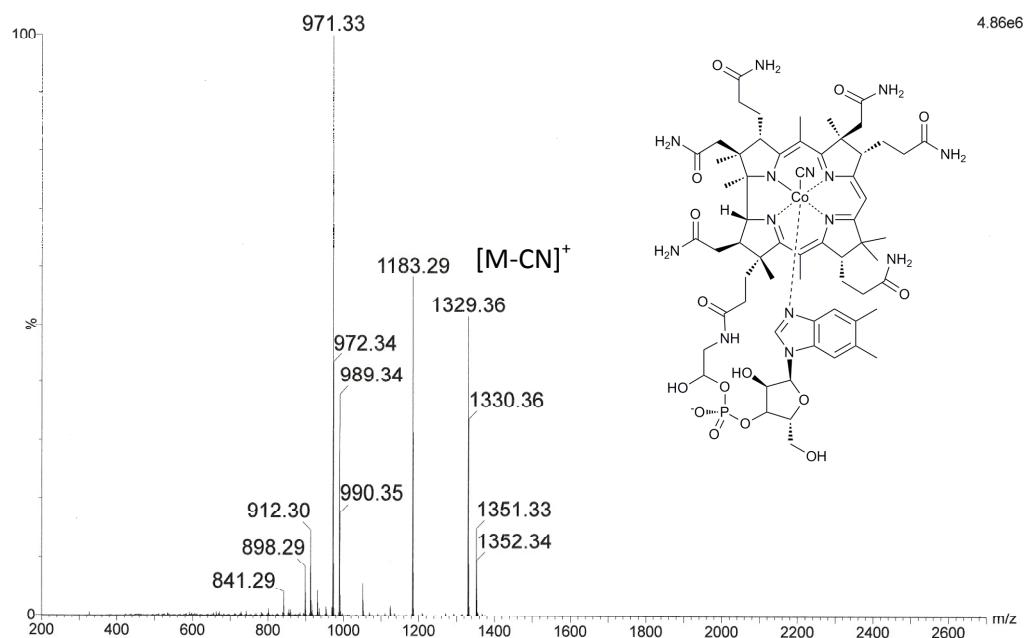
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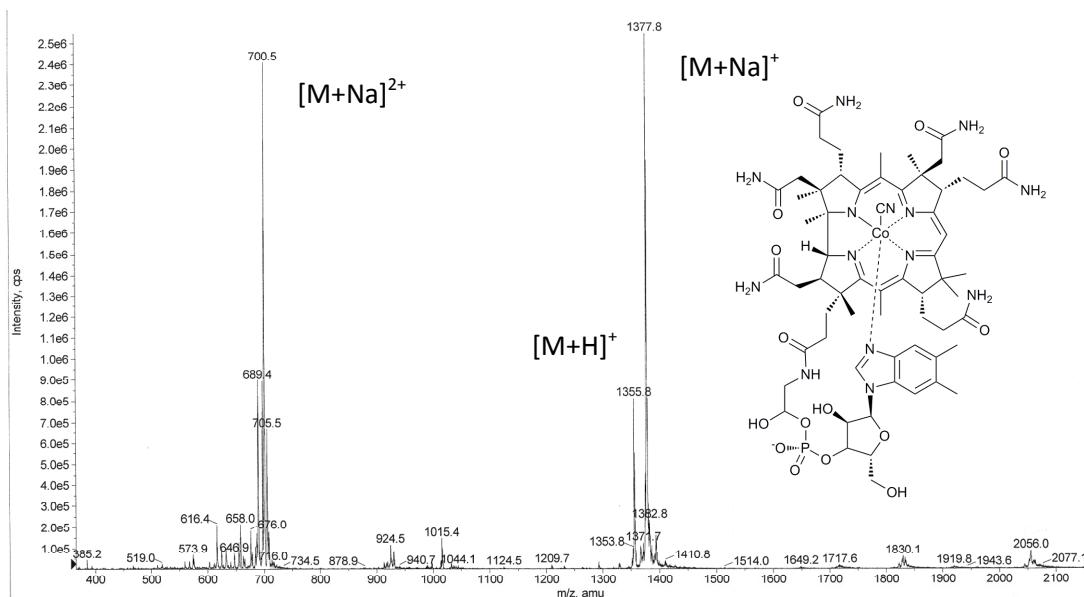
2. Mass Spectrometry: In our experience, ESI is the most suitable ionization technique for mass spectrometry experiments for most of the vitamin B₁₂ derivatives, in which mono-charged signals for [M-CN]⁺ or [M+Na]⁺ cations are usually obtained.ⁱ However, due to the size of the compound MALDI is also commonly used. Examples of MS spectra for (CN)Cbl and (CN)₂Cby(OMe)₇ are shown below.

(CN)Cbl MALDI

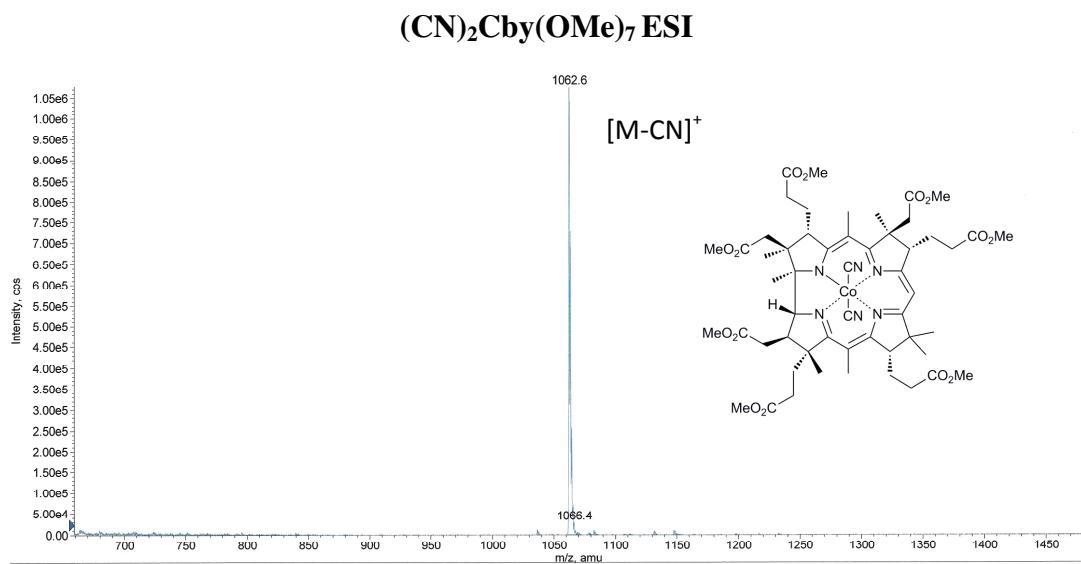
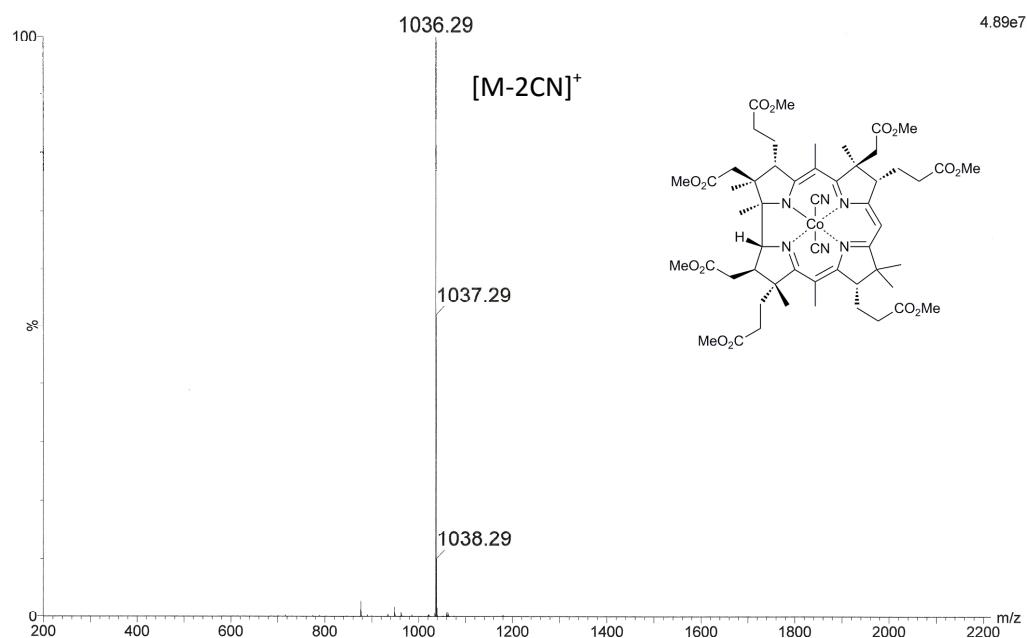
Matrix: α -cycano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid



(CN)Cbl ESI



(CN)₂Cby(OMe)₇ MALDI
Matrix: α -cycano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid



3. Elemental Analysis

It is common for many analogues to coordinate water molecules, which must be included in the calculated values for elemental analysis.

4. References

ⁱ Świder, P. Ph. D. Thesis, *Institute of Organic Chemistry PAS*, 2012.