

Supporting Files

**Attenuation of decabromodiphenyl ether (BDE209) using Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup> complexed with citrate in various environmental and toxicity assessment by evaluating ryegrass**

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**Tab. S1** Orthogonal Experiment on Degradation of BDE209 by Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup>-NaCA/CA

System

| Initial concentration<br>of BDE209<br>Dosage of Ag/Fe <sup>0</sup> | 5 mg/Kg soil | 10 mg/Kg soil | 15 mg/Kg soil |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                                                    |              |               |               |
| 10 g/Kg soil                                                       | B5-10        | B10-10        | B15-10        |
| 20 g/Kg soil                                                       | B5-20        | B10-20        | B15-20        |
| 30 g/Kg soil                                                       | B5-30        | B10-30        | B15-30        |

**Tab. S2** Significance test of Chlorophyll

| BDE209<br>Concentration<br>(mg/Kg soil) | Ag/mZVI<br>(g/Kg soil) | Mean   | SD      | Mean<br>Deviation | p      | 95%<br>Confidence interval |             |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------------|
|                                         |                        |        |         |                   |        | lower limit                | upper limit |
| Black control                           |                        | 1.7803 | 0.03001 |                   |        |                            |             |
|                                         | 10                     | 0.7723 | 0.0165  | 1.008**           | <0.001 | 0.9257                     | 1.0903      |
|                                         | 20                     | 1.1007 | 0.05501 | 0.680**           | <0.001 | 0.5974                     | 0.7619      |
| 5                                       | 30                     | 1.2703 | 0.02967 | 0.510**           | <0.001 | 0.4277                     | 0.5923      |
|                                         | 10                     | 2.2423 | 0.06586 | -0.462**          | <0.001 | -0.5443                    | -0.3797     |
|                                         | 20                     | 1.3723 | 0.04727 | 0.408**           | <0.001 | 0.3257                     | 0.4903      |
| 10                                      | 30                     | 1.1533 | 0.06882 | 0.627**           | <0.001 | 0.5447                     | 0.7093      |
|                                         | 10                     | 2.3507 | 0.07558 | -0.570**          | <0.001 | -0.6526                    | -0.4881     |
|                                         | 20                     | 1.5527 | 0.03894 | 0.228**           | <0.001 | 0.1454                     | 0.3099      |
| 15                                      | 30                     | 1.4743 | 0.05835 | 0.306**           | <0.001 | 0.2237                     | 0.3883      |

(\* indicates significant difference  $p < 0.05$ , \*\* indicates significant difference  $p < 0.001$ )

**Tab. S3** Significance test of Chlorophyll (5ppm BDE209)

| Ag/mZVI<br>(g/Kg soil) | Mean   | SD      | Mean<br>Deviation | p      | 95%<br>Confidence interval |                |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------|
|                        |        |         |                   |        | lower<br>limit             | upper<br>limit |
| 0                      | 0.9817 | 0.0319  |                   |        |                            |                |
| 10                     | 0.7723 | 0.0165  | 0.20933**         | <0.001 | 0.1271                     | 0.2916         |
| 20                     | 1.1007 | 0.05501 | -0.11900*         | 0.006  | -0.2013                    | -0.0367        |
| 30                     | 1.2703 | 0.02967 | -0.28867**        | <0.001 | -0.3709                    | -0.2064        |

(\* indicates significant difference  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*indicates significant difference  $p < 0.001$ )

**Tab. S4** Significance test of Chlorophyll (10ppm BDE209)

| Ag/mZVI<br>(g/Kg soil) | Mean   | SD      | Mean<br>Deviation | p      | 95%<br>Confidence interval |                |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------|
|                        |        |         |                   |        | lower<br>limit             | upper<br>limit |
| 0                      | 0.8637 | 0.02548 |                   |        |                            |                |
| 10                     | 2.2423 | 0.06586 | -1.37867**        | <0.001 | -1.4609                    | -1.2964        |
| 20                     | 1.3723 | 0.04727 | -0.50867**        | <0.001 | -0.5909                    | -0.4264        |
| 30                     | 1.1533 | 0.06882 | -0.28967**        | <0.001 | -0.3719                    | -0.2074        |

(\* indicates significant difference  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*indicates significant difference  $p < 0.001$ )

**Tab. S5** Significance test of Chlorophyll (15ppm BDE209)

| Ag/mZVI<br>(g/Kg soil) | Mean   | SD      | Mean<br>Deviation | p      | 95%<br>Confidence interval |                |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------|
|                        |        |         |                   |        | lower<br>limit             | upper<br>limit |
| 0                      | 1.0310 | 0.05059 |                   |        |                            |                |
| 10                     | 2.3507 | 0.07558 | -1.31967*         | <0.001 | -1.4019                    | -1.2374        |
| 20                     | 1.5527 | 0.03894 | -0.52167**        | <0.001 | -0.6039                    | -0.4394        |
| 30                     | 1.4743 | 0.05835 | -0.44333**        | <0.001 | -0.5256                    | -0.3611        |

(\* indicates significant difference  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*indicates significant difference  $p < 0.001$ )

**Tab. S6** Significance test of MDA

| Ag/Mzvi<br>(g/Kg soil)  | Mean    | SD      | Mean<br>Deviation | p      | 95% Confidence interval |             |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                         |         |         |                   |        | lower limit             | upper limit |
| Black<br><i>control</i> | 9.0537  | 0.06760 |                   |        |                         |             |
| 0                       | 15.1523 | 0.19956 | -6.09867**        | <0.001 | -6.3150                 | -5.8824     |
| 10                      | 15.1533 | 0.13969 | -6.09967**        | <0.001 | -6.3160                 | -5.8834     |
| 20                      | 17.1750 | 0.09246 | -8.12133**        | <0.001 | -8.3376                 | -7.9050     |
| 30                      | 9.5413  | 0.19914 | -0.48767**        | <0.001 | -0.7040                 | -0.2714     |
| 0                       | 15.6987 | 0.18249 | -6.645**          | <0.001 | -6.8613                 | -6.4287     |
| 10                      | 17.7570 | 0.08793 | -8.70333**        | <0.001 | -8.9196                 | -8.487      |
| 20                      | 11.8143 | 0.13979 | -2.76067**        | <0.001 | -2.9770                 | -2.5444     |
| 30                      | 9.1987  | 0.10843 | -0.145            | 0.180  | -0.3613                 | 0.0713      |
| 0                       | 16.4860 | 0.08654 | -7.43233**        | <0.001 | -7.6486                 | -7.2160     |
| 10                      | 11.0443 | 0.06992 | -1.99067**        | <0.001 | -2.2070                 | -1.7744     |
| 20                      | 13.4580 | 0.09866 | -4.40433**        | <0.001 | -4.6206                 | -4.1880     |
| 30                      | 9.4603  | 0.09692 | -0.40667**        | 0.001  | -0.6230                 | -0.1904     |

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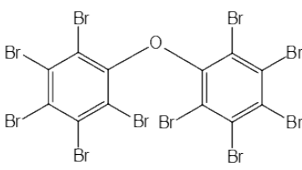
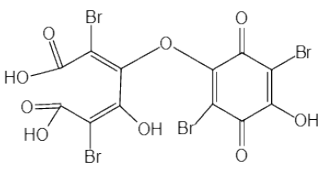
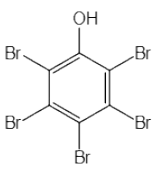
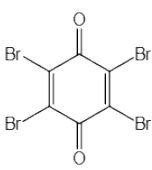
| BDE209 Concentration<br>(mg/Kg soil) |
|--------------------------------------|
| 5                                    |
| 10                                   |
| 15                                   |

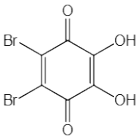
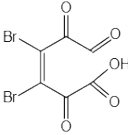
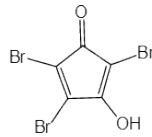
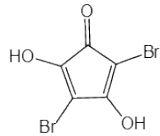
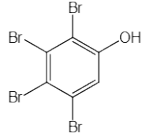
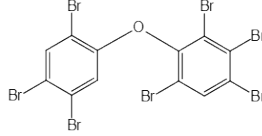
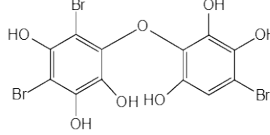
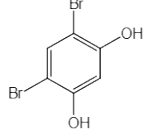
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**Tab. S7** Elemental atomic composition of newly prepared Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup> materials and materials after Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup>-CA reaction

| element     | Newly prepared (%) | After reaction (%) |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| oxygen (O)  | 45.51              | 59.26              |
| iron (Fe)   | 54.37              | 40.34              |
| silver (Ag) | 0.12               | 0.40               |
| total       | 100                | 100                |

**Tab. S8** LC-MS detection of BDE209 degradation process product details

| Number | Molecular formula                                             | keep       | m/z            | Structural formula                                                                   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                                                               | time (min) | (+/- Ion mode) |                                                                                      |
| I      | C <sub>12</sub> Br <sub>10</sub> O                            | 9.39       | 961.22 (+)     |   |
| II     | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> O <sub>9</sub> | 7.28       | 616.14 (-)     |  |
| III    | C <sub>6</sub> HBr <sub>5</sub> O                             | 9.26       | 486.58 (-)     |  |
| IV     | C <sub>6</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                 | 12.18      | 423.33 (-)     |  |

|      |                    |       |            |                                                                                      |
|------|--------------------|-------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| V    | $C_6H_2Br_2O_4$    | 0.64  | 300.16 (+) |    |
| VI   | $C_6HBr_2O_5$      | 10.02 | 313.27 (+) |    |
| VII  | $C_5HBr_3O_2$      | 10.33 | 333.23 (-) |    |
| VIII | $C_5H_2Br_2O_3$    | 4.46  | 270.97 (+) |   |
| IX   | $C_6H_2Br_4O$      | 9.61  | 408.67 (-) |  |
| X    | $C_{12}H_3Br_7O$   | 7.19  | 728.05 (-) |  |
| XI   | $C_{12}H_7Br_3O_7$ | 6.49  | 509.07 (-) |  |
| XII  | $C_6H_4Br_2O_2$    | 8.07  | 266.99 (-) |  |

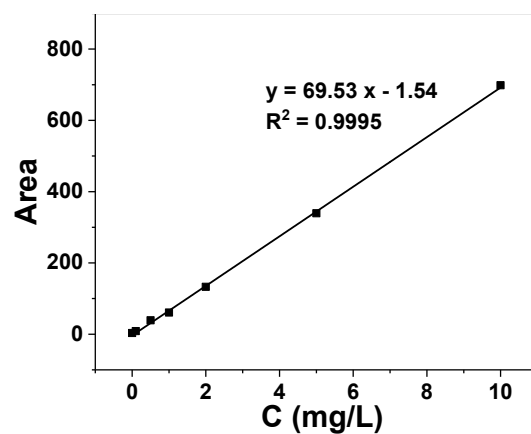


Fig. S1 The standard curve of BDE209 detection by HPLC

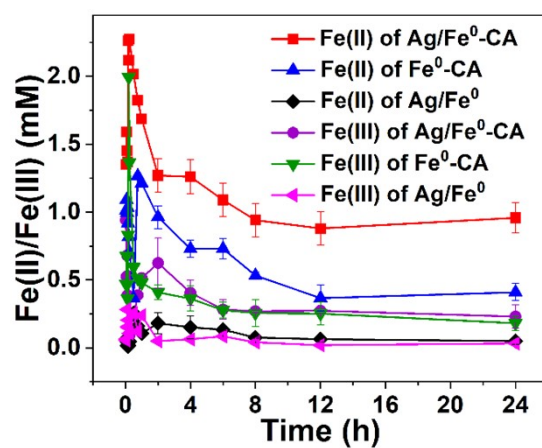
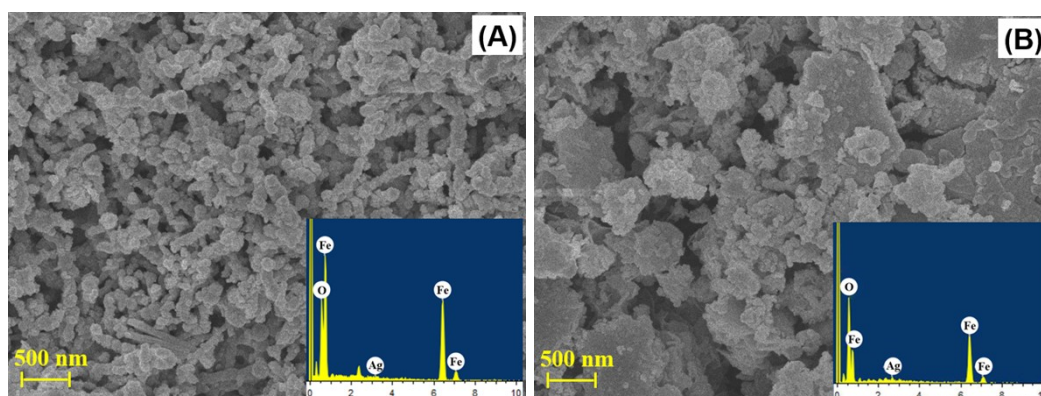
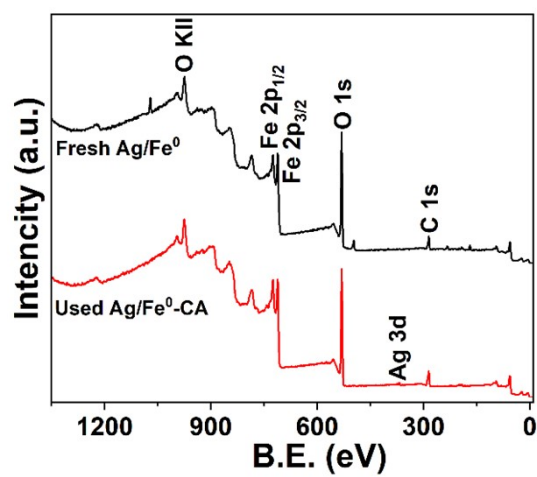


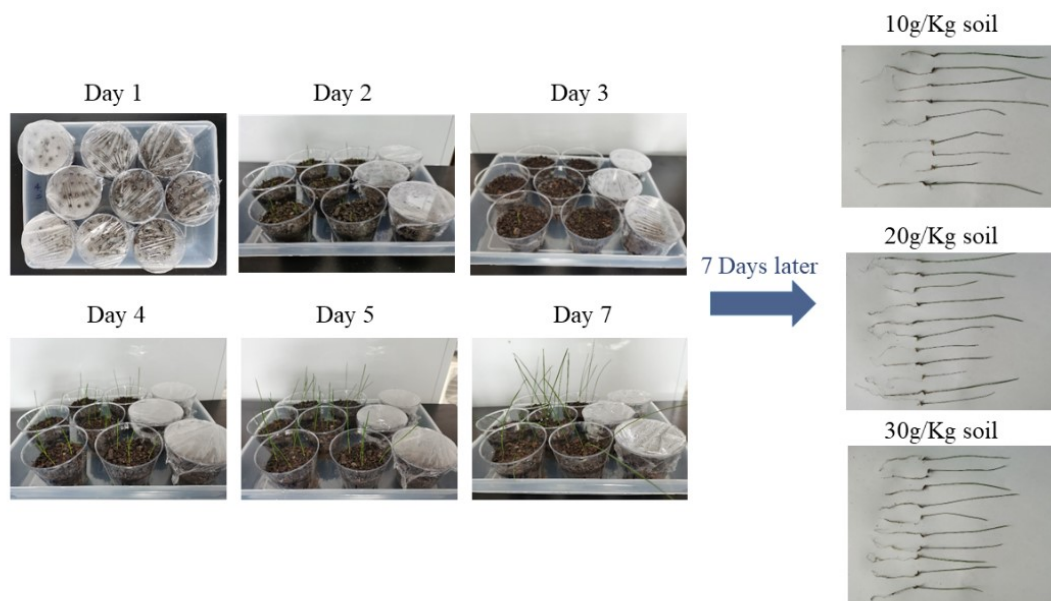
Fig. S2 Variation of soluble iron content in different systems



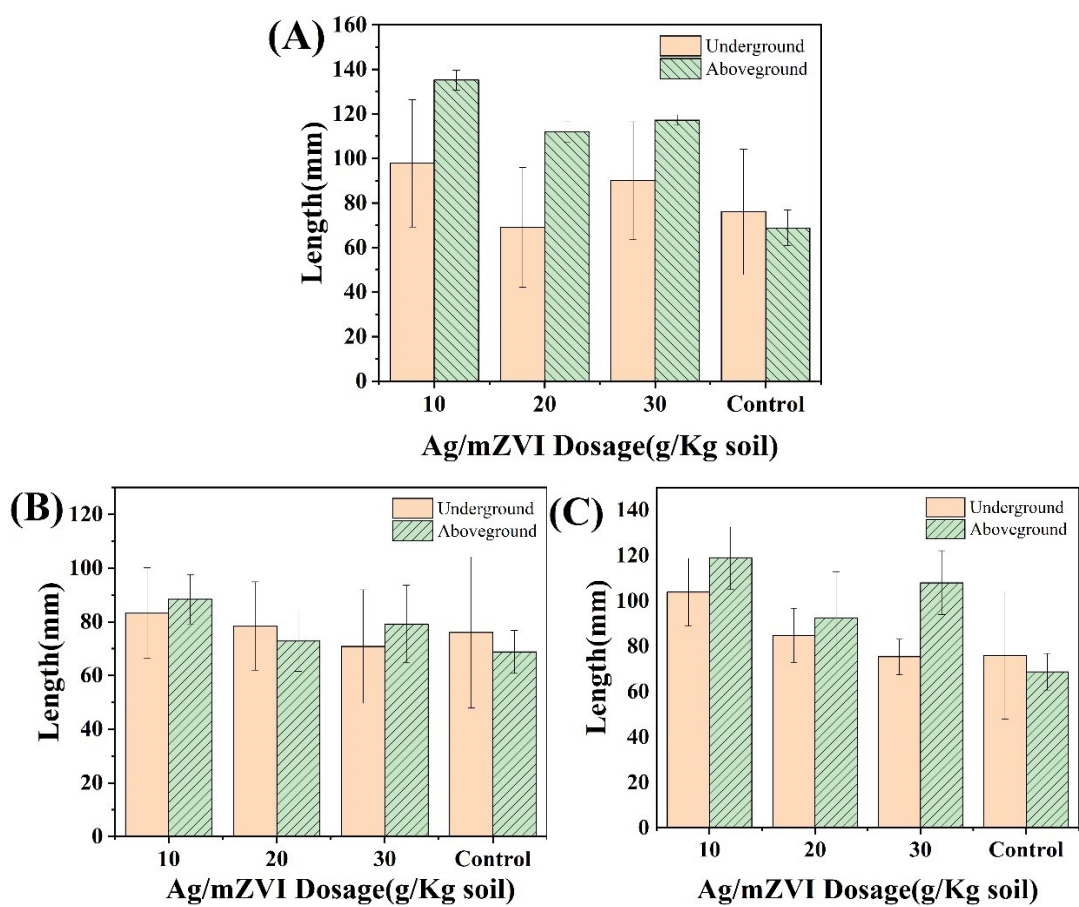
**Fig. S3** (A) SEM image of newly prepared Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup> material; (B) SEM image of the material after Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup>-CA reaction. The inset is corresponding to EDX



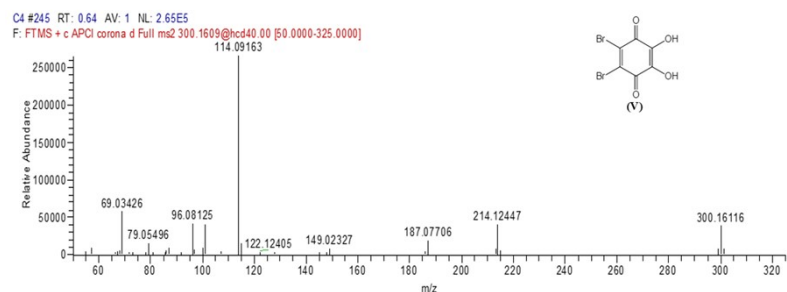
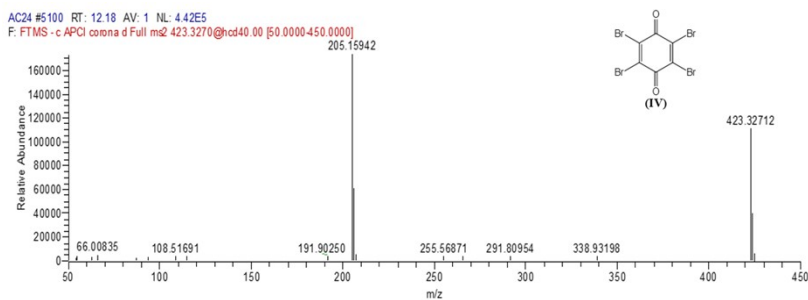
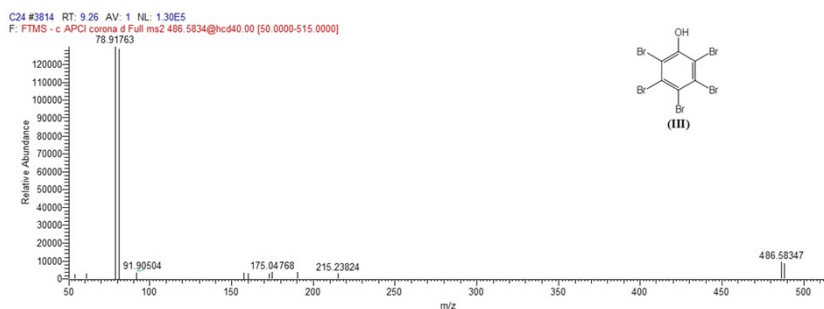
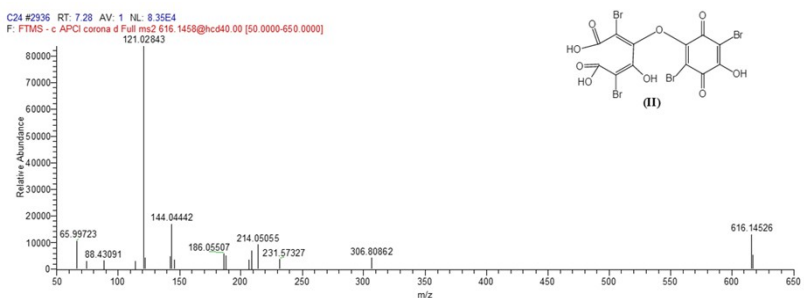
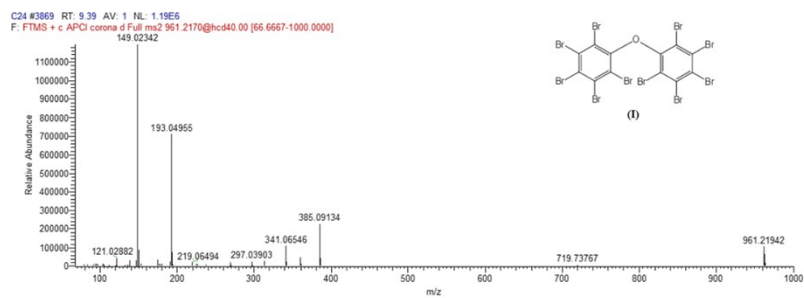
**Fig. S4** XPS spectrum of the material before and after the reaction of full range

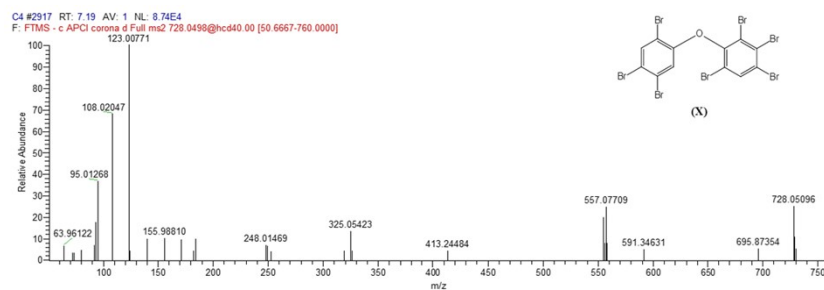
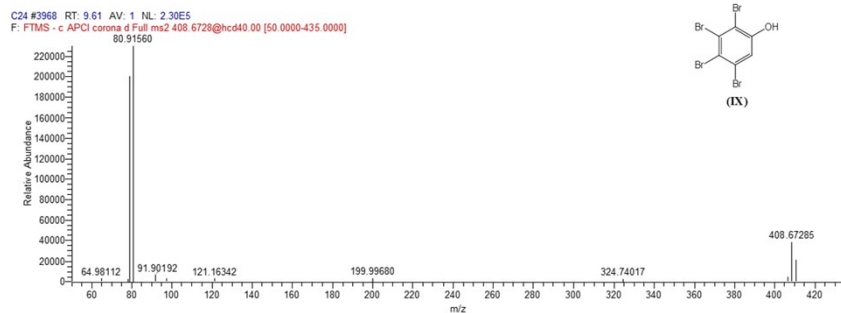
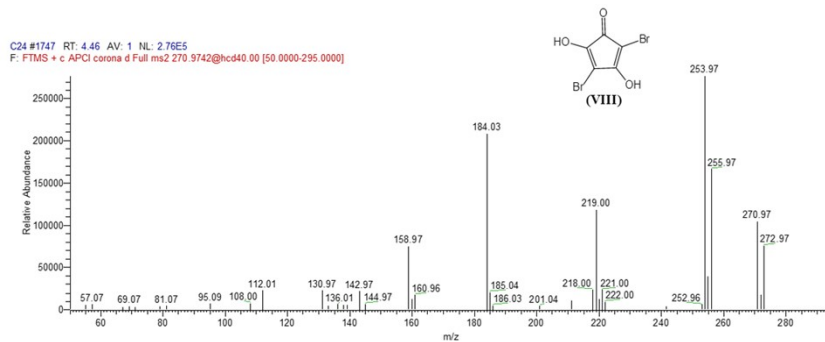
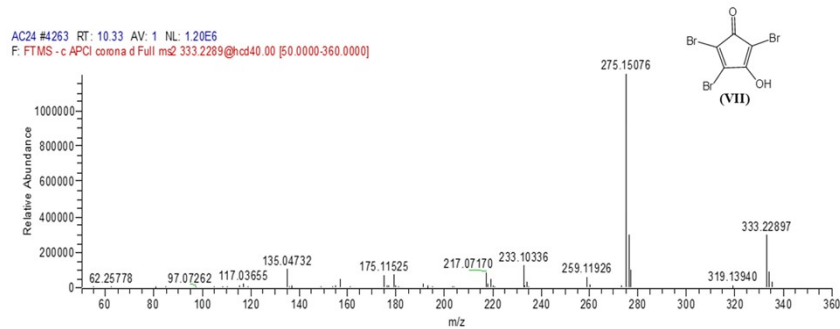
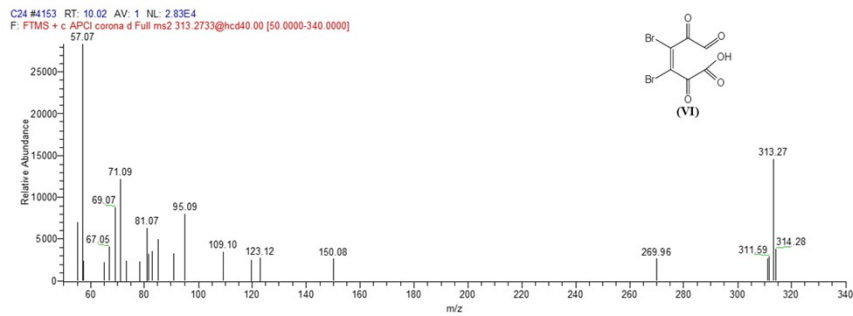


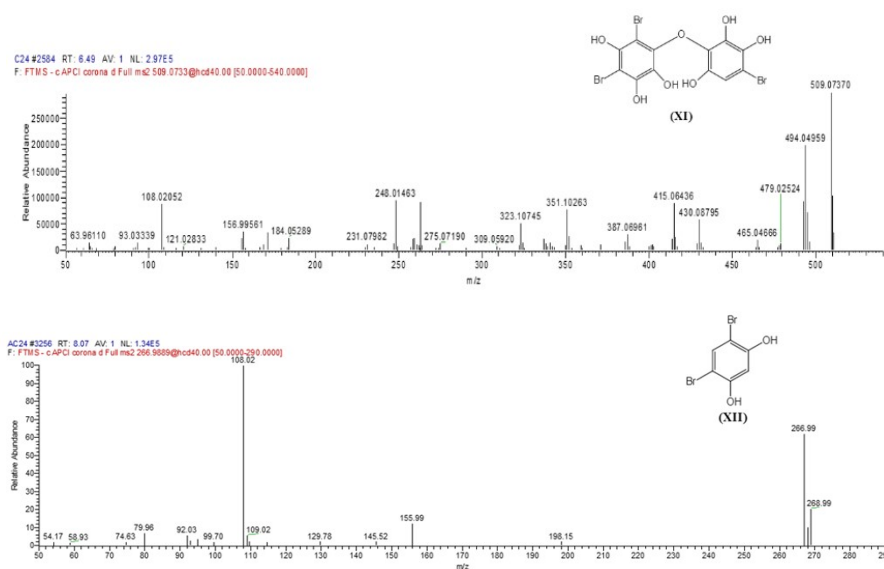
**Fig. S5** Growth status of ryegrass remediated soil by Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup>-NaCA/CA during 7-day planting



**Fig. S6** Plant length of ryegrass in (A) 10 mg/Kg, (B) 20 mg/Kg, (C) 15 mg/Kg Ag/Fe<sup>0</sup>-NaCA/CA system







**Fig. S7** LC-MS detection of the mass spectrum of the degradation products of  
BDE209