

Supporting Information

Zn(II) complexation promotes isomerization and oxidative rearrangements of naringenin: evidence from IR ion spectroscopy and DFT calculations

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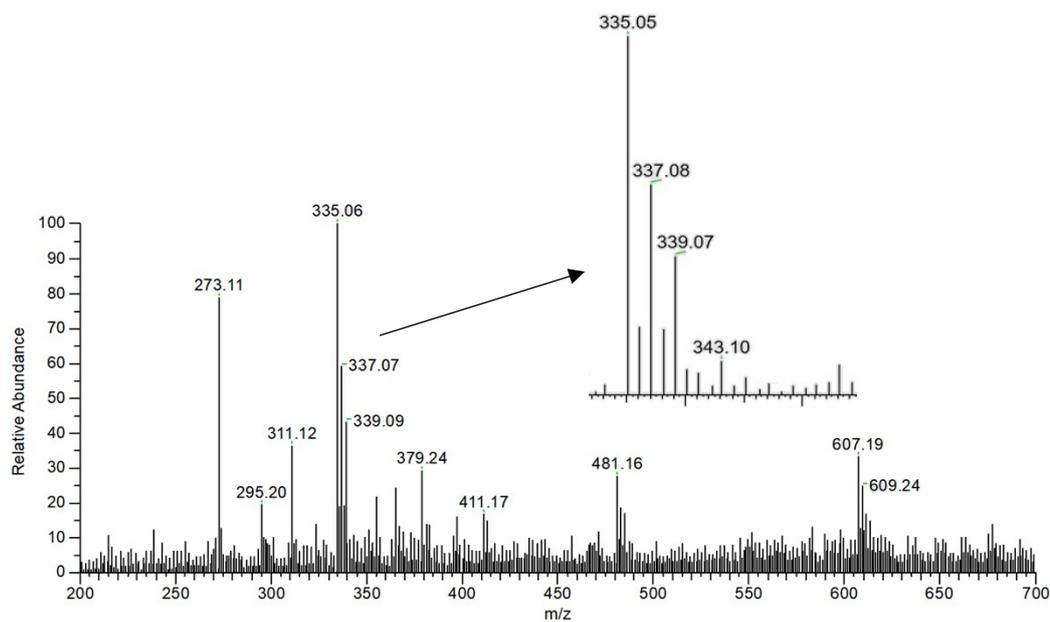


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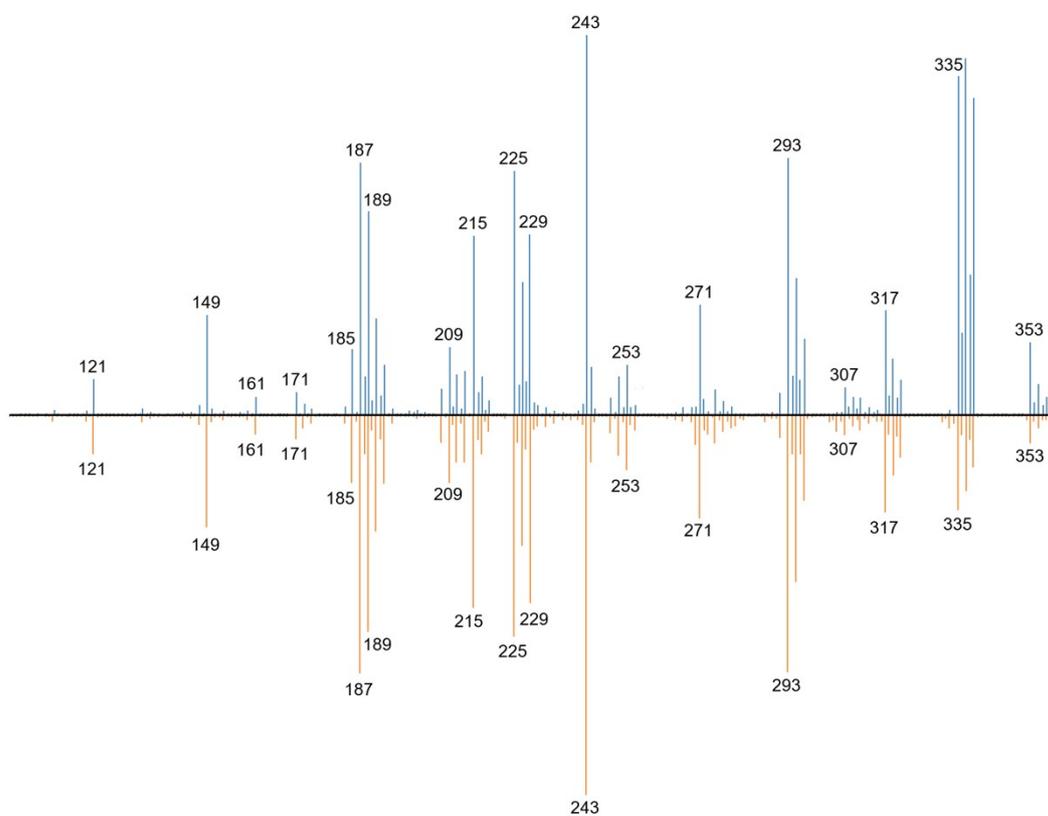


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Fragments ion (m/z)	Neutral loss	Neutral loss attributions
317	18	$-\text{H}_2\text{O}$
307	28	$-\text{CO}$
293	42	$-\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
271	64	$-\text{Zn}$
253	82	$-\text{2CO} -\text{H}_2\text{O}$
243	92	$-\text{Zn} -\text{CO}$
225	110	$-\text{2CO} -\text{3H}_2\text{O}$
229	106	$-\text{Zn} -\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
215	120	$-\text{Zn} -\text{2CO}$
209	126	-1,3,5 trihydroxylbenzene
189	146	$-\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$
187	148	$-\text{Zn} -\text{3CO}$
185	150	$-\text{Zn} -\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O} -\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
161	174	$-\text{Zn} -\text{2CO} -\text{3H}_2\text{O}$
149	186	$-\text{Zn} -\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$

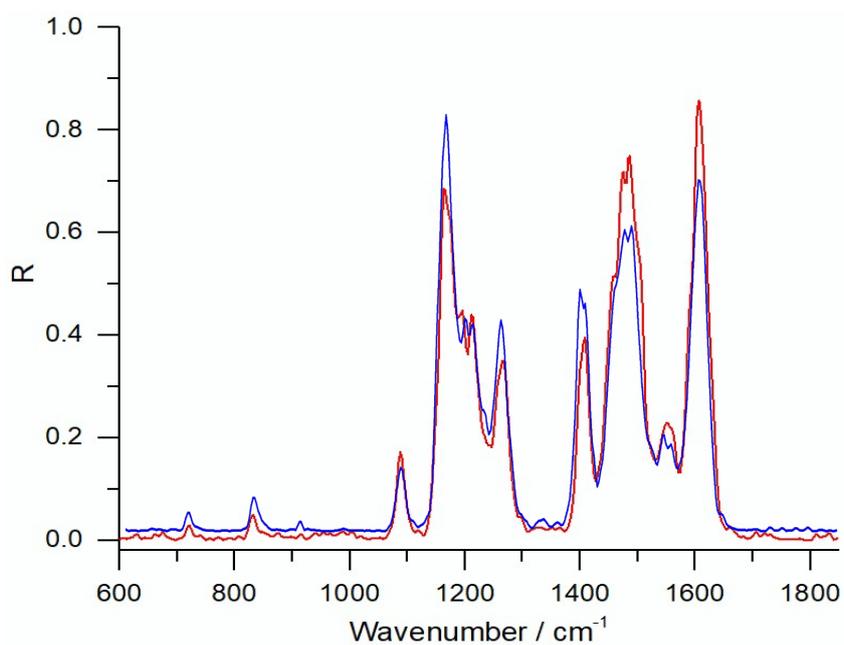


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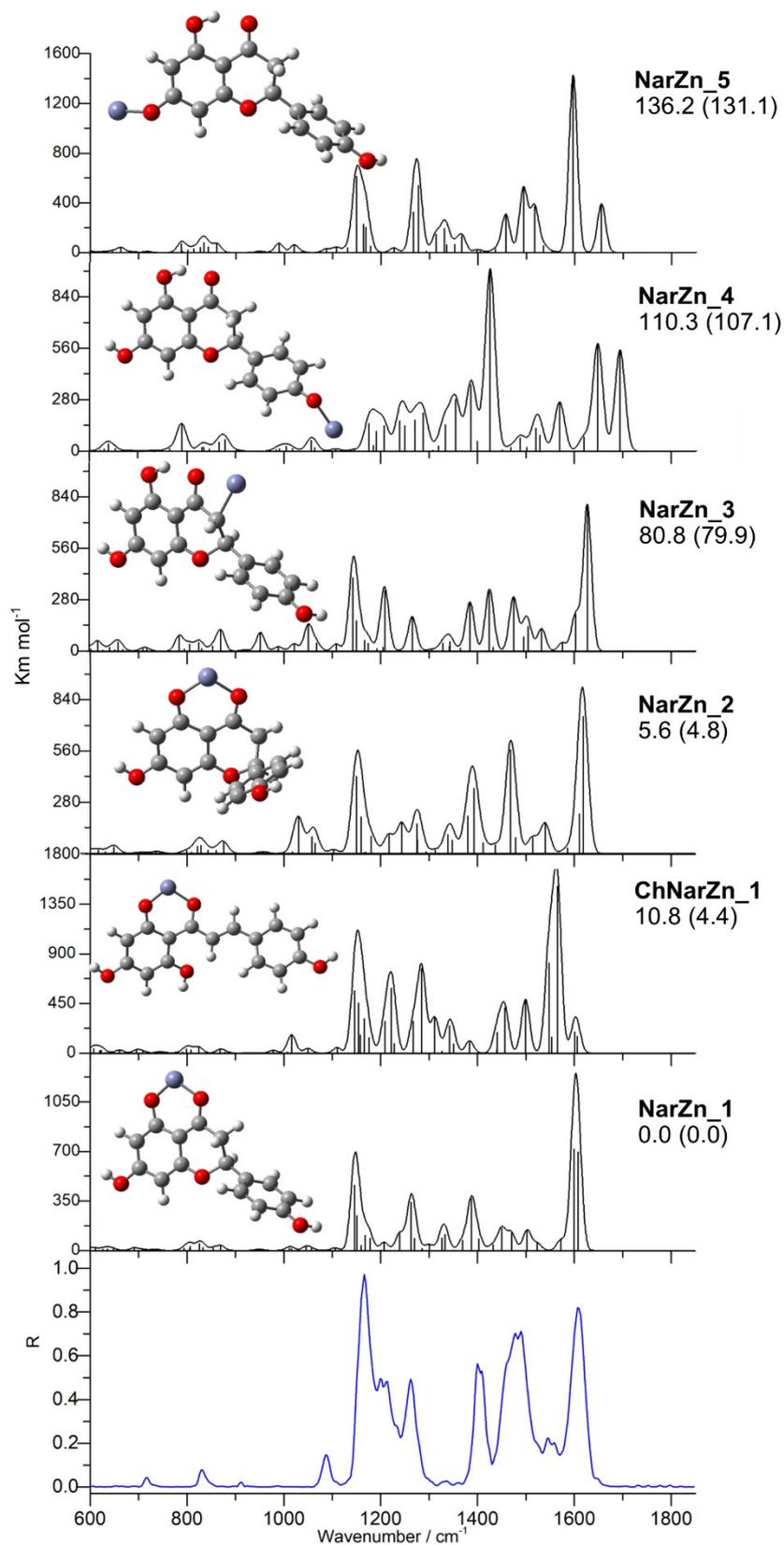


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	B3LYP-D3/6-311++G(d,p)				B2PLYP/def2TZVP			
	H corrected EE ^a	G corrected EE ^a	rel H ^b	rel G ^b	H corrected EE ^a	G corrected EE ^a	rel H ^b	rel G ^b
NarZn_1	-2733.495271	-2733.560703	0.00	0.00	-2732.583695	-2732.648919	0.00	0.00
ChNarZn_1	-2733.491145	-2733.559027	10.83	4.40	-2732.576146	-2732.643882	19.82	13.22
NarZn_2	-2733.493125	-2733.558882	5.63	4.78	-2732.580663	-2732.641673	7.96	19.02
NarZn_3	-2733.464487	-2733.530265	80.82	79.91				
NarZn_4	-2733.453254	-2733.519925	110.32	107.06				
NarZn_5	-2733.443387	-2733.510755	136.22	131.14				

^a in Hartree/particle; ^b in kJ/mol

Table S3. Experimental IRMPD bands of $[\text{Zn}(\text{Nar-H})]^{++}$ compared to calculated vibrational modes **NarZn_1**. Band positions are reported in cm^{-1} , while calculated intensities (Int) are in km mol^{-1} .

Exp	NarZn_1		Vibrational assignment
	Freq	Int	
1608 (intense)	1625	748	C7-O7, C6-C8a and C6-C5 stretchings
	1617	216	C4'-O, C5'-C6' and C3'-C2' stretchings
1549 (small)	1546	165	C8-C7-C6 asymm stretching + O7-H bending
	1520	88	ring B C-H bending ip
1482 (intense)	1485	86	C4a-C4, C7-O7 stretching
	1474	567	C4-O and C5-O stretchings, C6-H and C8-H bendings
1405 (medium)	1398	356	C3-H ₂ scissoring, C4-O stretching
	1386	205	C3-H ₂ wagging, C2-H bending
1334 (very small)	1352	74	O4'-H bending ip, C2-H bending
	1344	102	C2-H bending, C4'-O4' bending ip
1262 (medium)	1280	162	C4'-O4' stretching, ring B CH bending ip
	1248	166	C3-H ₂ wagging, C2-H bending
1206 (shoulder)	1222	100	O7-H bending, C3-H ₂ twisting
	1185	93	C3-H ₂ twisting, C6-H bending
1168 (most intense)	1164	200	O4'-H bending ip
	1154	422	O7-H bending, C8-H bending
1085 (small)	1062	92	C2-C3, C4a-C8a stretching
	1034	197	ring C breathing
830 (small)	878	61	C2-O1 stretching
	832	45	ring B CH bendings oop
715 (very small)	670	34	O5-Zn-O4 asymm stretching, ring A breathing

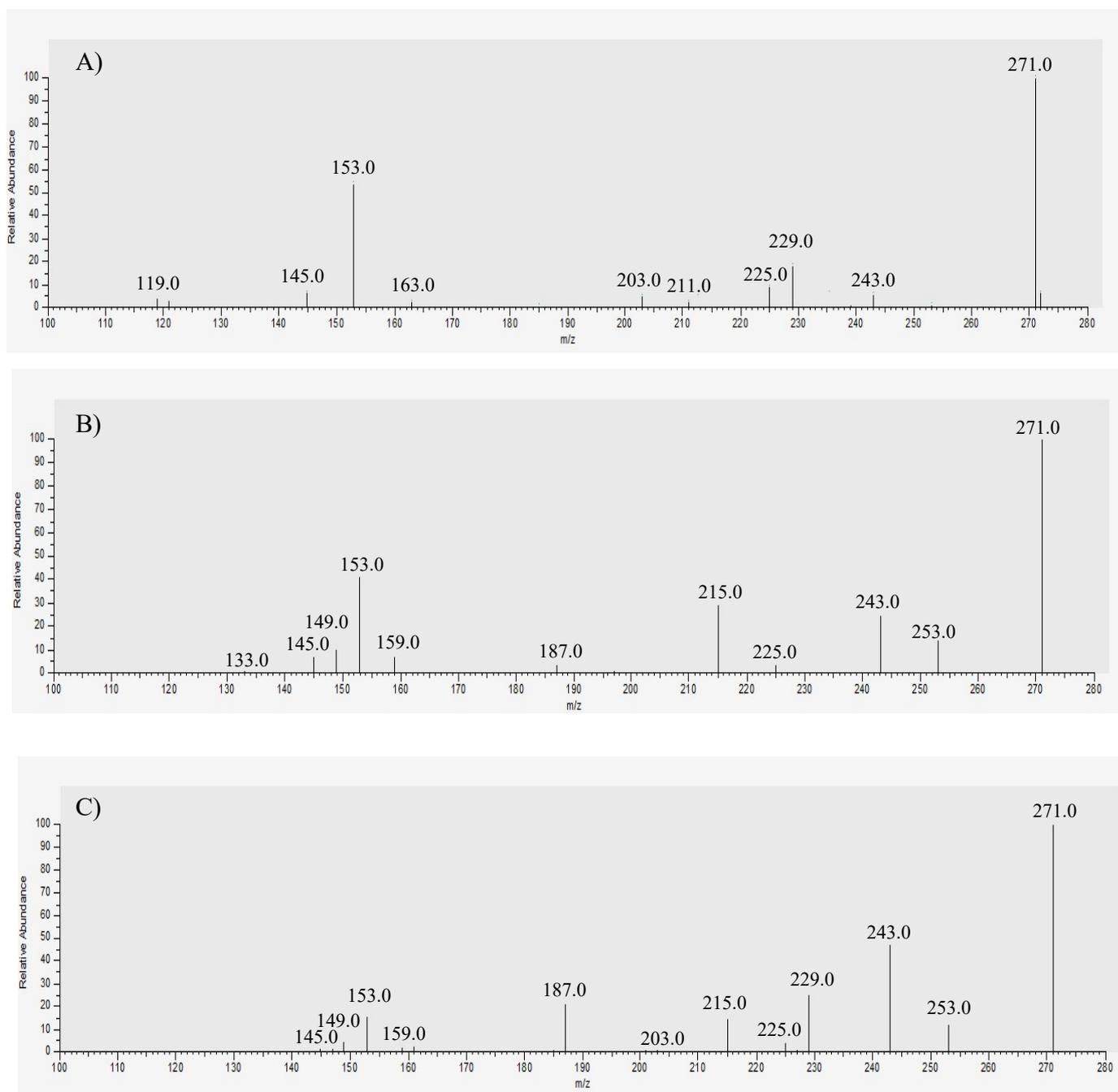


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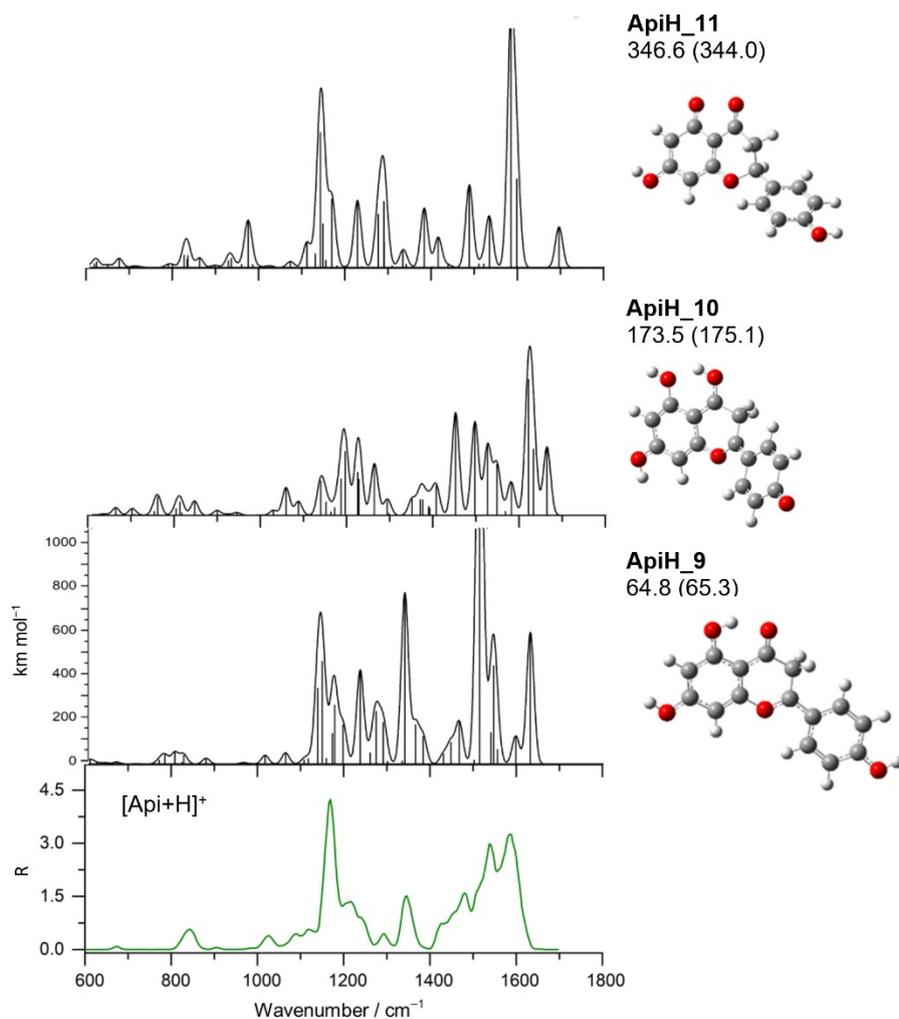


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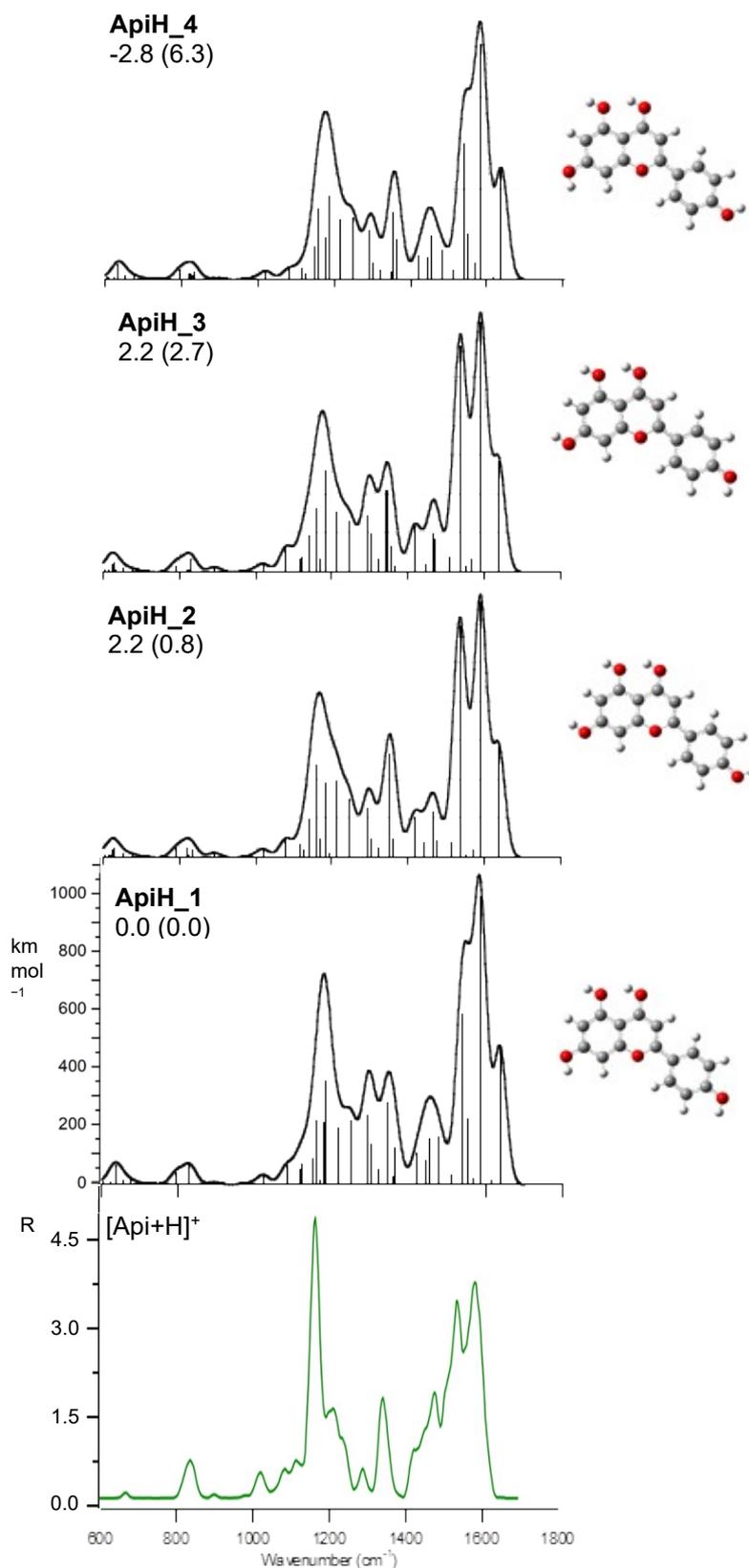


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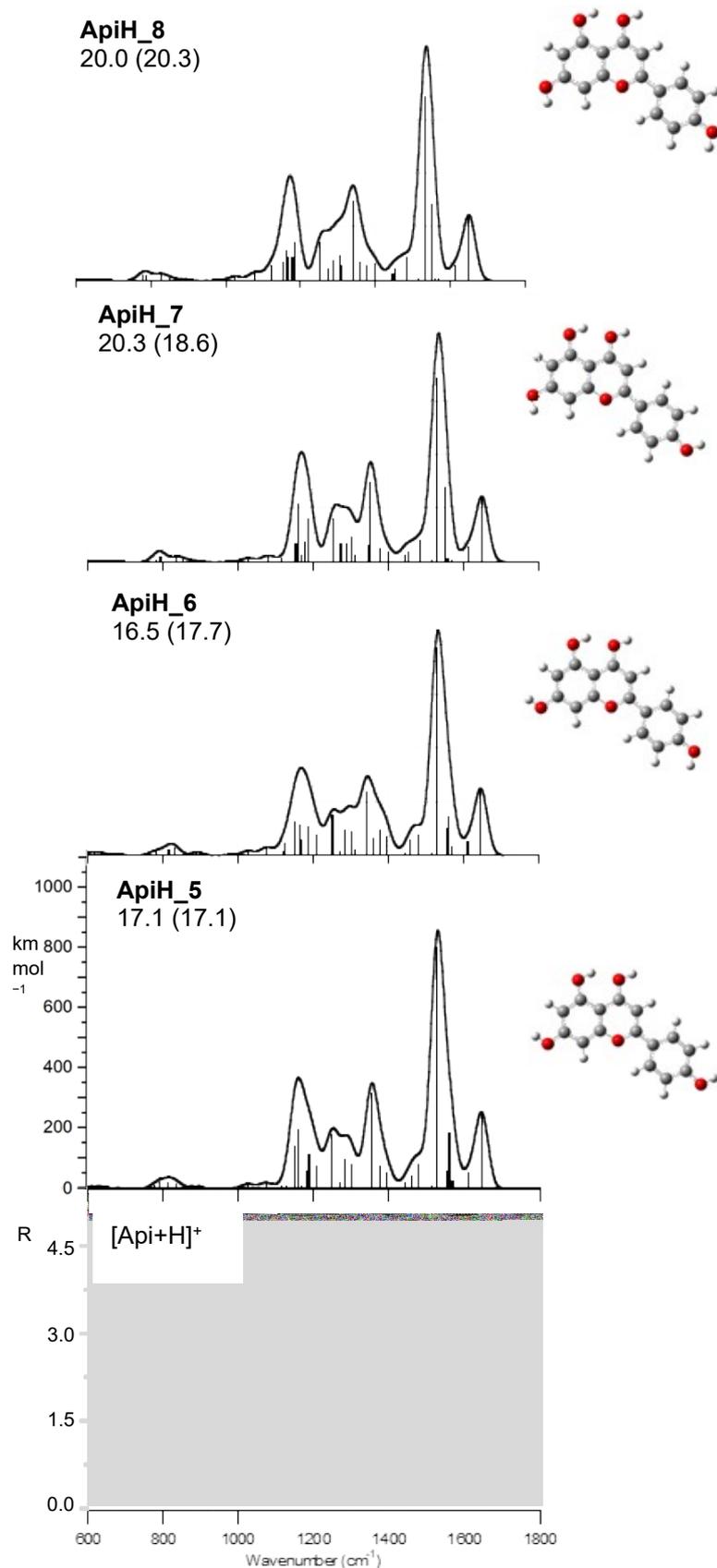


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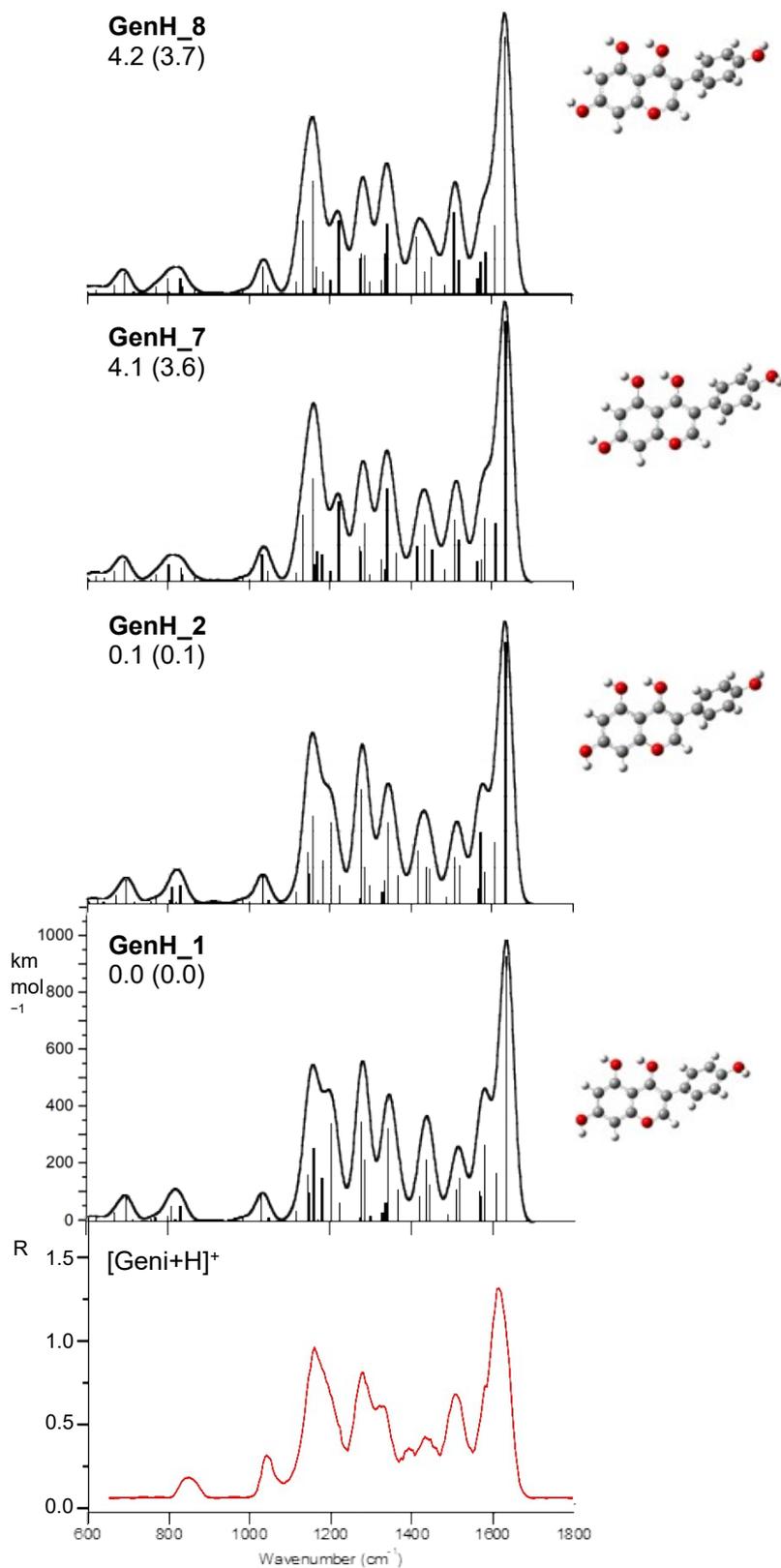


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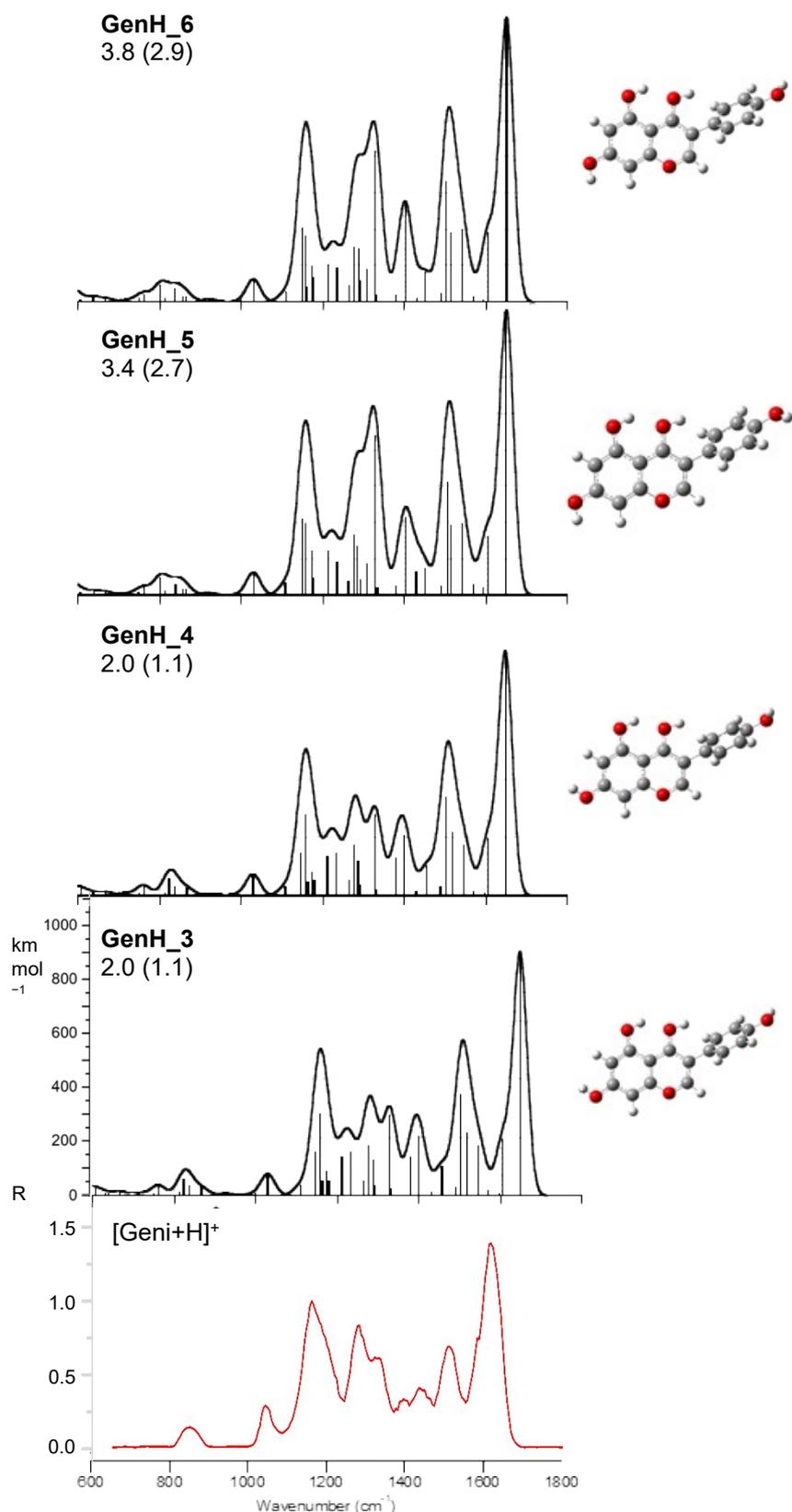


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Exp	ApiH_1		Vibrational assignment
	[Api+H] ⁺	Int	
1589	1638	583	stretching CC (ring A and C) + bending CH (ring A and C) ip
	1589	1309	stretching CC + bending H ip
1537	1556	302	stretching CC + bending H (C3 and C2') ip + bending H ip
	1545	724	stretching CC (ring A and C) + bending OH (C4 and C7) ip
1480	1481	200	stretching CC + bending H (C3 and C8) ip + bending CH (ring B) ip
	1455	175	stretching CC + bending H (C6) ip + bending H (ring B) ip
1430	1444	82	stretching CC + stretching C4O
	1427	172	stretching C4-OH + stretching CC + bending CH ip
1340	1381	100	stretching CC (ring A) + bending OH ip
	1351	382	bending H (ring B) ip + bending OH (C4 and C5) ip + stretching CC (ring A and B)
	1324	83	bending OH (C4) ip + bending H (ring B) ip
1294	1302	236	stretching C4'-OH + bending H (ring B) ip
	1295	218	bending OH (C4 and C5) ip + bending H (C3 and C2') ip
1240	1246	278	stretching C5-OH + bending CH ip
1216	1215	298	bending H (C3) ip + bending OH (C4 and C7) ip + stretching C4-OH
1170	1181	246	bending H ip
	1174	145	bending OH (C5) ip + bending OH (C7) ip + bending H (ring B) ip
	1161	442	bending H (ring B) ip
	1151	165	bending H (ring A) ip
1120	1115	65	bending H (ring B) ip
	1112	63	stretching CC (ring A and C) + bending H (C3) ip + bending OH (C4 and C7) ip
1025	1079	92	stretching C5-OH + stretching CC breathing (ring A and C) + bending H ip + bending OH (ring A and C) ip
844	832	71	bending CH oop
677	655	70	bending OH (C4) oop

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Exp	GenH_1		Vibrational assignment
	[Geni+H] ⁺	Freq	
1614	1636	692	stretching CC (ring A)
1588	1606	177	stretching CC (ring B)
	1587	138	stretching CC + bending H (C2) ip
	1575	83	stretching CC (ring B) + bending H (ring B) ip
1514	1523	111	stretching CC (ring A and C) + bending OH (C4 and C7) ip
	1509	192	stretching C4'-OH + bending H (ring B) ip
1440	1456	66	stretching C5-OH + stretching CC (ring A and B) + bending H (C6) ip + bending OH (C4) ip
	1432	91	stretching C4-OH + stretching CC + bending H (ring B) ip
	1419	130	stretching C4-OH + stretching CC (ring A) + bending H ip
1397	1375	77	stretching CC (ring A) + bending OH (C5 and C7) ip + bending H (C2 and C8) ip
1329	1345	198	bending OH (C4 and C5) ip + stretching CC (ring A)
1285	1293	103	bending OH (C4) ip + bending CH (ring B) ip
	1281	181	stretching CC breathing (ring B) + stretching C4'-OH
1220	1225	210	bending CH (ring A) ip + stretching C5-OH + stretching O1-C2
1190	1166	65	bending H (ring A) ip + bending OH (C4) ip
1164	1160	397	bending OH (C4') ip + bending H (C3' and 5') ip
	1133	618	bending H (ring A) ip
1045	1032	259	stretching C5-OH + stretching CC breathing (ring A and C) + bending CH ip
856	854	38	bending CH (ring B) oop
	701	44	bending OH (C4) oop