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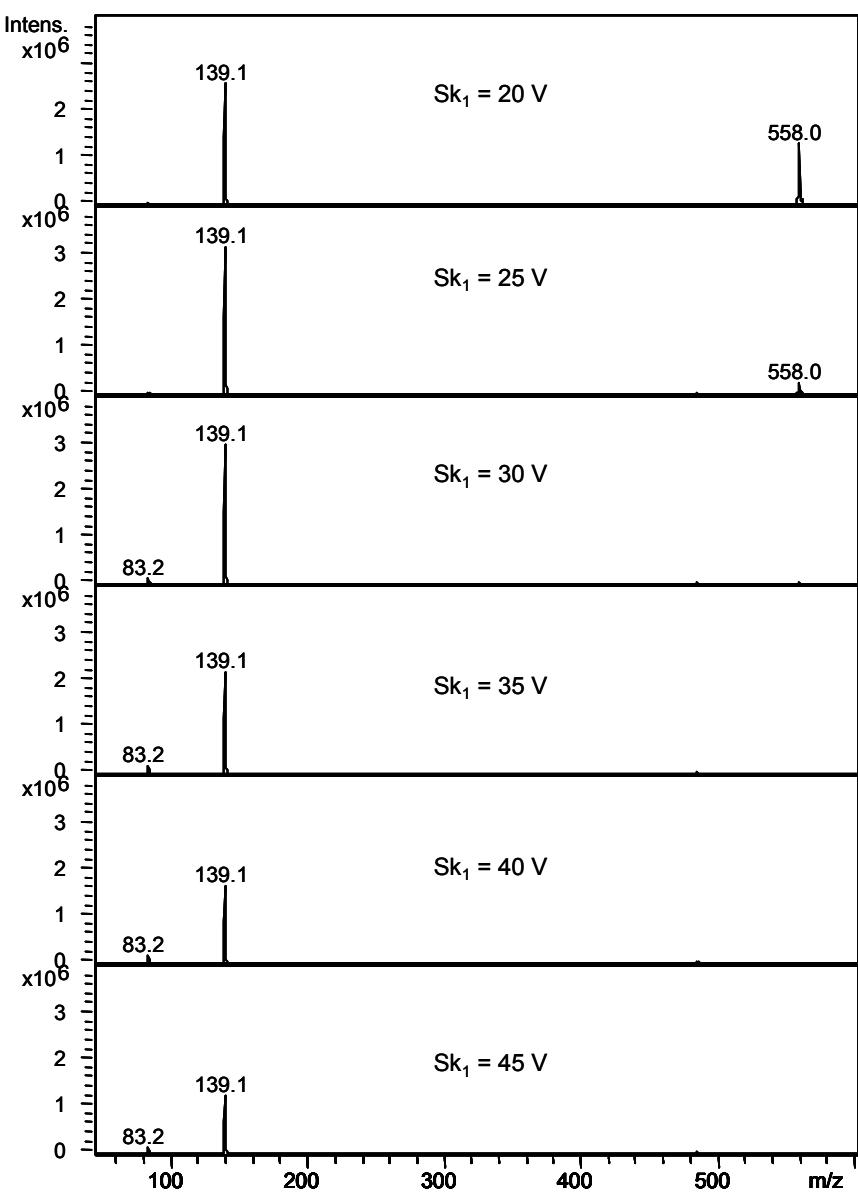
Supplementary Information Figure S1b: Effect of the skimmer 1 voltage ( $sk_1$ ) on the ESI (−) mass spectra of [BuMeIm][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] in acetonitrile–water solution.

Supplementary Information Figure S2: MS<sup>2</sup> spectra of BuMeIm<sup>+</sup> ( $m/z$  = 139.1) of [BuMeIm][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] solution in acetonitrile-water.

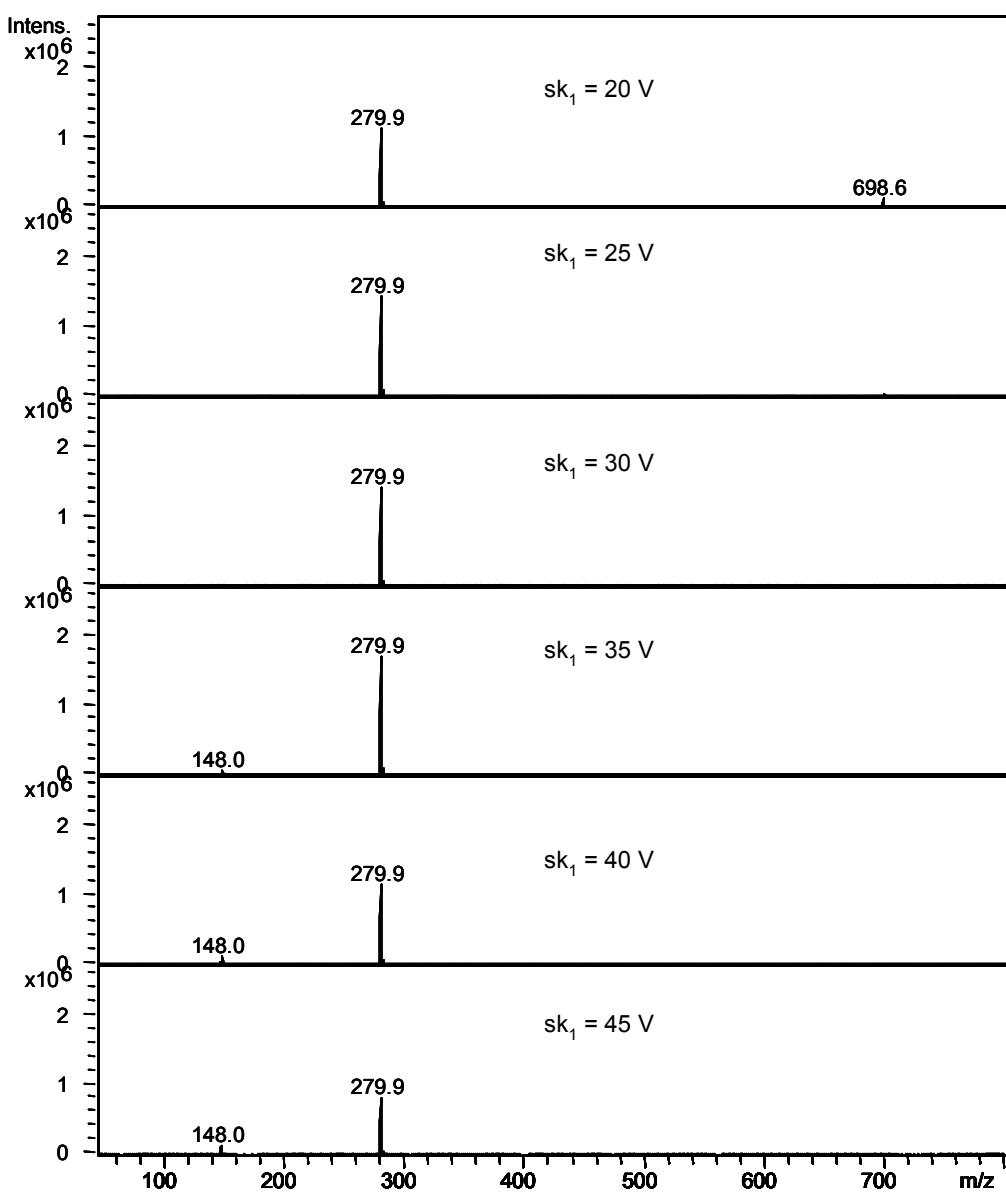
Supplementary Information Figure S3: MS<sup>2</sup> spectra of Tf<sub>2</sub>N<sup>−</sup> ( $m/z$  = 279.7) of [BuMeIm][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] solution in acetonitrile-water.

Supplementary Information Figure S4: ESI (−) mass spectra of [BuMeIm]Cl in acetonitrile-water solution.

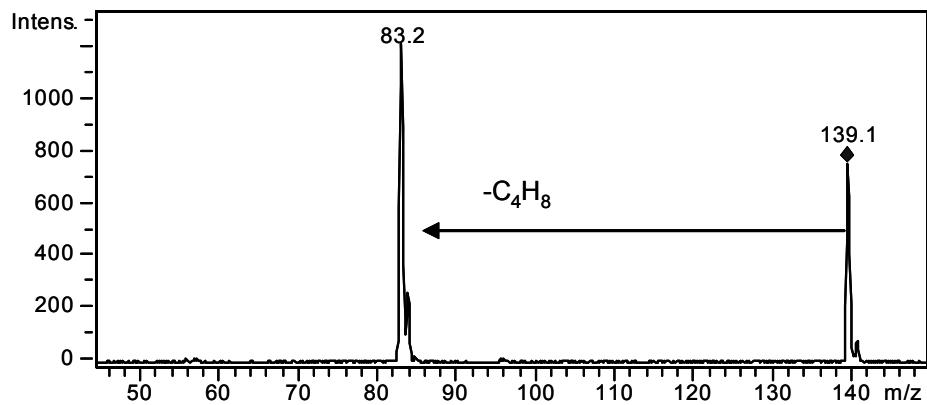
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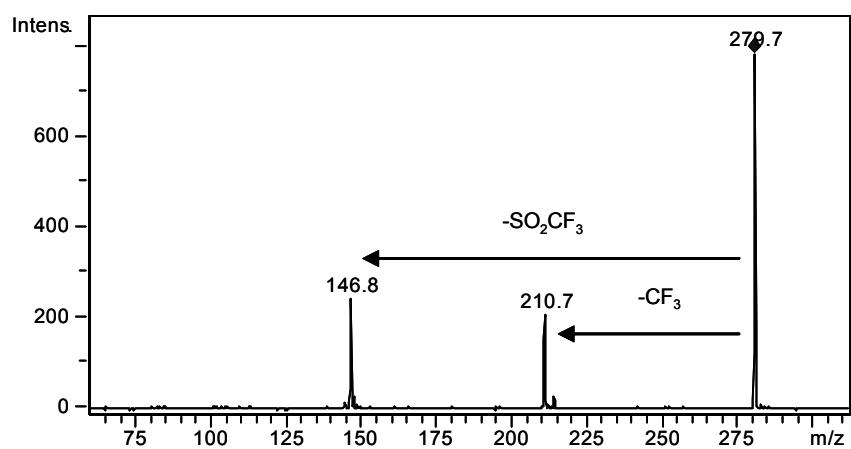
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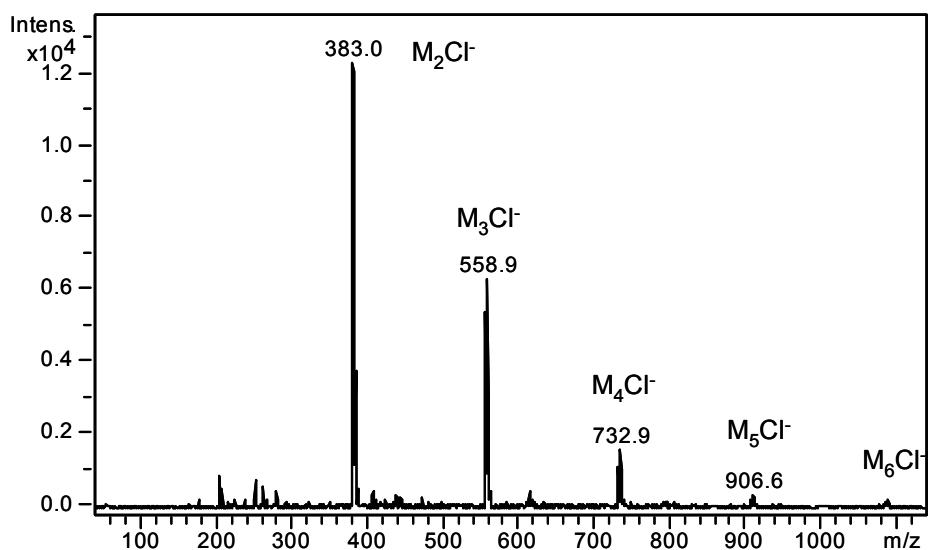
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