

**Electronic Supplementary Information for the New Journal of Chemistry article, NJ-ART-11-2014-002103, entitled “Synthesis, NMR and mass spectrometric study of ammonioacetohydrazones of formylphenylboronic acids, novel ionic prospective sugar receptors” by Grażyna Bartkowiak, Łukasz Popenda, Stefan Jurga and Grzegorz Schroeder**

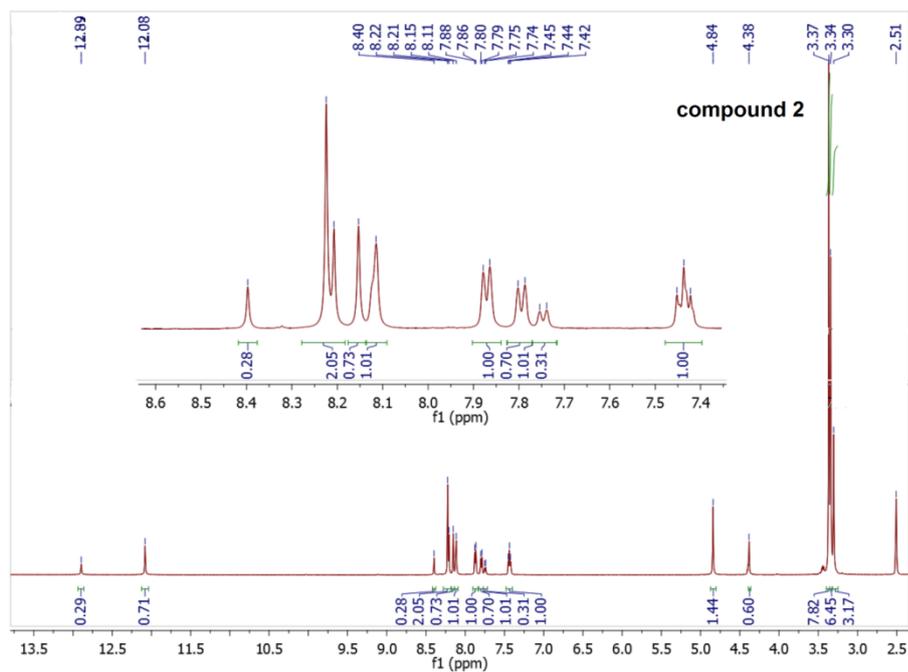


Fig. S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (800 MHz, solvent DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) spectrum of compound **2** with expanded region 7.4-8.6 ppm (inset).

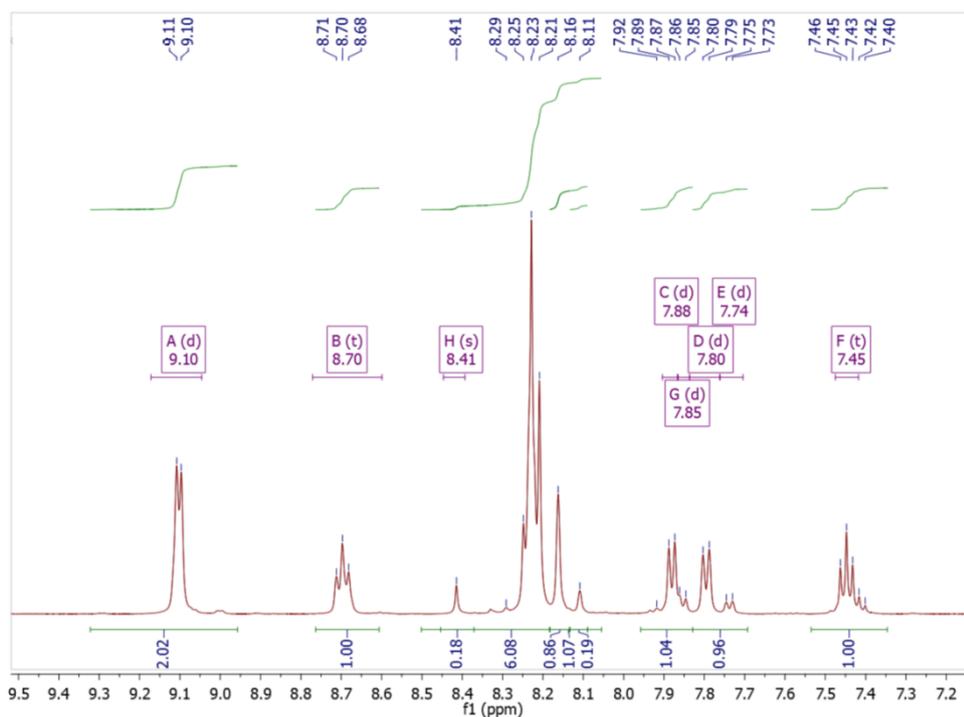


Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **5** (800 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), at the range 7.1-9.5 ppm, 25 $^\circ\text{C}$  (*meta* isomer).

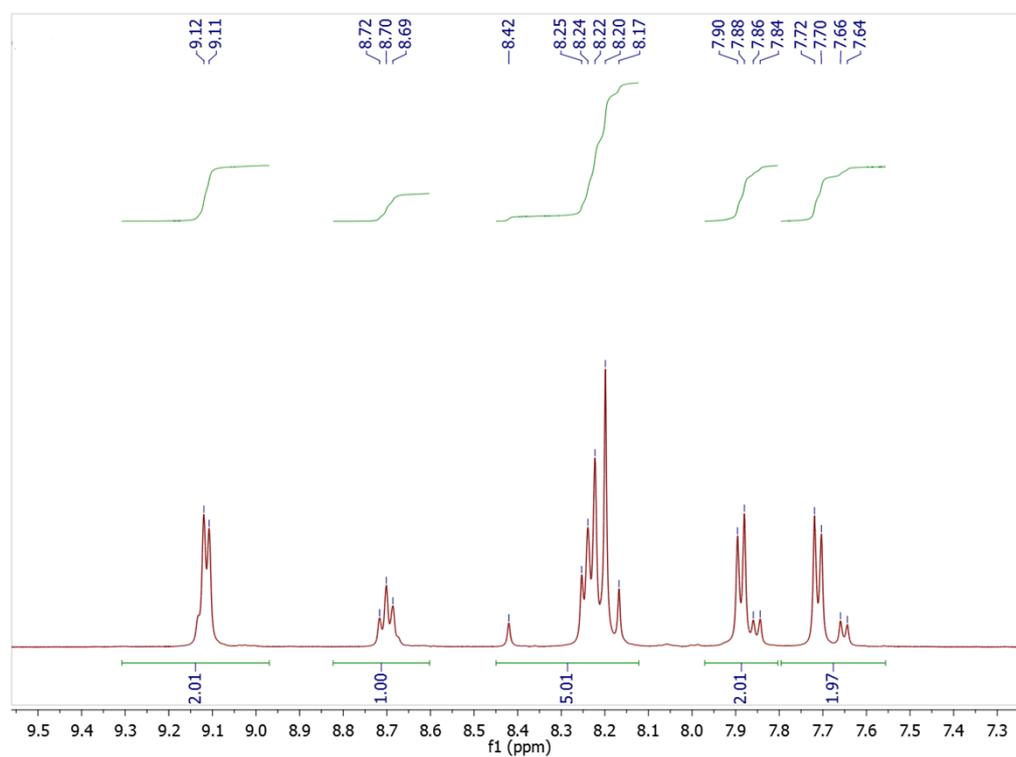


Figure S3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6** (800 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ), at the range 7.3 – 9.5 ppm, 25 $^\circ\text{C}$  (*para* isomer).

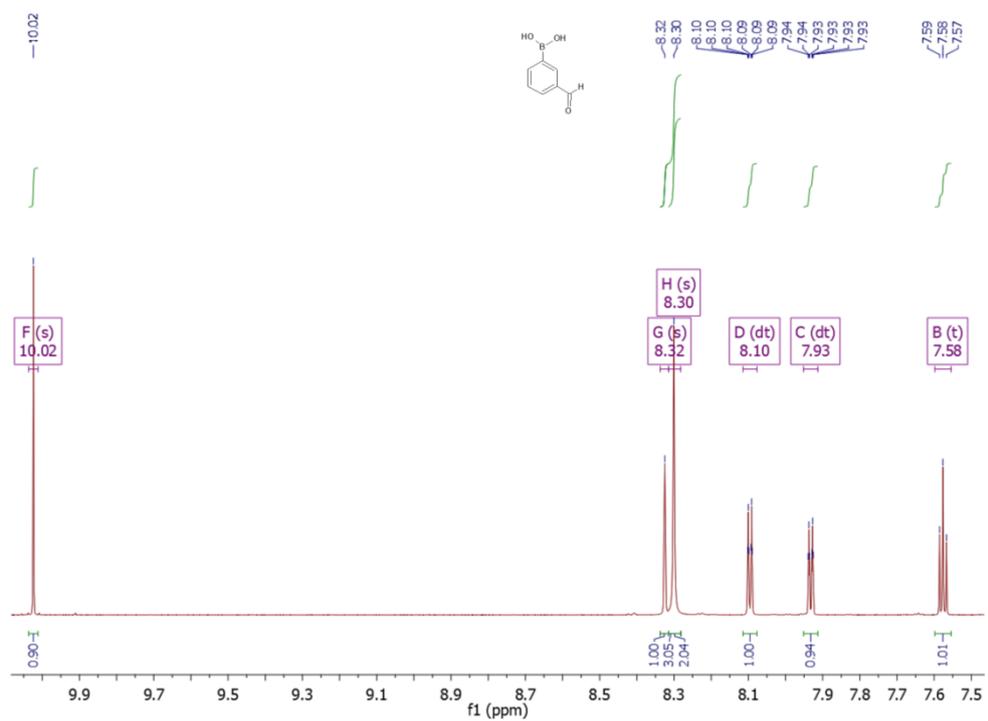


Fig. S4A.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *m*-formylphenylboronic acid in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  without  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$

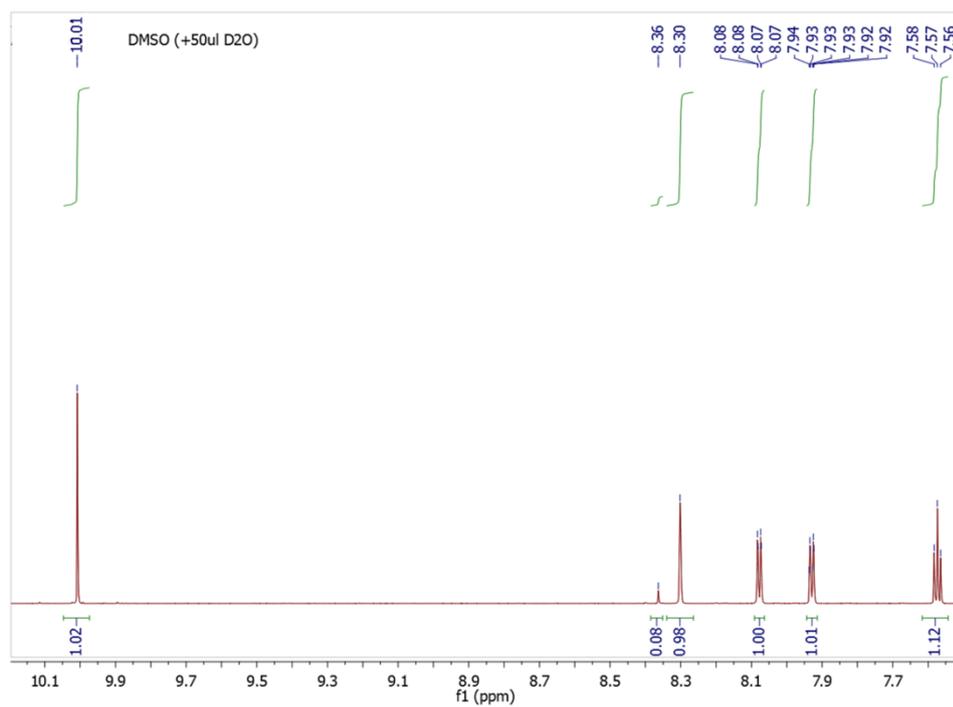


Fig. S4B.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of *m*-formylphenylboronic acid in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  after addition of 50  $\mu\text{L}$   $\text{D}_2\text{O}$

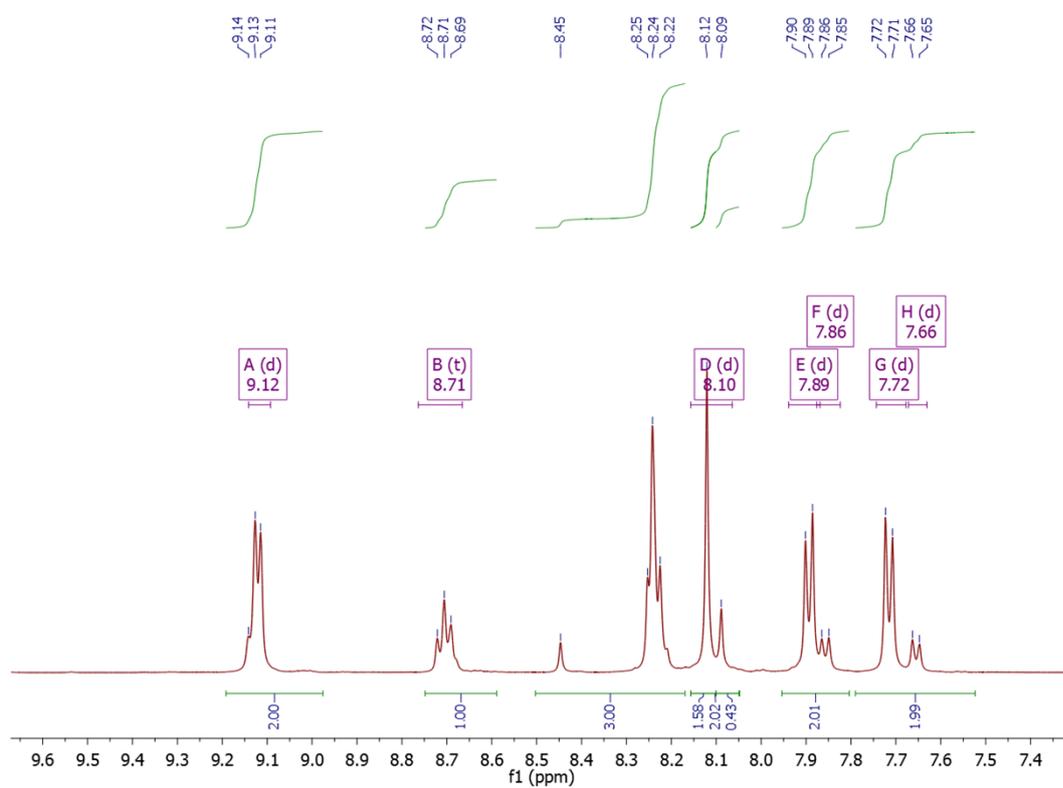


Fig. S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of **6** at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , in the range 7.4-9.6 ppm.

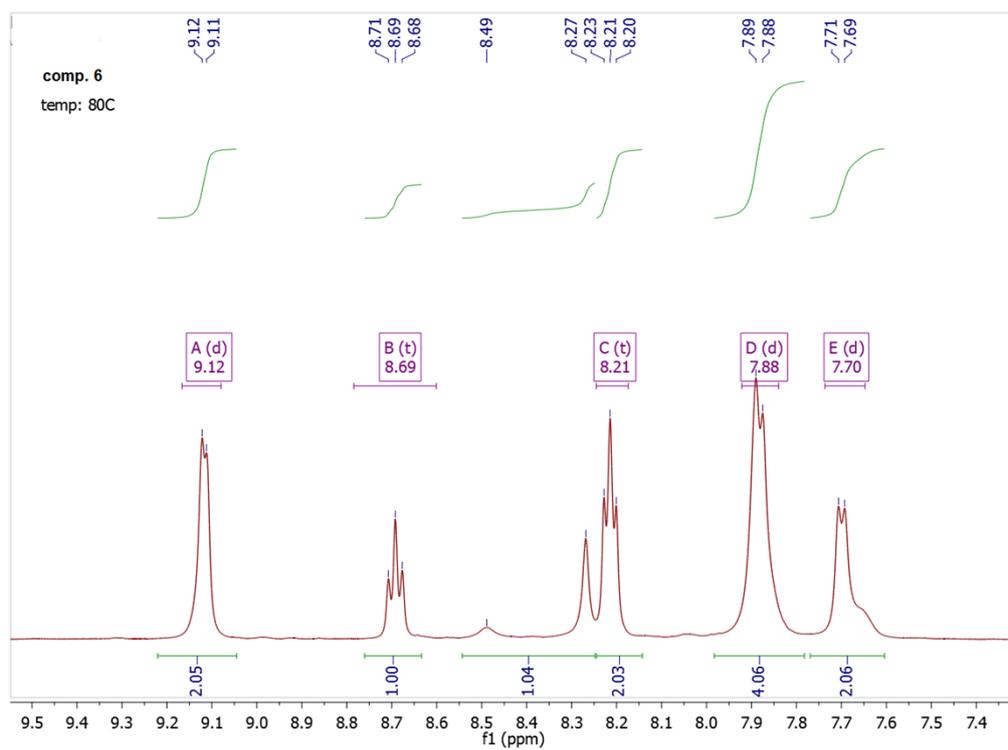


Fig. S6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **6** in the range 7.4-9.5 ppm at the temperature of **80** °C.

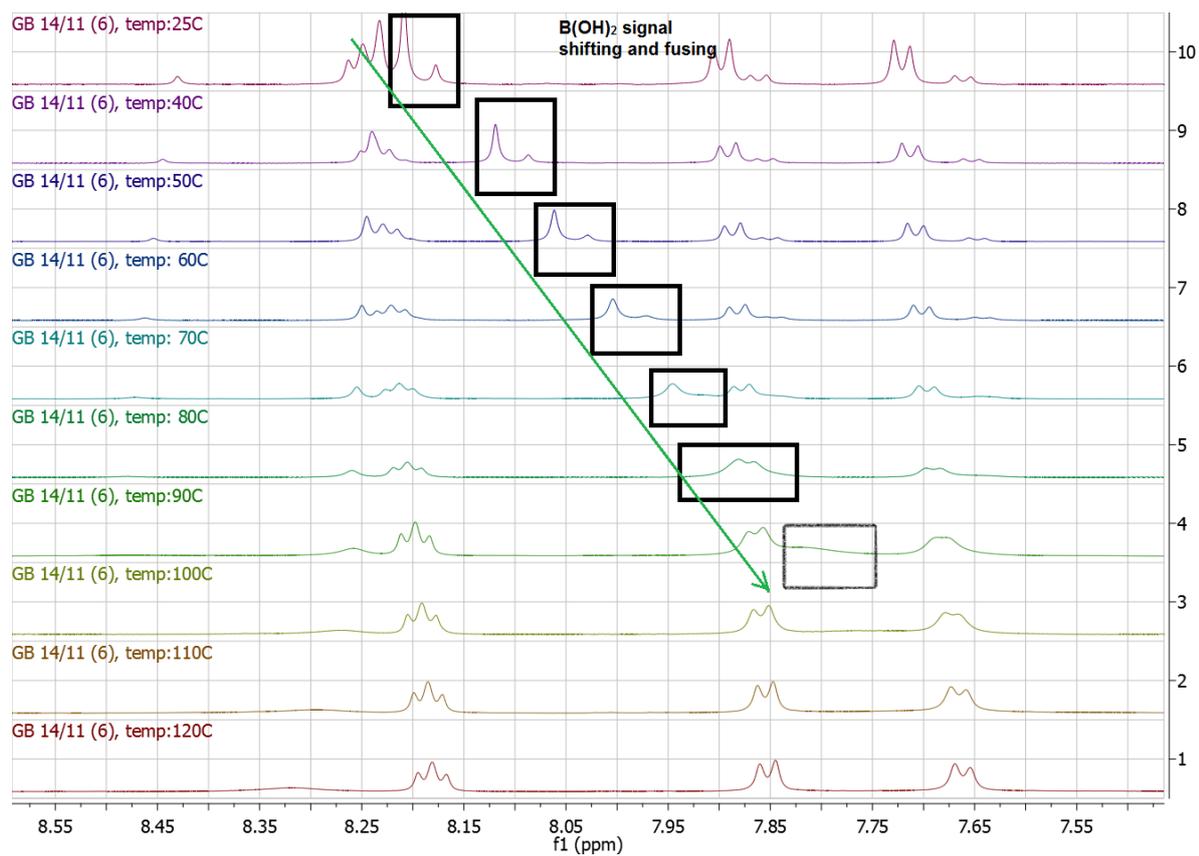


Fig. S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR temperature-dependent (25 – 120 °C) spectra of compound **6** (in the range 7.50 – 8.60 ppm) show B-OH protons signal upfield shift and fusing with increasing temperature.

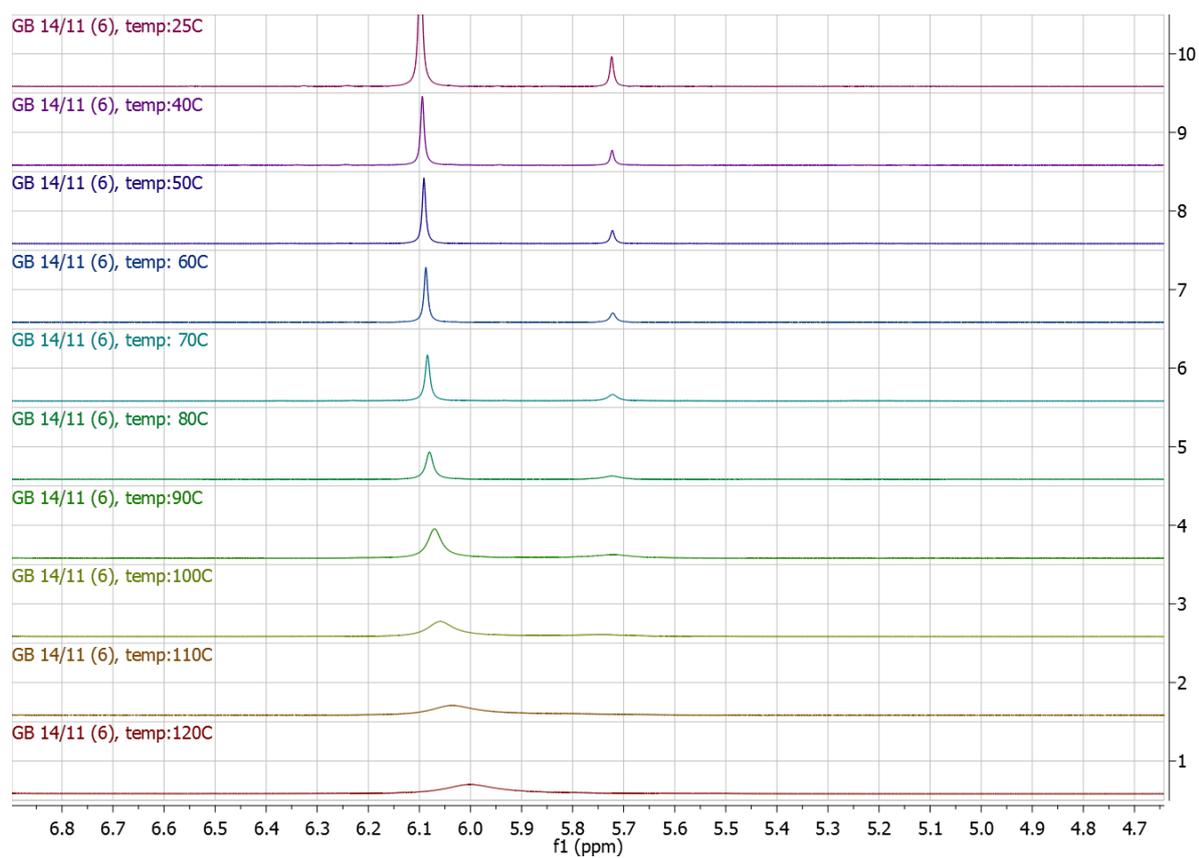


Fig. S8. The double  $\text{CH}_2$  signals in  $^1\text{H}$  NMR temperature-dependent spectra (25-120  $^\circ\text{C}$ , chemical shift range 4.6-6.9 ppm) fuse with the temperature increase, they are merged at 110 $^\circ\text{C}$ .

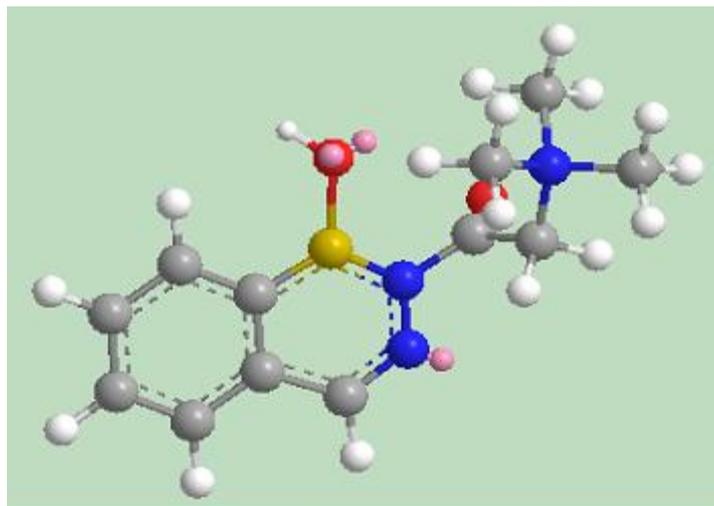
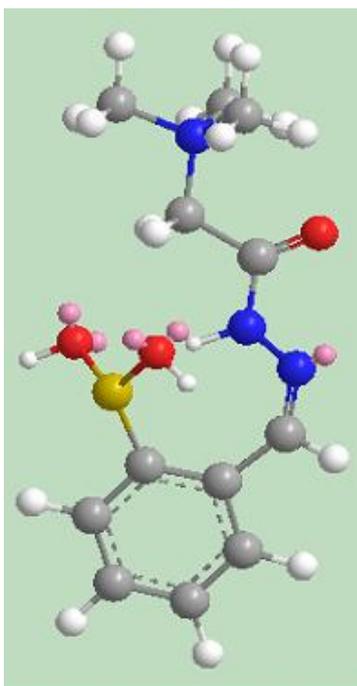


Fig. S9. 3D models of compounds **1** (left) and **1a** (right). Close proximity of OH and NH groups in a molecule of compound **1** enables cyclization.

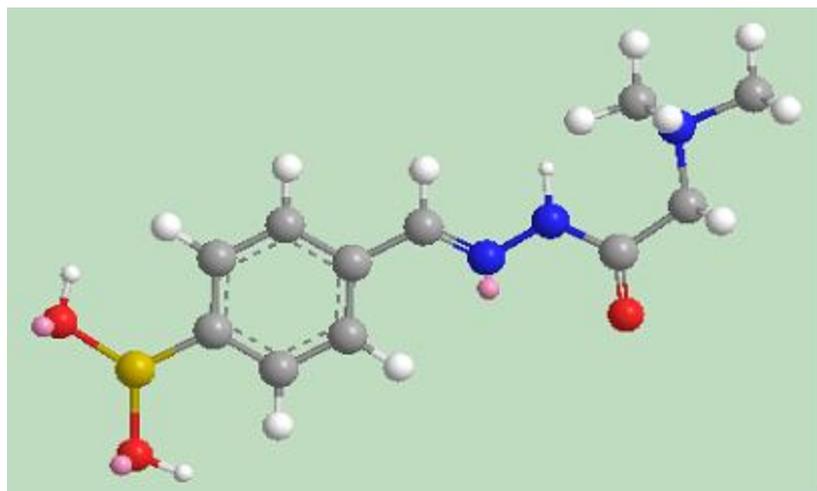


Fig. S10. 3D model of compound **3**. The distance between the CONH proton and B-OH hydroxyl prevents cyclization.

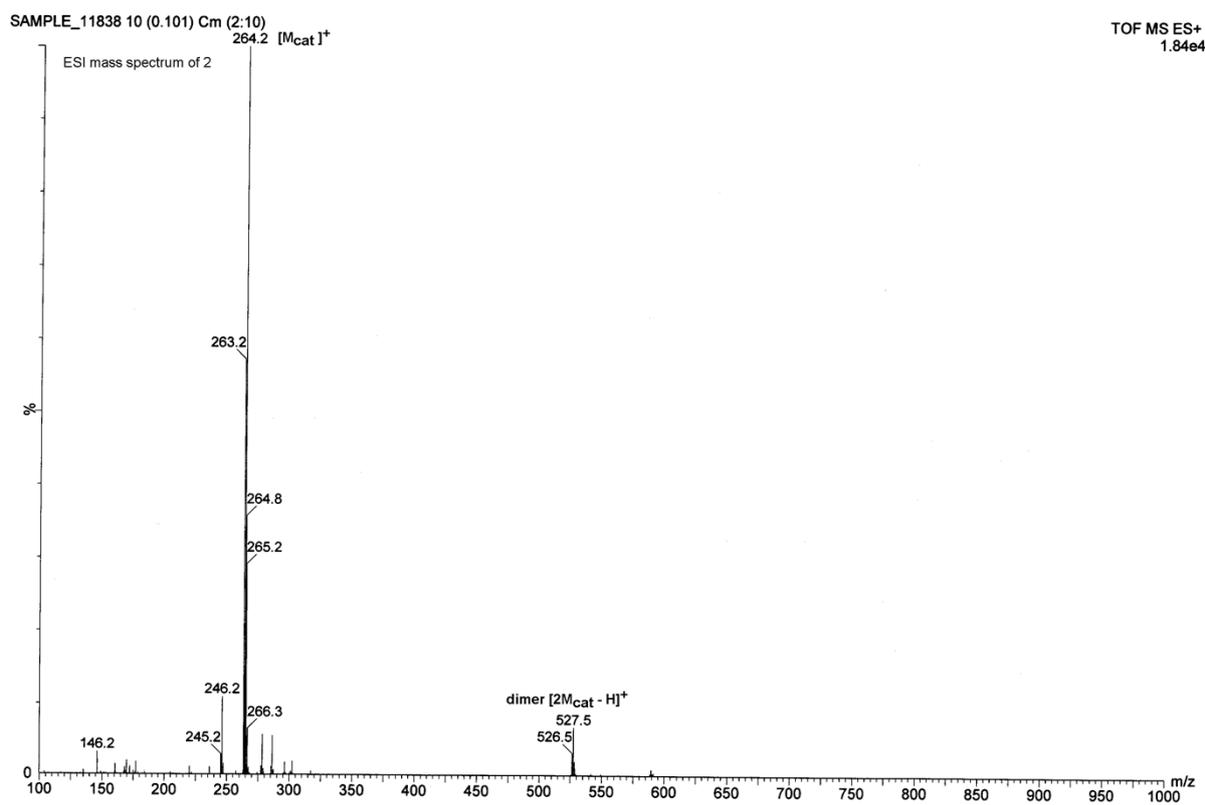


Fig. S11. Electrospray ionization mass spectrum of compound **2** in positive ion mode; at  $m/z$  264 cation of **2**; at  $m/z$  527 dimeric ion  $[2M_{\text{cat}} - \text{H}]^+$ ,  $2 \times 264 - 1 = 527$ u.

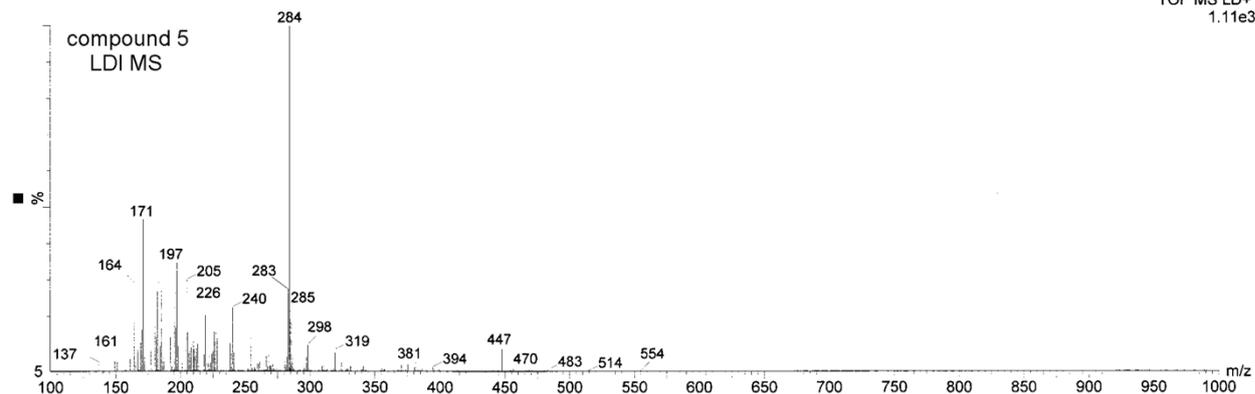


Fig. S12. Laser desorption/ionization (LDI, without matrix) TOF mass spectrum of compound **5** ; ion at  $m/z$  284 corresponds to the cation of **5**. Spectrum measured without matrix shows a great number of noises.

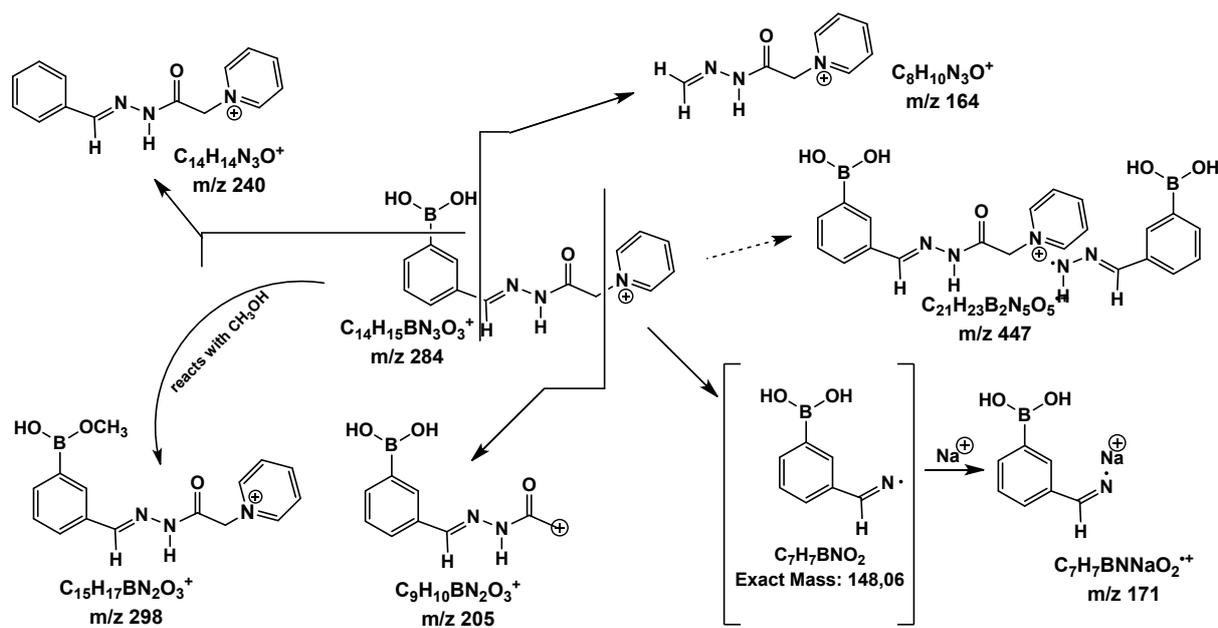


Fig. S12A. Proposed fragmentation pathways of **5** in LDI conditions showing possible origin of ions at  $m/z$  164, 171, 205, 240 and 447. The ion at  $m/z$  298 is from methyl monoester of **5** (esterified boronic group).

SAMPLE\_16728 5 (0.051) Cm (2:49)

MALDI mass spectrum of 2 (M<sub>cat</sub> 264) +  
sucrose (MW = 342), matrix CHCA

TOF MS LD+  
890

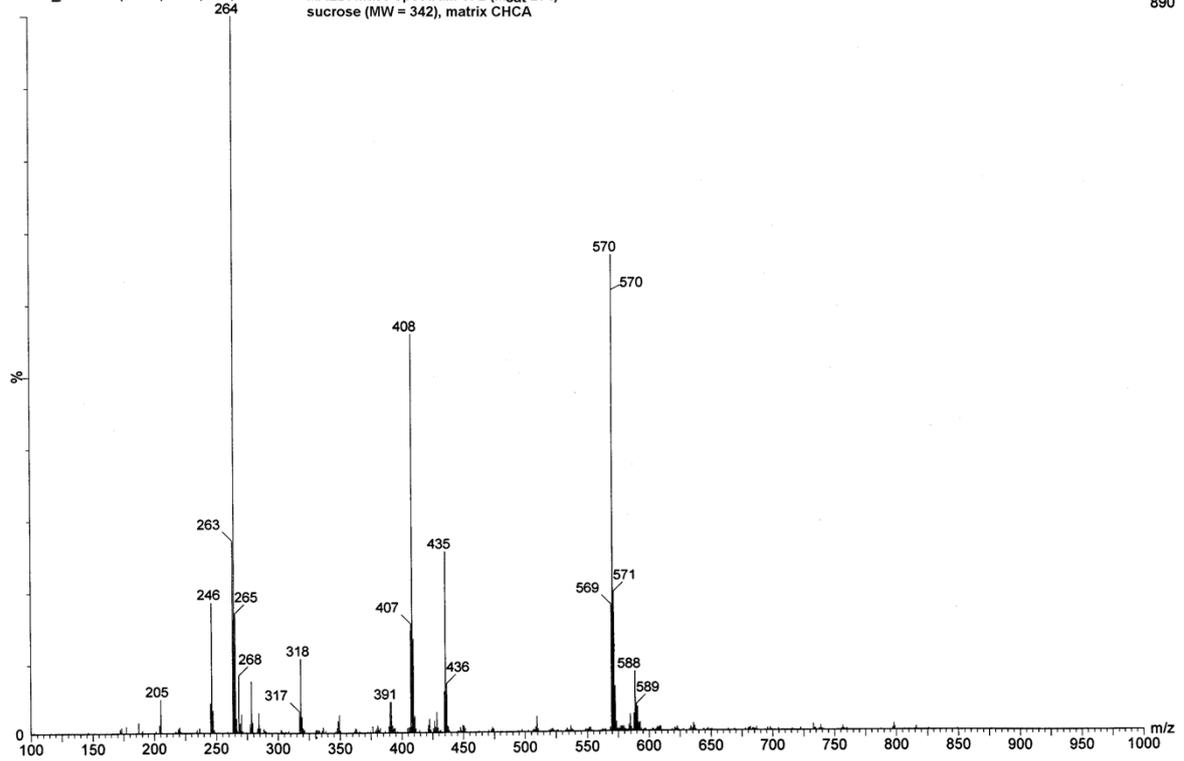


Fig. S13. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of the mixture of compound **2** and sucrose (with excess of **2**), matrix CHCA. ( $m/z$  570 = **2** + sucrose - 2H<sub>2</sub>O;  $m/z$  588 = **2** + sucrose - H<sub>2</sub>O;  $m/z$  408 = 570 - 162 (162 - monosaccharide unit).

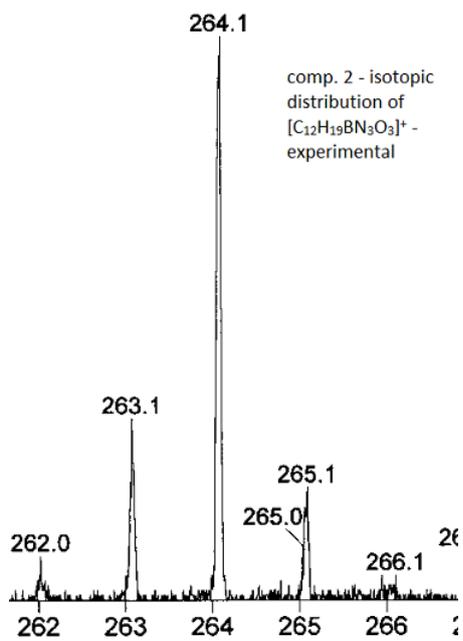
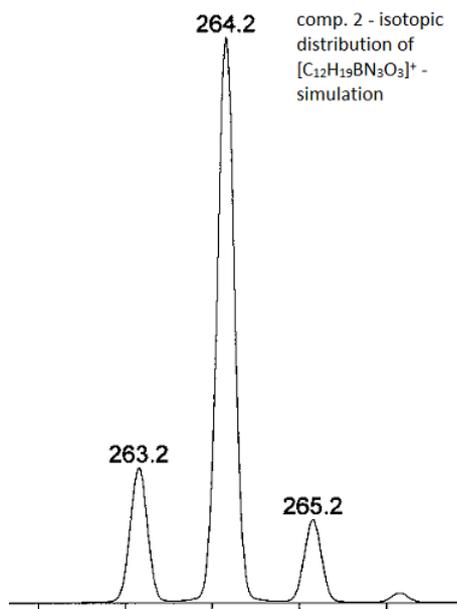


Fig. S13A – Comparison of theoretical (top) and experimental (bottom) isotopic patterns of cation  $C_{12}H_{19}BN_3O_3$  ( $m/z$  264).

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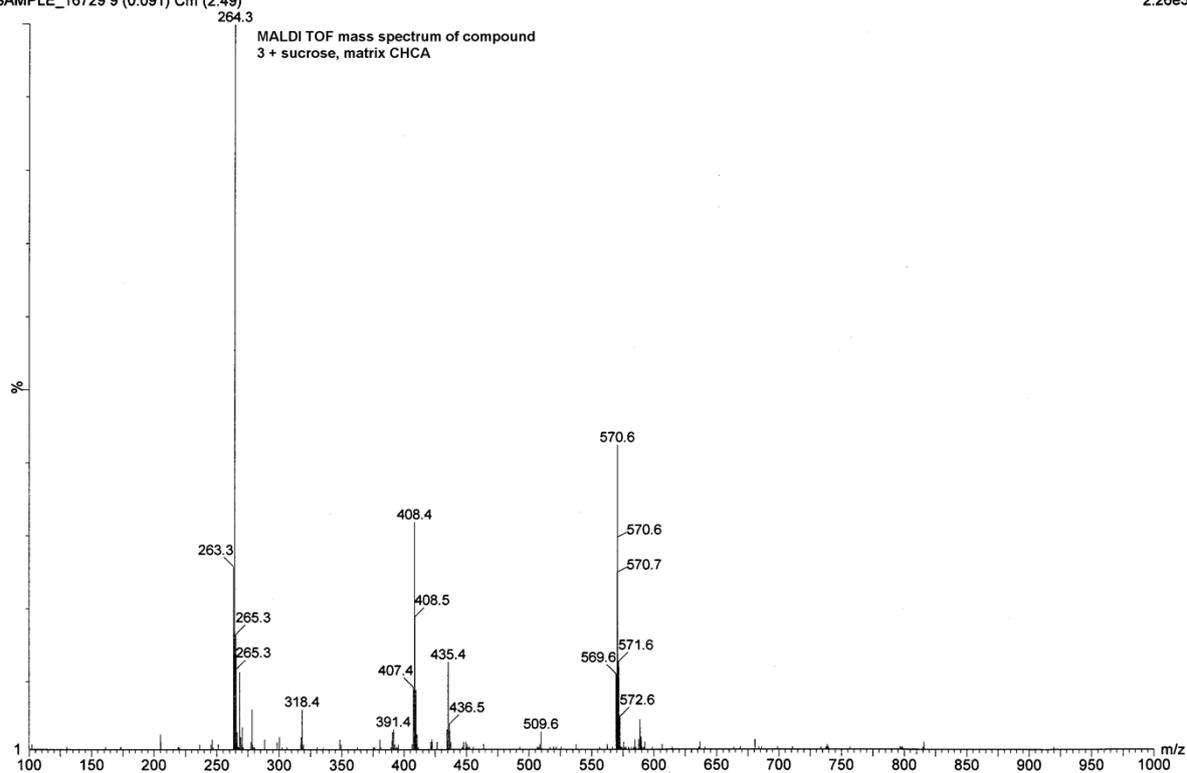


Fig. S14. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of the mixture of compound **3** and sucrose, matrix CHCA. ( $m/z$  570 = **3** + sucrose -  $2H_2O$ ;  $m/z$  408 = 570 - 162 (162 - monosaccharide unit),  $m/z$  264  $M_{cation}$  of **3**).

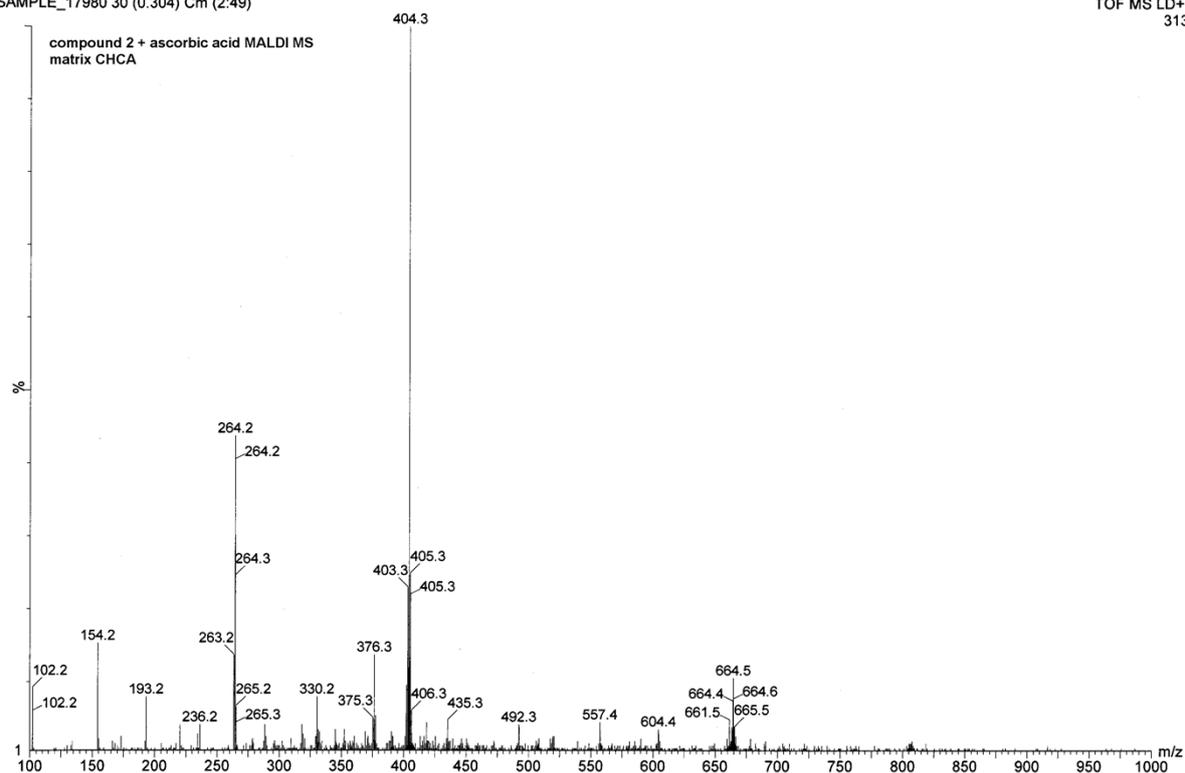


Fig. S15. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of the mixture of compound **2** and ascorbic acid, matrix CHCA; the base peak observed at m/z 404 corresponds to the cation  $[\mathbf{2} + \text{ascorbic acid} - 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ .

SAMPLE\_17975 25 (0.253) Cm (2:50)

TOF MS LD+  
6.85e3

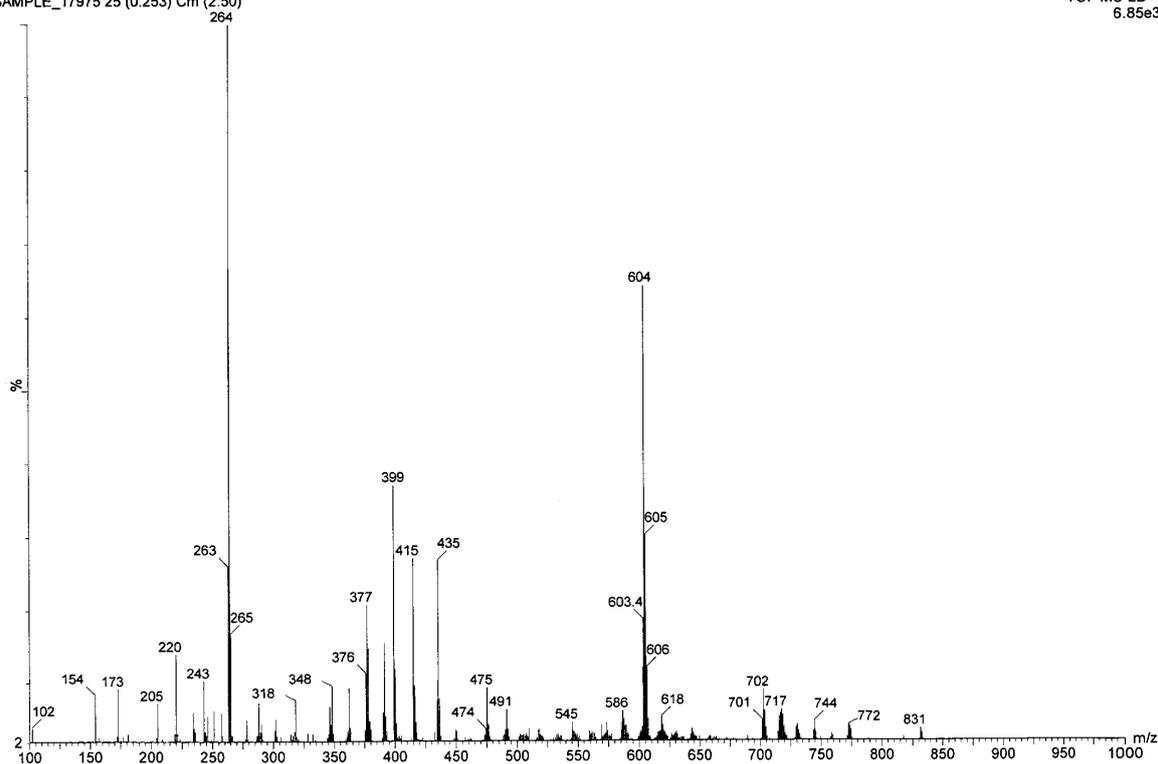


Fig. S16. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of the mixture of compound **2** and ryboflavin, matrix CHCA; the peak observed at m/z 604 corresponds to the cation  $[2+\text{ryboflavin} - 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ .

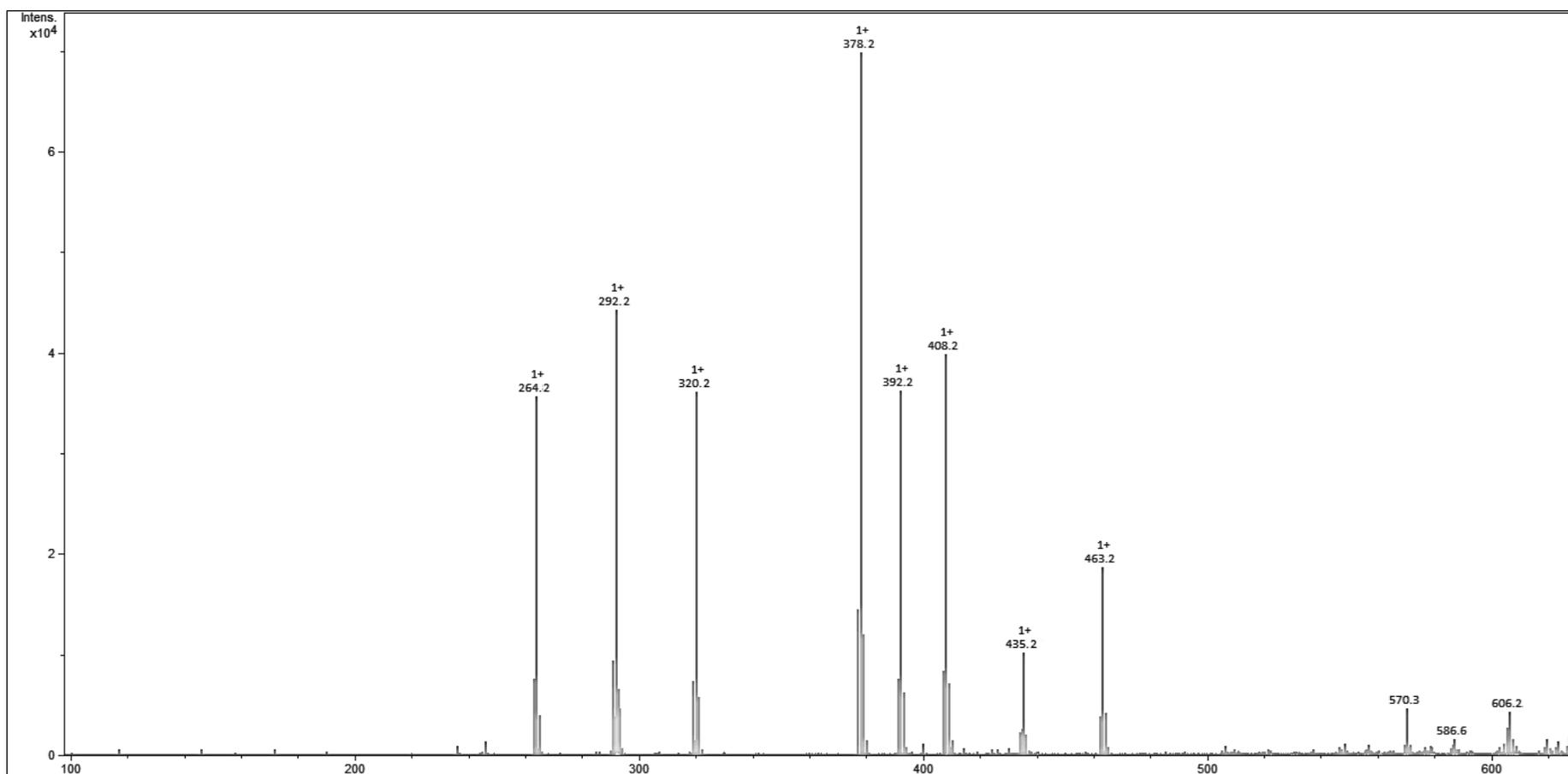


Fig. S17. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of compound **2** after the reaction with a mixture of sugars (lyxose  $C_5H_{10}O_5$ , monoisotopic mass Mm 150.0528; rhamnose  $C_6H_{12}O_5$ , Mm 164.0685; glucose  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ , Mm 180.0634; sucrose  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ , Mm = 342.1162), matrix CHCA ( $C_{10}H_7NO_3$ , Mm = 189.0426). Expected  $m/z$  values for compound **2**-sugar conjugate are: **2**+ lyxose- $2H_2O$  = 378.18, **2**+ rhamnose -  $2H_2O$  = 392.20; **2** + glucose -  $2 H_2O$  = 408.19; **2** + sucrose -  $2 H_2O$  = 570.25. Boronic acid moiety in **2** reacts easily also with ethanol to form ethyl esters (monoester gives signal at  $m/z$  292.2 and diester at  $m/z$  320.2) and with  $\alpha$ -cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid, yielding product ions  $[2+CHCA-H_2O]^+$   $m/z$  435;  $[2+CHCA+ EtOH - 2H_2O]^+$   $m/z$  463 and  $[2+2CHCA-2H_2O]^+$   $m/z$  606.

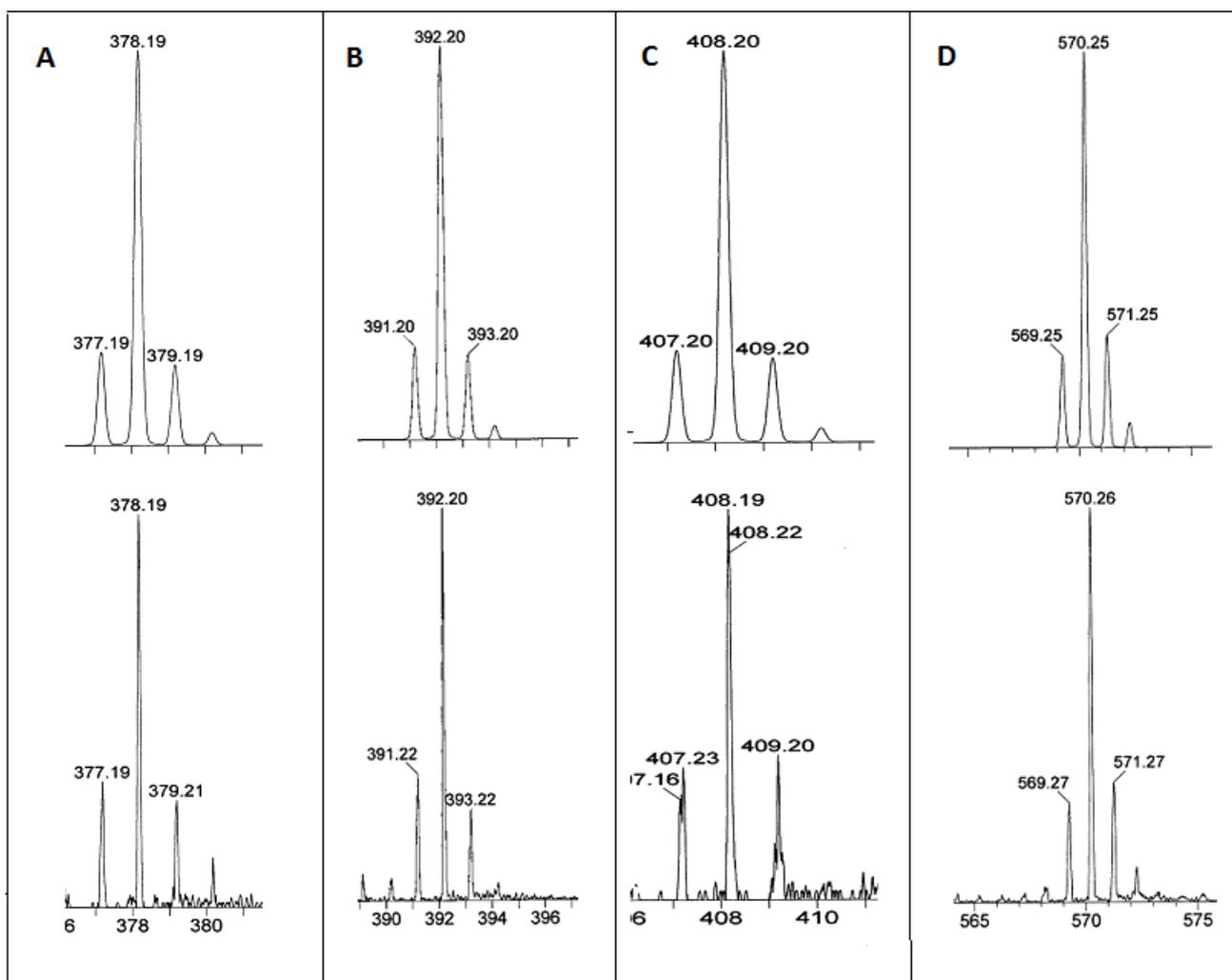


Fig. S18. Isotopic patterns of  $[2+\text{sugar}-2\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$  ions predicted theoretically (top) and seen in MALDI TOF mass spectra (bottom), where sugar = lyxose (A), rhamnose (B), glucose (C) and sucrose (D), respectively.

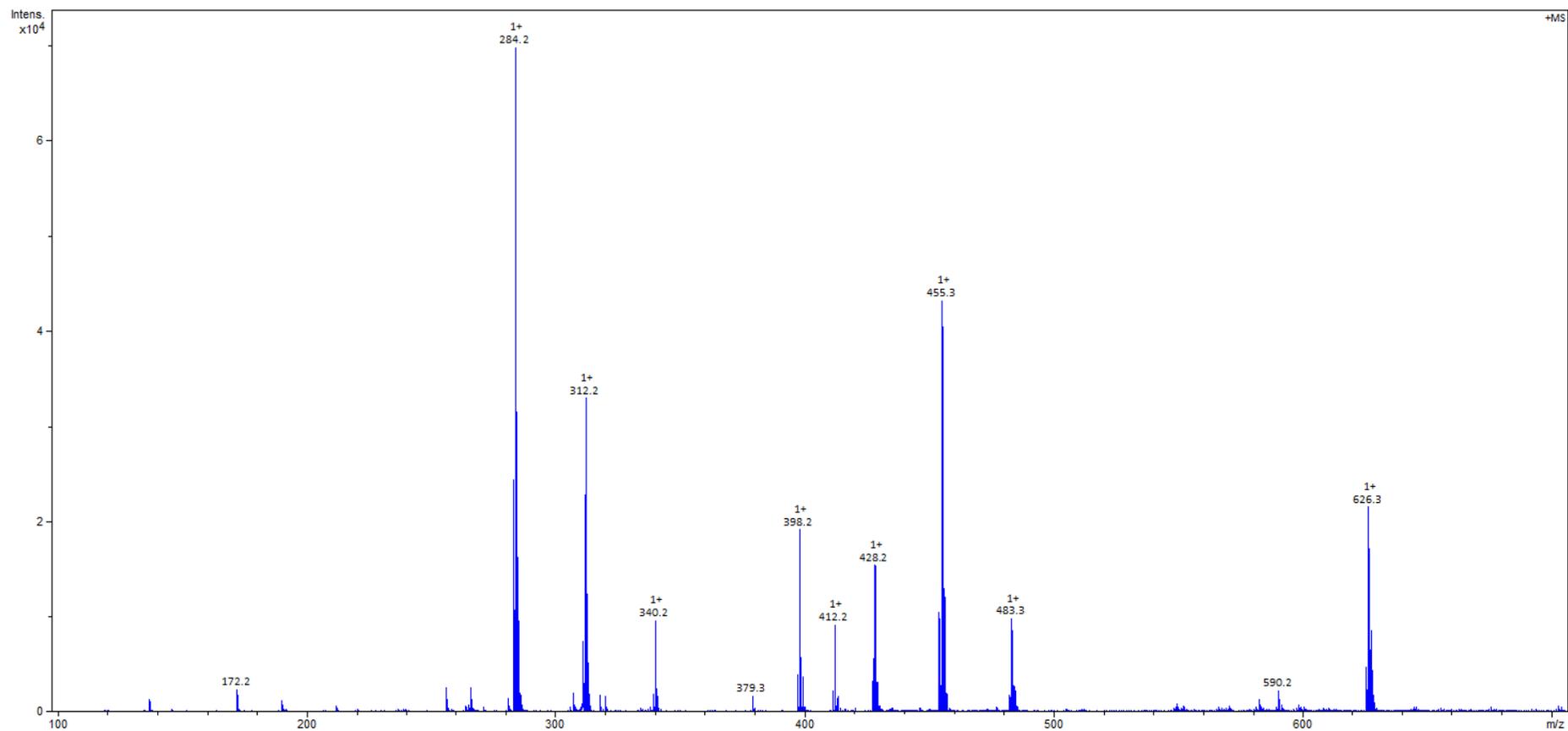


Fig. S19. MALDI TOF mass spectrum of compound **5** after the reaction with a mixture of sugars (lyxose  $C_5H_{10}O_5$ , monoisotopic mass  $M_m$  150.0528; rhamnose  $C_6H_{12}O_5$ ,  $M_m$  164.0685; glucose  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ ,  $M_m$  180.0634; sucrose,  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ ,  $M_m$  = 342.1162), matrix CHCA.