

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Dithiocarbamate transfer reaction from methylene-*bis*-(dithiocarbamates) to molybdenum dithiocarbamates in engine lubricants investigated using laboratory experiments

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### Supplementary Materials

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**Figure S3:** Mass spectrum (Probe-MS, EI, 70 eV) of methylene-*bis*(di-*n*-decyl-dithiocarbamate) **3b**

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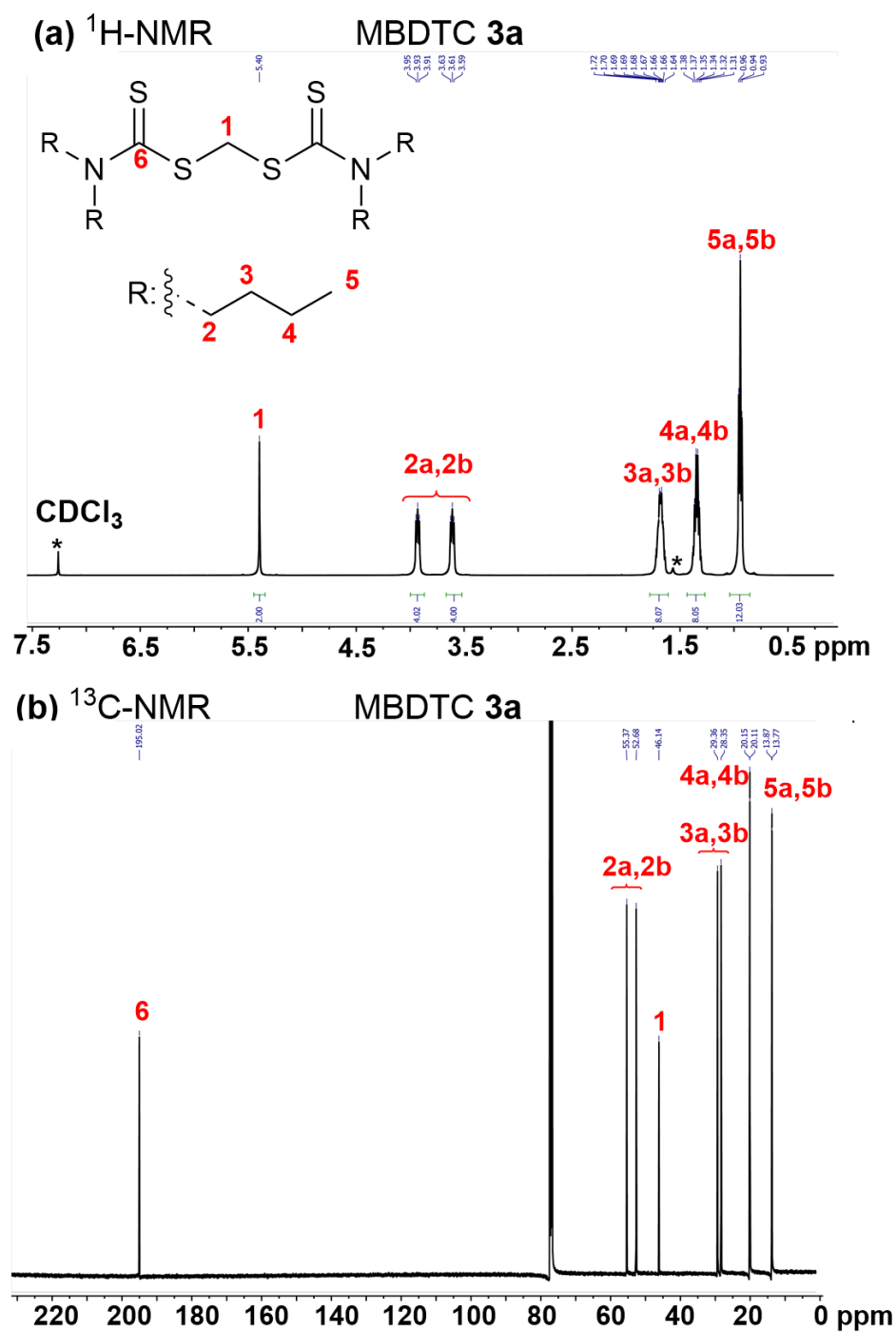
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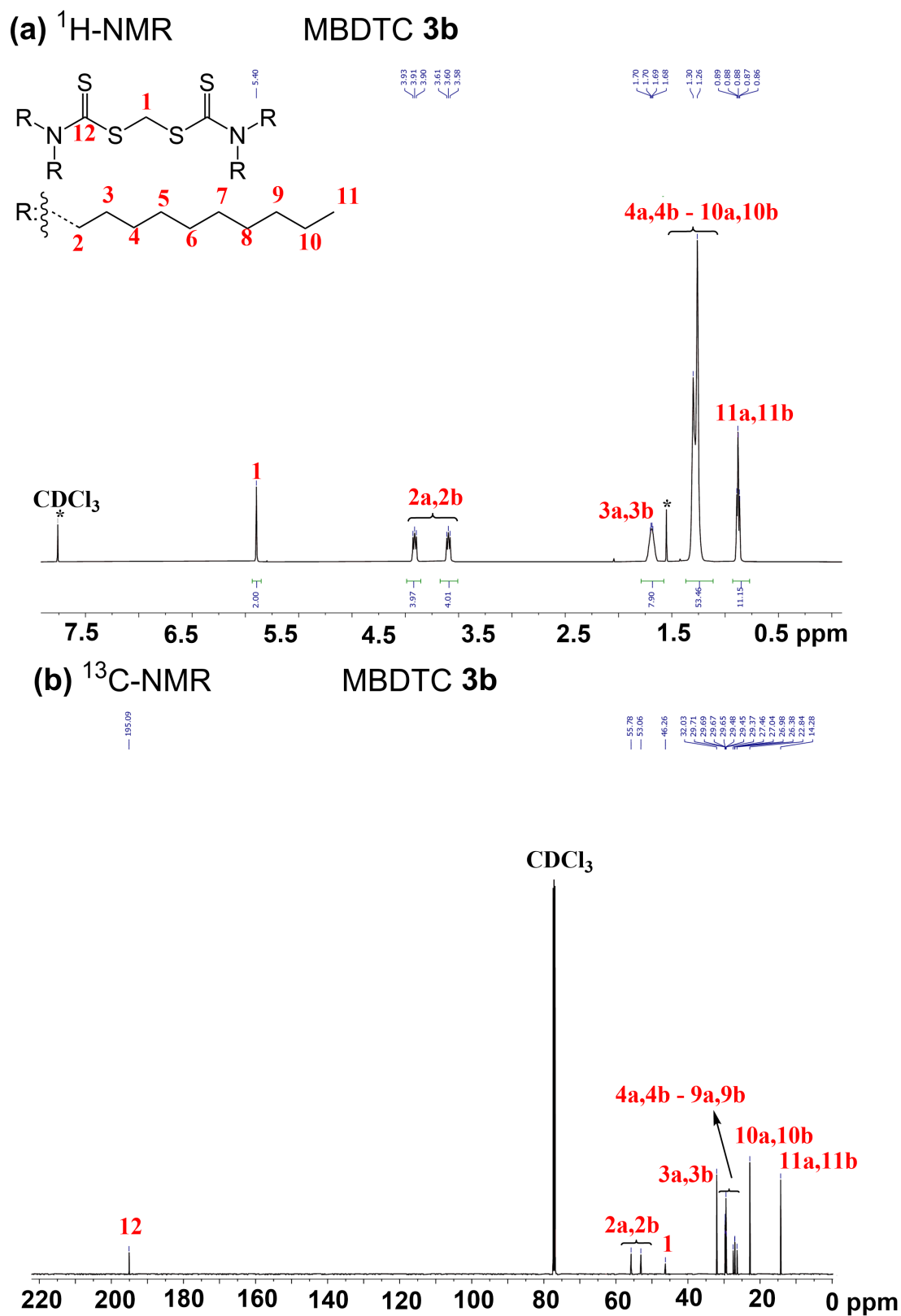
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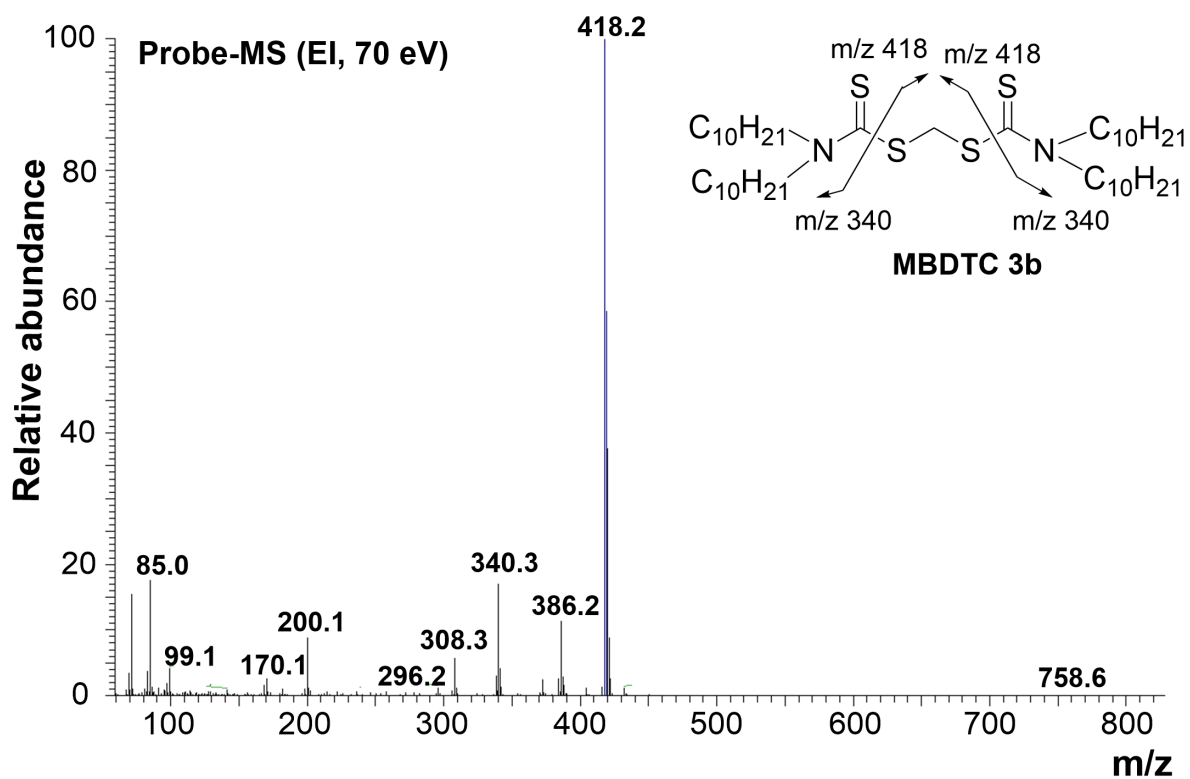
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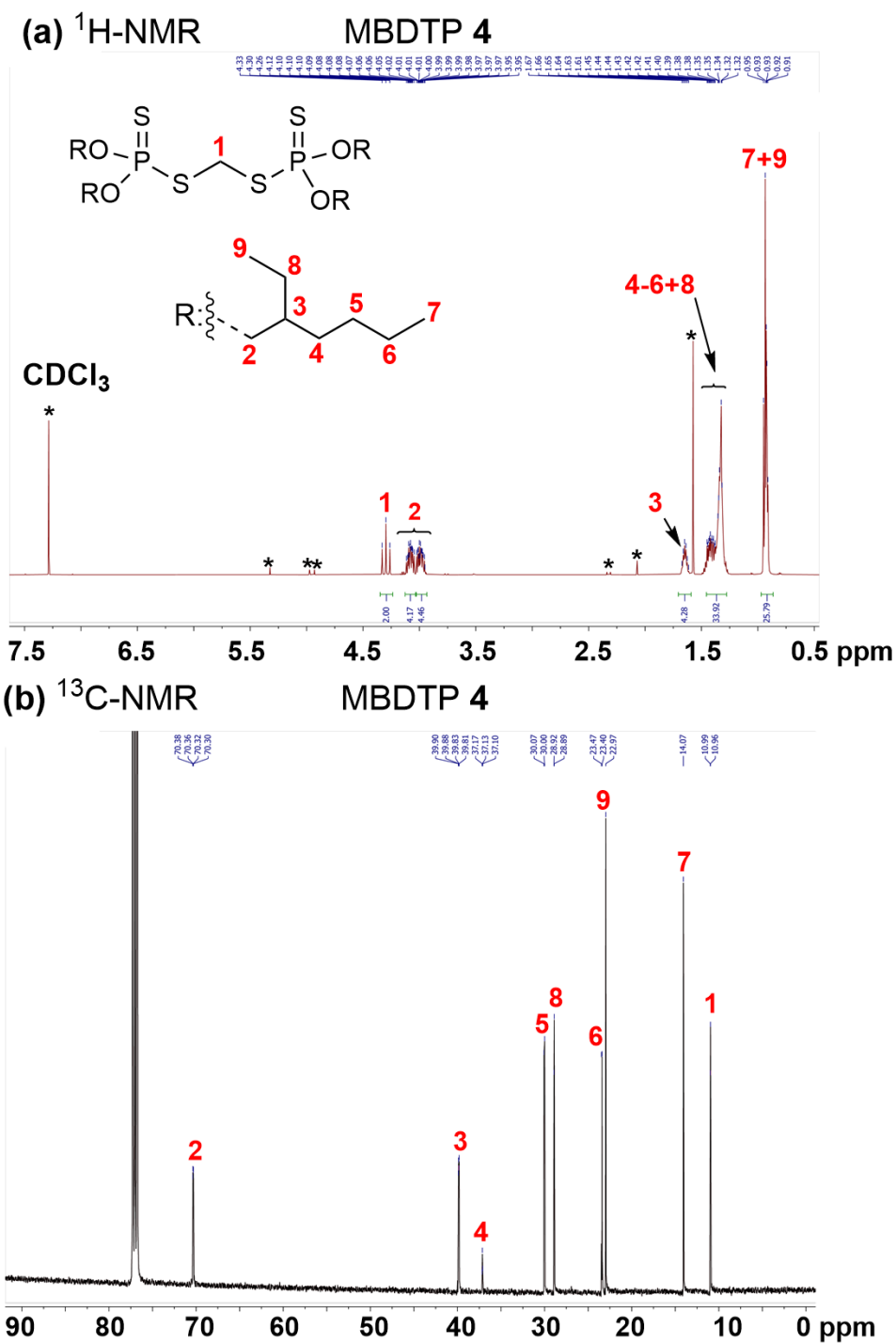
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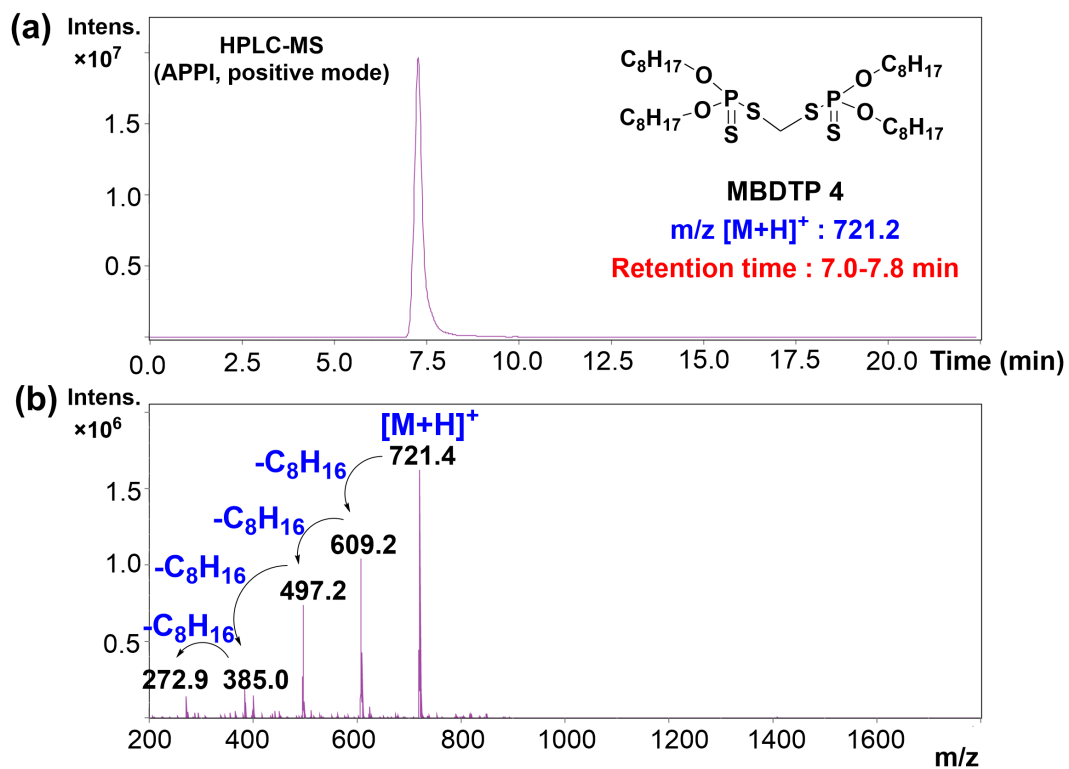
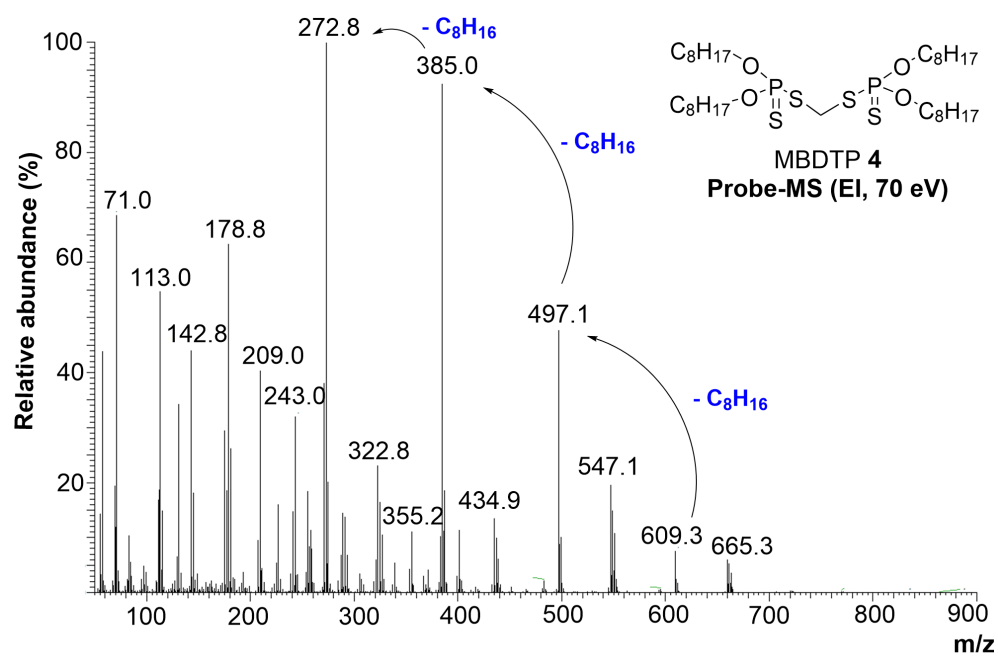
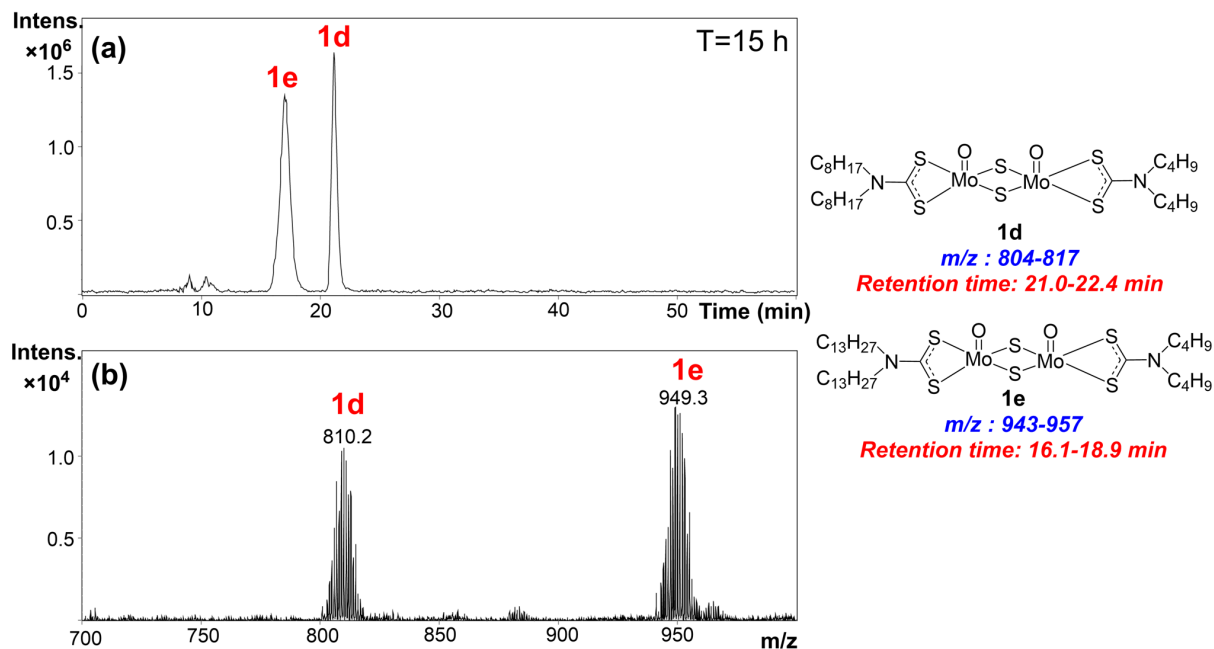


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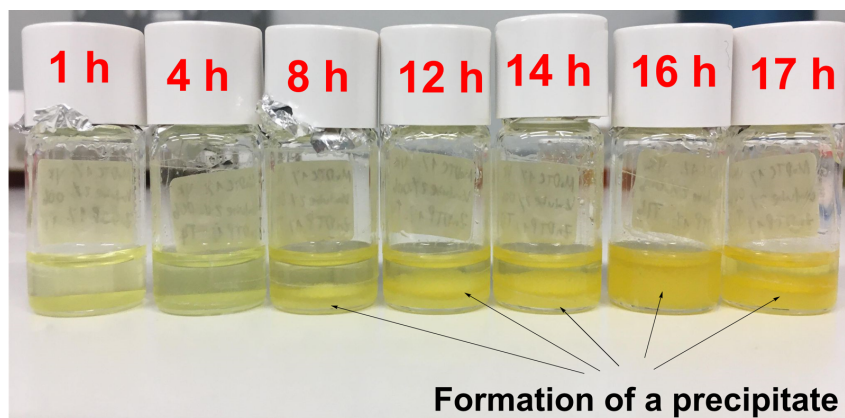




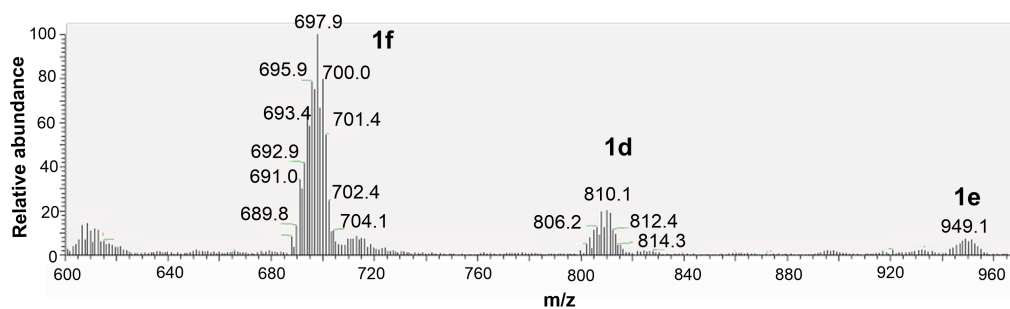
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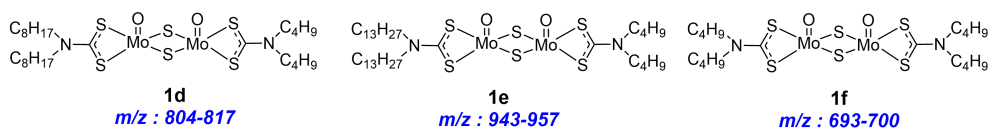
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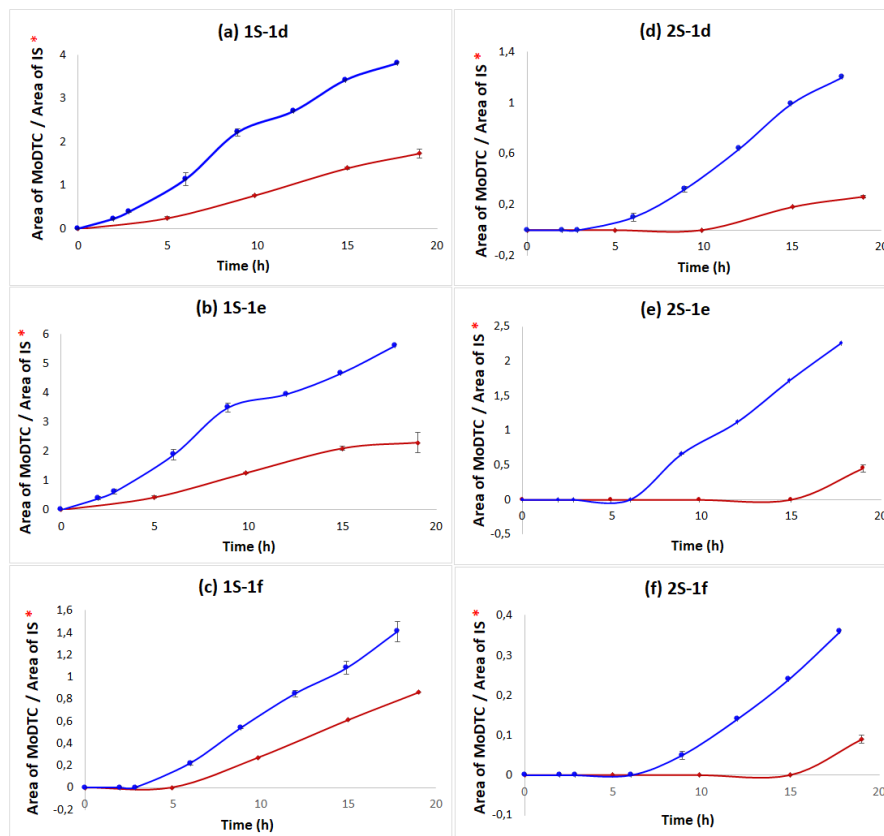
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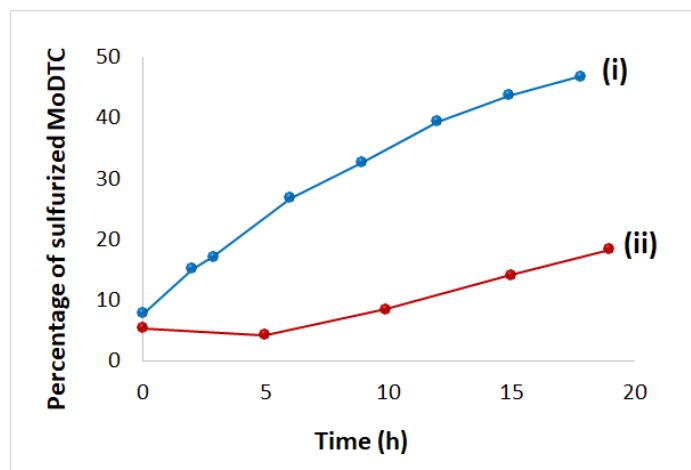
Probe-MS (EI, 70eV) : m/z (relative intensity) 693-700 ( $M^+$ , 100%), 943-957 (10), 804-817 (21)



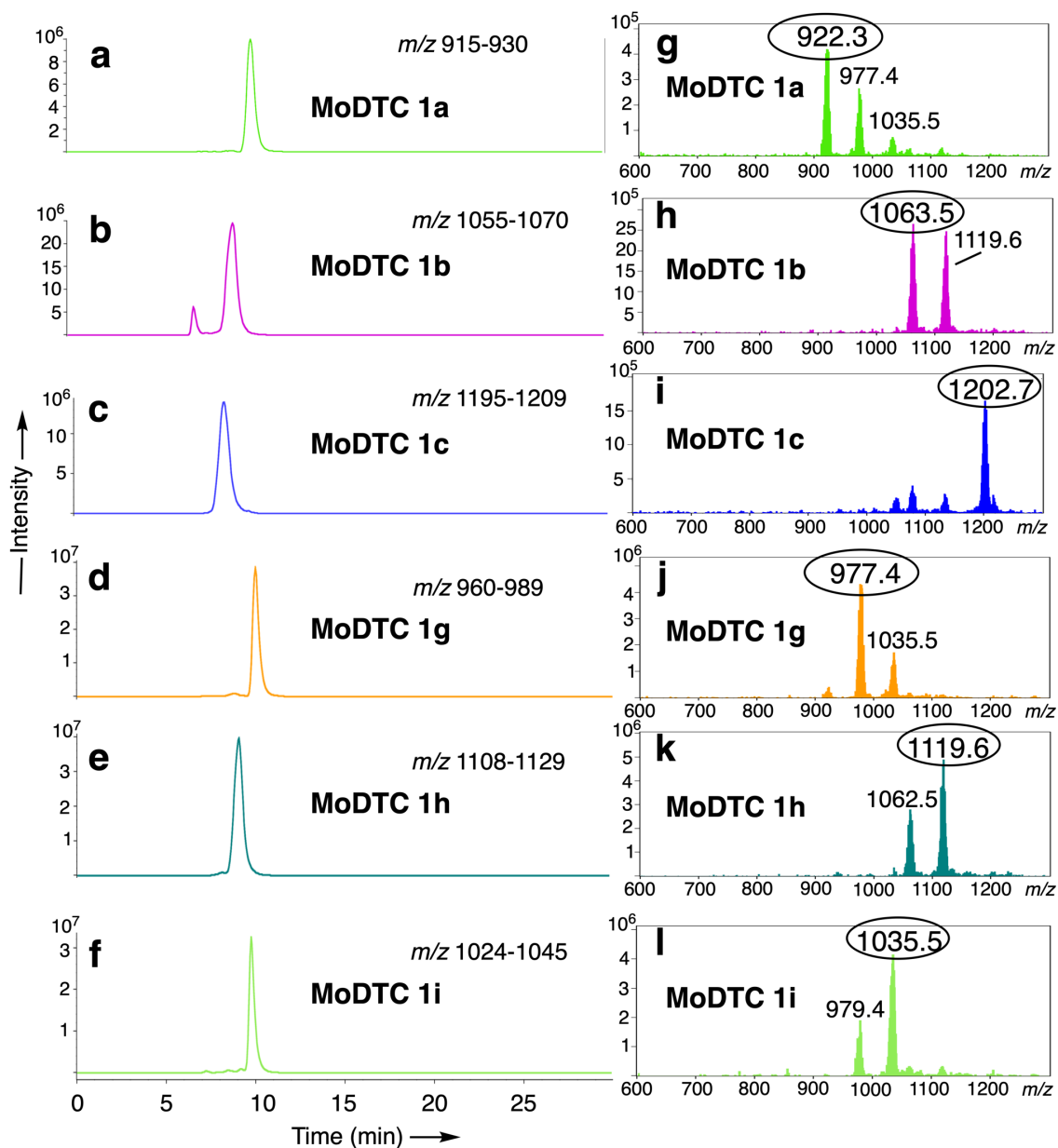
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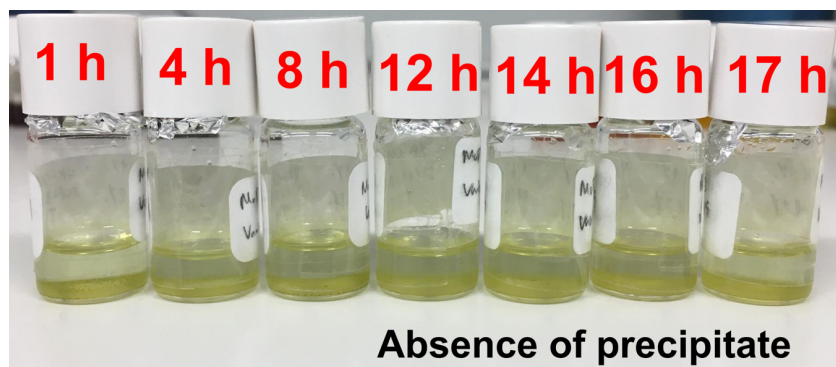
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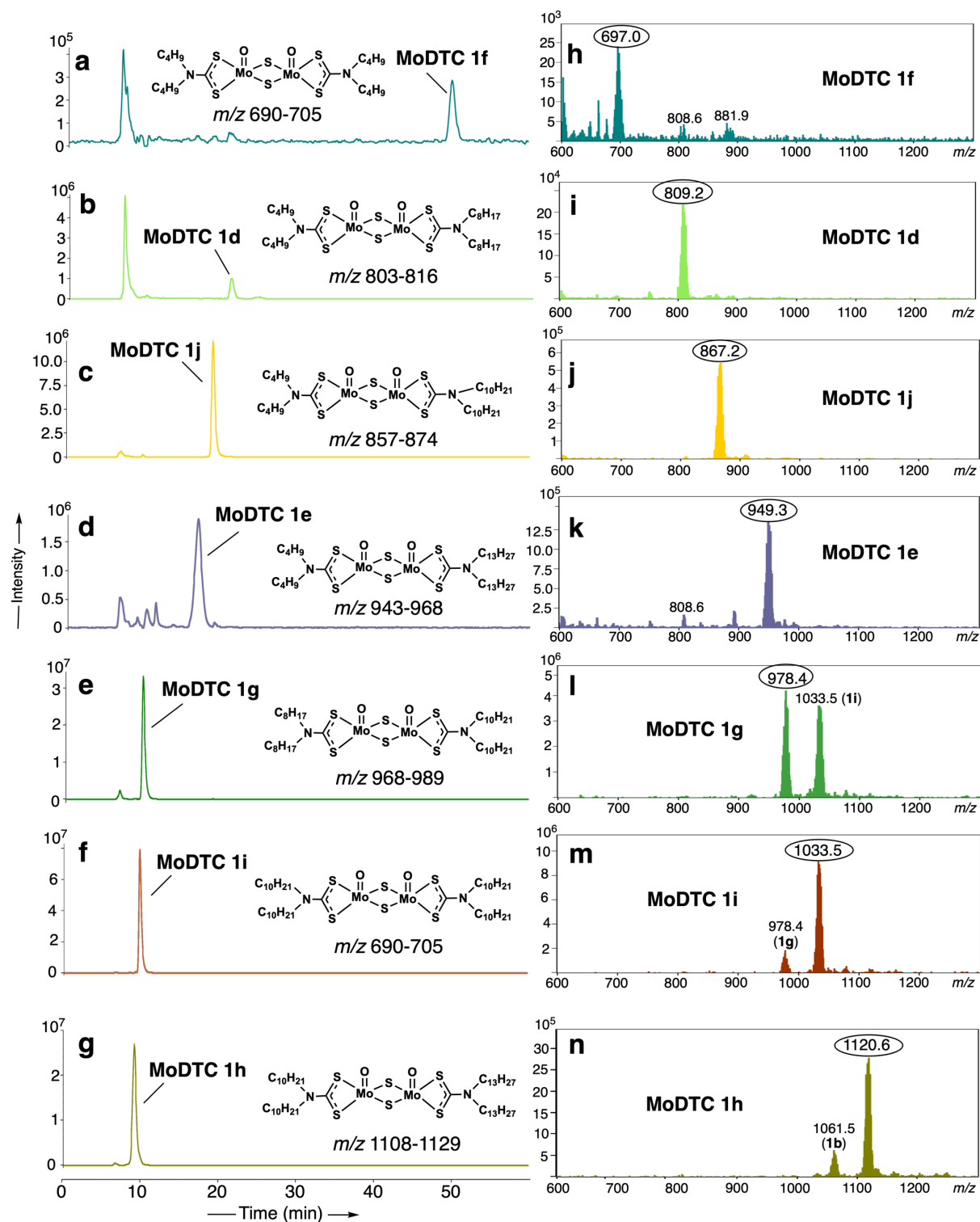
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