

Accelerated Hantzsch Electrospray Synthesis with Temporal Control of Reaction Intermediates

Supplementary Information

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Graphical Abstract

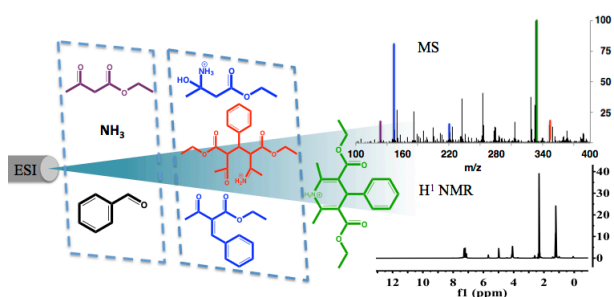


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Importance of the Hantzsch synthesis

The distinctive DHP class of molecules is of interest for pharmaceutical,¹ biological,² and microbial applications.³ Nifedipine⁴⁻⁶ (and analogs including amlodipine,⁷ azelnidipine,⁸ efonidipine,⁹ lercanidipine,¹⁰ manidipine,¹¹ and nicardipine¹²) is used as a calcium channel blocker for the treatment of hypertension and other cardiovascular diseases.^{13,14}

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Table S1 Bulk reaction conditions, time required and yields

Phenylboronic acid catalyst with reflux		Phenylboronic acid catalyst w/o reflux		No catalysis or reflux	
Time (hours)	Percent Yield ^a	Time (hours)	Percent Yield ^a	Time (hours)	Percent Yield ^a
2	39	2	-	2	-
4	83	4	7	4	3
8	94	8	23	8	7
16	96	16	49	16	13
32	-	32	61	32	24
64	-	64	82	64	37

^aPercent yield based on UV-Vis data collected at $\lambda=378$ nm using molar absorptivity of 5.2×10^3 L/mol*cm⁴⁸

Figure S1 NMR spectra

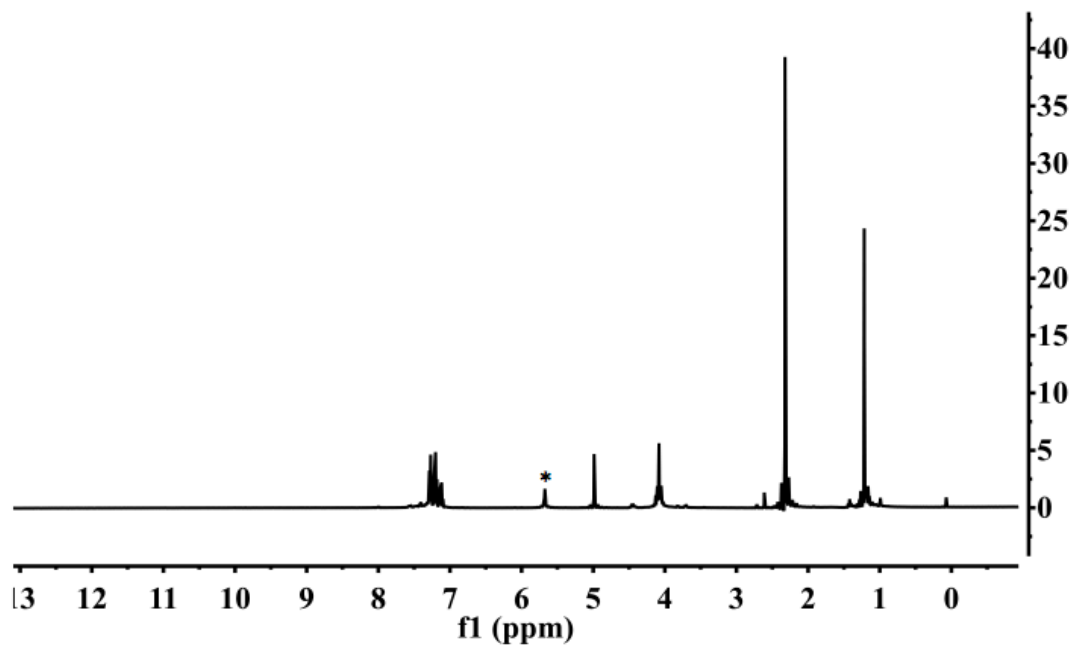


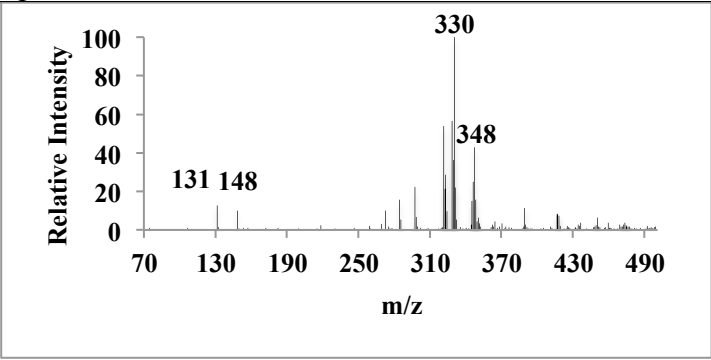
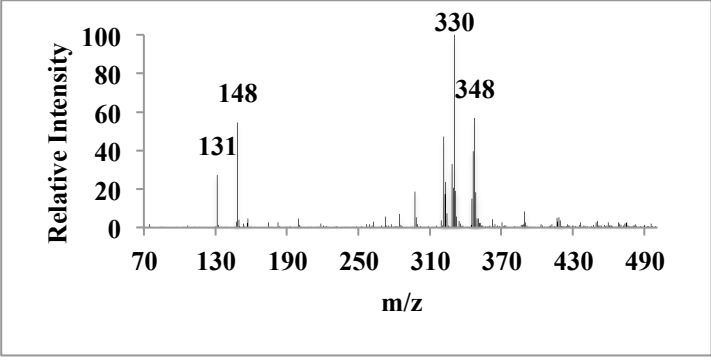
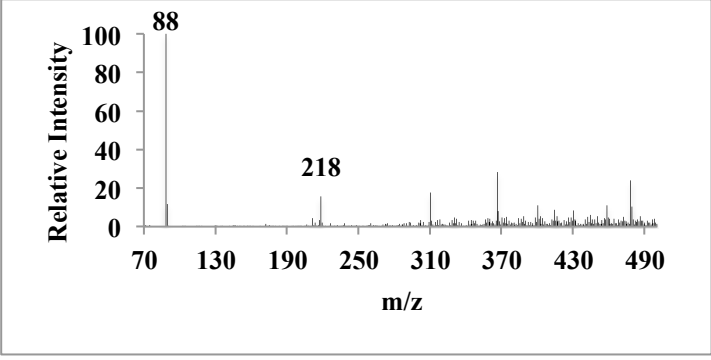
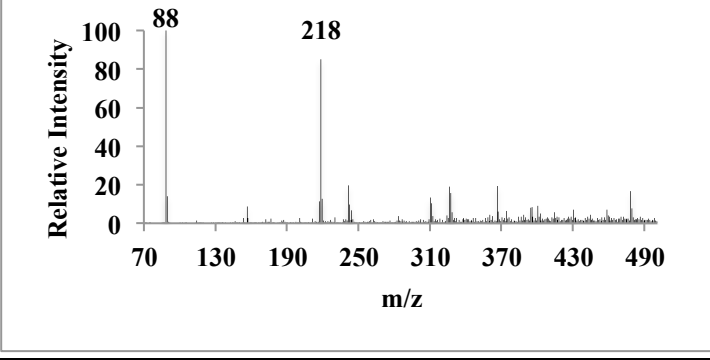
Figure S1 NMR of product from spray after recrystallization in chloroform-d which is in agreement with bulk phase experiments and literature. * denotes solvent peak.

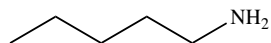
Table S2 Amine reactions in spray and bulk modes

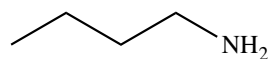
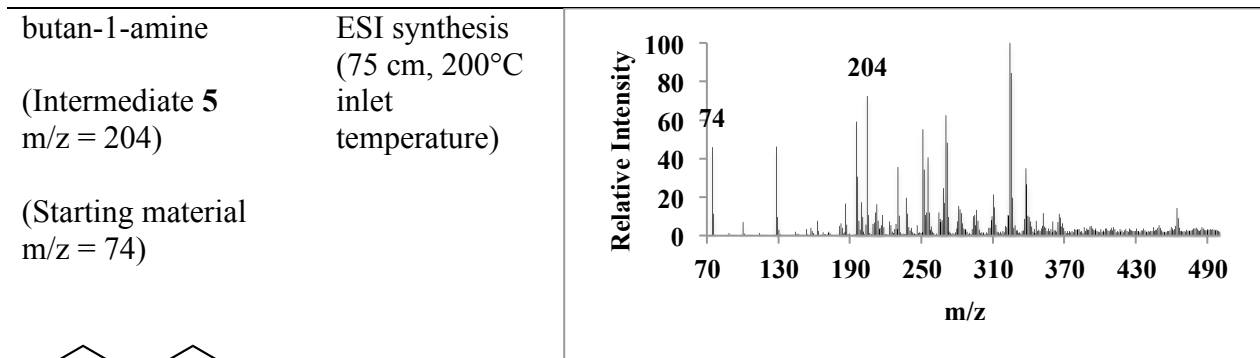
	2		Amine		5		7		9	
	<i>S</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>B</i>
ammonia	x	x	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x
pentan-1-amine	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
butan-1-amine	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
2-methylbutan-1-amine	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
2-methylbutan-2-amine	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
3-methylbutan-1-amine	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
2-methylpropan-2-amine	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
dibutylamine	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-
tributylamine	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-

S denotes sprayed reaction mixture. B denotes bulk phase reactions.
Due to ion suppression some identifications were performed in MS².

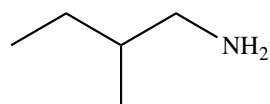
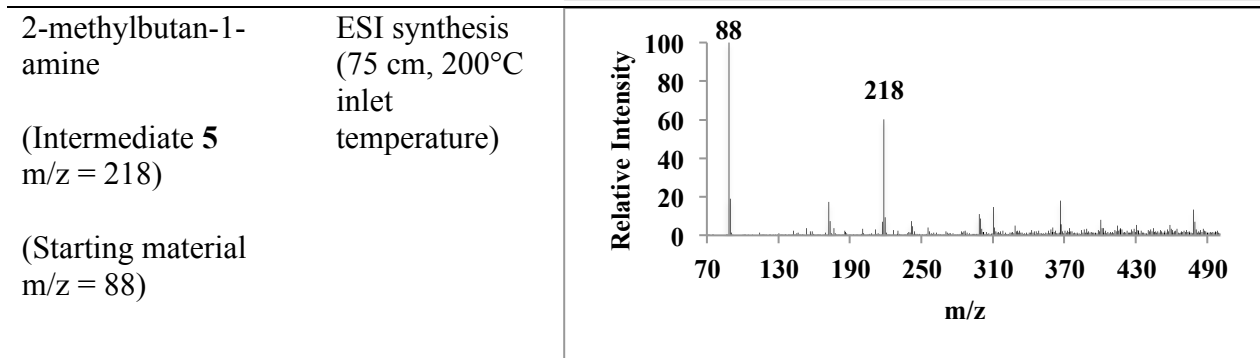
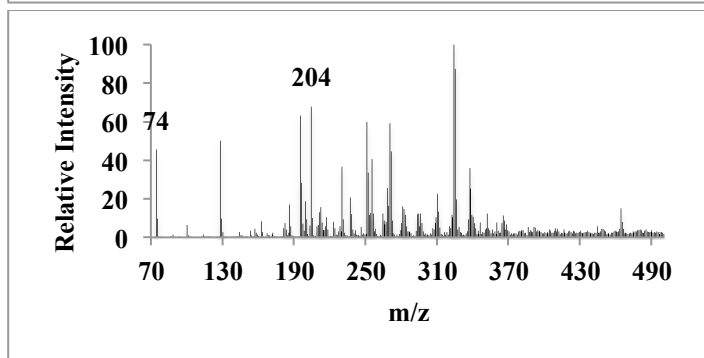
Table S3 Amine substituent effects

Nitrogen Source	Spectral Details	Spectra
ammonium acetate (Product $m/z = 330$) (Intermediates 5,7 $m/z = 148, 348$)	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	
pentan-1-amine (Intermediate 5 $m/z = 218$) (Starting Material $m/z = 88$)	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	

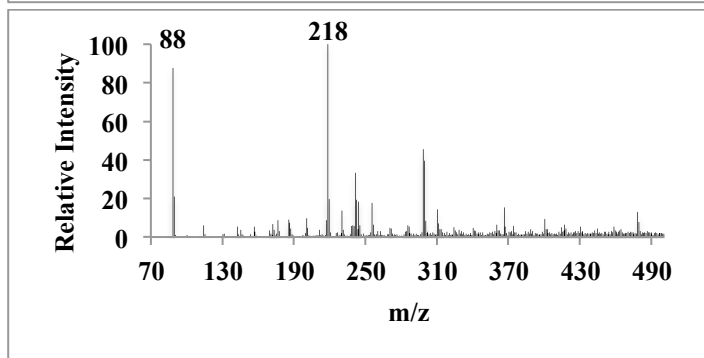


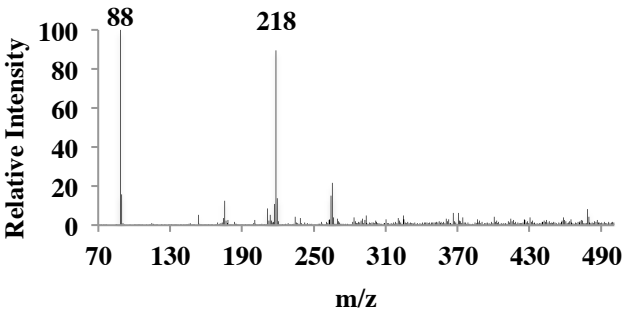
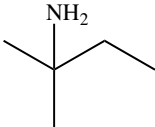
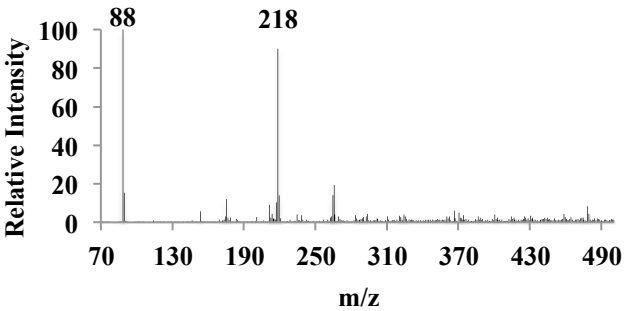
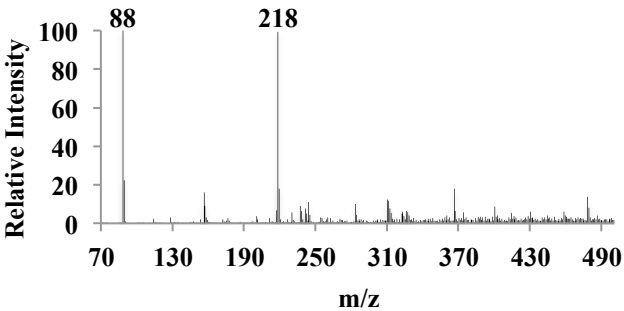
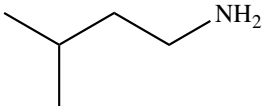
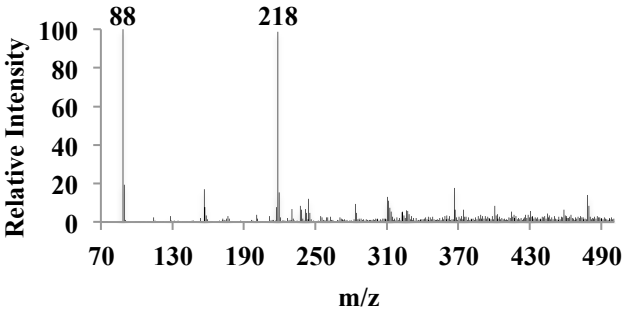


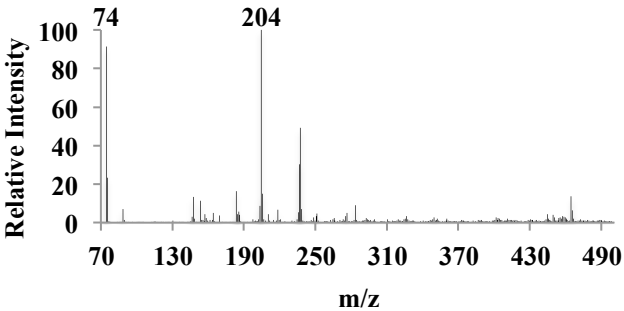
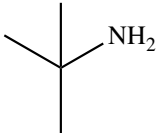
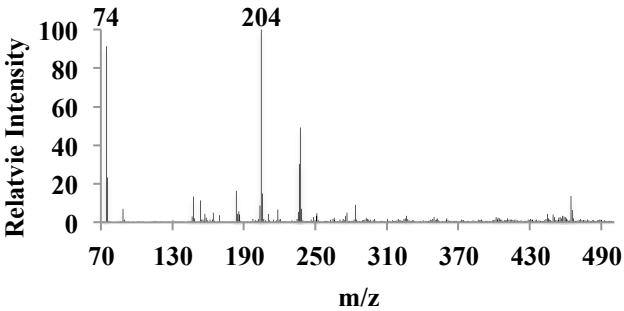
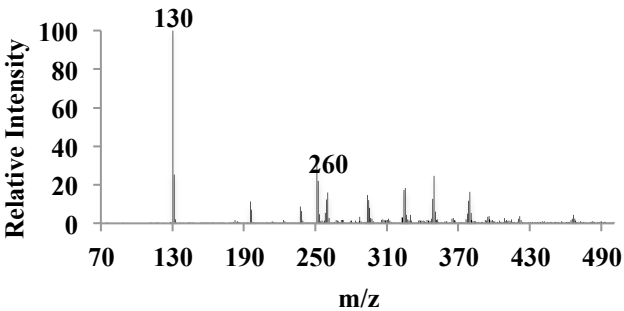
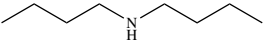
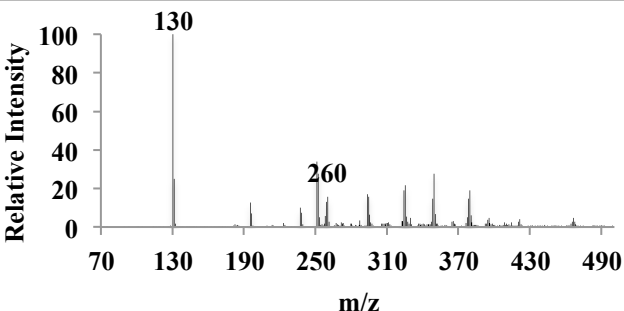
Sprayed bulk
phase (2 cm,
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2-methylbutan-2-amine	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
(Intermediate 5 m/z = 218)		
(Starting material m/z = 88)		
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	
3-methylbutan-1-amine	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
(Intermediate 5 m/z = 218)		
(Starting material m/z = 88)		
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	

2-methylpropan-2-amine	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
(Intermediate 5 m/z = 204)		
(Starting material m/z = 74)		
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	
dibutylamine	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
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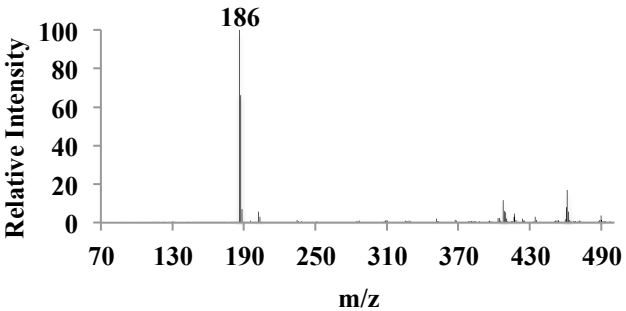
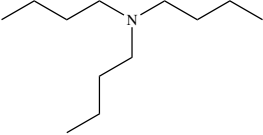
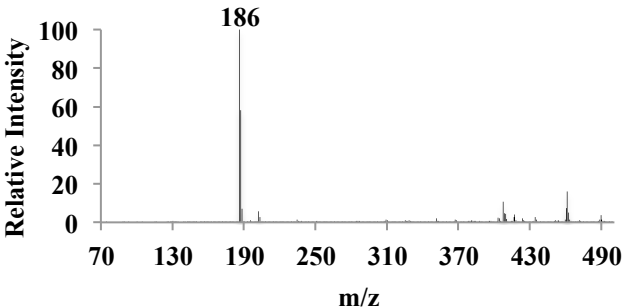
tributylamine (Starting material m/z =186)	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	

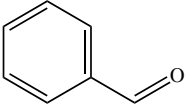
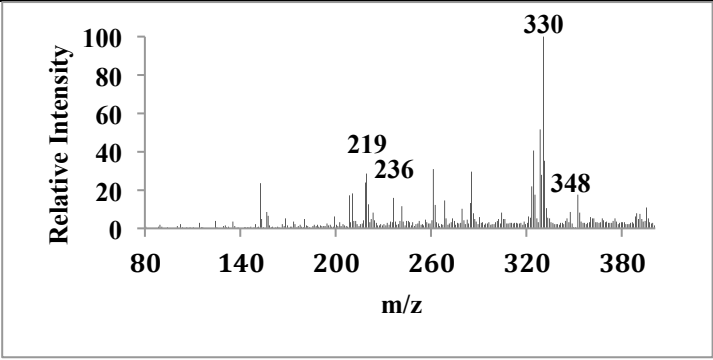
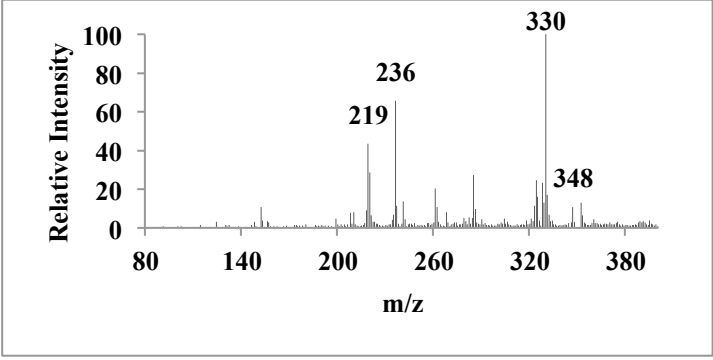
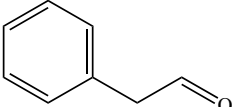
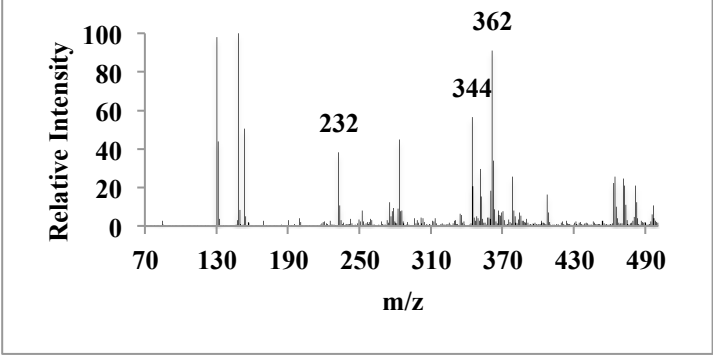
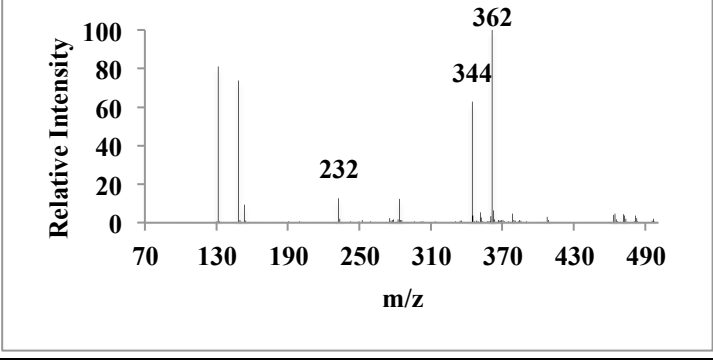
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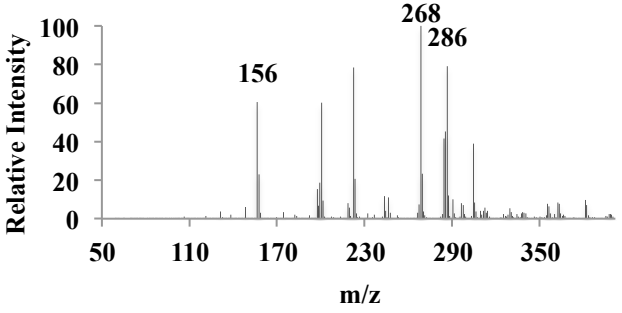
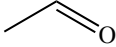
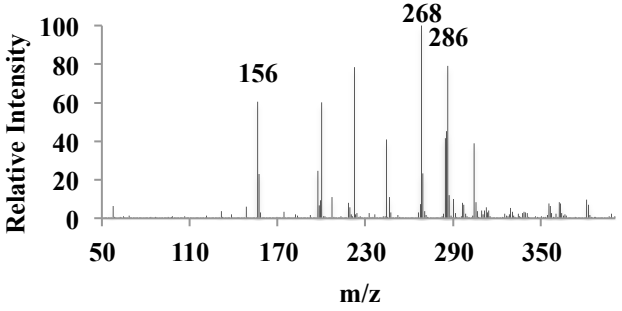
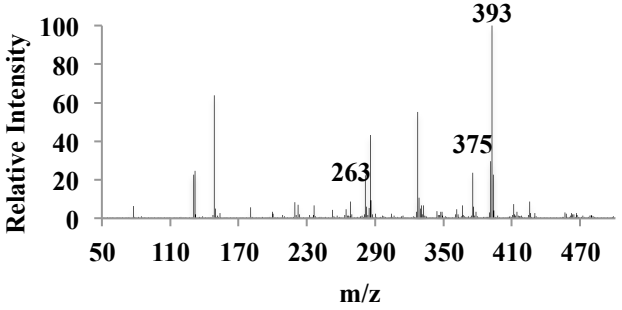
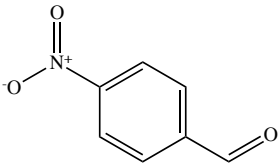
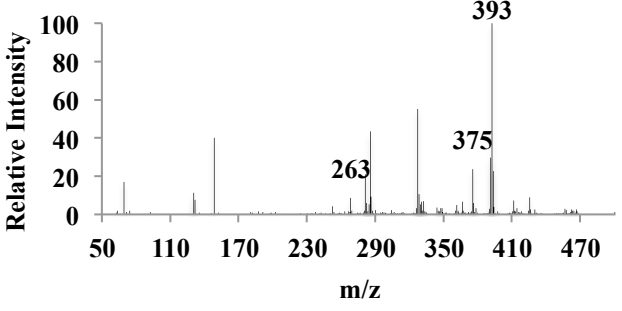
Table S4 Aldehyde effect summary

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benzaldehyde	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2-phenylacetaldehyde	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
acetaldehyde	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
4-nitrobenzaldehyde	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
anthracene-9-carbaldehyde	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
dodecanal	-	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

S denotes sprayed reaction mixture. B denotes bulk phase reactions. Due to ion suppression some identifications were performed in MS².

Table S5 Aldehyde substituent effects

Aldehyde	Spectral Details	Spectra
benzaldehyde (Product $m/z = 330$) 	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	
2-phenylacetaldehyde (Product $m/z = 344$) 	ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)	
	Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)	

<p>acetaldehyde (Product $m/z = 268$)</p>	<p>ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)</p>	
	<p>Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)</p>	
<p>4-nitrobenzaldehyde (Product $m/z = 375$)</p>	<p>ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)</p>	
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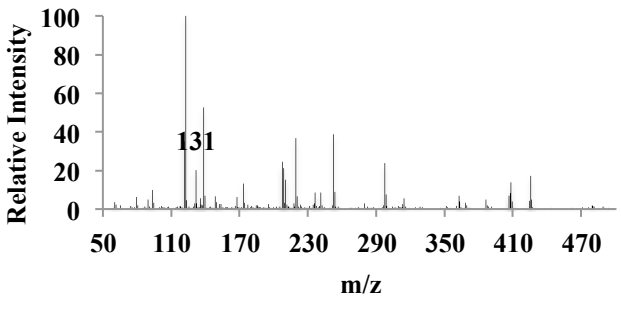
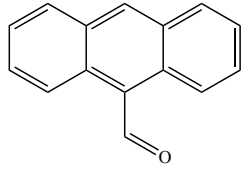
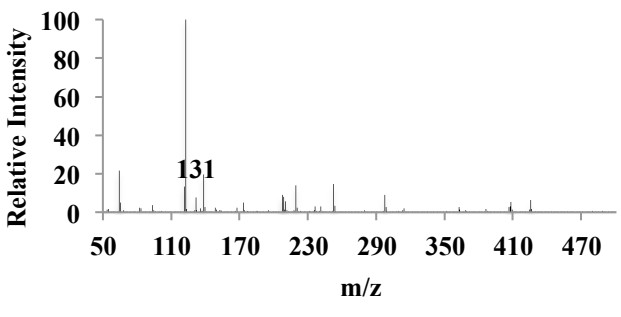
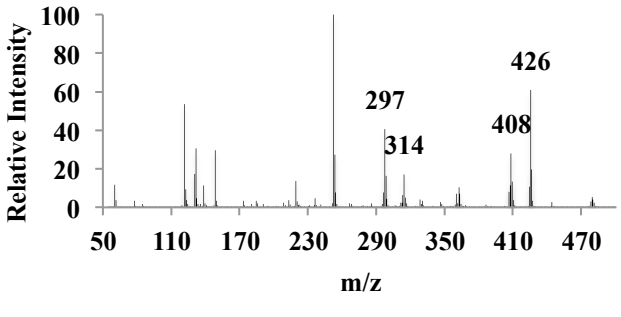

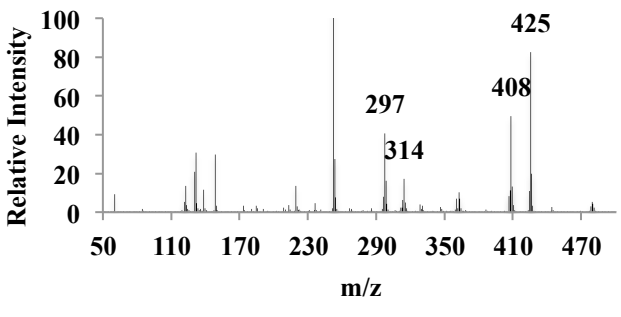
<p>anthracene-9-carbaldehyde</p> <p>(Product $m/z = 430^*$) * not seen</p>	<p>ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)</p>	
	<p>Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)</p>	
<p>dodecanal</p> <p>(Product $m/z = 408$)</p>	<p>ESI synthesis (75 cm, 200°C inlet temperature)</p>	
	<p>Sprayed bulk phase (2 cm, 100°C inlet temperature)</p>	

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Figure S2 On-line distance

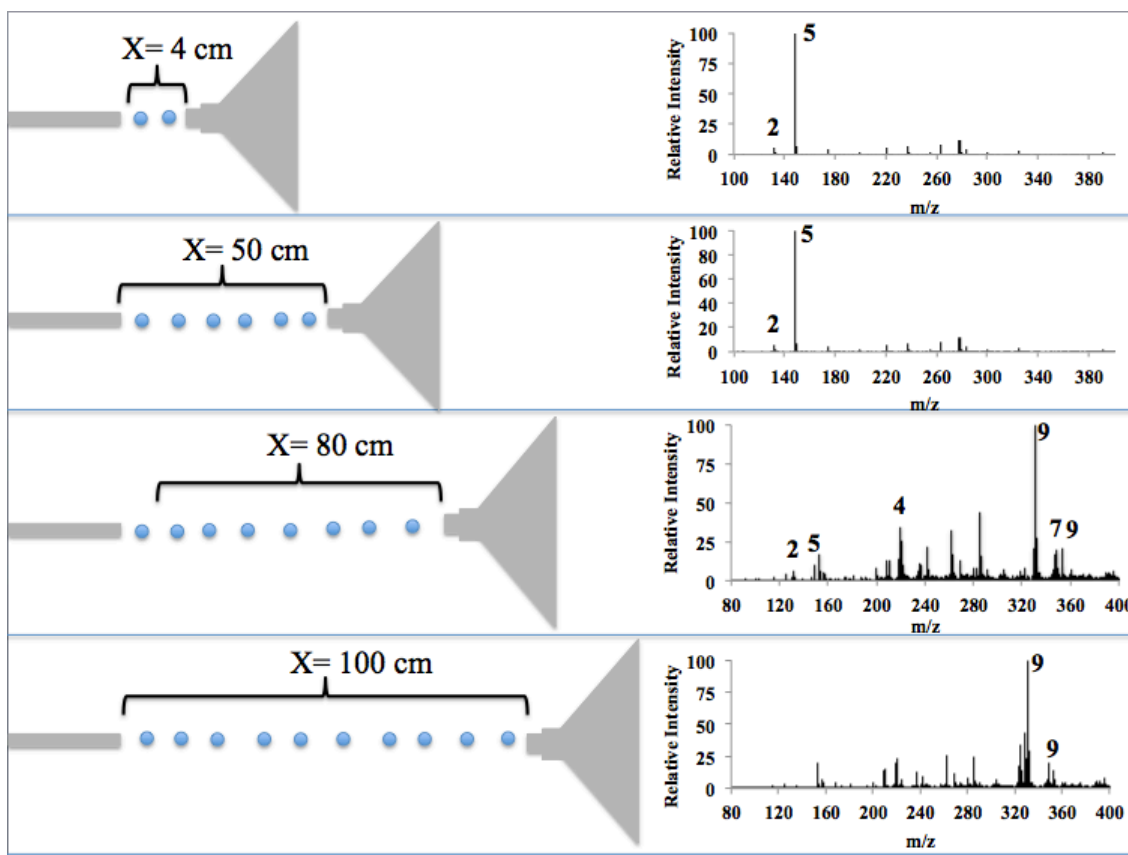
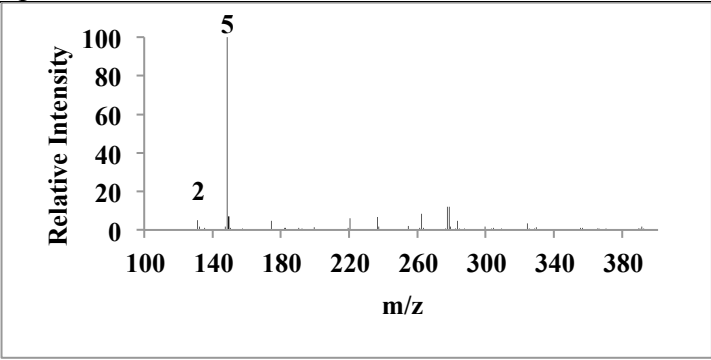
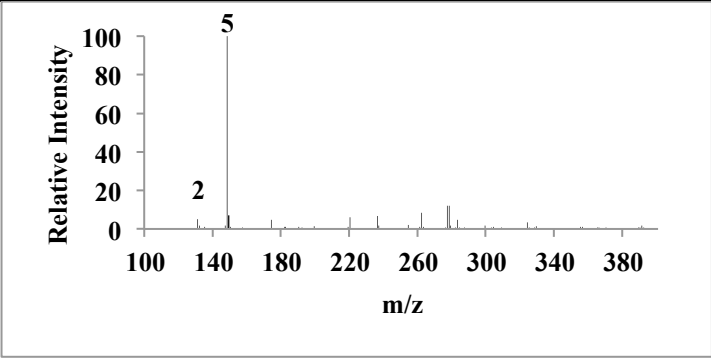
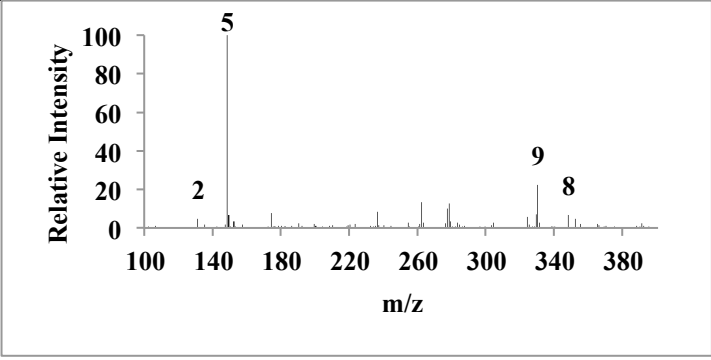
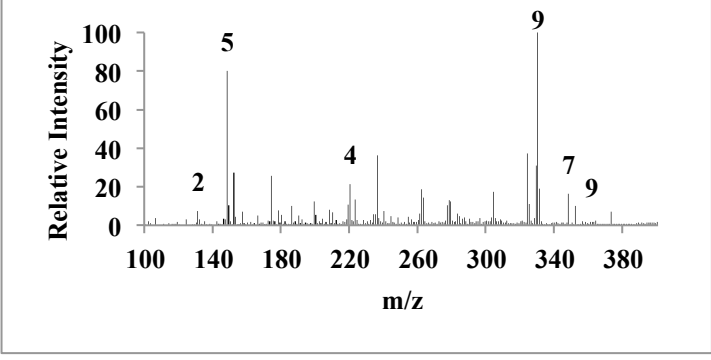
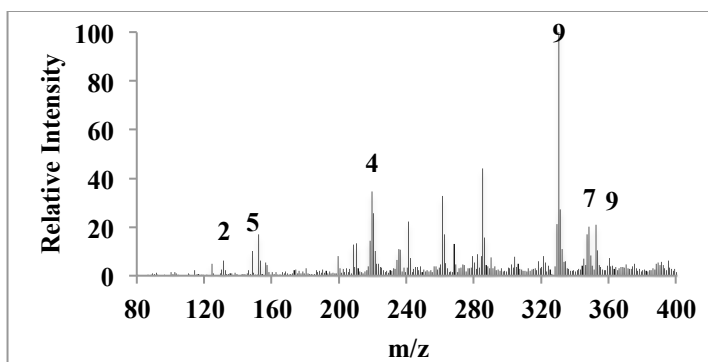


Figure S2 Stages of reaction completeness in the droplets traveling between the MS inlet and the sprayer as a function of distance (x).

Table S6 On-line distance

Distance (cm)	Spectra
4 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum at 4 cm distance. The x-axis is m/z (100-380) and the y-axis is Relative Intensity (0-100). The base peak is at m/z 5 (100% intensity). A significant peak is at m/z 2 (~20% intensity). Other minor peaks are visible at m/z 140, 150, 260, 270, 280, and 290.</p>
50 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum at 50 cm distance. The x-axis is m/z (100-380) and the y-axis is Relative Intensity (0-100). The base peak is at m/z 5 (100% intensity). A significant peak is at m/z 2 (~20% intensity). Other minor peaks are visible at m/z 140, 150, 260, 270, 280, and 290.</p>
60 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum at 60 cm distance. The x-axis is m/z (100-380) and the y-axis is Relative Intensity (0-100). The base peak is at m/z 5 (100% intensity). Significant peaks are at m/z 9 (~40% intensity) and m/z 8 (~25% intensity). A peak at m/z 2 is also present (~20% intensity). Other minor peaks are visible at m/z 140, 150, 260, 270, 280, and 290.</p>
70 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum at 70 cm distance. The x-axis is m/z (100-380) and the y-axis is Relative Intensity (0-100). The base peak is at m/z 9 (100% intensity). Significant peaks are at m/z 5 (~80% intensity), m/z 4 (~40% intensity), m/z 7 (~30% intensity), and m/z 9 (~20% intensity). A peak at m/z 2 is also present (~20% intensity). Other minor peaks are visible at m/z 140, 150, 260, 270, 280, and 290.</p>

80 cm



100 cm

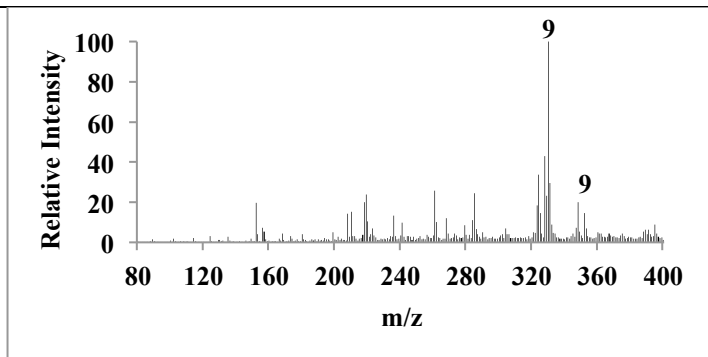
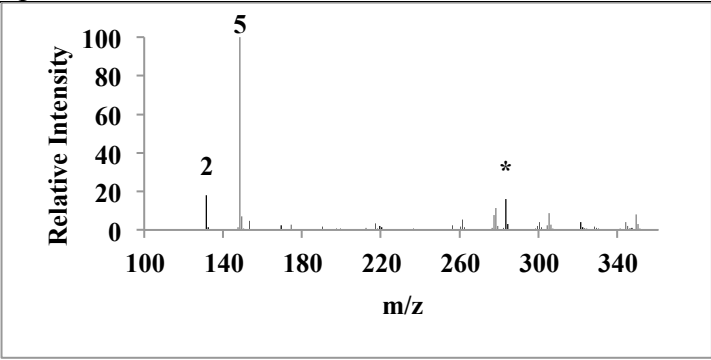
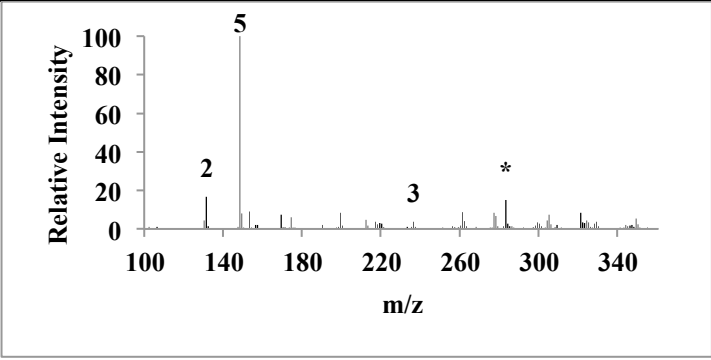
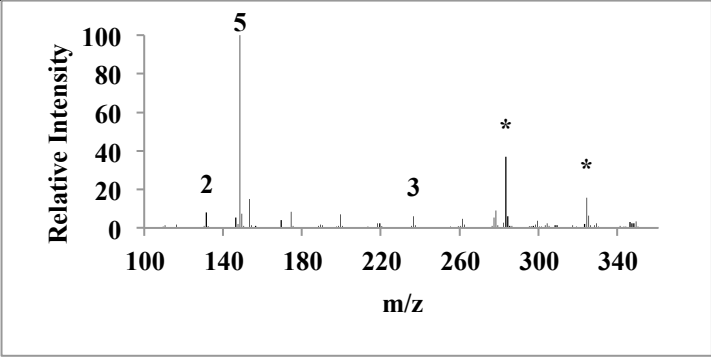
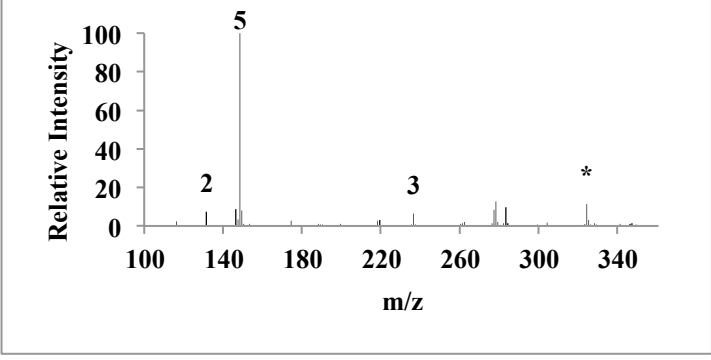
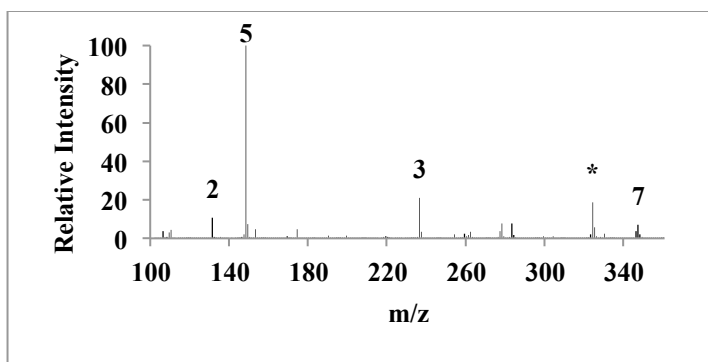


Table S6 Collected spectra for distances between the ion transfer capillary and the spray source. Capillary temperature 150°C with a total flow rate of 50 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ and a nitrogen gas pressure of 125 psi. Other variables are consistent with Table S1.

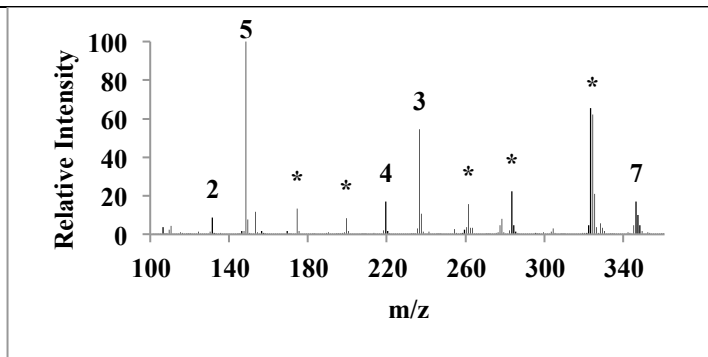
Table S7 On-line distance with tube

Tube length (cm)	Spectra
20 cm	
30 cm	
40 cm	
50 cm	

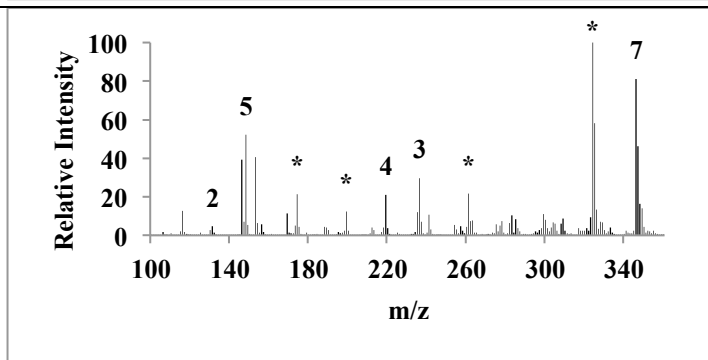
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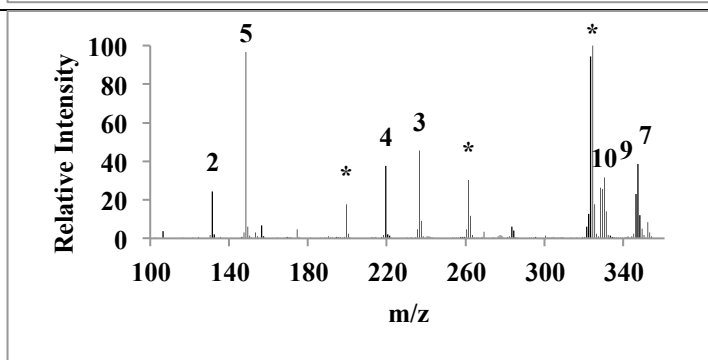
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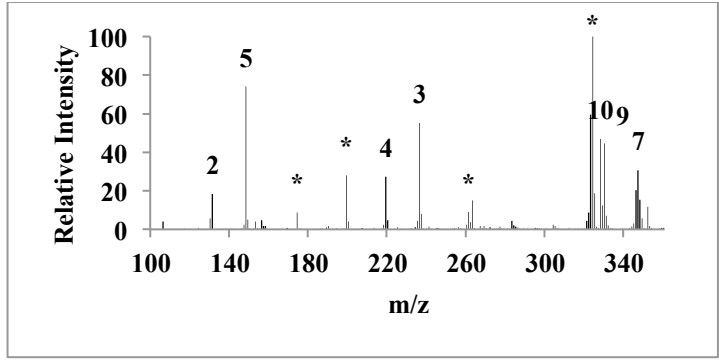
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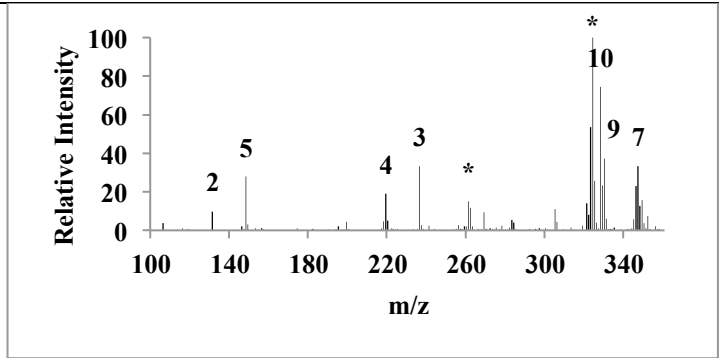
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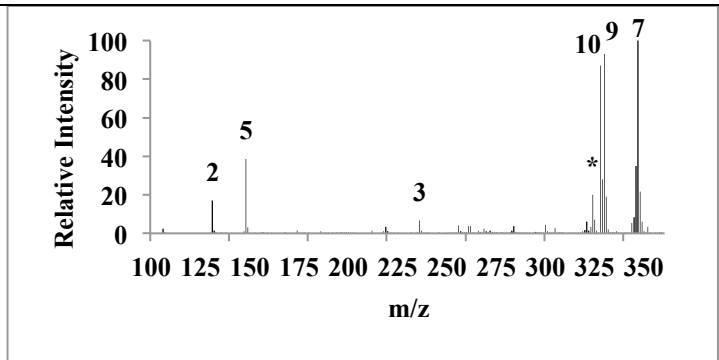
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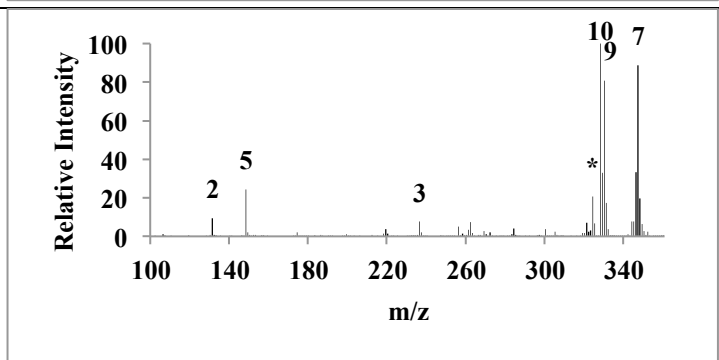
80 cm



85 cm



90 cm



95 cm

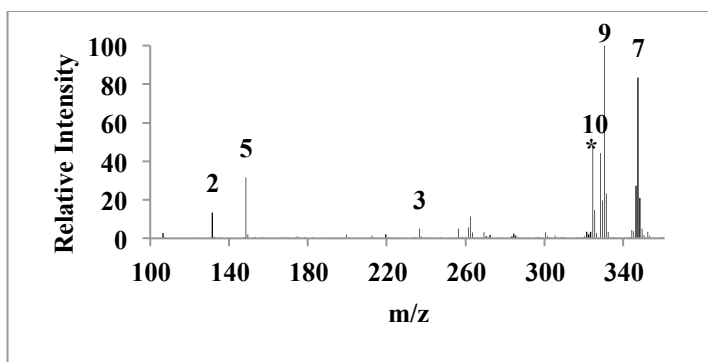
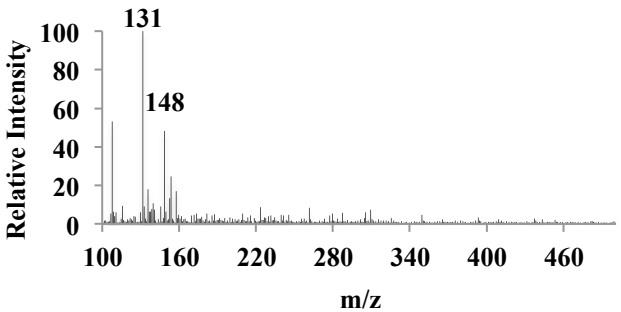
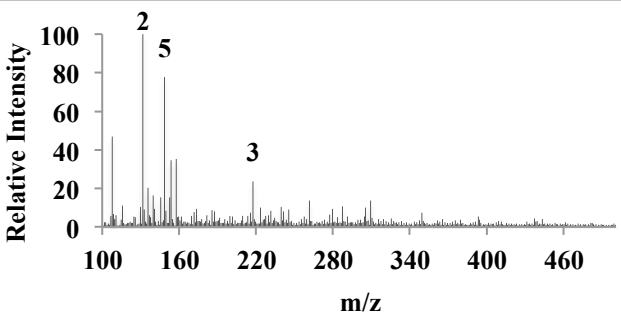
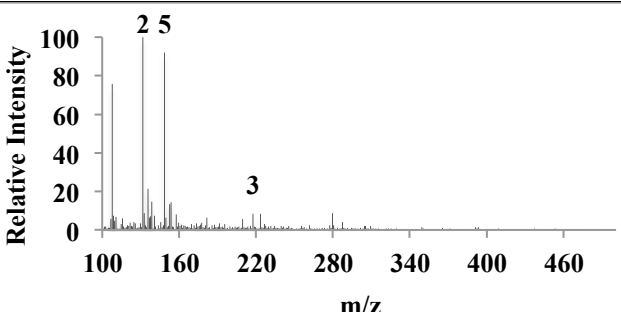
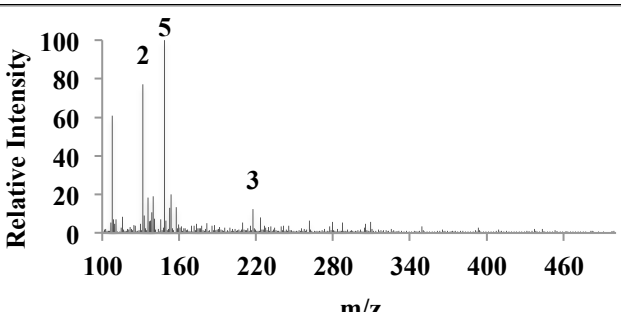
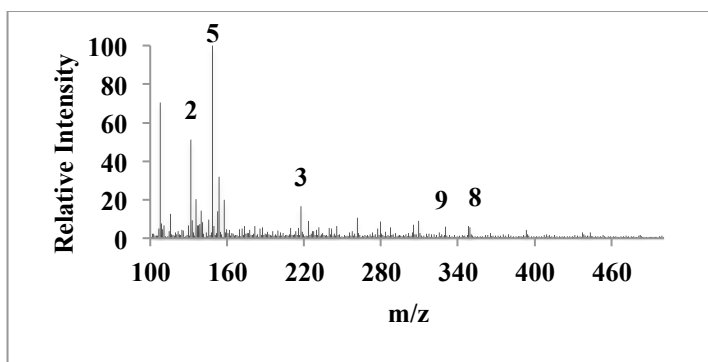


Table S7 Collected spectra for distances between the ion transfer capillary and the spray source with a stainless steel tube of length (x) in between. 5 cm were between the tube and the MS. Capillary temperature 150°C with a total flow rate of 50 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ and a nitrogen gas pressure of 125 psi. Other variables are consistent with Table S1.

Table S8 Off-line distance with cold collection

Distance	Spectra								
4 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum for 4 cm distance. The y-axis is Relative Intensity (0 to 100) and the x-axis is m/z (100 to 460). The base peak is at m/z 131. Other significant peaks are at m/z 148.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>m/z</th><th>Relative Intensity</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>131</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>148</td><td>~60</td></tr></tbody></table>	m/z	Relative Intensity	131	100	148	~60		
m/z	Relative Intensity								
131	100								
148	~60								
25 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum for 25 cm distance. The y-axis is Relative Intensity (0 to 100) and the x-axis is m/z (100 to 460). The base peak is at m/z 2. Other significant peaks are at m/z 5 and 3.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>m/z</th><th>Relative Intensity</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>~80</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>~40</td></tr></tbody></table>	m/z	Relative Intensity	2	100	5	~80	3	~40
m/z	Relative Intensity								
2	100								
5	~80								
3	~40								
50 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum for 50 cm distance. The y-axis is Relative Intensity (0 to 100) and the x-axis is m/z (100 to 460). The base peak is at m/z 2. Other significant peaks are at m/z 5 and 3.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>m/z</th><th>Relative Intensity</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>~90</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>~25</td></tr></tbody></table>	m/z	Relative Intensity	2	100	5	~90	3	~25
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2	100								
5	~90								
3	~25								
60 cm	 <p>Mass spectrum for 60 cm distance. The y-axis is Relative Intensity (0 to 100) and the x-axis is m/z (100 to 460). The base peak is at m/z 5. Other significant peaks are at m/z 2 and 3.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>m/z</th><th>Relative Intensity</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>5</td><td>100</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>~80</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>~25</td></tr></tbody></table>	m/z	Relative Intensity	5	100	2	~80	3	~25
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80 cm



100 cm

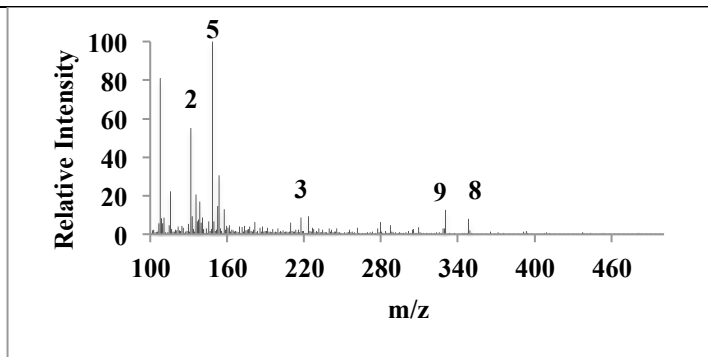
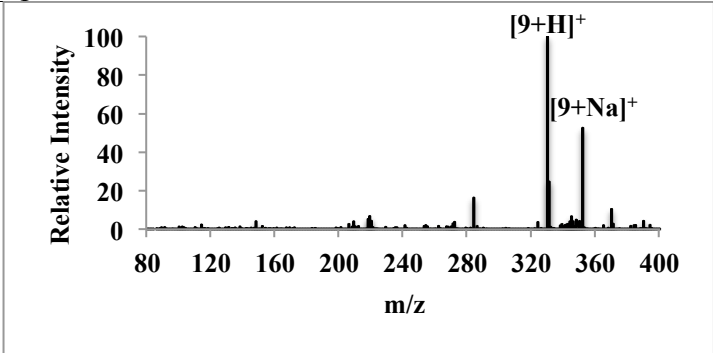
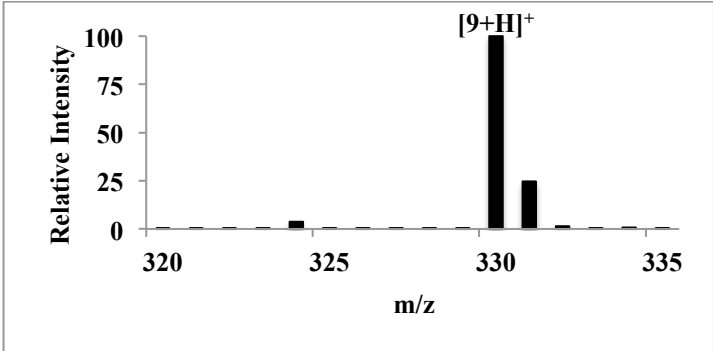
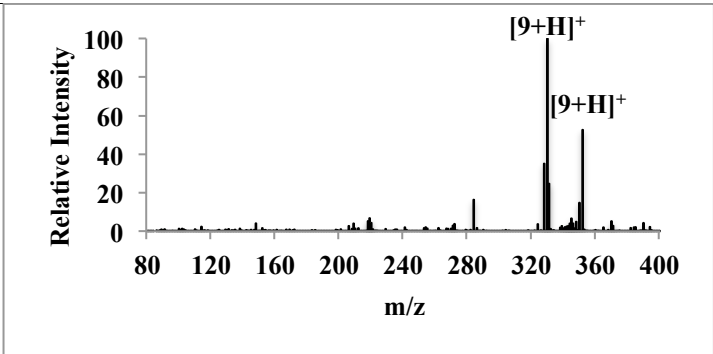
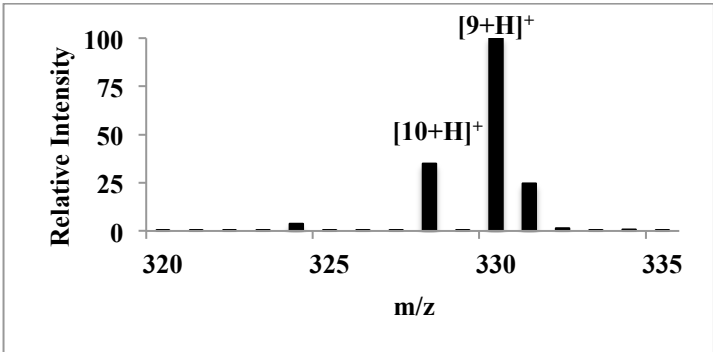


Table S8 Collected spectra from a distance study with collection on a surface kept at $\sim -77^\circ\text{C}$ by a dry-ice/IPA bath. Total flow rate of $50 \mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ and a nitrogen gas pressure of 125 psi. Other variables are consistent with Table S1.

Table S9 Ion transfer capillary temperature

Capillary Temperature (°C)	Spectra
150°C	
	
250°C	
	

350°C

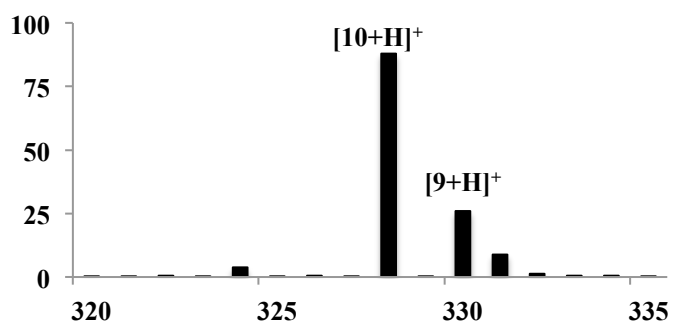
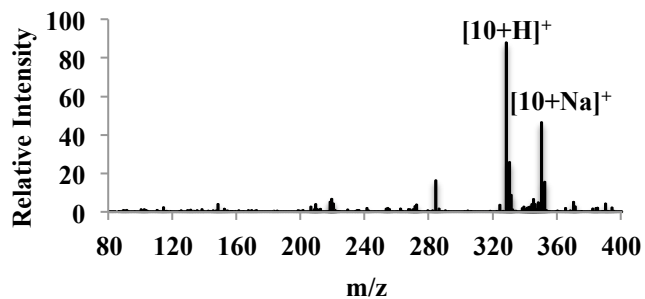


Table S9 Ion transfer capillary temperature varied with a constant distant of 100 cm between the MS and the spray source. A total flow rate of 50 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ and a nitrogen gas pressure of 125 psi was used throughout. Other variables are available in Table S1.

Table S10 Spray source variable

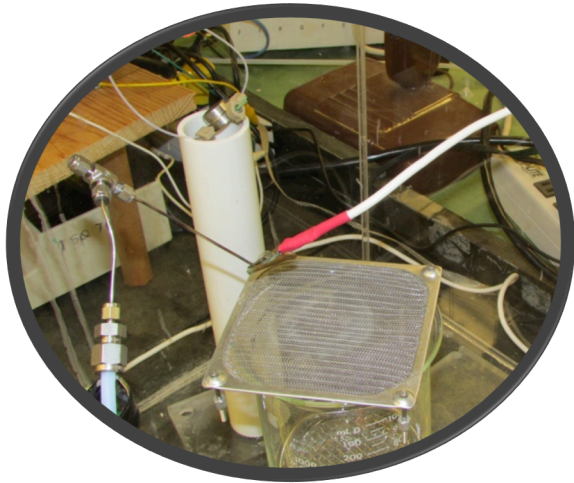
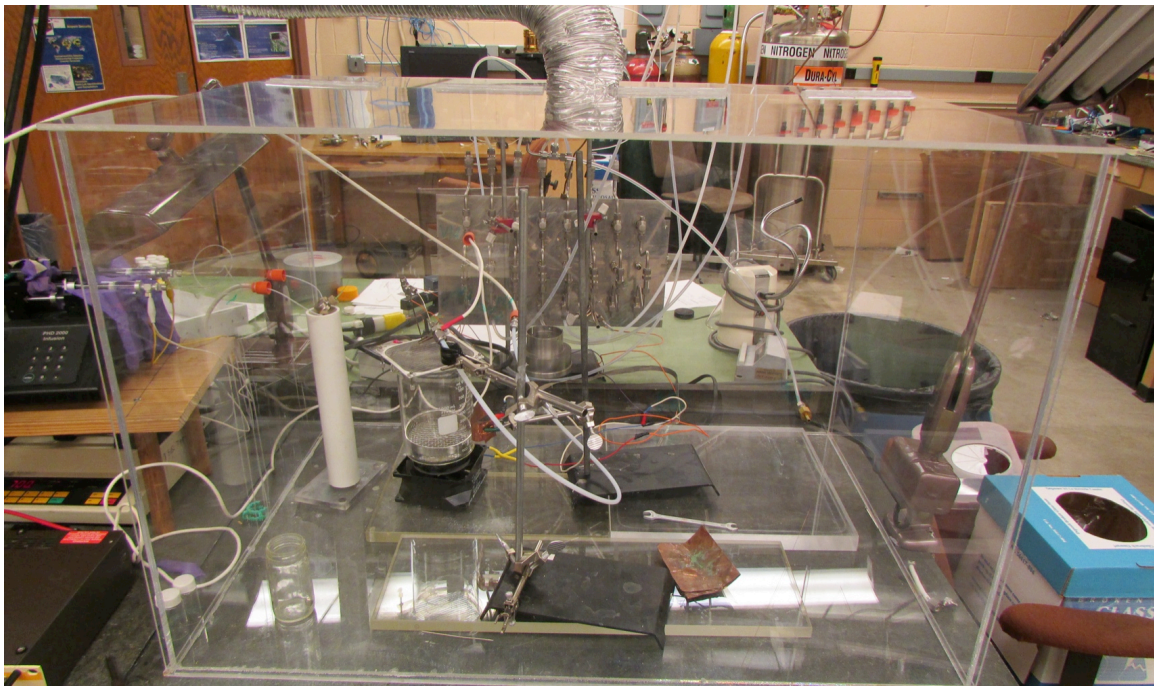
Variable		Value
Capillary length (in source)	<i>Inner (silica)</i>	50 mm
	<i>Outer (stainless)</i>	100 mm
Capillary diameter (ID)	<i>Inner (silica)</i>	100 μm
	<i>Outer (stainless)</i>	$\sim 500 \mu\text{m}$
Flow rate	<i>Reagent</i>	5 - 100 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$
	<i>Gas</i>	50 - 125 psi
Mixing methods		Upchurch static mixing T
Spray geometry	<i>Angle</i>	45°
	<i>Distance</i>	5 cm
Voltage		+/- 5 kV
Concentration sprayed		0.1-100 mM
Collection surface		Beaker & colander
Optimized ESI and collection variables used throughout unless otherwise noted.		

250 mg/hr experimental design

In order to achieve product formation at 250 mg/hr 85 mM solutions of benzaldehyde, ethyl acetoacetate, and ammonium acetate were used. The benzaldehyde and ammonium acetate were loaded into 10.0 mL Hamilton gas-tight syringes fitted with luer-locks. Since the ethyl acetoacetate is needed in a 2 molar equivalent, 20.0 mL were loaded into a 25.0 mL syringe. Flow rates of 166 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ for benzaldehyde and ammonium acetate and 332 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ for ethyl acetoacetate (or 664 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$ at the sprayer) were used for maximum yield experiments. Desolvation was also aided by 125 psi of nitrogen gas supplied by a liquid nitrogen tank. The optimized spray surface of a grounded steel colander sitting on a rotating beaker was rinsed with 100 mL of ethanol as a diluent. A total dilution of 4 L was done in series. This experimental procedure allowed for optimization because $\sim 90\%$ yield was ~ 1 Abs unit for UV-Vis analysis.

Recovery experiments were also performed where synthesized **9** was sprayed at 85 mM and recovered on the collection surface. This showed an average percent recovery of 95%. Surfaces can greatly affect the percent recovery as well as the percent yield due to the high pressure of sheath gas.

Off-line Apparatus Photos



Cold Collection Photos

