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Composition and light absorption of N-containing aromatic compounds in organic aerosols from laboratory biomass burning

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Table S1. Sample information for the laboratory simulations in open burn test facility (OBTF).

Date	Burn case	Sample phase	Sample volume (m ³)	OC (mg m ⁻³)	EC (mg m ⁻³)	EC/OC	Extraction efficiency (%)	MAC ₃₆₅ (m ² gC ⁻¹)	MAC ₅₅₀ (m ² gC ⁻¹)	Å _{abs}	
<i>FL forest^a</i>											
11/16/2012	Burn 1	Whole	0.45	1.90	0.22	0.12	98.8	1.03	0.037	7.79	
11/16/2012	Burn 2	Whole	0.13	3.82	0.58	0.15	99.1	1.06	0.041	7.80	
11/16/2012	Burn 3	Whole	0.14	1.56	0.91	0.58	98.6	1.30	0.11	6.00	
11/16/2012	Burn 4	Whole	0.26	14.1	0.38	0.027	98.6	0.92	0.030	8.01	
11/16/2012	Burn 5	Whole	0.26	2.76	0.44	0.16	95.6	1.16	0.056	7.33	
11/16/2012	Burn 6	Whole	0.19	6.14	0.81	0.13	96.1	1.01	0.043	7.34	
11/16/2012	Burn 7	Whole	0.21	4.96	1.09	0.22	97.0	1.04	0.045	7.58	
11/16/2012	Burn 8	Whole	0.21	2.77	0.64	0.23	95.9	1.32	0.059	7.15	
11/16/2012	Burn 9	Whole	0.23	3.46	0.90	0.26	93.6	1.32	0.059	7.22	
Average Temp. 10 °C, Average Humidity 83%											
<i>NC forest 1</i>											
4/16/2016	Burn 1	Flaming	0.0038	86.1	2.79	0.032	97.2	1.18	0.077	6.47	
		Smoldering	0.024	17.9	0.13	0.0072	97.6	0.96	0.043	7.17	
	Burn 2	Flaming	0.039	21.0	0.76	0.036	97.9	1.63	0.17	5.42	
		Smoldering	0.063	4.32	0.052	0.012	98.0	1.12	0.070	6.23	
	Burn 3	Flaming	0.032	17.4	1.02	0.059	97.9	1.60	0.20	5.15	
		Smoldering	0.14	3.63	0.037	0.010	98.0	0.91	0.047	7.10	
Average Temp. 12 °C, Average Humidity 49%											
<i>NC forest 2</i>											
7/14/2016	Burn 1	Flaming	0.025	44.7	1.60	0.036	99.0	3.97	0.17	7.40	
		Smoldering	0.073	15.1	0.15	0.010	99.1	3.75	0.15	7.79	
	Burn 2	Flaming	0.037	34.2	2.13	0.062	99.7	4.25	0.18	7.44	
		Smoldering	0.057	12.1	0.11	0.0091	99.3	3.15	0.081	8.22	
	Burn 3	Flaming	0.036	39.4	1.84	0.047	99.7	4.14	0.17	7.41	
		Smoldering	0.11	11.8	0.080	0.0067	99.3	3.19	0.13	7.74	
	Burn 4	Flaming	0.039	35.1	1.86	0.053	99.5	3.92	0.18	7.28	
		Smoldering	0.12	11.0	0.046	0.0042	99.2	2.92	0.10	8.03	
Average Temp. 29 °C, Average Humidity 70%											

^a Data were obtained from Xie et al. (2017b)

Table S2. Recoveries and method detection limit (MDL) for standard compounds used for quantification.

Standard compounds ^a	Formula	m/z, [M-H] ⁻	Recovery ($N^b = 4$, %)	Detection Limit (pg)
4-Nitrophenol	C ₆ H ₅ NO ₃	138.0196	97.7 ± 0.92 ^c	4.25
4-Nitrocatechol	C ₆ H ₅ NO ₄	154.0145	75.1 ± 0.48	4.79
2-Methyl-4-nitroresocinol	C ₇ H ₇ NO ₄	168.0302	105 ± 2.52	0.70
2-Nitrophloroglucinol	C ₆ H ₅ NO ₅	170.0095	92.9 ± 7.10	2.55
2-Methyl-5-nitrobenzoic acid	C ₈ H ₇ NO ₄	180.0302	106 ± 6.08	14.7
2-Nitro-1-naphthol	C ₁₀ H ₇ NO ₃	188.0353	90.6 ± 6.56	16.1
2,5-dimethyl-4-nitrobenzoic acid	C ₉ H ₉ NO ₄	194.0458	116 ± 4.52	17.6

^a Data were obtained from Xie et al. (2017a) ; ^b number of repetition; ^c mean ± standard deviation.

Table S3. Average and ranges of mass contribution (%) of identified N-containing aromatic compounds to organic matter in PM_{2.5} from laboratory biomass burning.

Suggested formula	m/z [M-H] ⁻	FL Forest (N = 9)	NC Forest 1		NC Forest 2	
			Flaming (N = 3)	Smoldering (N = 3)	Flaming (N = 4)	Smoldering (N = 4)
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₃	138.0196	0.0011 ± 0.0005 (0.0004 – 0.0016)	/ ^a	/	/	/
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₄	154.0145	0.029 ± 0.011 (0.0069 – 0.043)	0.037 ± 0.011 (0.025 – 0.046)	0.024 ± 0.0098 (0.015 – 0.035)	0.033 ± 0.011 (0.018 – 0.044)	0.010 ± 0.0027 (0.0060 – 0.012)
C ₇ H ₇ NO ₄	168.0301	0.014 ± 0.0064 (0.0037 – 0.023)	0.017 ± 0.0059 (0.011 – 0.022)	0.0087 ± 0.0030 (0.0054 – 0.011)	0.016 ± 0.0052 (0.0081 – 0.020)	0.0043 ± 0.0010 (0.0029 – 0.0052)
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₅	170.0093	0.0067 ± 0.0045 (0.0012 – 0.012)	0.011 ± 0.0069 (0.0042 – 0.018)	/	0.016 ± 0.0042 (0.011 – 0.020)	0.0009 ± 0.0005 (0.0003 – 0.0013)
C ₈ H ₇ NO ₄	180.0302	0.013 ± 0.0056 (0.0035 – 0.018)	0.012 ± 0.0055 (0.0074 – 0.018)	/	0.014 ± 0.0035 (0.0089 – 0.017)	/
C ₈ H ₉ NO ₄	182.0459	0.0082 ± 0.0052 (0.0008 – 0.015)	0.012 ± 0.0057 (0.0059 – 0.017)	0.0047 ± 0.0018 (0.0028 – 0.0064)	0.0086 ± 0.0037 (0.0035 – 0.012)	0.0021 ± 0.0008 (0.0012 – 0.0029)
C ₇ H ₇ NO ₅	184.0253	0.0036 ± 0.0019 (0.0011 – 0.0056)	0.0075 ± 0.0044 (0.0028 – 0.012)	0.0017 ± 0.0012 (0.0004 – 0.0028)	0.0063 ± 0.0024 (0.0035 – 0.0086)	/
C ₁₀ H ₇ NO ₃	188.0353	0.0067 ± 0.0024 (0.0041 – 0.0089)	0.0033 ± 0.0007 (0.0025 – 0.0037)	/	0.0063 ± 0.0001 (0.0062 – 0.0064)	/
C ₉ H ₉ NO ₄	194.0458	0.023 ± 0.012 (0.0057 – 0.043)	0.049 ± 0.016 (0.032 – 0.063)	0.0052 ± 0.0033 (0.0028 – 0.0089)	0.035 ± 0.0072 (0.024 – 0.040)	0.0047 ± 0.0013 ^b (0.0035 – 0.0060)
C ₈ H ₉ NO ₅	198.0407	0.0072 ± 0.0034 (0.0015 – 0.011)	0.0056 ± 0.0027 (0.0025 – 0.0073)	0.0025 ± 0.0016 (0.0010 – 0.0042)	0.0051 ± 0.0017 (0.0030 – 0.0073)	/
C ₁₀ H ₁₁ NO ₄	208.0615	0.0069 ± 0.0030 (0.0021 – 0.011)	0.012 ± 0.0078 (0.0036 – 0.019)	0.0044 ± 0.0023 (0.0023 – 0.0068)	0.014 ± 0.0036 (0.0093 – 0.018)	0.0019 ± 0.0008 (0.0009 – 0.0027)
C ₁₀ H ₁₁ NO ₅	224.0564	0.0057 ± 0.029 (0.0025 – 0.010)	0.0041 ± 0.0005 ^b (0.0036 – 0.0046)	/	0.0032 ± 0.0009 (0.0021 – 0.0038)	0.0007 ± 0.0004 (0.0003 – 0.0012)
C ₁₁ H ₁₃ NO ₅	238.0721	0.012 ± 0.0060 (0.0043 – 0.022)	0.0062 ± 0.0030 (0.0032 – 0.0093)	0.0029 ± 0.0025 (0.0014 – 0.0058)	0.0035 ± 0.0013 (0.0016 – 0.0045)	0.0016 ± 0.0003 (0.0014 – 0.0019)
C ₁₁ H ₁₃ NO ₆	254.067	0.0005 ± 0.0003 (0.0002 – 0.0010)	/	/	0.0003 ± 0.0000 (0.0002 – 0.0003)	/
Subtotal (tNAC _{OM} %)		0.13 ± 0.059 (0.037 – 0.21)	0.18 ± 0.067 (0.10 – 0.23)	0.055 ± 0.026 (0.032 – 0.082)	0.16 ± 0.045 (0.091 – 0.20)	0.023 ± 0.0089 (0.013 – 0.031)

^aNot detected; ^bdetected in two samples, the value represents average ± |x1-x2|/2.

Table S4. MAC_{365, NAC} (m² g⁻¹) values for identified NAC formulas.

NAC formula	m/z [M-H] ⁻	MAC _{365, OM} ^a
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₃	138.0196	2.44
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₄	154.0145	7.02
C ₇ H ₇ NO ₄	168.0302	12.9
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₅	170.0095	14.0
C ₈ H ₇ NO ₄	180.0302	0
C ₈ H ₉ NO ₄	182.0459	12.9
C ₇ H ₇ NO ₅	184.0253	14.0
C ₁₀ H ₇ NO ₃	188.0353	3.75
C ₉ H ₉ NO ₄	194.0458	0
C ₈ H ₉ NO ₅	198.0407	14.0
C ₁₀ H ₁₁ NO ₄ ^b	208.0615	0
C ₁₀ H ₁₁ NO ₅	224.0564	14.0
C ₁₁ H ₁₃ NO ₅	238.0721	0
C ₁₁ H ₁₃ NO ₆	254.0670	0

^a Obtained from Xie et al. (2017a); ^b MAC₃₆₅ of the third isomer is set at 14.0 m² g⁻¹ based on its structure.

Table S5. Average and ranges of contribution of identified N-containing aromatic compounds to Abs_{365} of extracted OM ($\text{Abs}_{365,\text{NAC}}\%$) from laboratory biomass burning samples.

Suggested formula	m/z [M-H] ⁻	FL Forest (N = 9)	NC Forest 1		NC Forest 2	
			Flaming (N = 3)	Smoldering (N = 3)	Flaming (N = 4)	Smoldering (N = 4)
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₃	138.0196	0.0042 ± 0.0016 (0.0018 – 0.0066)	/ ^a	/	/	/
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₄	154.0145	0.31 ± 0.11 (0.091 – 0.42)	0.30 ± 0.045 (0.26 – 0.35)	0.29 ± 0.095 (0.19 – 0.37)	0.098 ± 0.034 (0.055 – 0.13)	0.037 ± 0.0080 (0.025 – 0.042)
C ₇ H ₇ NO ₄	168.0301	0.27 ± 0.12 (0.090 – 0.40)	0.26 ± 0.050 (0.21 – 0.31)	0.19 ± 0.058 (0.13 – 0.23)	0.084 ± 0.029 (0.045 – 0.11)	0.029 ± 0.0051 (0.022 – 0.034)
C ₆ H ₅ NO ₅	170.0093	0.14 ± 0.094 (0.022 – 0.27)	0.17 ± 0.091 (0.088 – 0.27)	/	0.092 ± 0.025 (0.065 – 0.11)	0.0067 ± 0.0034 (0.0028 – 0.0091)
C ₈ H ₇ NO ₄	180.0302	0	0	/	0	/
C ₈ H ₉ NO ₄	182.0459	0.16 ± 0.097 (0.013 – 0.27)	0.18 ± 0.062 (0.11 – 0.24)	0.11 ± 0.034 (0.067 – 0.13)	0.047 ± 0.020 (0.020 – 0.068)	0.014 ± 0.0055 (0.0091 – 0.020)
C ₇ H ₇ NO ₅	184.0253	0.077 ± 0.040 (0.029 – 0.13)	0.12 ± 0.057 (0.058 – 0.17)	0.040 ± 0.026 (0.011 – 0.062)	0.037 ± 0.015 (0.021 – 0.053)	/
C ₁₀ H ₇ NO ₃	188.0353	0.040 ± 0.013 (0.027 – 0.056)	0.015 ± 0.0047 (0.010 – 0.019)	/	0.0098 ± 0.0004 (0.0094 – 0.010)	/
C ₉ H ₉ NO ₄	194.0458	0	0	0	0	0
C ₈ H ₉ NO ₅	198.0407	0.15 ± 0.066 (0.039 – 0.24)	0.088 ± 0.032 (0.051 – 0.11)	0.058 ± 0.032 (0.026 – 0.090)	0.030 ± 0.011 (0.018 – 0.045)	/
C ₁₀ H ₁₁ NO ₄	208.0615	0.012 ± 0.0031 (0.0069 – 0.017)	0.058 ± 0.0087 ^b (0.050 – 0.067)	0.029 ± 0.0067 (0.023 – 0.036) ^b	0.013 ± 0.034 (0.0099 – 0.017)	0.0011 ± 0.0003 ^b (0.0008 – 0.0014)
C ₁₀ H ₁₁ NO ₅	224.0564	0.12 ± 0.049 (0.067 – 0.19)	0.062 ± 0.0072 ^b (0.055 – 0.069)	/	0.010 ± 0.0059 (0.012 – 0.023)	0.0051 ± 0.0036 (0.0021 – 0.091)
C ₁₁ H ₁₃ NO ₅	238.0721	0	0	0	0	0
C ₁₁ H ₁₃ NO ₆	254.067	0	/	/	0	/
Subtotal		1.22 ± 0.54 (0.43 – 1.75)	1.21 ± 0.38 (0.80 – 1.53)	0.72 ± 0.27 (0.42 – 0.95)	0.42 ± 0.15 (0.39 – 0.58)	0.087 ± 0.024 (0.059 – 0.12)

^a Compound not detected; ^b detected in two samples, the value represents average ± |x1-x2|/2.

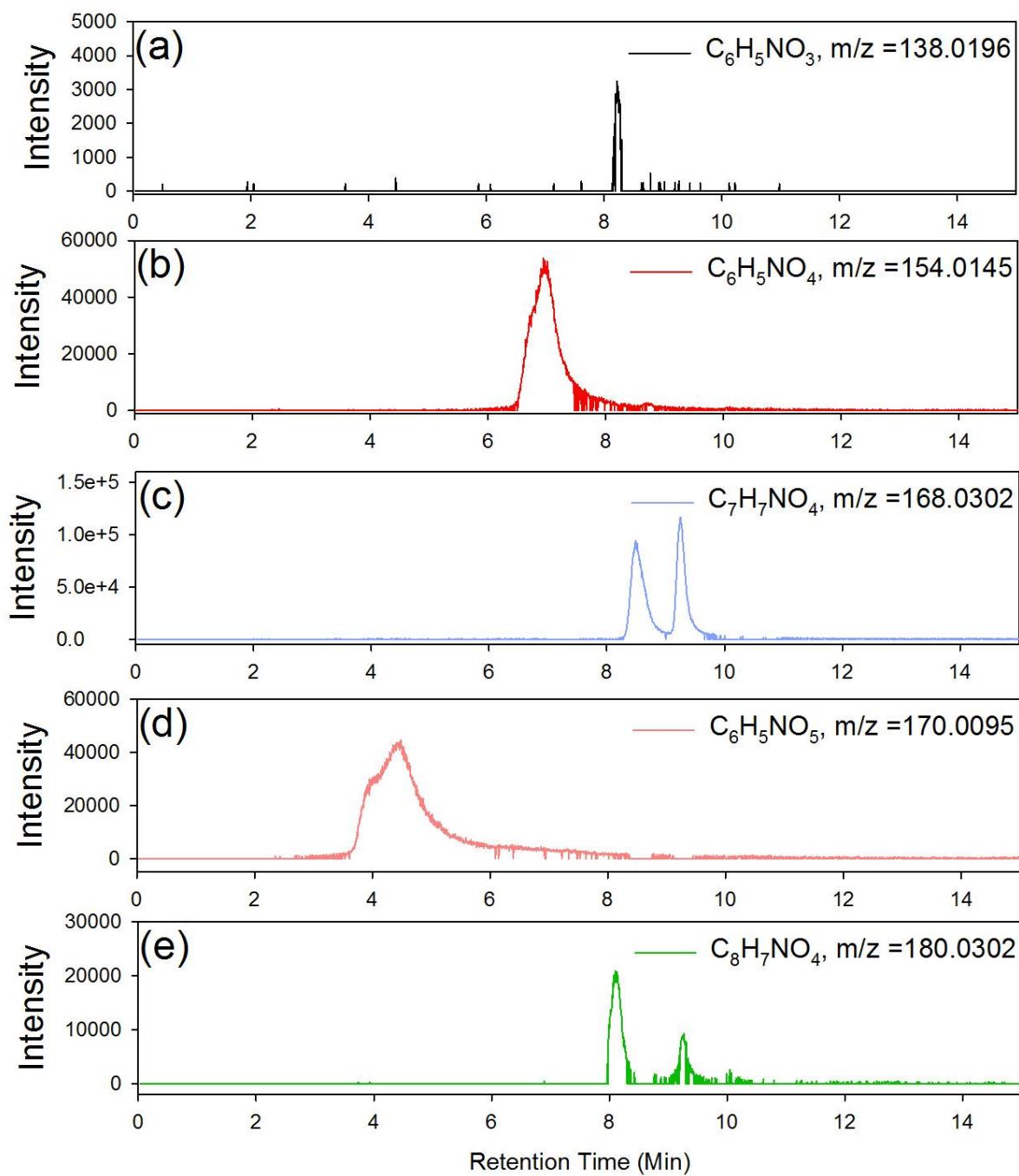


Figure S1. Extracted ion chromatograms (EIC) of (a) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_3$, (b) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4$, (c) $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{NO}_4$, (d) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_5$, (e) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{NO}_4$, (f) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$, (g) $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{NO}_5$, (h) $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3$, (i) $\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$, (j) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{NO}_5$, (k) $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_4$, (l) $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_5$, (m) $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_5$ and (n) $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_6$ identified in the flaming phase sample collected during NC forest 1 experiment, burn 2 (Table S1).

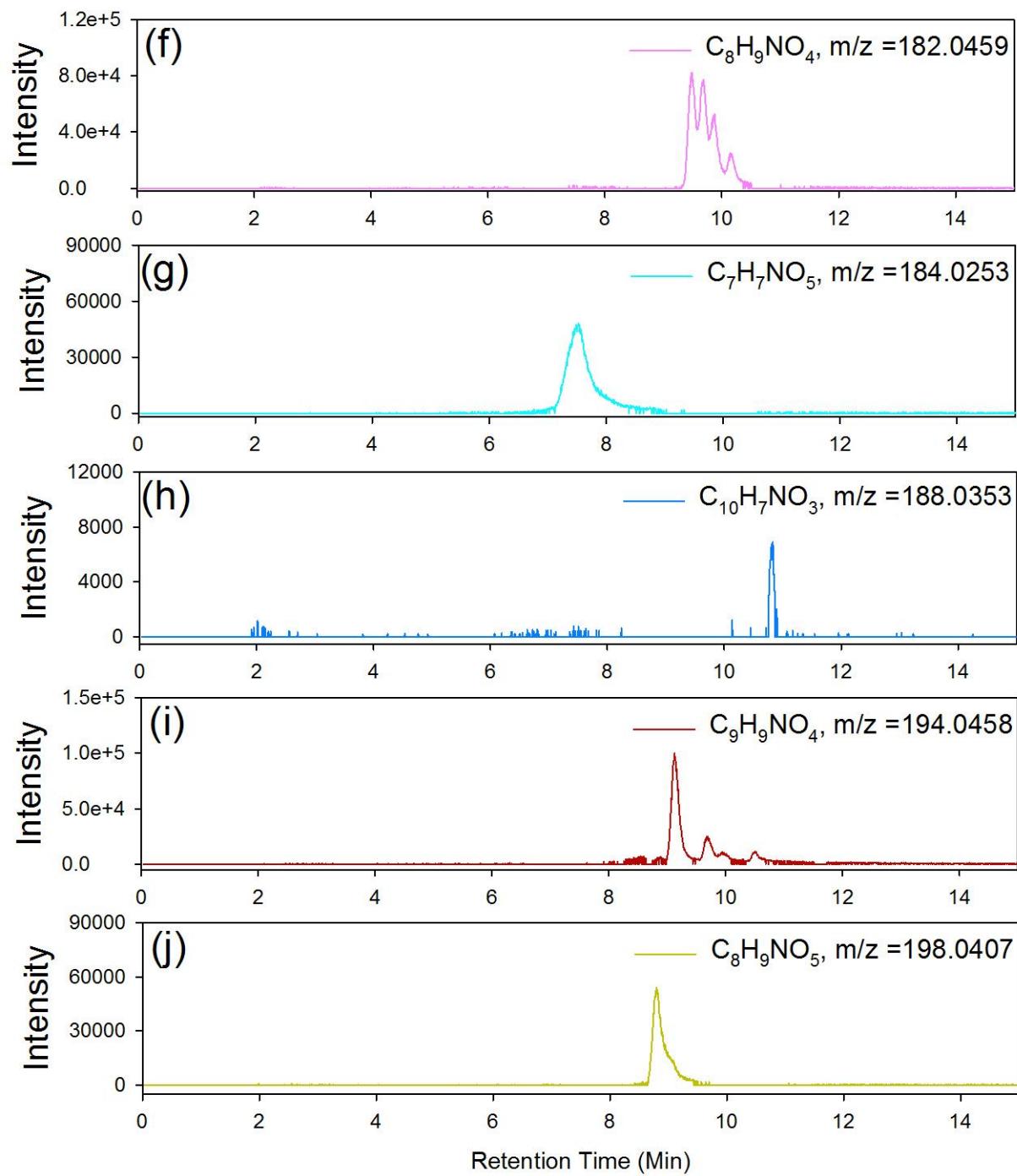


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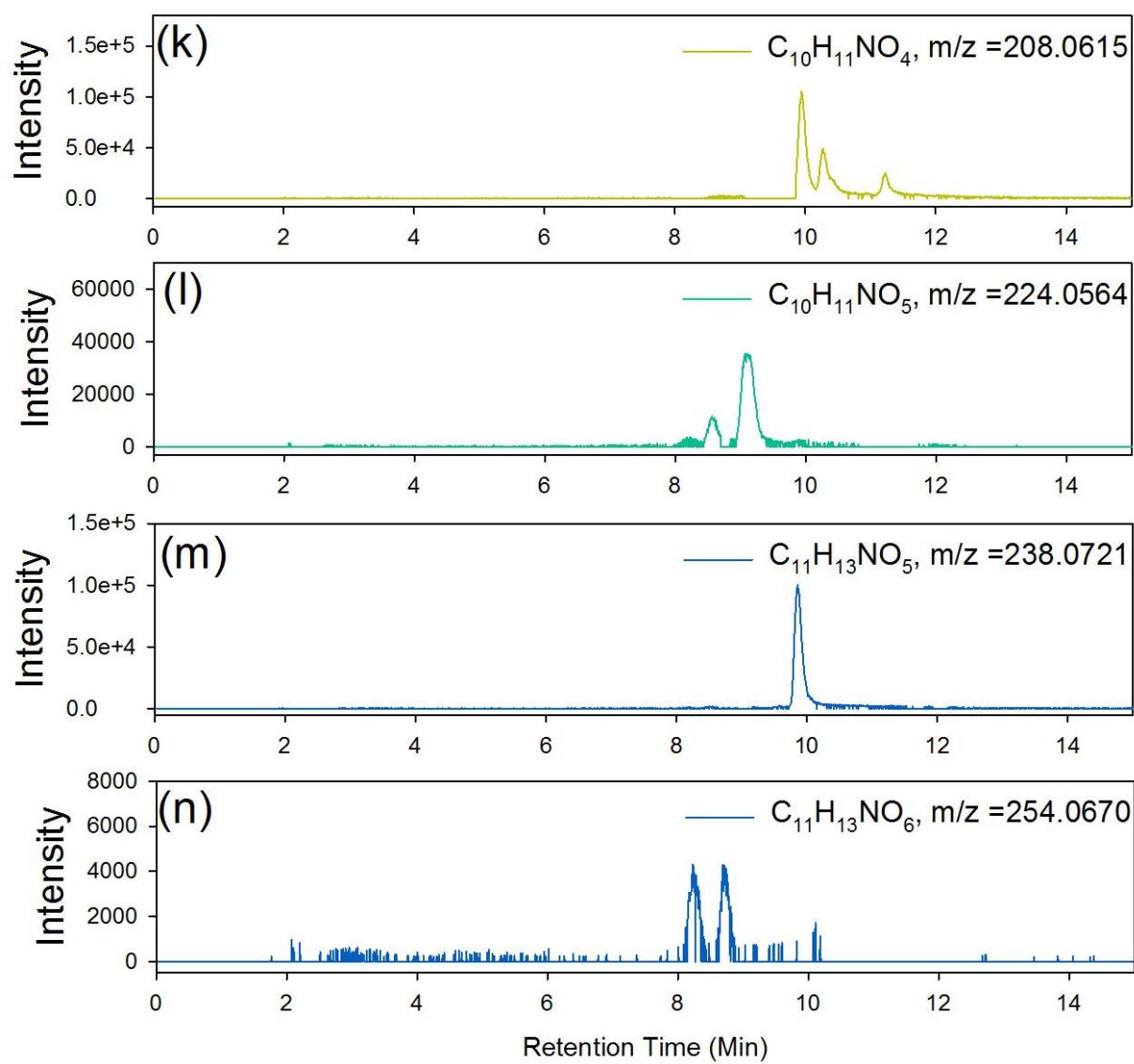


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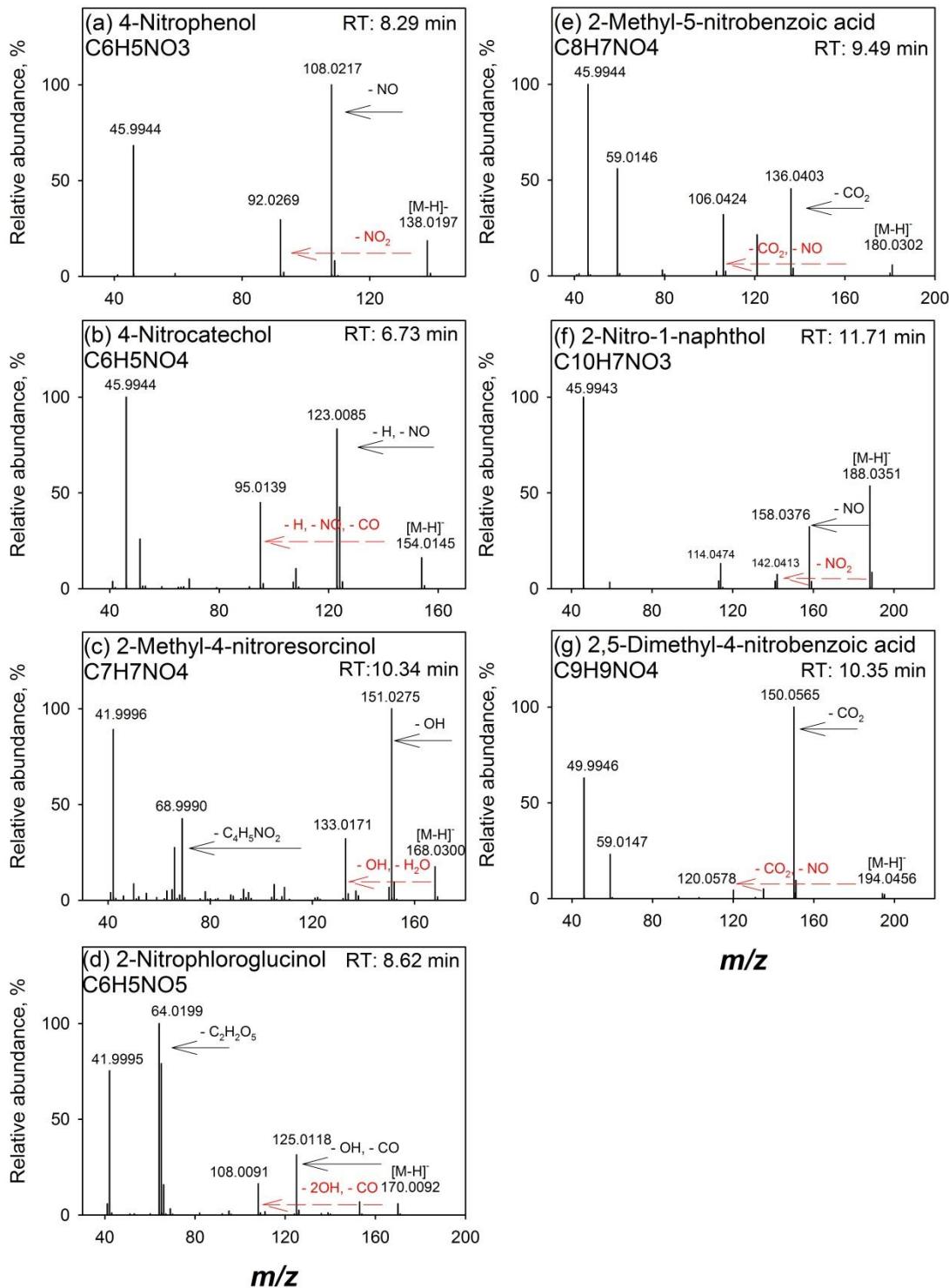


Figure S2. Q-ToF MS/MS spectra of standard compounds, (a) 4-nitrophenol, (b) 4-nitrocatechol, (c) 2-methyl-4-nitroresorcinol, (d) 2-nitrophloroglucinol, (e) 2-methyl-5-nitrobenzoic acid, (f) 2-nitro-1-naphthol and (g) 2,5-dimethyl-4-nitrobenzoic acid. These MS/MS data were obtained from Xie et al. (2017a).

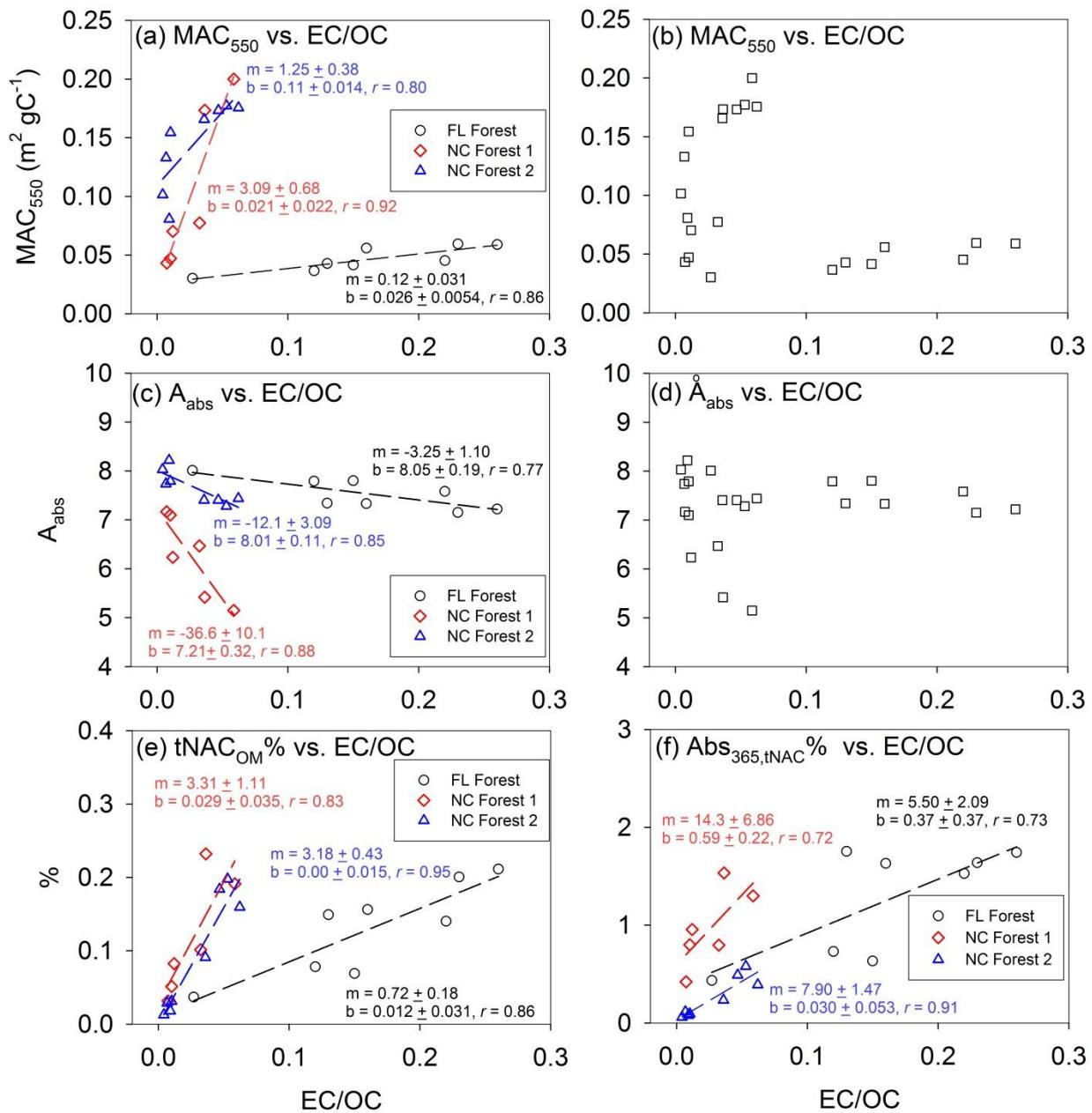


Figure S3. Linear regressions of (a) MAC_{550} vs. EC/OC with individual burns data, (b) MAC_{550} vs. EC/OC with pooled sample data from all the three experiments, (c) A_{abs} vs. EC/OC with individual burns data, (d) \AA_{abs} vs. EC/OC with pooled sample data from all the three experiments, (e) $t\text{NAC}_{\text{OM}}\%$ vs. EC/OC and (f) $\text{Abs}_{365,t\text{NAC}}\%$ vs. EC/OC with individual burns data.

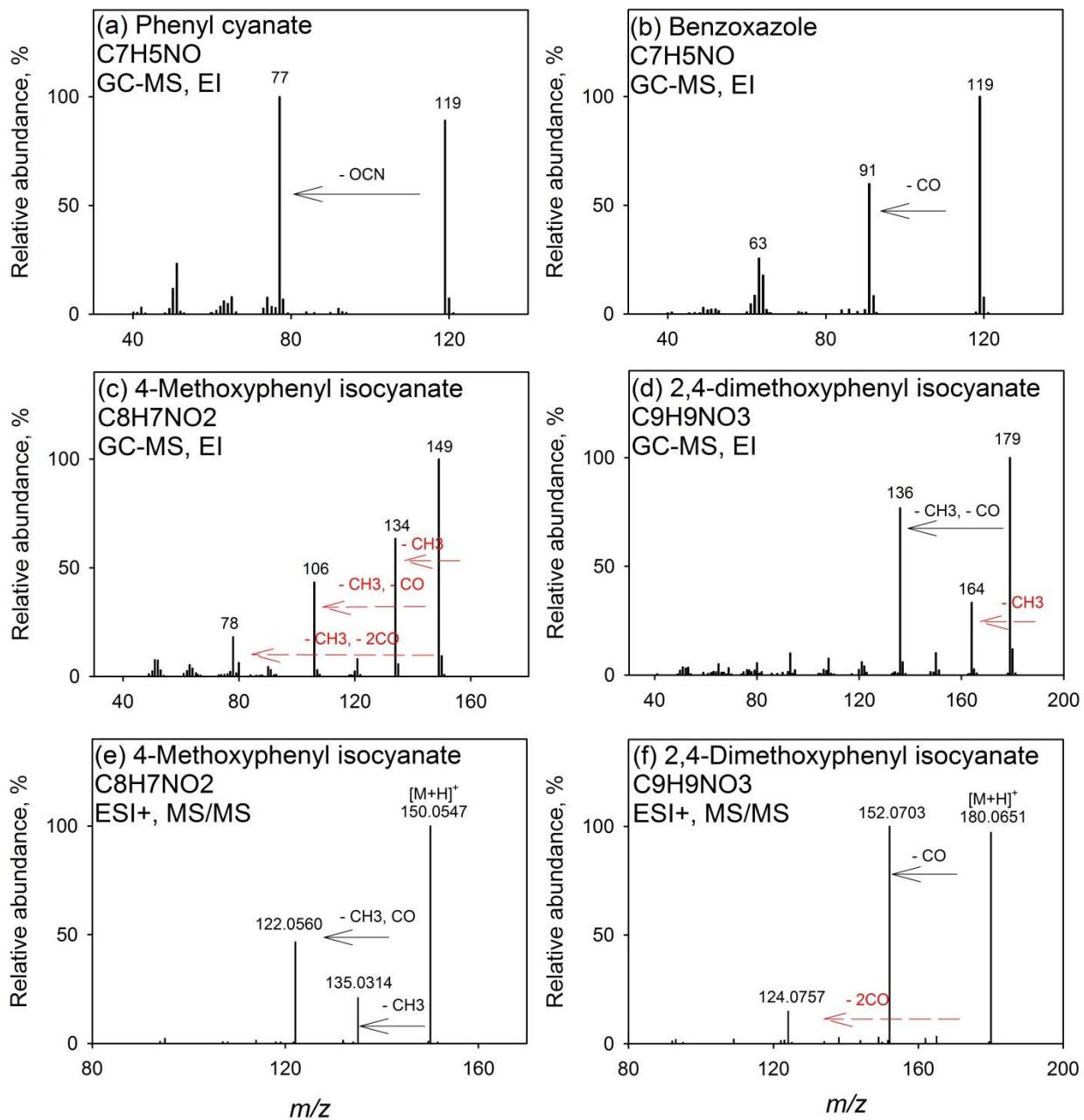


Figure S4. Mass spectra of (a) phenyl cyanate, (b) benzoxazole, (c) 4-methoxyphenyl isocyanate, and (d) 2,4-dimethoxyphenyl isocyanate with EI mode; MS/MS spectra of (e) 4-methoxyphenyl isocyanate and (f) 2,4-dimethoxyphenyl isocyanate with ESI positive ion mode.

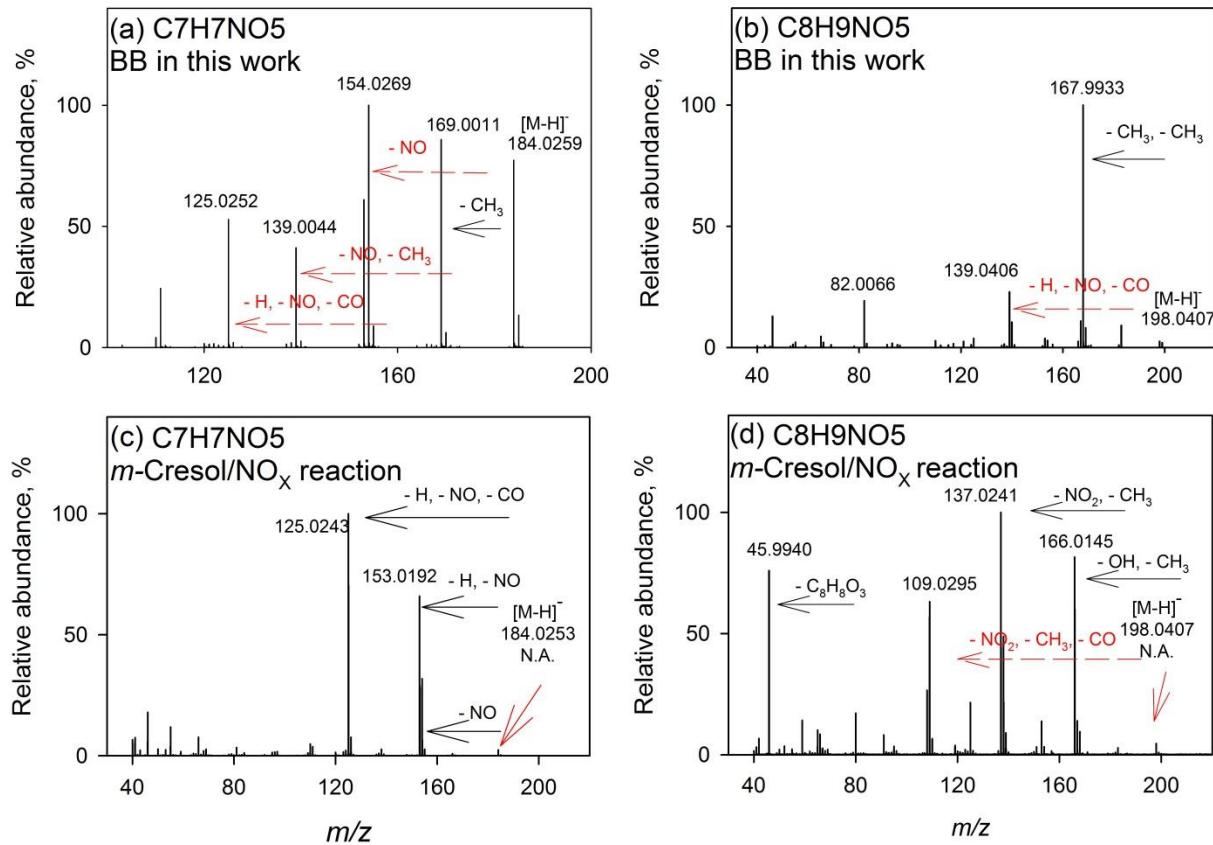


Figure S5. MS/MS spectra of (a) C₇H₇NO₅ and (b) C₈H₉NO₅ identified from BB in this work and (c, d) the same formula from photo-oxidation of *m*-cresol with NO_x.

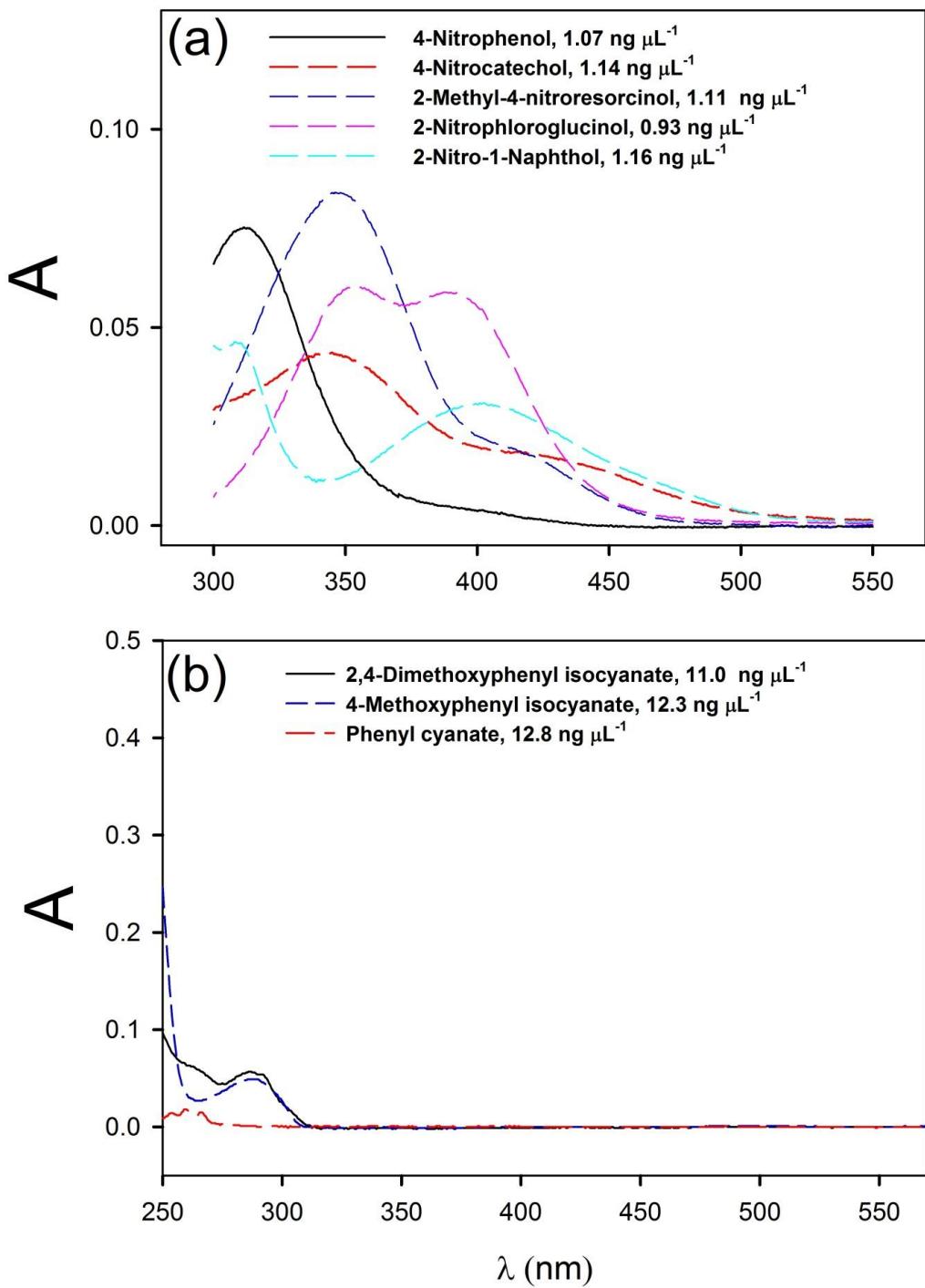


Figure S6. UV/Vis spectra of (a) 4-nitrophenol, 4-nitrocatechol, 2-methyl-4-nitroresorcinol, 2-nitrophloroglucinol, and 2-nitro-1-naphthol at $\sim 1 \text{ ng } \mu\text{L}^{-1}$ (Xie et al., 2017a), and (b) 2,4-dimethoxyphenyl isocyanate, 4-methoxyphenyl isocyanate, and phenyl cyanate at $\sim 10 \text{ ng } \mu\text{L}^{-1}$.

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