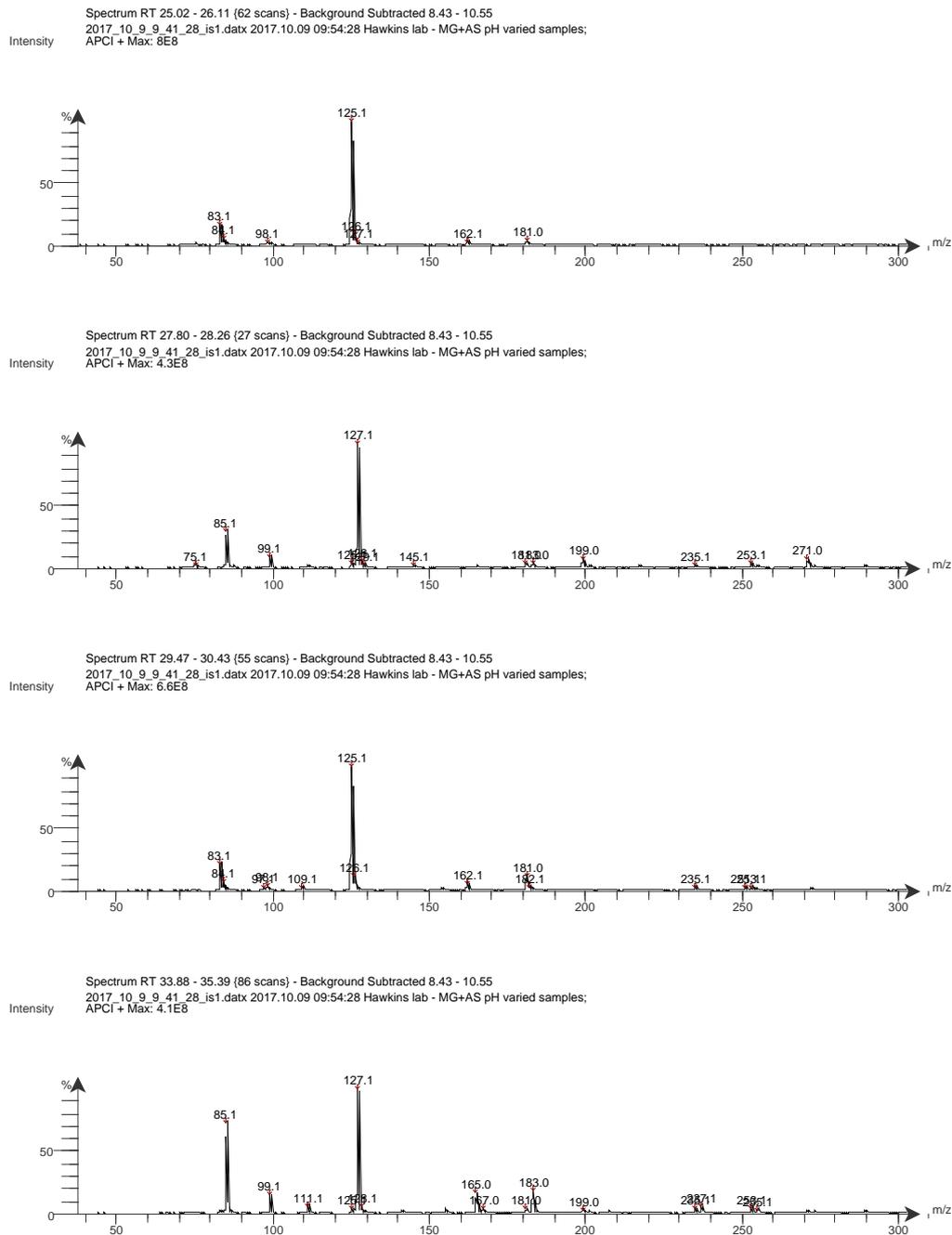


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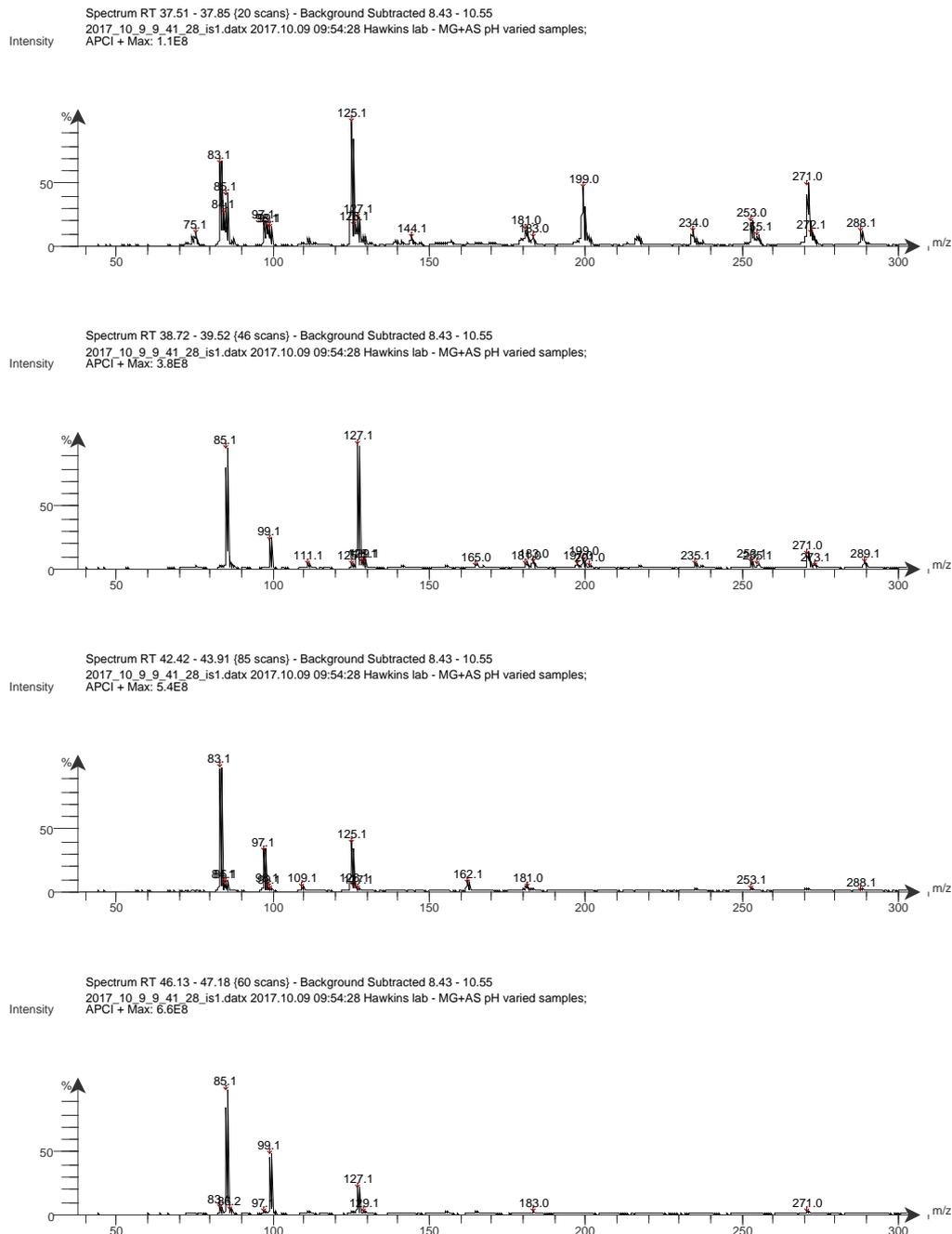
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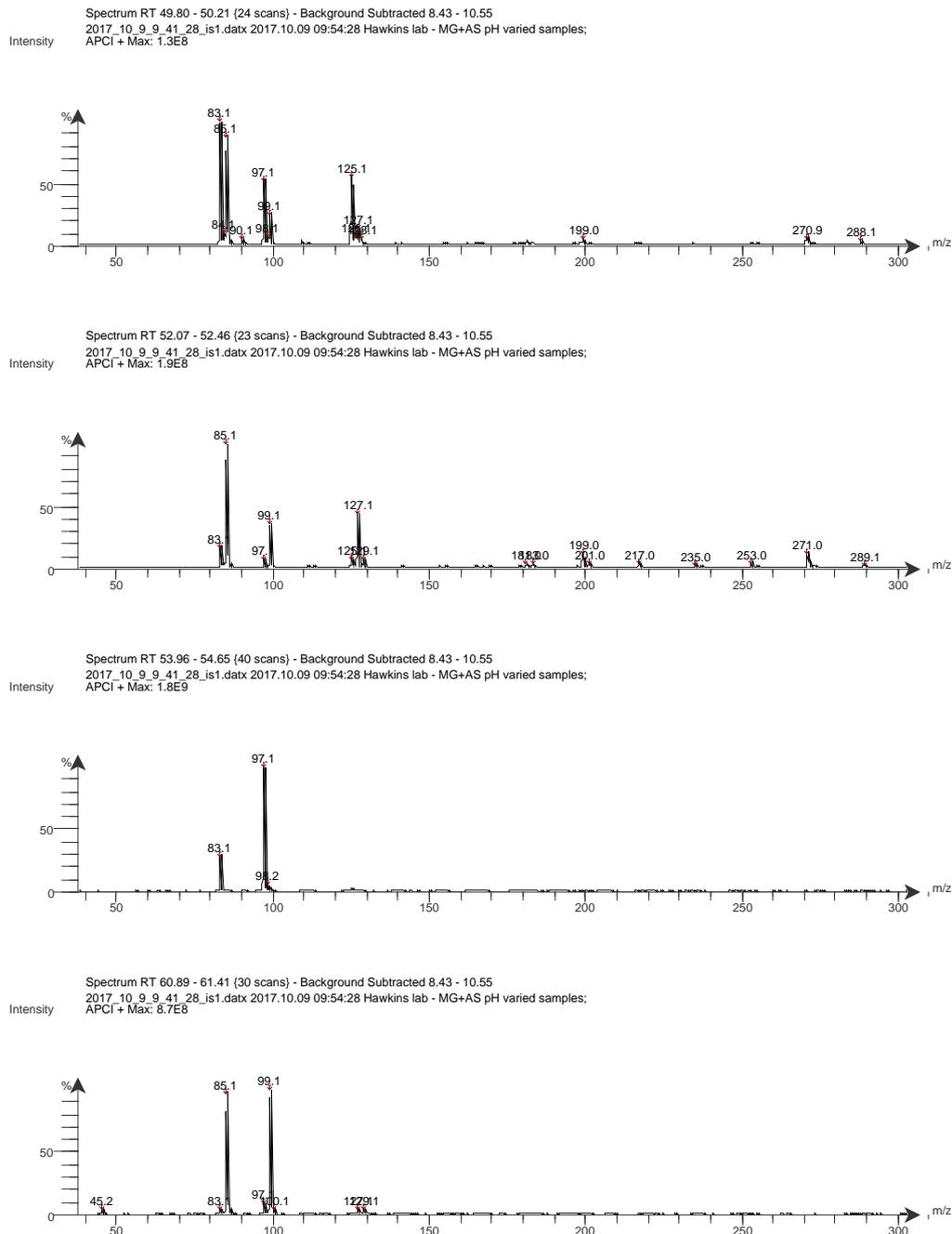
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**Figure S1.** Under initial condition of pH 5, from top to bottom subfigures are:  $^{14}\text{N}$  AS capped sample,  $^{15}\text{N}$  AS capped sample,  $^{14}\text{N}$  AS dried sample,  $^{15}\text{N}$  AS dried sample.

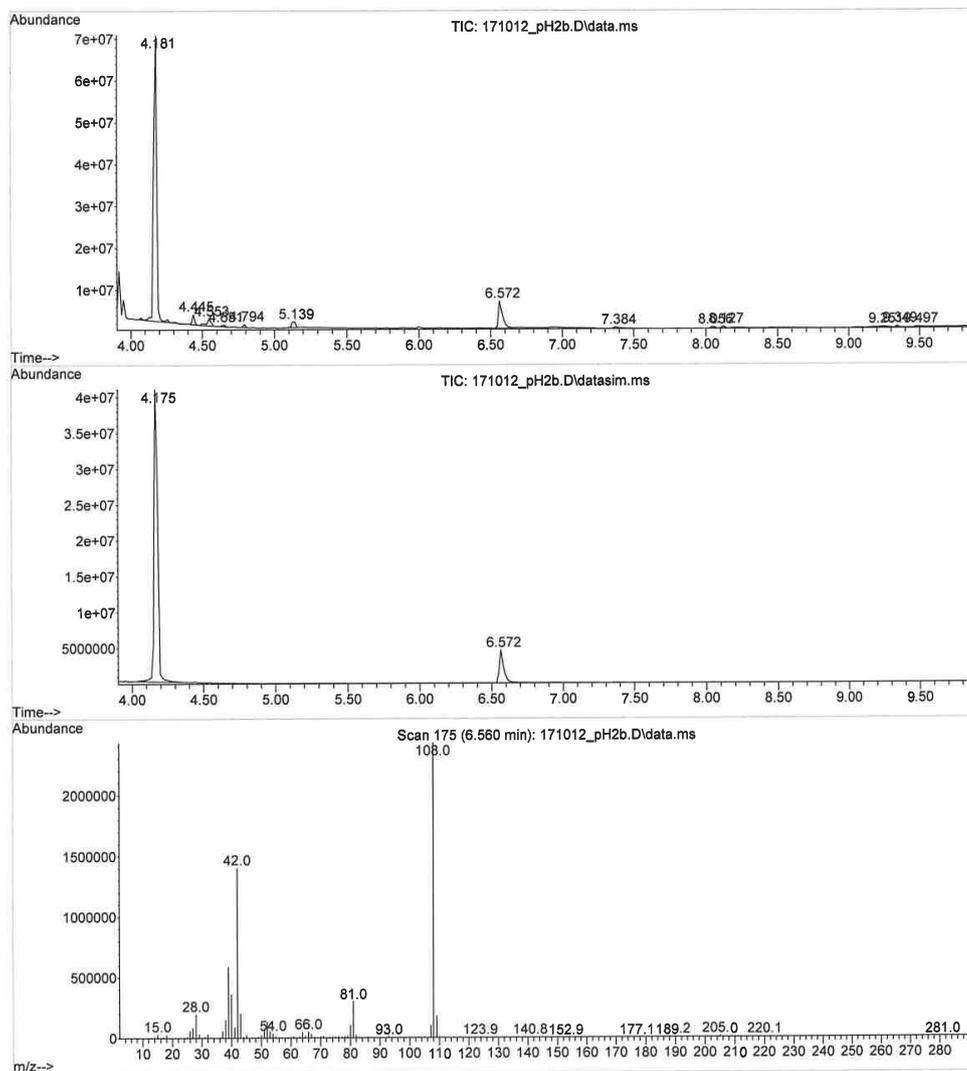


**Figure S2.** Under initial condition of pH 7, from top to bottom subfigures are:  $^{14}\text{N}$  AS capped sample,  $^{15}\text{N}$  AS capped sample,  $^{14}\text{N}$  AS dried sample,  $^{15}\text{N}$  AS dried sample.



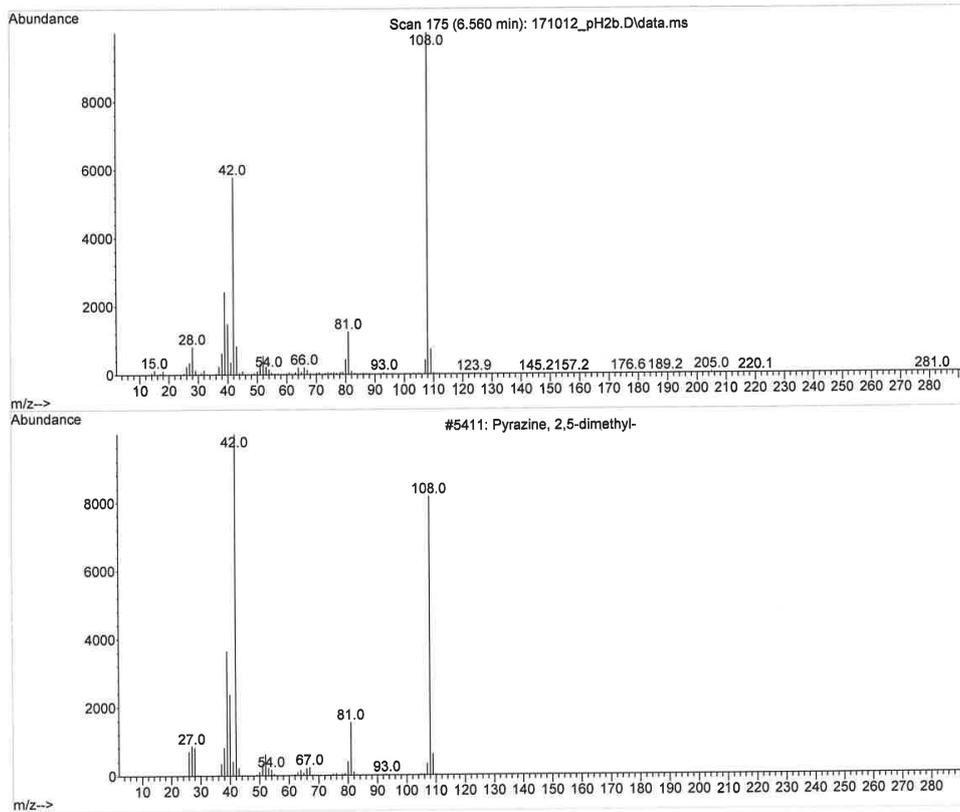
**Figure S3.** Under initial condition of pH 9, from top to bottom subfigures are:  $^{14}\text{N}$  AS capped sample,  $^{15}\text{N}$  AS capped sample,  $^{14}\text{N}$  AS dried sample,  $^{15}\text{N}$  AS dried sample.

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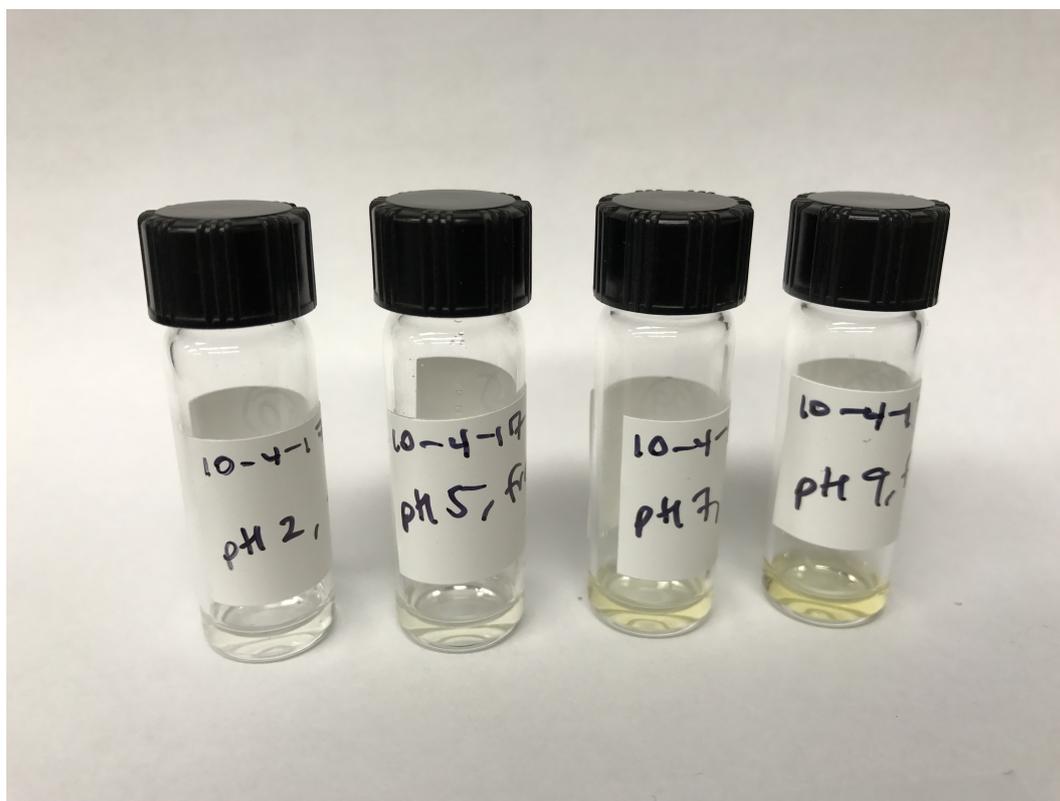


**Figure S4.** Top: Total ion chromatogram for the ethyl acetate extract of a dried pH 2 sample. Middle: sum of all ions selected for SIM showing a peak at 4.175 min corresponding to the pyrazine internal standard and a second peak at 6.572 min corresponding to 2,5-dimethylpyrazine. Bottom: Electron impact spectrum acquired at retention time 6.560 (during 2,5-DMP elution) with prominent fragments at m/z 108, 42, and 81.

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**Figure S5.** Top: spectrum obtained during elution of (proposed) 2,5-DMP peak from column. Bottom: NIST reference spectrum for electron impact ionization of 2,5-DMP.



**Figure S6.** Image taken after 24 hours of reaction time between methylglyoxal and AS in capped samples. A pH dependence on absorbance is immediately visible.