

Supporting Information

Characterizing the degradation of cannabidiol in an e-liquid formulation

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Supplementary tables

Table S1. List of sodium formate adducts used for mass calibration.

Mass Calibration		Mass Calibration Graph		
Calibration spectrum: 4.2-9.7s				
Calibration mode: hpc8				
Standard deviation: 0.04 mDa 0.06 ppm				
Reference ...	Resulting m...	Intensity	Error [ppm]	Error [mDa]
90.97665	90.97665	801389	0.00	0.00
158.96407	158.96407	221493	-0.01	-0.00
226.95149	226.95150	685967	0.04	0.01
294.93892	294.93891	37350	-0.03	-0.01
362.92634	362.92633	246528	-0.04	-0.01
430.91377	430.91381	373087	0.10	0.04
498.90119	498.90116	246828	-0.05	-0.03
566.88861	566.88859	250970	-0.04	-0.02
634.87604	634.87606	235991	0.03	0.02
702.86346	702.86348	251574	0.03	0.02
770.85088	770.85087	206959	-0.01	-0.01
838.83831	838.83827	161352	-0.05	-0.04
906.82573	906.82579	91843	0.07	0.06
974.81316	974.81312	55441	-0.04	-0.04
1042.80058	1042.80059	31191	0.01	0.01
1110.78800	1110.78800	16649	-0.00	-0.00

Table S2. The 39 standards used to build the mass spectral library.

Standard	Molecular weight	Formula	CAS no.
CBCV	286.19	C ₁₉ H ₂₆ O ₂	41408-19-9
CBN	310.19	C ₂₁ H ₂₆ O ₂	521-35-7
Δ8-THC	314.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₂	5957-75-5
CBG	316.24	C ₂₁ H ₃₂ O ₂	25654-31-3
CBNM	324.21	C ₂₂ H ₂₈ O ₂	41935-92-6
CBD-HQ	328.2	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ O ₃	137252-25-5
CBDVA	330.18	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ O ₄	31932-13-5
CBGVA	332.2	C ₂₀ H ₂₈ O ₄	64924-07-8
CBDP	342.26	C ₂₃ H ₃₄ O ₂	55824-13-0
(-)-11-nor-9-Carboxy-Δ9-THC	344.2	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ O ₄	56354-06-4
CBNA	354.18	C ₂₂ H ₂₆ O ₄	2808-39-1
THCA	358.21	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ O ₄	23978-85-0
CBGA	360.23	C ₂₂ H ₃₂ O ₄	25555-57-1
CBGQ	330.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₃	1884127-66-5
THCV	286.19	C ₁₉ H ₂₆ O ₂	31262-37-0
CBND	310.19	C ₂₁ H ₂₆ O ₂	39624-81-2
Δ9-THC	314.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₂	1972-08-3
CBCQ	328.2	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ O ₃	N/A
THCVA	330.18	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ O ₄	39986-26-0
CBE	330.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₃	52025-76-0
CBLA	358.21	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ O ₄	40524-99-0
CBDV	286.19	C ₁₉ H ₂₆ O ₂	24274-48-4
CBD	314.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₂	13956-29-1
6α-hydroxy-CBD	330.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₃	58940-28-6
CBCA	358.21	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ O ₄	185505-15-1
CBDB	300.44	C ₂₀ H ₂₈ O ₂	60113-11-3
CBT (citrin)	314.2	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₂	31508-71-1
7-Carboxy-CBD	344.44	C ₂₁ H ₂₈ O ₄	1101886-13-8
CBCVA	330.18	C ₂₀ H ₂₆ O ₄	1628112-69-5
CBDA	358.21	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ O ₄	1244-58-2
7-Hydroxy-CBD	330.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₃	1101886-10-5
CBCO	258.4	C ₁₇ H ₂₂ O ₂	55824-09-4
11-Hydroxy-THC	330.22	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₃	34675-49-5
CBC	314.2	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₂	20675-51-8
CBL	314.2	C ₂₁ H ₃₀ O ₂	21366-63-2
CBDM	328.5	C ₂₂ H ₃₂ O ₂	1972-05-0
CBCB	300.4	C ₂₀ H ₂₈ O ₂	2552823-92-2
CBDH	328.5	C ₂₂ H ₃₂ O ₂	2552798-21-5
THCH	328.5	C ₂₂ H ₃₂ O ₂	36482-24-3

Supplementary figures

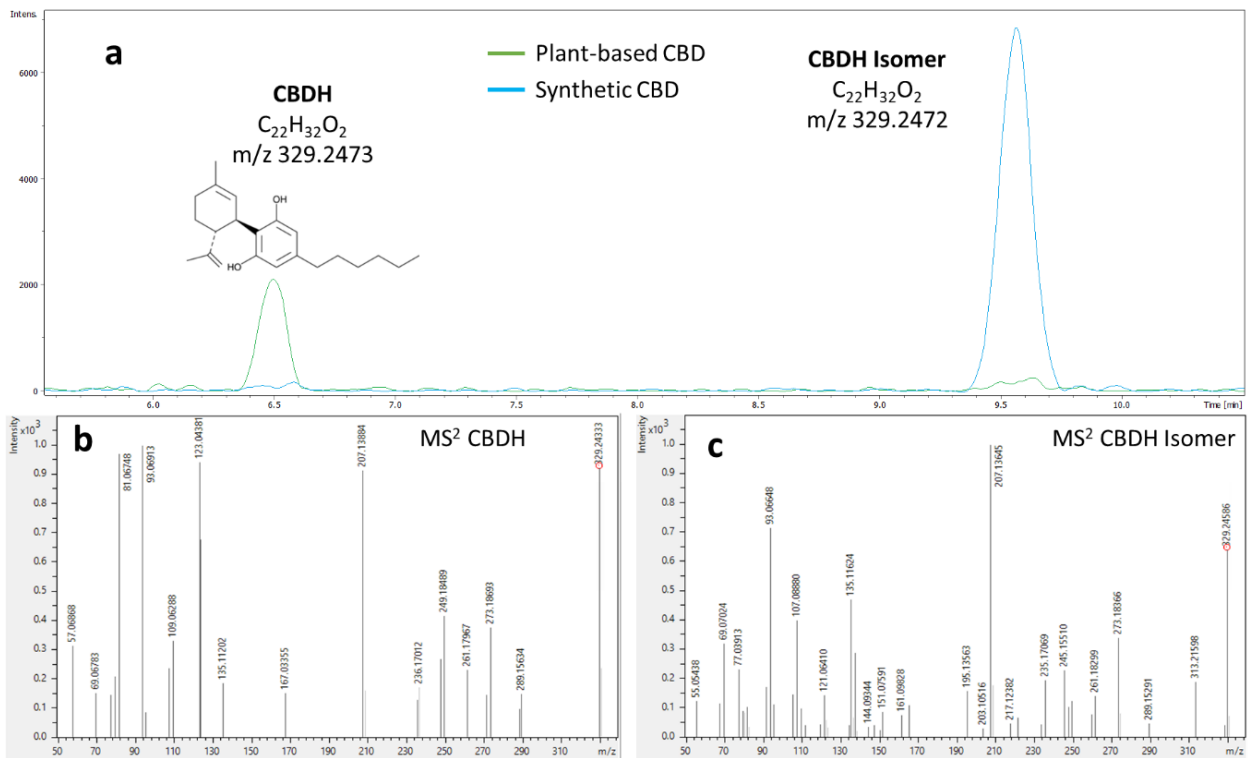


Figure S1. CBD source-specific impurities. **a**) High-resolution extraction ion chromatogram (HRXIC) of CBDH found only in plant-based CBD (green trace) and that of CBDH isomer found only in synthetic CBD (blue trace). MS² fragmentation pattern of CBDH in plant-based CBD e-liquid (**b**) and CBDH in synthetic CBD e-liquid (**c**).

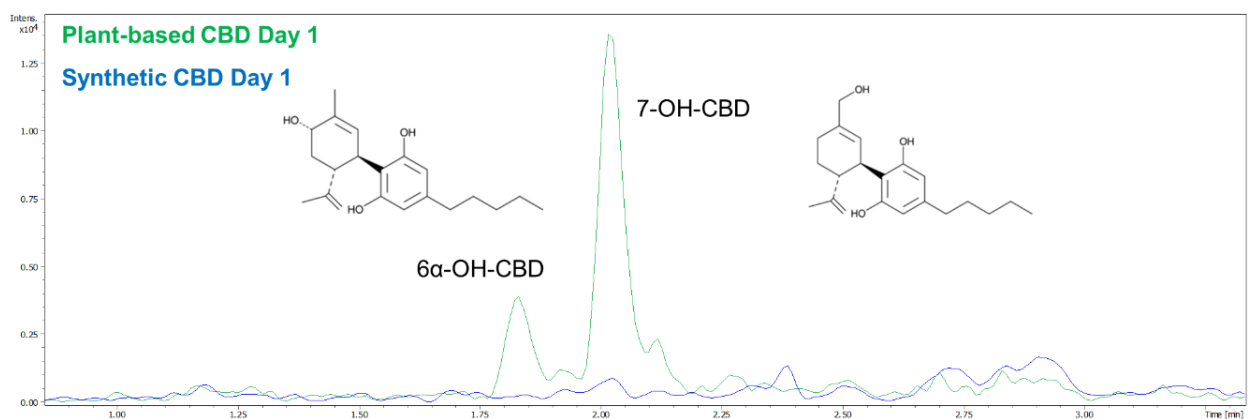


Figure S2. 6- α -hydroxy-cannabidiol (6 α -OH-CBD) and 7-hydroxy-cannabidiol (7-OH-CBD) identified only in plant-based CBD e-liquid.

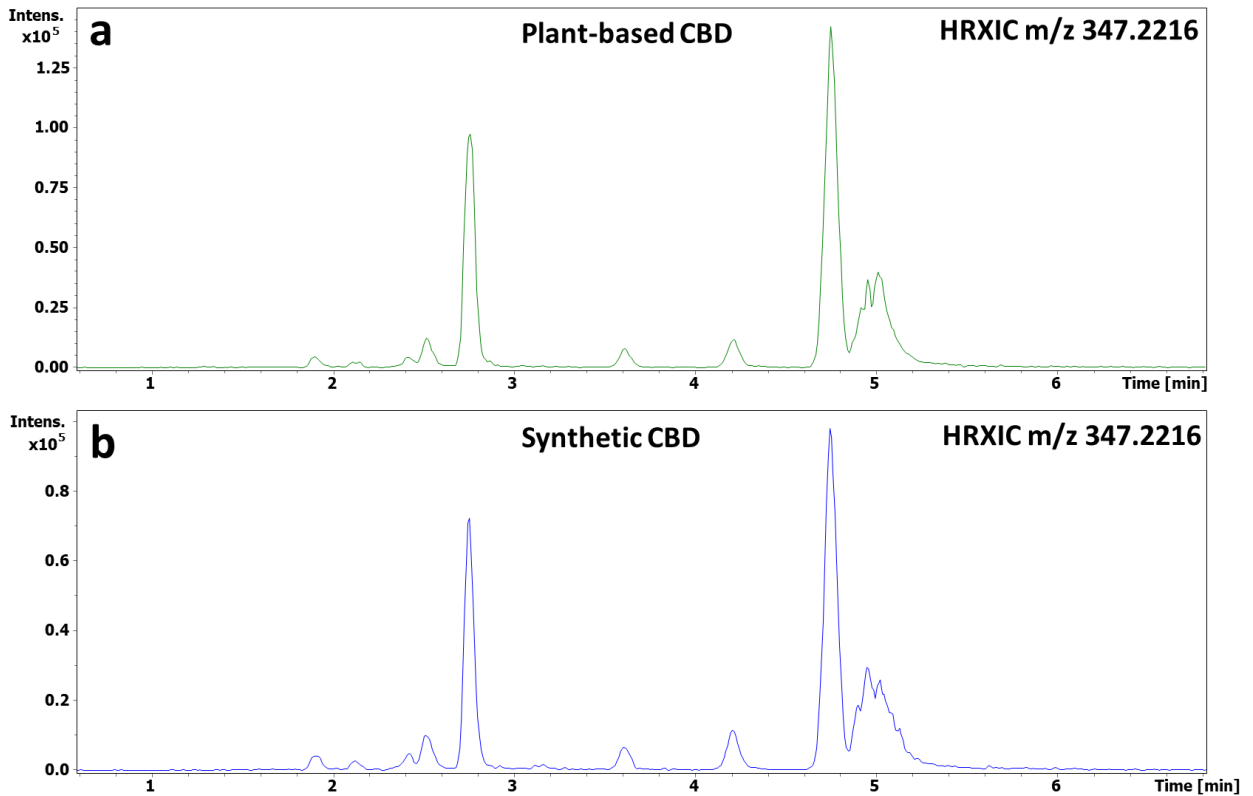


Figure S3. HRXIC of m/z 347.2216 ion observed in CBD e-liquid stored for 29 days under stressed conditions. **a)** Plant-based CBD e-liquid formulation; **b)** synthetic CBD e-liquid formulation.

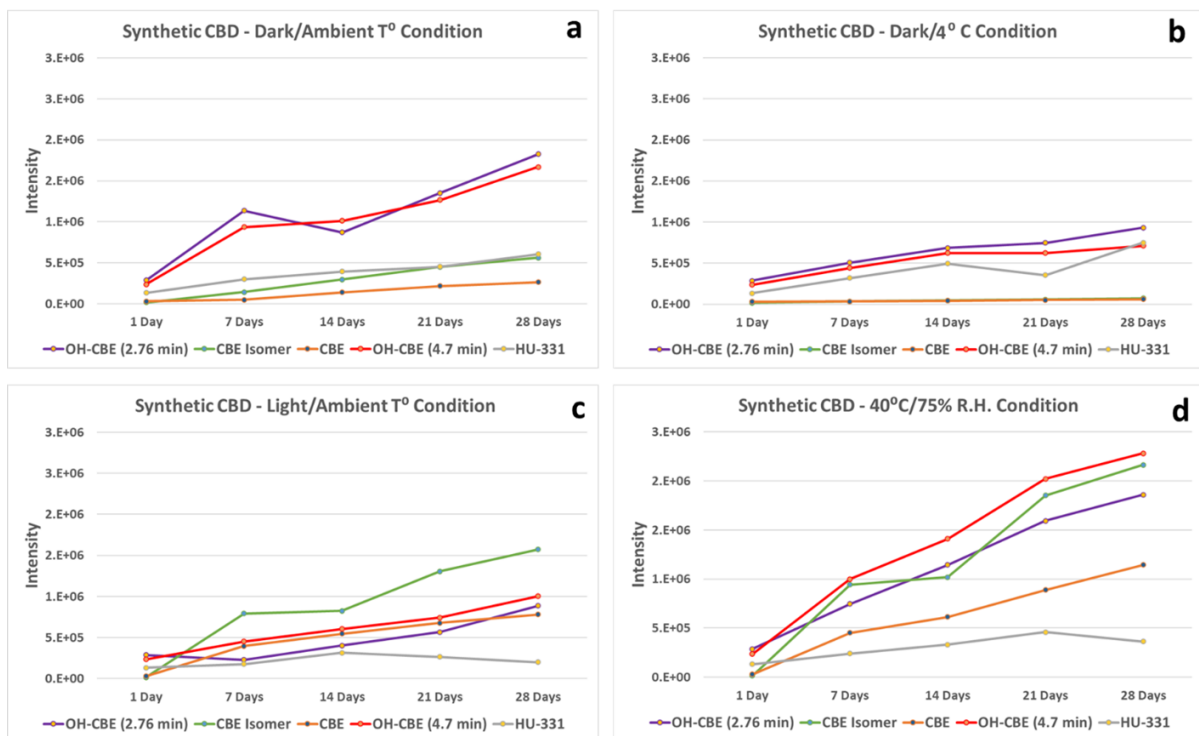


Figure S4. Trends in levels of cannabinoids detected in e-liquid formulated with synthetic CBD stored for 29 days under four different conditions. **a)** Ambient dark storage; **b)** 4 °C dark storage; **c)** ambient light storage; **d)** 40 °C/75%RH storage.

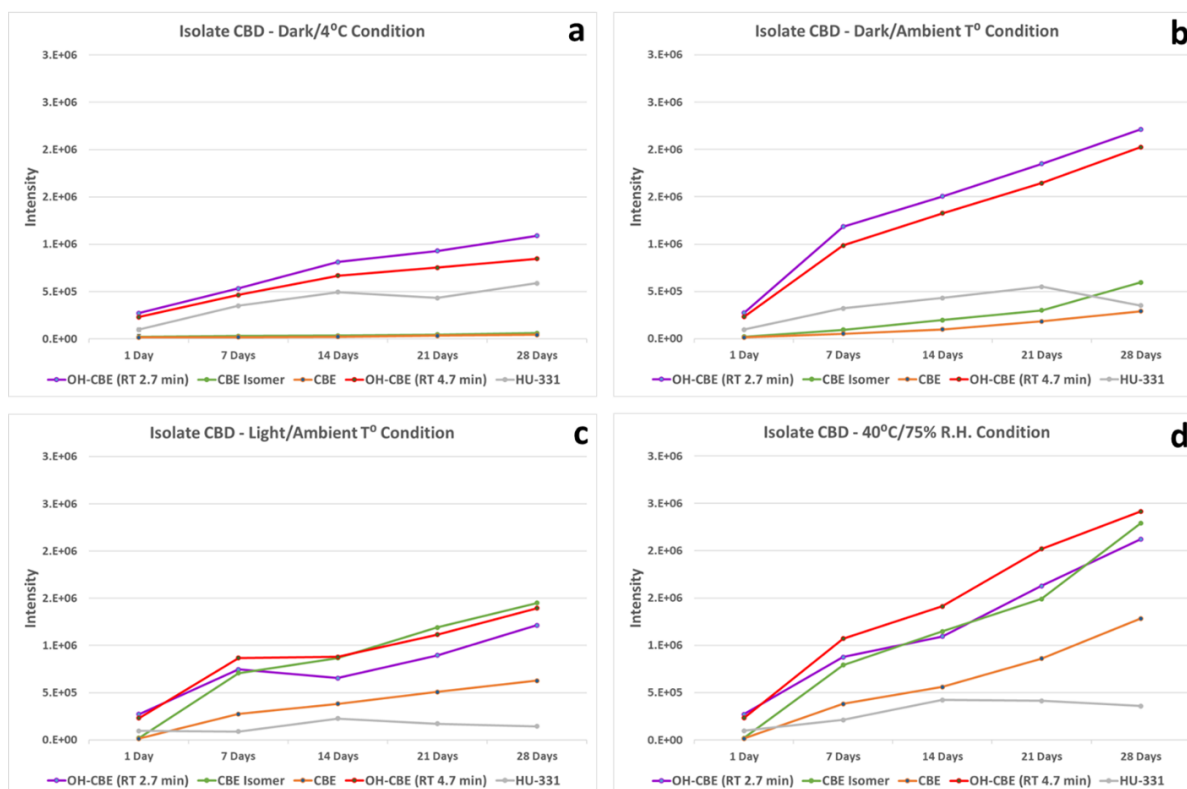
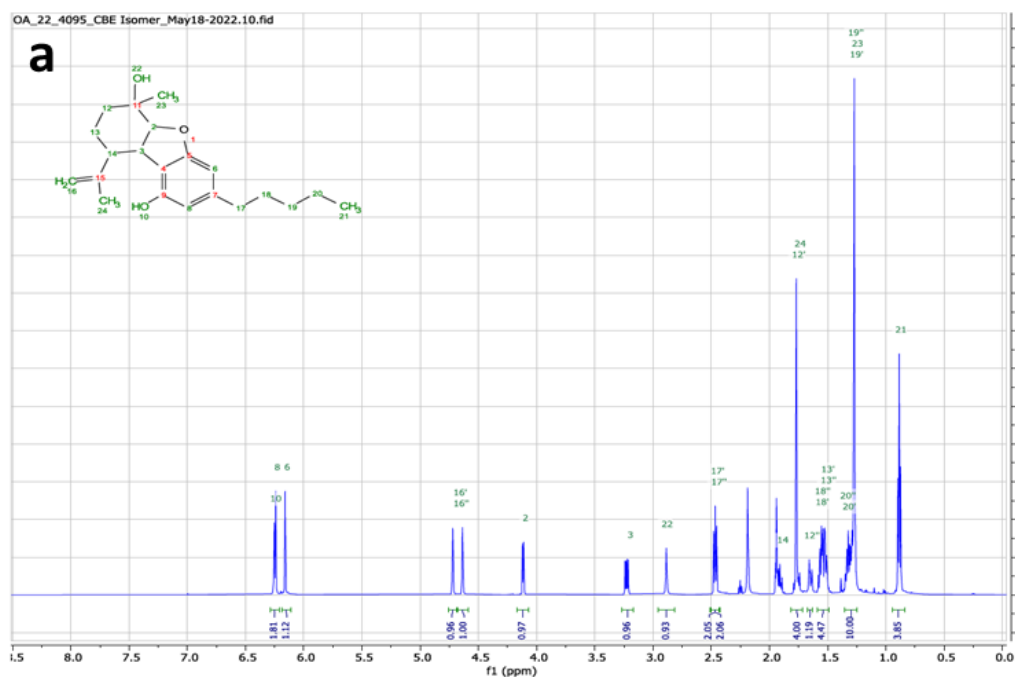
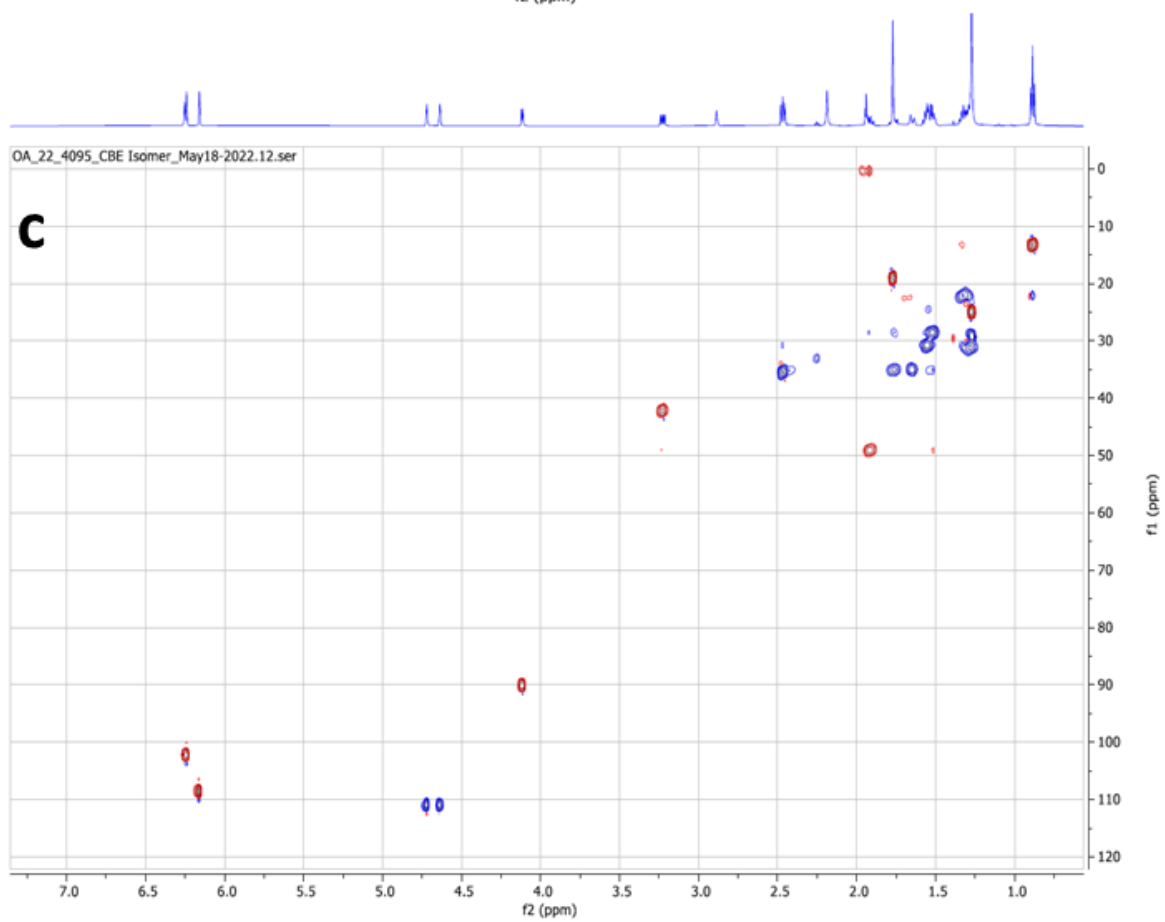
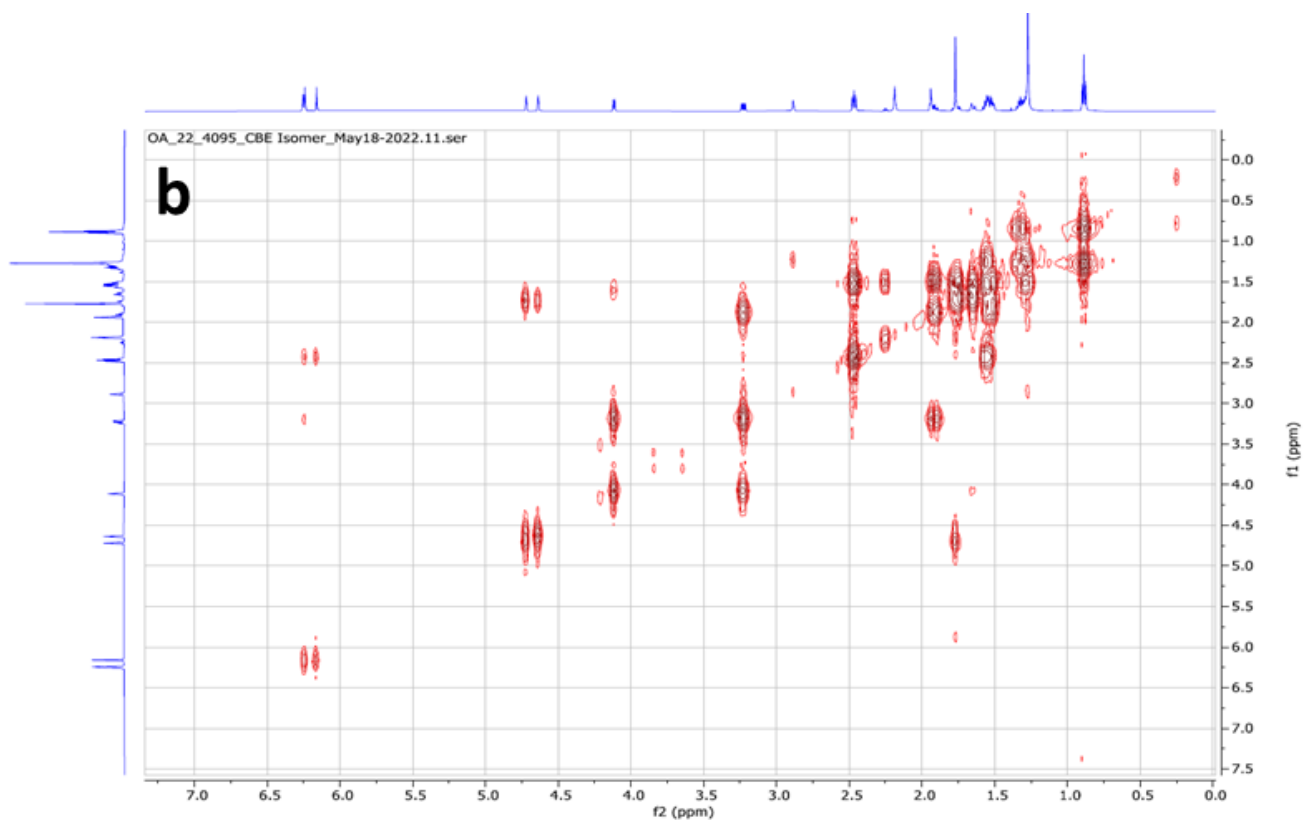


Figure S5. Trends in levels of cannabinoids detected in e-liquid formulated with plant-based CBD stored for 29 days under four different conditions. **a)** Ambient dark storage; **b)** 4 °C dark storage; **c)** ambient light storage; **d)** 40 °C/75%RH storage.





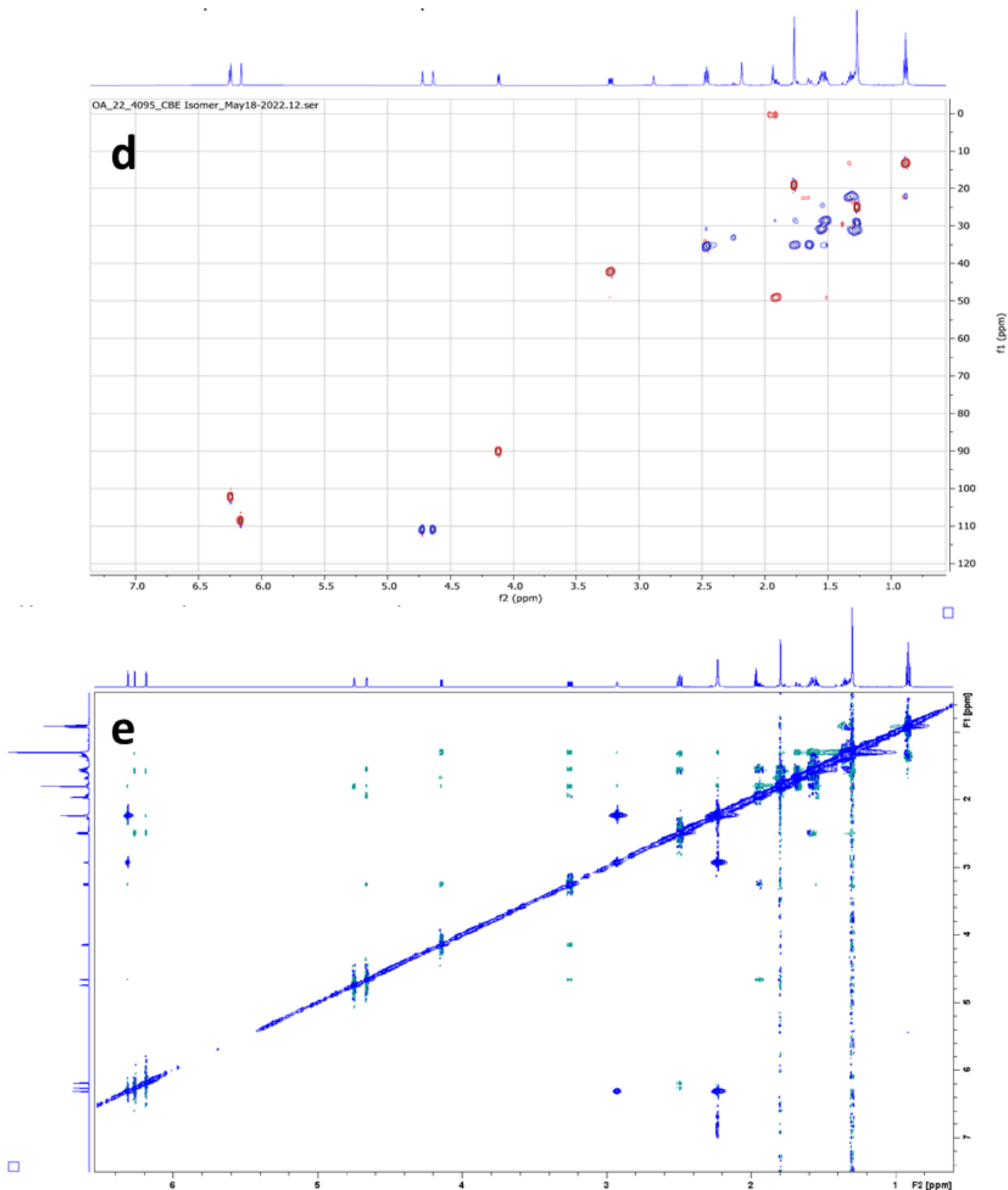


Figure S6. NMR analysis of CBE isomer, **a)** ¹H-NMR spectrum in CD₃CN, **b)** COSY spectrum in CD₃CN, **c)** HSQC spectrum in CD₃CN, **d)** HMBC spectrum of in CD₃CN, and **e)** NOESY spectrum in in CD₃CN.

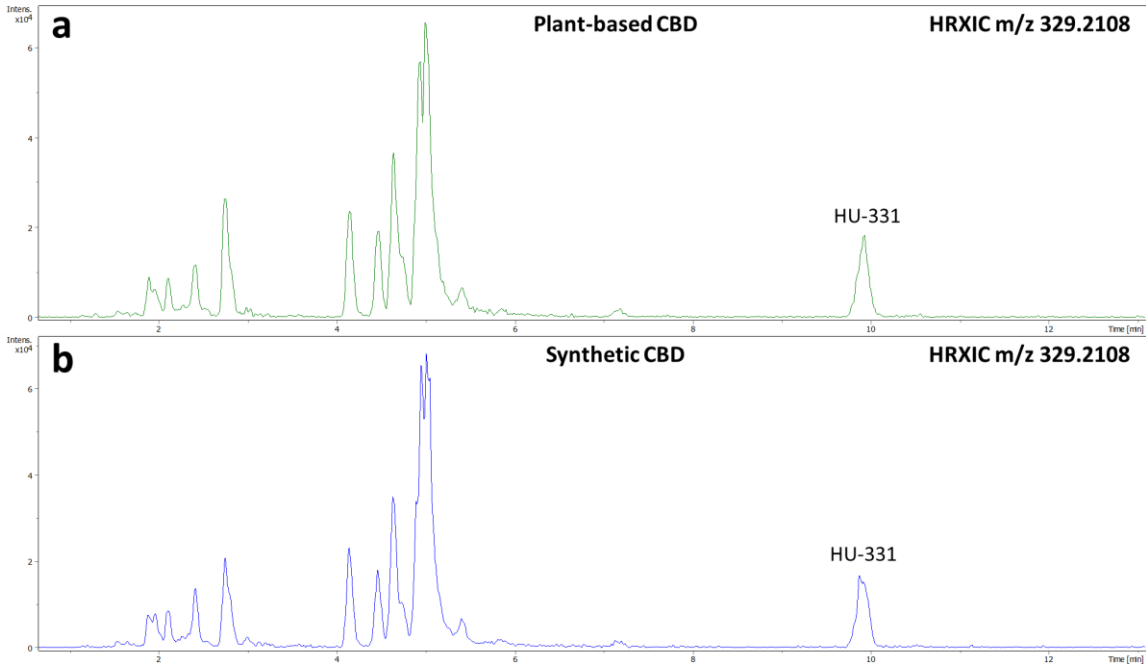


Figure S7. HRXIC of m/z 329.2108 ion observed in CBD e-liquid stored for 29 days under stressed conditions. **a)** Plant-based CBD e-liquid formulation; **b)** synthetic CBD e-liquid formulation.

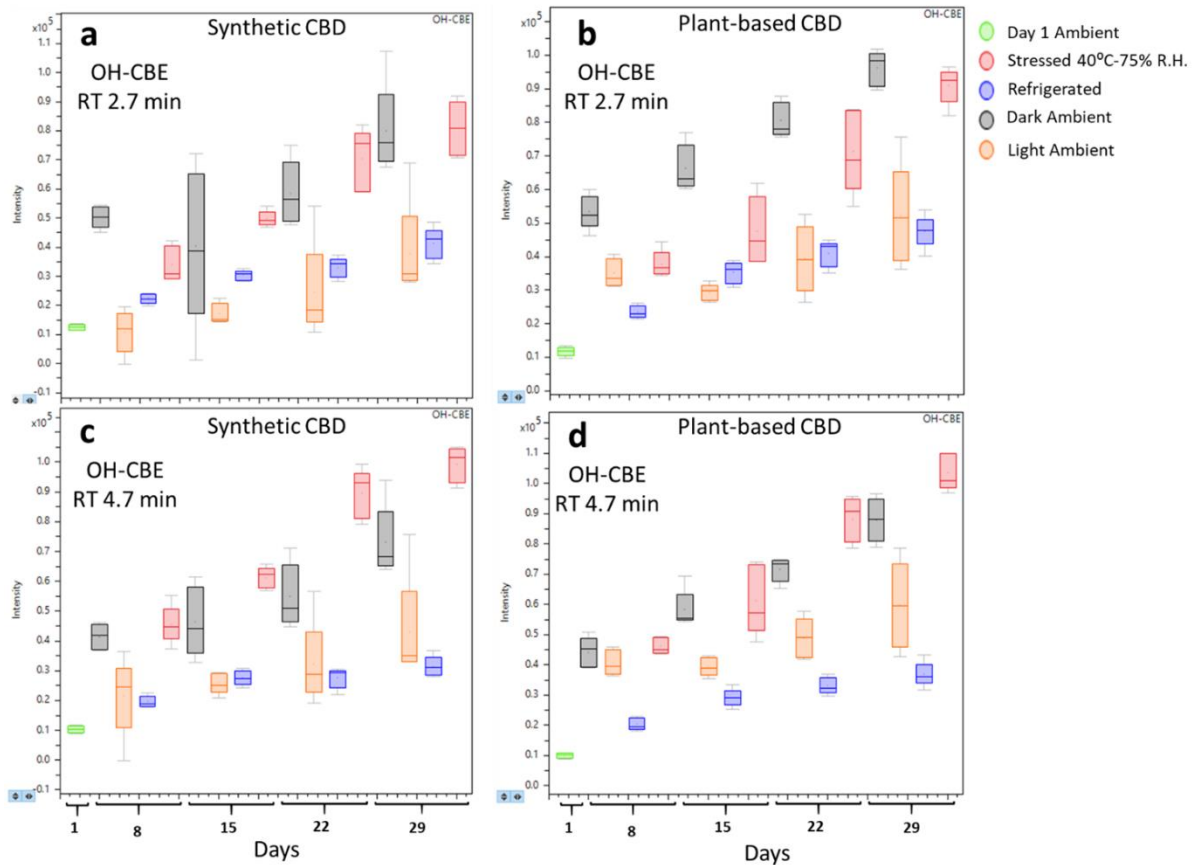


Figure S8. Trend in levels of the putative OH-CBE in CBD e-liquid stored for 29 days under four different conditions. **a)** OH-CBE, RT 2.7 min, synthetic CBD e-liquid formulation; **b)** OH-CBE, RT 2.7 min, plant-based CBD e-liquid formulation; **c)** OH-CBE, RT 4.7 min, synthetic CBD e-liquid formulation; **d)** OH-CBE, RT 4.7 min, plant-based CBD e-liquid formulation.

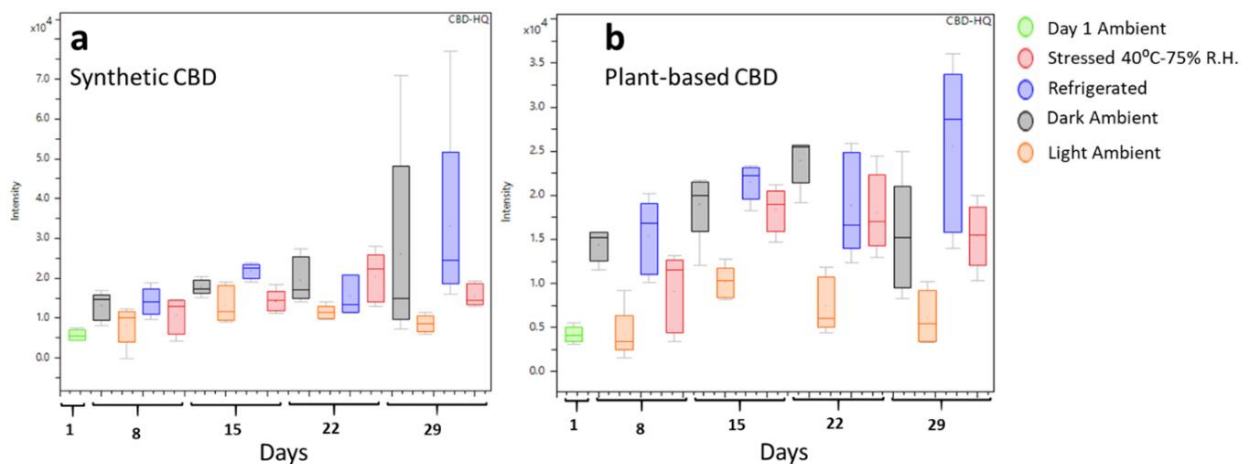


Figure S9. Trend in levels of HU-331 in CBD e-liquid stored for 29 days under four different conditions. **a)** HU-331 in synthetic CBD e-liquid formulation; **b)** HU-331 in plant-based CBD e-liquid formulation.

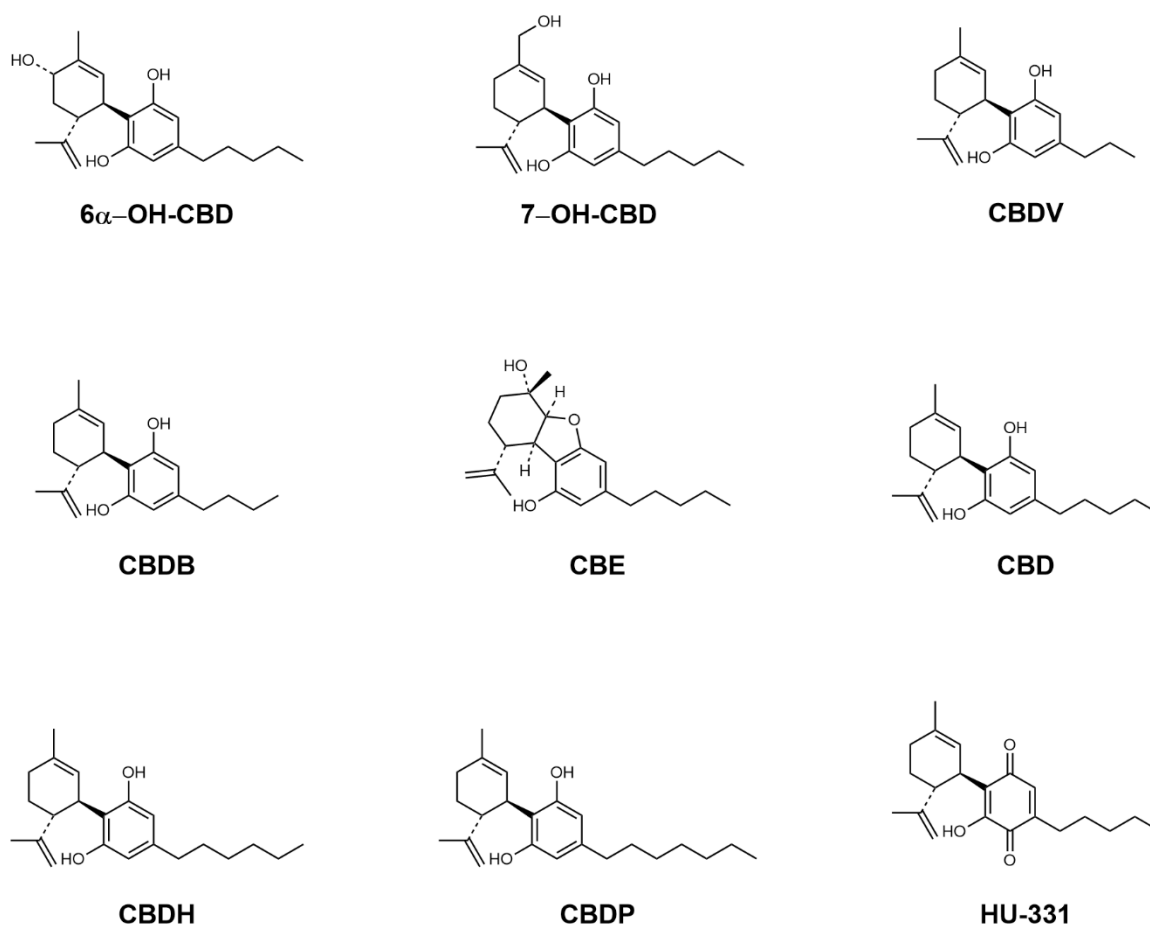


Figure S10. Chemical structures of validated cannabinoids.

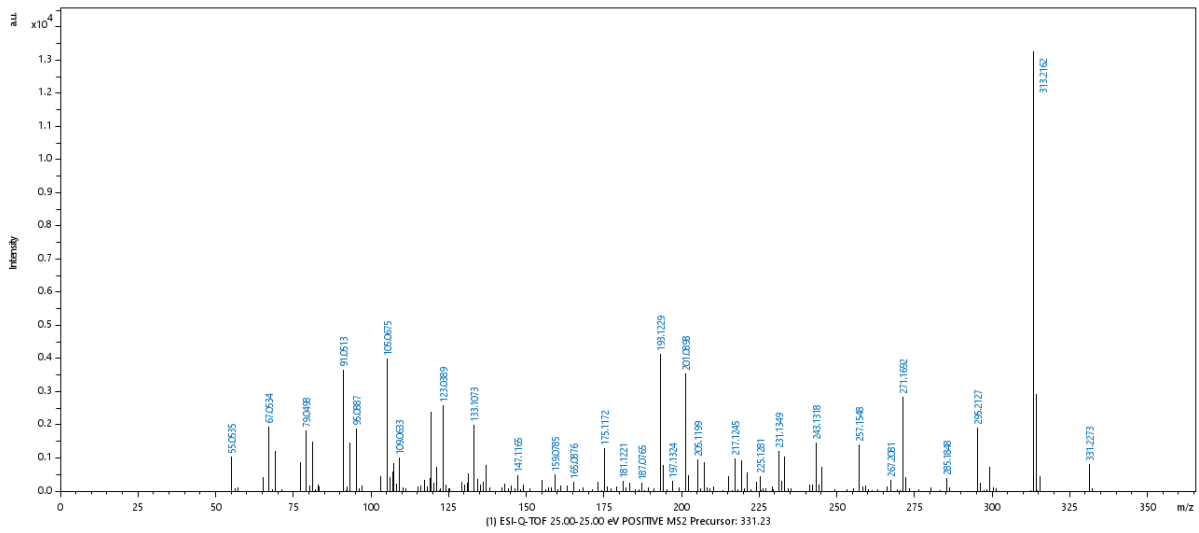


Figure S11. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of 6α-OH-CBD standard.

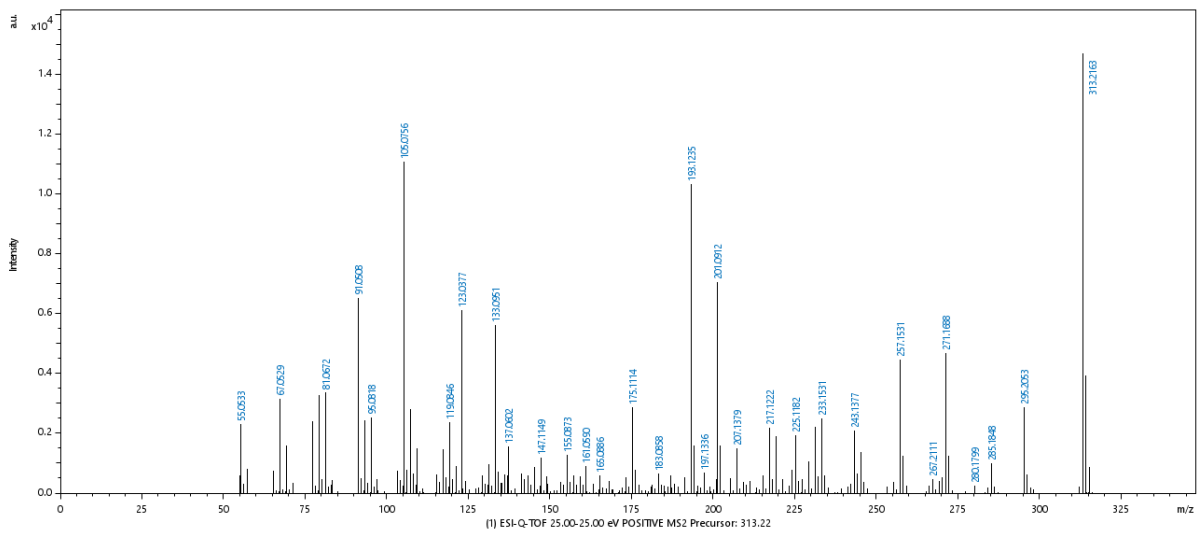


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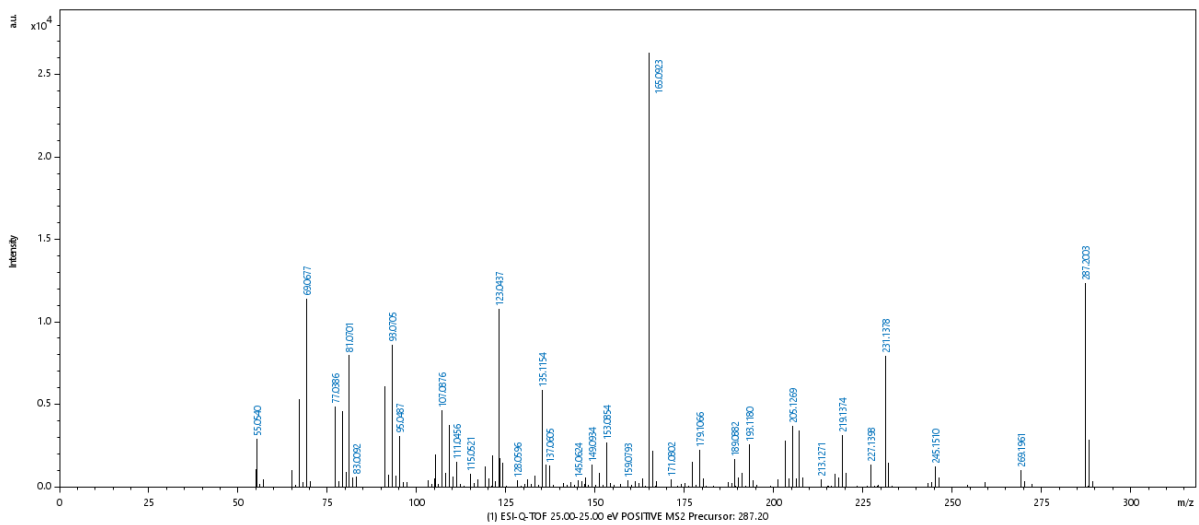


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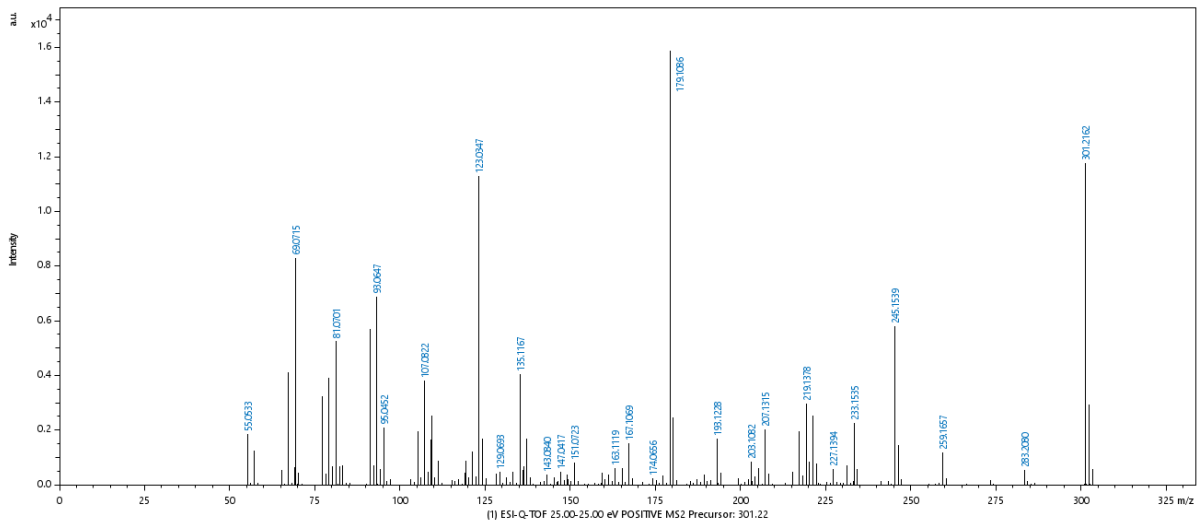


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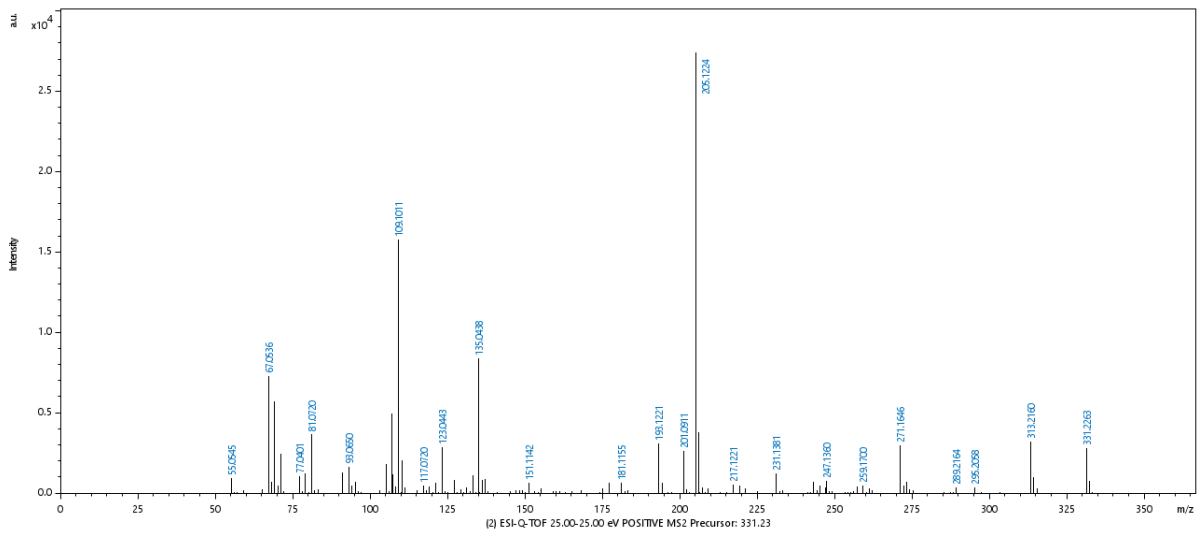


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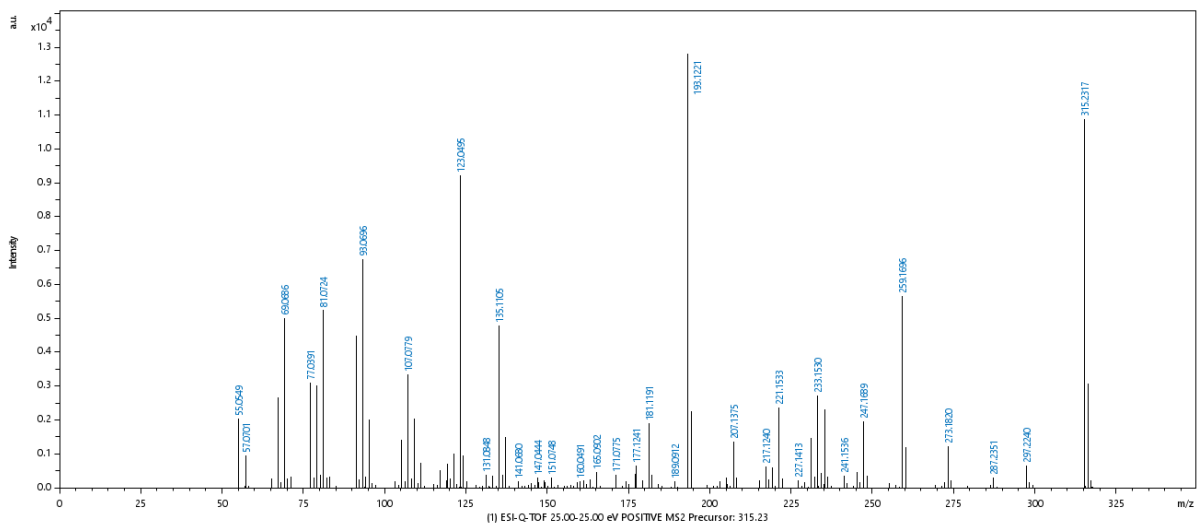


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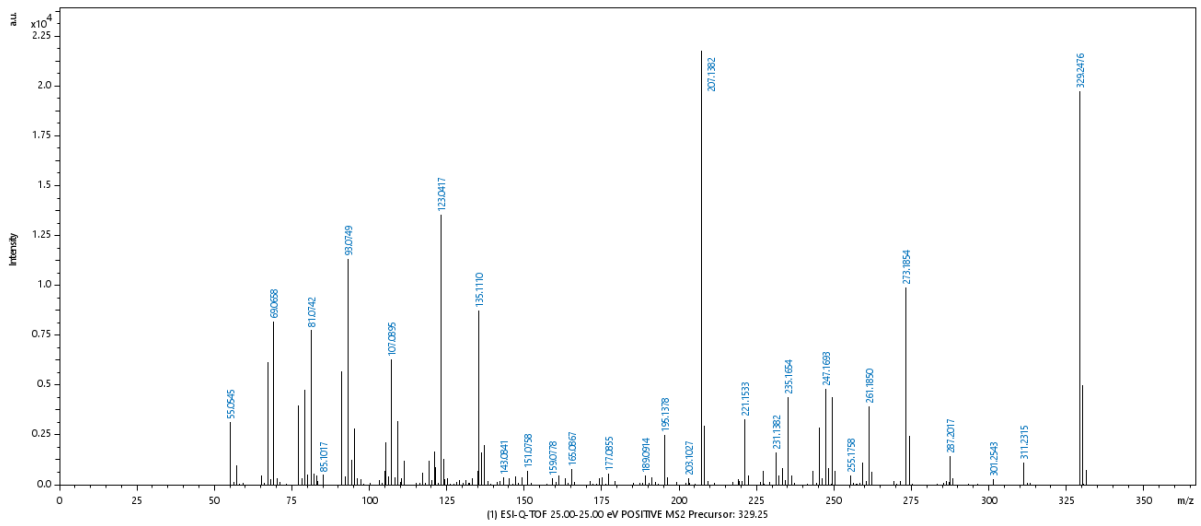


Figure S17. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of CBDH standard.

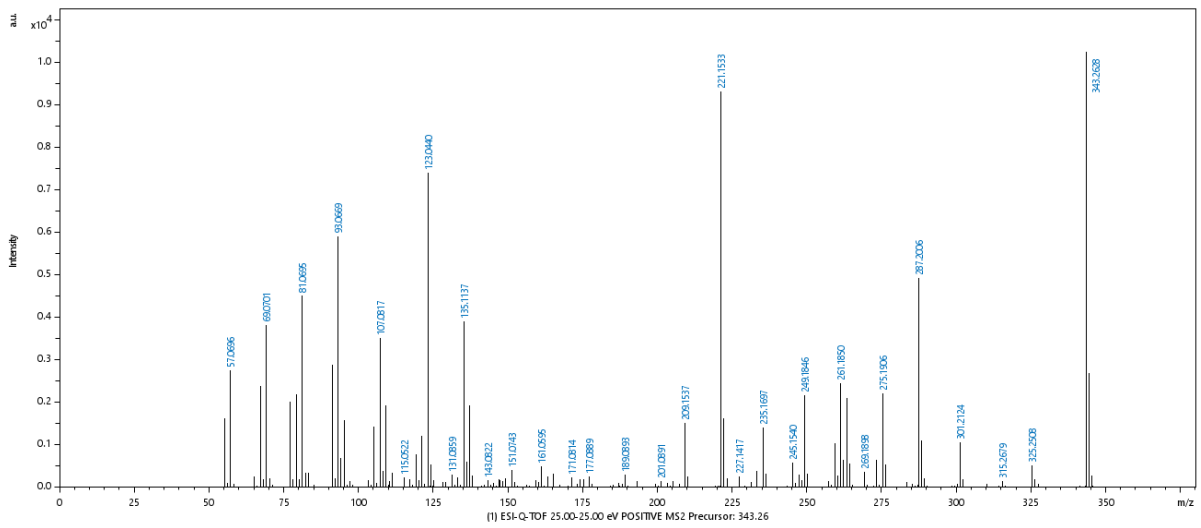


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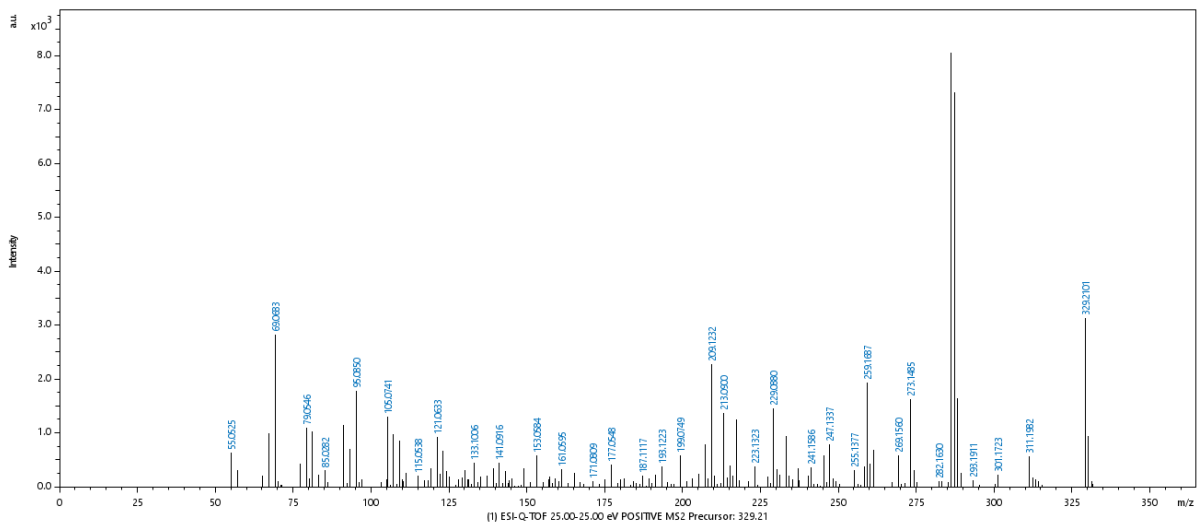


Figure S19. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of HU-331 standard.

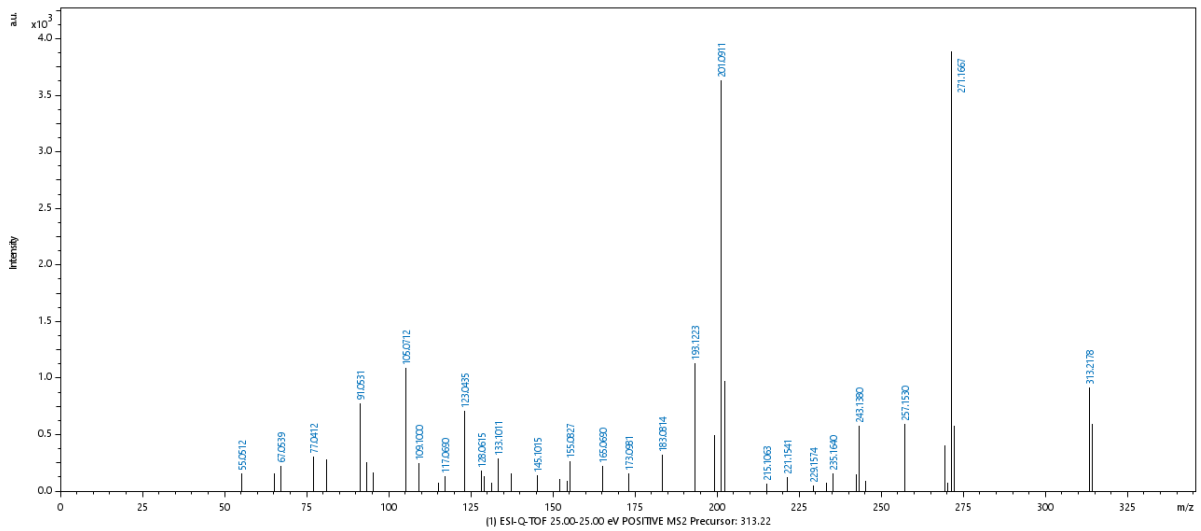


Figure S20. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of 6α-OH-CBD from CBD e-liquids at 1.84 min.

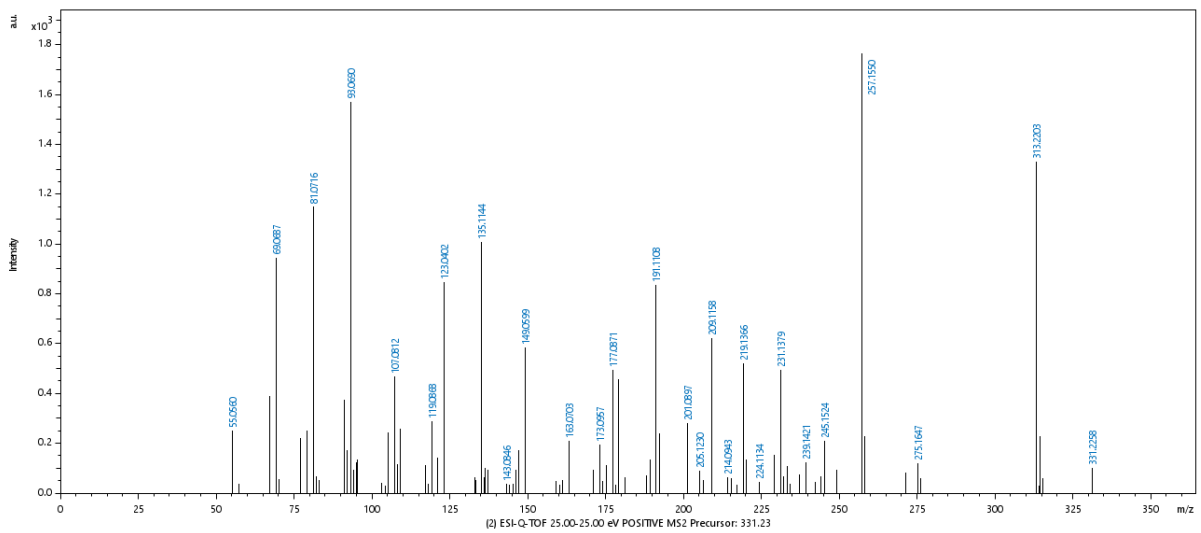


Figure S21. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of 7-OH-CBD from CBD e-liquids at 2.03 min.

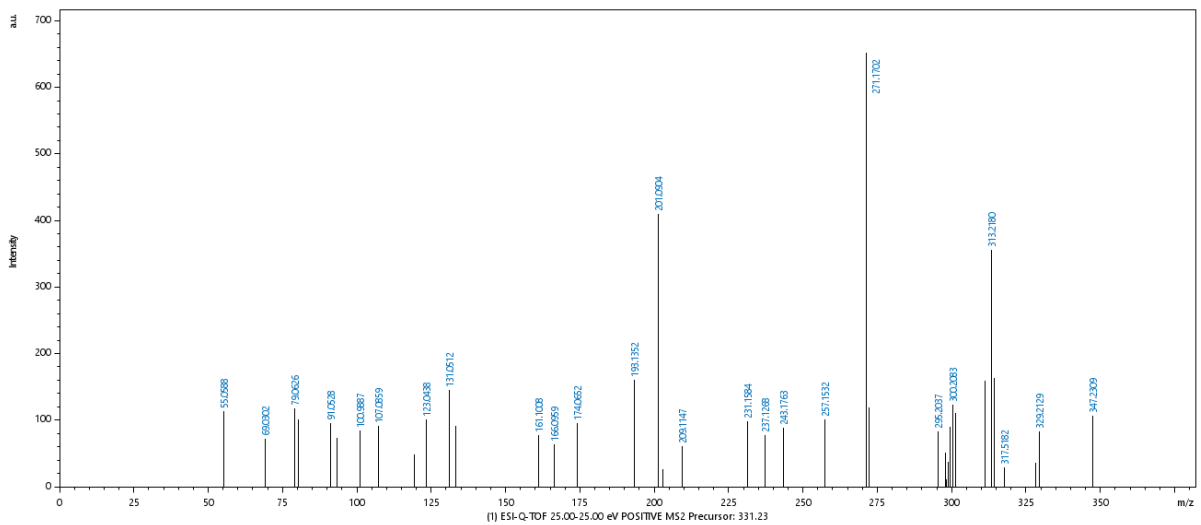


Figure S22. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of diOH-CBD from CBD e-liquids at 2.13 min.

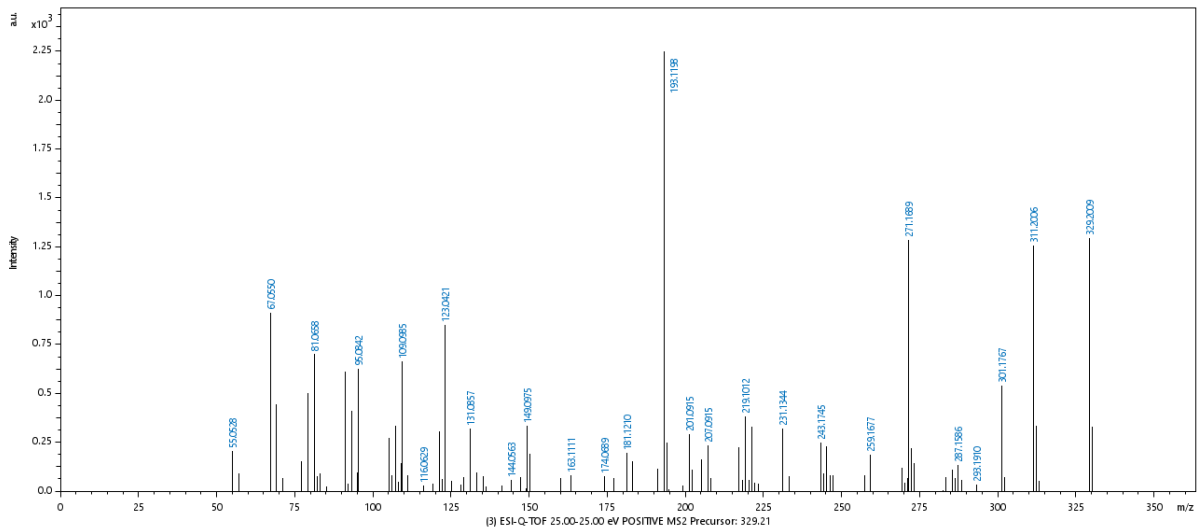


Figure S23. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of HU-331-like from CBD e-liquids at 2.42 min.

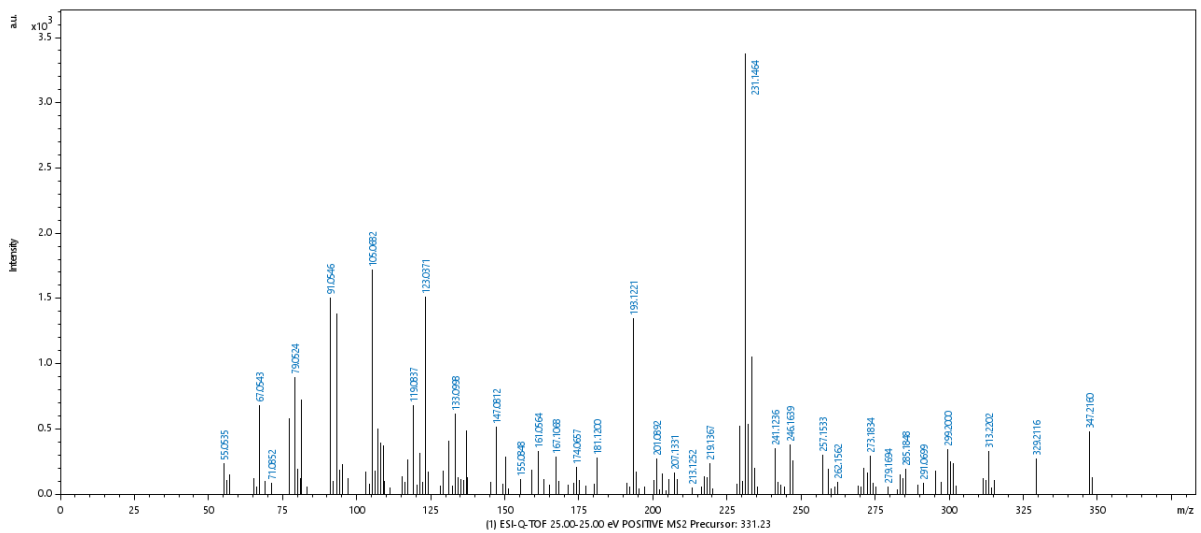


Figure S24. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of diOH-CBD from CBD e-liquids at 2.52 min.

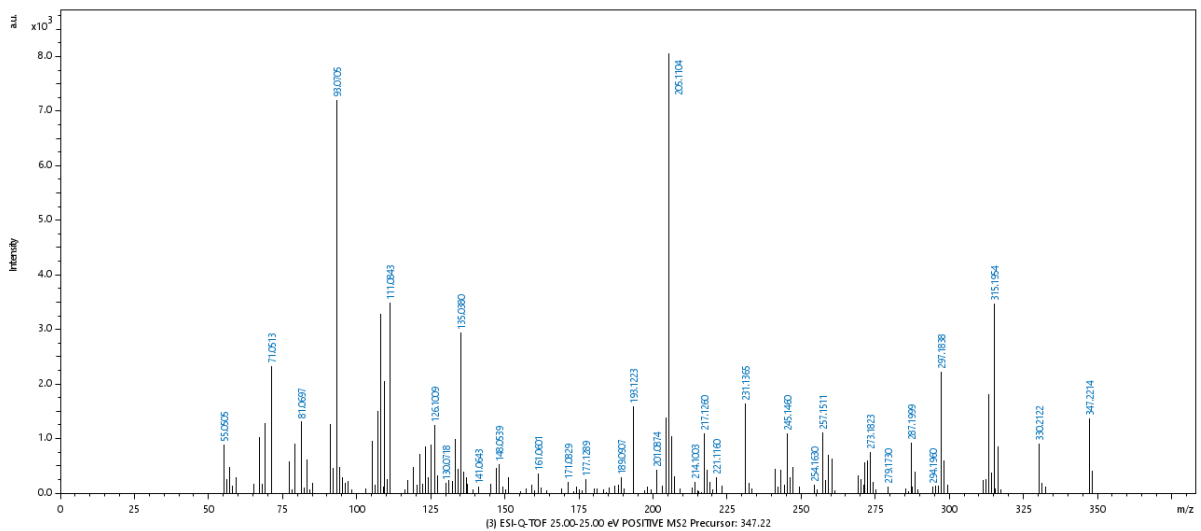


Figure S25. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of OH-CBE from CBD e-liquids at 2.76 min.

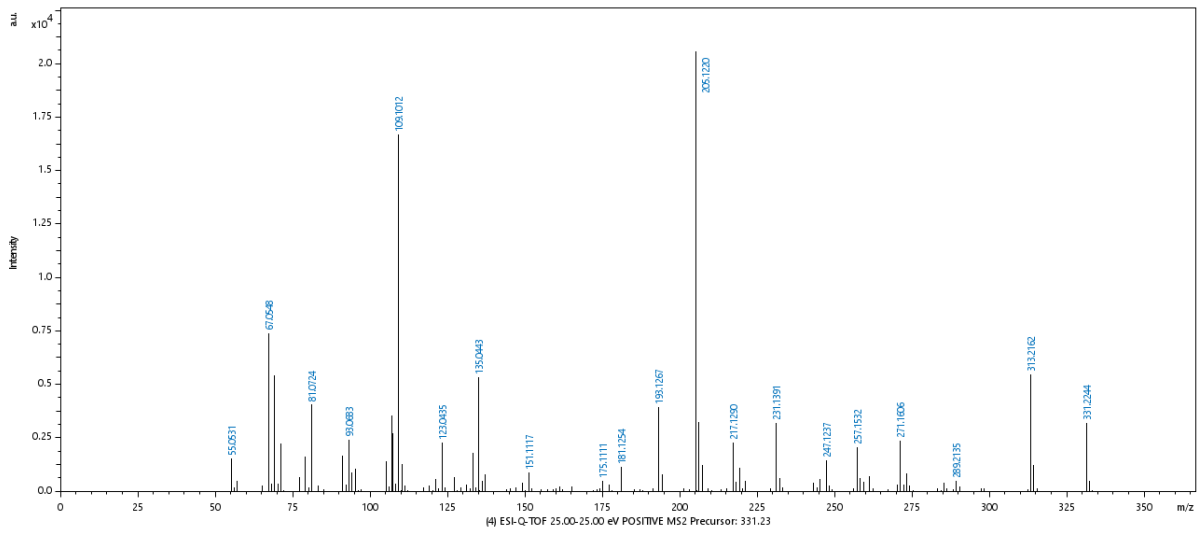


Figure S26. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of CBE isomer from CBD e-liquids at 2.85 min.

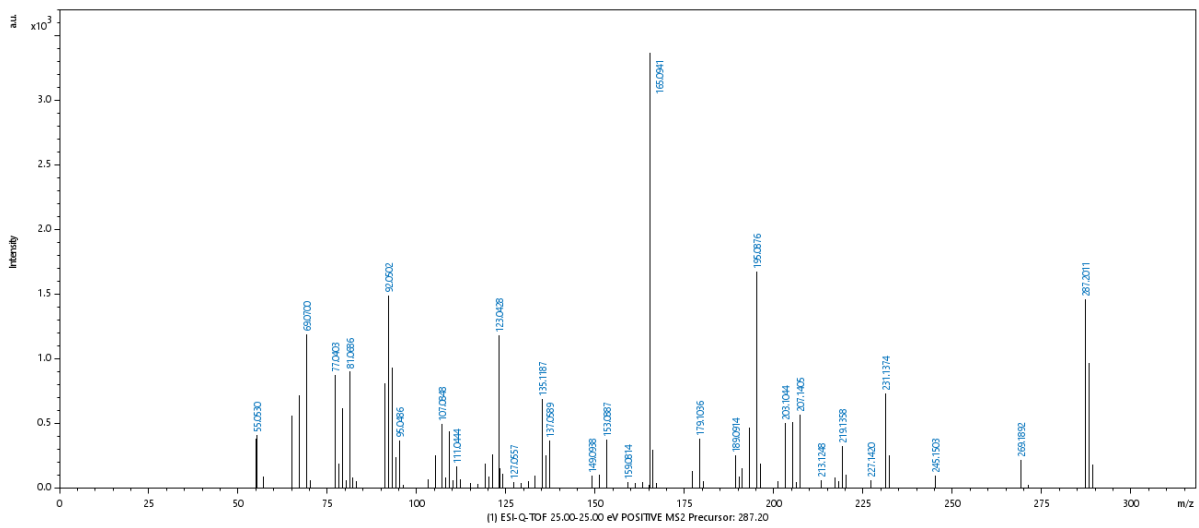


Figure S27. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of CBDV from CBD e-liquids at 3.20 min.

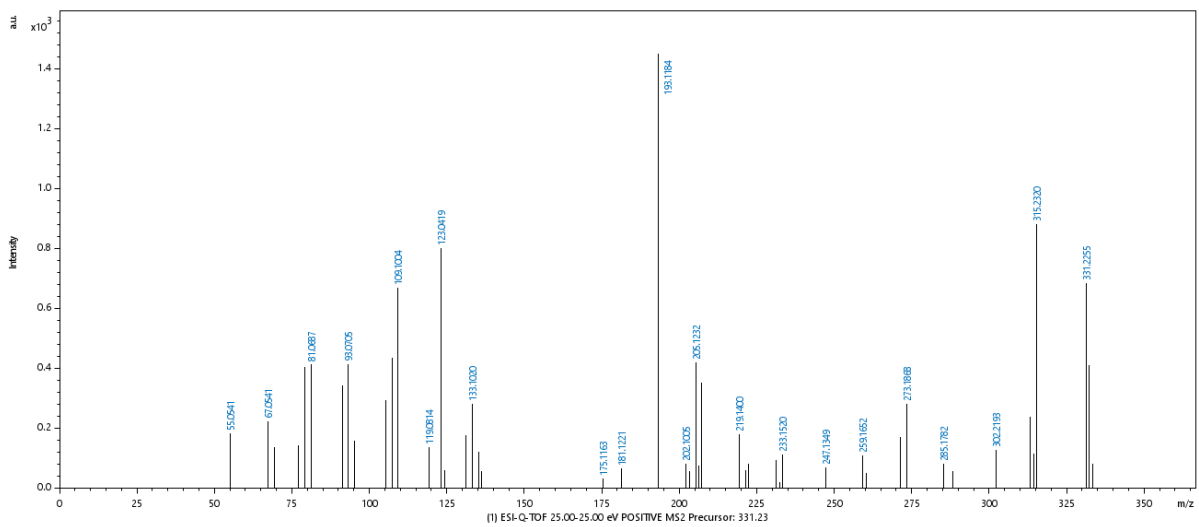


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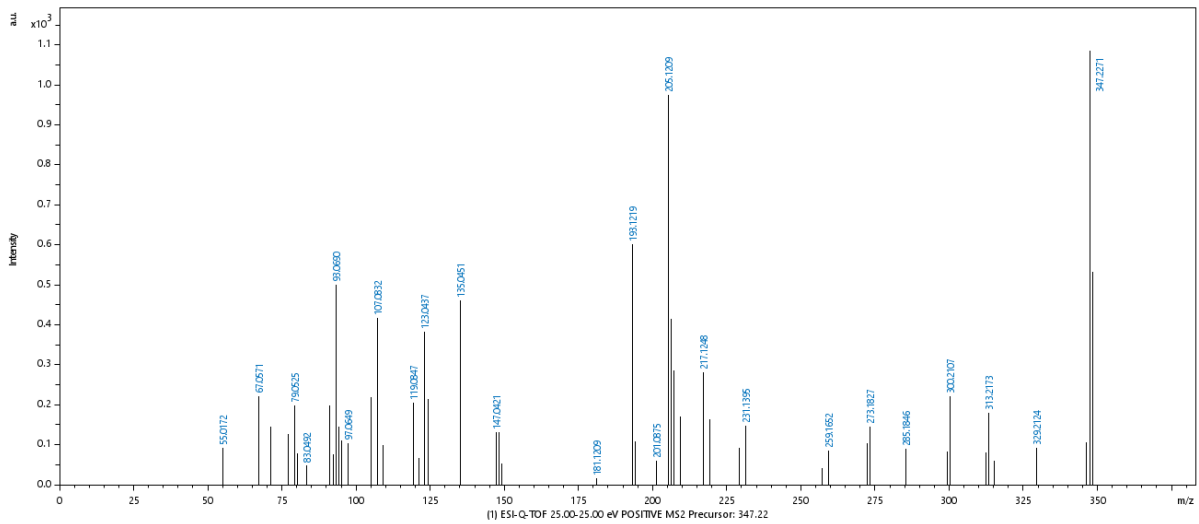


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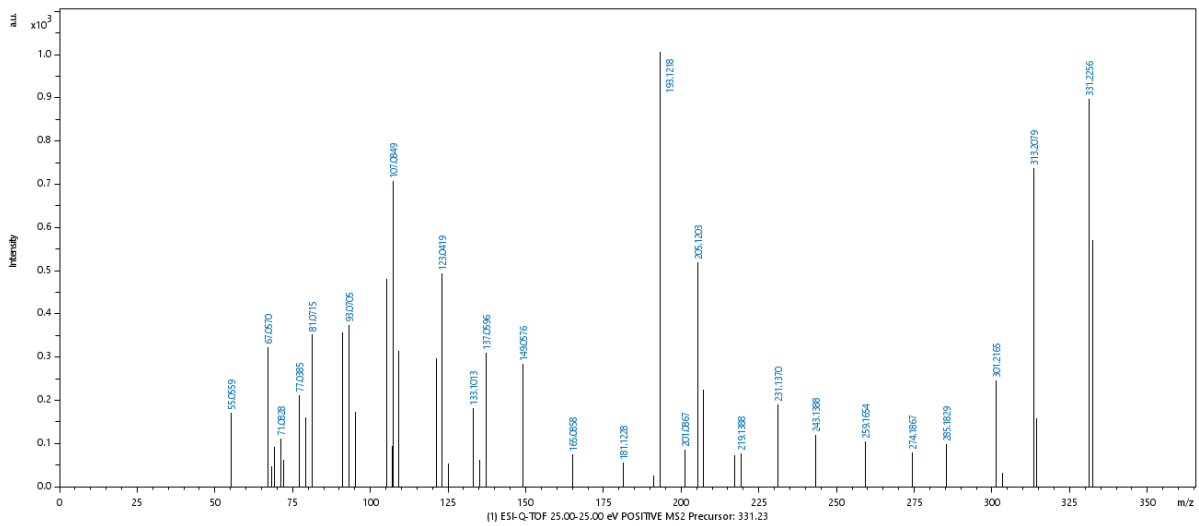


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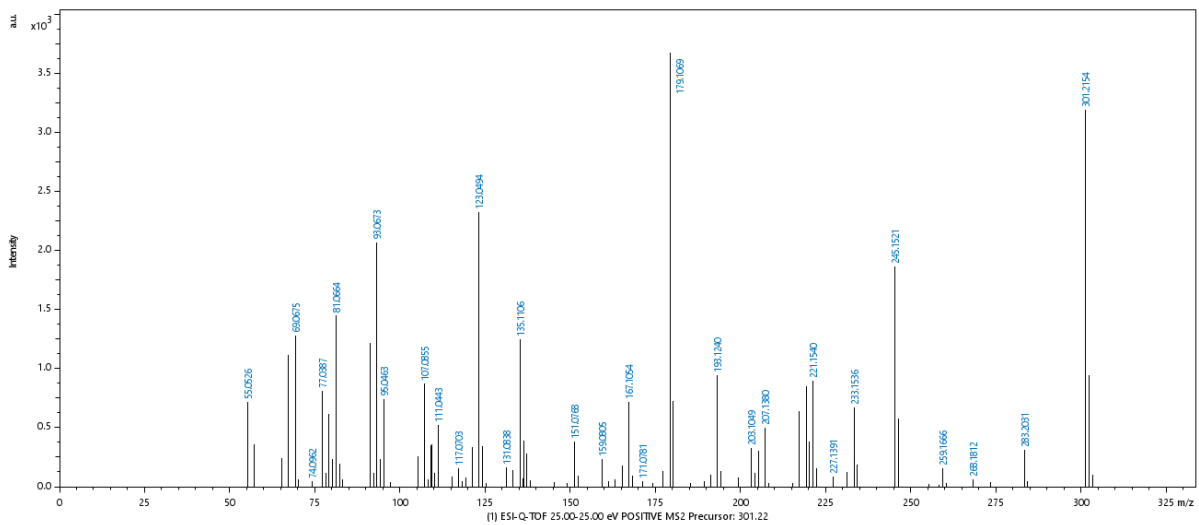


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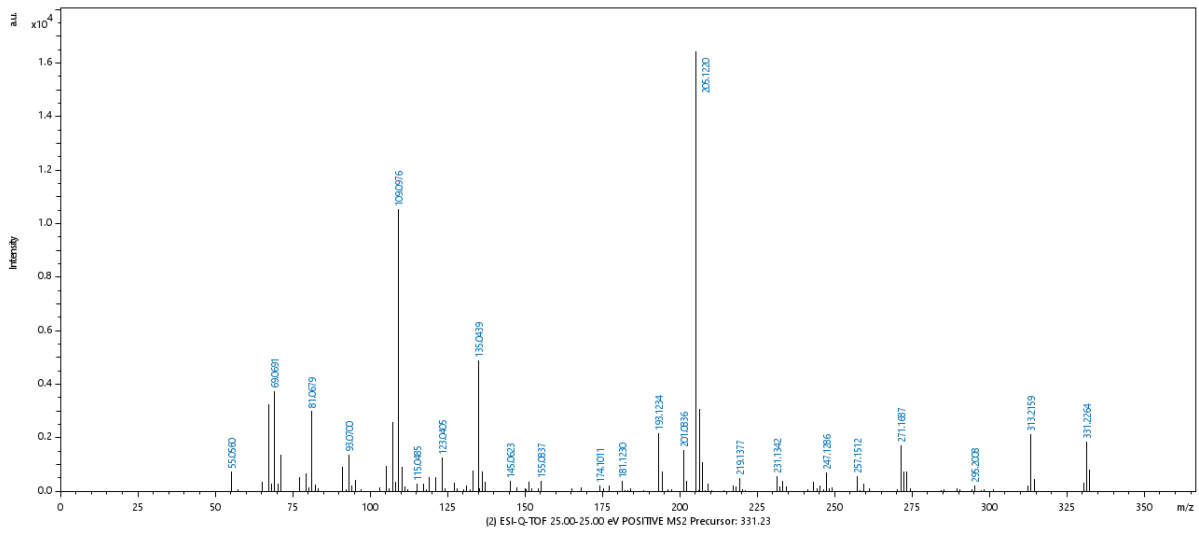


Figure S32. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of CBE from CBD e-liquids at 4.17 min.

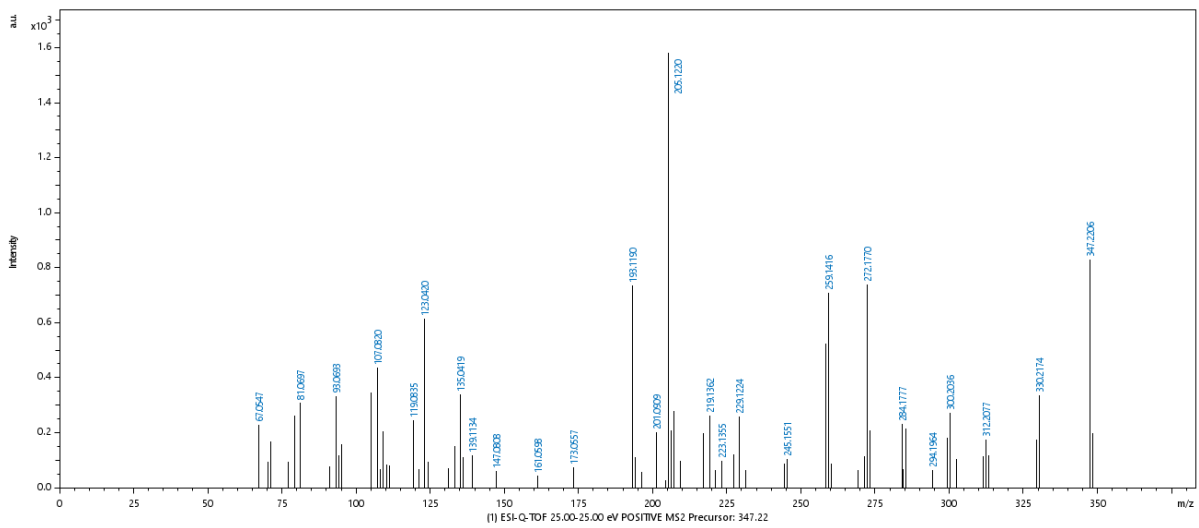


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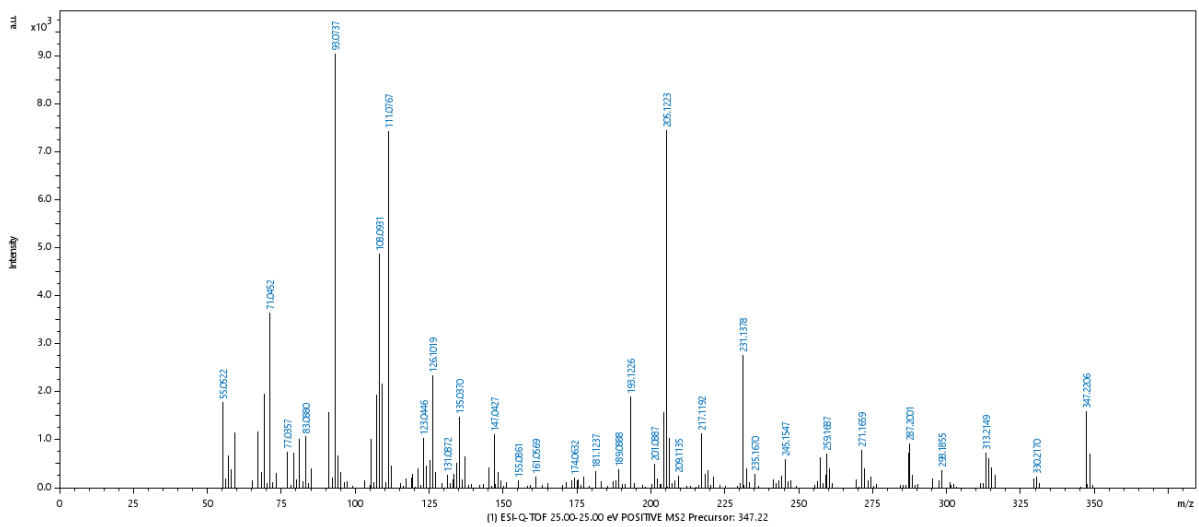


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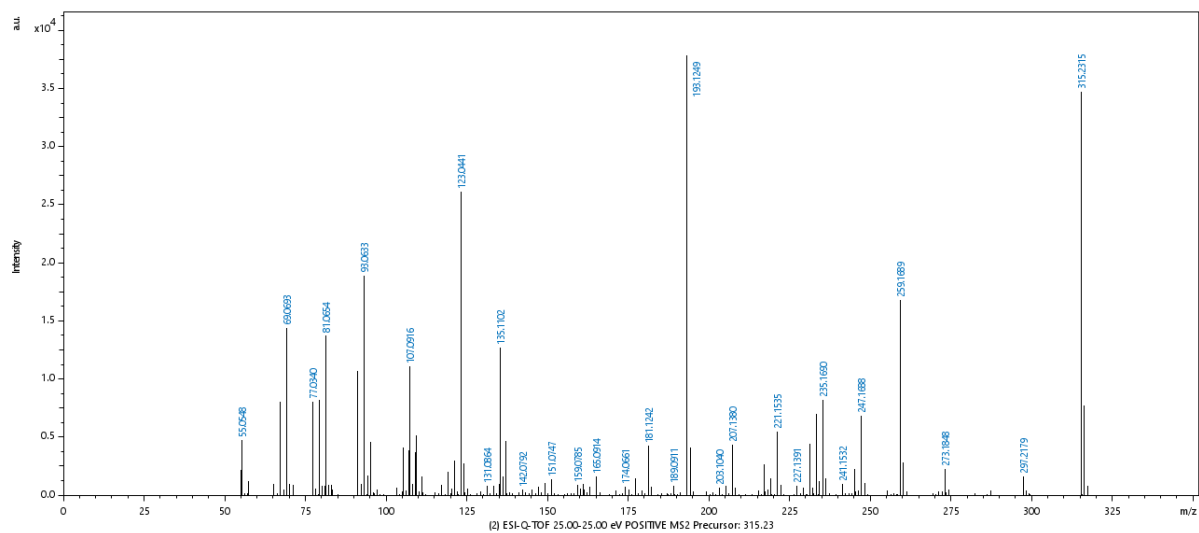


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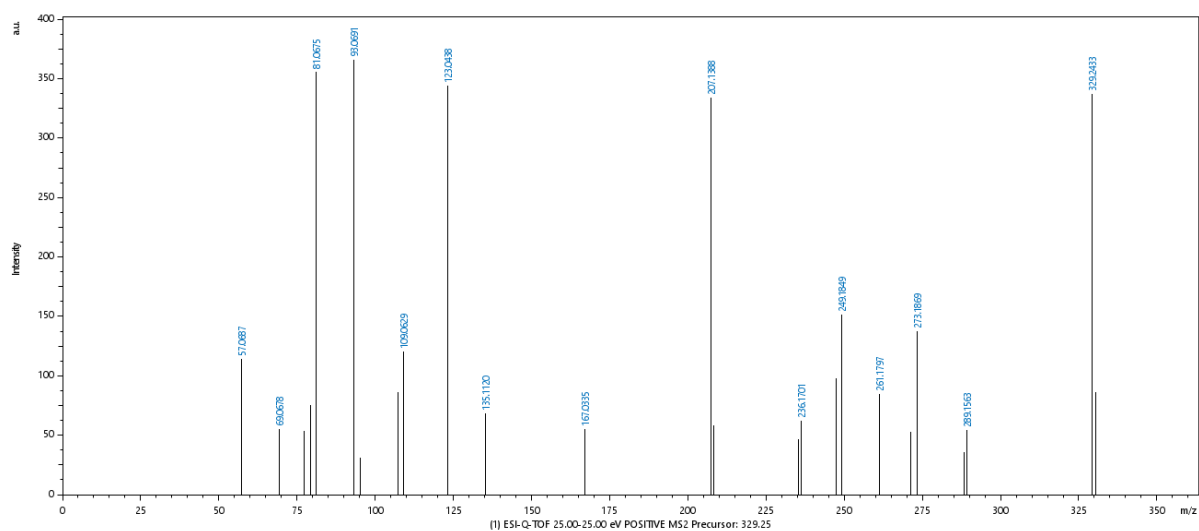


Figure S36. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of CBDH from CBD e-liquids at 6.56 min.

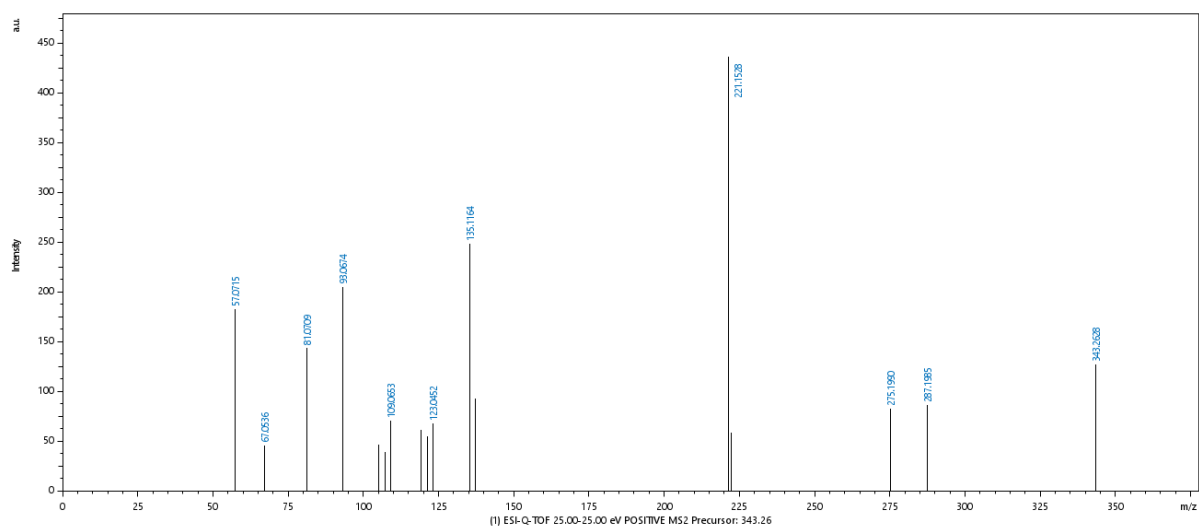


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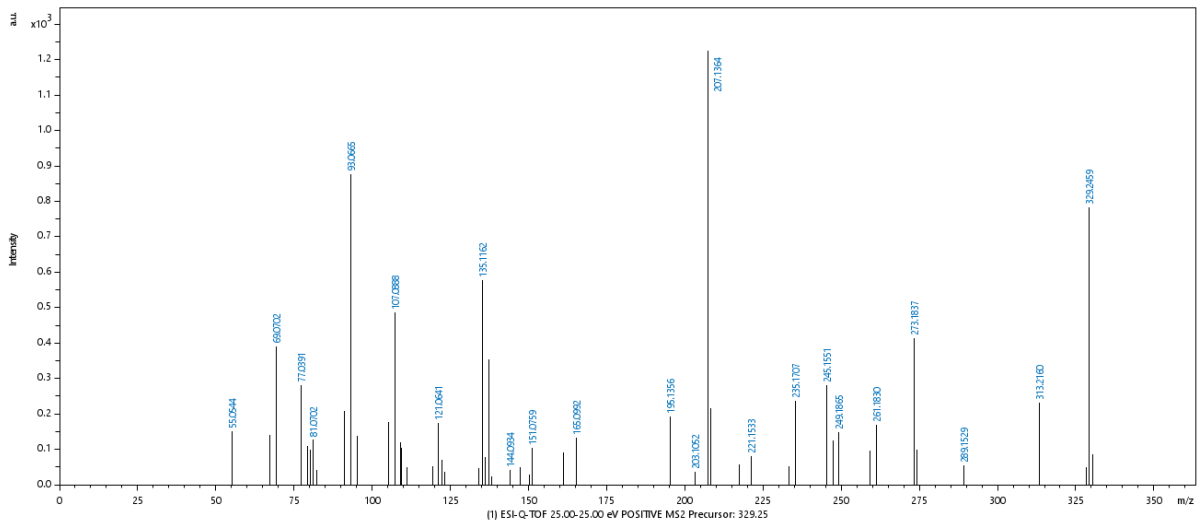


Figure S38. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of CBDH isomer from CBD e-liquids at 9.65 min.

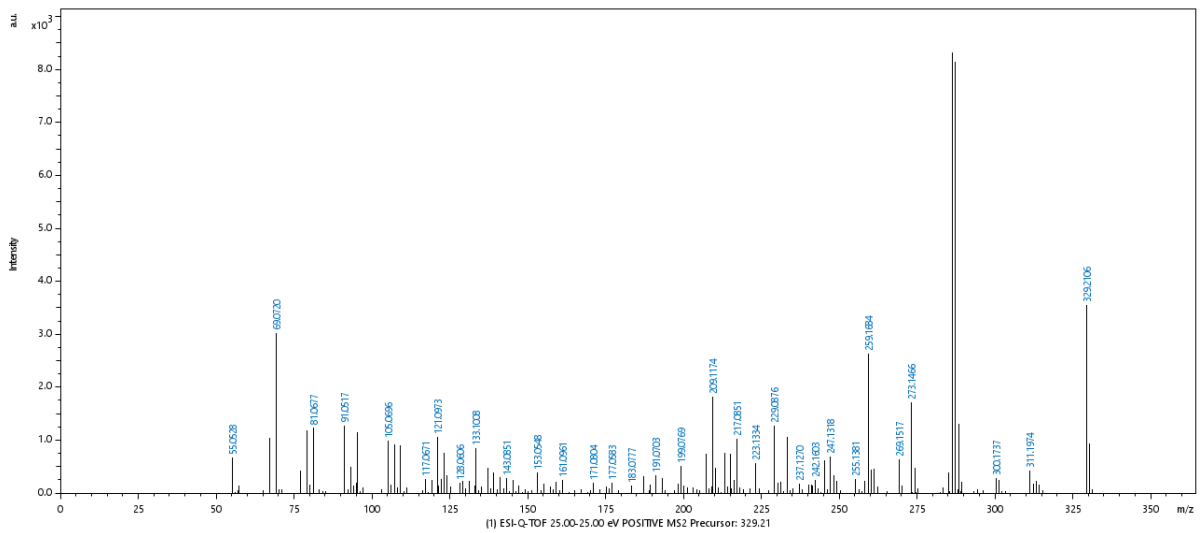


Figure S39. Experimental MS² fragmentation pattern of HU-331 from CBD e-liquids at 9.92 min.