

## **Supplementary Materials**

### **Preservation and taphonomy of fossil insects from the earliest Eocene of Denmark**

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#### **Figure S1**

PCA analysis comparing eumelanin-related ions of three insect fossils (FUM-N-11263, FUM-N-10904 and FUM-N-17627) and two eumelanin standards.

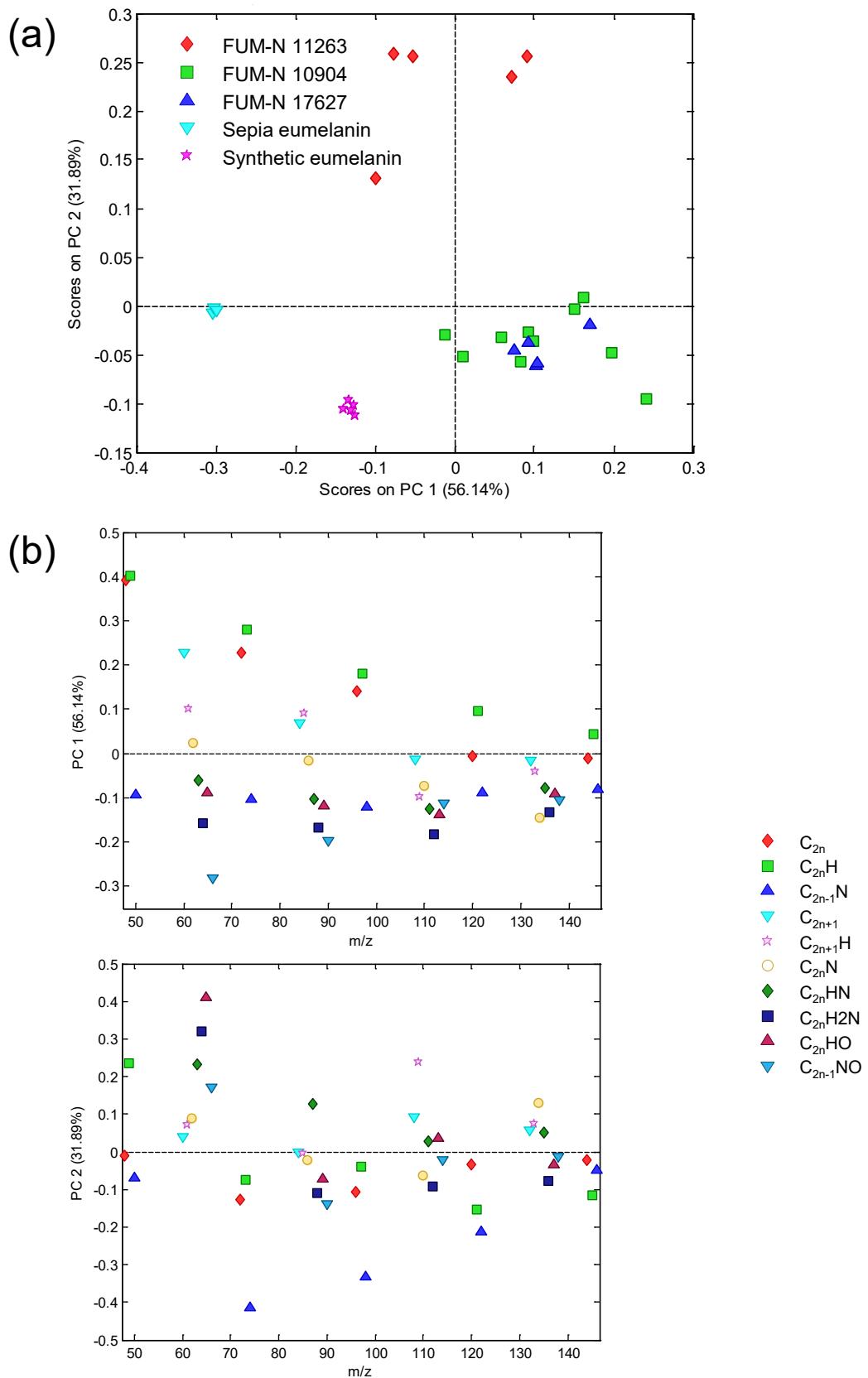
#### **Figure S2**

Positive and negative ToF-SIMS spectra of FUM-N-11263.

#### **Figure S3**

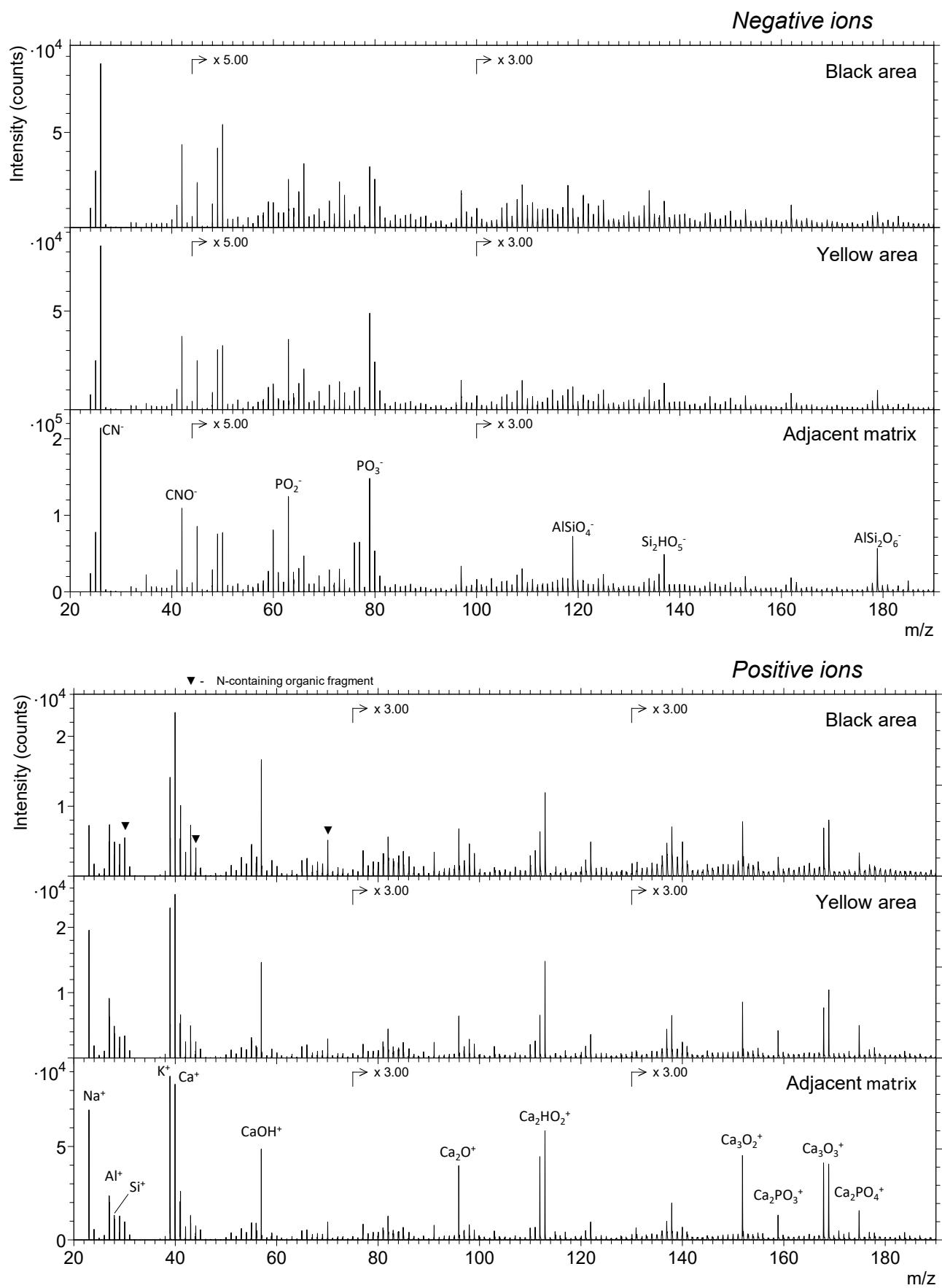
SEM and ToF-SIMS images from FUM-N-10904, showing the association of eumelanin to cuticle residues and iron oxide/sulfate to framboid structures.

# Figure S1



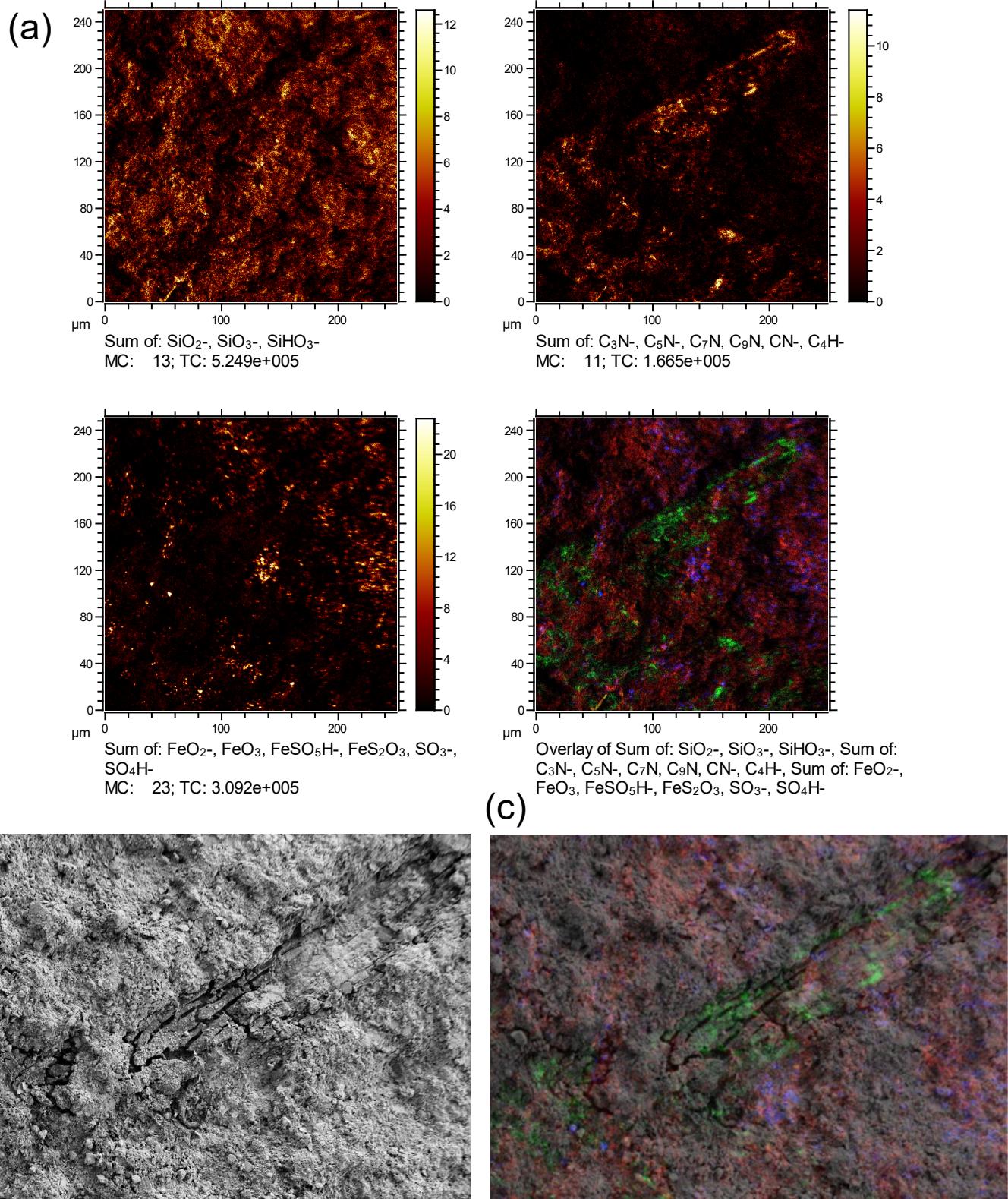
(a) Score plot of PC2 versus PC1. (b) Loadings of PC1 (top) and PC2 (bottom) for secondary ions of different categories.

# Figure S2



Black and yellow areas refer to fossil regions in the light microscopy image (Figure 4A).

# Figure S3



(a) TOF-SIMS images representing silica, eumelanin, iron oxide/sulfate and an overlay image of these three. (b) SEM micrograph of the same area as in (a), and (c) overlay of SEM micrograph in (b) and overlay TOF-SIMS image in (a). The images show protruding seta on the front leg of the fossil damselfly (arrow in Figure 5A).