quasi-molecular ion

_in mass spectrometry_

A protonated molecule or an ion formed from a molecular ion by loss of a hydrogen atom. The use of the term 'pseudo-molecular ion' is not recommended.

_Source:
_PAC, 1991, 63, 1541 (Recommendations for nomenclature and symbolism for mass spectrometry (including an appendix of terms used in vacuum technology). (Recommendations 1991)) on page 1550_