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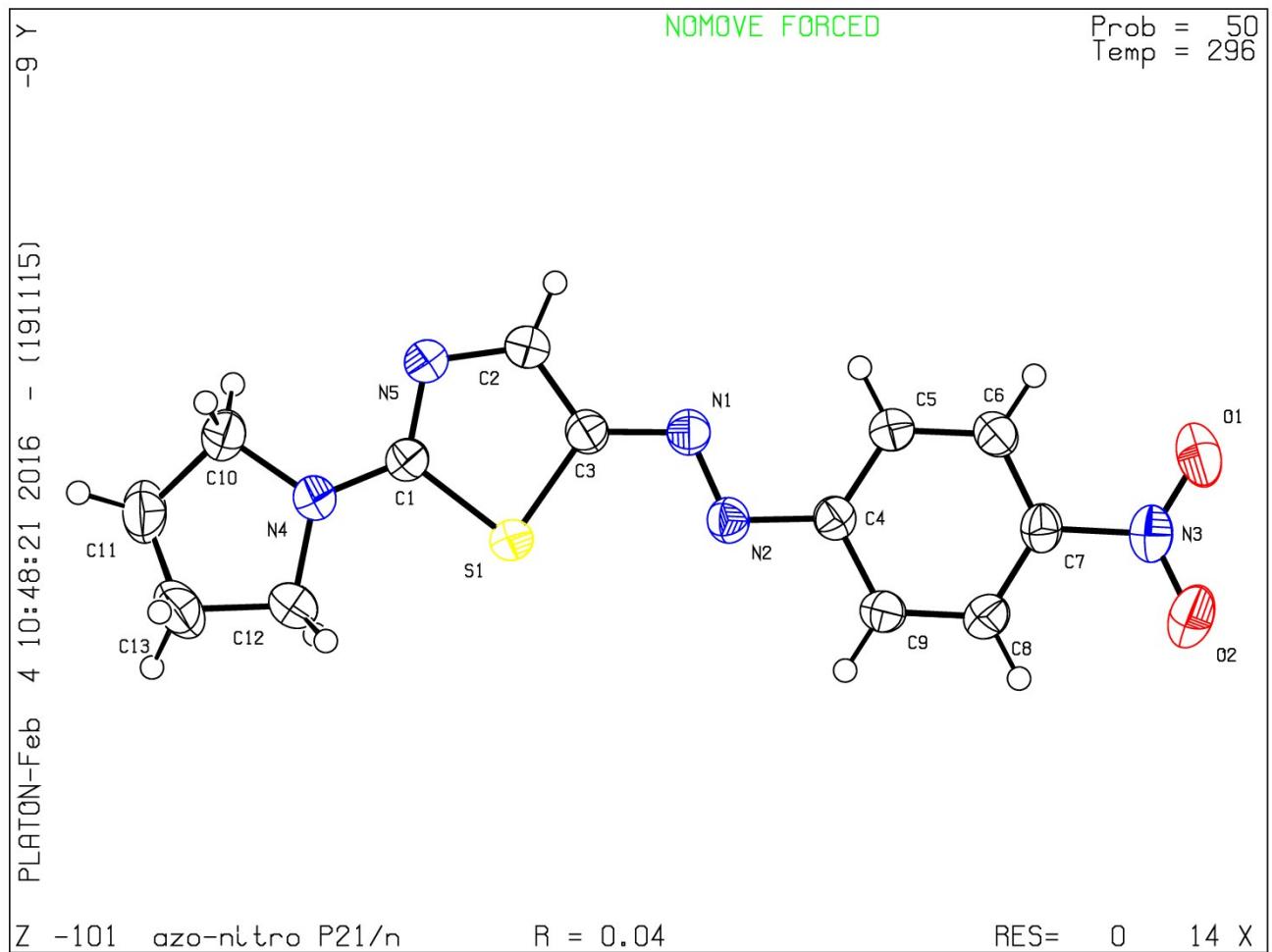
### New azo-decorated *N*-pyrrolidinylthiazoles: synthesis, properties and an unexpected remote substituents effect transmission

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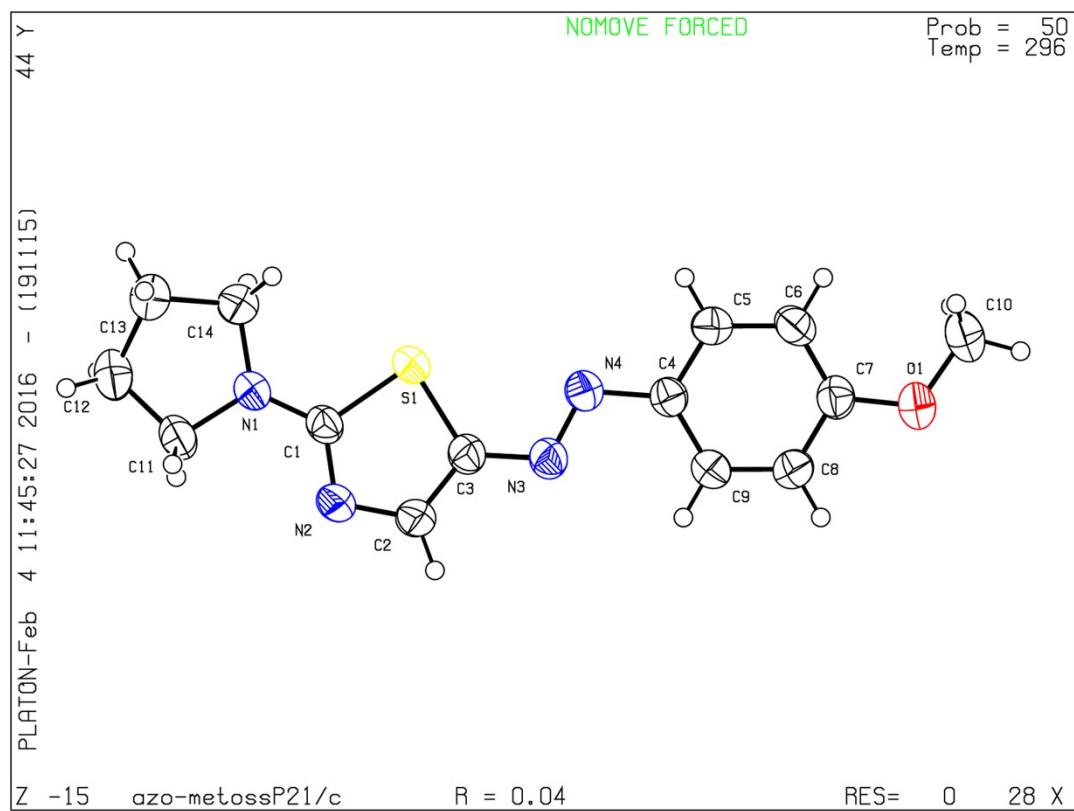
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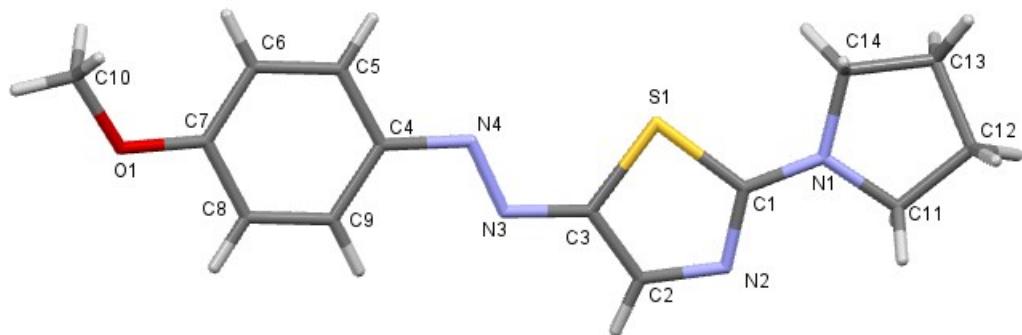
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**Fig. SI-1. ORTEP representation for 5a**

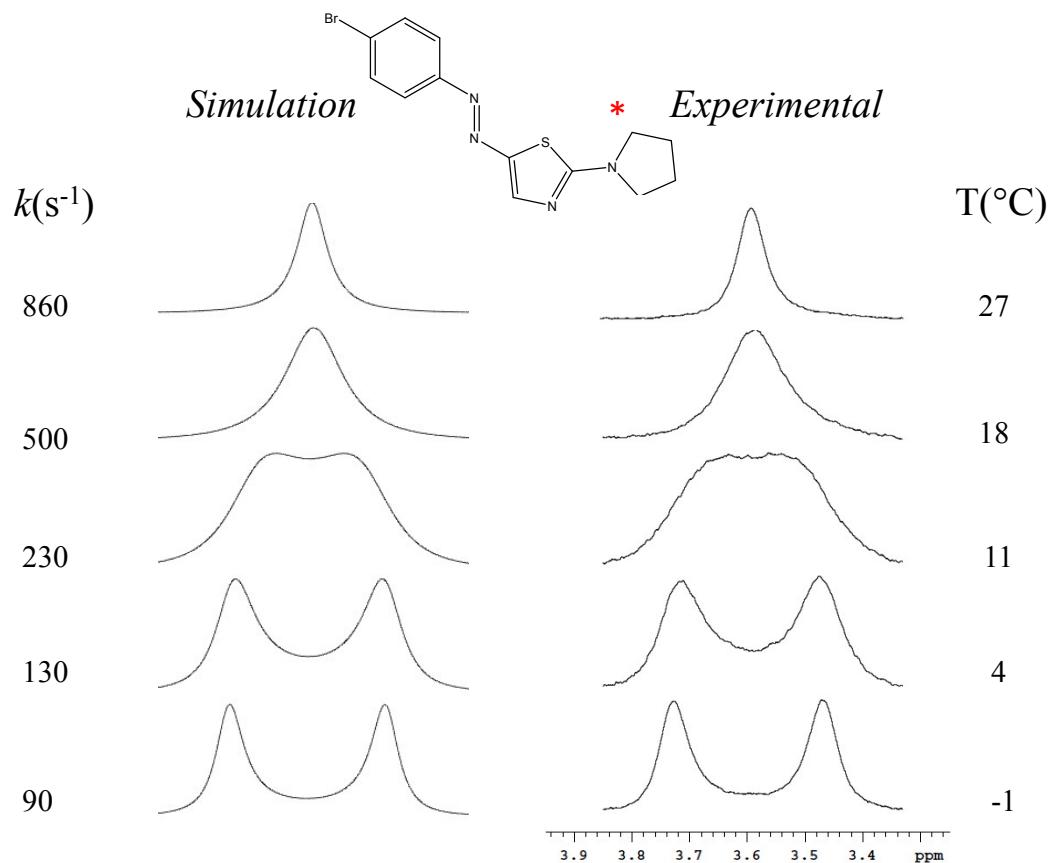


**Fig. SI-2.** ORTEP representation for **5c**



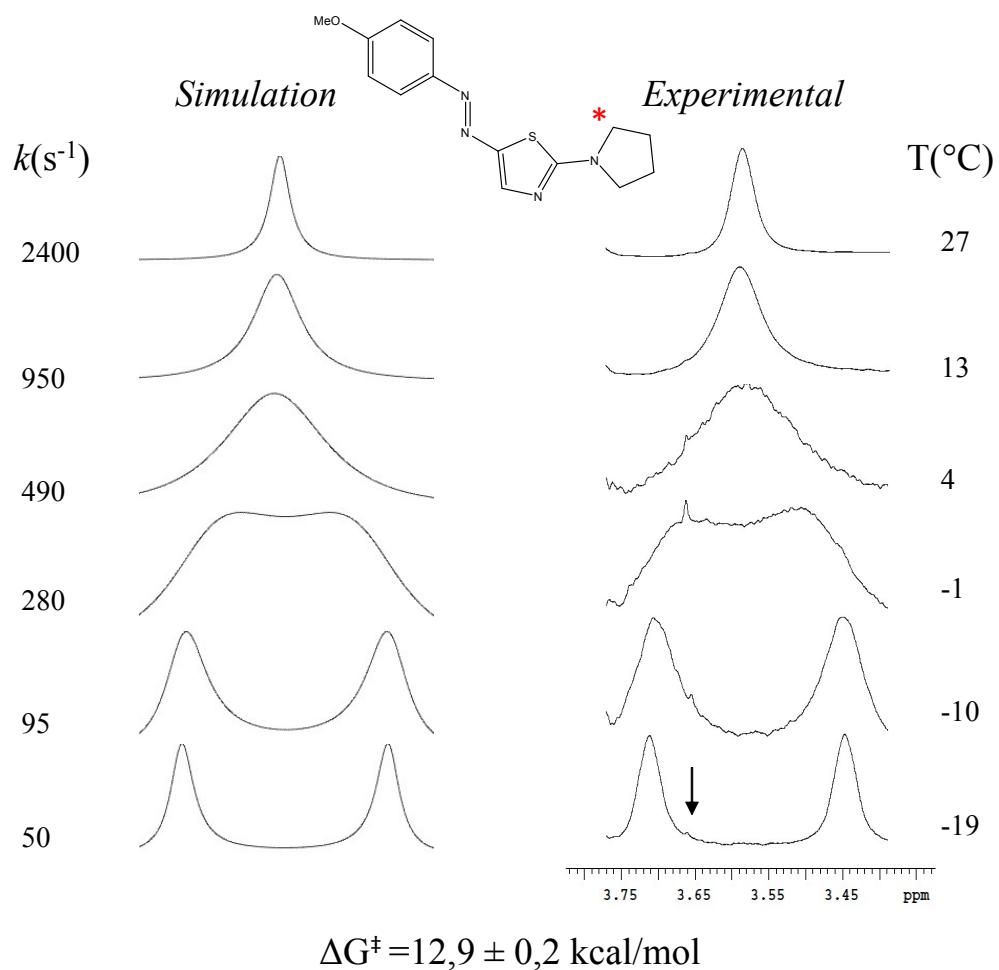
**Figure SI-3.** Graphic representation of the crystalline structure of compound **5c**.

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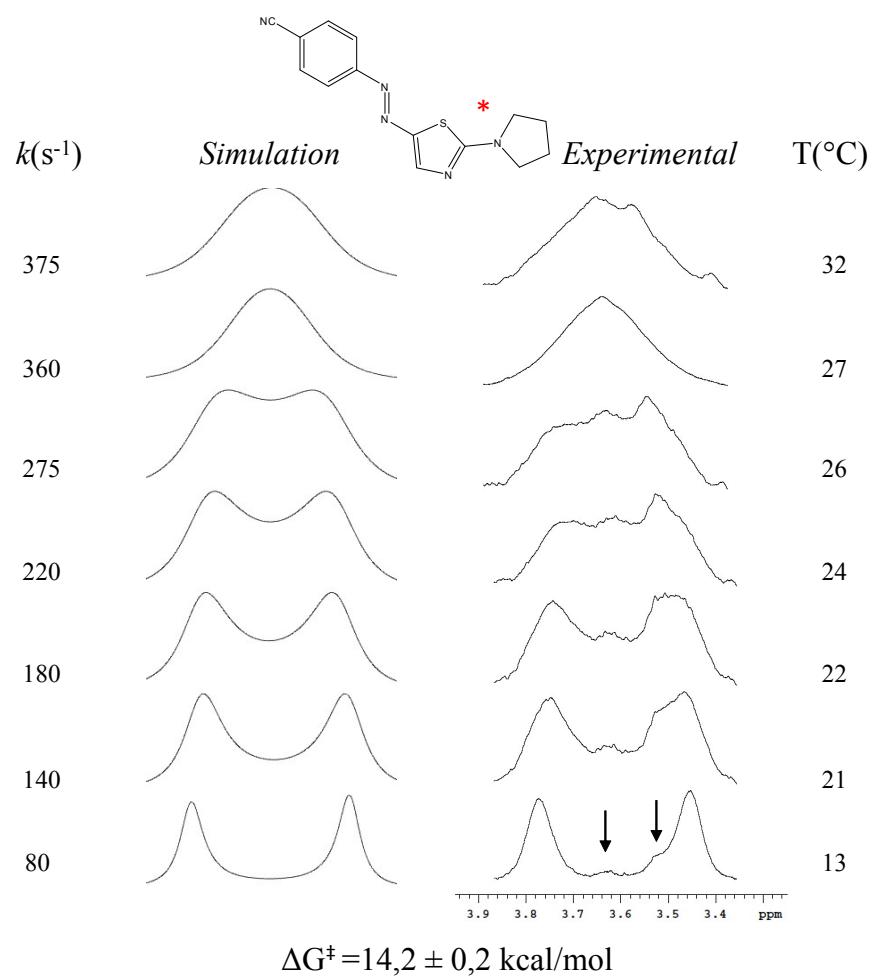


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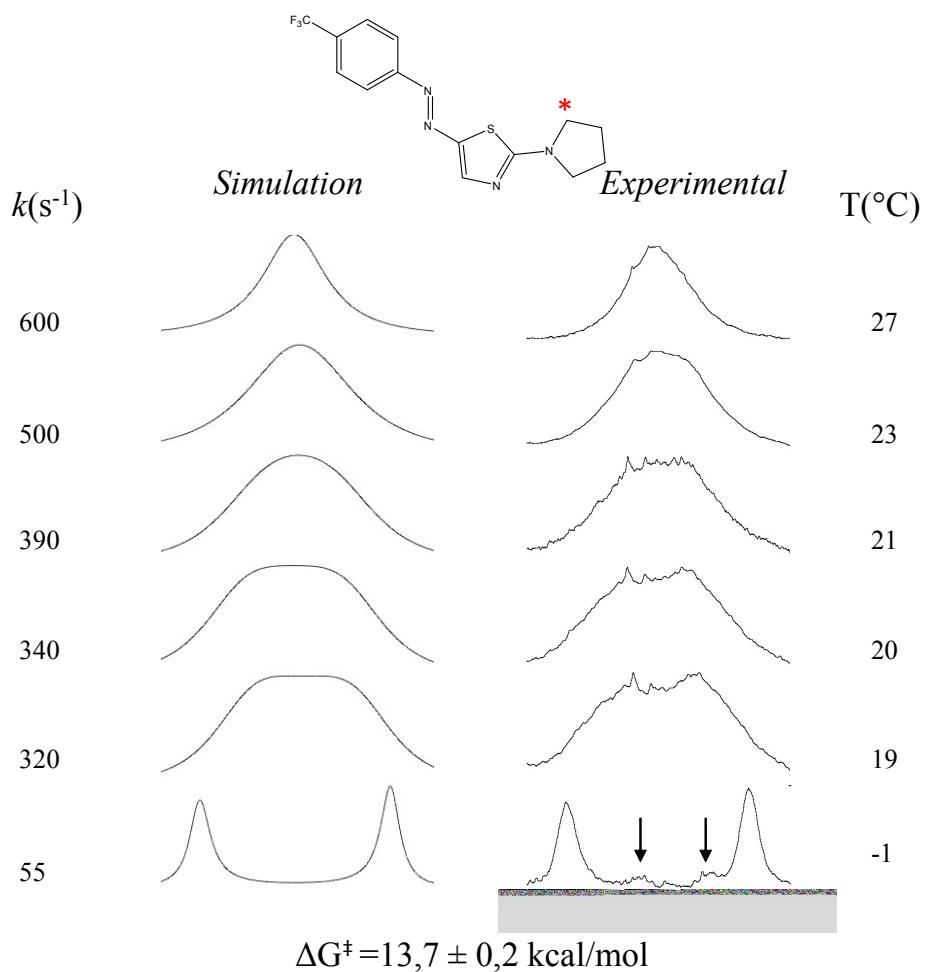
**Figure SI-4.** Methylenic variable temperature  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and dynamic-NMR simulations for **5b**.



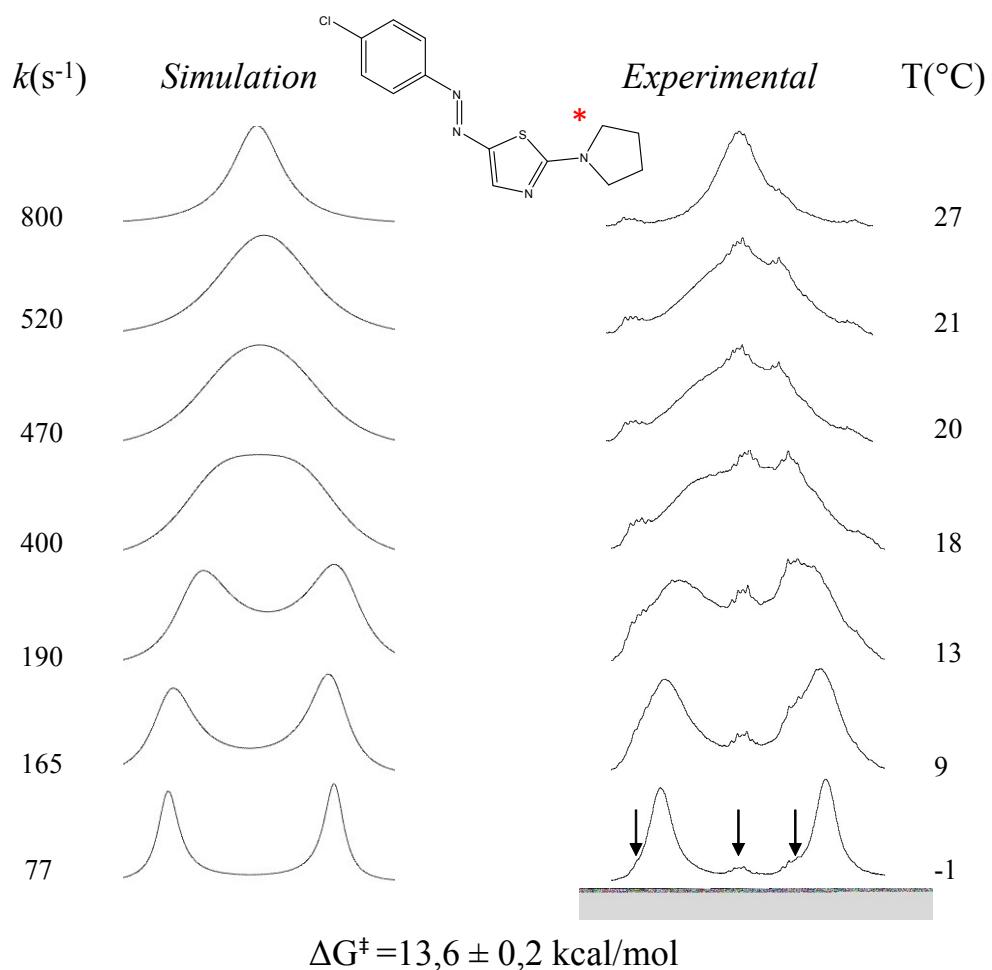
**Figure SI-5.** Methylenic variable temperature  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and dynamic-NMR simulations for **5c**. Black arrows indicates impurity.



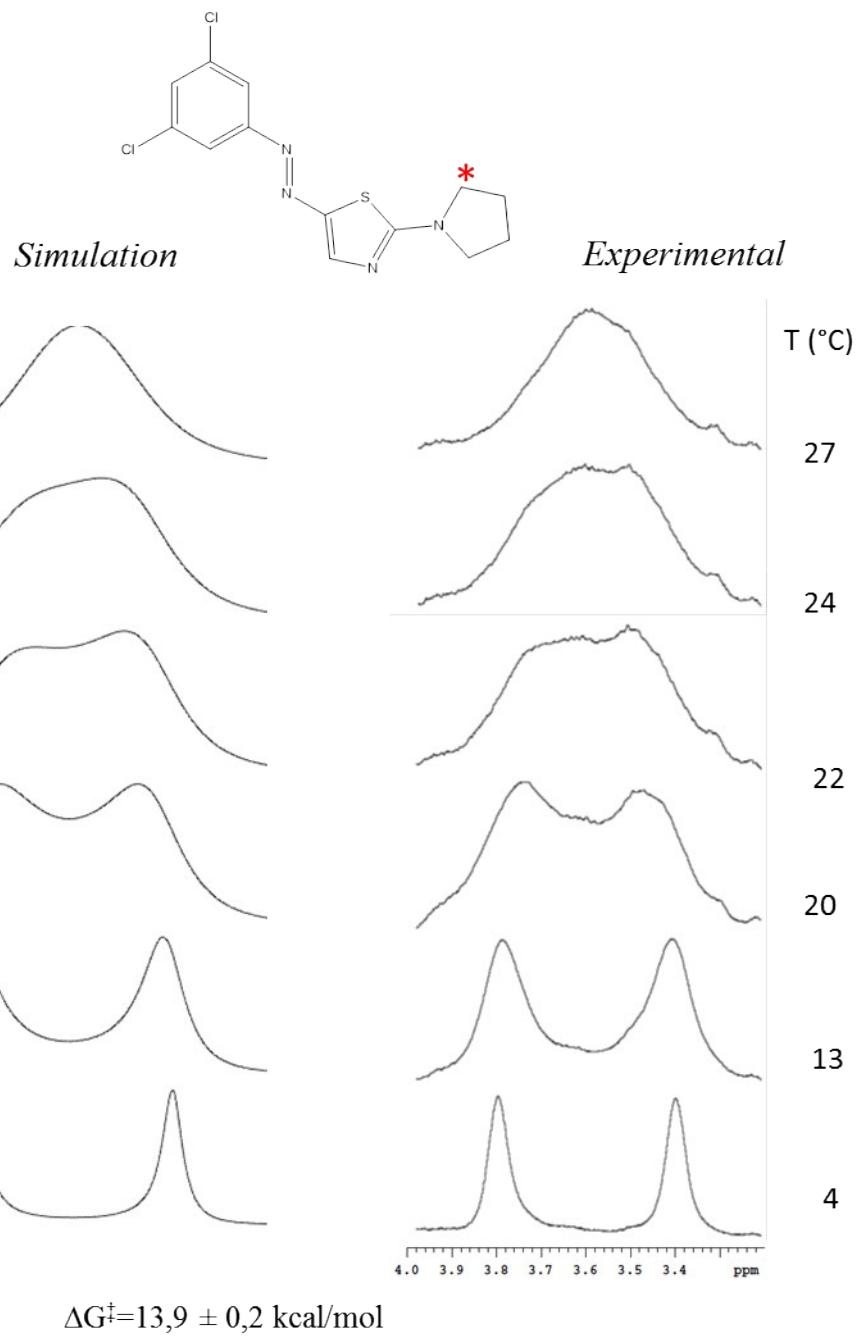
**Figure SI-6.** Methylene variable temperature  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and dynamic-NMR simulations for **5d**. Black arrows indicates impurity.



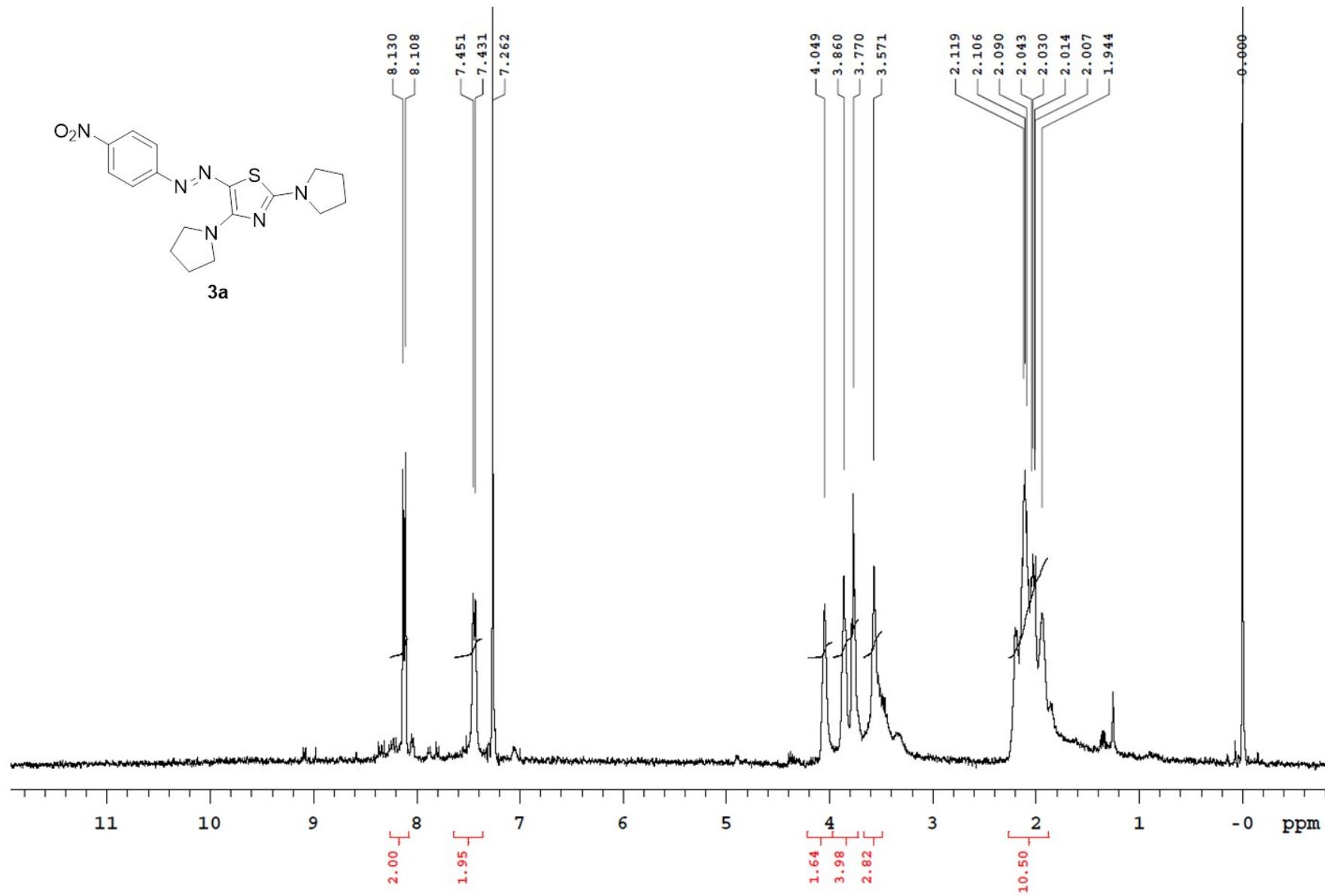
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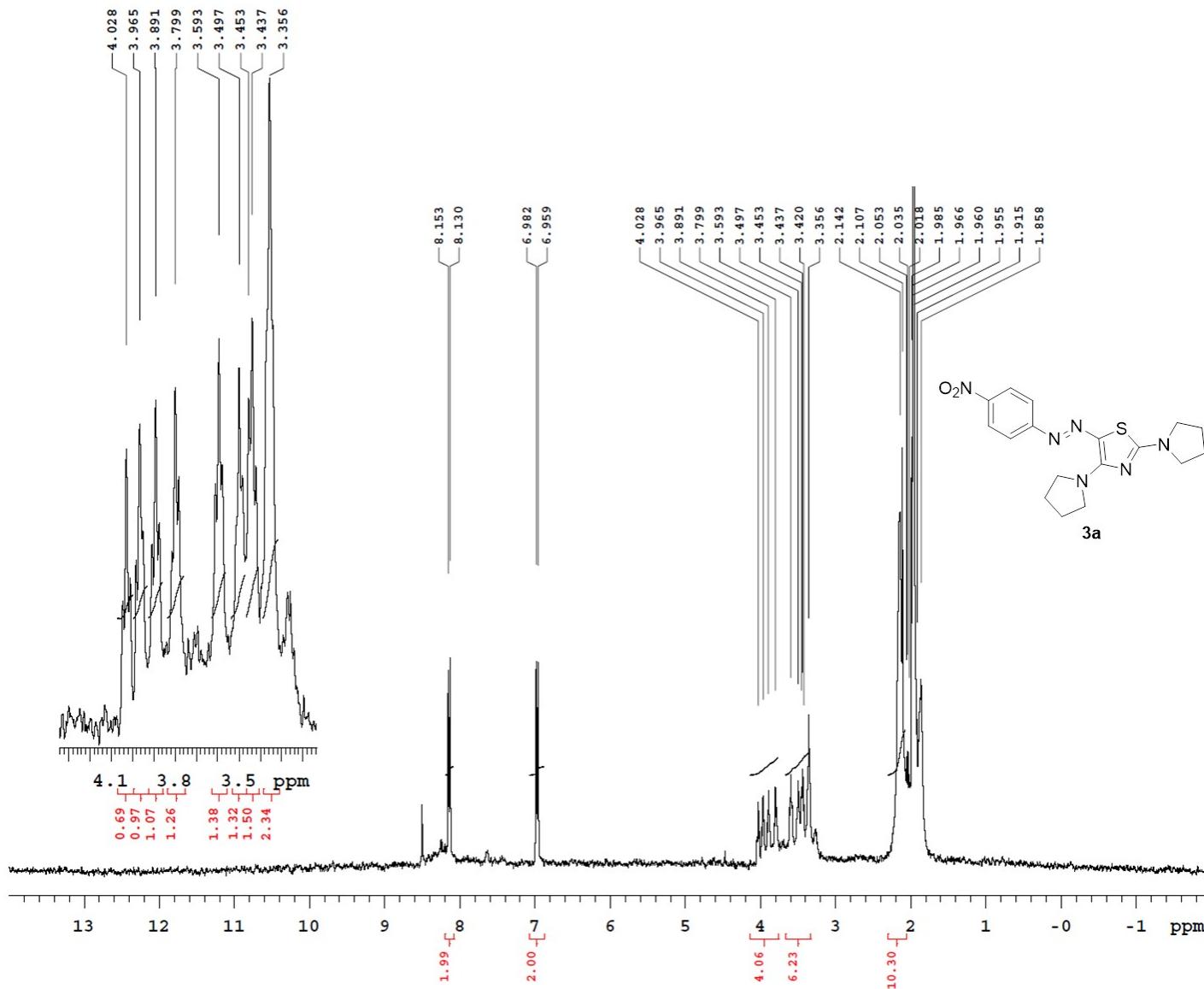
**Figure SI-8.** Methylenic variable temperature  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and dynamic-NMR simulations for **5f**. Black arrows indicates impurity.



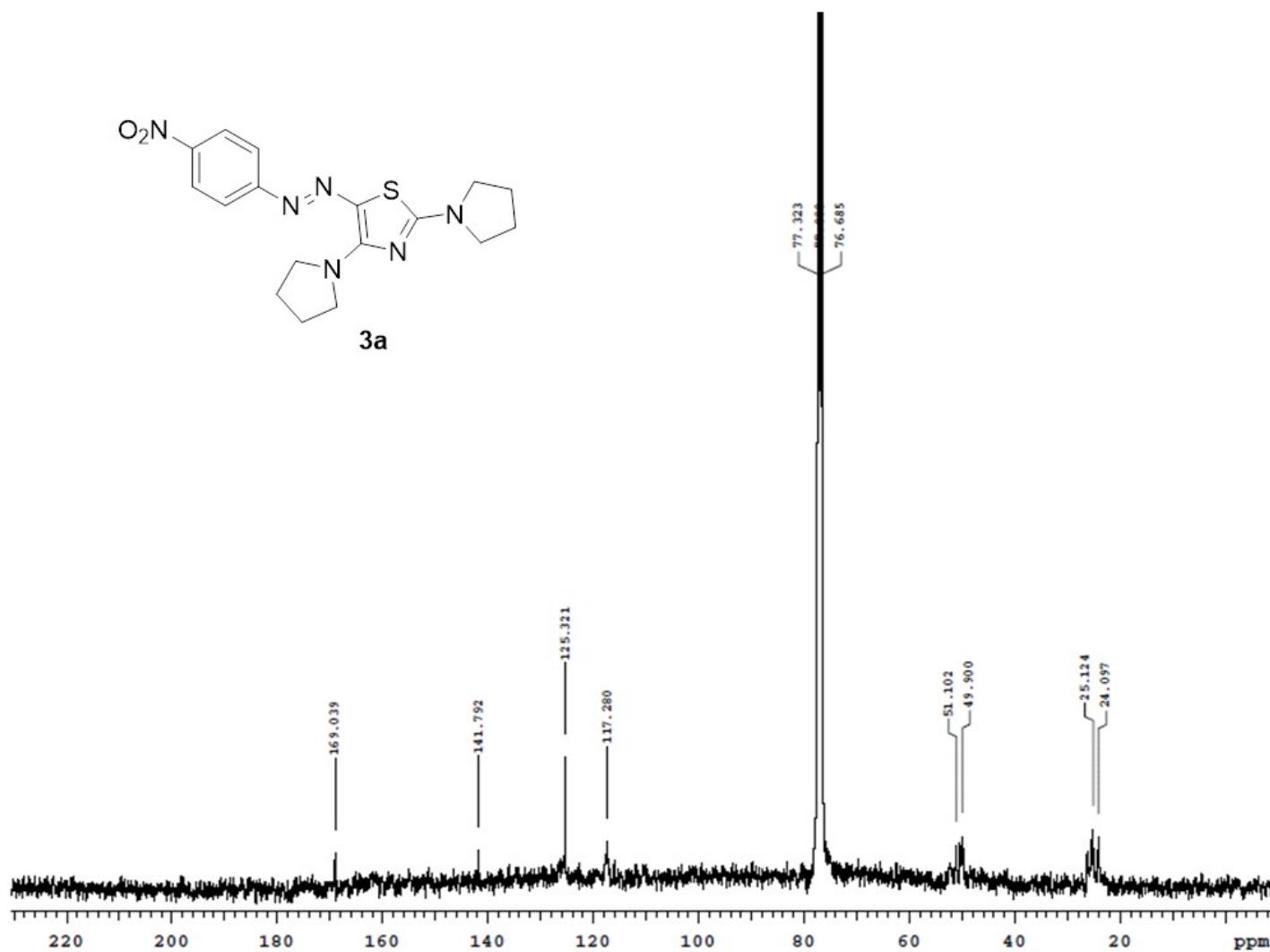
**Figure SI-9.** Methylenic variable temperature  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and dynamic-NMR simulations for **5g**.



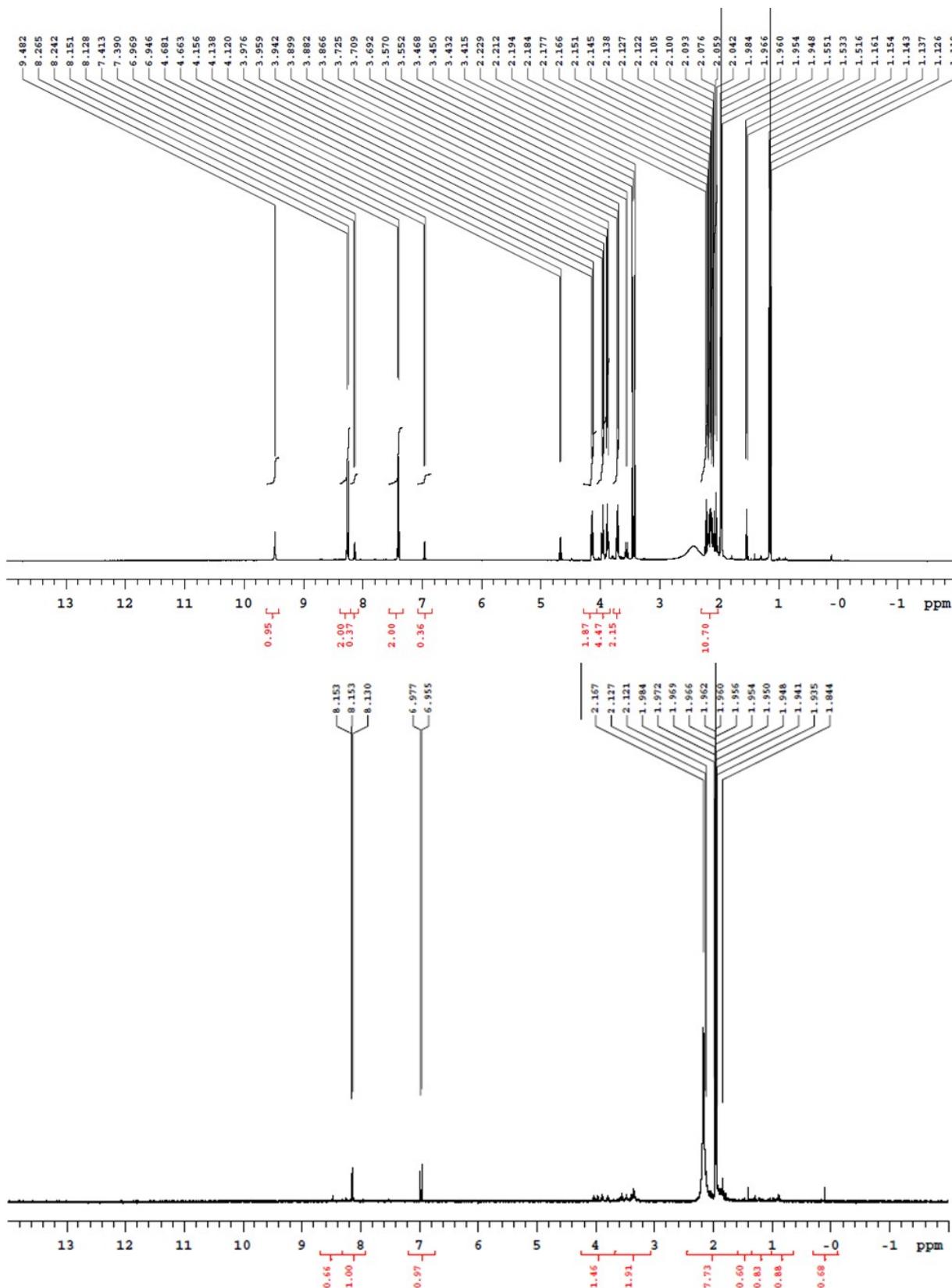
**Fig. SI-10.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound 3a.



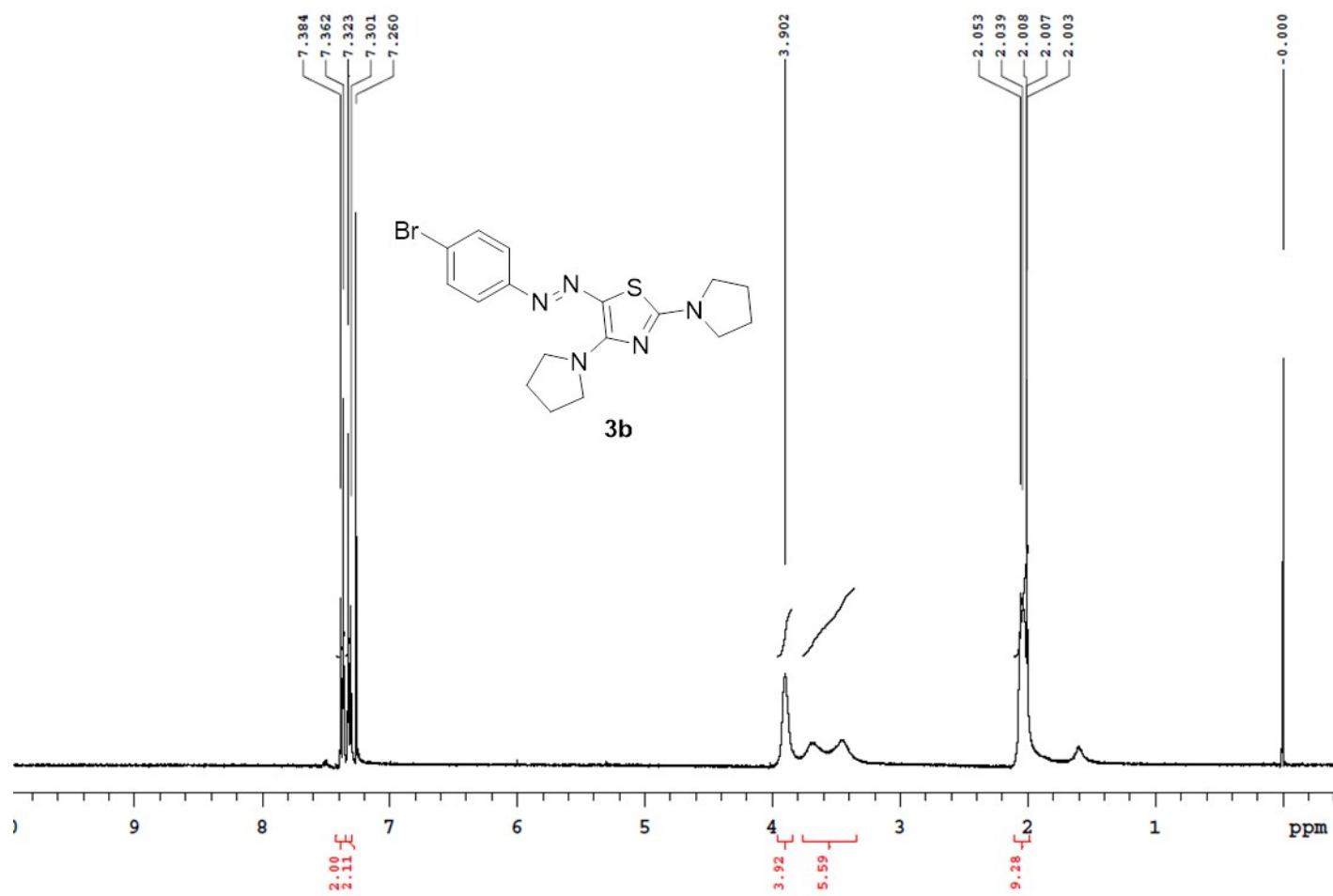
**Fig. SI-11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **3a**.



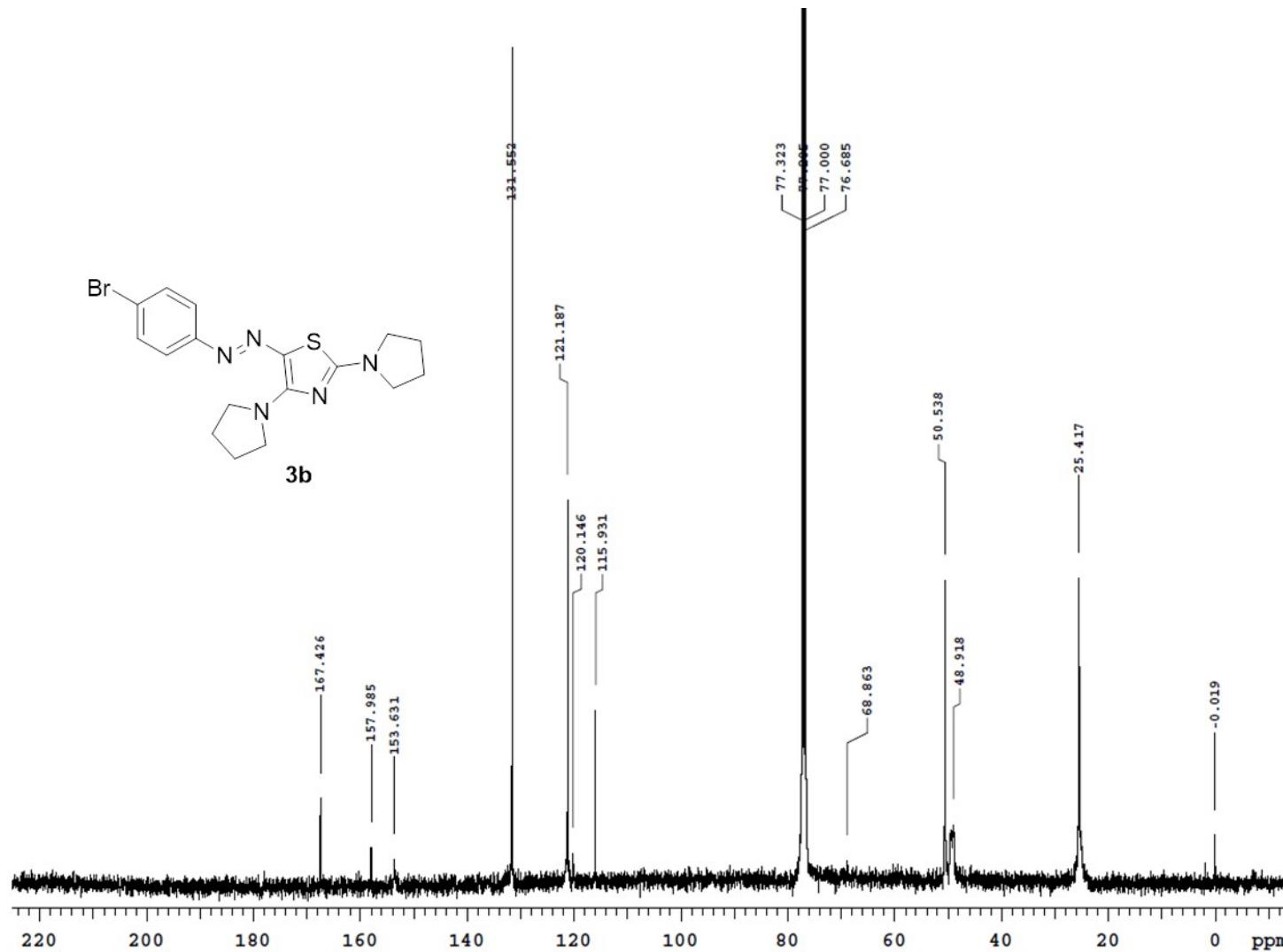
**Fig. SI-12.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.56 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **3a**.



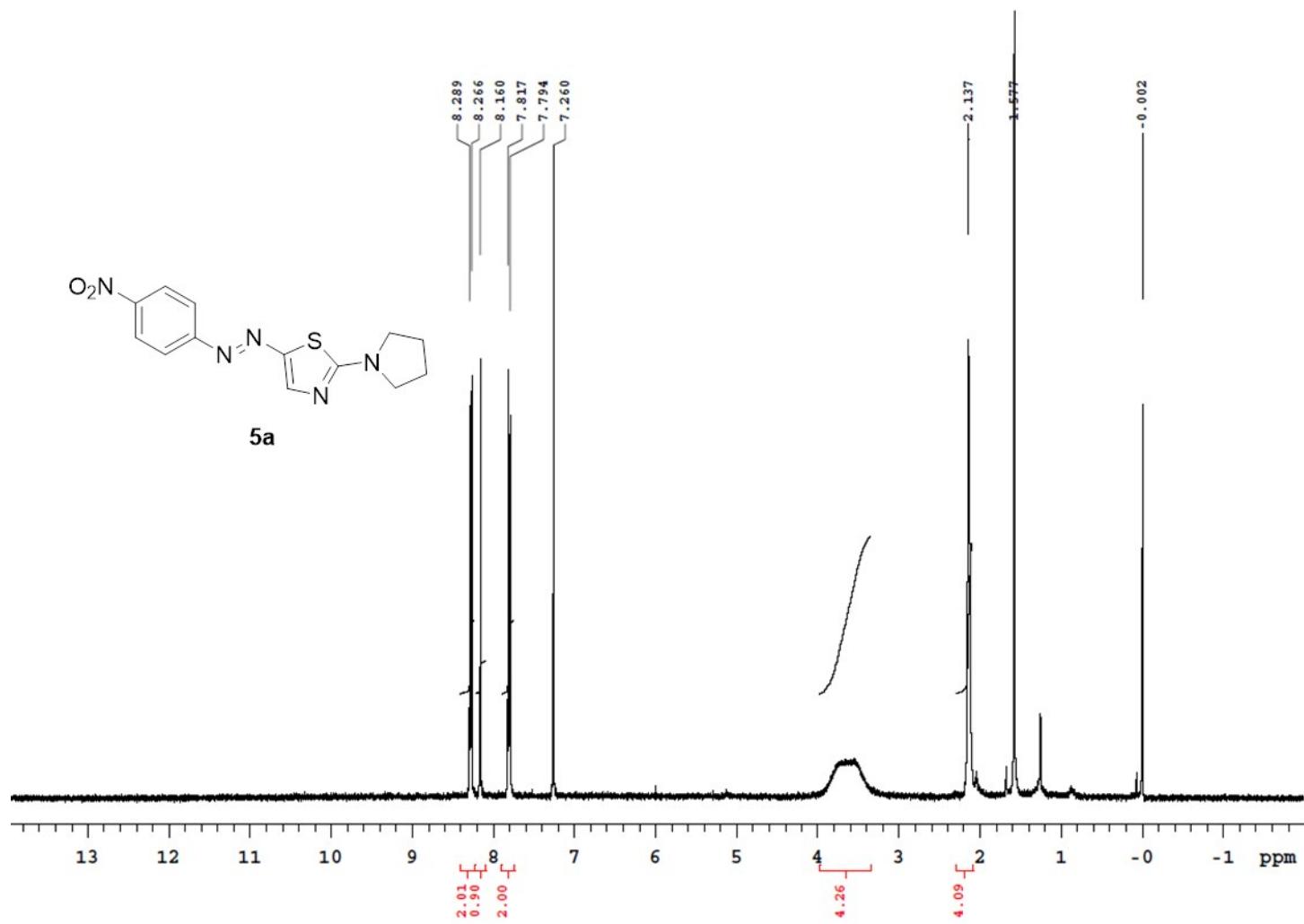
**Fig. SI-13.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **3a** before (bottom) and after (top) addition of  $\text{HBF}_4/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  with formation of **3aH**.



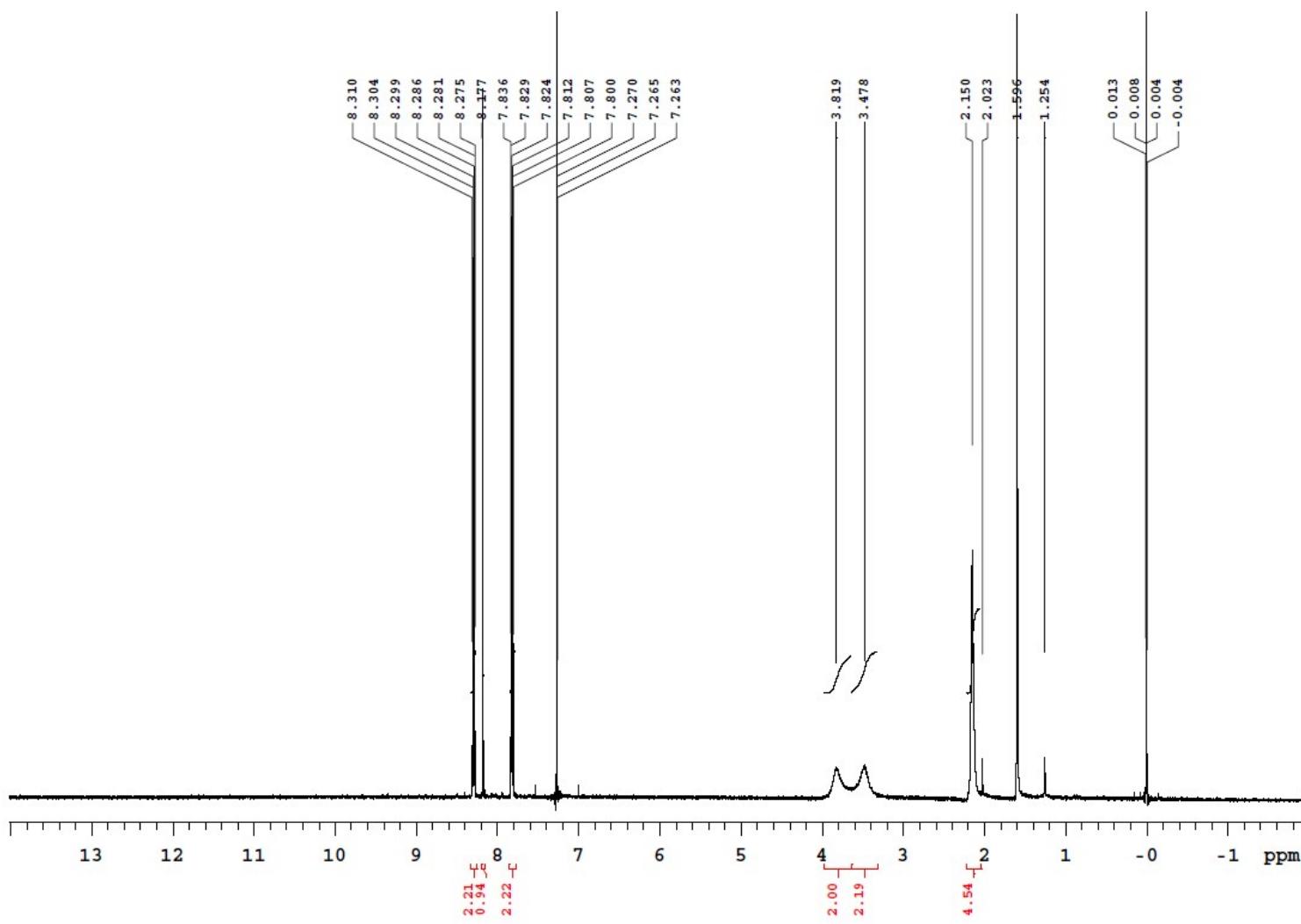
**Fig. SI-14.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **3b**.



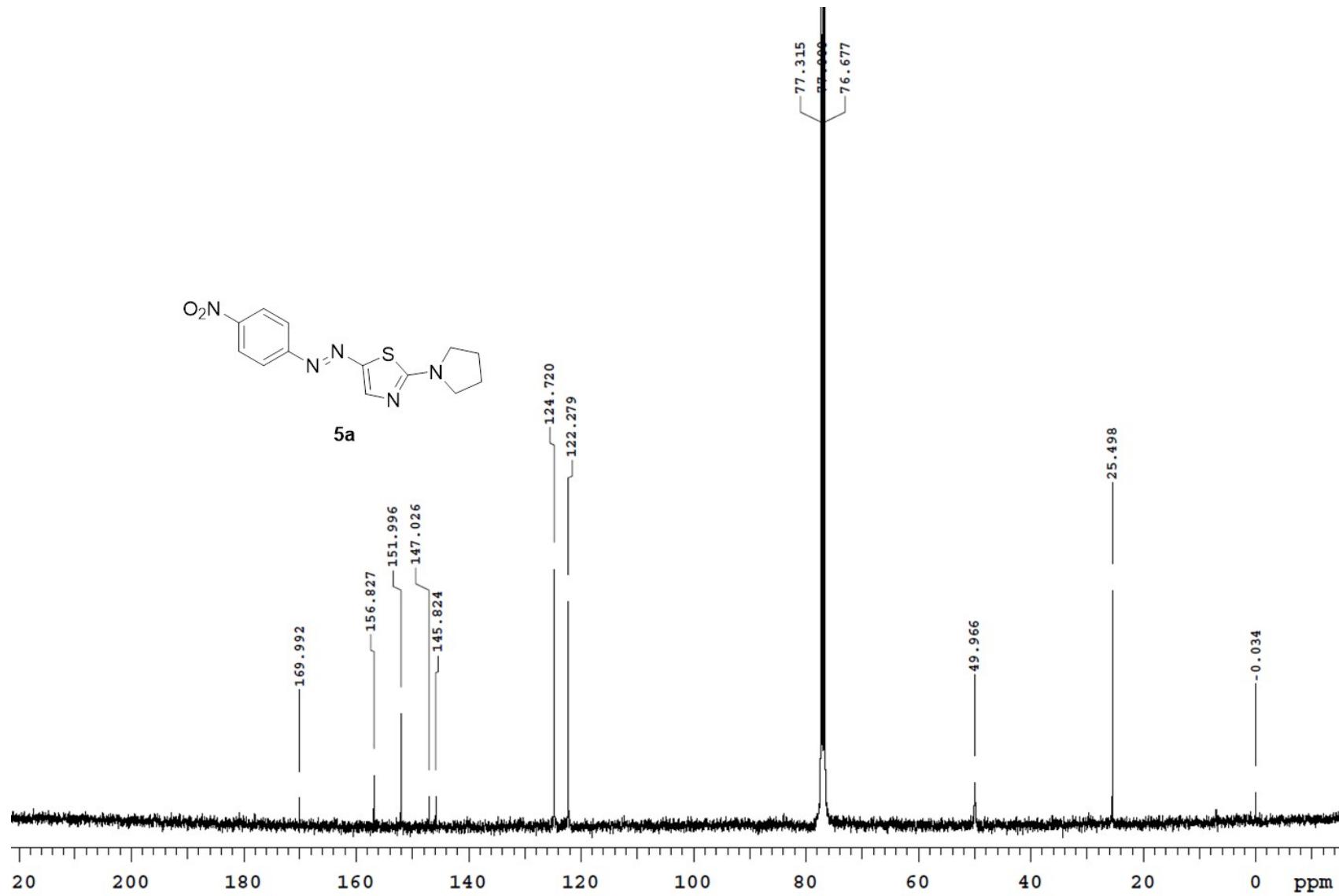
**Fig. SI-15.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.56 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **3b**.



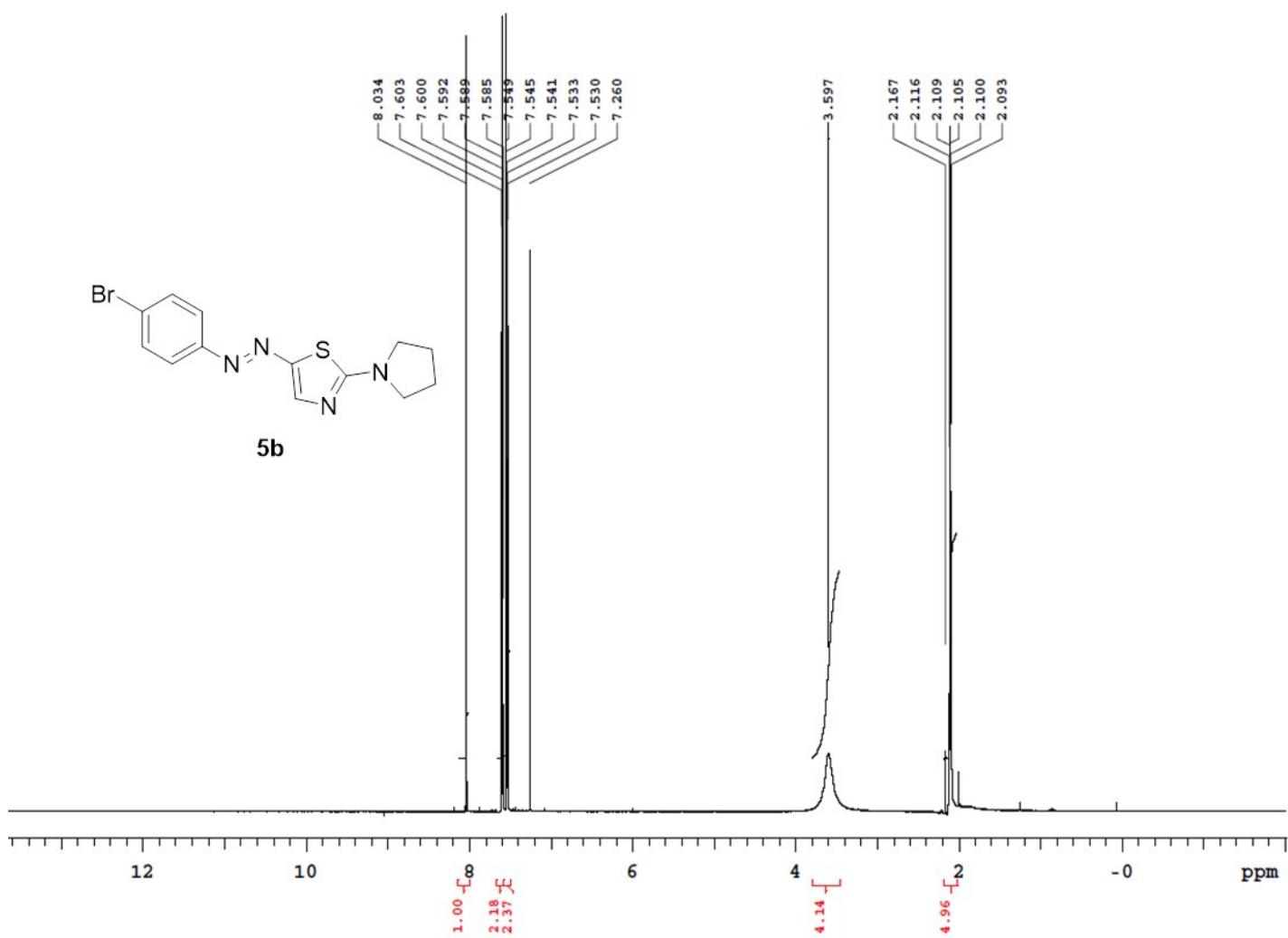
**Fig. SI-16.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound 5a.



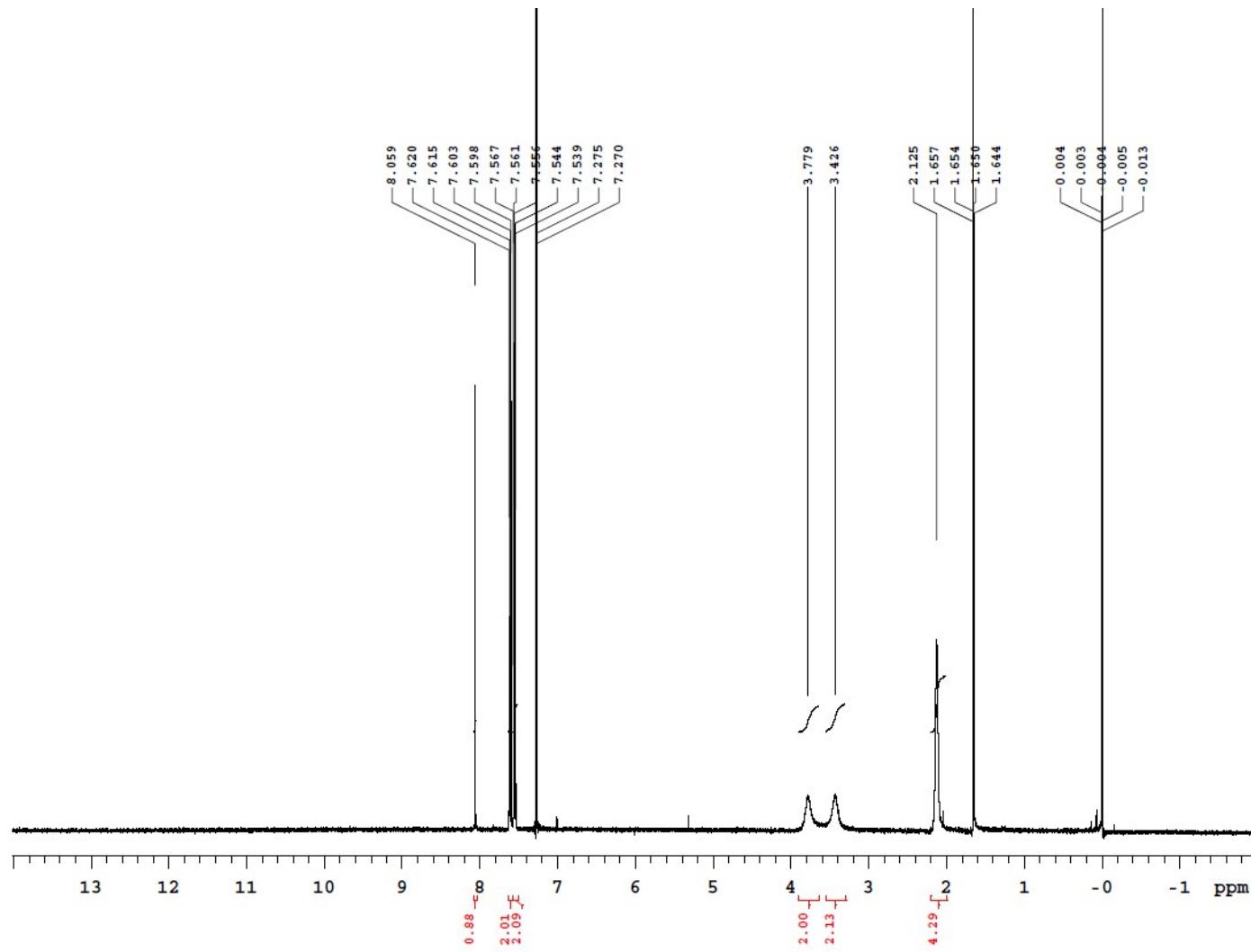
**Fig. SI-17.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 15 °C) spectrum of compound **5a**.



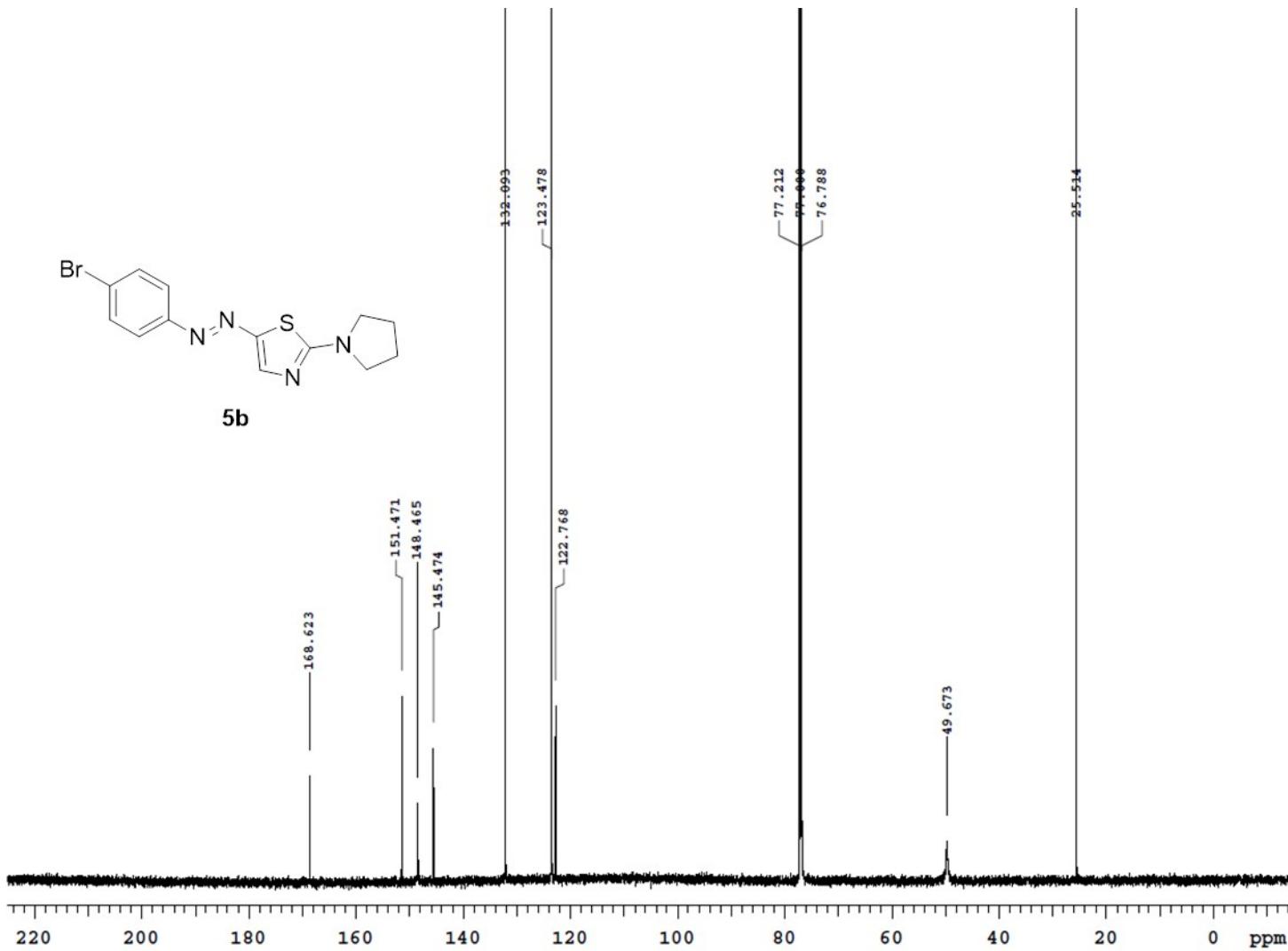
**Fig. SI-18.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.56 MHz, 45 °C) spectrum of compound **5a**.



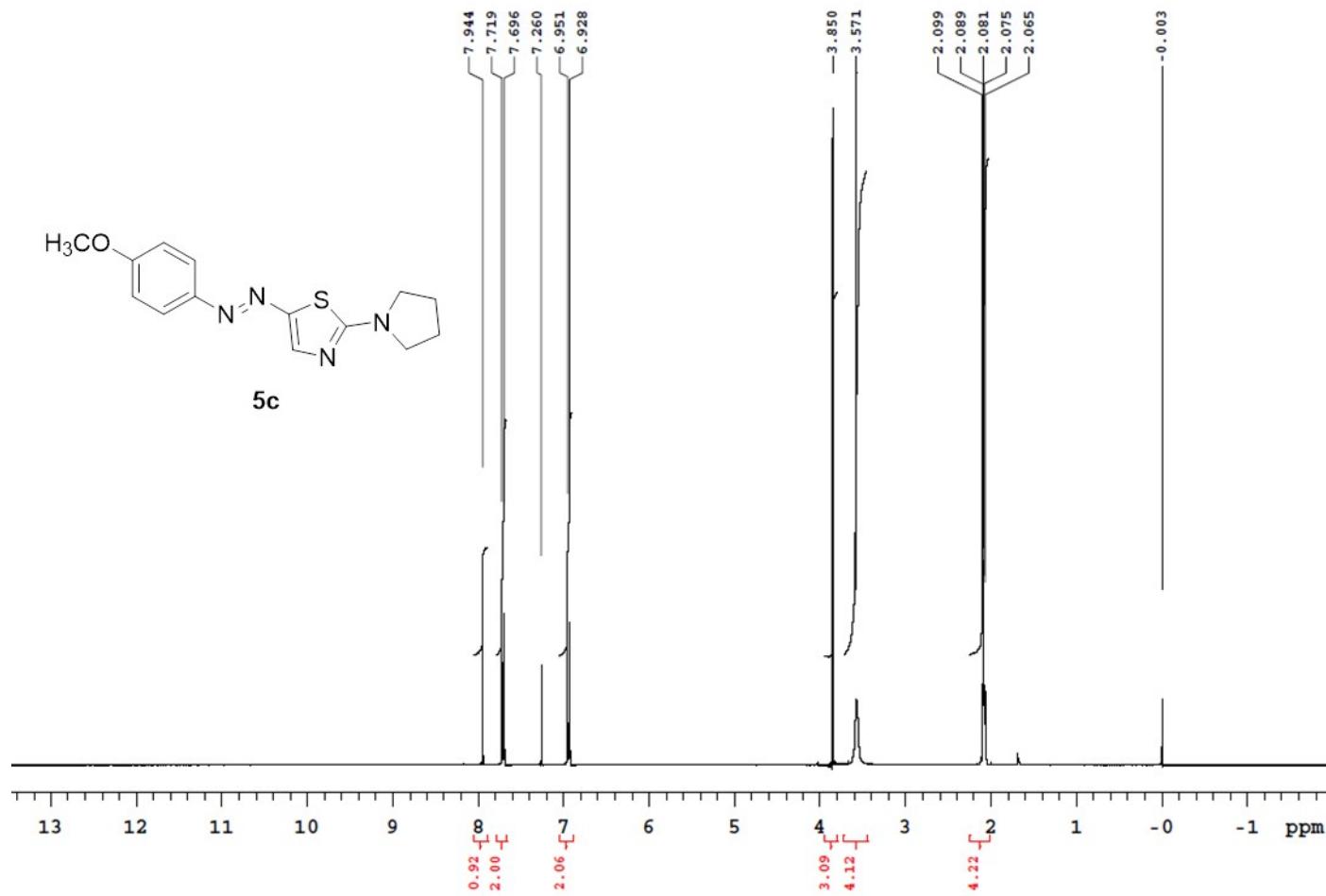
**Fig. SI-19.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5b**.



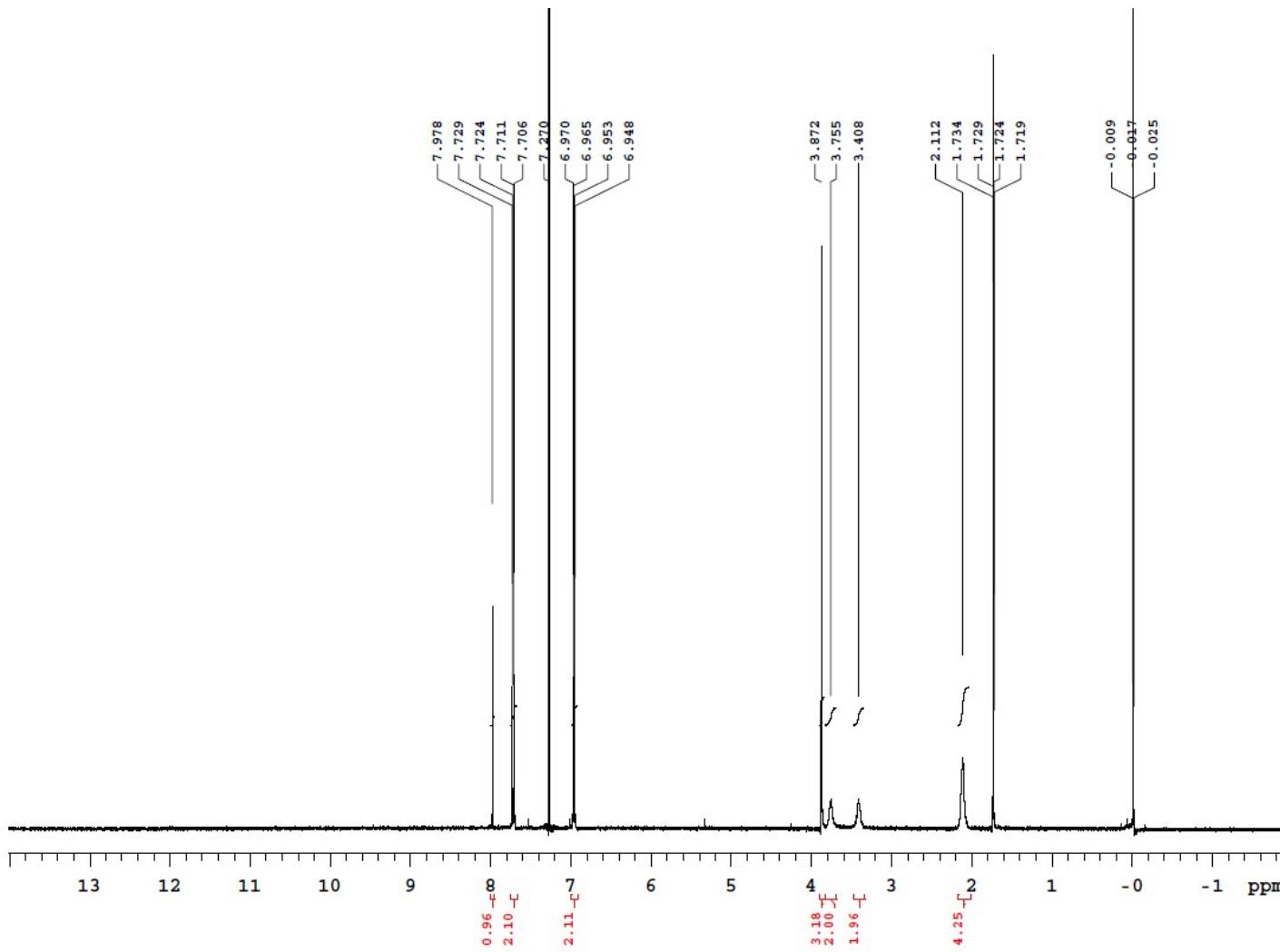
**Fig. SI-20.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz, -5 °C) spectrum of compound **5b**.



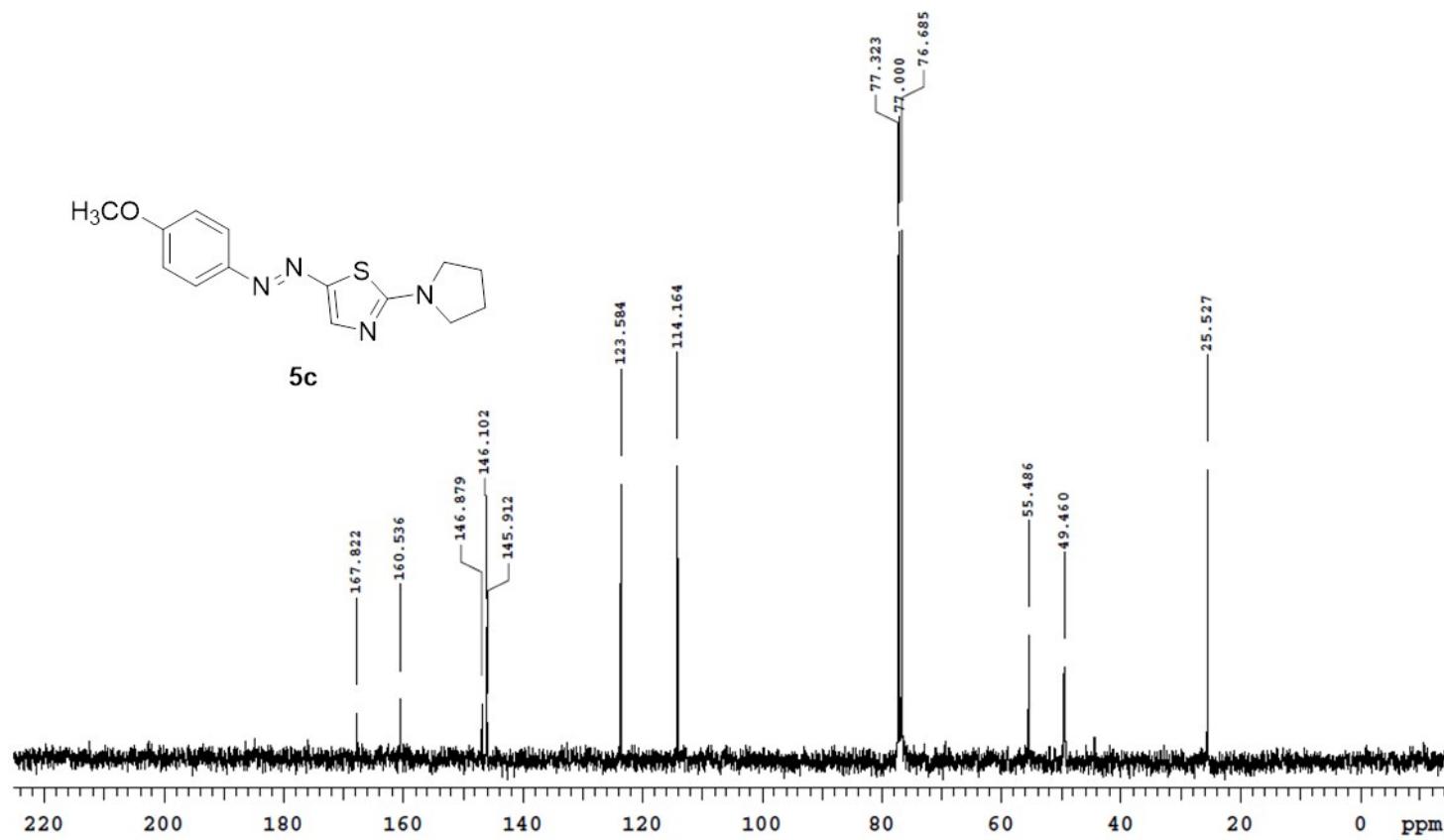
**Fig. SI-21.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 150.8 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5b**.



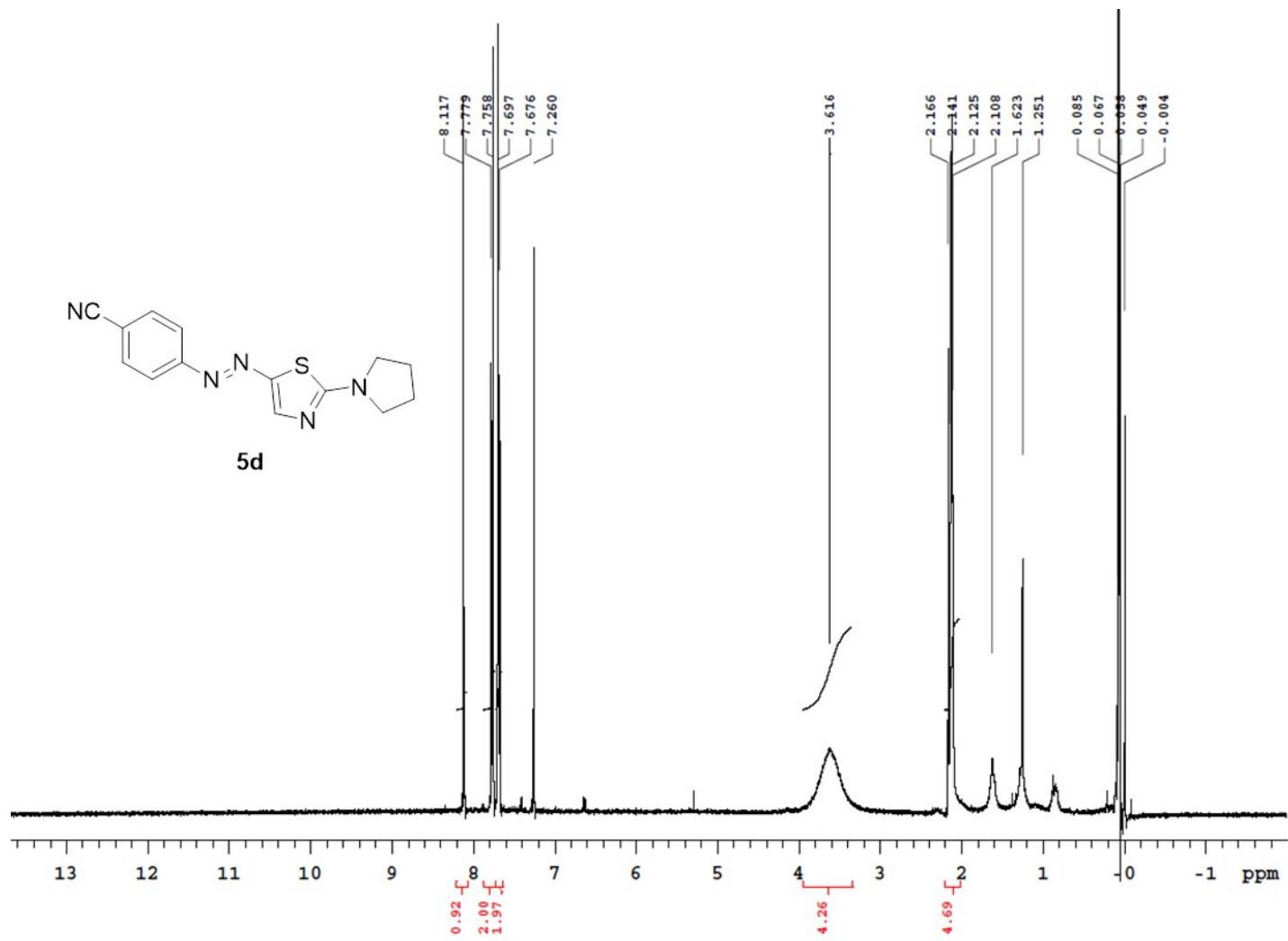
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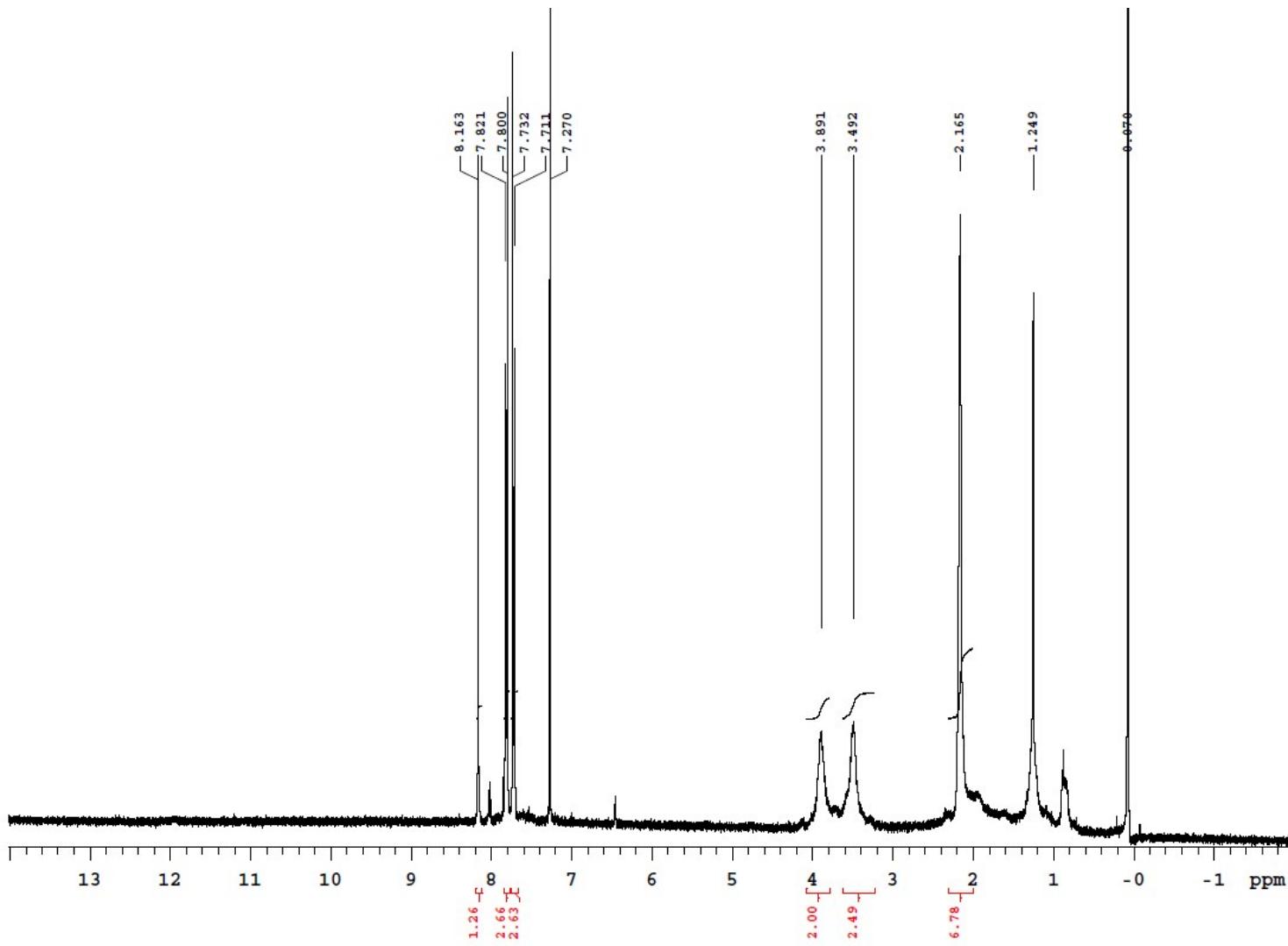
**Fig. SI-23.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 600 MHz, -25 °C) spectrum of compound 5c.



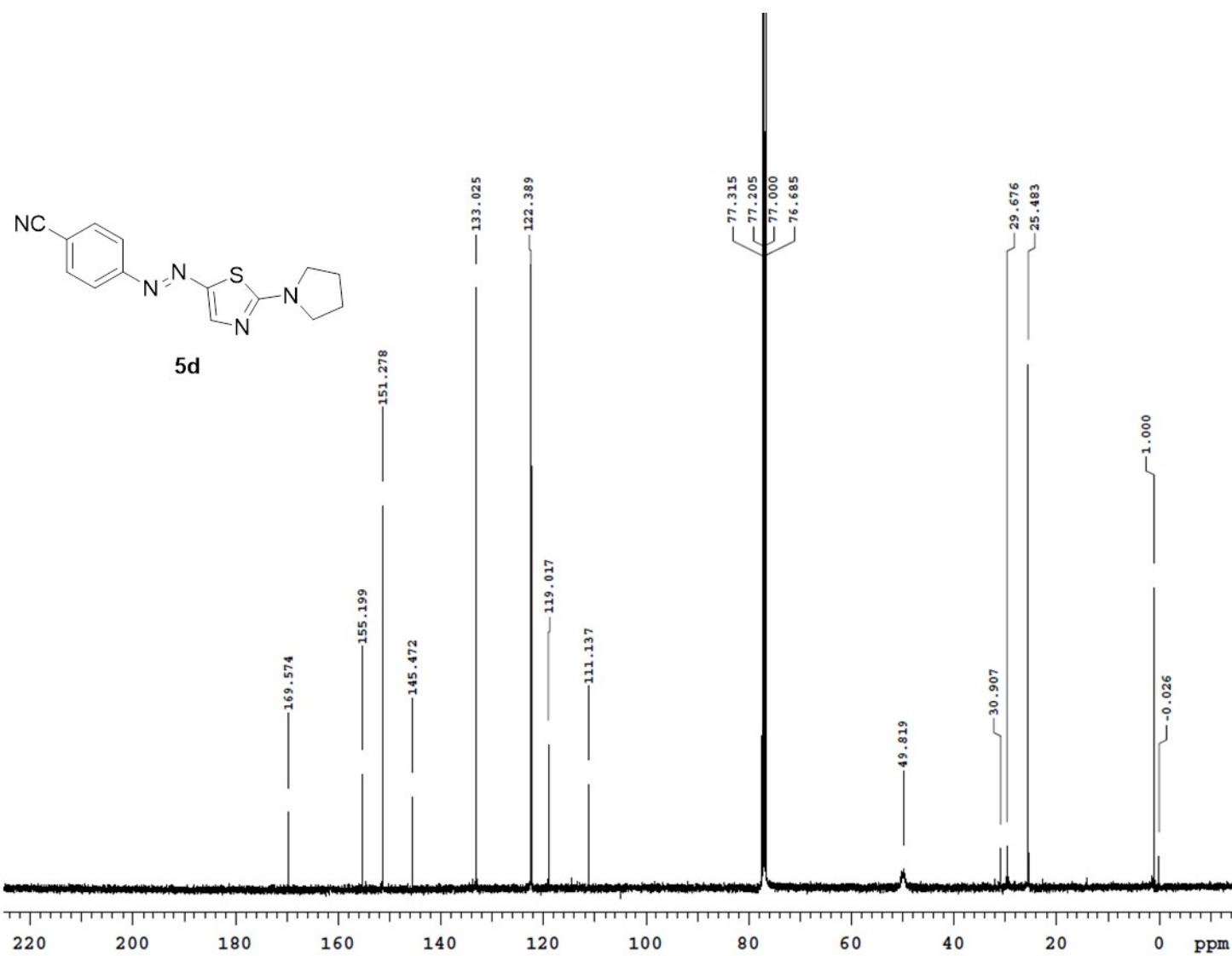
**Fig. SI-24.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100.56 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound 5c.



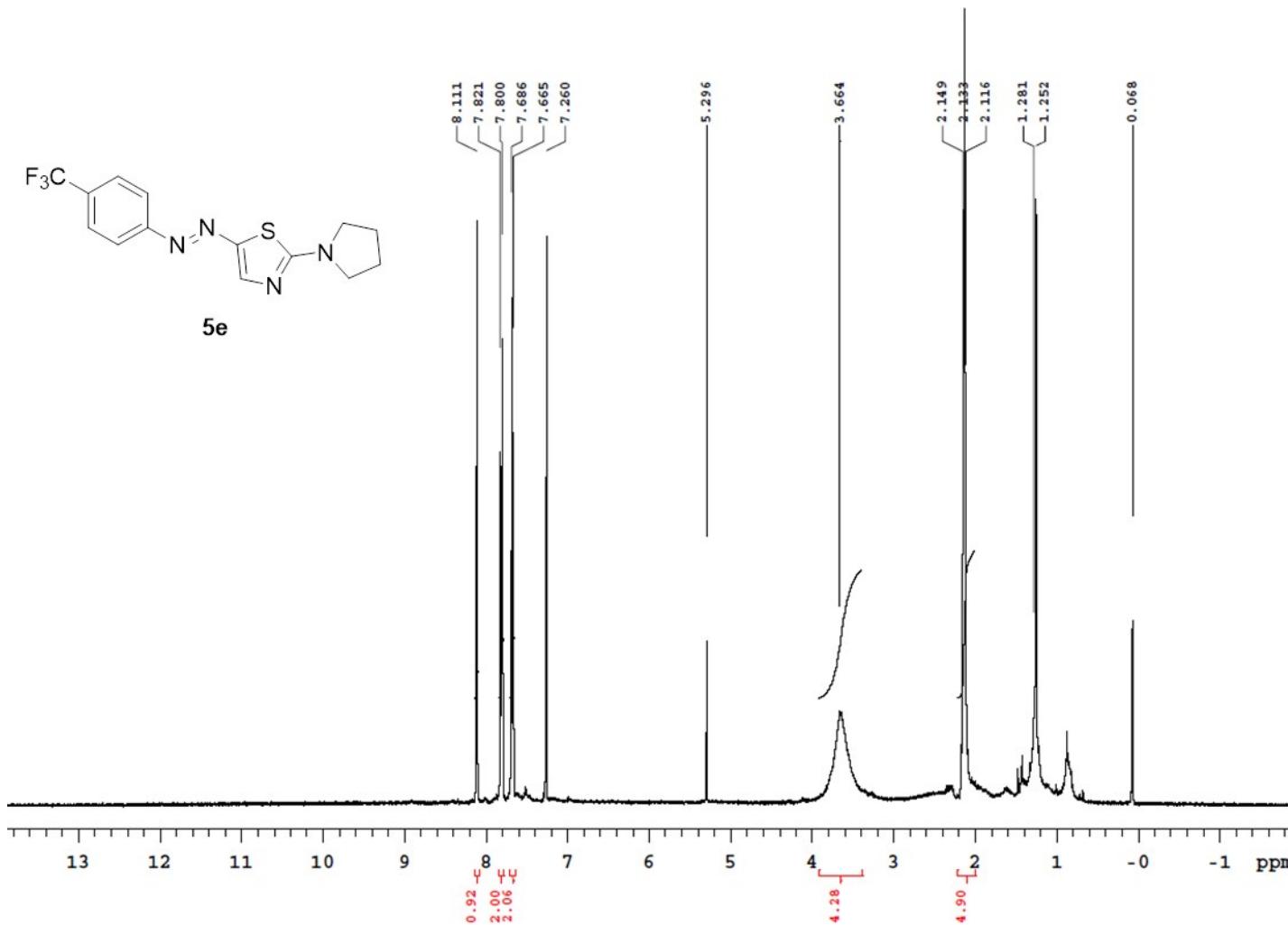
**Fig. SI-25.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5d**.



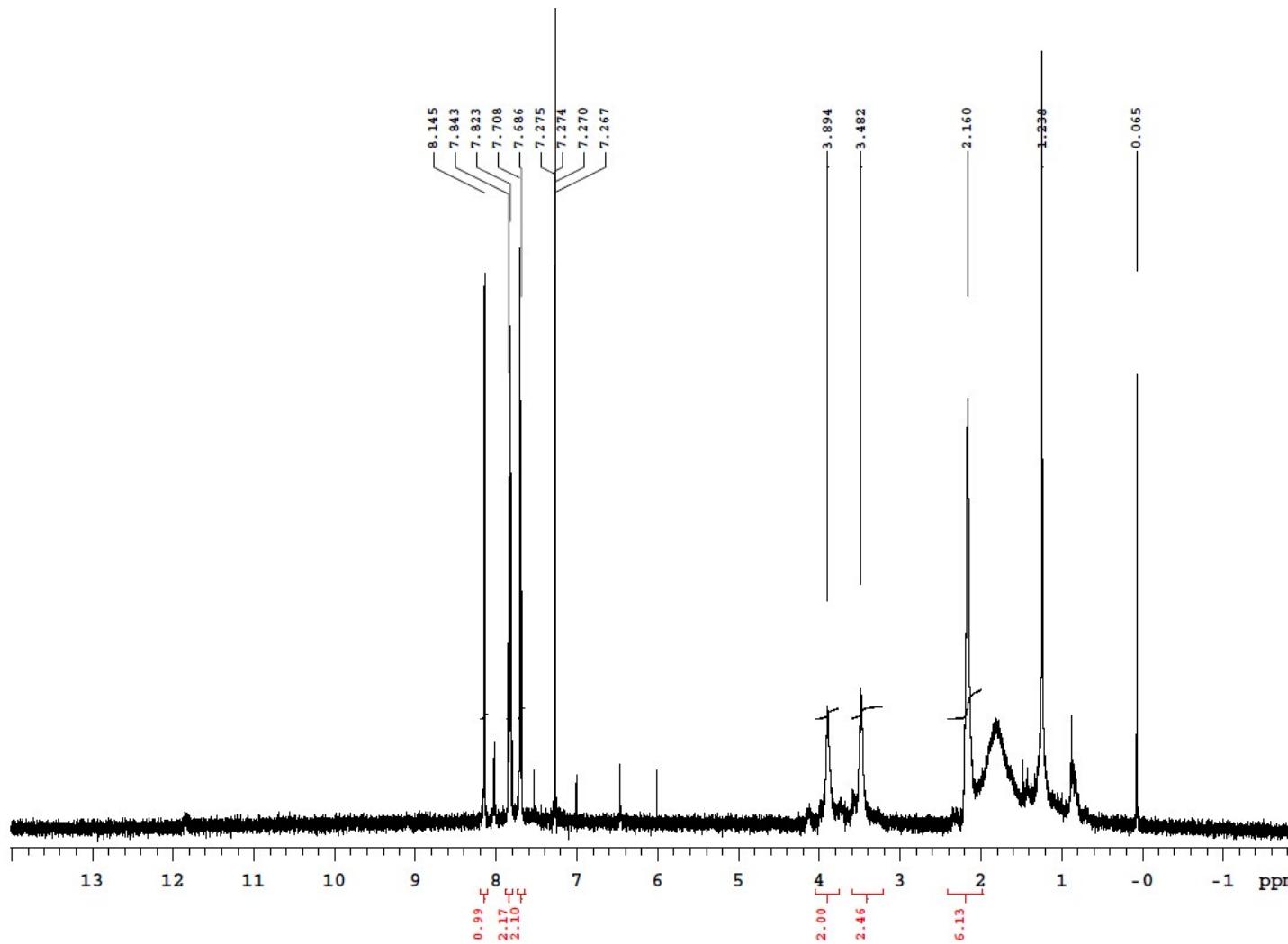
**Fig. SI-26.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 10 °C) spectrum of compound **5d**.



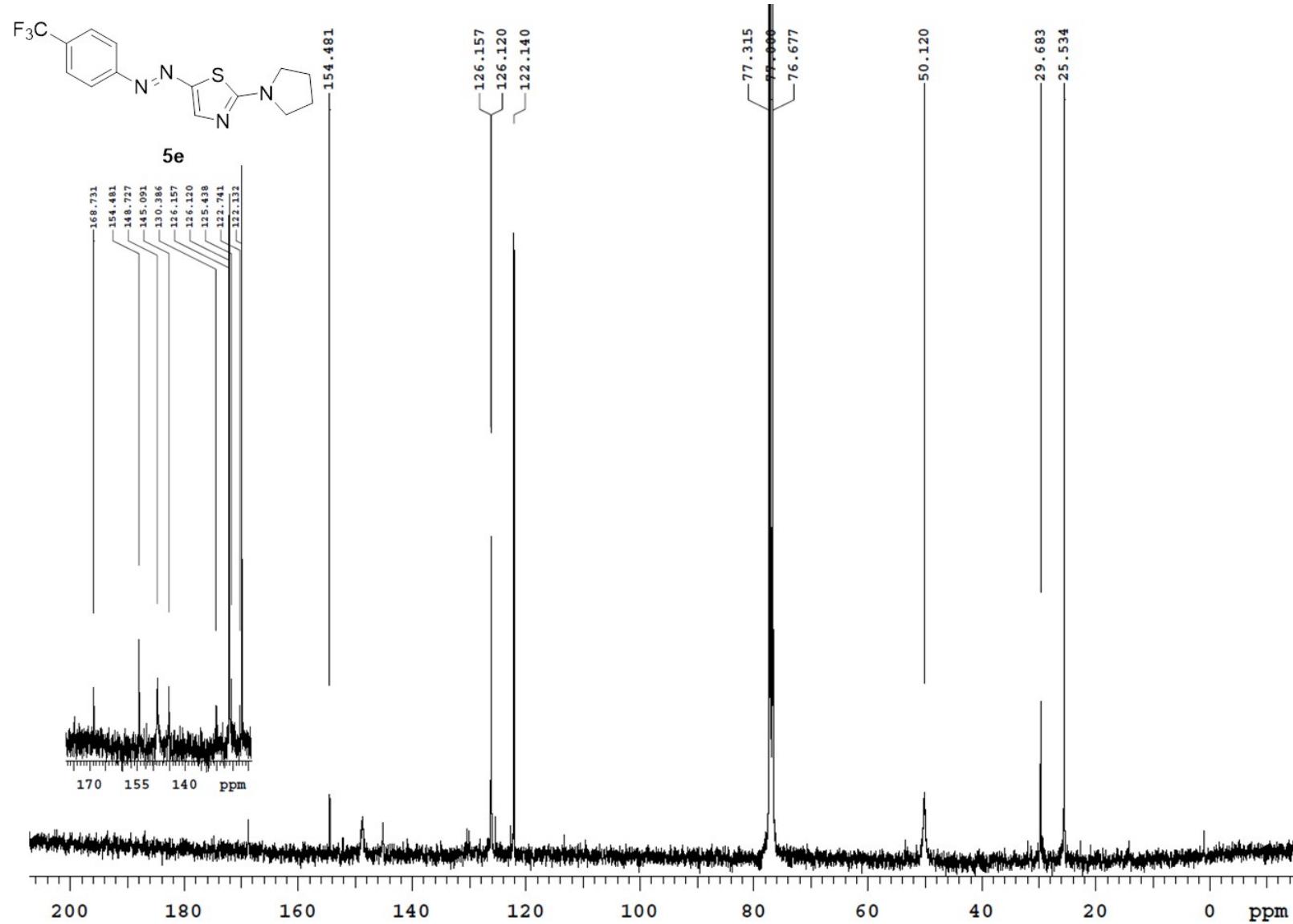
**Fig. SI-27.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.56 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5d**.



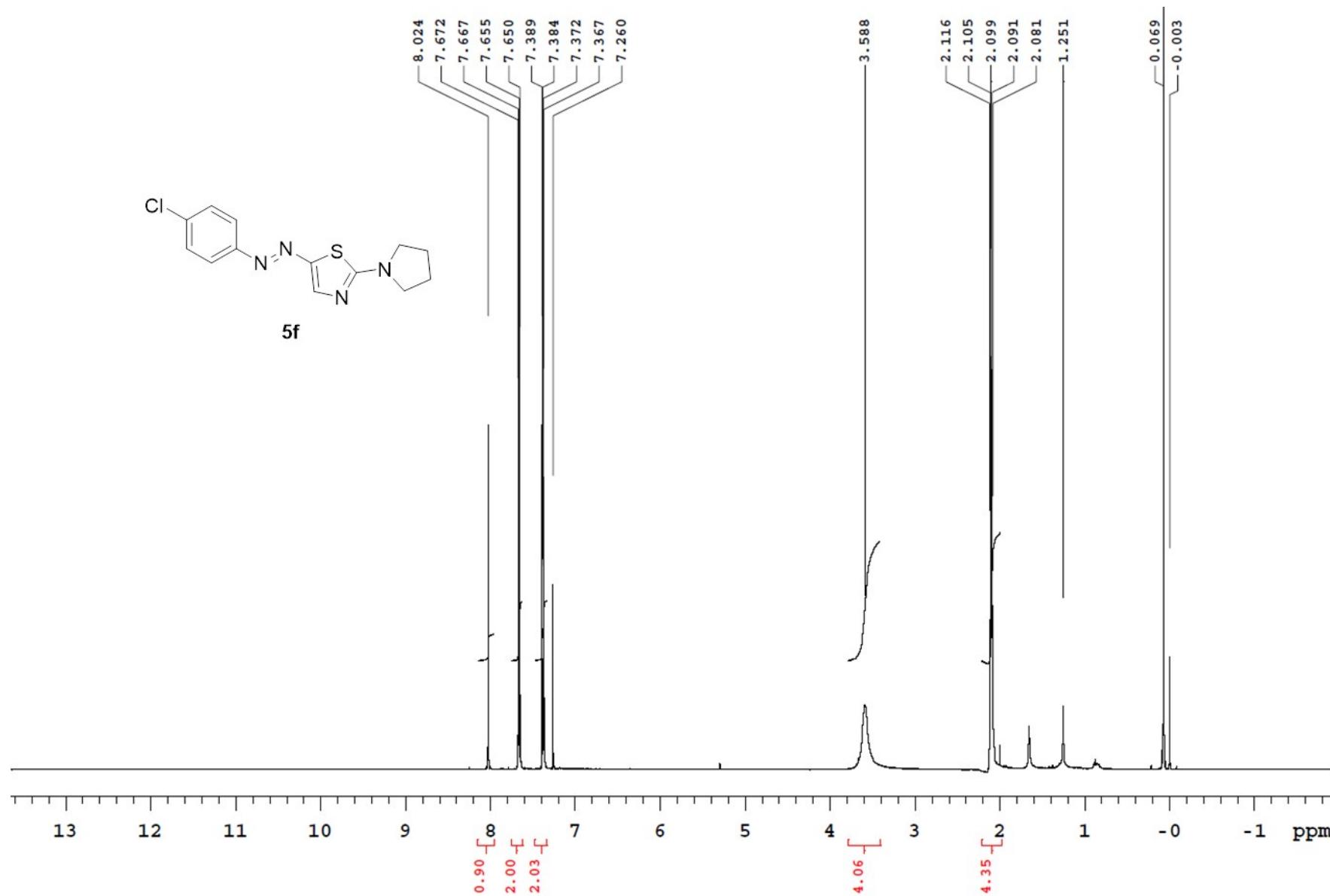
**Fig. SI-28.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5e**.



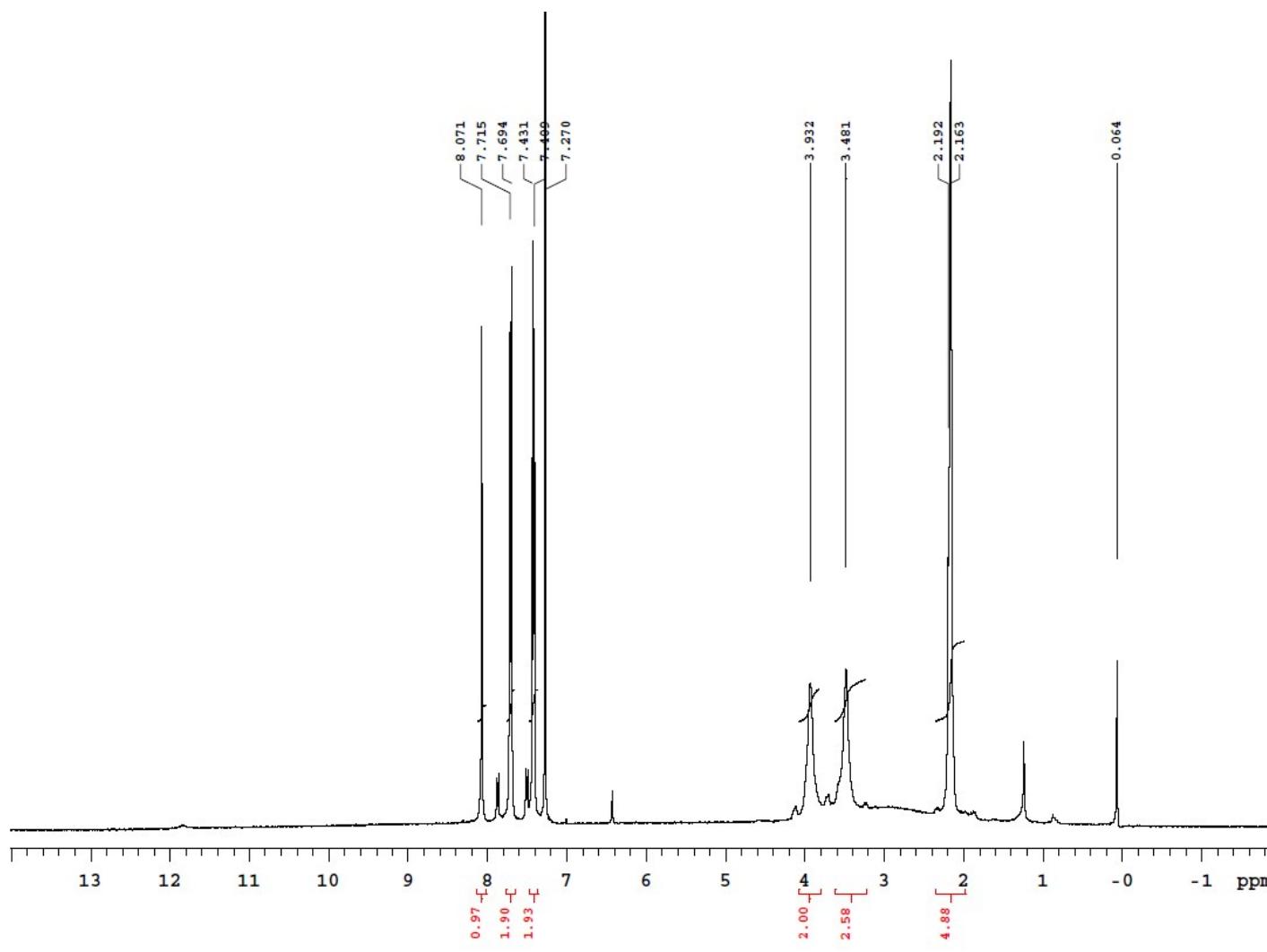
**Fig. SI-29.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, -5 °C) spectrum of compound 5e.



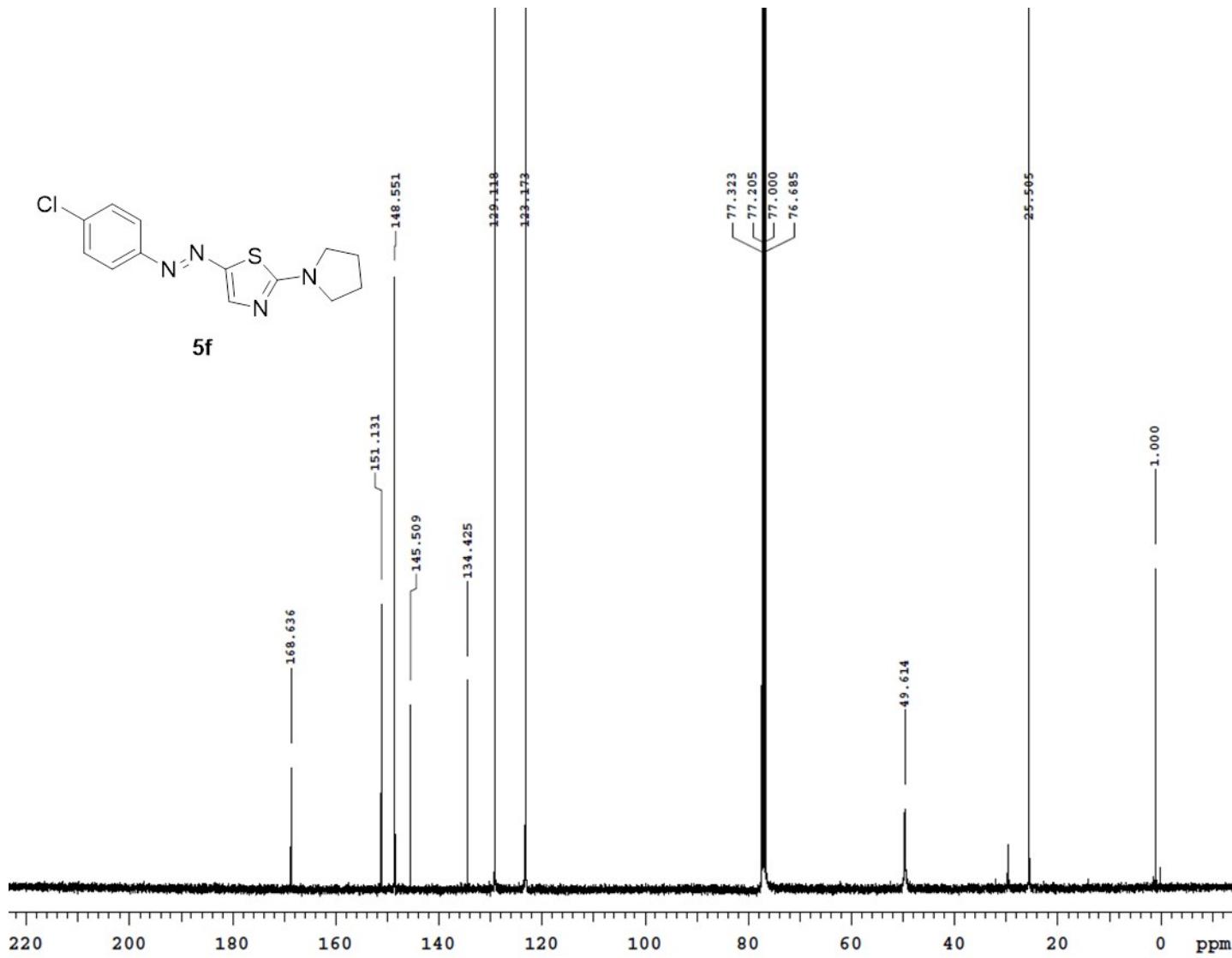
**Fig. SI-30.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.56 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum, with the particular of the 170–120 ppm region, of compound **5e**.



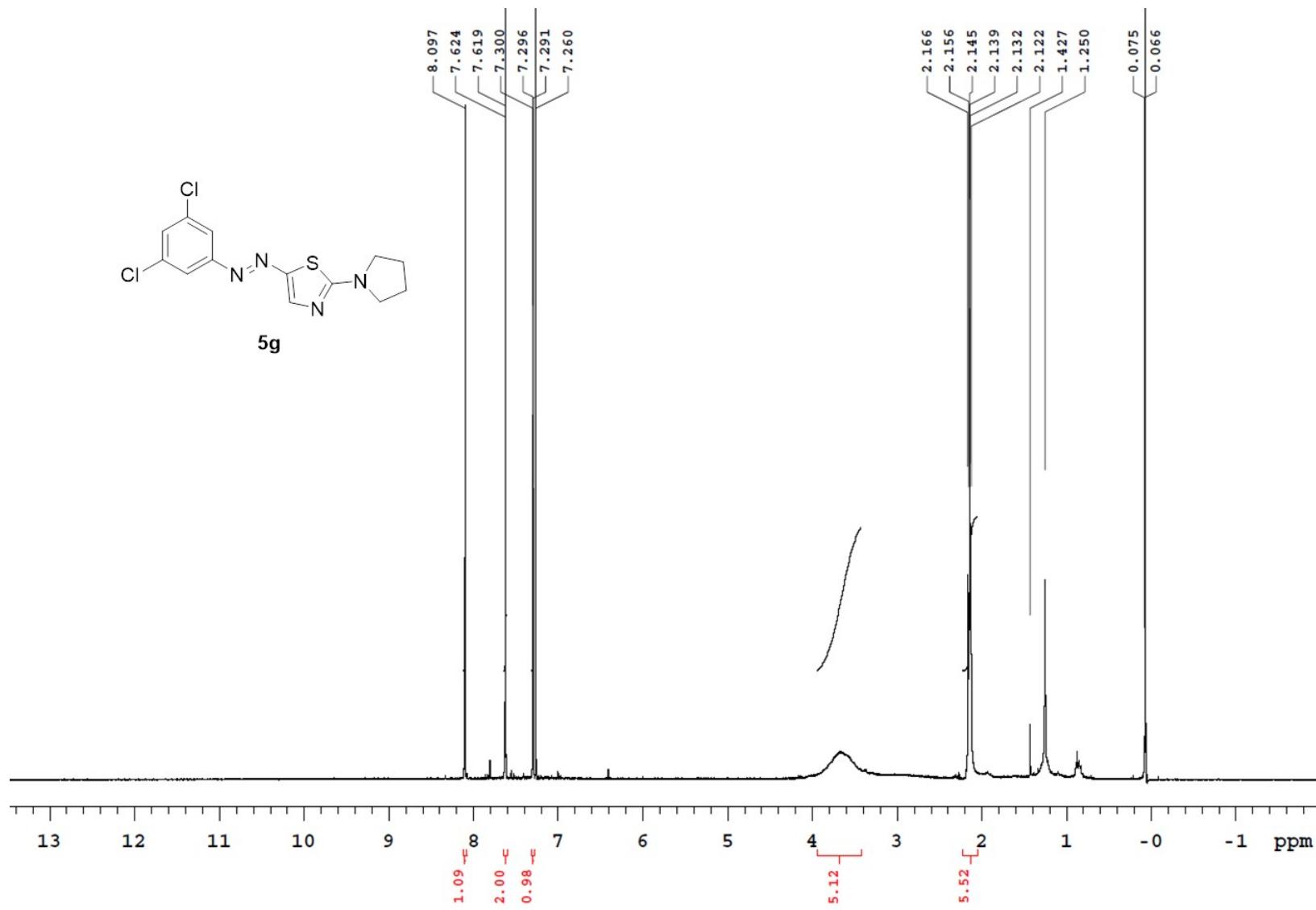
**Fig. SI-31.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5f**.



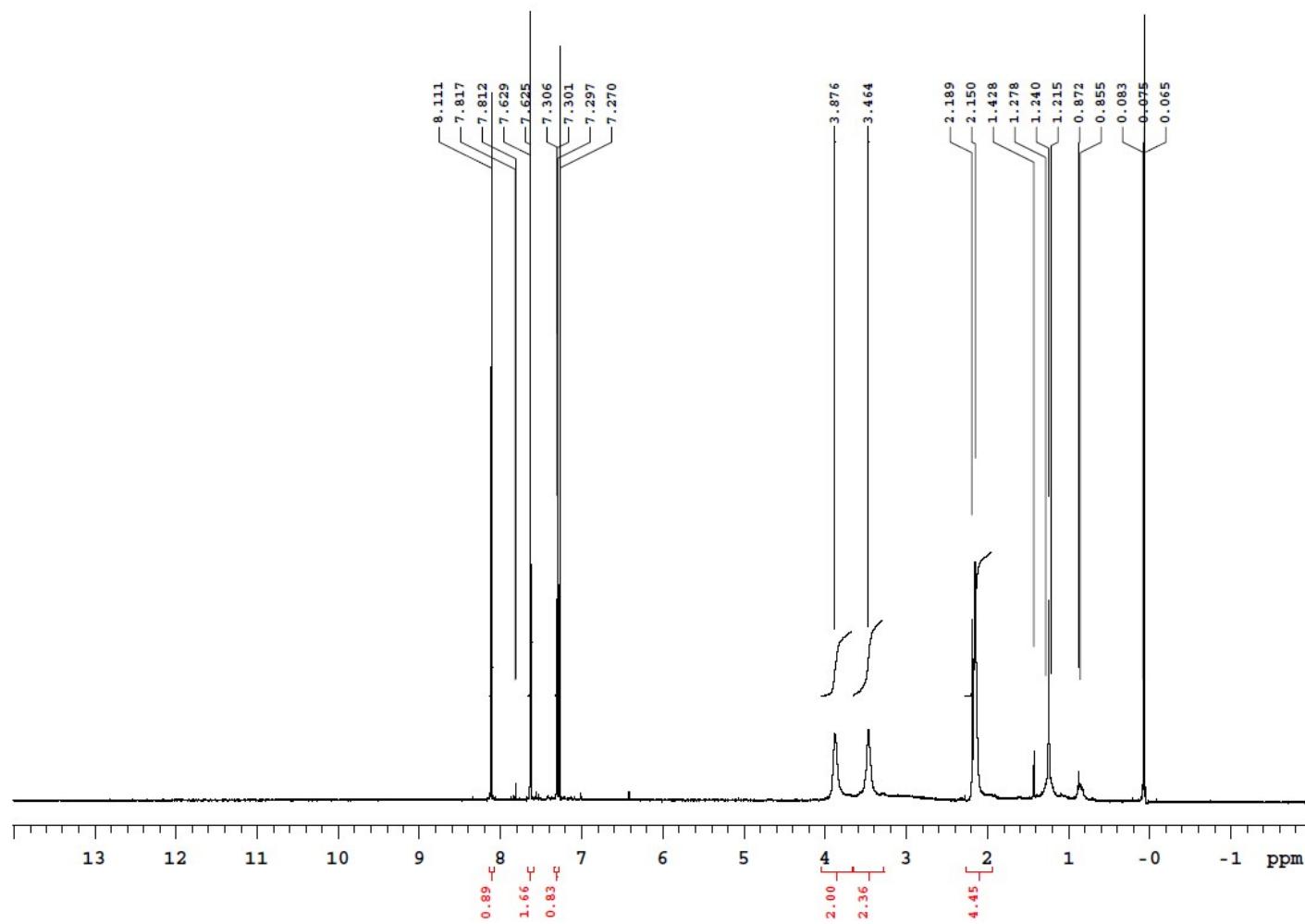
**Fig. SI-32.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, -5 °C) spectrum of compound **5f**.



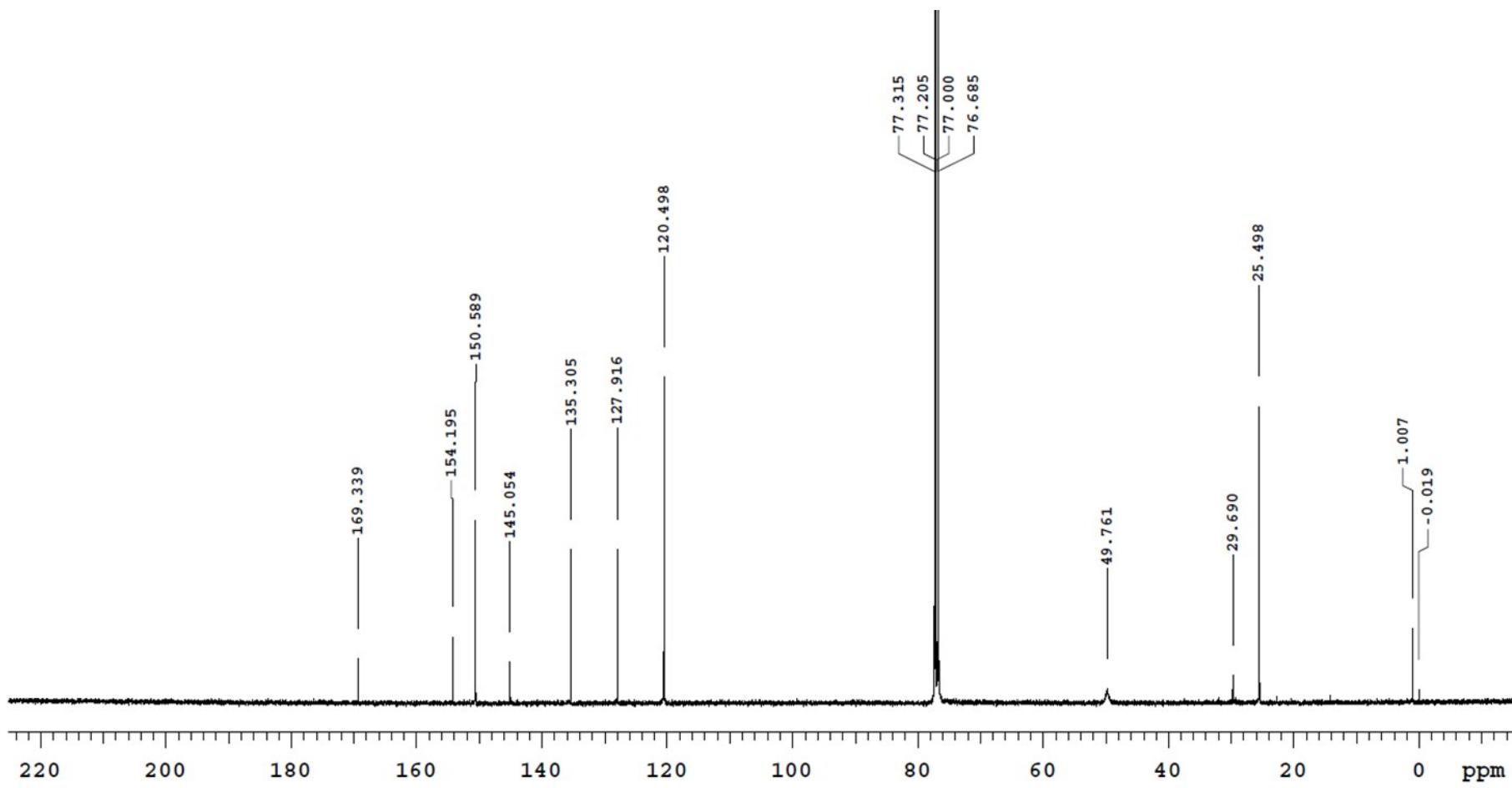
**Fig. SI-33.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100.56 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum with expansion of compound **5f**.



**Fig. SI-34.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5g**.



**Fig. SI-35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz, 0°C) spectrum of compound **5g**.

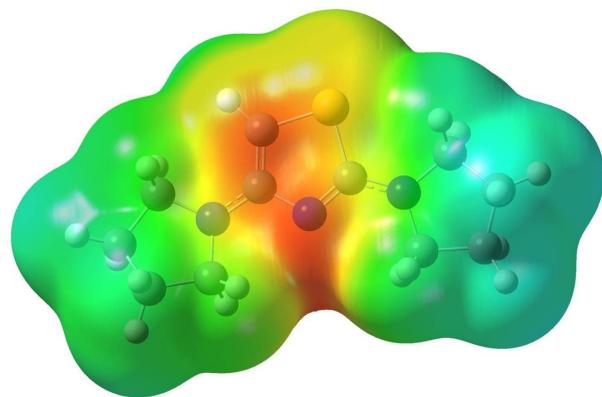


**Fig. SI-36.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100.56 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C) spectrum of compound **5g**.

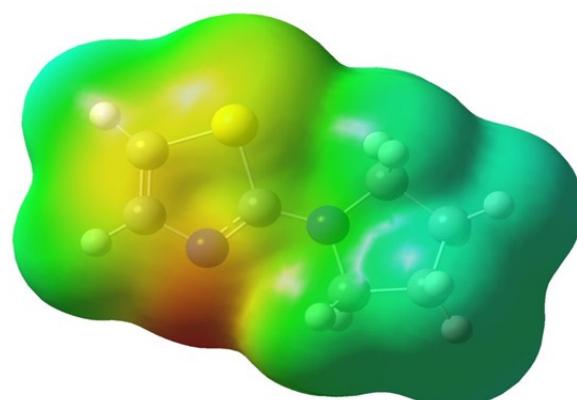
### Electronic-density distribution maps for **1** and **4**.

In order to gain information on the reactivity of **1** and **4** towards electrophilic reagents, we carried out density functional theory (DFT) calculation. Both structures were optimized in gas phase using B3LYP<sup>1-4</sup> functional with 6-311+G(2d,p) basis set; the charge distribution have been calculated using the Chelp method.<sup>5</sup>

Figures SI-37 and SI-38 show the optimized structures mapped with Electrostatic Surface Potential (ESP) for both compound **1** and **4**. ESP is mapped on the electron-density surface where red corresponds to electron-rich and blue corresponds to electron-poor regions. It can be noted that for compound **1** the electronic density on the C-5 carbon atom is comparable to that on the nitrogen atom belonging to the thiazole ring. On the contrary, in compound **4** the electronic density on the C-5 carbon atom is considerably lower with respect to compound **1**, whereas the electronic charge is mainly localized on the endocyclic nitrogen atom, as expected because of the lack of the pyrrolidinyl group in C-4 position on going from **1** to **4**.



**Figure SI-37.** Electronic density distribution map for 2,4-*N,N*-dipyrrolidinylthiazole (**1**).



**Figure SI-38.** Electronic density distribution map for 2-*N*-pyrrolidinylthiazole (**4**).

In Table SI-1 are reported the values of the atomic charge on the nitrogen atom belonging to the thiazole ring (N-3) and on the C-2, C-4 and C-5 carbon atom in both compounds **1** and **4**. The presence of the pyrrolidinyl group in position 4 in compound **1** causes an increase of the negative charge on the C-5 carbon atom, much greater than the value of N-3 in both mono- and di-substituted pyrrolidinyl compounds.

Table SI-1. Charge distribution in thiazole derivatives **1** and **4**.

	N3	C2	C4	C5
2-pyrrolidinylthiazole ( <b>4</b> )	-0.438	0.443	0.049	-0.113
2,4-diprrolidinylthiazole ( <b>1</b> )	-0.578	0.473	0.665	-0.660

We also optimized the structure of **3a** and **3b** in gas phase using B3LYP<sup>1-4</sup> functional with 6-311+G(2d,p) basis set; the charge distribution have been calculated using the Chelp method.<sup>5</sup>

In Table SI-2 are reported the values of the atomic charge on the C-2 and C-4 carbon atom in both compounds **3a** and **3b**. The presence of the bromine / nitro substituted diazo moieties slightly decreases the charge on both C2 and C4 positions with respect to the parent compound **1** for both compounds.

Table SI-2. Charge distribution in thiazole derivatives **3a** and **3b**.

	C2	C4
<b>3a</b>	0.443	0.331
<b>3b</b>	0.450	0.227

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