

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Mechanochemistry for “no solvent, no base” preparation of Hydantoin-based Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients: Nitrofurantoin and Dantrolene.

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Experimental part.

General remarks and experimental procedures

All reagents were commercially available. NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature with the appropriate deuterated solvent (CDCl₃ or d₆-DMSO). Chemical shifts (δ) of ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals (DMSO in DMSO-*d*₆: δ = 2.50 ppm for ¹H and DMSO-*d*₆: δ = 39.52 ppm for ¹³C NMR); *J* values are given in Hz. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were registered at 300 MHz or 400 MHz, the samples were prepared by dissolving 10 mg of hydantoin in 0.7 mL of deuterated solvent. ¹H and ¹³C NMR were recorded using 32 and 4096 scans respectively. The identity of analytically pure final product

Dantrolene **8** and **14** were assessed by comparison of its spectral data previously described in the literature and by their fragmentation in LC/MS. Compounds **9** and **12** have a CAS number but no spectral data and characterizations are available in the literature. Compounds **10**, **11**, **15** and **16** are still unknown; compound **13** has a CAS number but no references are associated to this compound. HRMS measurements were performed on a TOF mass analyzer. Analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed with a UV-detector at 214 nm using a CHROMOLITH RP18 column (50 x 4.6 mm), flow 5 mL/min, linear gradient CH₃CN in water 0-100% (+ 0.1% TFA) in 3 min. LC-MS analyses were performed by HPLC, column Onyx C₁₈, (25 x 4.6 mm), flow 3 mL/min linear gradient CH₃CN in water 0-100% (+ 0.1% HCO₂H) in 2.5 min. Melting points were measured on a Büchi Melting Point 510 apparatus and are uncorrected. The ball-milling experiments were performed in a MM400 vibrational ball mill (Retsch GmbH, Haan, Germany) using 5 mL stainless steel jar (2 stainless steel balls, 5 mm Ø), a Pulverisette P7 (Fritsch, Idar-Oberstein, Germany) using a 12 mL agate or zirconium oxide jars (8 agate balls 8 mm Ø, 25 zirconium oxide balls 5 mm Ø) or in a SPEX 8000 mill using a 50 mL zirconium oxide jar (2 zirconium oxide balls 12 mm Ø).

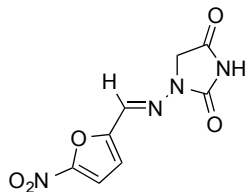
General procedure for the preparation of compounds 7-16.

1-aminohydantoin hydrochloride (1.0 equiv) and the aldehyde (1.0 equiv) were ground according to Method A, B or C as specified for each compound. The final product was recovered just scratching out the powder from the jar without further treatment (compounds **7-11** and **14**) or by precipitation in water and filtration (compounds **7**, **8**, **12**, **13**, **15**, and **16**). The crude was always dried *in vacuo* over P₂O₅ overnight.

METHOD A - Vibrating ball mill (VBM) (*only for compound 7 and 9*): 5 mL stainless steel jars, 2 stainless steel balls (5 mm Ø, 0.507 g for each ball) at 30 Hz for 30 min or 2 h;

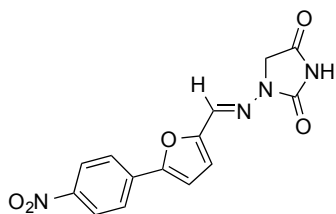
METHOD B - Planetary ball mill (PBM) (*for compounds 7, 8, 10-16*): 12 mL zirconium oxide jars, 25 zirconium oxide balls (5 mm Ø, 0.391 g for each ball) at 600 rpm for 2 h except when differently stated for each compound;

METHOD C – SPEX (*only for compounds 7 and 8*): 50 mL zirconium oxide jars, 2 zirconium oxide balls (12 mm Ø, 3.3 g for each ball) for 15 min (in the case of nitrofurantoin **7**) or for 2 h (in the case of dantrolene **8**).



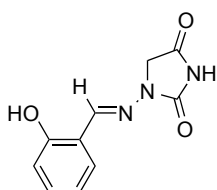
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(E)-N-(5-nitro-2-furfurylidene)-1-aminohydantoin or Nitrofurantoin (7) CAS [67-20-9]. For *Method A* (30 min reaction): the reaction scale was 0.84 mmol (169 mg, 85%); for *Method B*: the reaction scale was 13.2 mmol (2.73 g, 87%). For *Method A and B* : The final product was recovered by precipitation in water. For *Method C*: the reaction scale was 6.6 mmol (1.49 g, 95%). The product was scratched out from the jar without any further work-up. Pale yellow powder; m.p. 269 - 272 °C (lit. 270-272°C with decomposition);¹ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 11.46 (s, CH=N, 1H), 7.79 (s, CH and NH, 2H), 7.14 (s, 1H, CH), 4.35 (s, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 168.7, 153.2, 151.9, 151.7, 131.1, 114.7, 114.5, 49.1; **ESI-(+)** *m/z* : 261.2 [M+Na]⁺, 256.2 [M+H+H₂O]⁺, 239.1 [M+H]⁺, 191.3, 170.1, 141.0, 131.2, 100.5 ; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for C₈H₇N₄O₅ [M+H]⁺ 239.0416, found 239.0415.



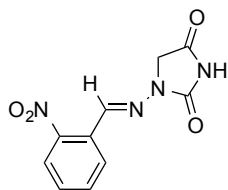
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(E)-1-{[5-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-furyl]methylideneamino}-imidazolidine-2,4-dione or Dantrolene (8) CAS [7261-97-4]. The reaction scale was 6.6 mmol. For *Method B*: the final product was recovered by precipitation in water (1.84 g, 89%). For *Method C*: the product was scratched out from the jar without any further work-up (1.87 g, 90%). Deep orange powder; m.p. 262.7 - 264.7 °C (lit. 258-260 °C);² ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)³ δ (ppm): 11.37 (s, CH=N, 1H), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 6.9 and 1.8 Hz, CH_{Ar}, 2H), 8.06 (dd, *J* = 6.9 and 1.9 Hz, CH_{Ar}, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H, NH), 7.49 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 7.09 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.40 (s, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)⁴ δ (ppm): 169.8, 154.2, 153.1, 151.0, 147.2, 136.1, 133.6, 125.5, 125.4, 116.5, 113.4, 49.9; **ESI-(+)** *m/z* : 337.1 [M+Na]⁺, 315.1 [M+H]⁺, 130.2 ; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for C₁₄H₁₁N₄O₅ [M+H]⁺ 315.0729, found 315.0731.



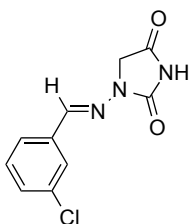
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(E)-1-((2-hydroxybenzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (9) CAS [1443299-56-6].⁵ The reaction scale was 1.32 mmol (*Method A*, 2 h reaction). The product was scratched out from the jar without any further work-up (284 mg, 98%). Black powder; m.p. 244.0 - 247.4 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 11.35 (s, CH=N, 1H), 10.66 (s, 1H, OH), 8.02 (s, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.59 (s, 1H, NH), 7.30 (d, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 6.95 (s, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 4.40 (s, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 169.8, 157.5, 154.5, 154.2, 143.5, 131.9, 129.4, 120.3, 119.8, 117.2, 49.4; **ESI-(+)** *m/z* : 220.0 [M+H]⁺, 148.9, 130.2; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for C₁₀H₁₀N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 220.0722, found 220.0721.



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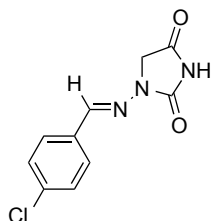
(E)-1-((2-nitrobenzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (10). The reaction scale was 1.98 mmol (*Method B*). The product was scratched out from the jar without any further work-up (443 mg, 90%). White powder; m.p. 219.6 - 221.5 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 11.41 (s, CH=N, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 9.0 and 3.0 Hz, 3H, NH and 2 x CH_{Ar}), 7.85 (dt, *J* = 9.0 and 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.71 (dt, *J* = 9.0 and 3.0 Hz, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 4.40 (s, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 169.7, 154.4, 149.0, 139.12, 134.7, 131.5, 129.3, 129.1, 125.7, 49.8; **ESI-(+)** *m/z* : 271.1 [M+Na]⁺, 249.1 [M+H]⁺, 134.0, 114.0; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for C₁₀H₉N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ 249.0624, found 249.0624.



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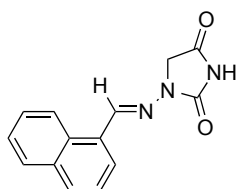
(E)-1-((3-chlorobenzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (11) The reaction scale was 1.98 mmol (*Method B*). The product was scratched out from the jar without any further work-up (453 mg, 96%). White powder; m.p. 256.4 - 257.4 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 11.34 (s, CH=N, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.77 (m, 1H, CH_{Ar}), 7.71-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.51 (m, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm):

169.8, 154.3, 142.3, 137.5, 134.6, 131.9, 130.5, 126.9, 126.5, 49.8; **ESI-(+)** m/z : 240.1 / 238.1 $[M+H]^+$, 167.0, 129.9, 114.0; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for $C_{10}H_9N_3O_2Cl$ $[M+H]^+$ 238.0383, found 238.0385.



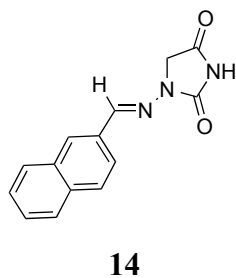
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(E)-1-((4-chlorobenzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (12) CAS [49548-85-8].⁵⁻⁶ The reaction scale was 1.98 mmol (*Method B*, 3 cycles of 2h each, with 5 minutes pause in between). The final product was recovered by precipitation in water (439 mg, 93%). White powder; m.p. 240.2 (darkening), 258.7 - 260.7 °C; **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 11.31 (s, CH=N, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H, NH), 7.75 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 7.55 (d, $J = 9$ Hz, 2H, CH_{Ar}), 4.39 (s, 2H, CH₂); **¹³C{¹H}** **NMR** (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 169.9, 154.3, 142.6, 135.1, 134.2, 129.9, 129.4, 49.8; **ESI-(+)** m/z : 240.1 / 238.1 $[M+H]^+$, 114.0 ; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for $C_{10}H_9N_3O_2Cl$ $[M+H]^+$ 238.0383, found 238.0382.

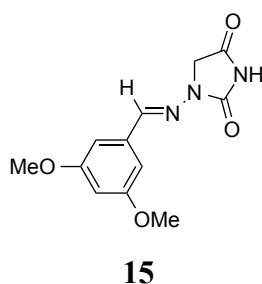


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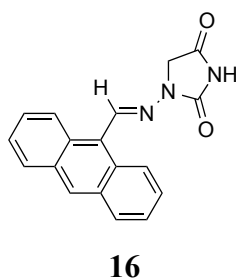
(E)-1-((naphthalen-1-ylmethylene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (13) CAS [1099292-03-1]. The reaction scale was 1.98 mmol (*Method B*, 3 cycles of 2h each, with 5 minutes pause in between). The final product was recovered by precipitation in water (466 mg, 93%). White powder; m.p. 250.8 – 253.9 °C (darkening); **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 11.35 (s, CH=N, 1H), 8.93 (dd, $J = 8.4$ and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H, NH), 8.06-7.98 (m, 3H), 7.71-7.60 (m, 3H), 4.57 (s, 2H, CH₂); **¹³C{¹H}** **NMR** (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 170.1, 154.5, 143.3, 134.5, 131.2, 131.1, 130.7, 129.7, 128.1, 127.2, 126.5, 125.4, 49.9; **ESI-(+)** m/z : 276.0 $[M+Na]^+$, 254.1 $[M+H]^+$, 154.1, 114.3 ; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for $C_{14}H_{12}N_3O_2$ 254.0930, found 254.0931.



(E)-2-((naphthalen-2-ylmethylene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (14)⁷ CAS [1062414-94-1]. The reaction scale was 1.98 mmol (*Method B*, 3 cycles of 2h each, with 5 minutes pause in between). The product was scratched out from the jar without any further work-up (477 mg, 95%). White powder; m.p. 251.84 °C (darkening) (lit. 262-264°C);⁷ ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 11.33 (s, CH=N, 1H), 8.17 (m, 1H), 8.04-7.95 (m, 5H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 2H), 4.46 (s, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 169.7, 154.4, 149.1, 139.1, 134.7, 131.5, 129.3, 129.1, 125.7, 49.8; ESI-(+) *m/z* : 276.0 [M+Na]⁺, 254.1 [M+H]⁺, 113.9 ; HRMS ESI-(+) calcd for C₁₄H₁₂N₃O₂ 254.0930, found 254.0932.



(E)-1-((3,5-dimethoxybenzylidene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (15) The reaction scale was 1.98 mmol (*Method B*, 3 cycles of 2h each, with 5 minutes pause in between). The final product was recovered by precipitation in water (453 mg, 87%). Pale lila powder; m.p. 244.4 – 245.7 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 11.31 (s, CH=N, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.82 (s, 6H, CH₃); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 169.9, 161.6, 154.4, 143.9, 137.3, 105.6, 102.9, 56.3, 49.9; ESI-(+) *m/z* : 327.1 [M+Na+ACN]⁺, 286.1 [M+Na]⁺, 264.1 [M+H]⁺, 114.0; HRMS ESI-(+) calcd for C₁₂H₁₄N₃O₄ 264.0984, found 264.0984.



(E)-1-((anthracen-9-ylmethylene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (16) The reaction scale was 1.32 mmol (*Method B*, 3 cycles of 2h each, with 5 minutes pause in between). The final product was recovered by precipitation in water (380 mg, 95%). Yellow powder; m.p. 274.8 – 282.7 °C (darkening); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 11.38 (s, CH=N, 1H), 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.69 (s, 1H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 8.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70-7.51 (m, 5H), 4.70 (s, 2H, CH₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (75

MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ (ppm): 170.2, 142.2, 142.2, 131.8, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 127.7, 126.7, 126.5, 126.2, 49.9; **ESI-(+)** *m/z* : 629.1 [2M+Na]⁺, 367.1 [M+Na+ACN]⁺, 326.1 [M+Na]⁺, 304.1 [M+H]⁺, 205.1, 130.2 ; **HRMS ESI-(+)** calcd for C₁₈H₁₄N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 304.1086, found 304.1084.

PXDR Analyses of Nitrofurantoin 7.

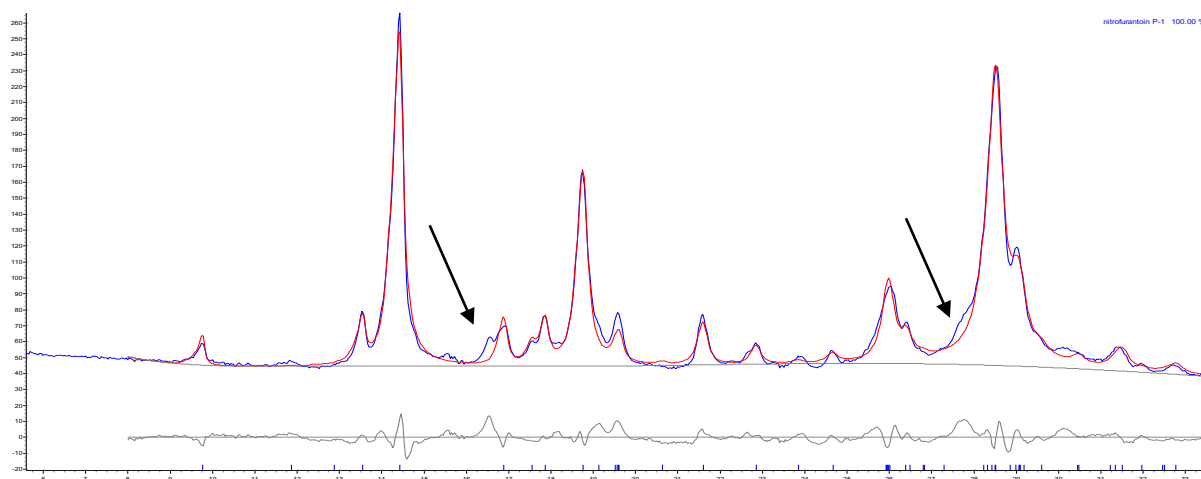


Figure S1. XRD pattern of Nitrofurantoin **7** obtained by *Method B* and recovered by precipitation in water. Rietveld fit modelled with slight preferred orientation. The sample is the triclinic polymorph of nitrofurantoin (CSD refcode LABJON01). Two impurity peaks are marked with arrows. The intensity is shown as their square root. Difference curve between measured and calculated is given below in grey.

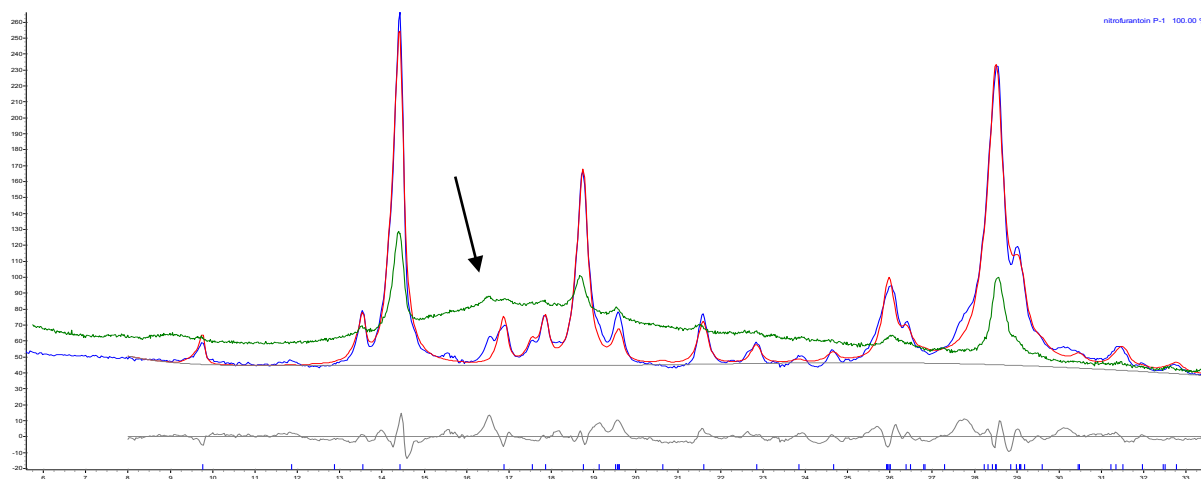
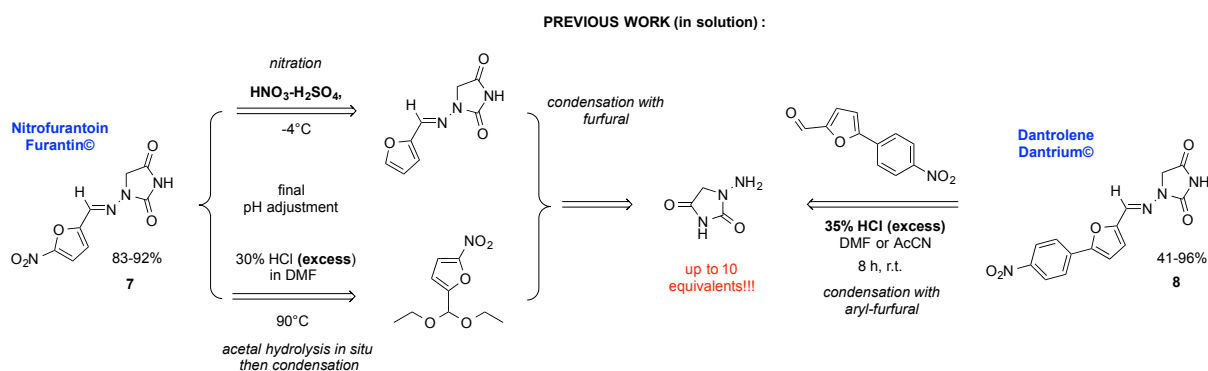


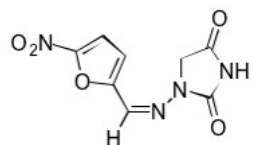
Figure S2. XRD pattern of Nitrofurantoin **7** obtained by *Method C* and directly recovered as a powder from the jar without post-synthetic treatment. **Green pattern** (overlaid with the pattern from Figure S1): the sample is the same polymorph of nitrofurantoin **7** as is visible from the three strongest peaks. The sample is very amorphous as evident from this big broad hump centered at *ca.* 18 degrees in 2θ . The intensity is shown as their square root.



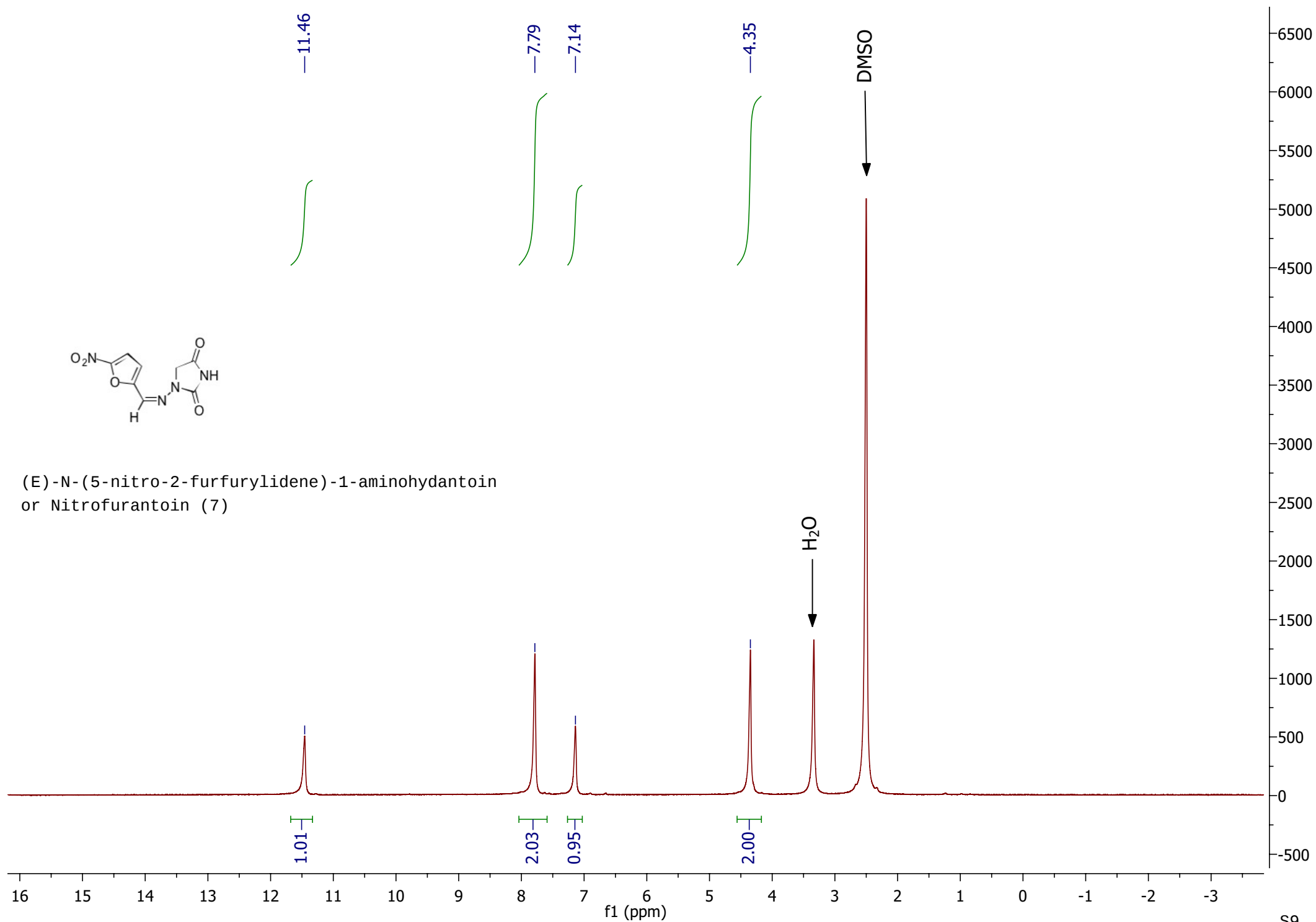
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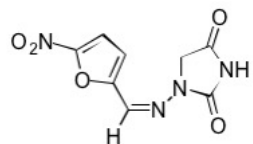
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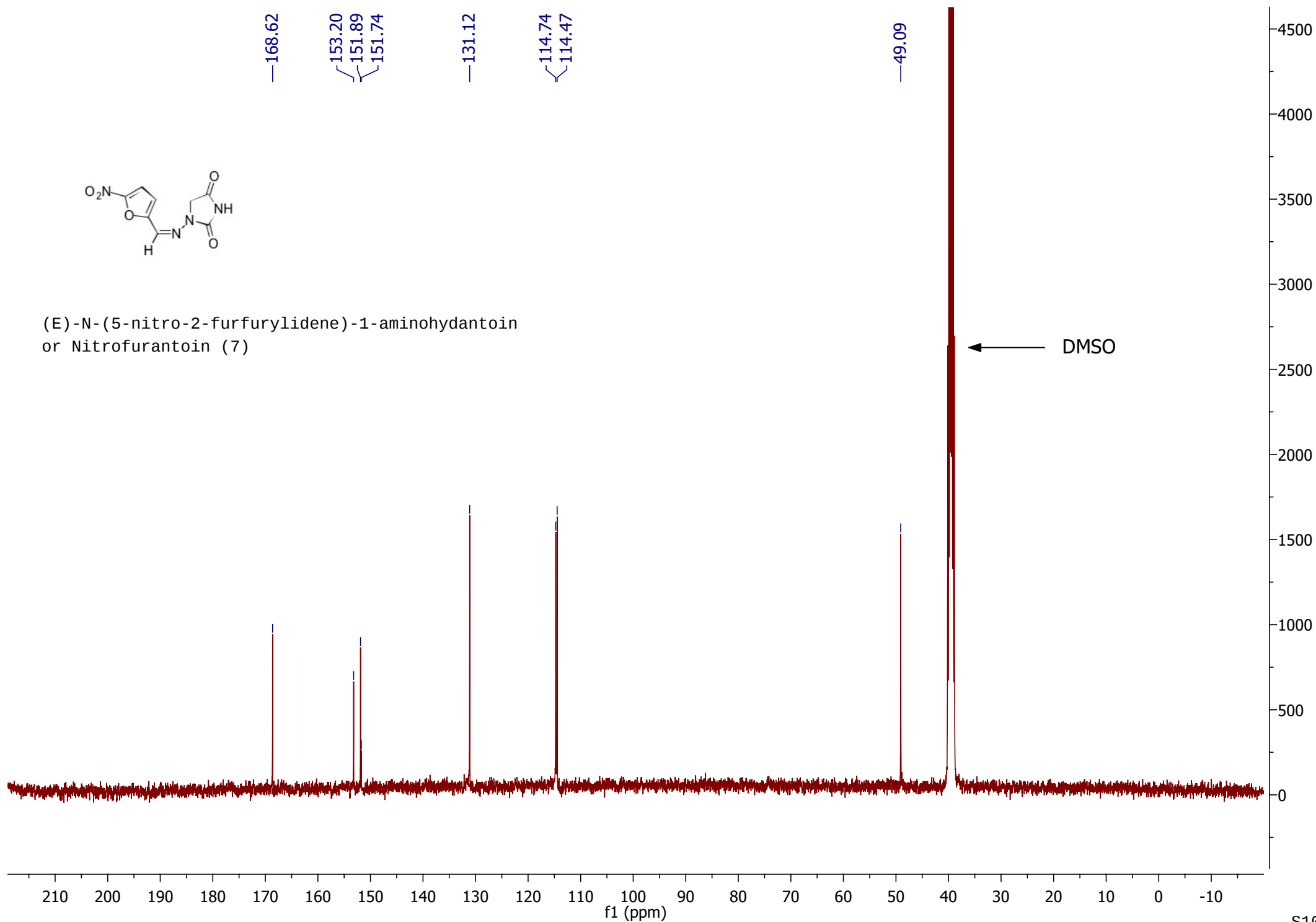


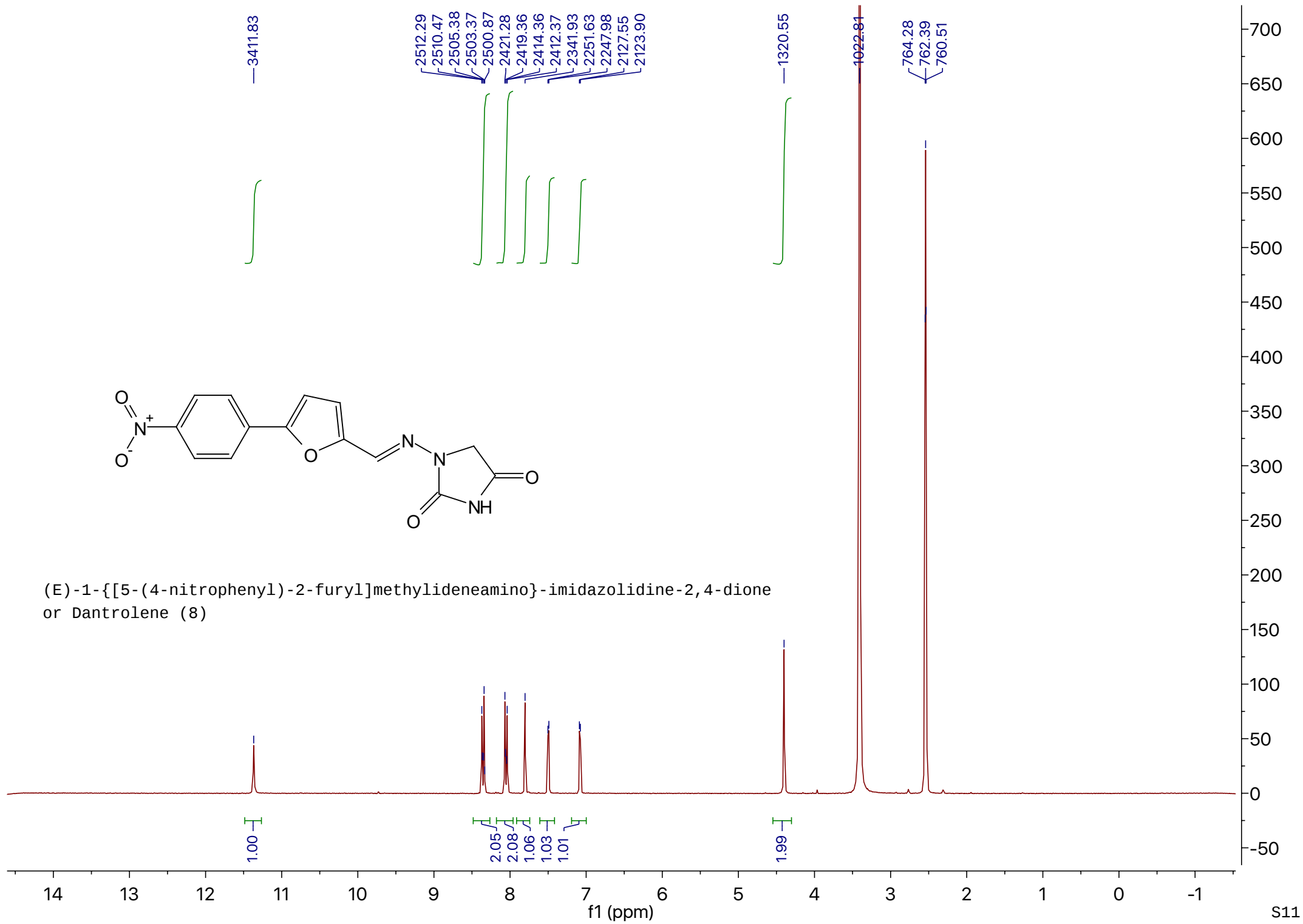
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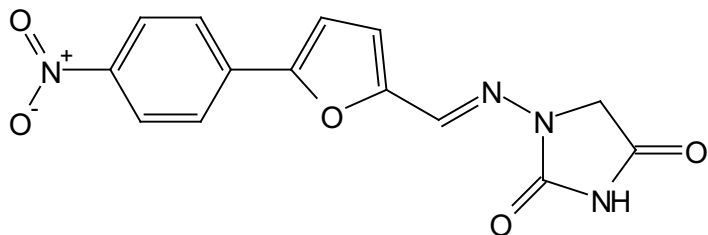




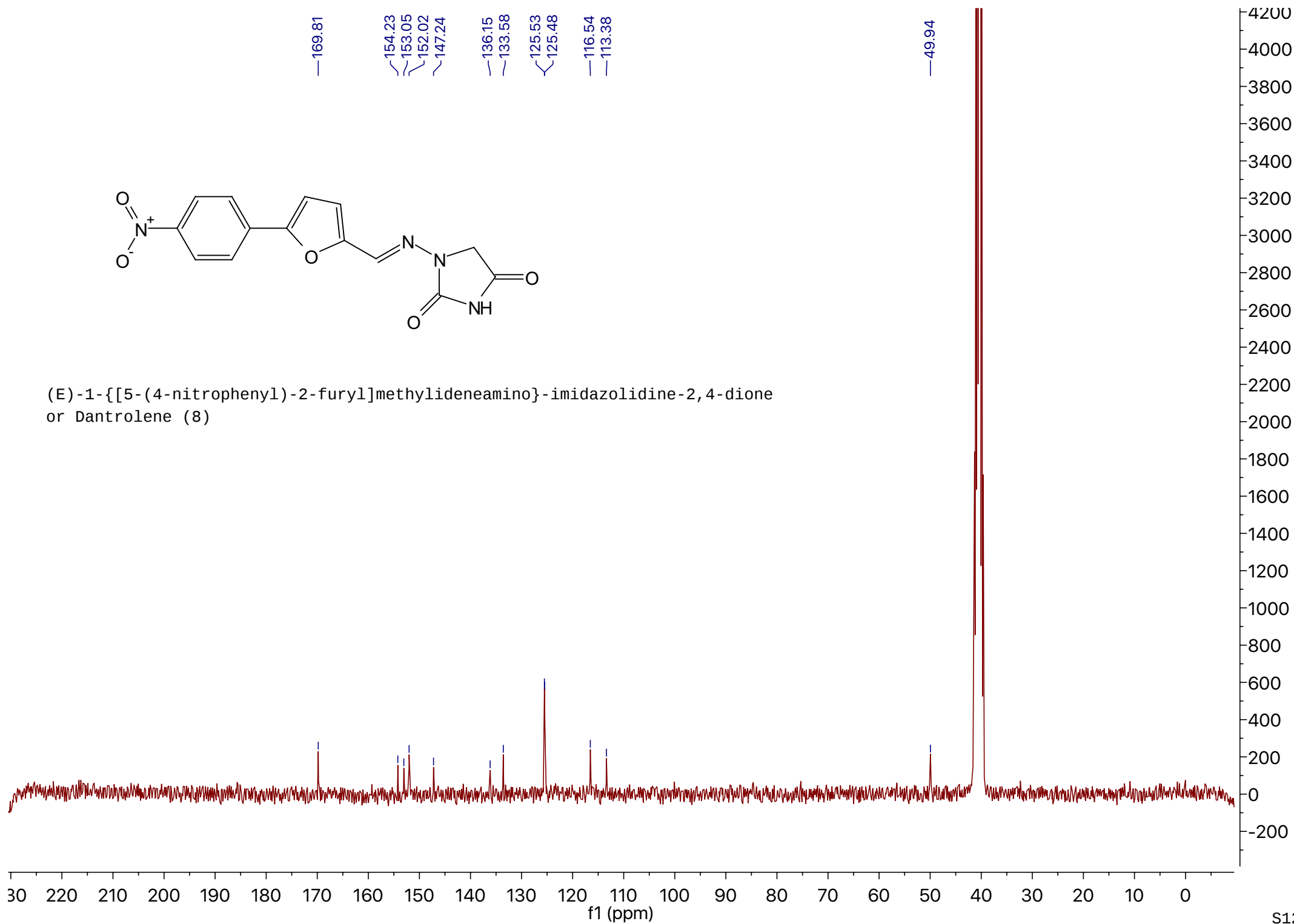
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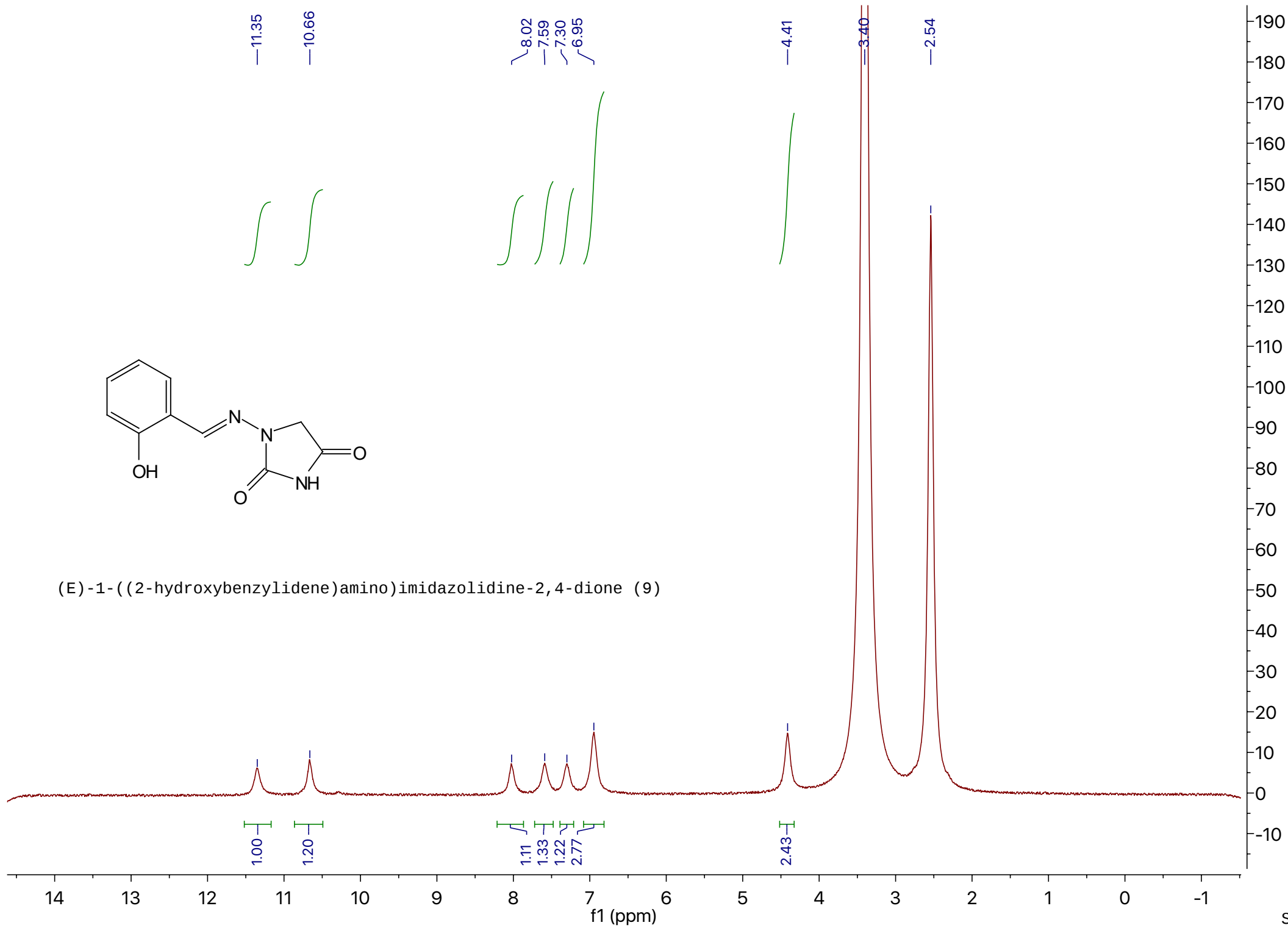


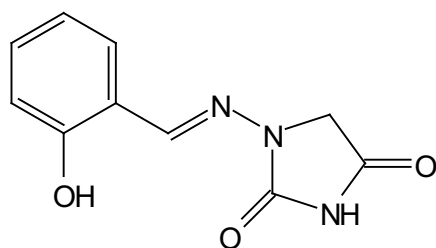




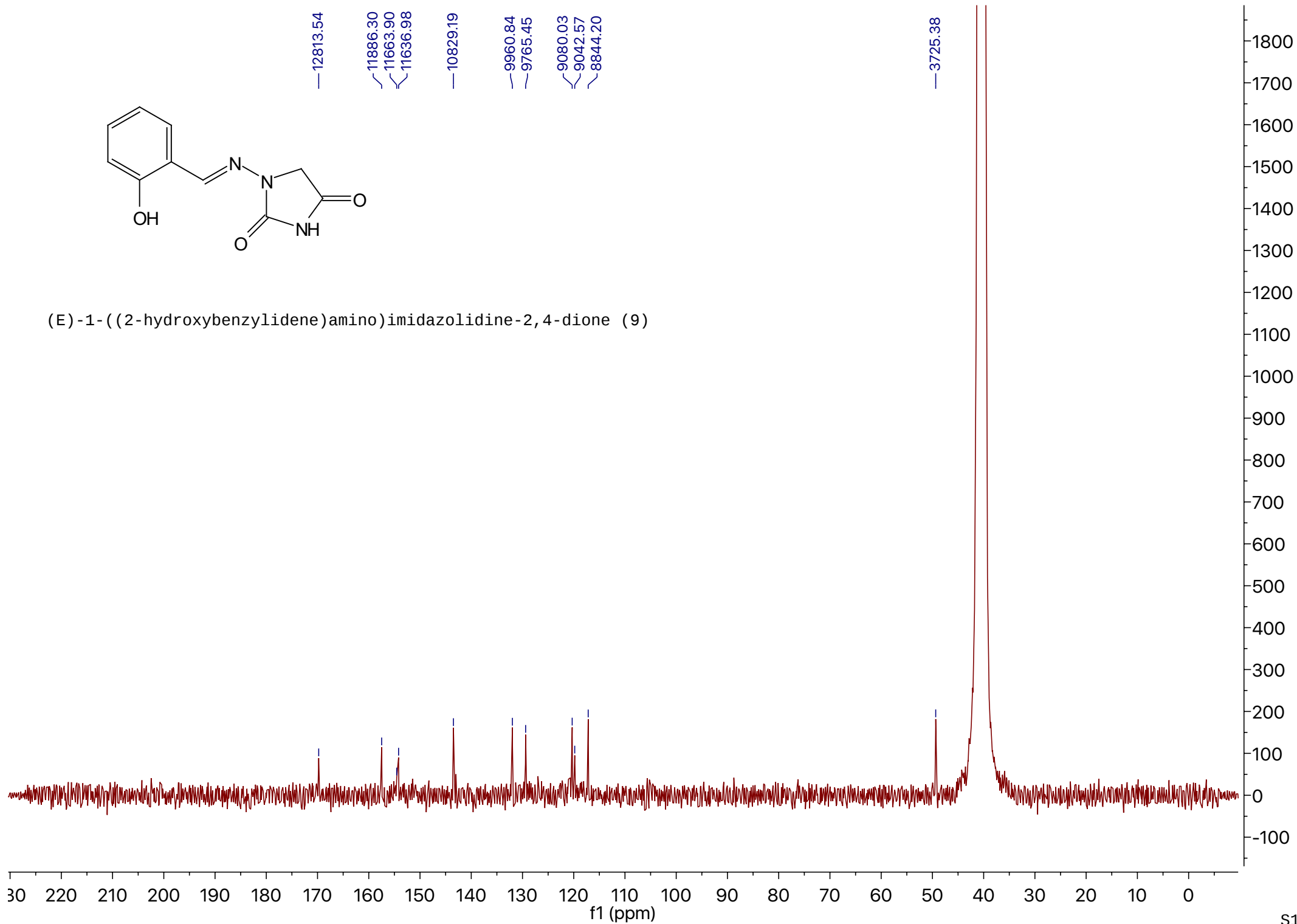
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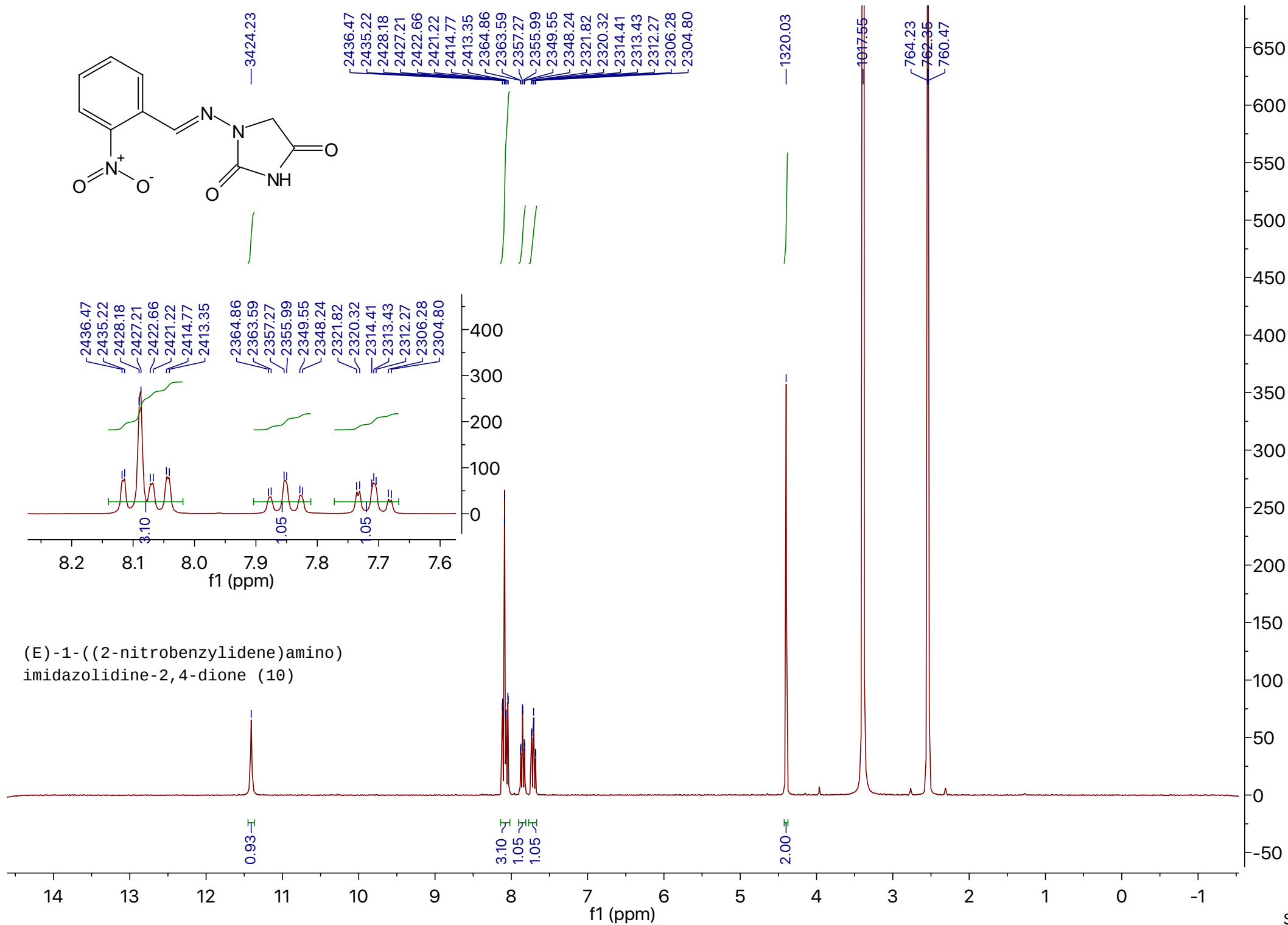


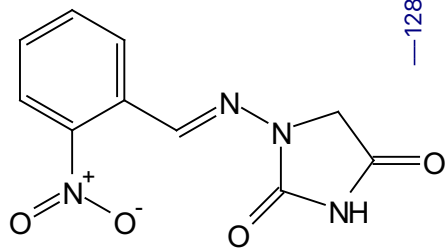




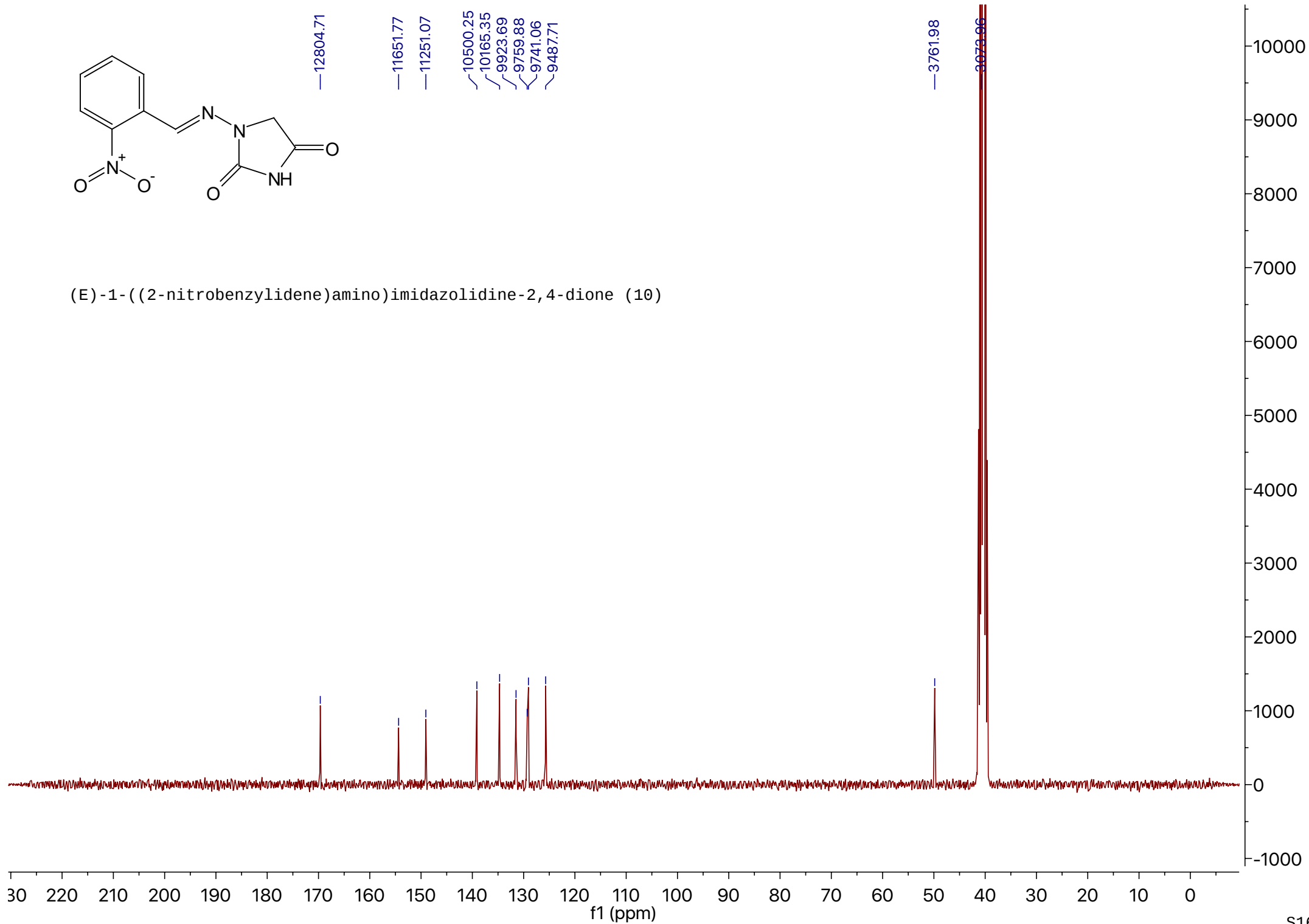
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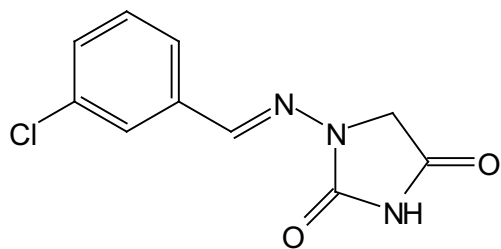




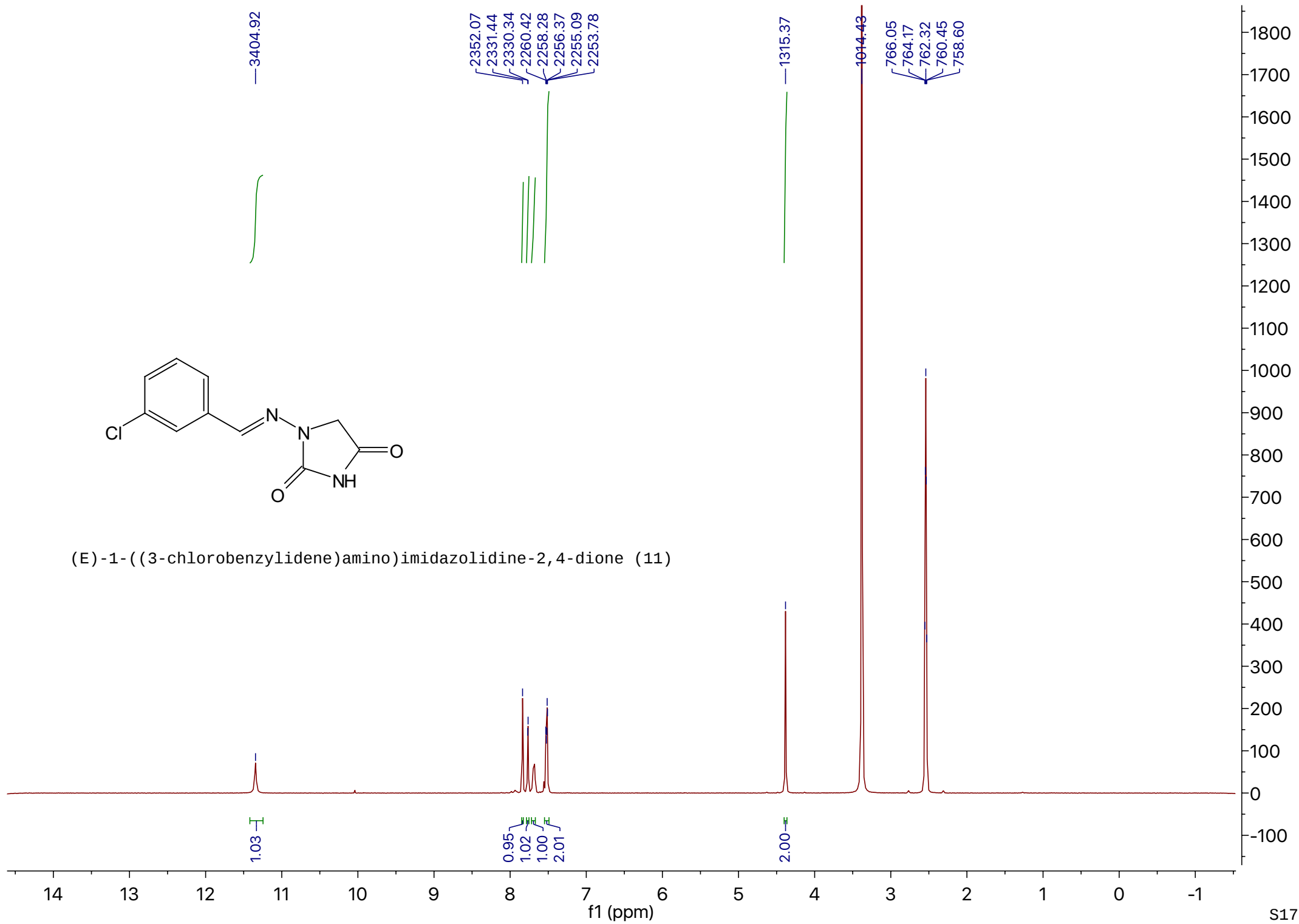


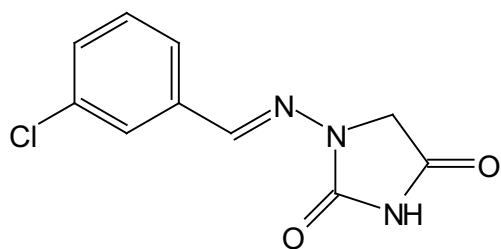
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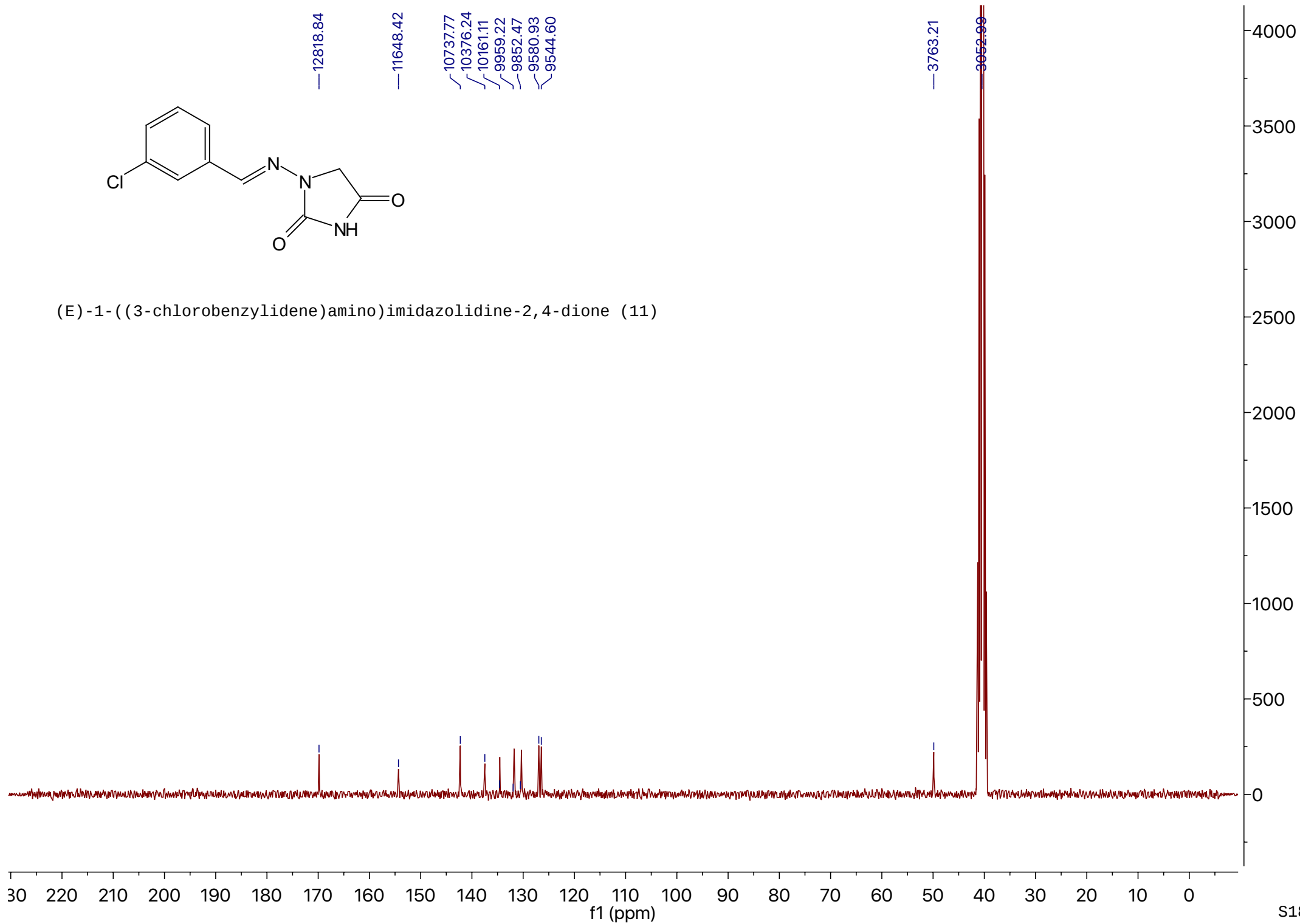


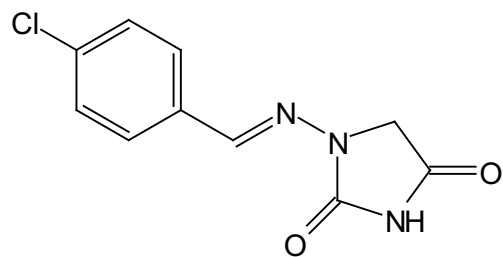
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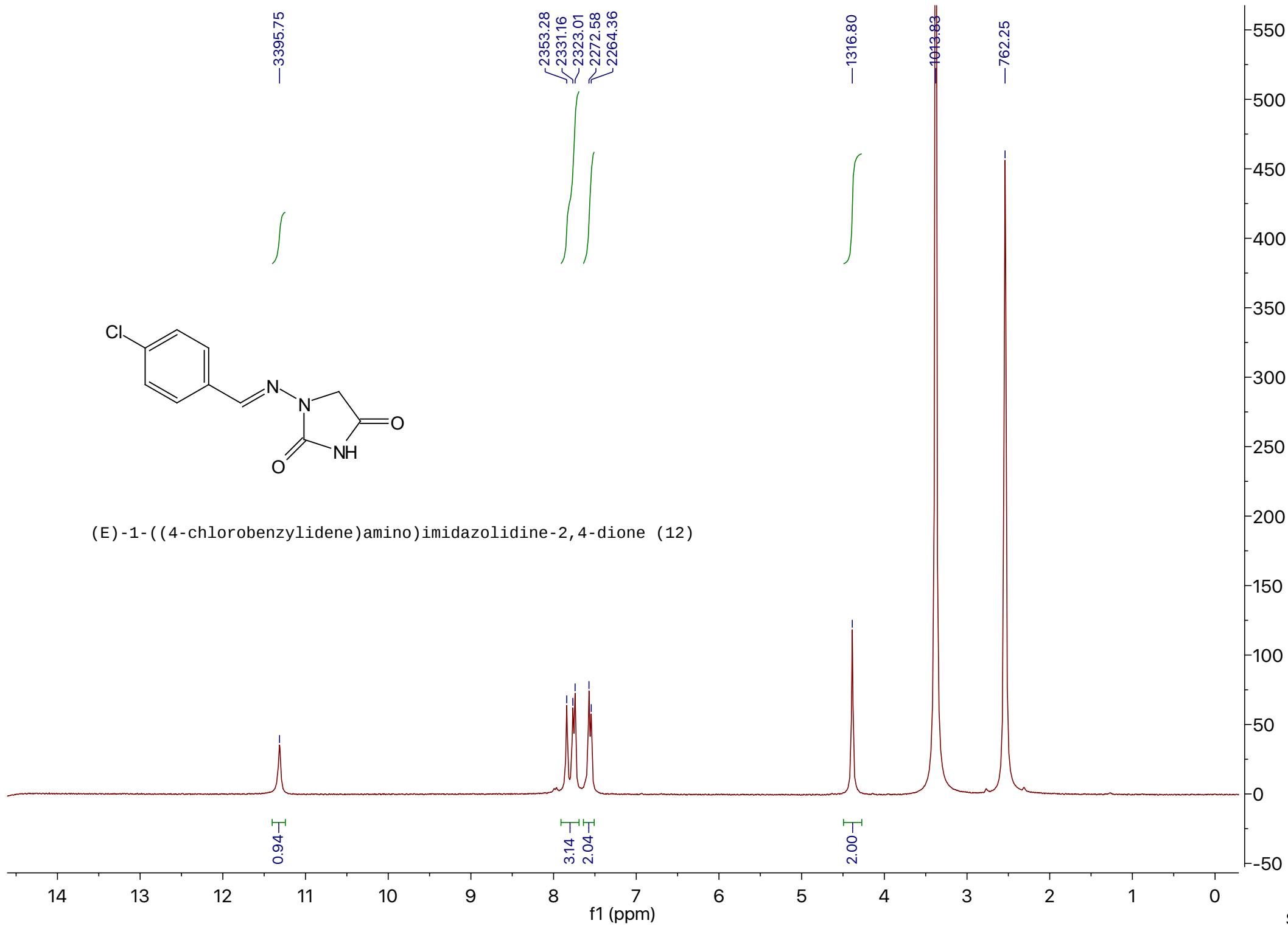


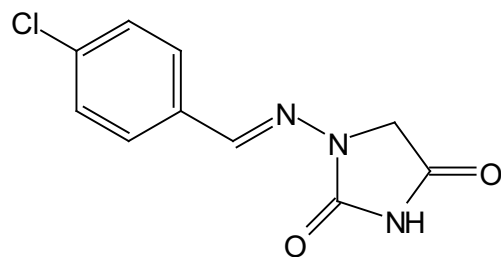
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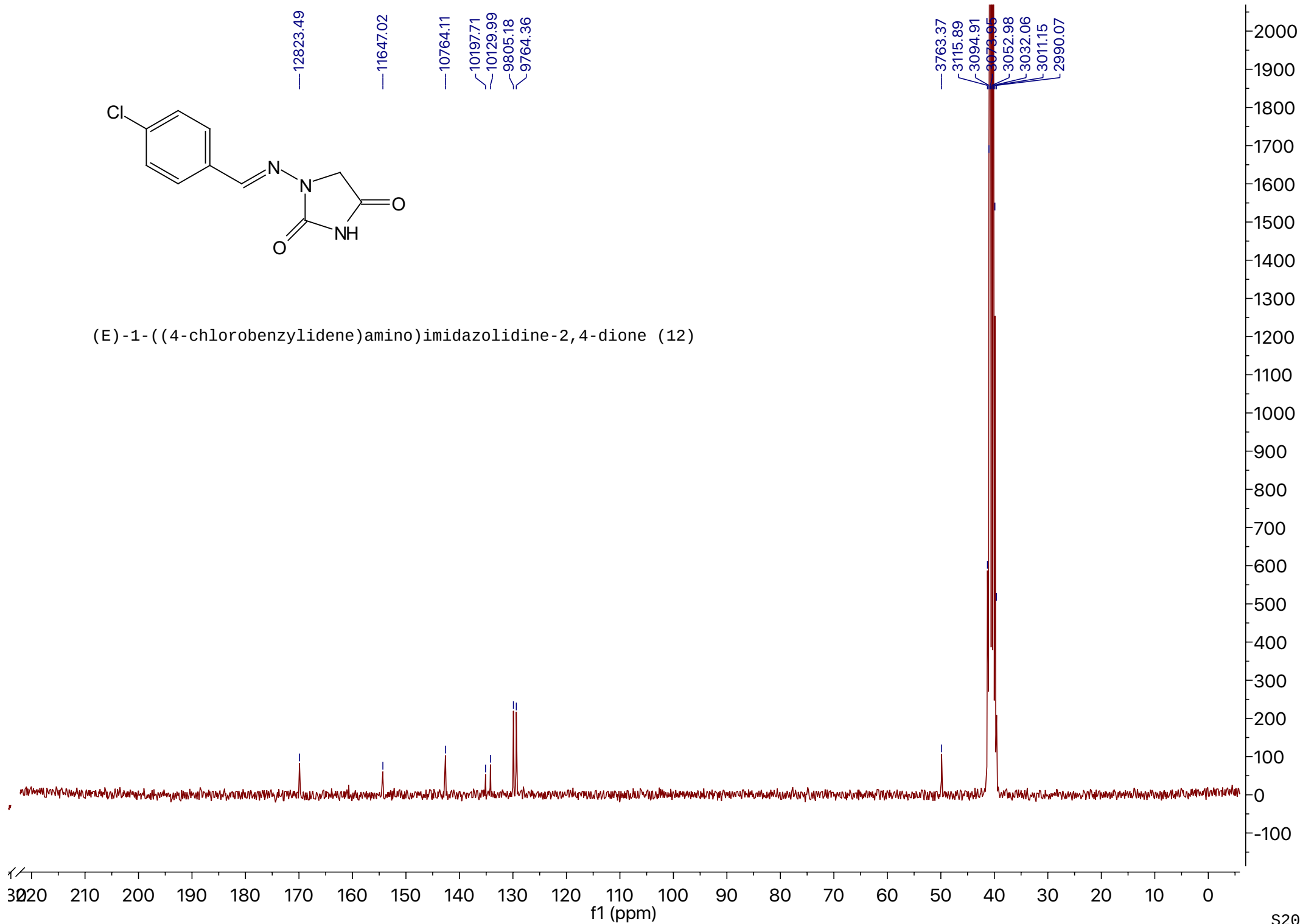


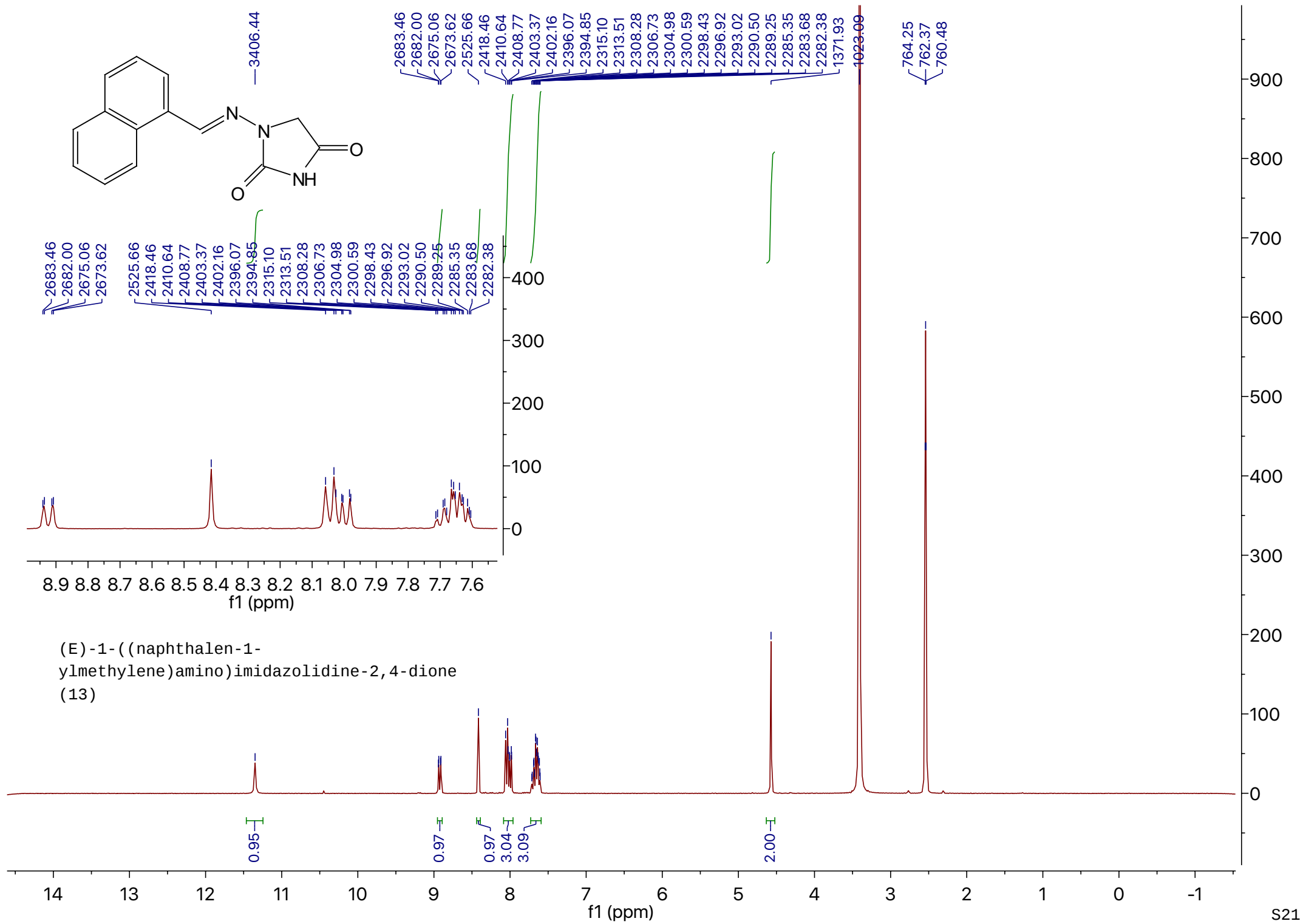
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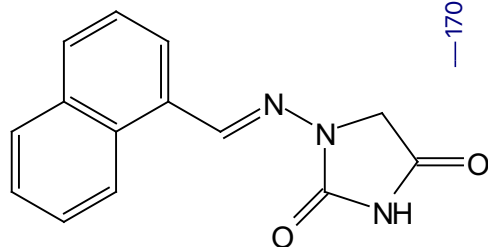




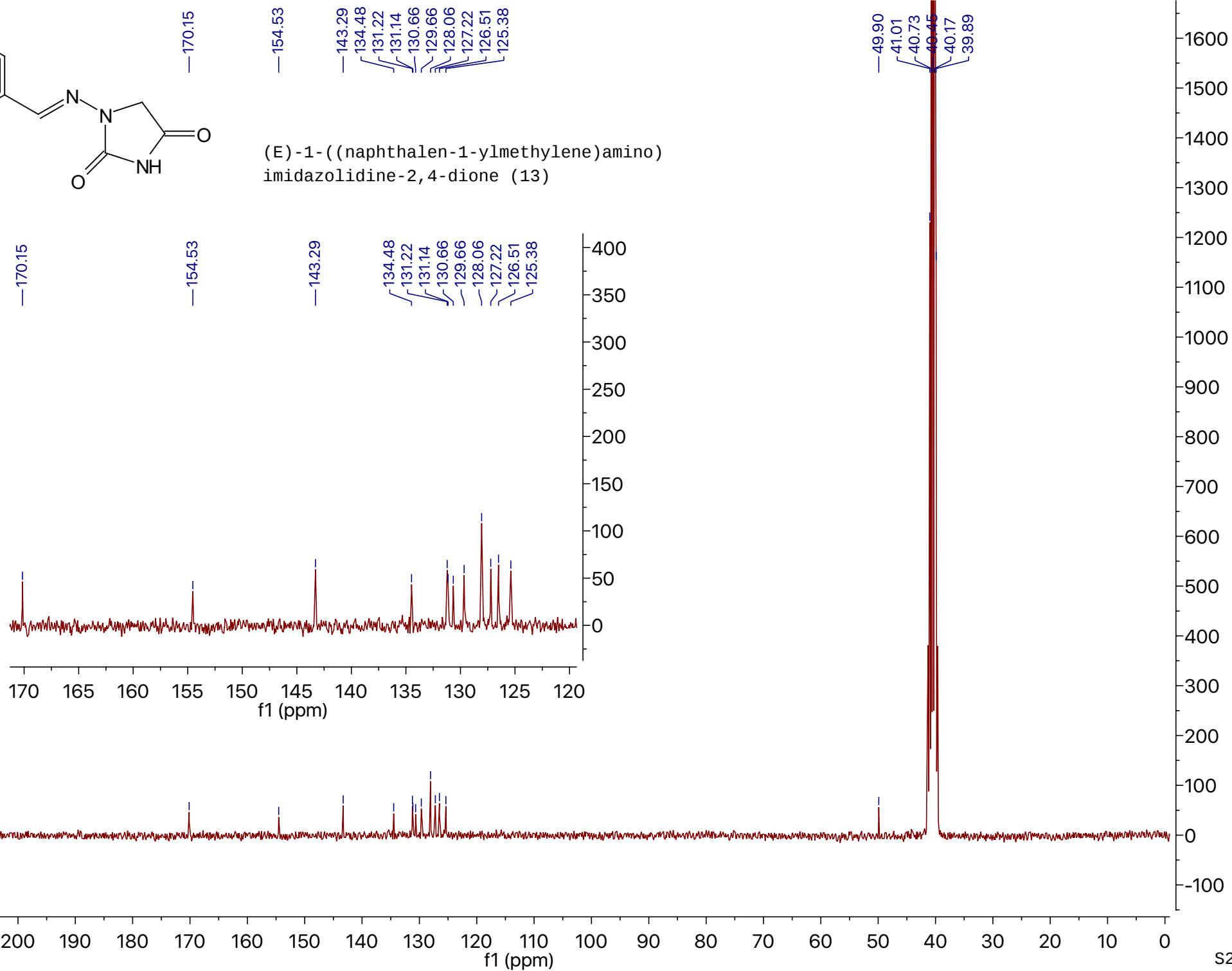
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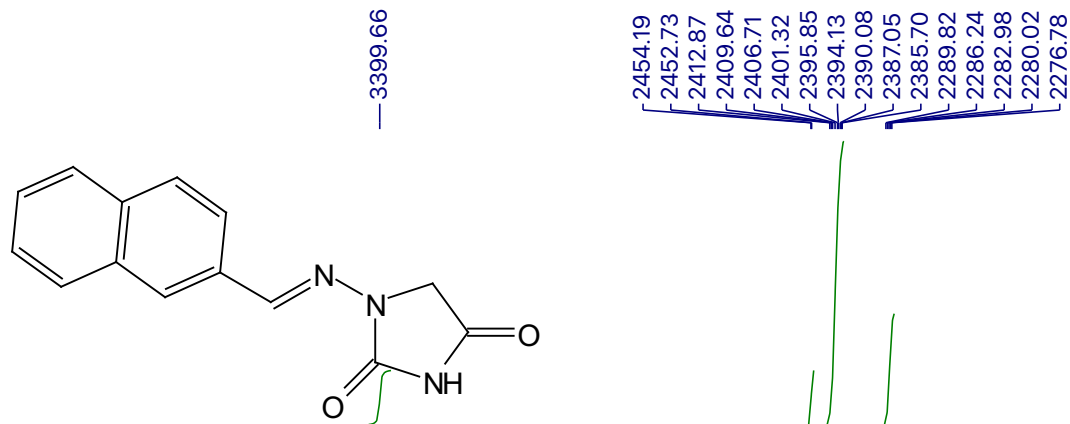




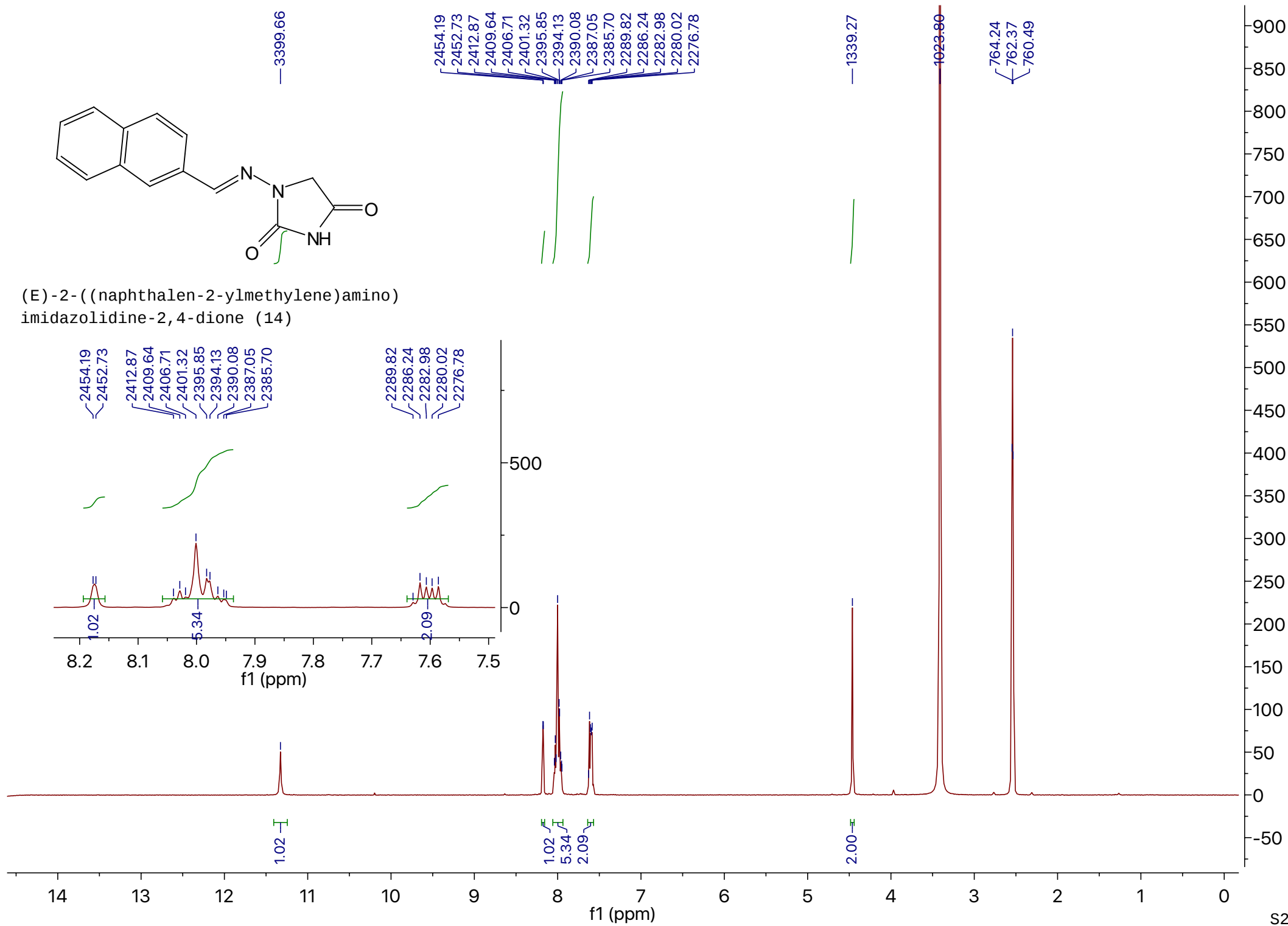
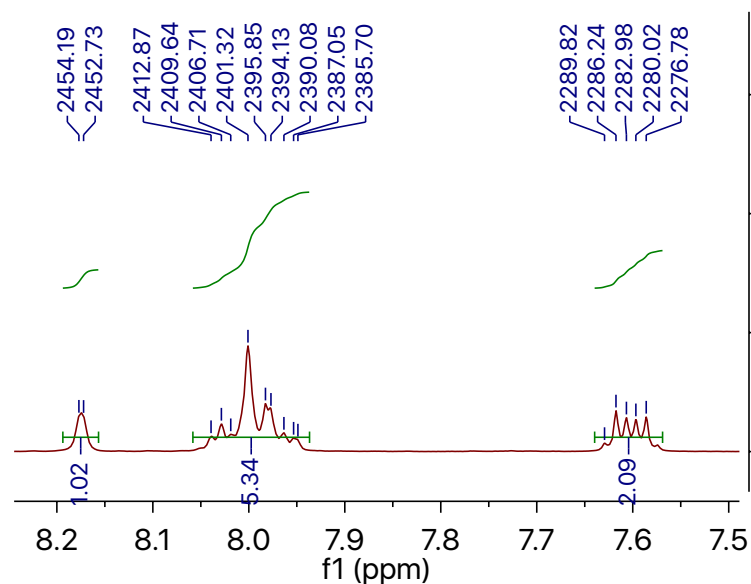


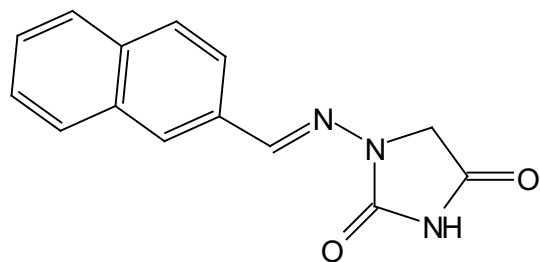
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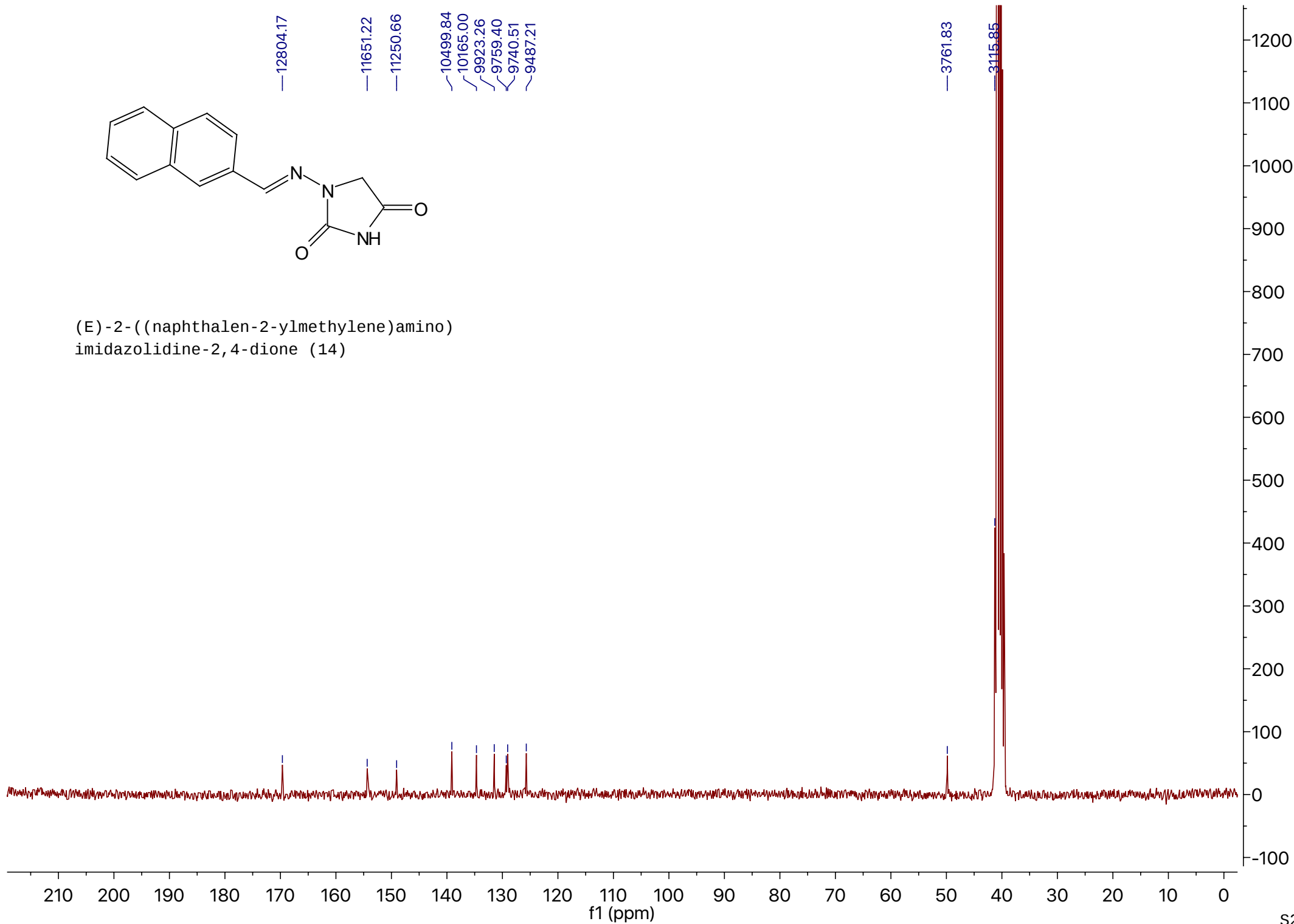


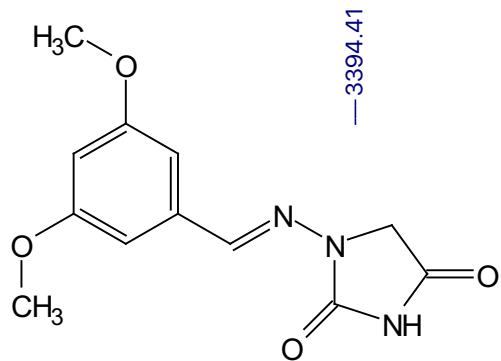
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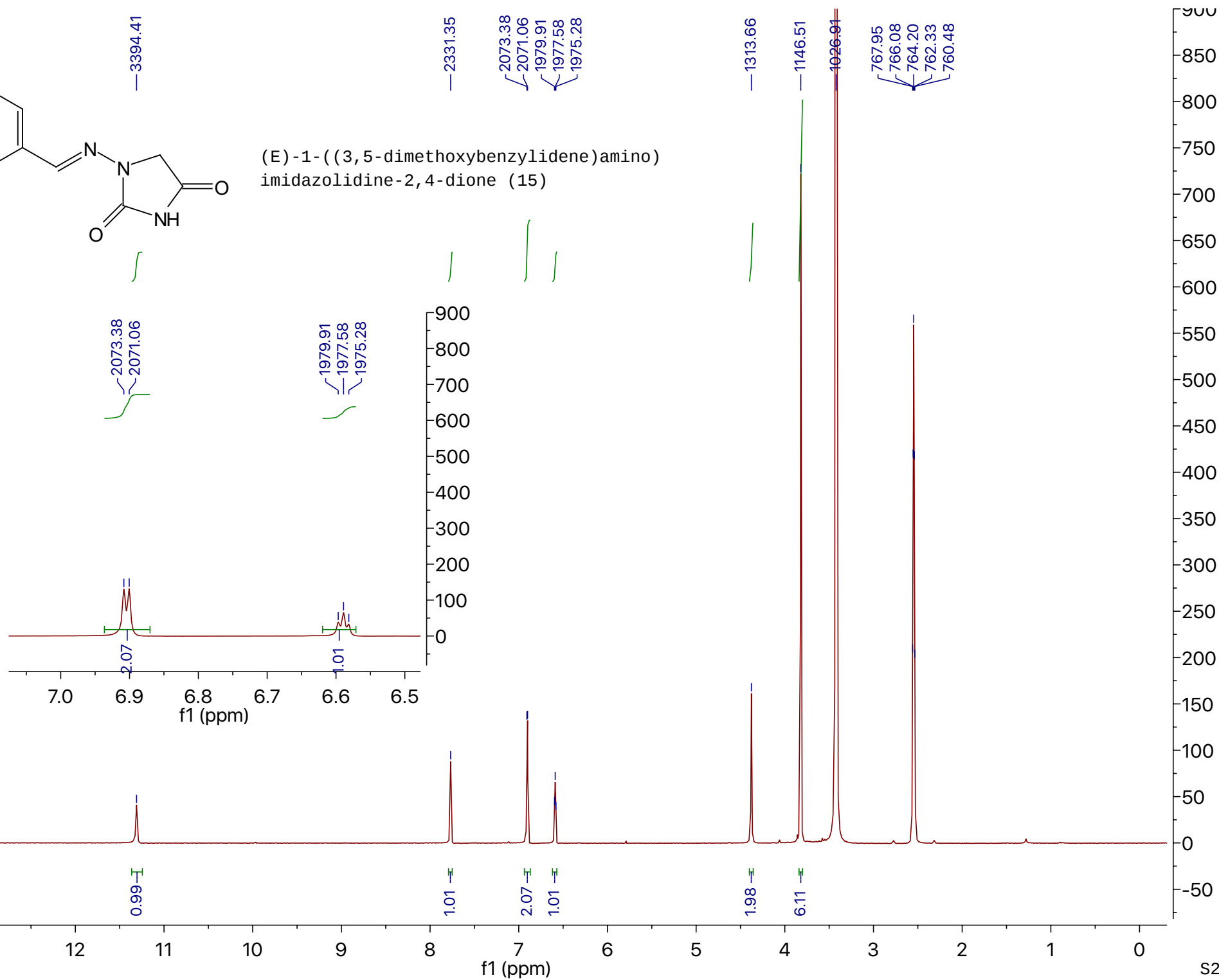


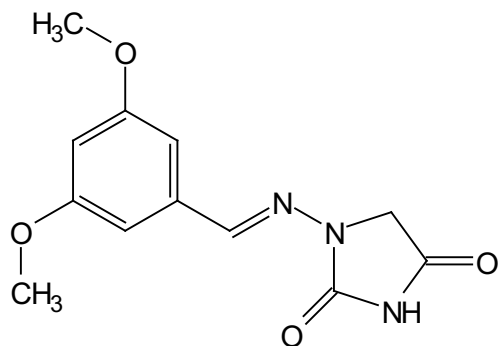
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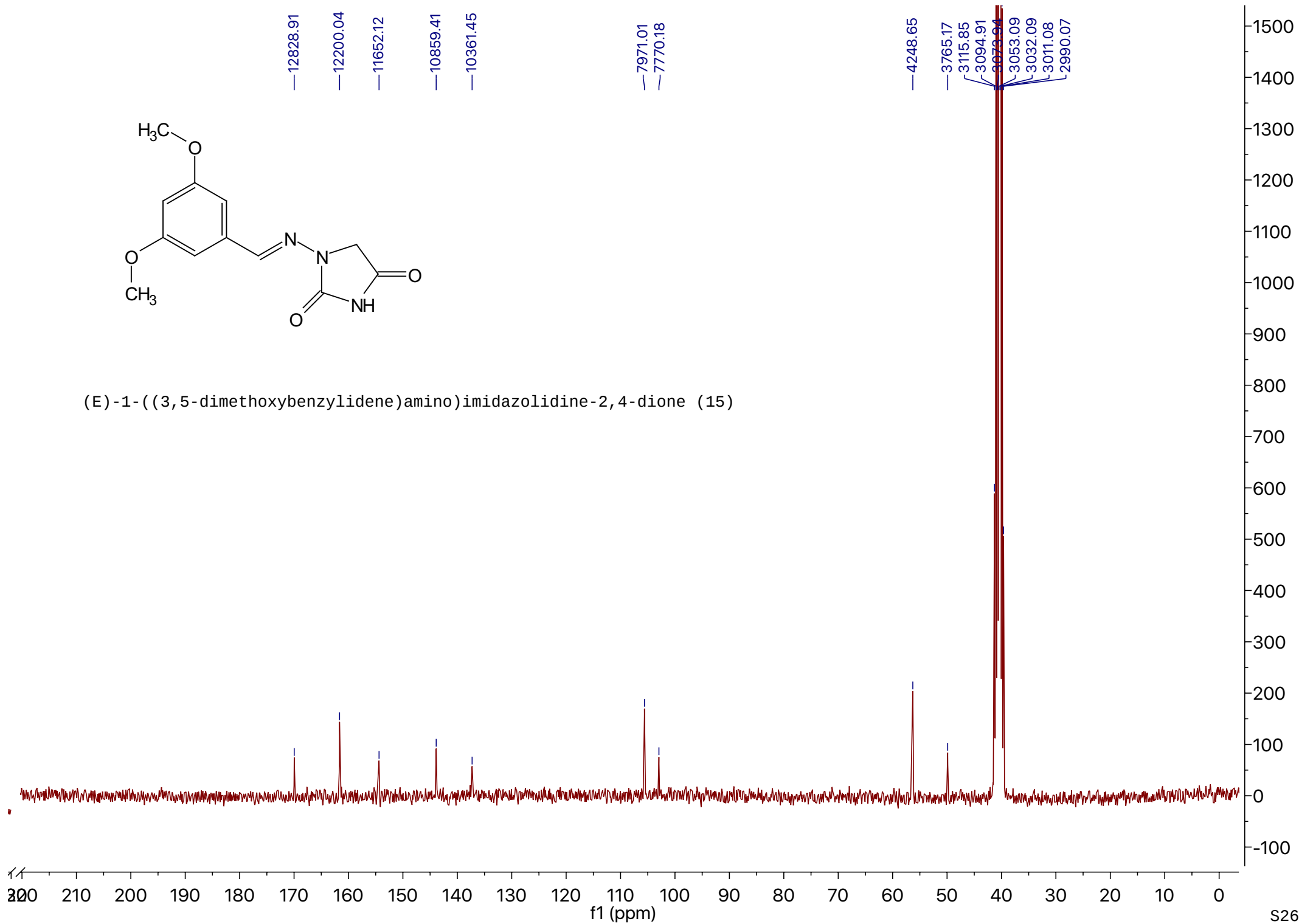


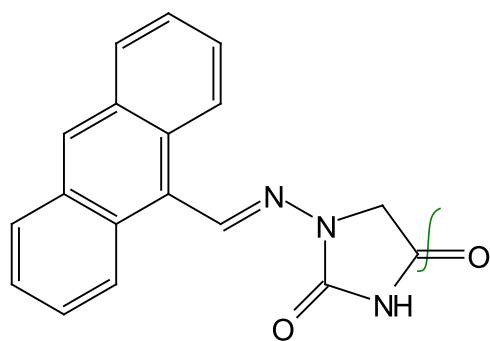
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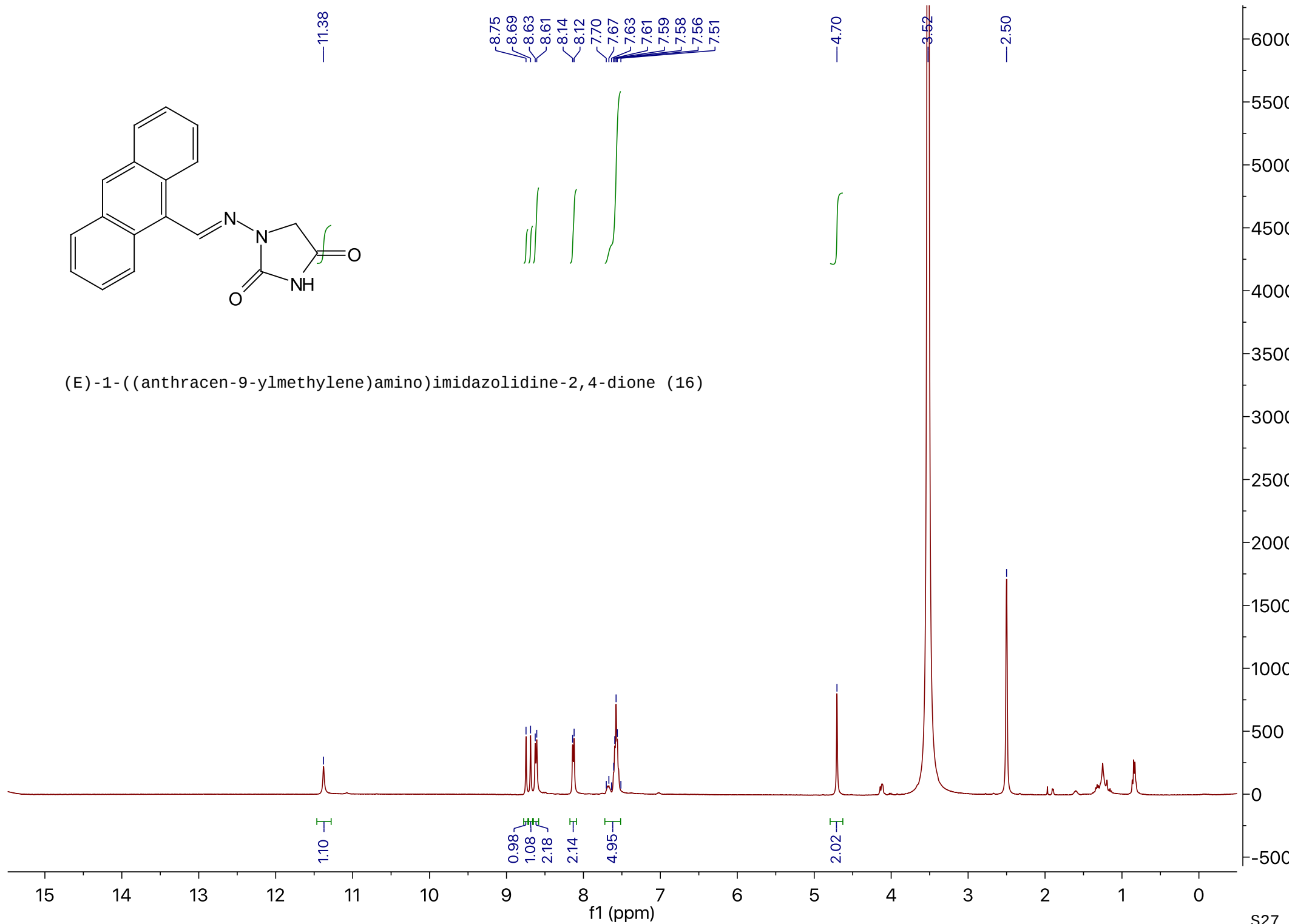


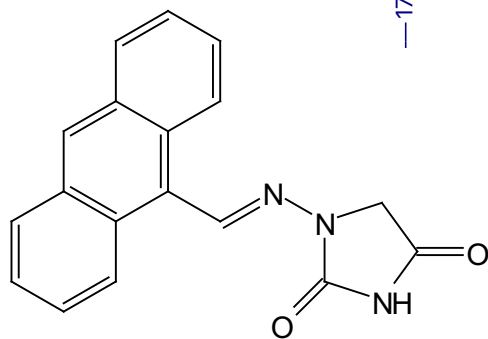
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(E)-1-((anthracen-9-ylmethylene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (16)





(E)-1-((anthracen-9-ylmethylene)amino)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (16)

