

Supporting Information

Copper-catalyzed direct sulfenoamination of saturated ketones via *in situ* formed enaminones

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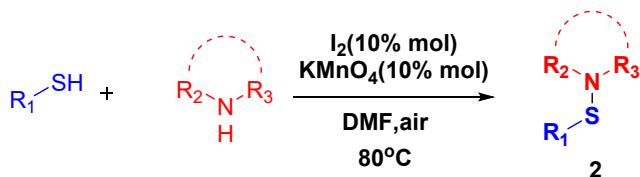
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1 General Information

All reagents used in the experiments were obtained from commercial sources and used without further purification. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) employed glass 0.25 mm silica gel plates. All NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE 400 for ^1H and ^{13}C NMR in CDCl_3 . The NMR chemical shift was reported in ppm relative to 7.26 / 77.23 ppm of CDCl_3 as the standards of ^1H and ^{13}C NMR, respectively. The HRMS of products were tested on electrospray ionization quadrupole time-of-flight (ESI-Q-TOF) mass spectrometer. IR was tested on Bruker ALPHA. Besides, melting point was tested on micro melting point apparatus.



2 General procedure for the synthesis of sulfenamides 2

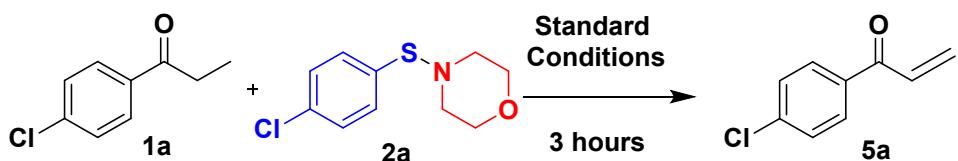
Sulfenamides 2 were synthesized according to the reported literatures.^{1,2}

General method: A mixture of I_2 (50.8 mg, 0.20 mmol), KMnO_4 (32 mg, 0.20 mmol), amine (2.0 mmol), thiophenol (2.0 mmol) and DMF (10 mL) was stirred at 80°C under air for 12 h. After completion of reaction (monitored by TLC), the mixture was washed with water and extracted with ethyl acetate then dried over Na_2SO_4 . The organic layer was then evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was separated by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300) with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate to get the desired product 2.

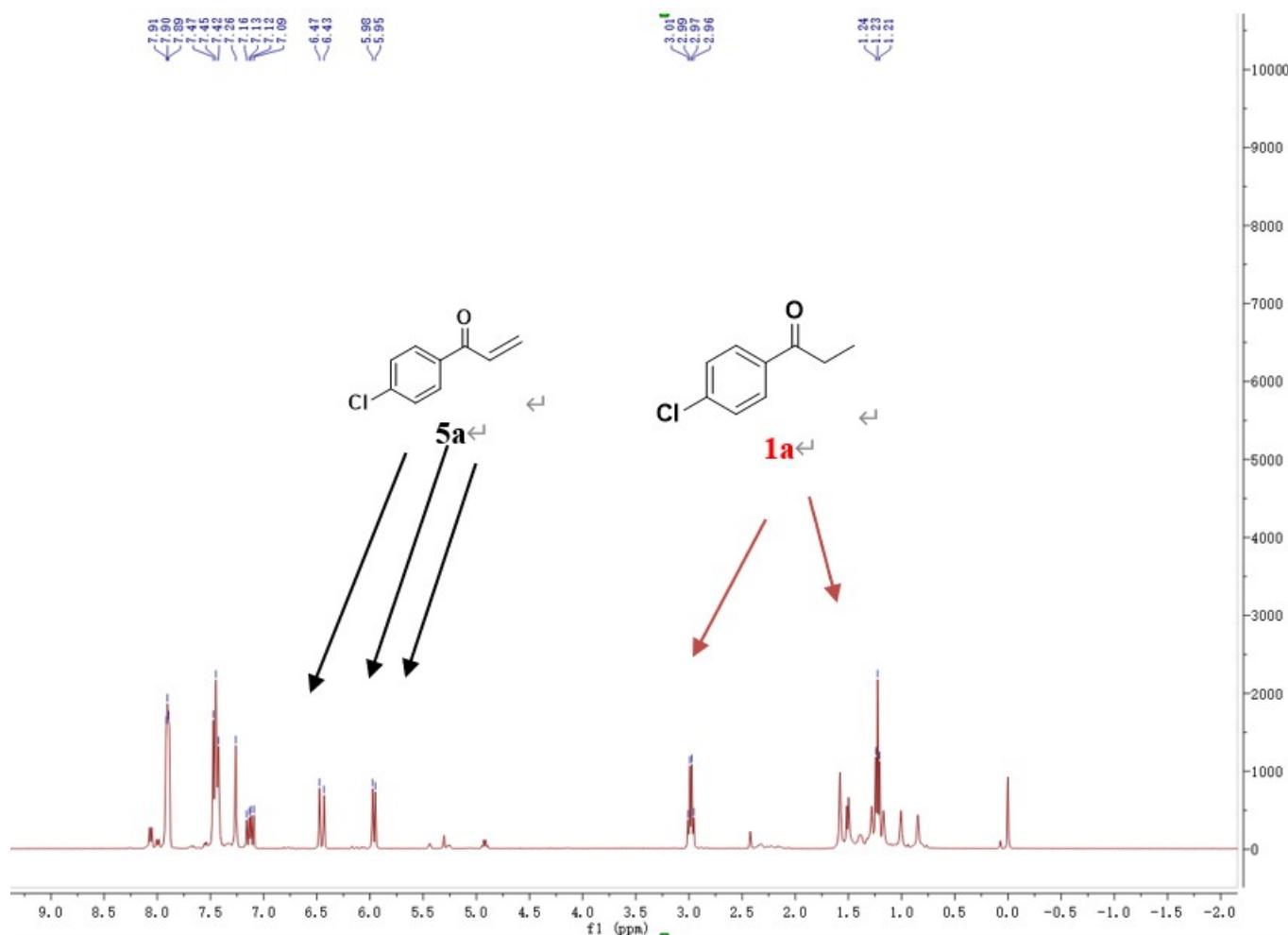
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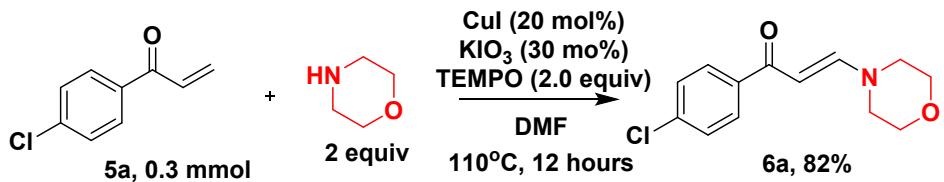
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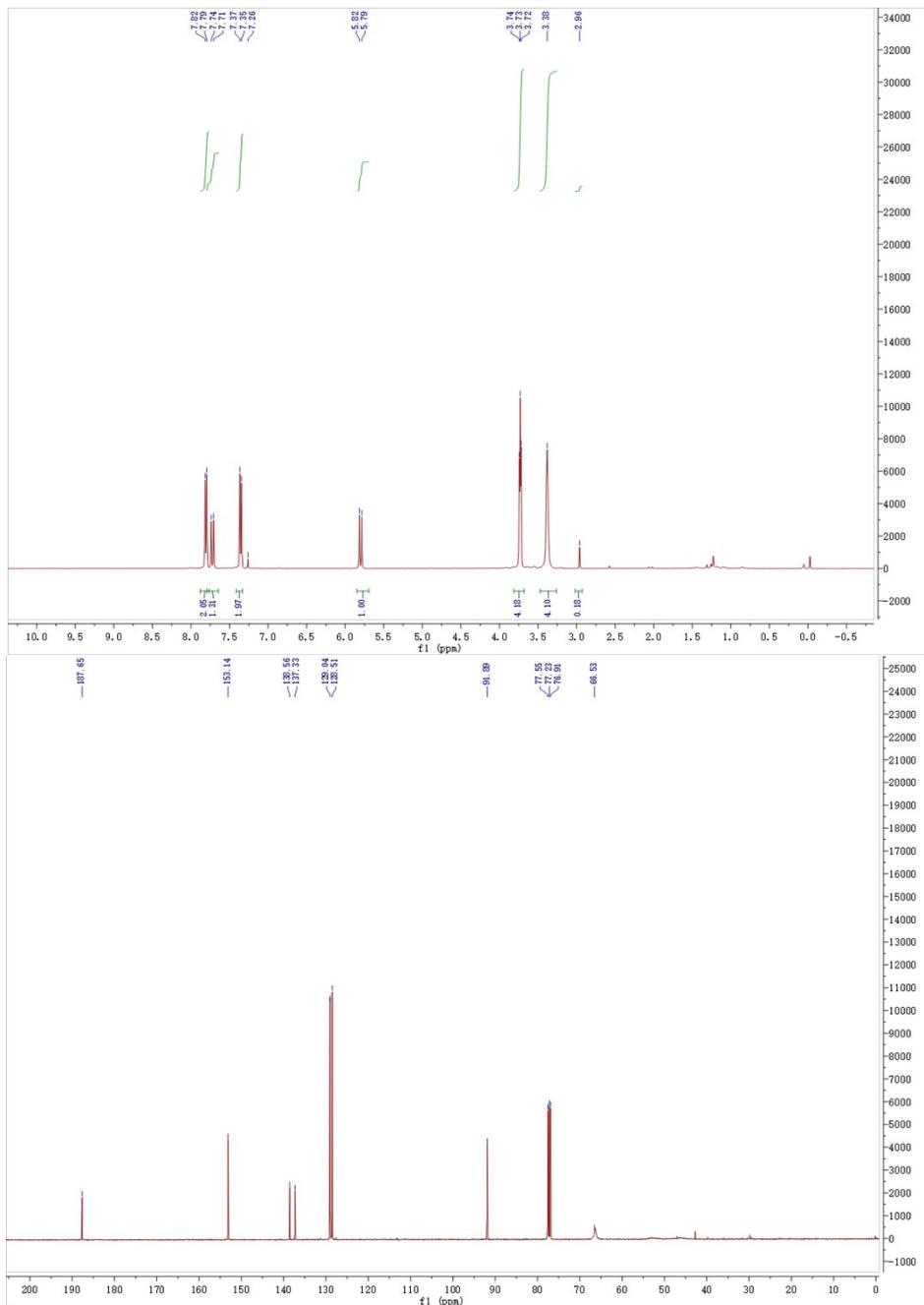
A mixture of sulfenamide (0.3 mmol), 1-(4-chlorophenyl)propan-1-one **1a** (2.0 equiv), CuI (20 mol%), KIO₃ (30 mol%), TEMPO (2.0 equiv) and DMF (1.5 mL) was stirred at 110°C in heating mantle under air atmosphere for 3 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was washed with water and extracted with ethyl acetate then dried over Na₂SO₄. The organic layer was then evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was separated by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300) with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (20:1) to get the mixture products with small polarity. The mixture was then measured on the H-NMR. The formation of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one **5a** was confirmed via α,β -desaturation of saturated ketone **1a**.



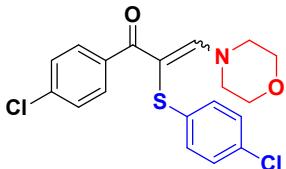
4 Control experiment of 6a



A mixture of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)prop-2-en-1-one **5a** (0.3 mmol), morpholine (0.6 mmol), CuI (20 mol%), KIO₃ (30 mol%), TEMPO (2.0 equiv) and DMF (1.5 mL) was stirred at 110°C in heating mantle under air atmosphere for 12 hours. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was washed with water and extracted with ethyl acetate then dried over Na₂SO₄. The organic layer was then evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was separated by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300) with petroleum ether/ethyl acetate (2:1) to get the desired product **6a** (61.7 mg, 82%).

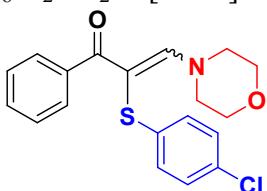


5 Characterization of products



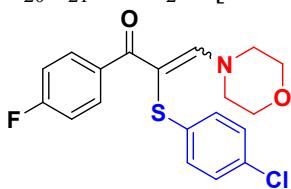
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3a)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3a** was isolated as a white solid (m.p. 145°C) (94.3 mg, 80%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 4H), 3.63 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.1, 156.1, 139.1, 137.7, 136.2, 131.0, 129.5, 129.4, 128.2, 126.4, 93.9, 67.0, 51.6 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3012, 2964, 2908, 2863, 1627, 1546, 1469, 1304, 1236, 1086, 1006, 905, 849, 805, 756, 612, 487, 442; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈Cl₂NO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 394.0430, found 394.0410.



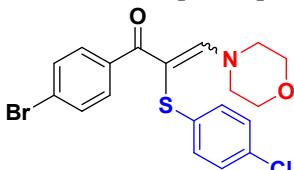
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholino-1-(p-tolyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3b)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3b** was isolated as a white solid (m.p. 118-119°C) (60.4 mg, 54%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 4H), 3.62 (s, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.9, 156.2, 140.6, 137.9, 137.8, 130.8, 129.3, 128.7, 128.4, 126.6, 94.9, 67.0, 51.7 (brs), 21.7; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2956, 2924, 2852, 1618, 1546, 1469, 1441, 1312, 1264, 1107, 1091, 950, 901, 825, 744, 495; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 373.0976, found 374.0965.



2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3c)

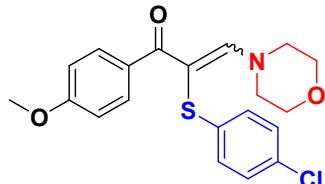
Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3c** was isolated as a white solid (m.p. 139-141°C) (83.7 mg, 74%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.64 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.0, 163.9 (d, *J* = 248.4 Hz), 156.0, 137.7, 136.6 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 131.0, 130.5 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 129.4, 126.5, 114.9 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 94.0, 67.0, 51.8 (brs); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ -109.9-110.0 (m, 1F); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2960, 2920, 2852, 1627, 1594, 1546, 1469, 1308, 1220, 1086, 1006, 905, 808, 623, 487; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈ClFNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 378.0725, found 378.0707.



1-(4-bromophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3d)

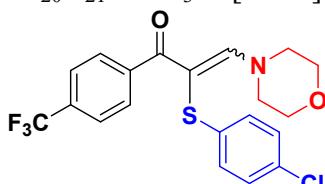
Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3d** was isolated as a white solid (m.p. 142-144°C) (91.8 mg, 70%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 4H), 3.63 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 195.1, 156.1, 137.7, 137.1, 131.1, 131.0, 129.7, 129.4, 126.4, 124.6, 93.8, 67.0, 51.7 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3012, 2960, 2912, 2859, 1627, 1551, 1469, 1389, 1308, 1240, 1086, 1006, 905, 805, 756, 612,

487; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈BrClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 437.9925, found 437.9911.



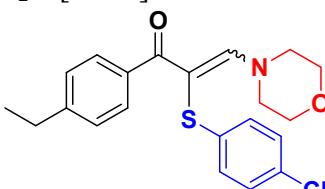
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3e)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1, **3e** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.137-139°C) (66.5 mg, 57%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (m, 7H), 3.60 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.9, 161.5, 155.8, 137.9, 132.8, 130.7, 130.6, 129.3, 126.5, 113.2, 94.5, 67.0, 55.5, 51.6 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2908, 2848, 1622, 1599, 1546, 1401, 1308, 1244, 1163, 1083, 1026, 909, 837, 808, 761, 623, 487; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 390.0925, found 390.0907.



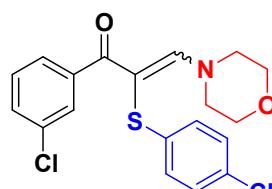
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholino-1-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3f)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3f** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.139-140°C) (94.8 mg, 74%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 4H), 3.65 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.3, 156.2, 144.4, 137.6, 131.6 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 131.1, 129.5, 128.0, 126.4, 125.0 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 124.1 (q, *J* = 270.6 Hz), 93.5, 67.0, 51.6 (brs); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.75 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2973, 2920, 2852, 1627, 1551, 1312, 1163, 1111, 905, 853, 817, 769, 668, 612, 469; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈ClF₃NO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 428.0693 found, 428.0676.



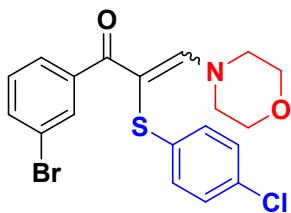
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-1-(4-ethylphenyl)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3g)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3g** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.109-111°C) (74.3 mg, 64%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 4H), 3.62 (s, 4H), 2.65 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.8, 156.2, 146.9, 137.9, 130.8, 129.3, 128.5, 127.5, 126.6, 95.0, 67.0, 51.7 (brs), 29.0, 15.5; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2956, 2924, 2852, 1627, 1554, 1474, 1308, 1086, 954, 905, 813, 756, 720, 620, 491; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₃ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 388.1133 found, 388.1113.



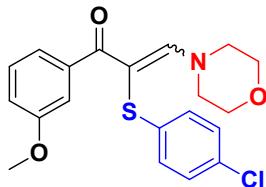
1-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3h)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3h** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.112-114°C) (83.7 mg, 71%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 4H), 3.64 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.7, 156.3, 142.6, 137.6, 134.0, 131.1, 130.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.1, 126.5, 126.0, 94.1, 67.0, 51.7 (brs). IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3053, 2964, 2912, 2852, 1627, 1538, 1474, 1304, 1115, 1026, 930, 817, 752, 680, 612, 491; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈Cl₂NO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 394.0430 found, 394.0430.



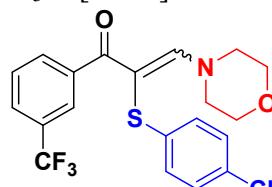
1-(3-bromophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3i)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3i** was isolated as a White solid (m.p.92-94°C) (91.8 mg, 70%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.64 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.6, 156.3, 142.8, 137.6, 133.0, 131.0, 130.9, 129.5, 129.4, 126.5, 126.4, 122.1, 94.0, 67.0, 51.8 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3049, 2964, 2900, 2852, 1622, 1534, 1474, 1304, 1232, 1115, 1091, 1006, 909, 817, 748, 668, 612, 487; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈BrClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 437.9925 found, 437.9931.



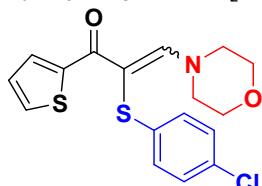
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (3j)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1, **3j** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.110-112°C) (67.7 mg, 58%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 4H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.6, 159.2, 156.5, 142.2, 137.8, 130.8, 129.3, 129.0, 126.5, 120.4, 116.3, 112.9, 94.7, 67.0, 55.4, 51.7 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3069, 2960, 2924, 2859, 1618, 1542, 1469, 1308, 1224, 1086, 958, 849, 744, 498; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 390.0925 found, 390.0929.



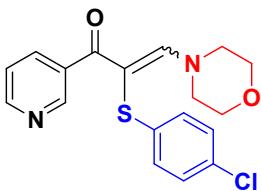
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholino-1-(3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)prop-2-en-1-one (3k)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3k** was isolated as a yellow oily liquid (67.9 mg, 53%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.68 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 4H), 3.65 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.9, 156.2, 141.5, 137.5, 131.1, 131.0, 130.2 (q, *J* = 32.3 Hz), 129.4, 128.4, 126.6 (q, *J* = 3.4 Hz), 126.4, 124.9 (q, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 124.0 (q, *J* = 270.8 Hz), 93.4, 67.0, 51.8 (brs); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -62.72 (s, 3F); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3072, 2966, 2924, 2856, 1633, 1561, 1473, 1337, 1122, 814, 751, 696, 485; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₁₈ClF₃NO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 428.0693 found, 428.0698.



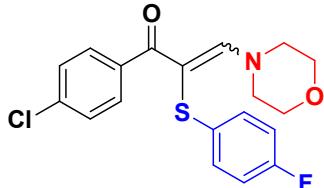
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholino-1-(thiophen-2-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3l)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3l** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.134-136°C) (59.1 mg, 54%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.20 (s, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.63 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 185.1, 156.0, 142.9, 137.8, 133.1, 132.2, 131.0, 129.4, 127.0, 126.3, 92.1, 67.0, 51.8 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3080, 3009, 2971, 2924, 2844, 1578, 1443, 1278, 1110, 1025, 857, 819, 717, 485; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇ClNO₂S₂ [M+H]⁺ 366.0384 found, 366.0371.



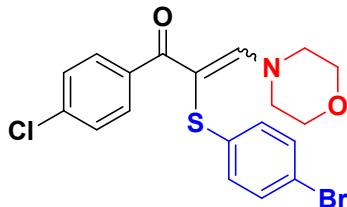
2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholino-1-(pyridin-3-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (3m)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **3m** was isolated as a yellow oily liquid (37.8 mg, 35%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.17 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.0, 158.4, 156.1, 150.6, 150.4, 148.6, 148.6, 137.4, 135.6, 131.2, 129.5, 129.3, 126.3, 126.2, 123.0, 93.5, 67.0, 51.8 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2920, 2856, 1624, 1582, 1473, 1300, 1100, 1025, 814, 705, 485; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈ClN₂O₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 361.0772 found, 366.0762.



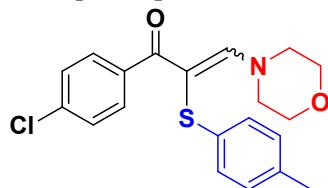
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-fluorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4a)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4a** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.144-146°C) (79.2 mg, 70%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 4H), 3.63 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.1, 161.1 (d, *J* = 243 Hz), 155.9, 139.1, 136.1, 134.0, 129.6, 128.1, 127.0 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 116.4 (d, *J* = 21.9 Hz), 94.9, 67.0, 51.7 (brs); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -117.69-117.76 (m, 1F); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2971, 2920, 2869, 1620, 1536, 1486, 1303, 1219, 1106, 907, 823, 755, 675, 620, 502; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈ClFNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 378.0725 found, 378.0735.



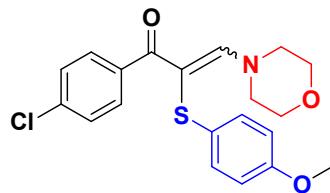
2-((4-bromophenyl)thio)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4b)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4b** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.161-162°C) (94.4 mg, 72%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.64 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.1, 156.1, 139.0, 138.4, 136.2, 132.3, 129.5, 128.2, 126.7, 118.8, 93.7, 67.0, 51.6 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3012, 2960, 2912, 2855, 1627, 1546, 1465, 1308, 1095, 1002, 905, 801, 756, 612, 483; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈BrClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 437.9925 found, 437.9931.



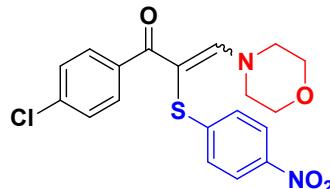
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholino-2-(p-tolylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (4c)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4c** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.149-150°C) (69.4 mg, 62%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.60 (s, 4H), 2.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.4, 155.8, 139.3, 135.9, 135.4, 135.0, 130.1, 129.6, 128.0, 125.2, 94.5, 67.0, 51.5 (brs), 21.1; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2916, 2852, 1627, 1546, 1401, 1308, 1095, 1015, 905, 845, 805, 756, 620, 491; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 374.0976 found, 374.0980.



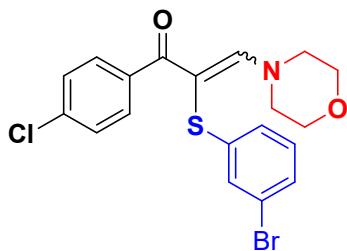
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4d)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1, **4d** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.98-100°C) (77.0 mg, 66%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (s, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.4, 157.9, 155.6, 139.4, 136.0, 129.7, 129.6, 128.0, 127.1, 115.1, 95.6, 67.0, 55.5, 51.7 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2968, 2855, 1622, 1546, 1308, 1236, 1095, 905, 813, 756, 612, 446; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 390.0925 found, 390.0928.



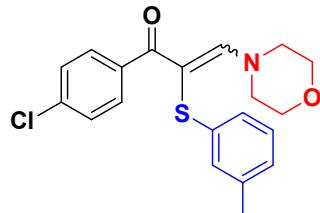
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholino-2-((4-nitrophenyl)thio)prop-2-en-1-one (4e)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4e** was isolated as a yellow oily liquid (114.7 mg, 77%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 4H), 3.65 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.3, 156.7, 148.8, 145.3, 138.6, 136.5, 129.6, 128.4, 124.9, 124.5, 92.4, 66.9, 51.6 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2962, 2920, 2856, 1578, 1334, 1110, 903, 852, 730, 465; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈ClN₂O₄S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 405.0670 found, 405.0659.



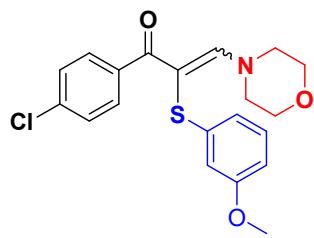
2-((3-bromophenyl)thio)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4f)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4f** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.103-105°C) (107.5 mg, 82%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.64 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.0, 156.2, 141.5, 139.0, 136.3, 130.7, 129.6, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 123.7, 123.5, 93.3, 67.0, 52.1 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2958, 2920, 2844, 1624, 1549, 1452, 1303, 1093, 903, 836, 773, 680, 447; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈BrClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 437.9925 found, 437.9933.



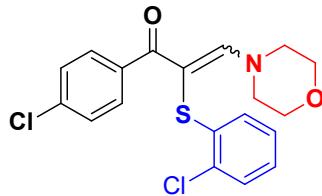
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholino-2-(m-tolylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (4g)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4g** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.116-117°C) (88.4 mg, 79%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 4H), 3.59 (s, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.3, 155.8, 139.3, 139.0, 138.7, 135.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.0, 126.1, 125.6, 122.1, 94.0, 67.0, 51.6 (brs), 21.6; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3041, 2977, 2896, 2855, 1614, 1534, 1437, 1304, 1176, 1107, 1034, 970, 905, 849, 773, 688, 616, 446; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 374.0976 found, 374.0982.



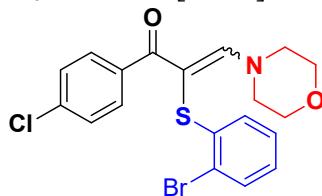
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((3-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4h)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1, **4h** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.85-87°C) (88.7 mg, 76%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71-6.65 (m, 3H), 3.86 (s, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.3, 160.4, 156.0, 140.5, 139.3, 136.1, 130.2, 129.6, 128.1, 117.5, 110.9, 110.7, 93.9, 67.1, 55.5, 51.6 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2958, 2920, 2853, 1591, 1477, 1308, 1232, 1110, 1029, 907, 836, 751, 675, 447; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 390.0925 found, 390.0927.



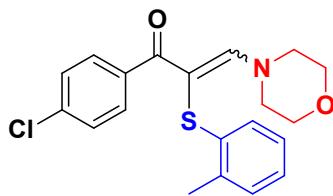
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((2-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4i)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4i** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.166-167°C) (103.8 mg, 88%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 4H), 3.60 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.9, 156.2, 138.9, 137.6, 136.2, 130.6, 130.0, 129.6, 128.1, 127.4, 126.1, 93.0, 67.0, 51.6 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2968, 2900, 2848, 1627, 1551, 1450, 1312, 1095, 1030, 954, 905, 849, 744, 676, 616, 483; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈Cl₂NO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 394.0430 found, 394.0434.



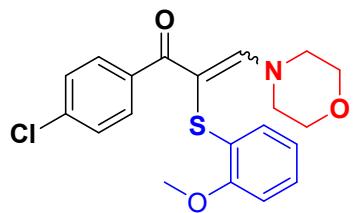
2-((2-bromophenyl)thio)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4j)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4j** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.127-129°C) (120.6 mg, 92%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.44-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.07-6.94 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 4H), 3.59 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.9, 156.2, 139.5, 138.8, 136.2, 133.2, 129.6, 128.1, 128.0, 126.3, 126.2, 120.2, 93.8, 67.0, 51.8 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3059, 2971, 2899, 2849, 1629, 1552, 1443, 1316, 1088, 1013, 954, 903, 848, 743, 675, 612, 477; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈BrClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 437.9925 found, 437.9926.



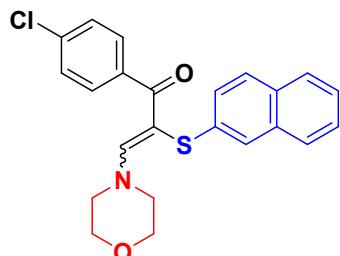
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholino-2-(o-tolylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (4k)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4k** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.159-161°C) (95.1 mg, 85%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.00 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 4H), 3.59 (s, 4H), 2.21 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.3, 156.0, 139.2, 137.6, 135.9, 134.4, 130.4, 129.5, 128.0, 126.8, 124.9, 124.4, 93.6, 67.0, 51.6 (brs), 19.8; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3065, 2964, 2908, 2848, 1627, 1551, 1441, 1316, 1272, 1095, 950, 901, 853, 741, 672, 616, 474; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 374.0976 found, 374.0983.



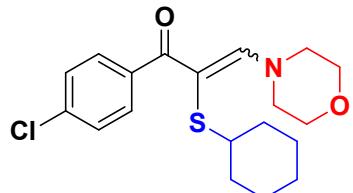
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((2-methoxyphenyl)thio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4l)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 1:1, **4l** was isolated as a yellow oily liquid (86.4 mg, 74%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.81 (m, 7H), 3.60 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.5, 156.1, 155.5, 139.2, 136.0, 129.6, 128.0, 127.0, 126.0, 125.5, 121.5, 110.8, 92.7, 67.1, 56.0, 51.8 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2962, 2920, 2853, 1578, 1473, 1232, 1093, 1013, 903, 832, 751, 468; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₀H₂₁ClNO₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 390.0925 found, 390.0930.



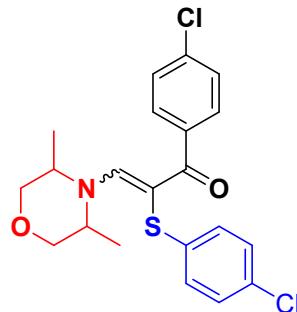
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-morpholino-2-(naphthalen-1-ylthio)prop-2-en-1-one (4m)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4m** was isolated as a yellow oily liquid (70.0 mg, 57%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.77-7.69 (m, 3H), 7.48-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H), 3.86-3.67 (m, 4H), 3.57 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.4, 156.1, 139.2, 136.6, 136.0, 134.1, 131.5, 129.5, 129.0, 128.0, 127.9, 126.9, 126.9, 125.4, 123.8, 122.5, 93.5, 67.0, 51.7 (brs); IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3051, 2966, 2916, 2853, 1578, 1439, 1303, 1093, 1013, 903, 814, 730, 468; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₃H₂₁ClNO₂S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 410.0976 found, 410.0957.



1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-(cyclohexylthio)-3-morpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4n)

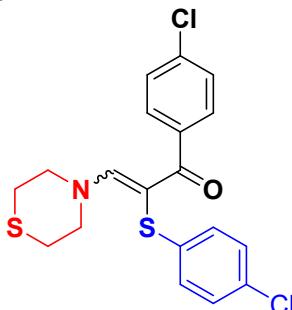
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1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-(3,5-dimethylmorpholino)prop-2-en-1-one (4o)

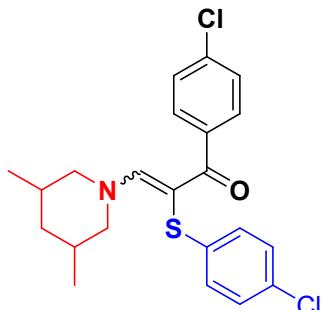
Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4o** was isolated as a White solid (m.p. 159-161°C) (88.4 mg, 70%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (bs, 2H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 1.09 (d,

J = 8.0 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.1, 155.6, 139.2, 137.7, 136.1, 131.0, 129.5, 129.4, 128.2, 126.5, 93.6, 72.3, 57.4 (brs), 18.6; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2964, 2904, 2855, 1627, 1546, 1469, 1301, 1091, 1010, 898, 845, 756, 487; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 422.0743 found, 422.0725.



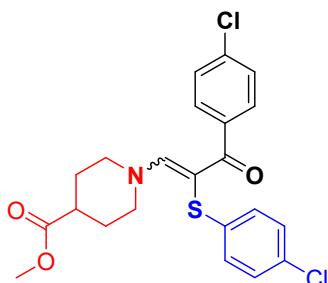
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-thiomorpholinoprop-2-en-1-one (4p)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4p** was isolated as a pale yellow solid (m.p.139-142°C) (42.9mg, 35%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (s, 4H), 2.63 (s, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.2, 156.2, 139.1, 137.6, 136.2, 131.0, 129.6, 129.4, 128.2, 126.5, 94.2, 54.9 (brs), 28.3; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 3000, 2912, 1624, 1545, 1468, 1321, 1088, 1009, 954, 891, 755, 477; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{NOS}_2^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 410.0201 found, 410.0190.



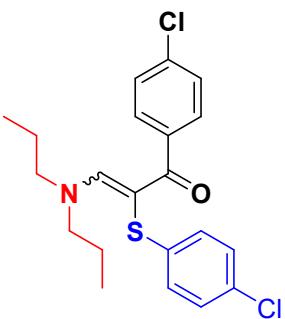
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-(3,5-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)prop-2-en-1-one (4q)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4q** was isolated as a white solid (m.p.161-162°C) (84.2 mg, 67%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20-3.50 (m, 2H), 2.56 (bs, 2H), 1.82-1.30 (m, 3H), 0.80 (m, 7H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.0, 155.9, 139.5, 138.3, 135.6, 130.5, 129.3, 129.0, 127.9, 126.2, 92.3, 53.3 (brs), 41.8, 32.5, 18.7; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2949, 2903, 1624, 1545, 1468, 1316, 1088, 1009, 907, 848, 755, 477; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{Cl}_2\text{NOS}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 420.0950 found, 420.0934.



Methyl-1-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)piperidine-4-carboxylate (4r)

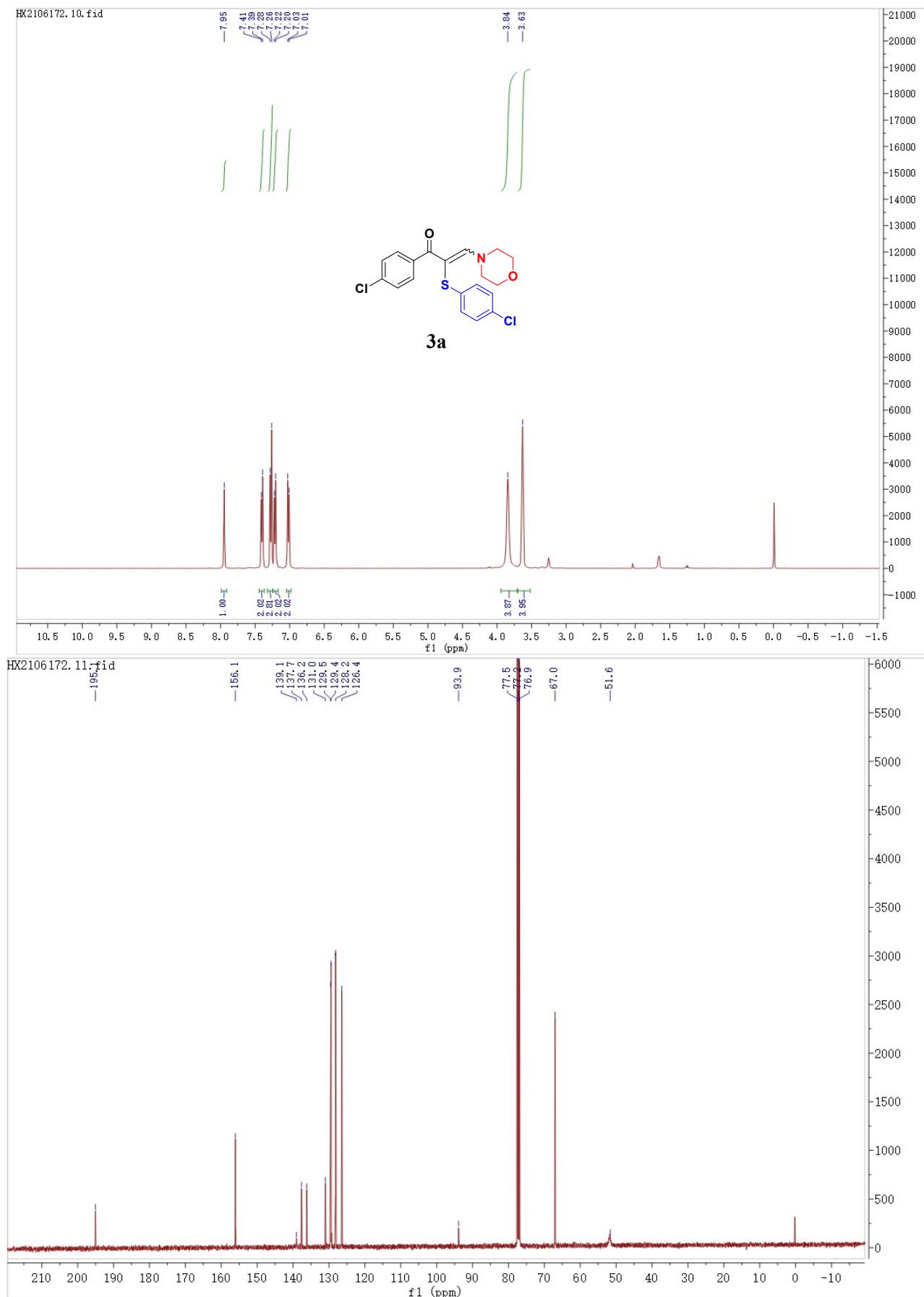
Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4r** was isolated as a yellow oily liquid (67.4 mg, 50%); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.29 (bs, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.35 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 194.9, 173.9, 156.3, 139.2, 137.9, 135.8, 130.6, 129.3, 129.1, 127.9, 126.3, 93.3, 52.1, 50.6 (brs), 40.0, 28.5; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2949, 1730, 1578, 1473, 1283, 1088, 1038, 907, 814, 730, 481; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_3\text{S}^+ [\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 450.0692 found, 450.0676.

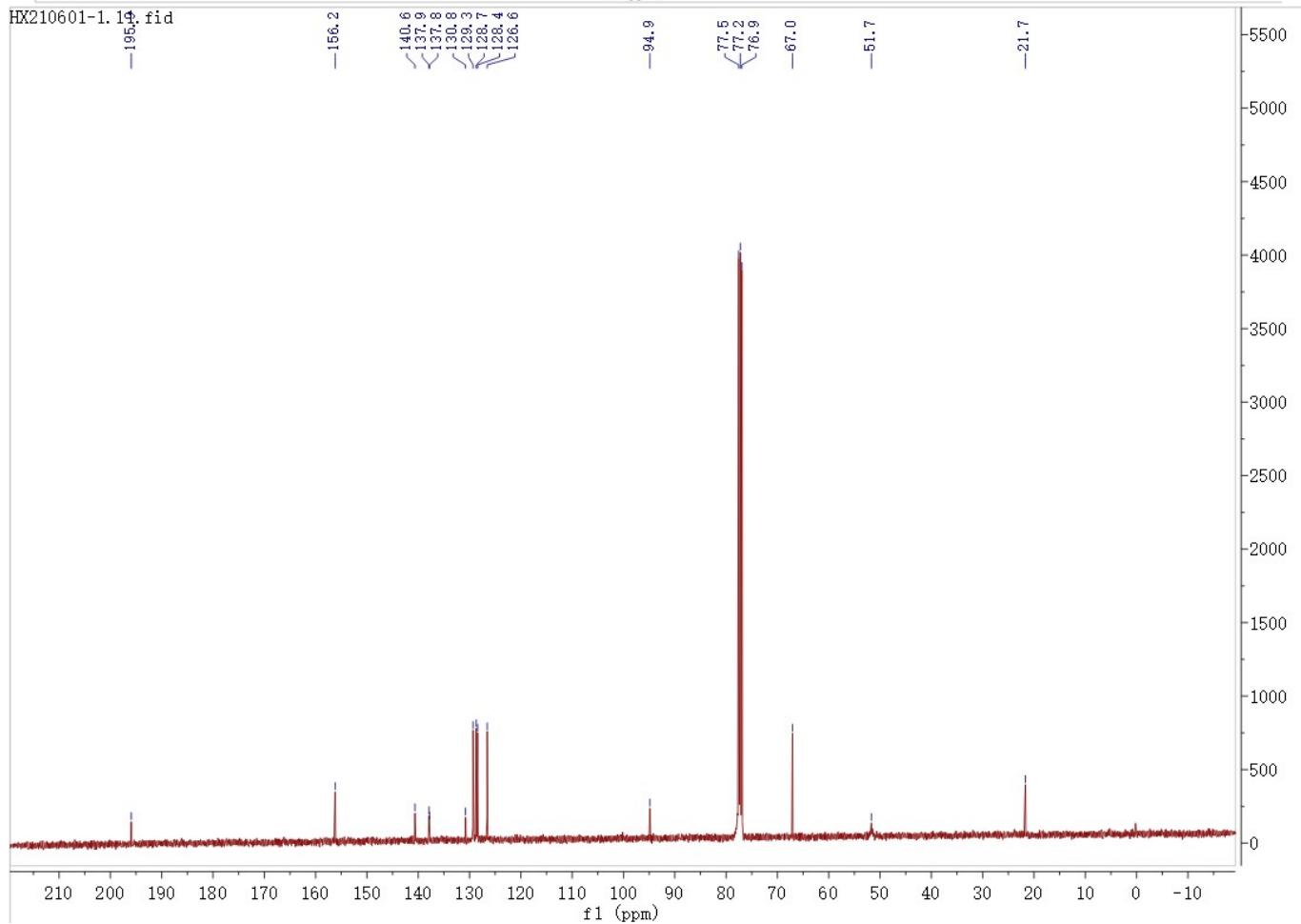
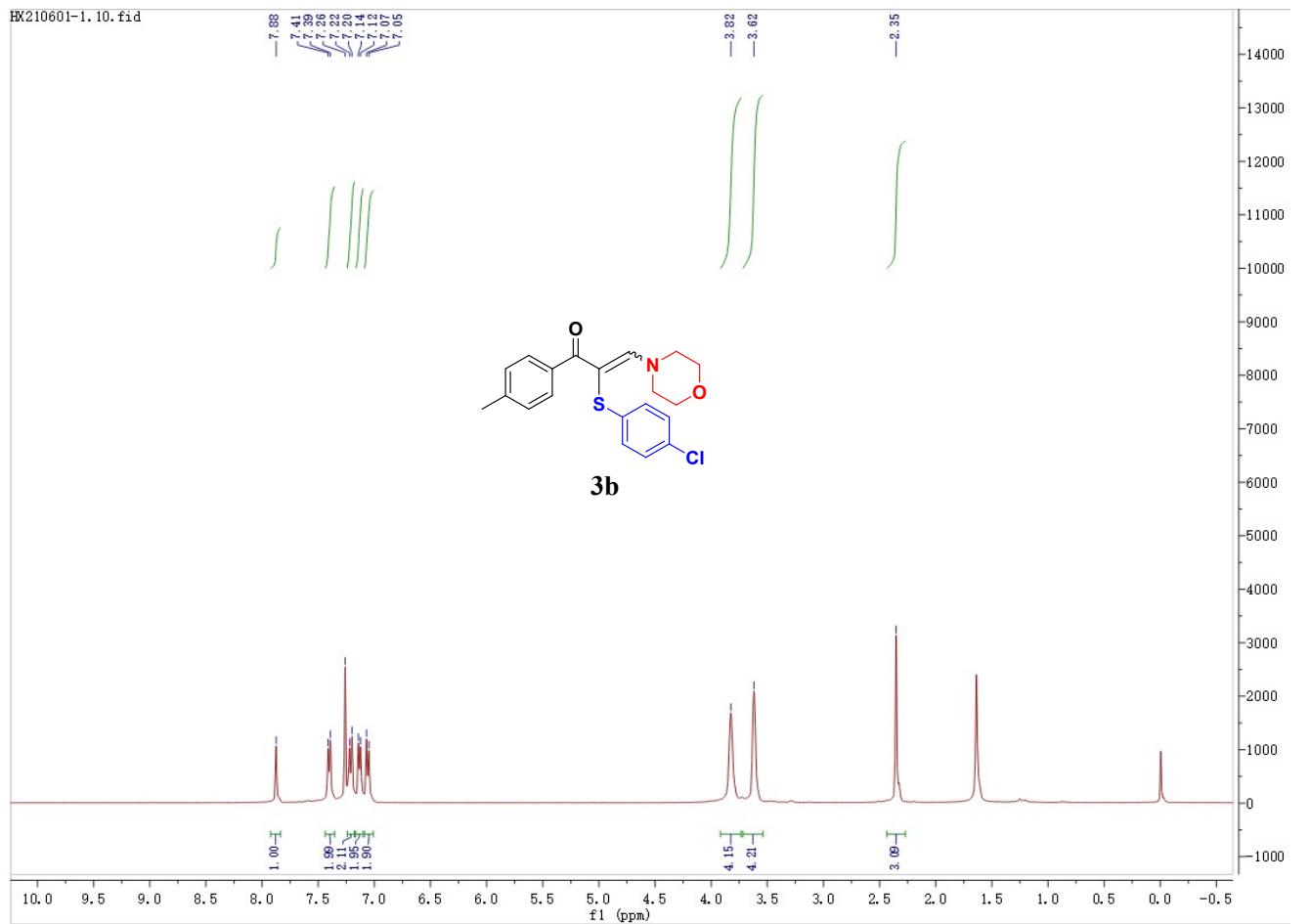


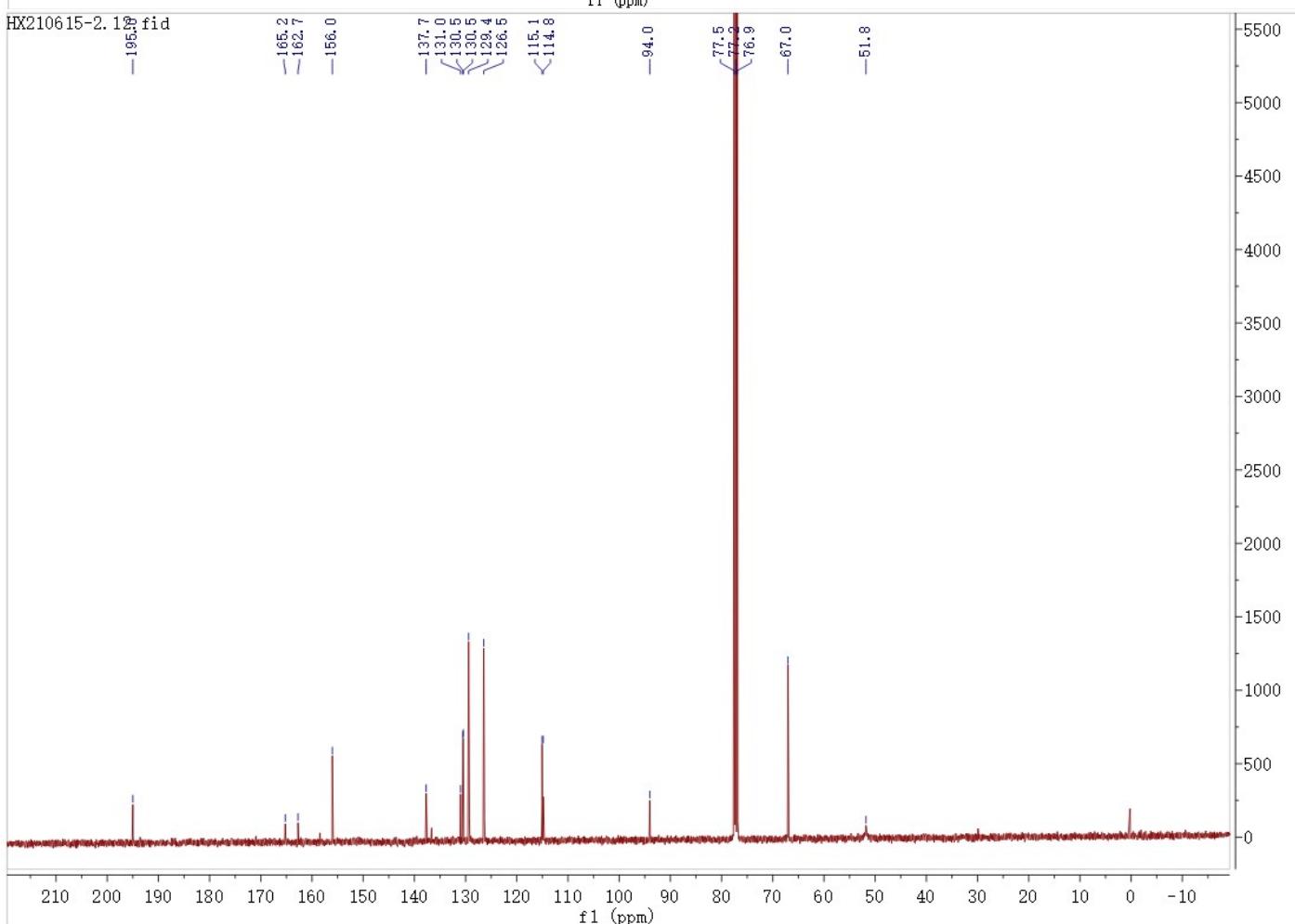
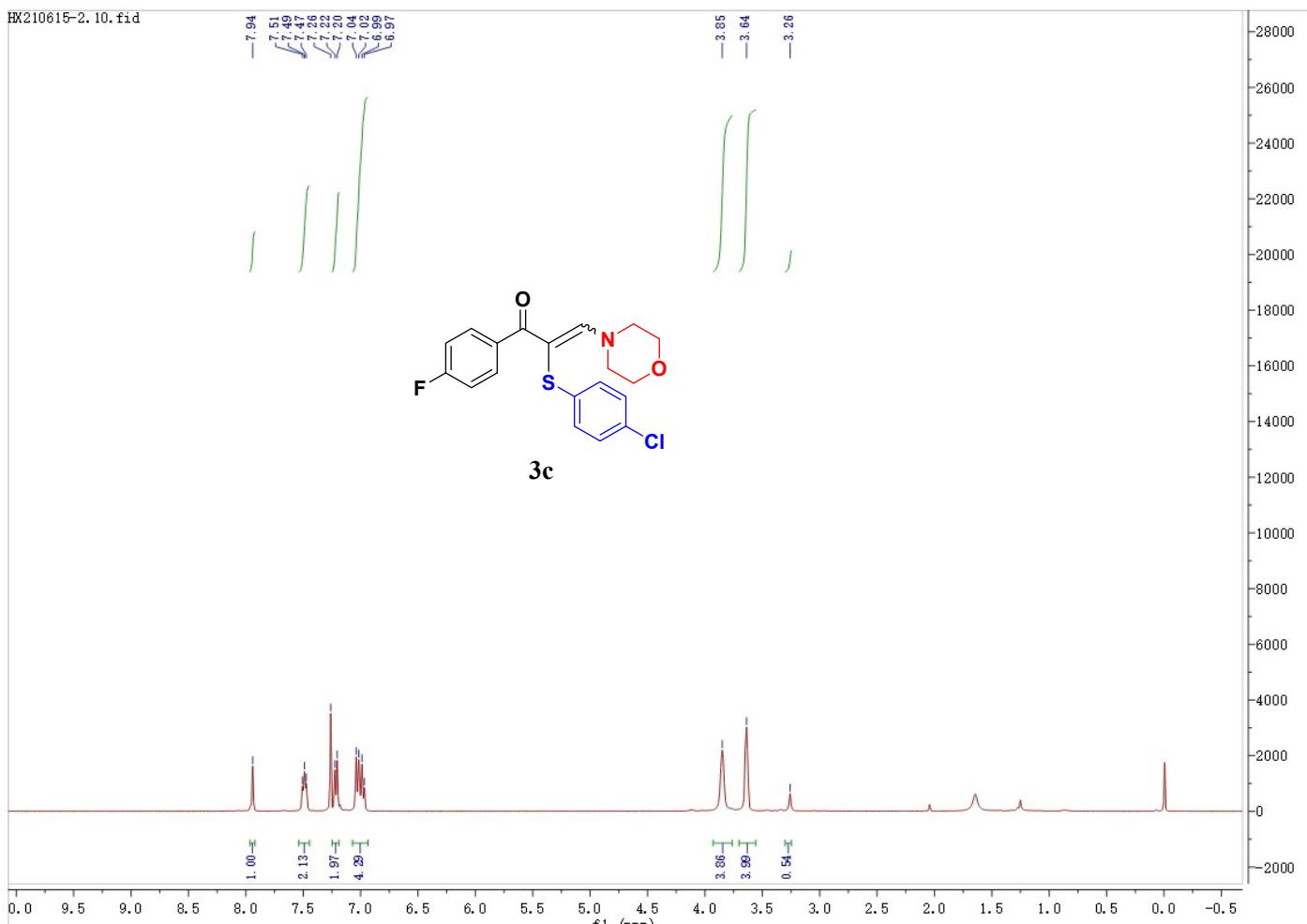
1-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-((4-chlorophenyl)thio)-3-(dipropylamino)prop-2-en-1-one (4s)

Eluent in chromatography: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate 2:1, **4s** was isolated as a white solid (m.p. 89–91°C) (52.5 mg, 43%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (bs, 2H), 3.26 (bs, 2H), 1.62 (s, 4H), 0.86 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 195.1, 157.2, 139.8, 139.2, 135.8, 130.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.1, 126.1, 93.0, 50.5 (brs), 22.6, 11.0; IR (KBr): ν_{max} 2966, 1624, 1582, 1401, 1088, 1009, 814, 755, 608, 481; HRMS(ESI, *m/z*) calcd. for C₂₁H₂₄Cl₂NOS⁺ [M+H]⁺ 408.0950 found, 408.0931.

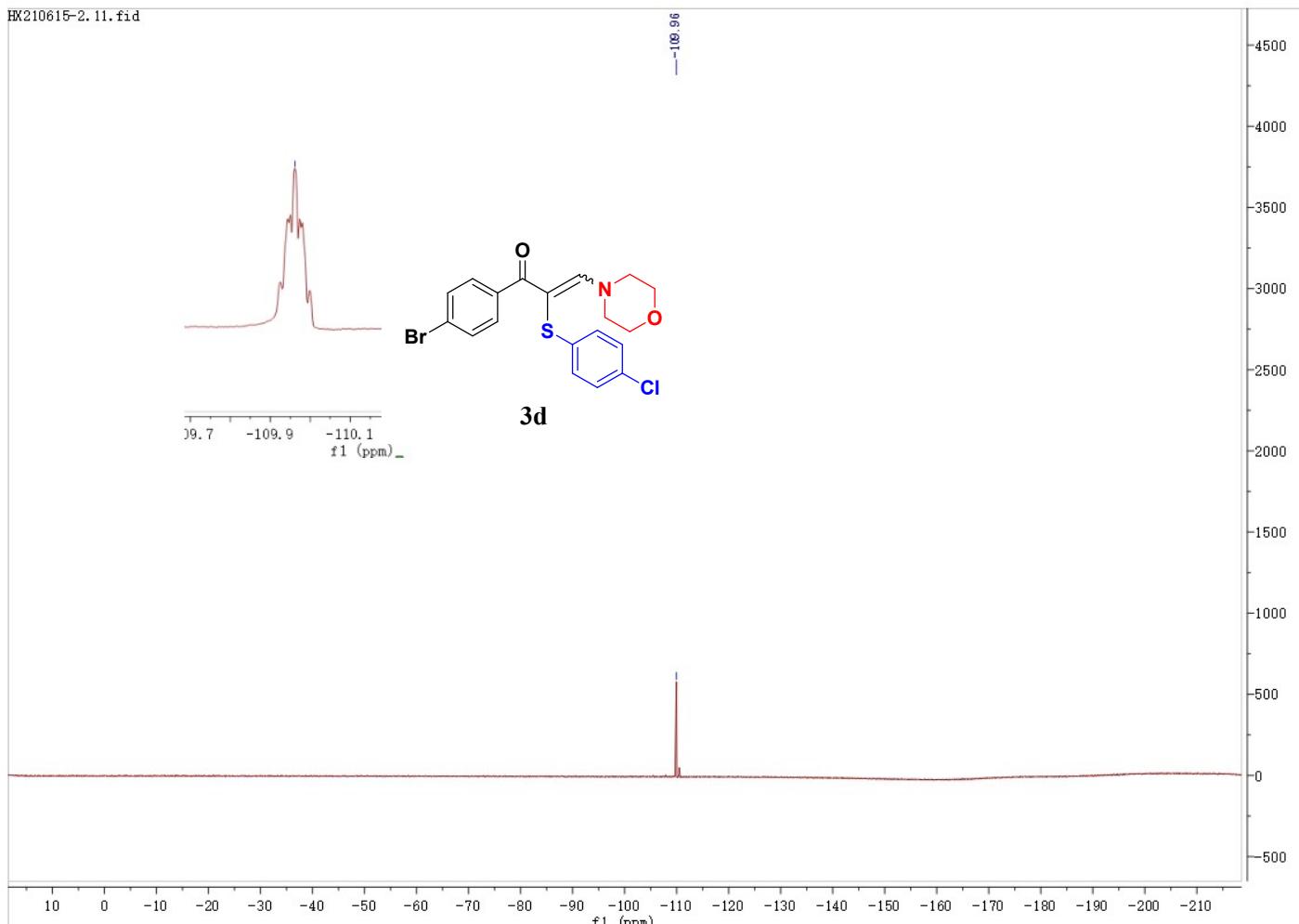
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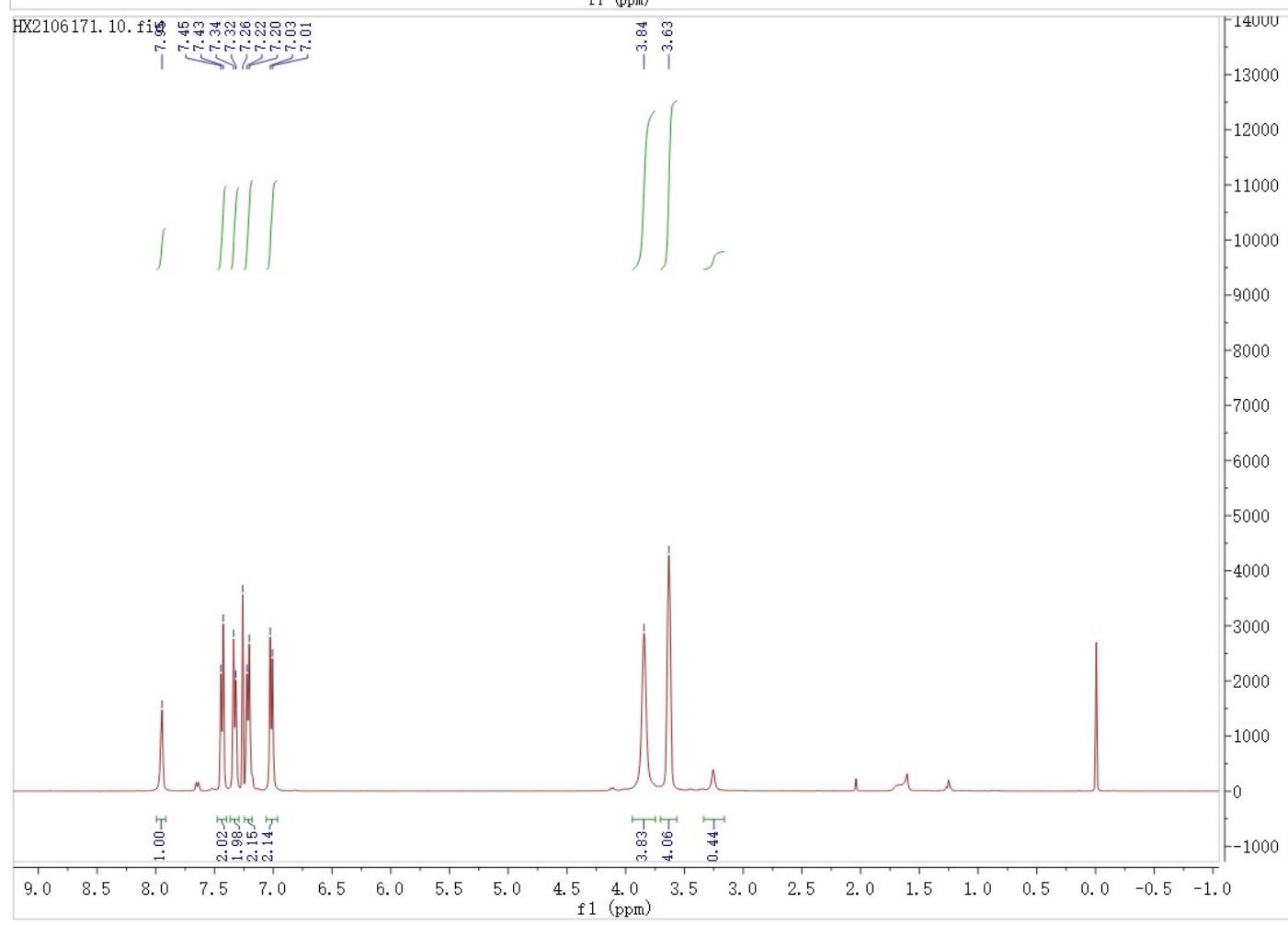


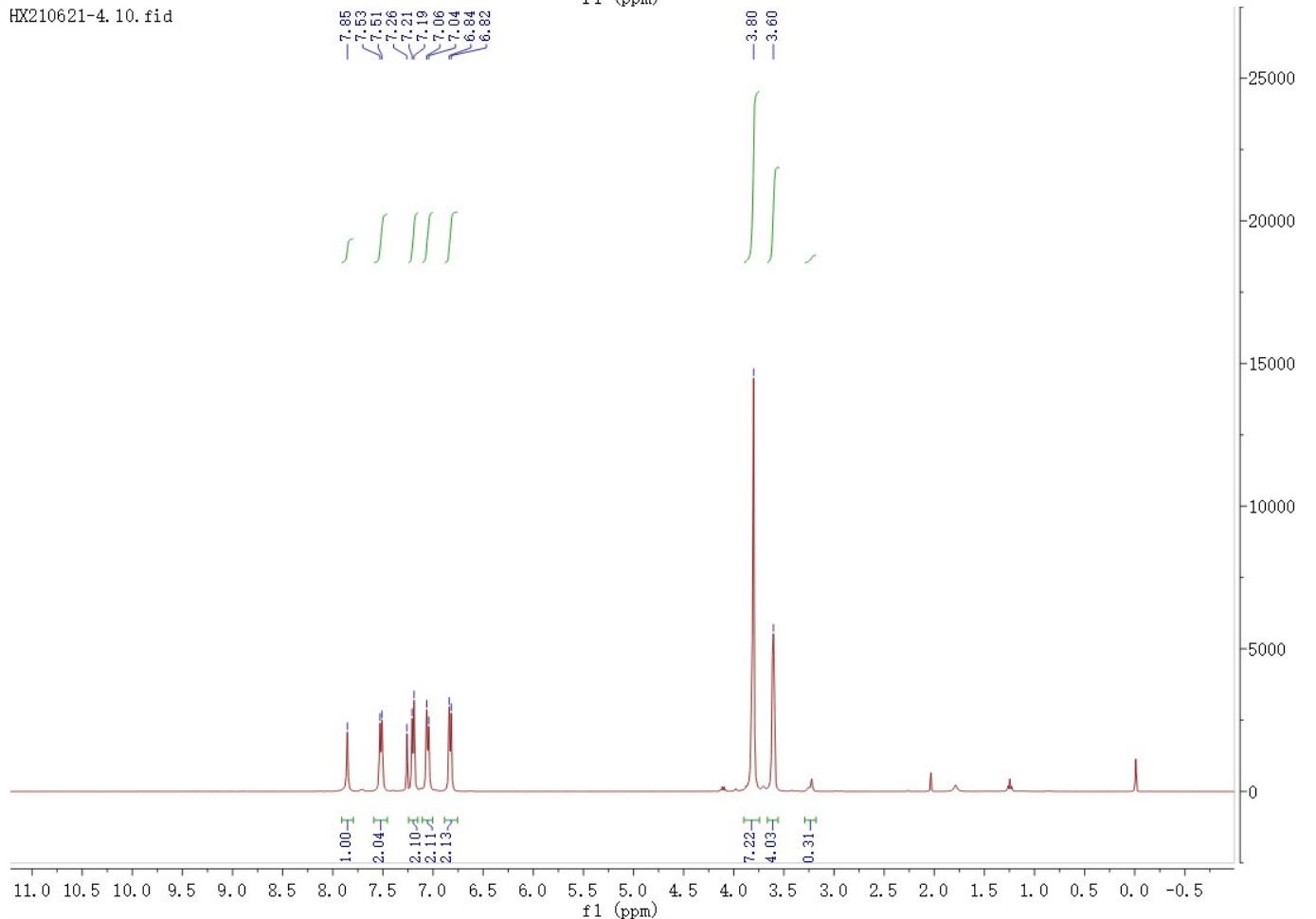
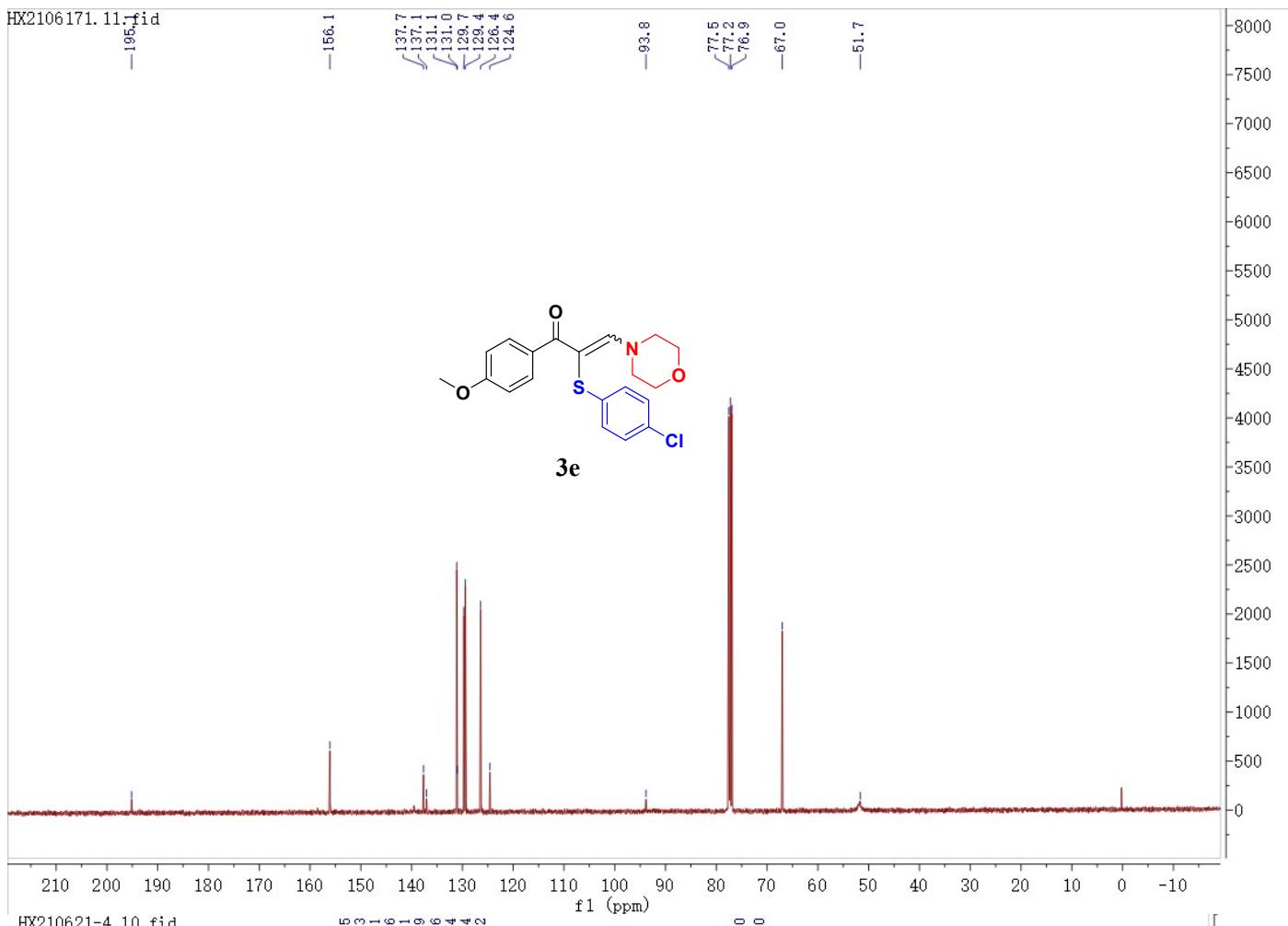


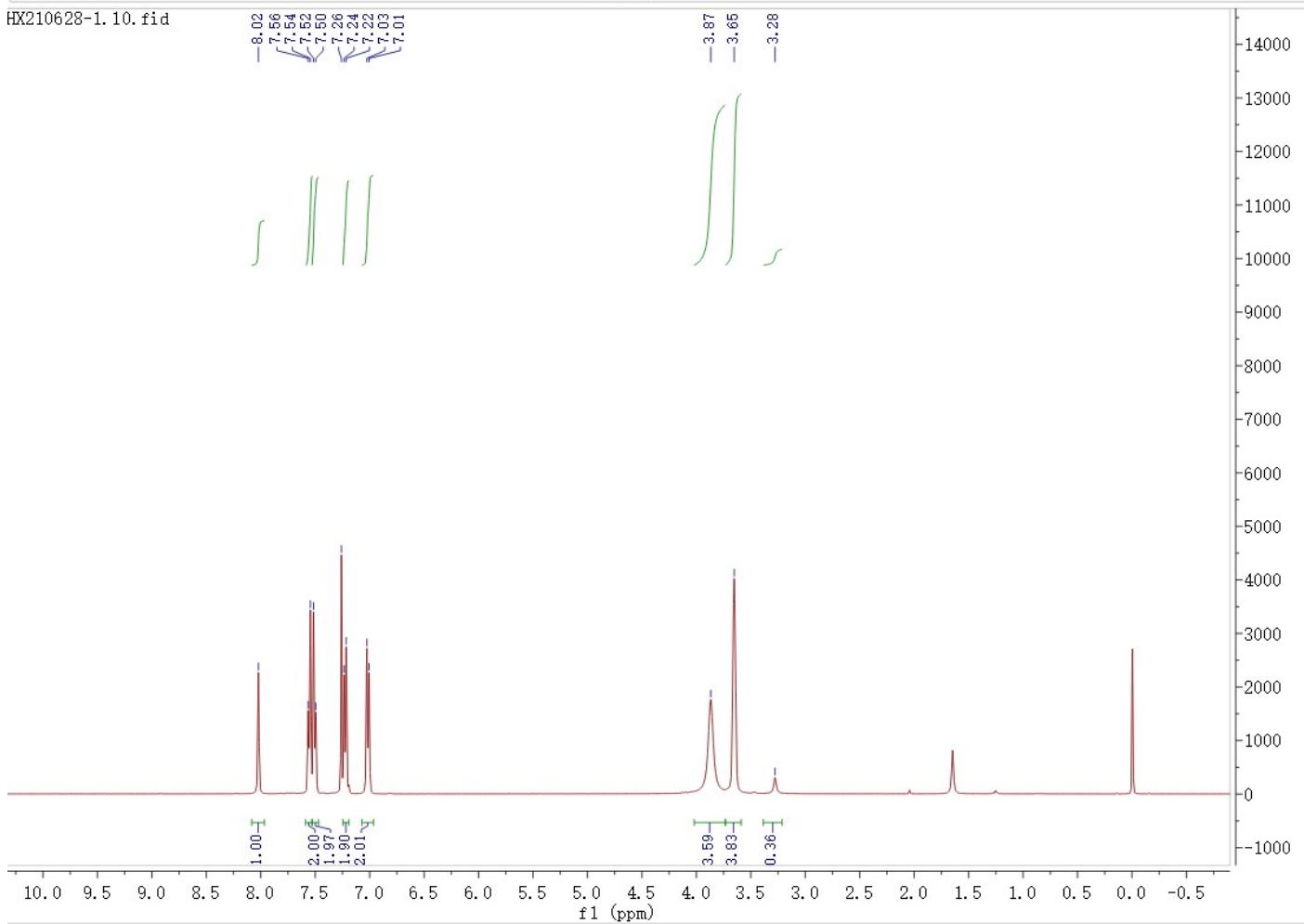
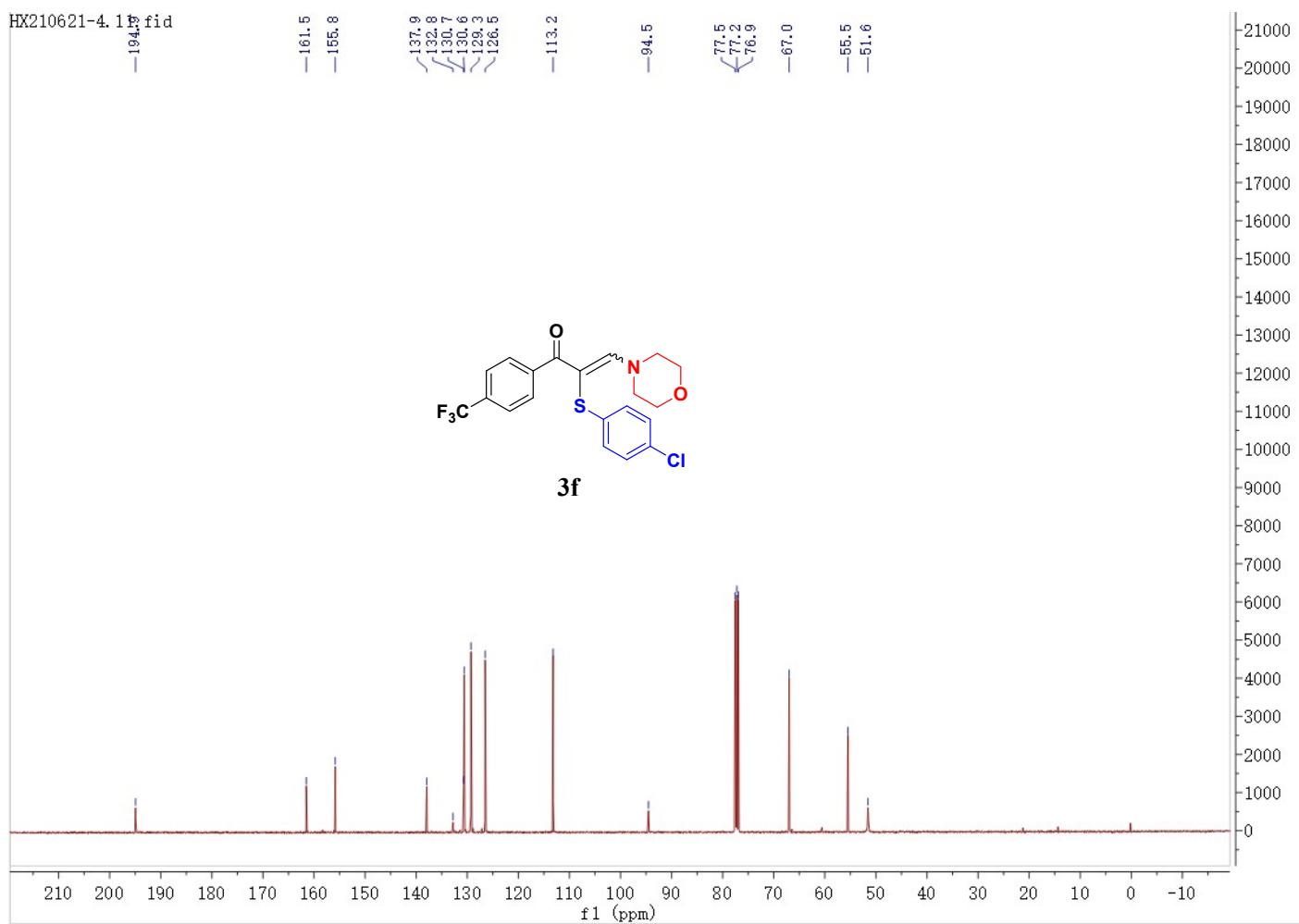
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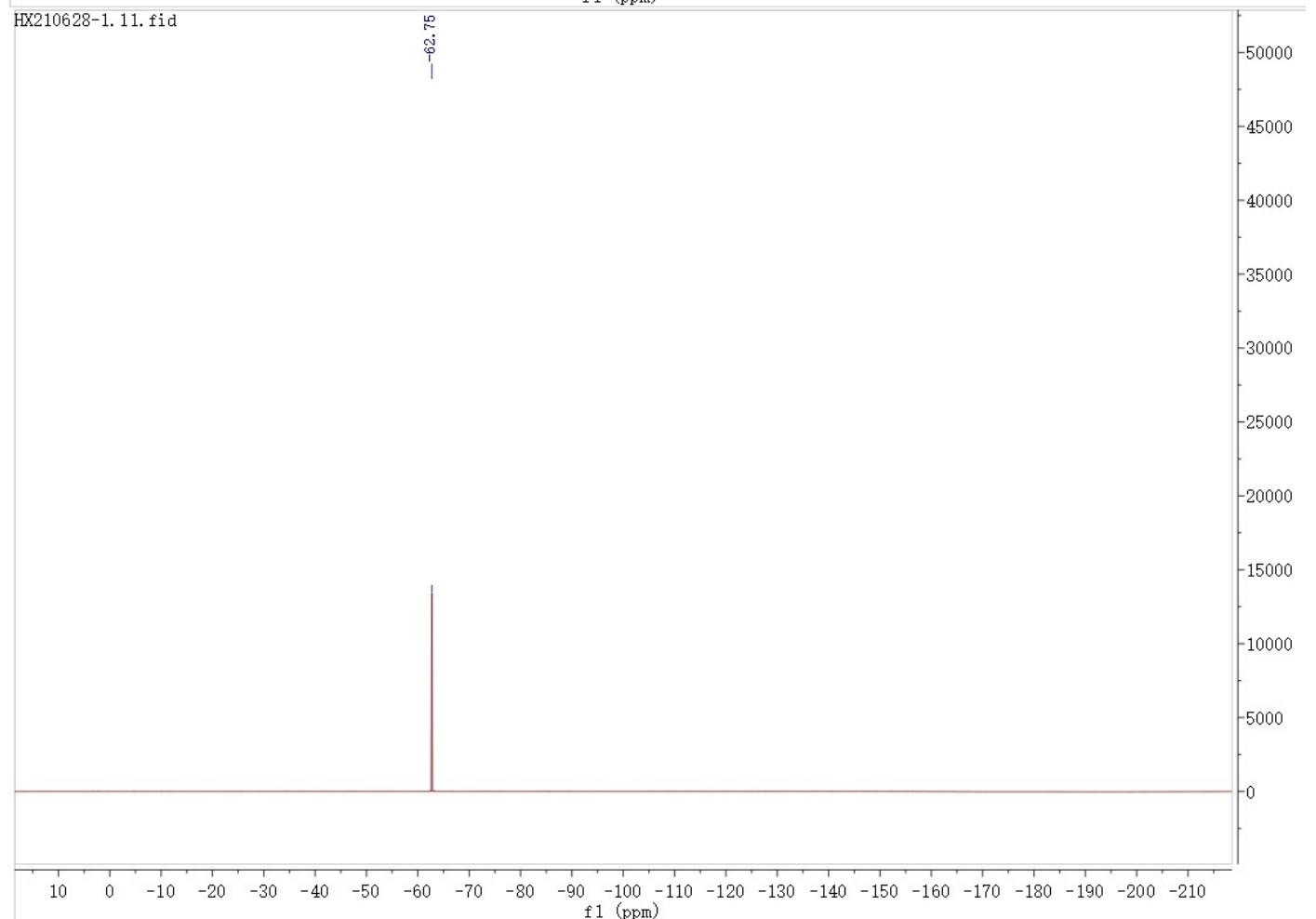
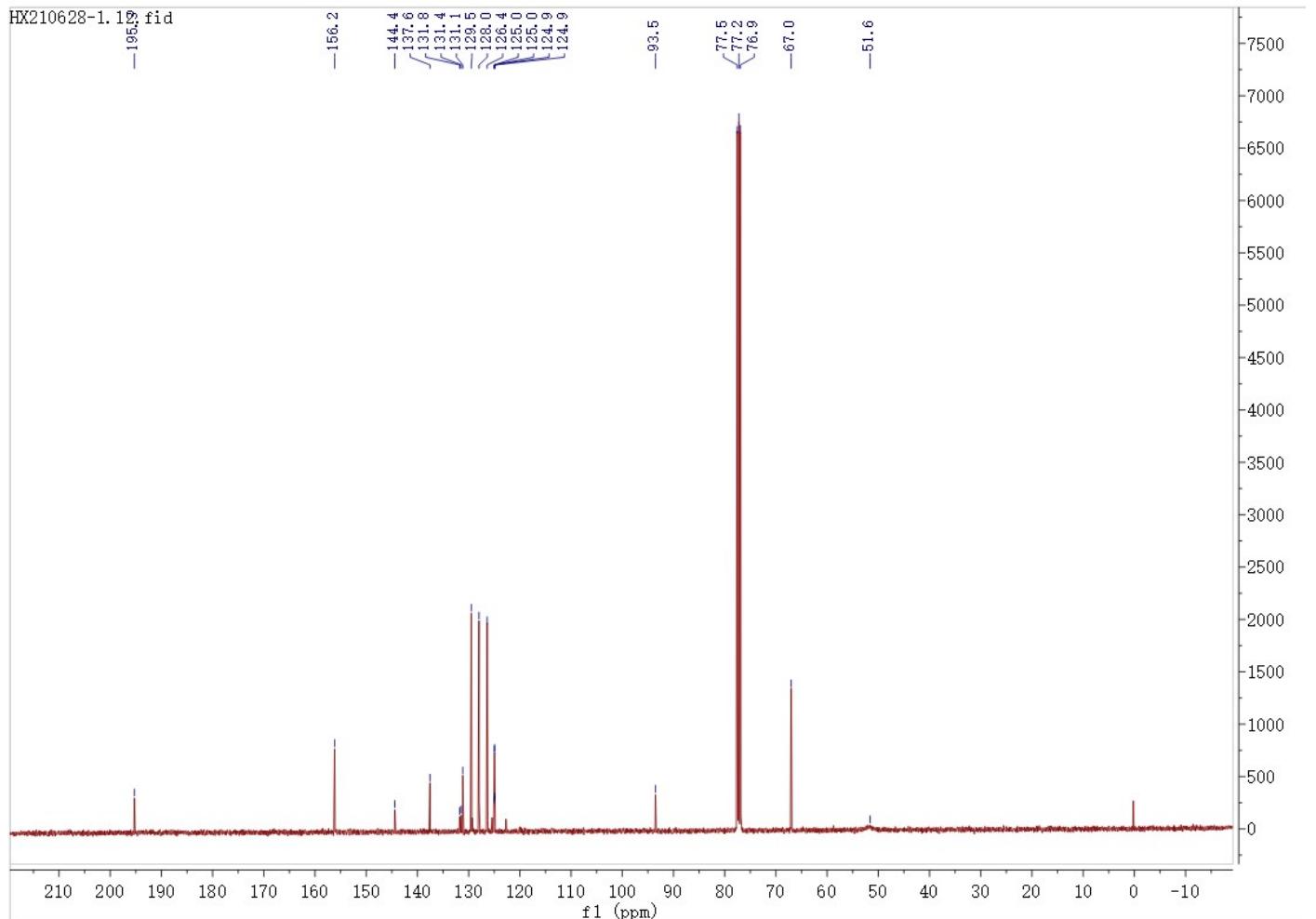


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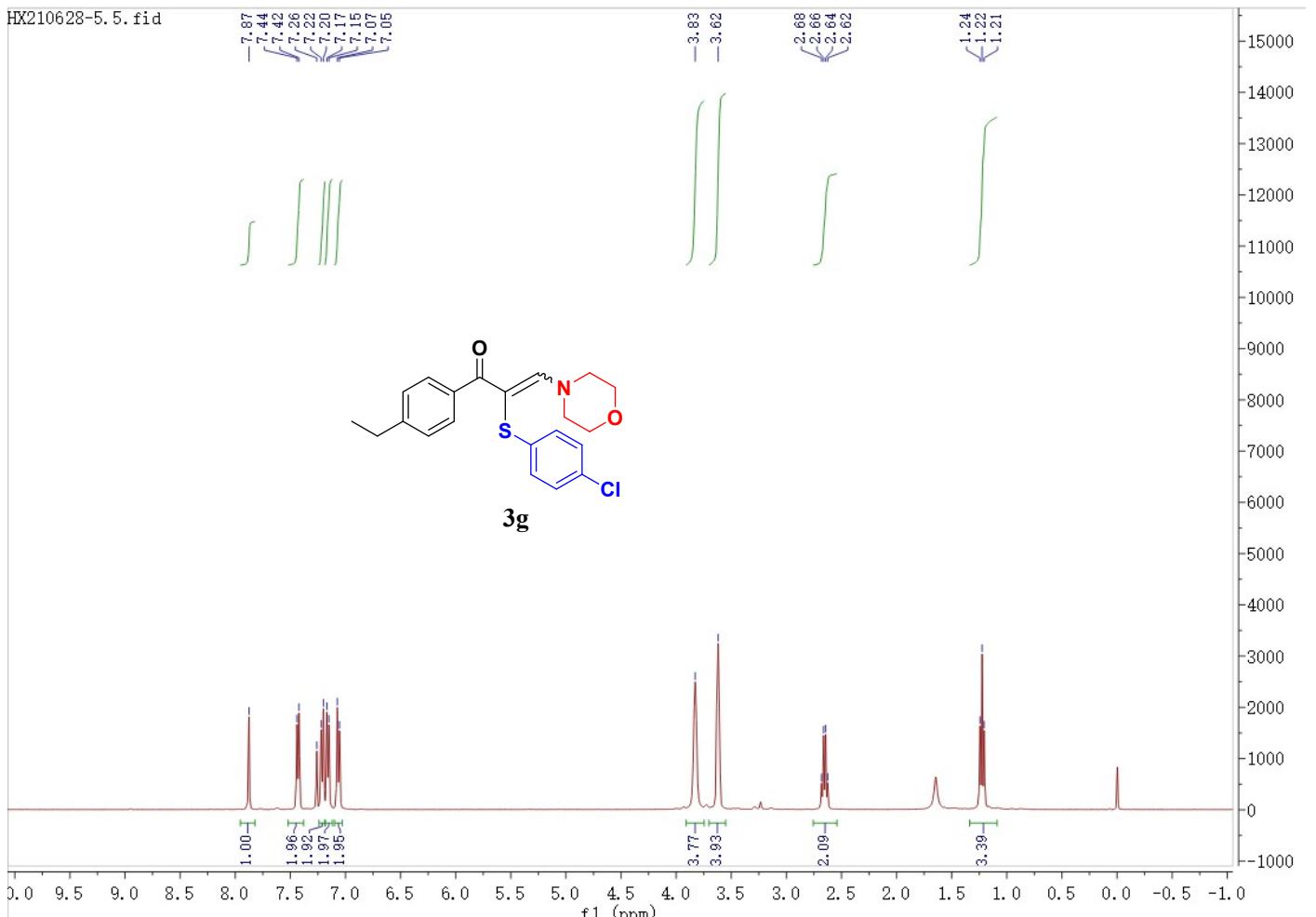
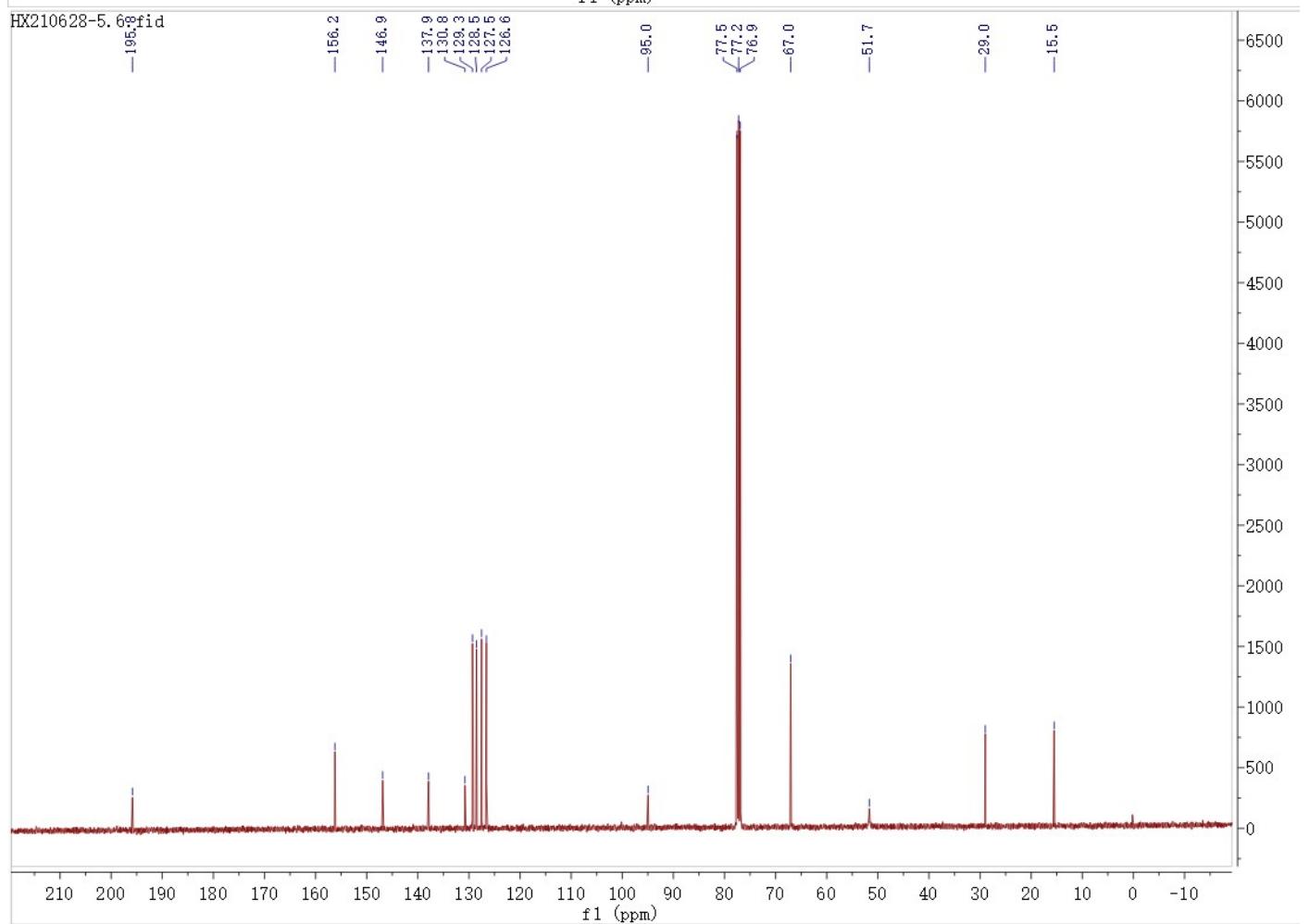


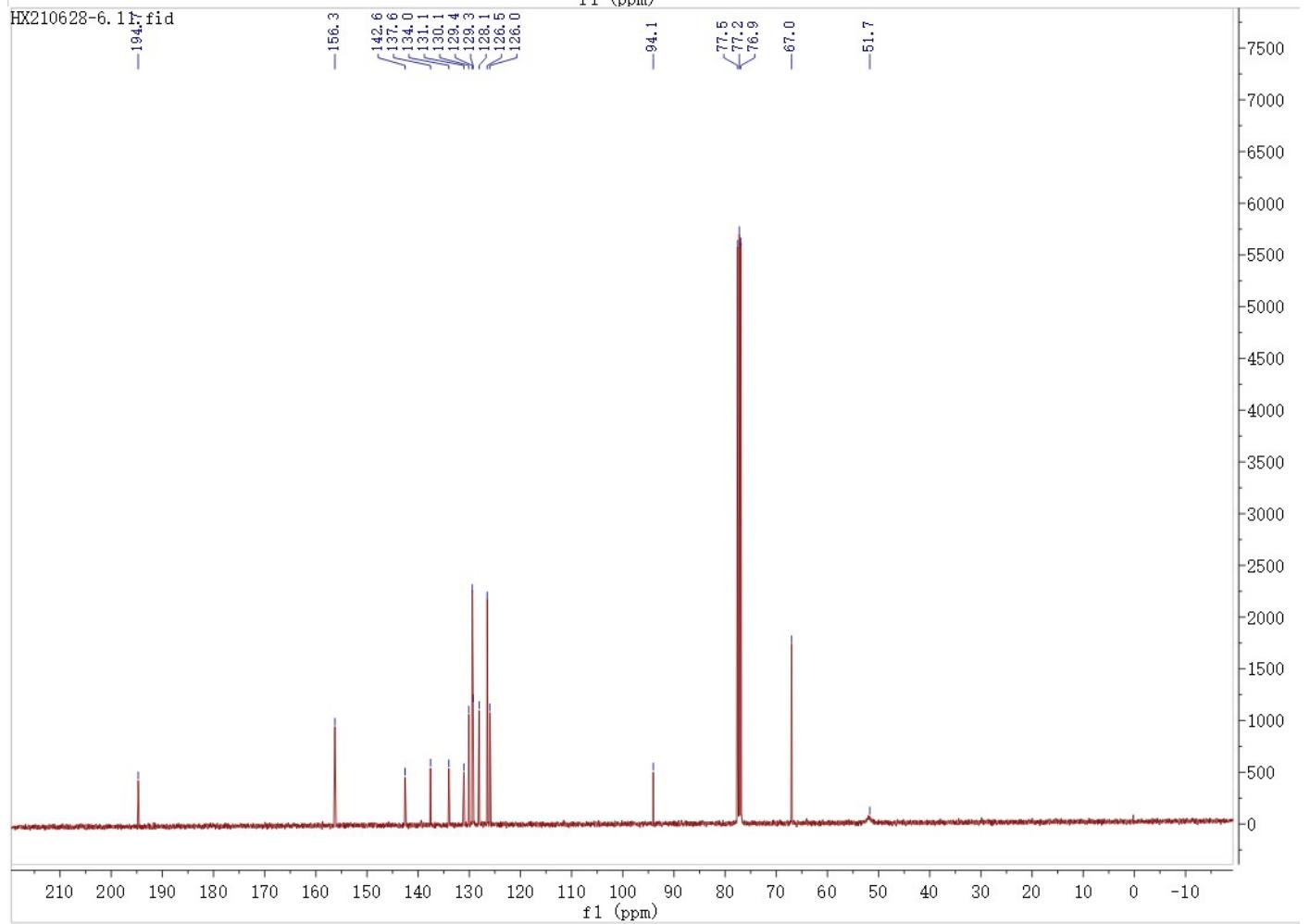
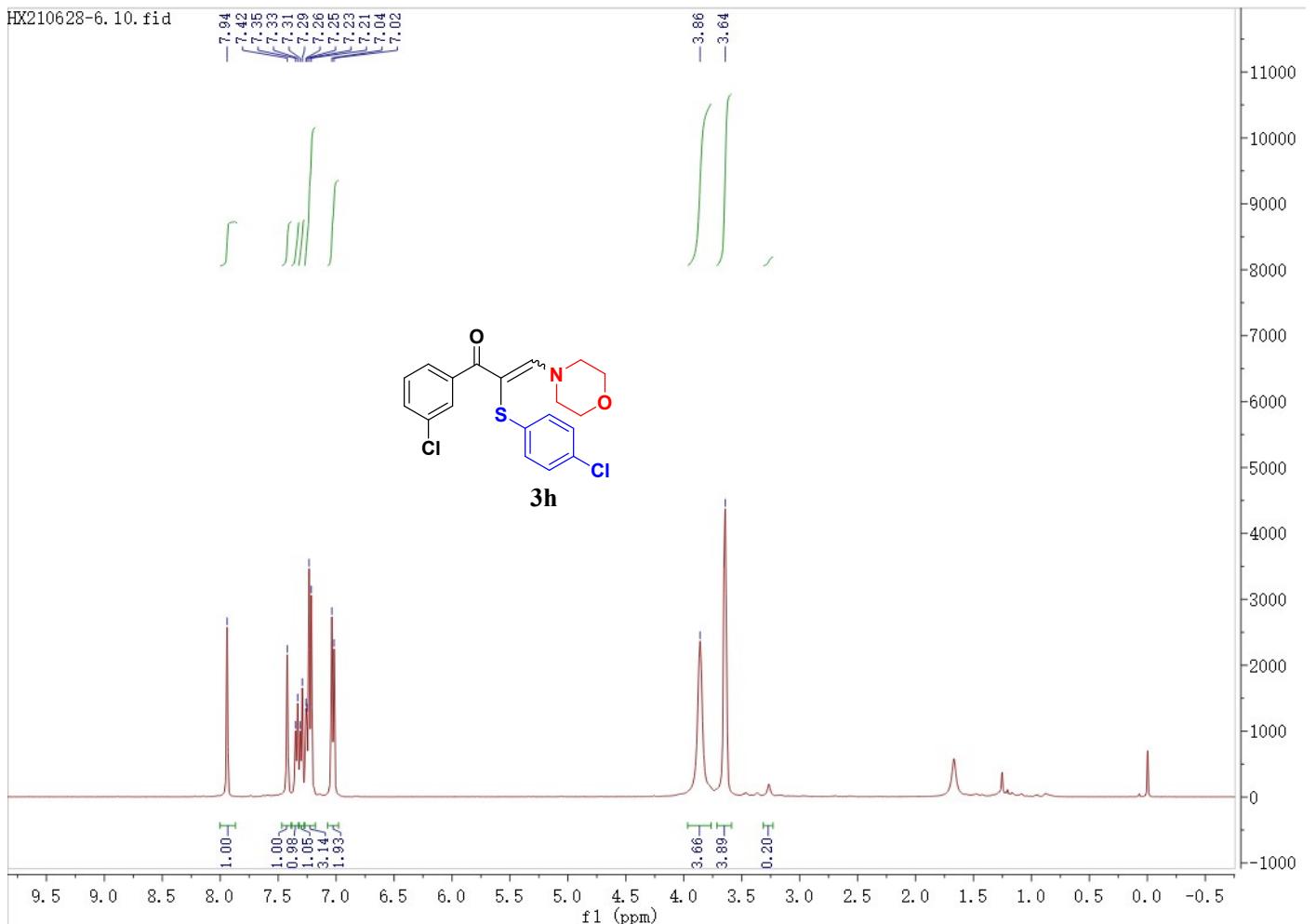


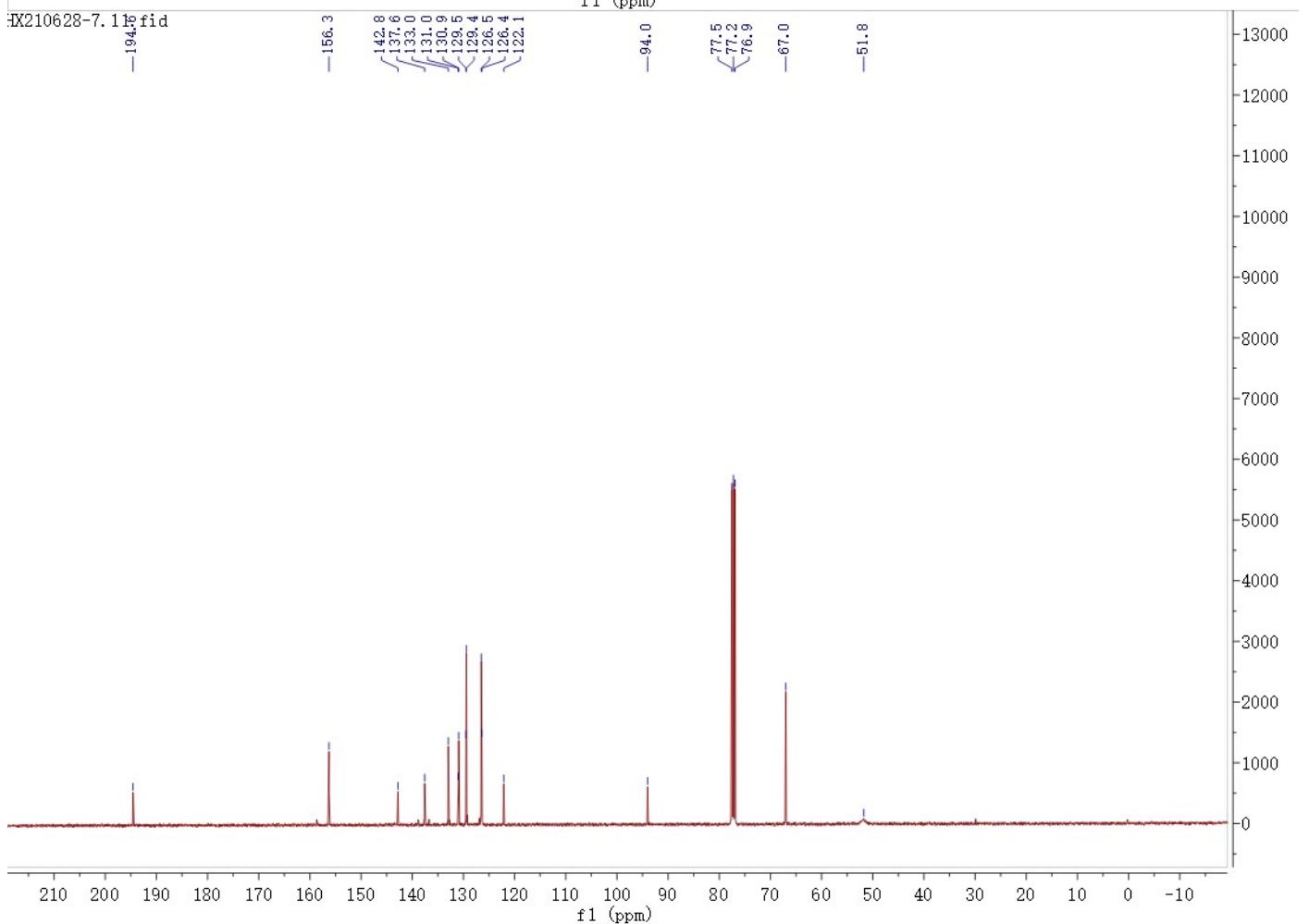
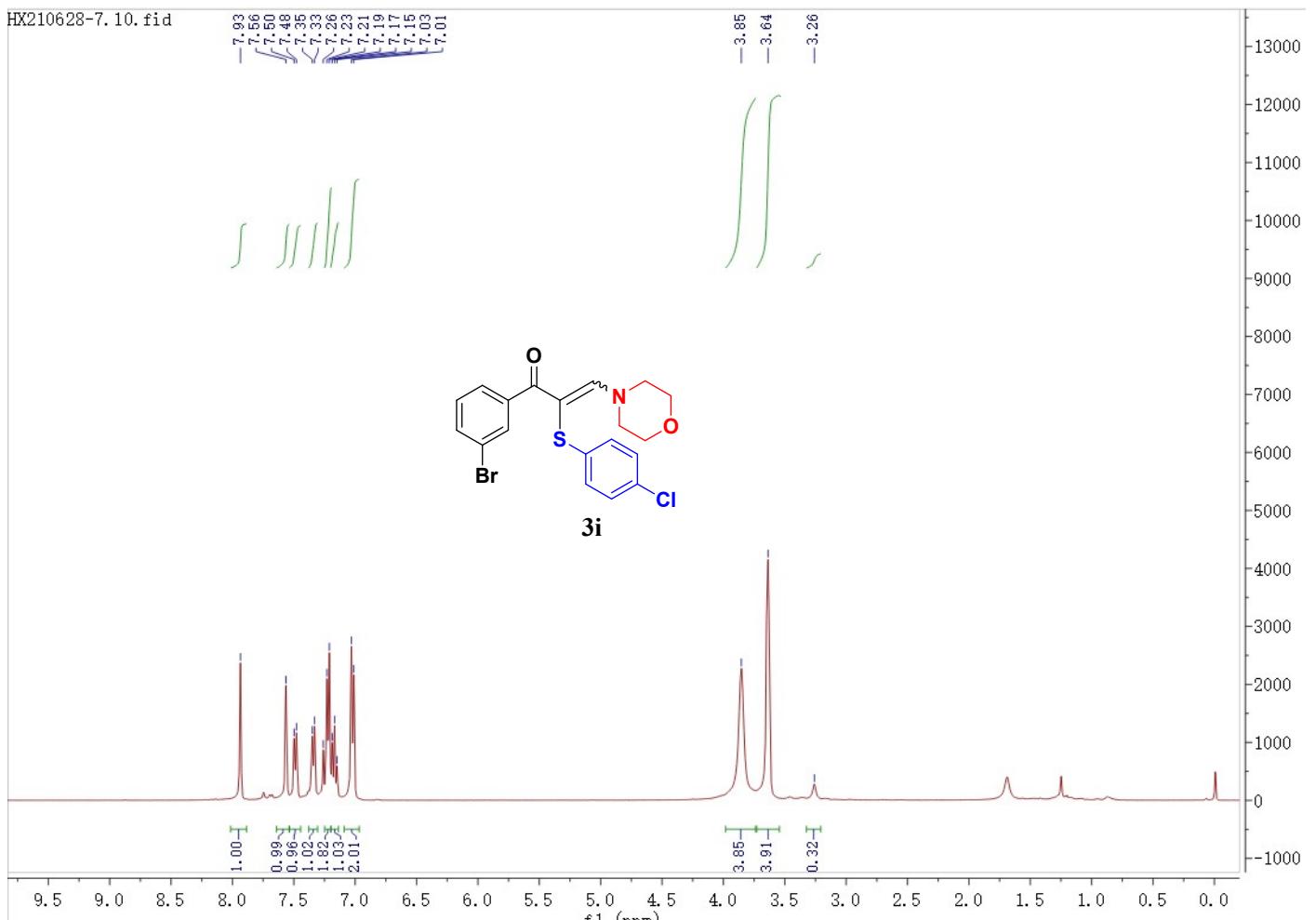


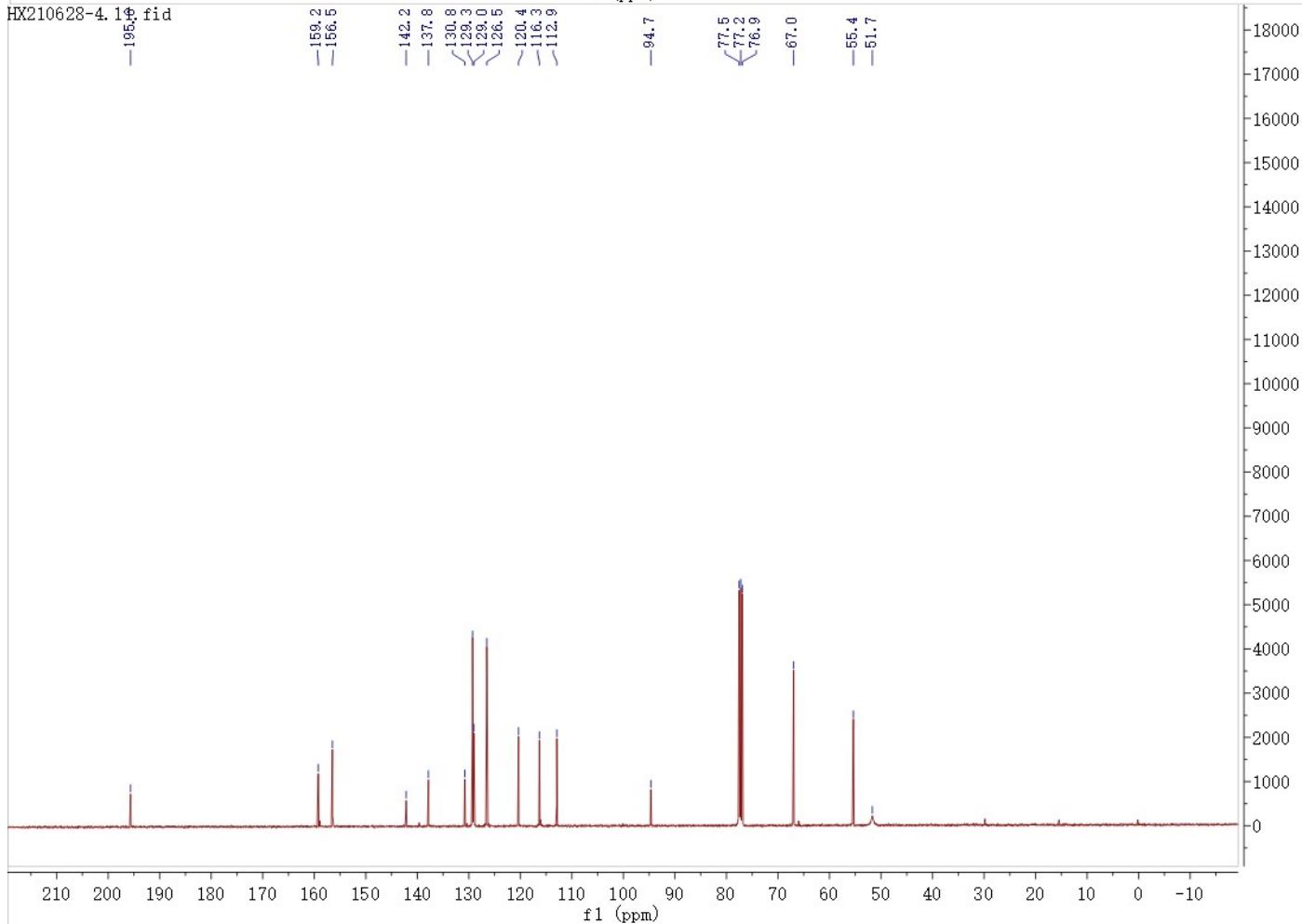
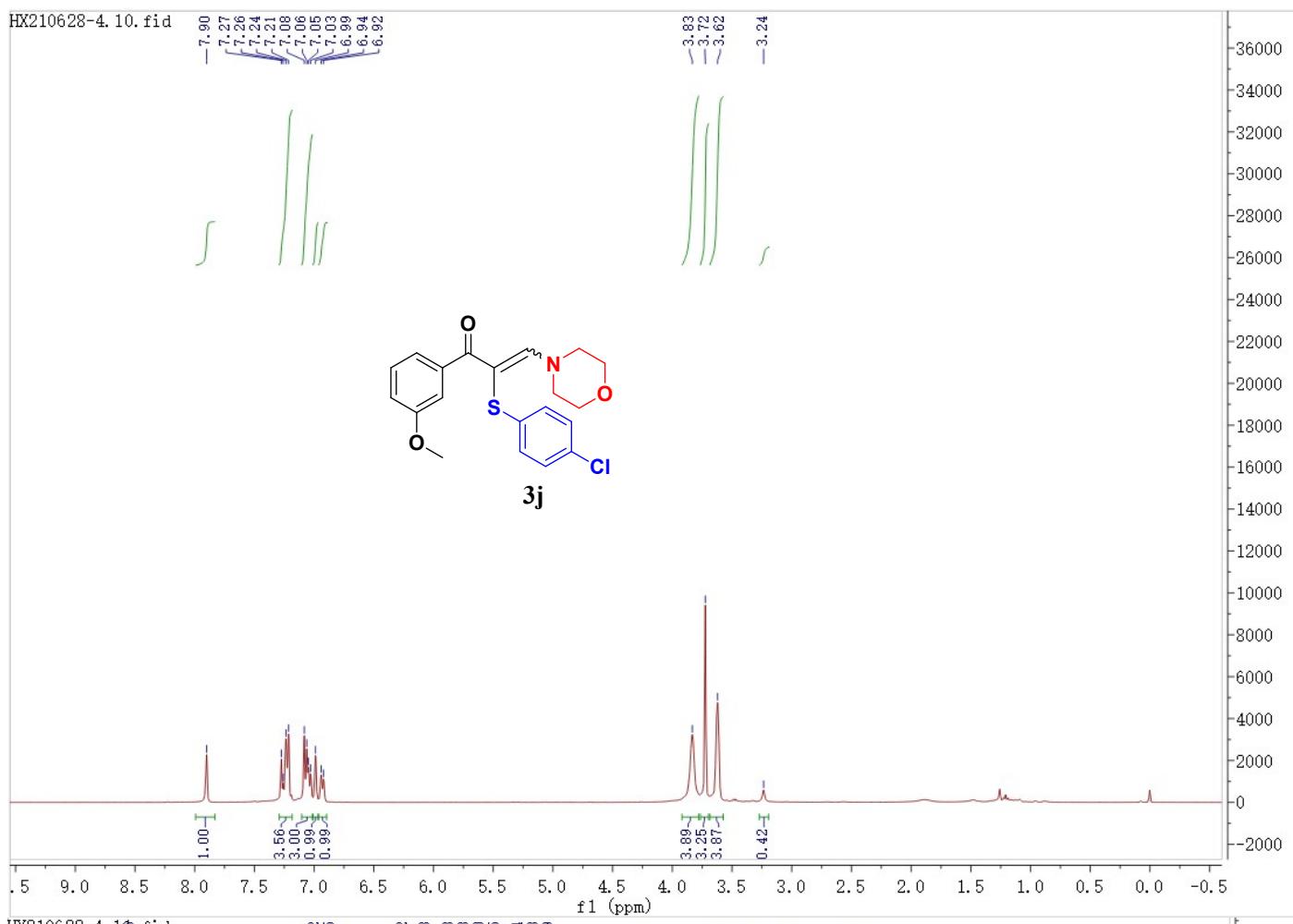


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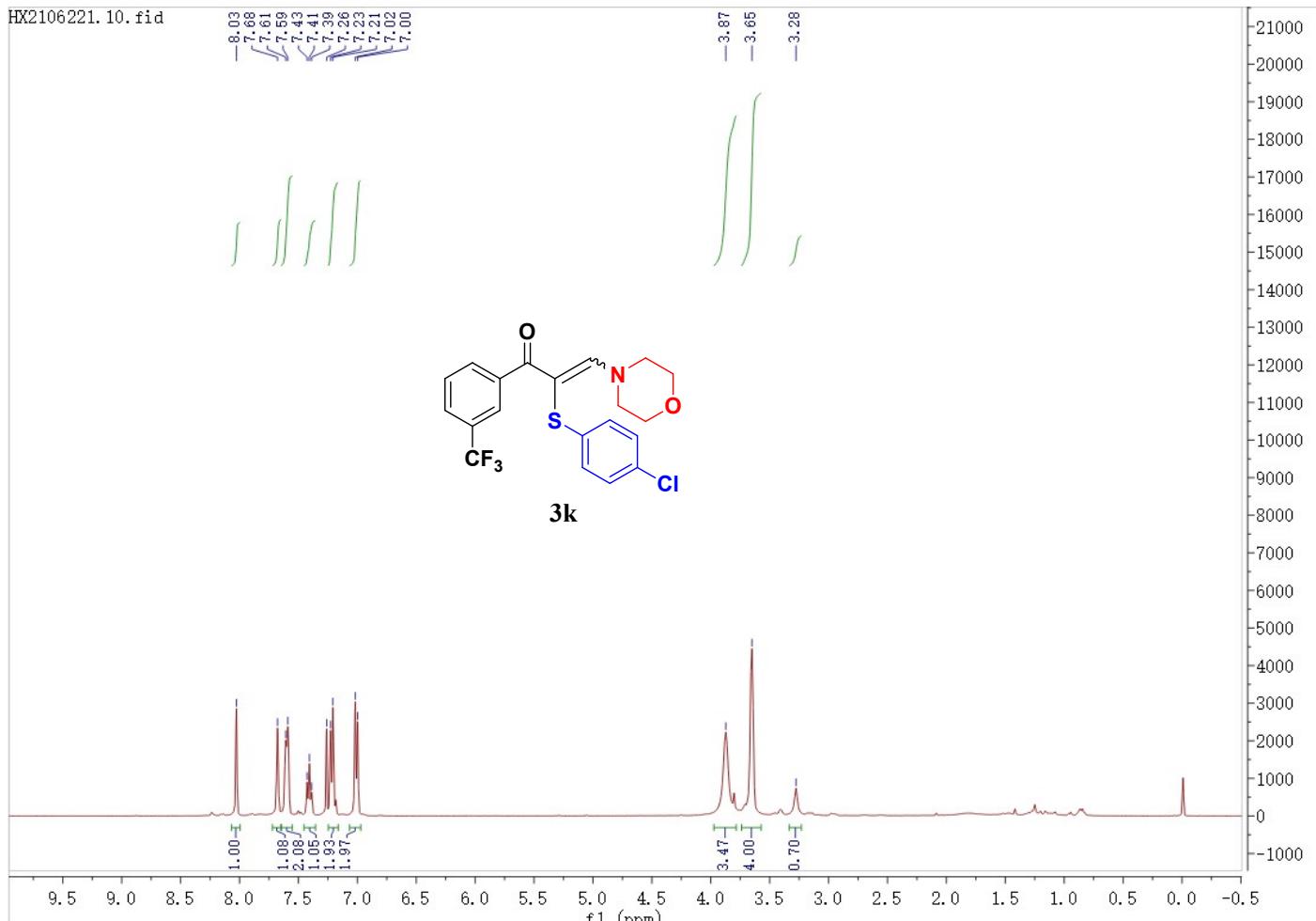
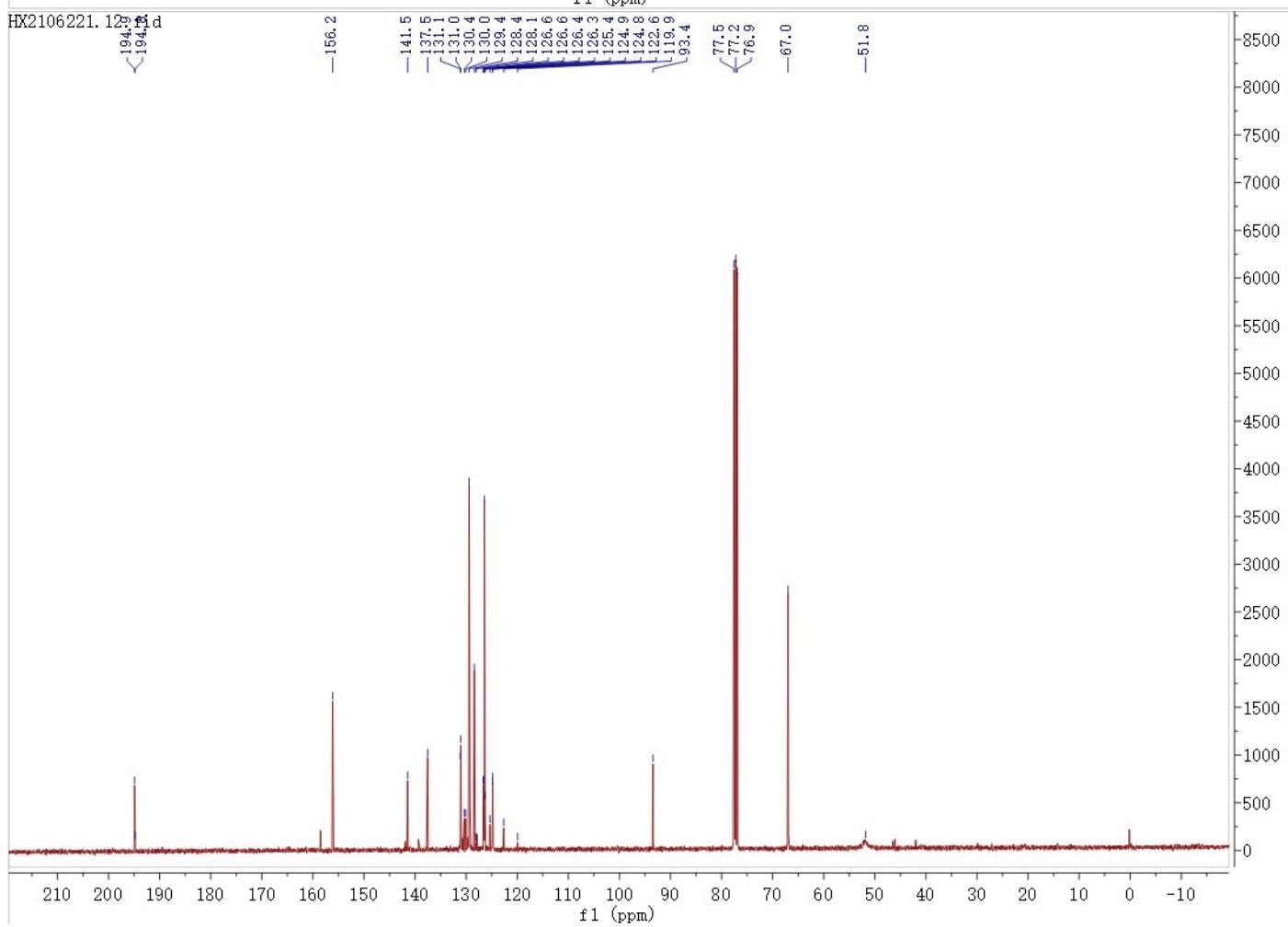
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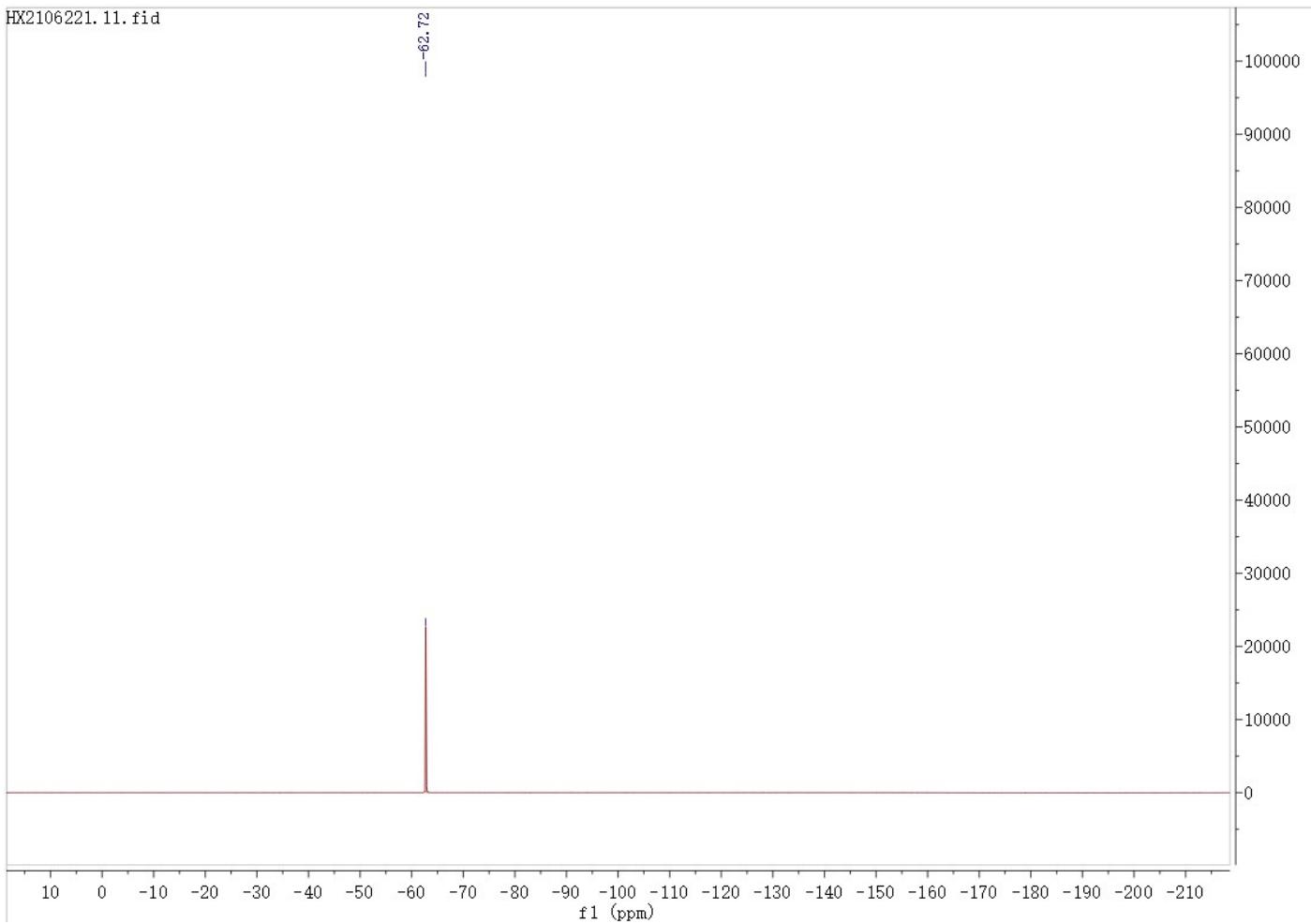




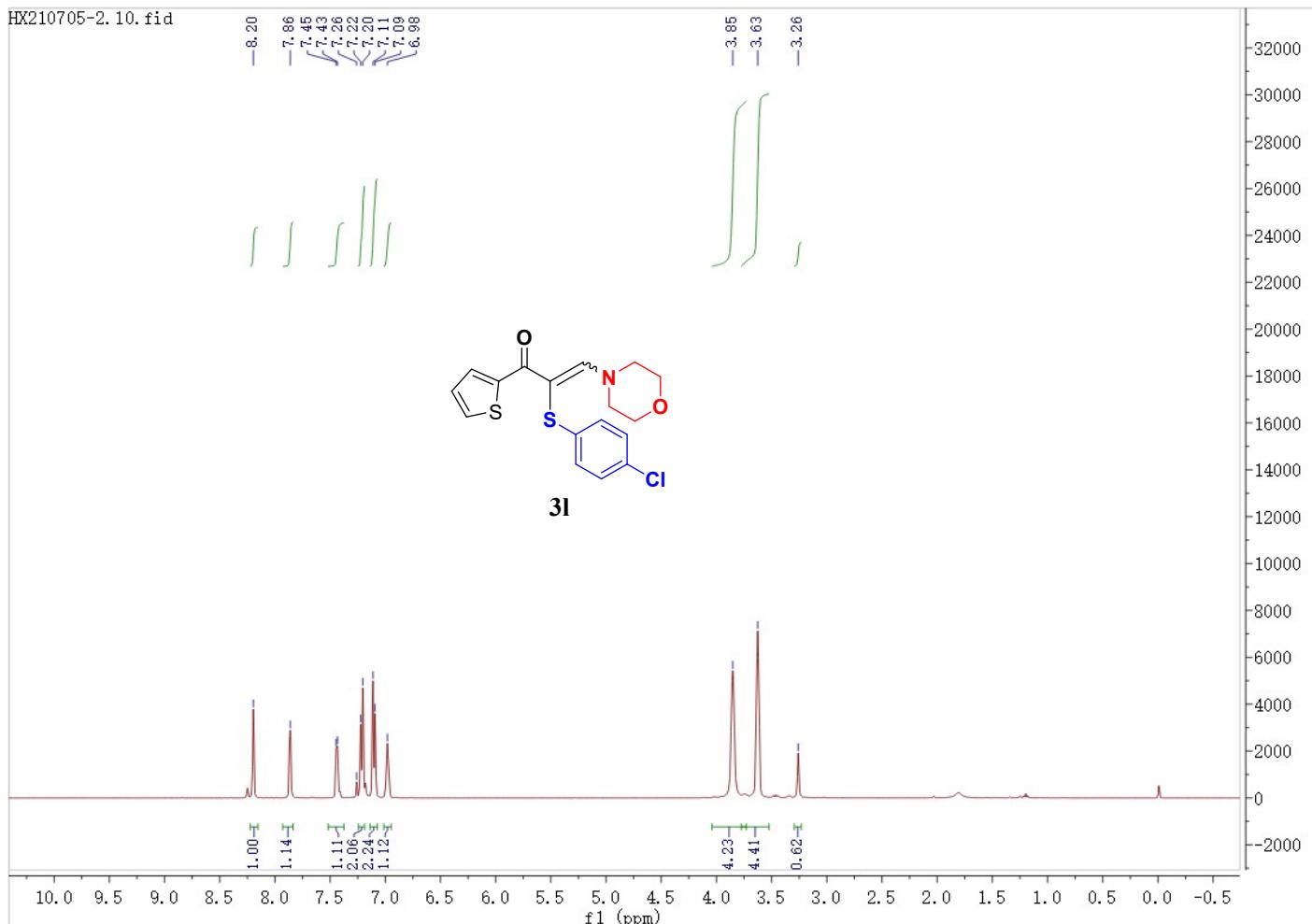
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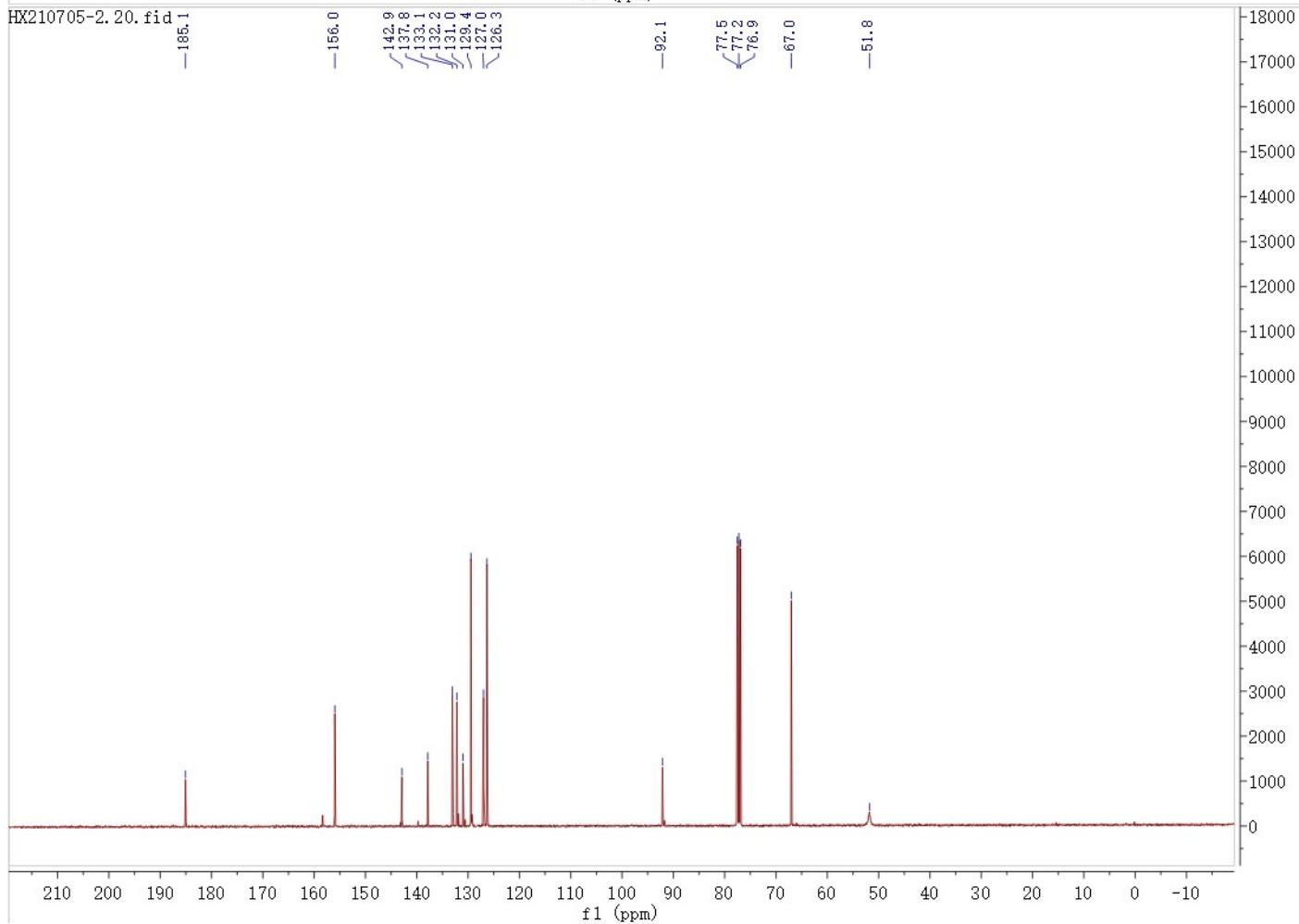
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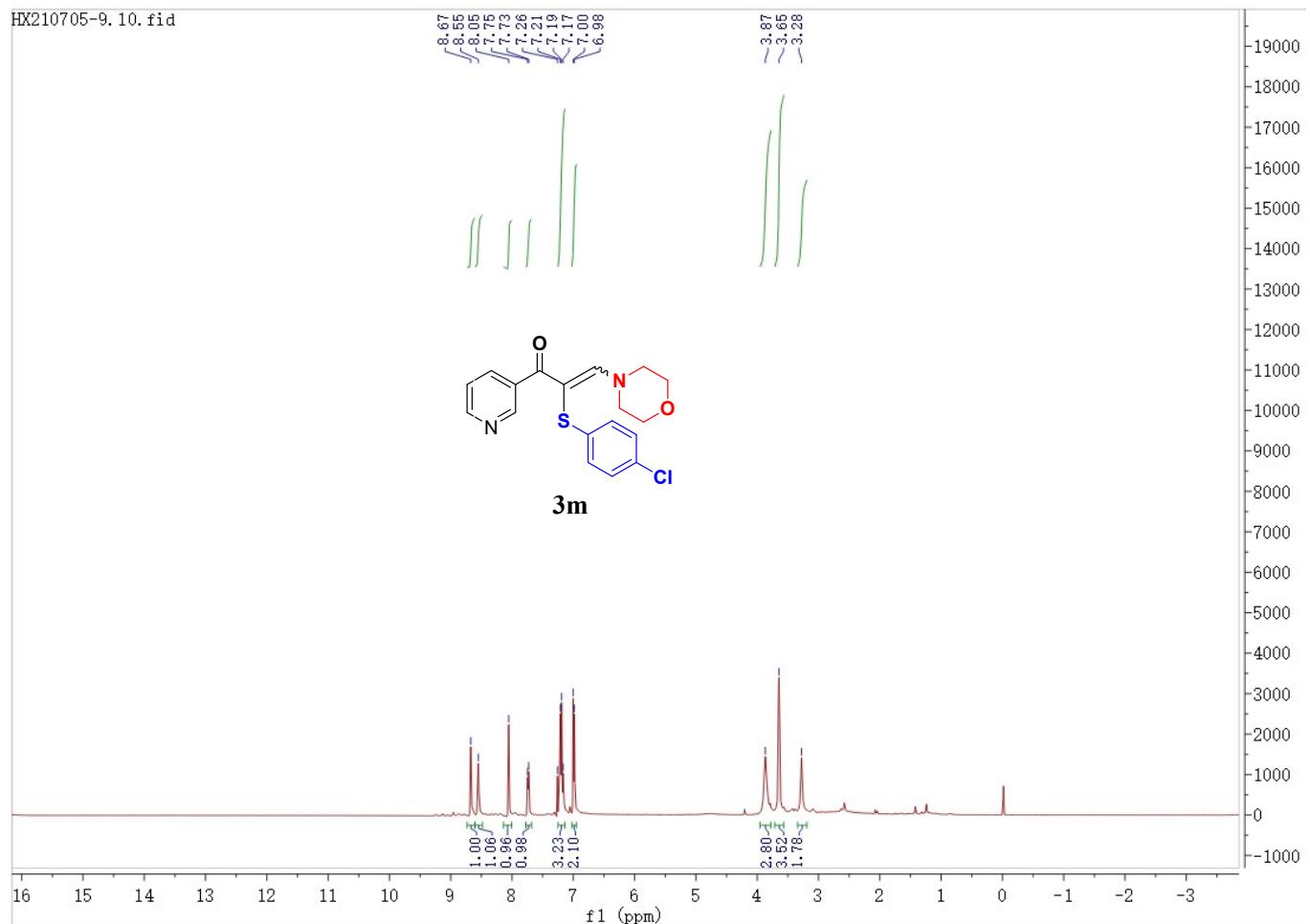
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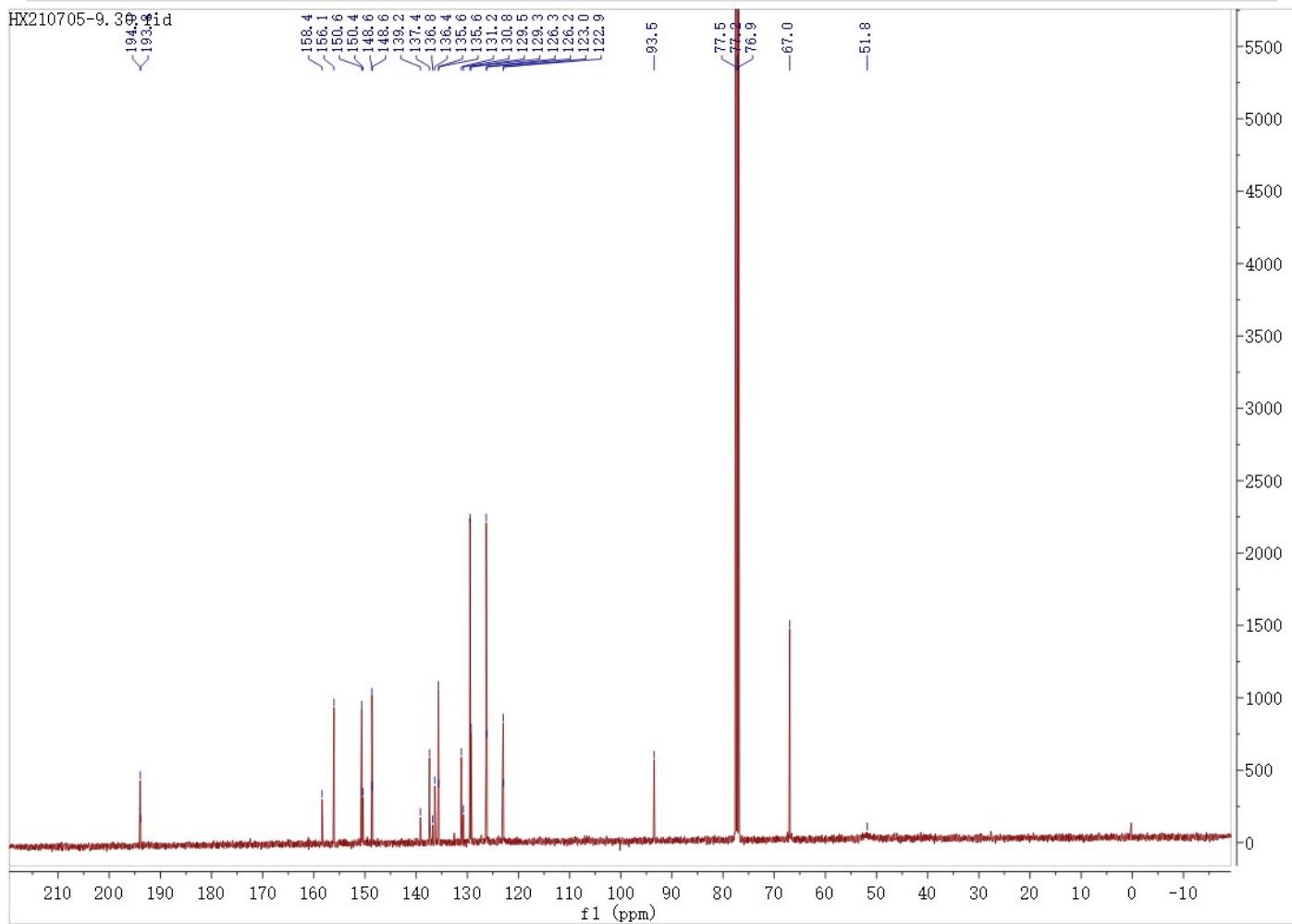
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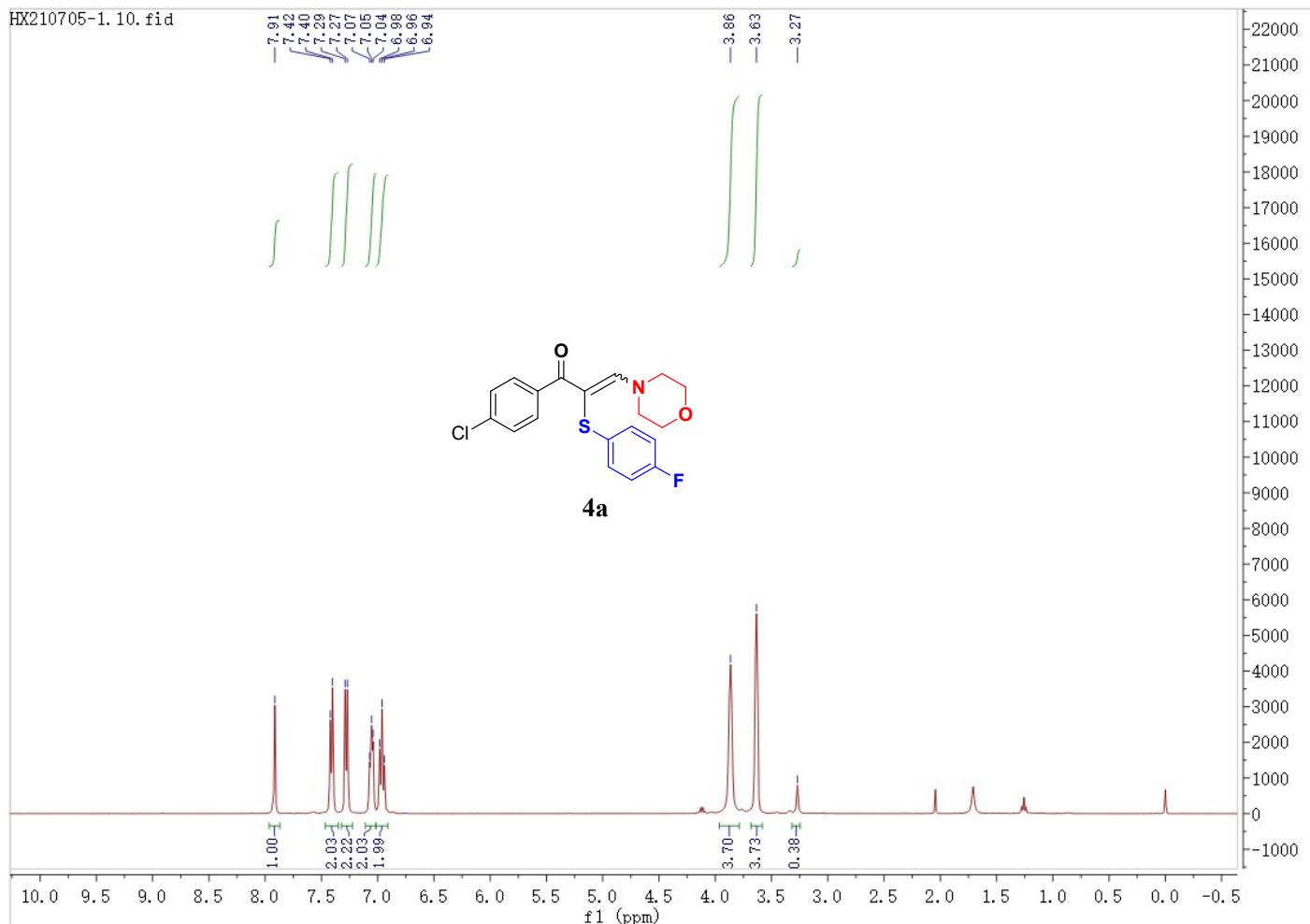
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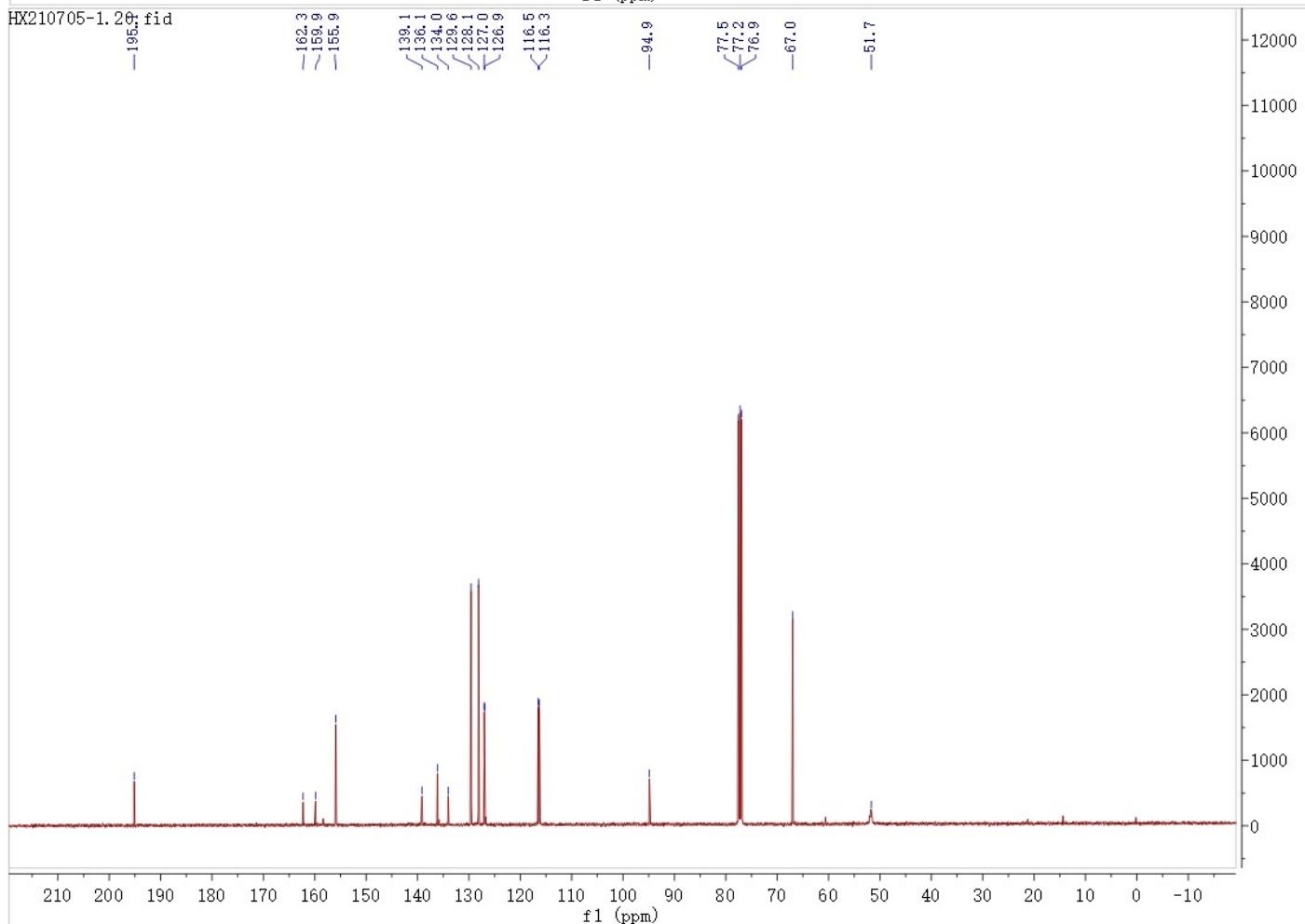
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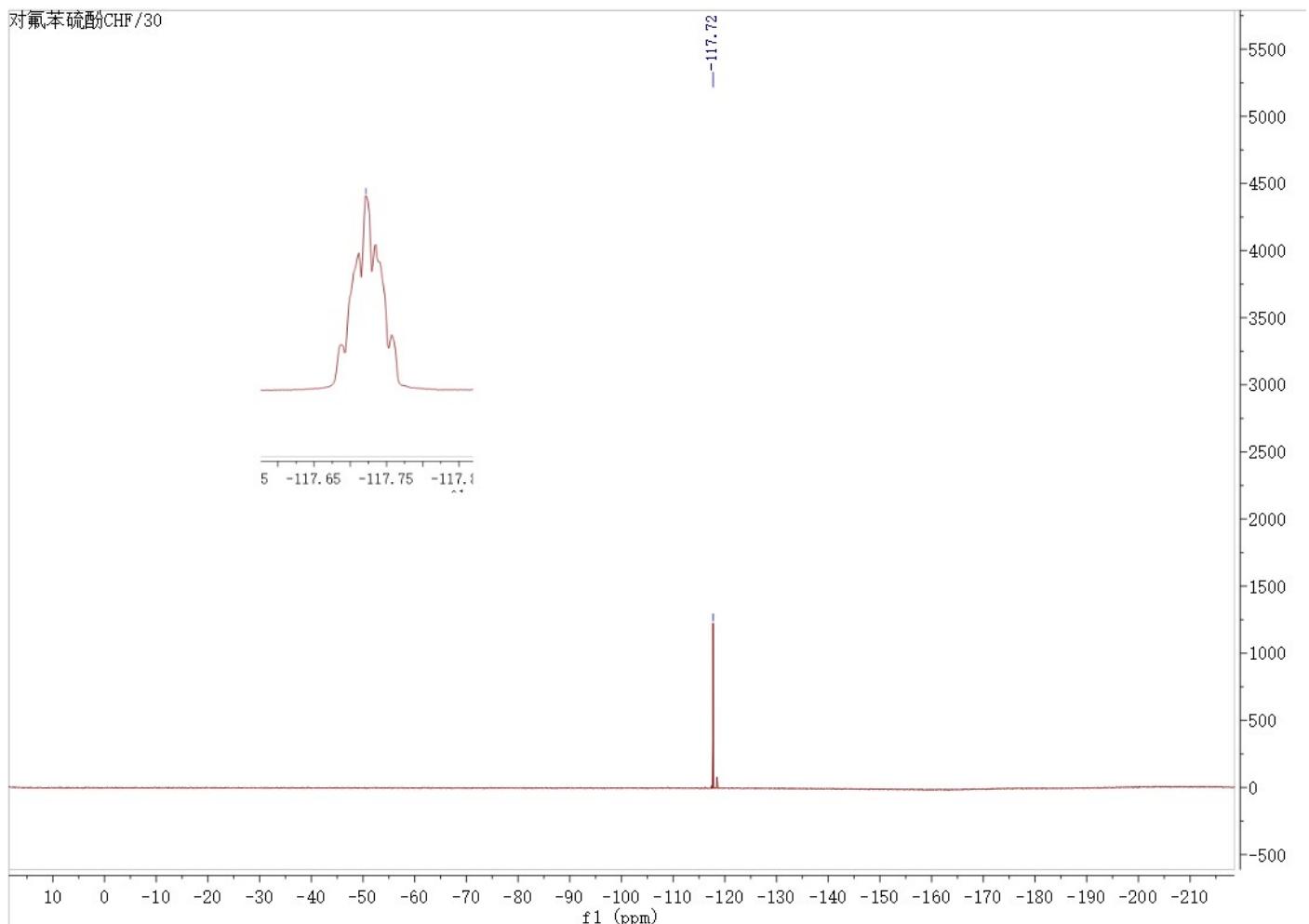


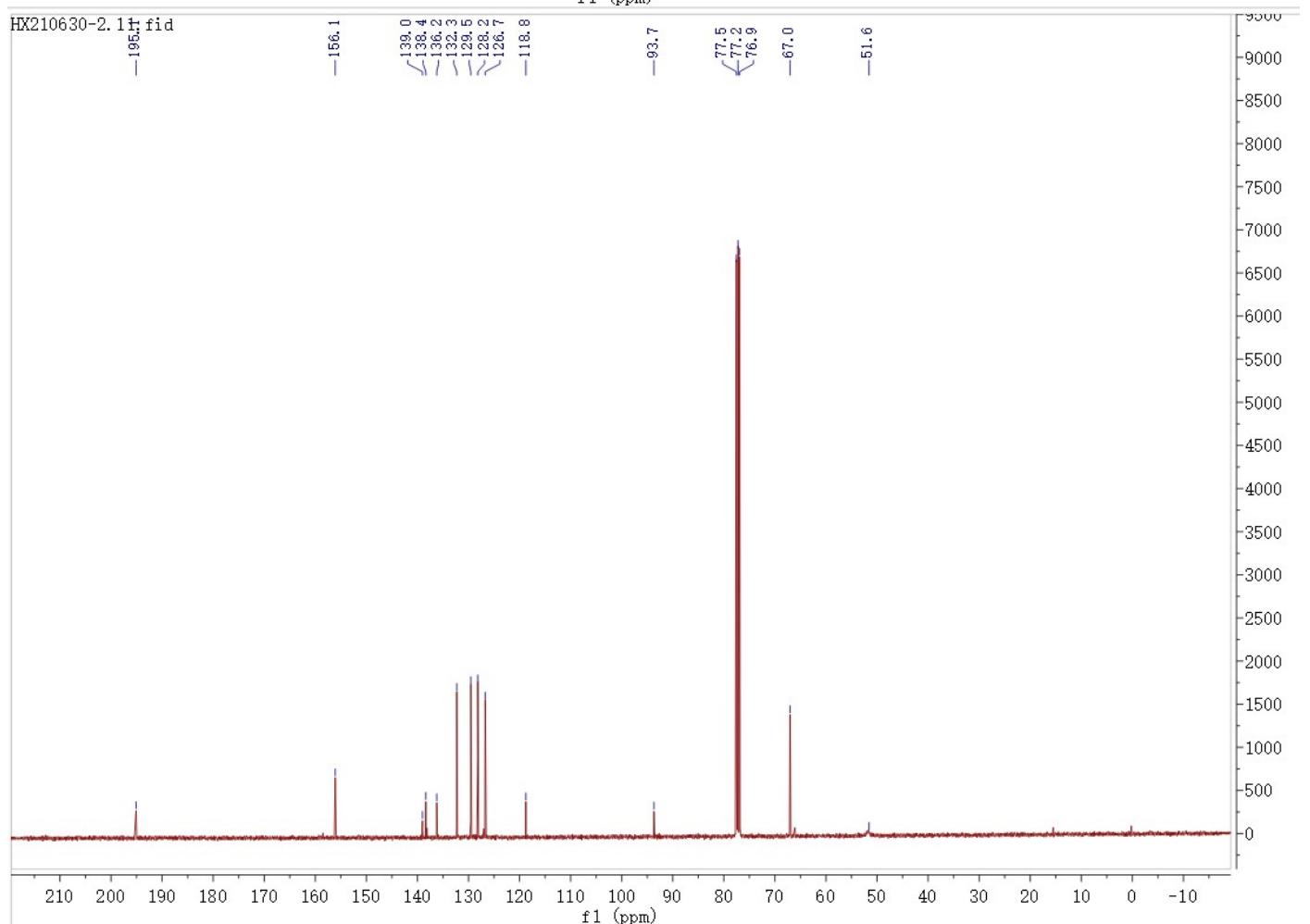
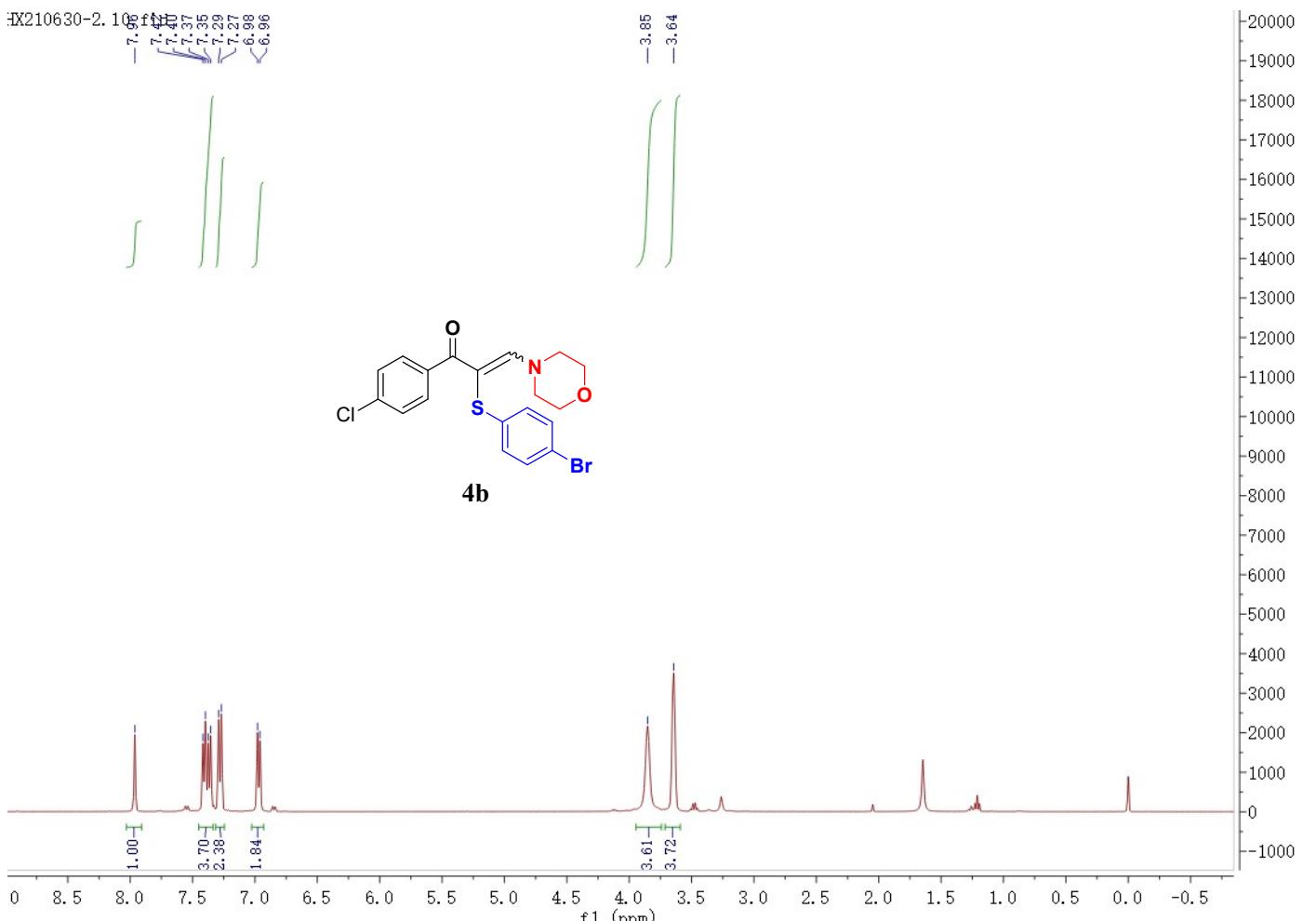
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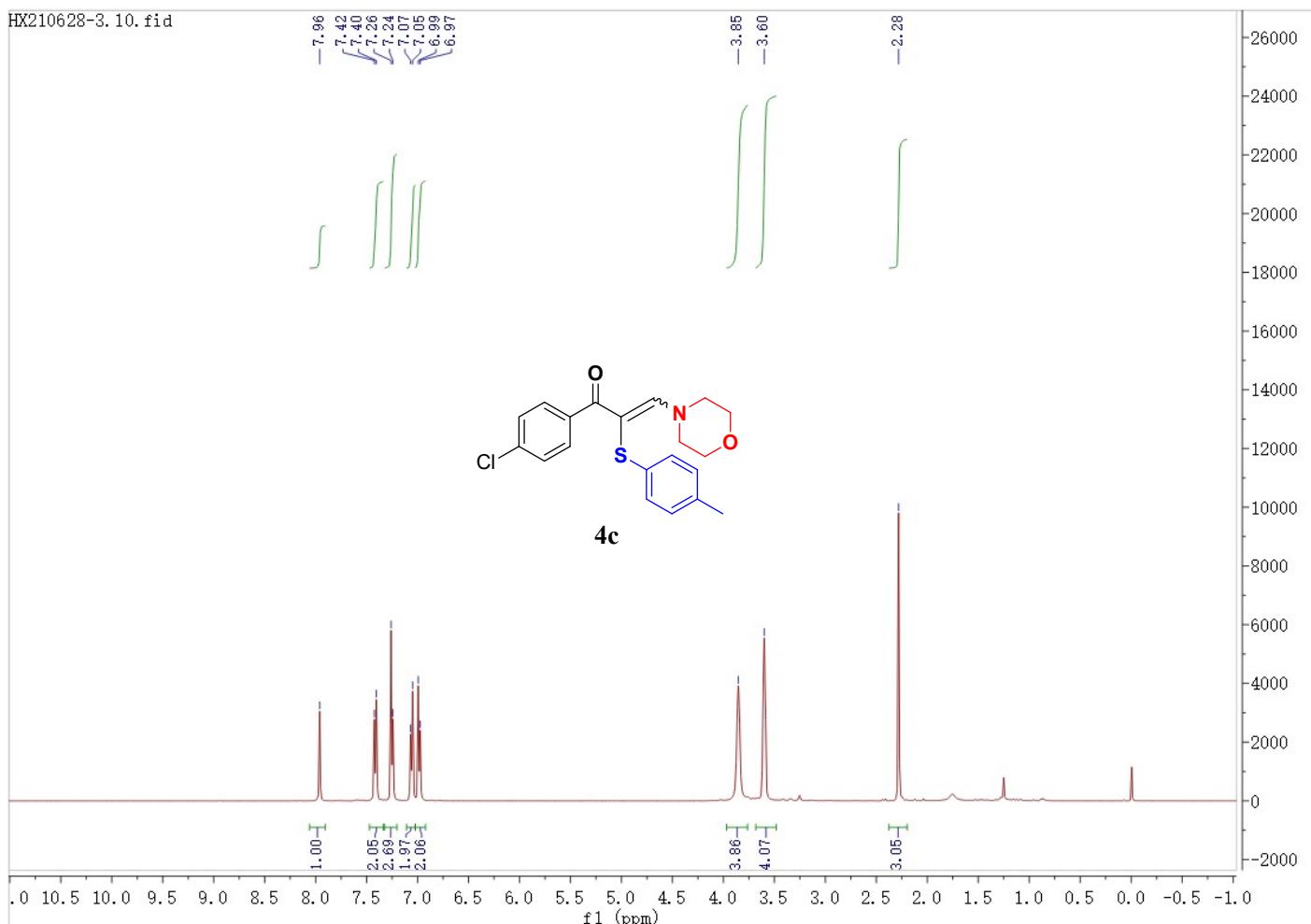
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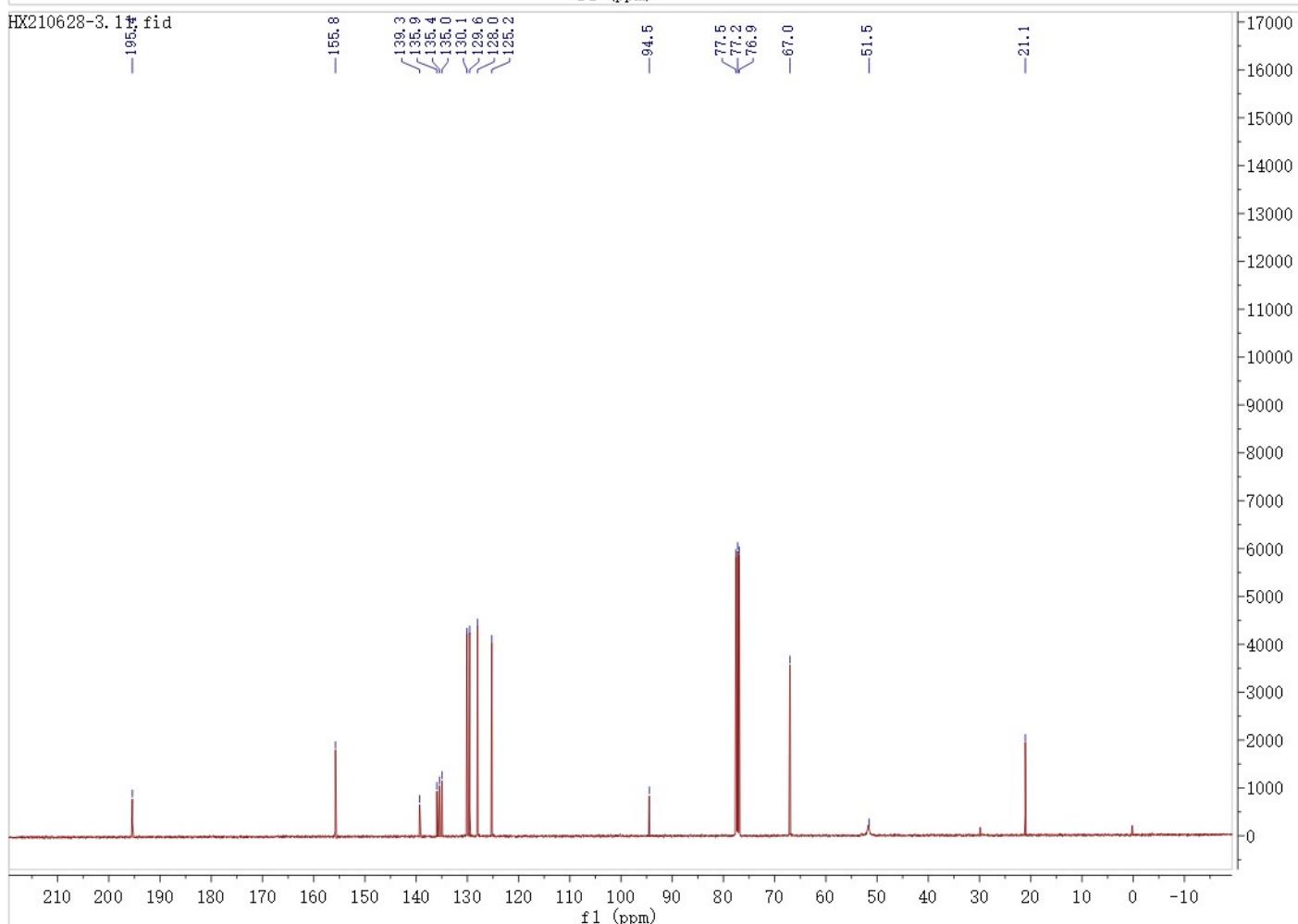


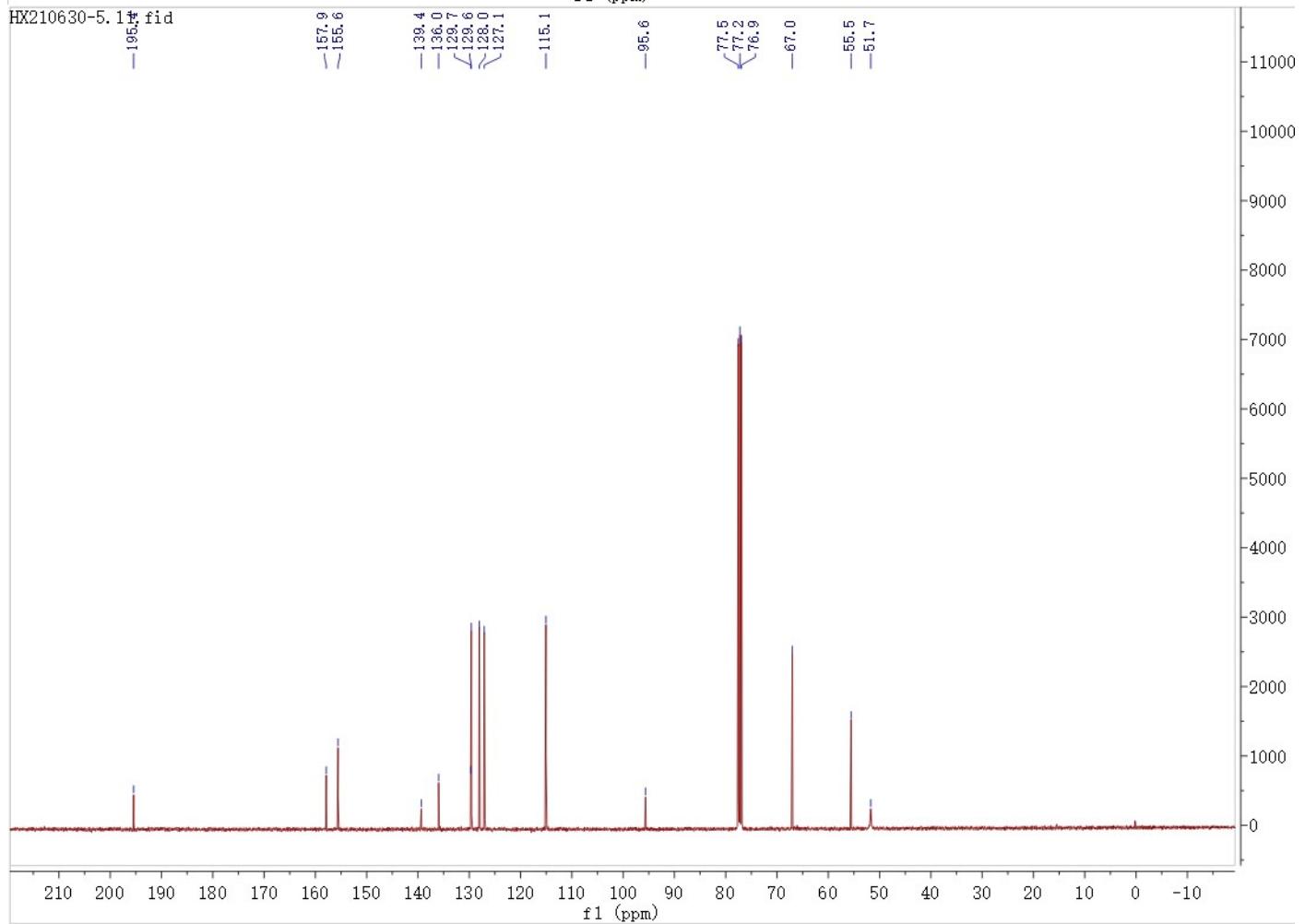
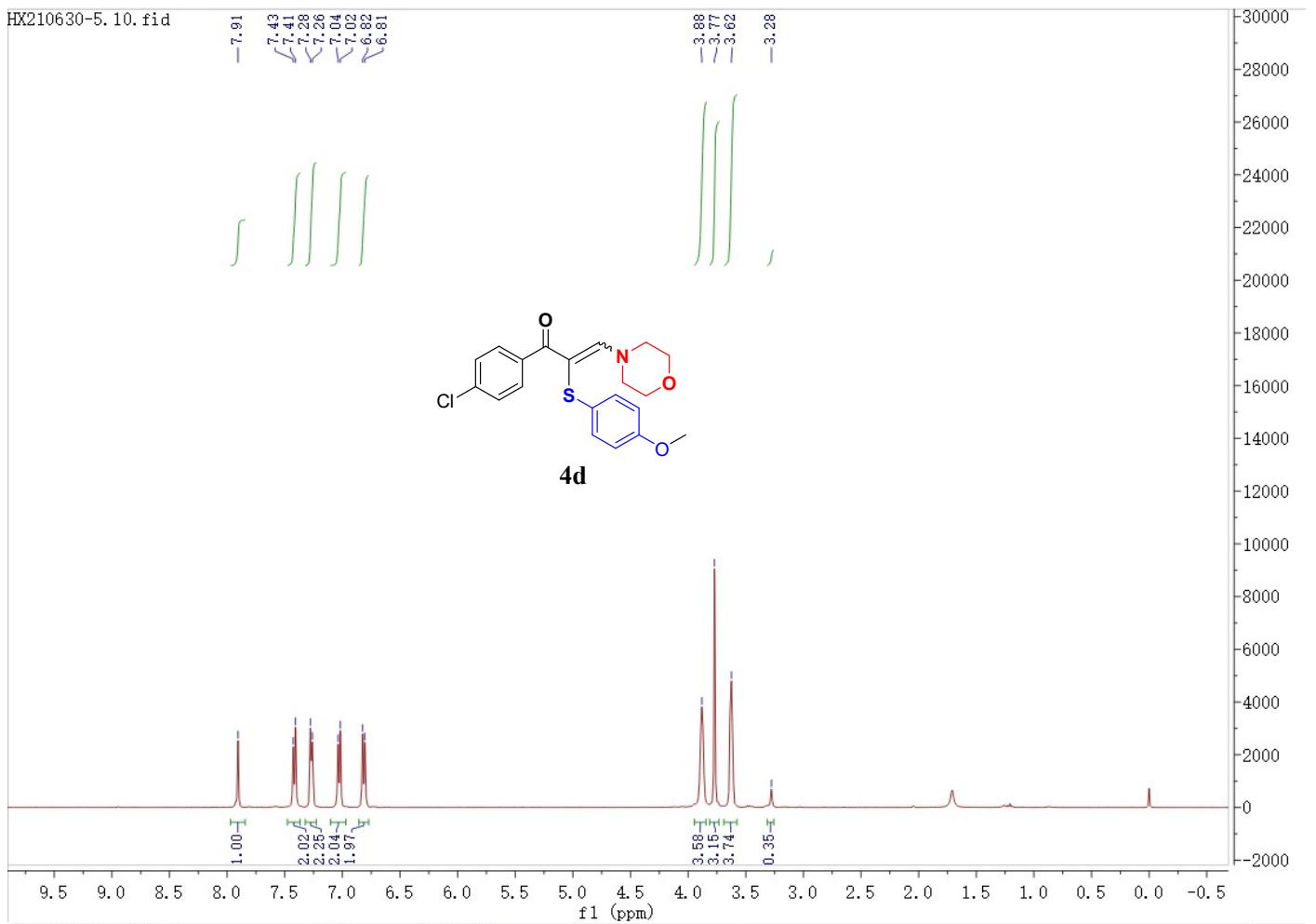


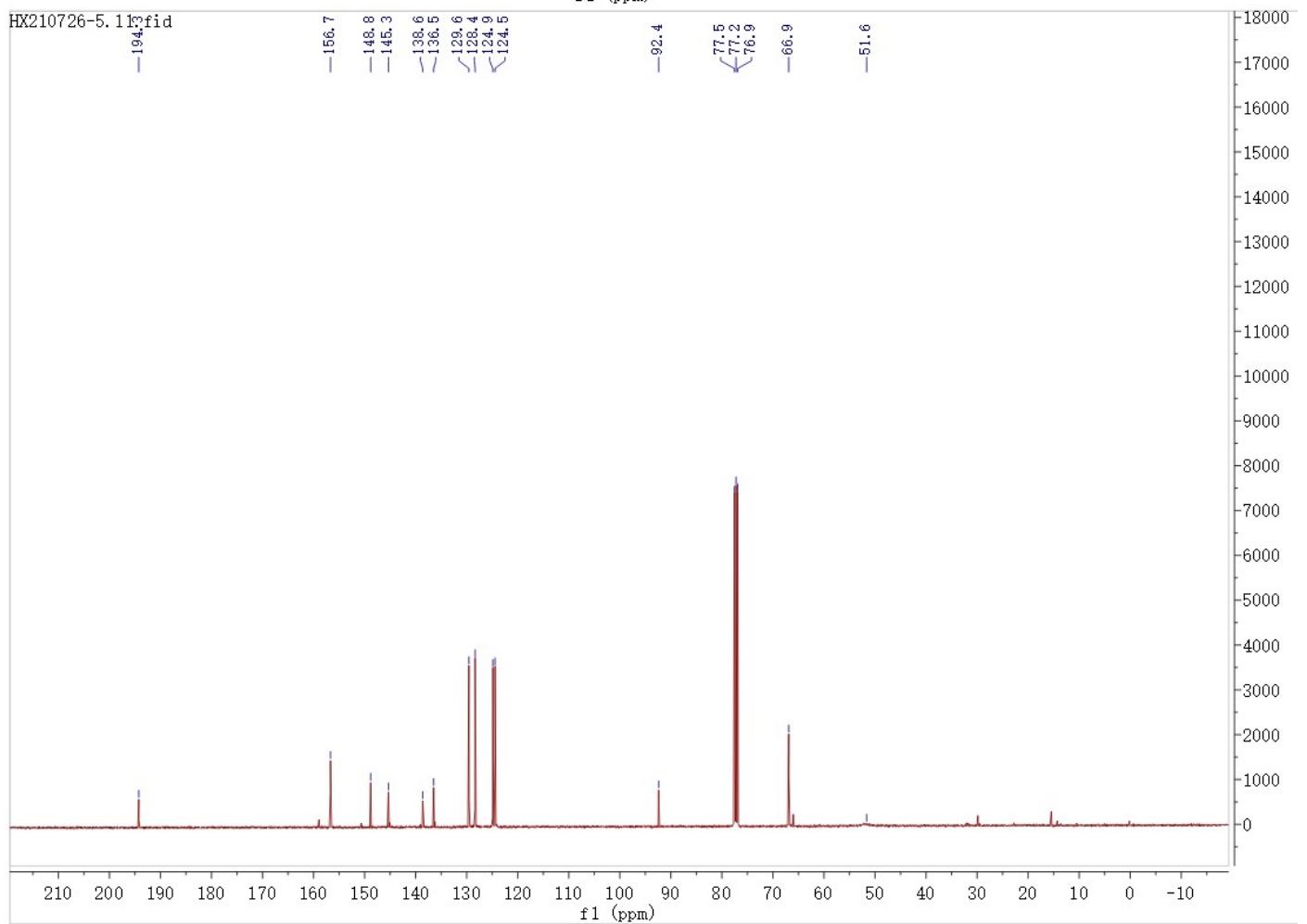
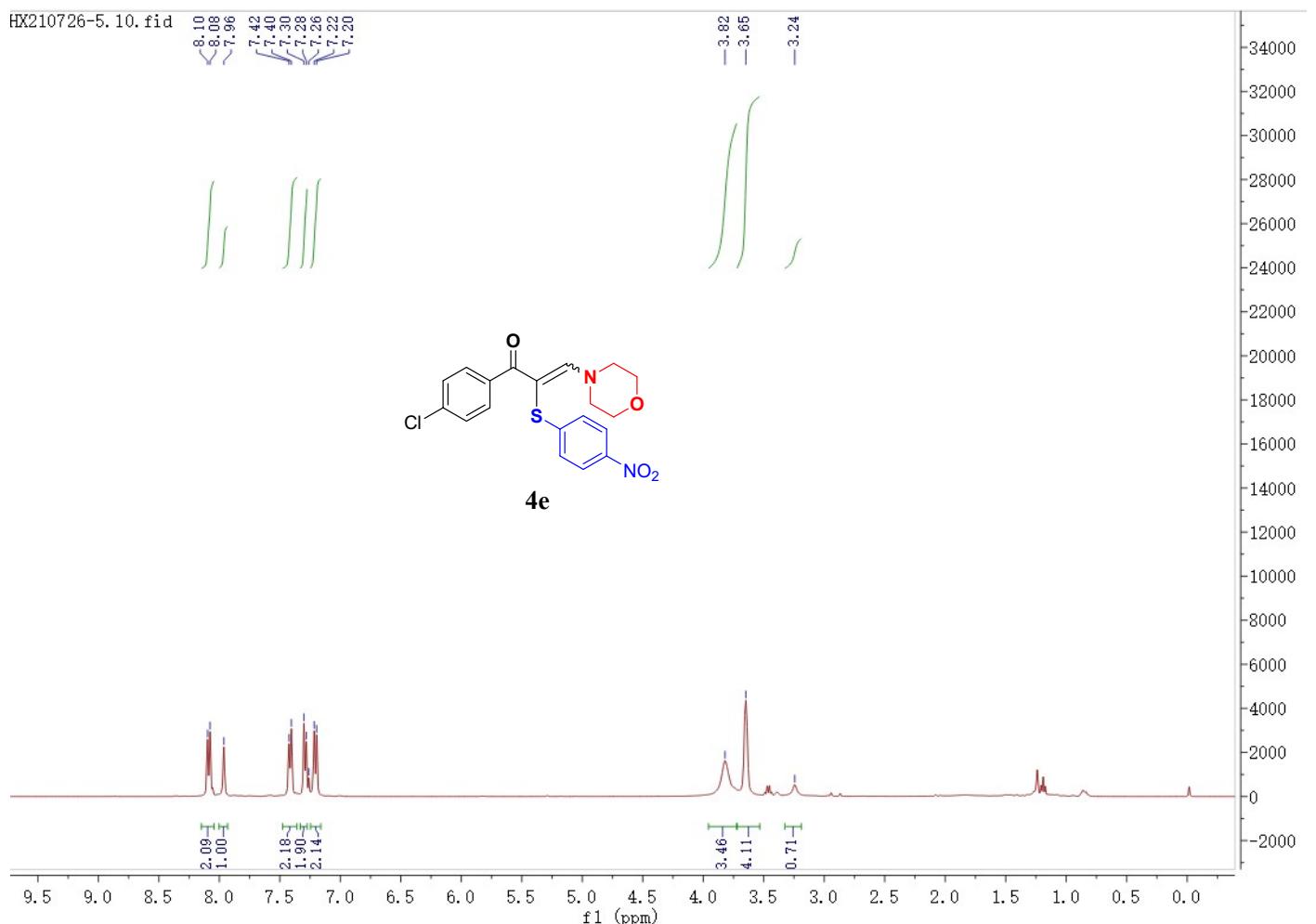
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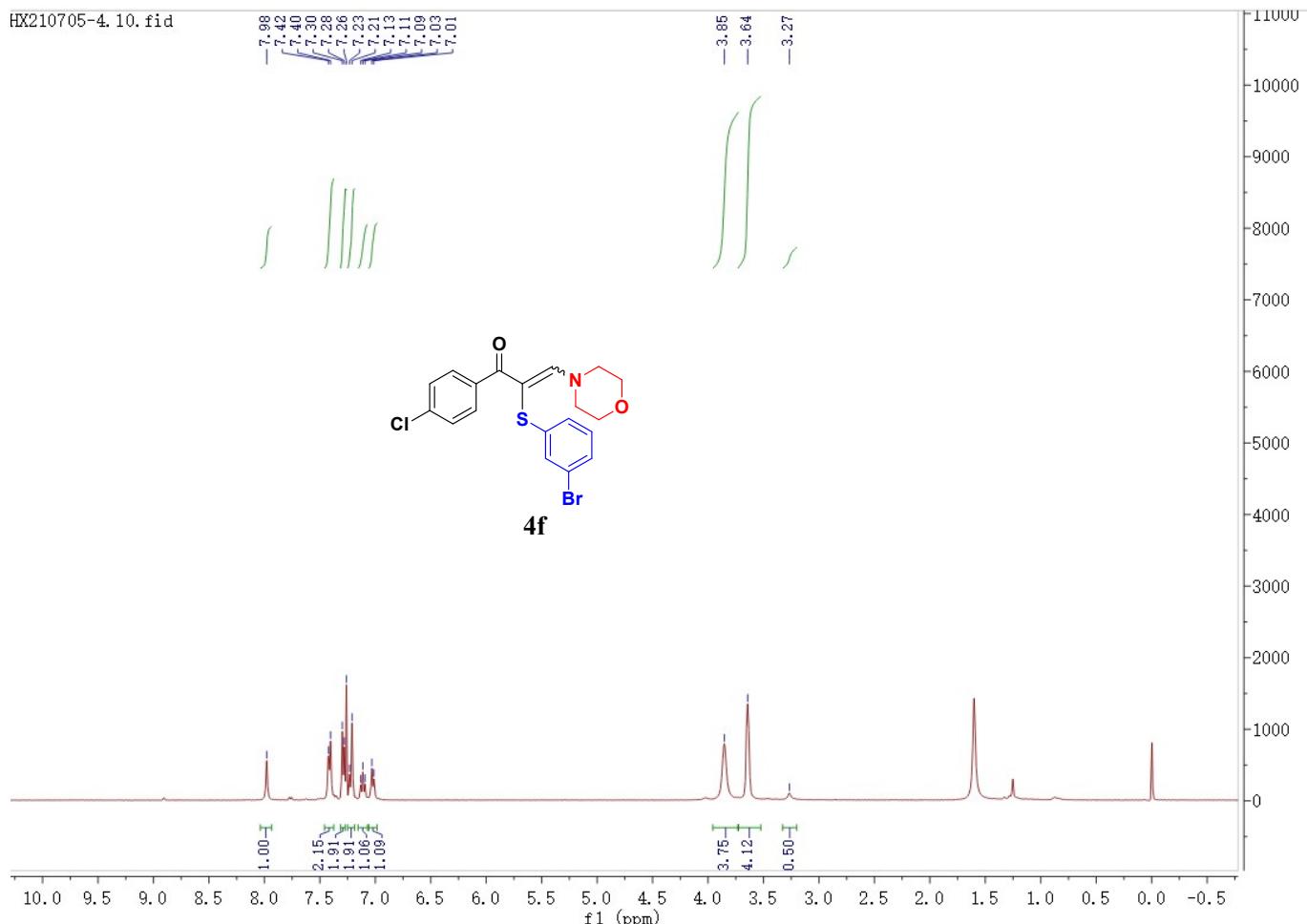
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