

## Supporting Information

### Rational structural modification of isatin scaffold to develop new and potent antimicrobial agents targeting bacterial peptidoglycan glycosyltransferase

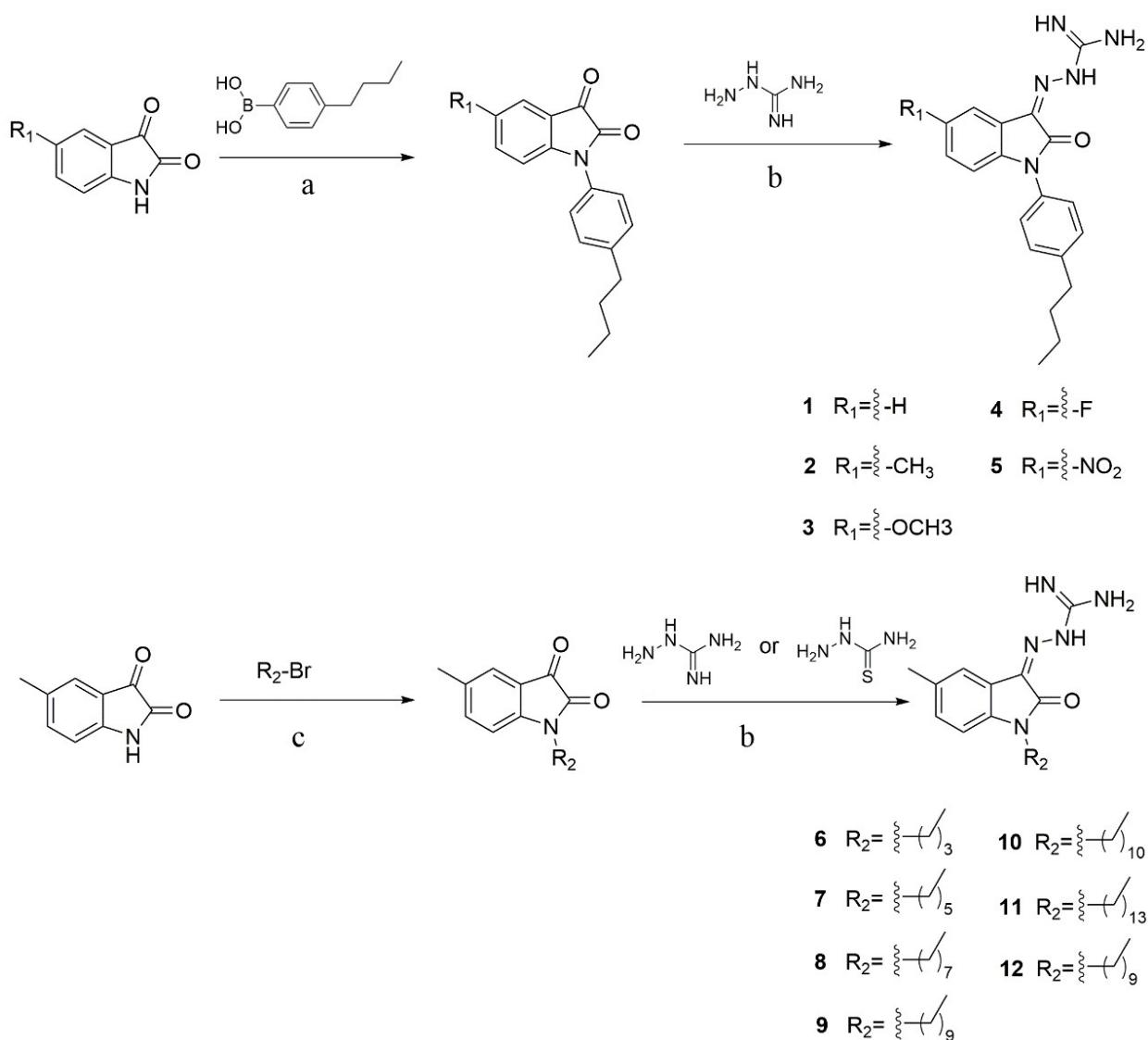
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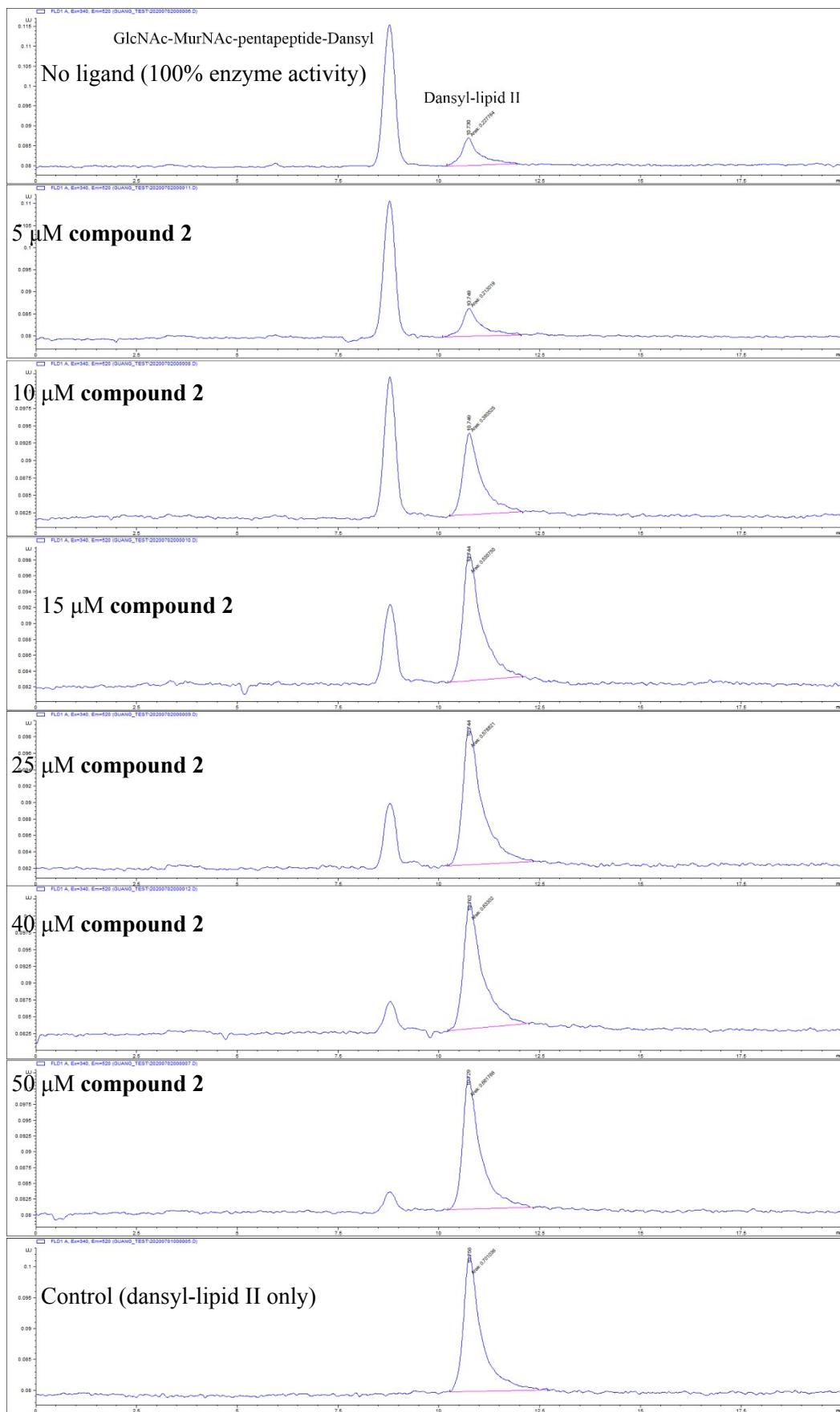
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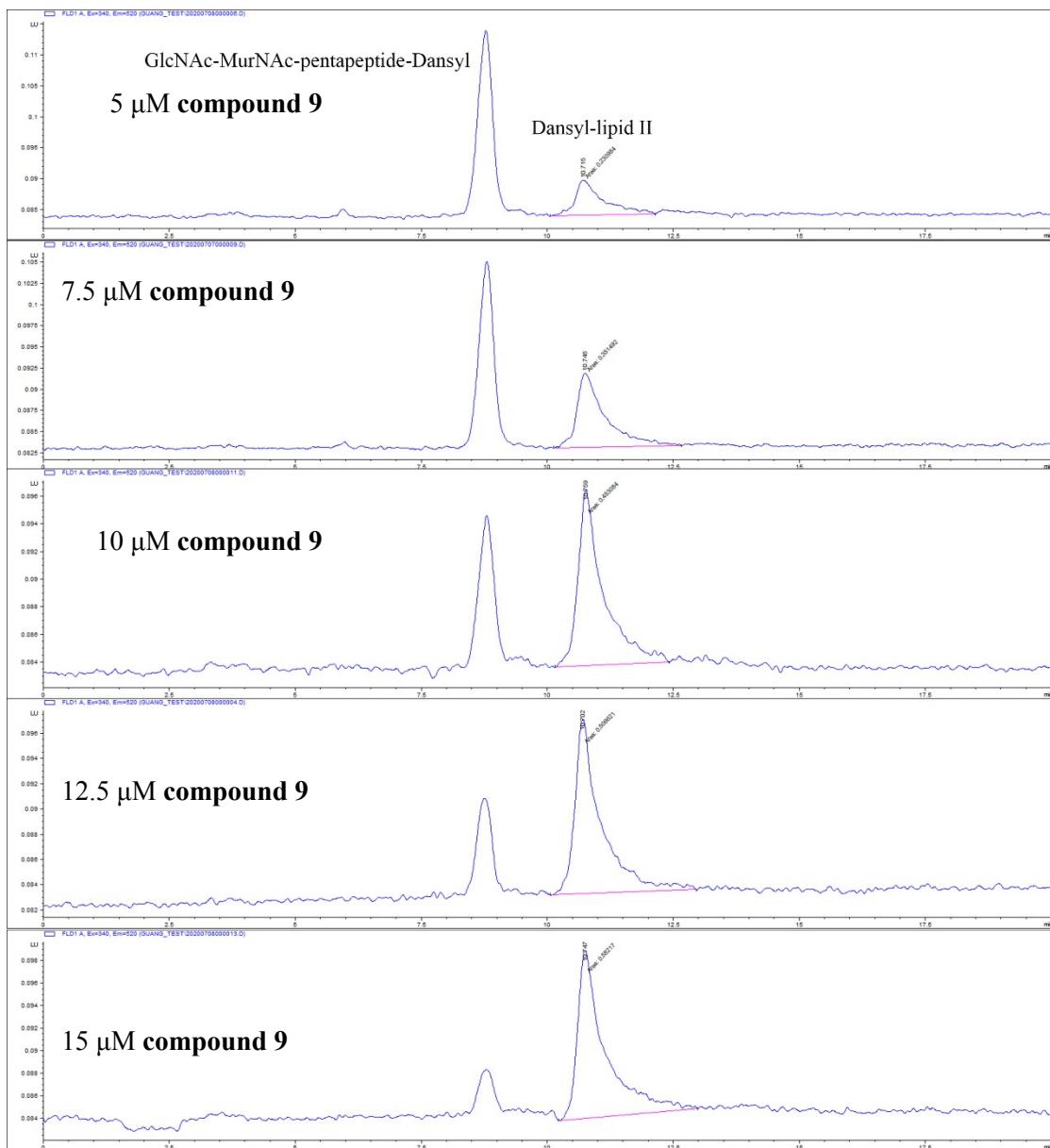
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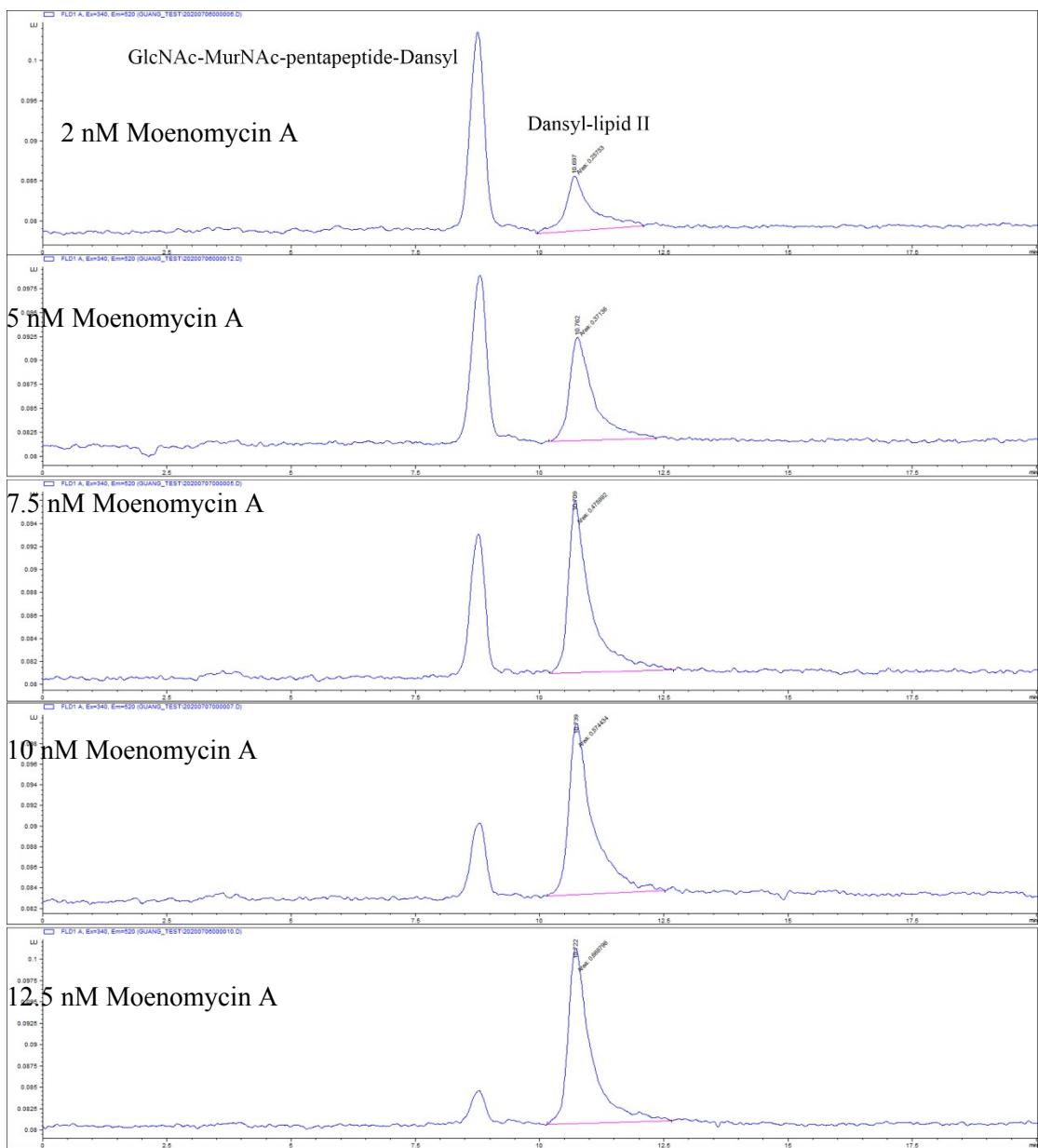
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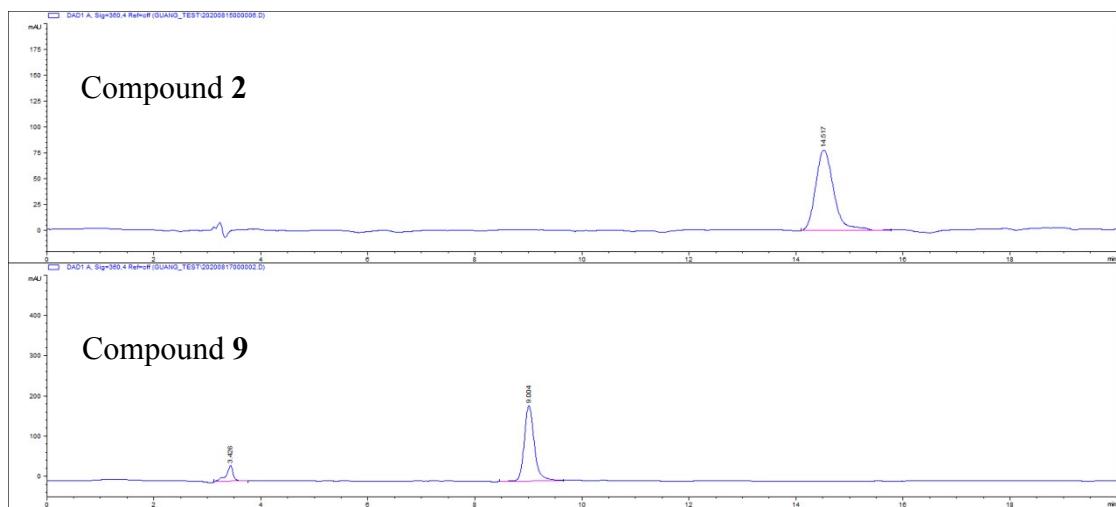
**Figure S1.** Synthetic routes for the new isatin-derivatives. Reaction conditions: (a)  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 24–48 h; (b) acetic acid reflux, 2 h; (c) DMF,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ , 80 °C, 8 h



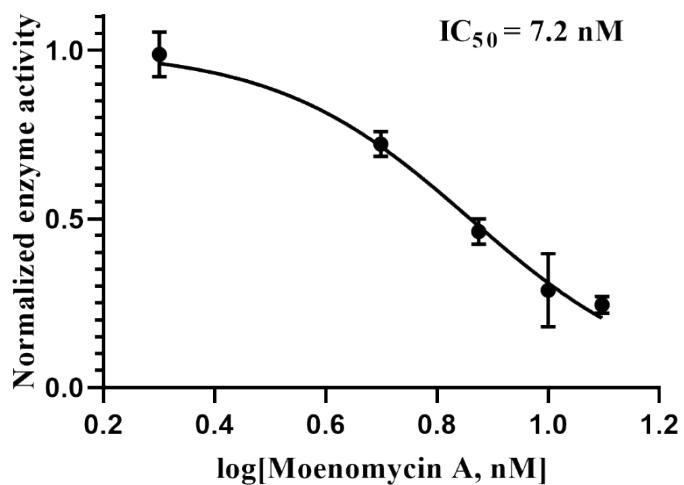




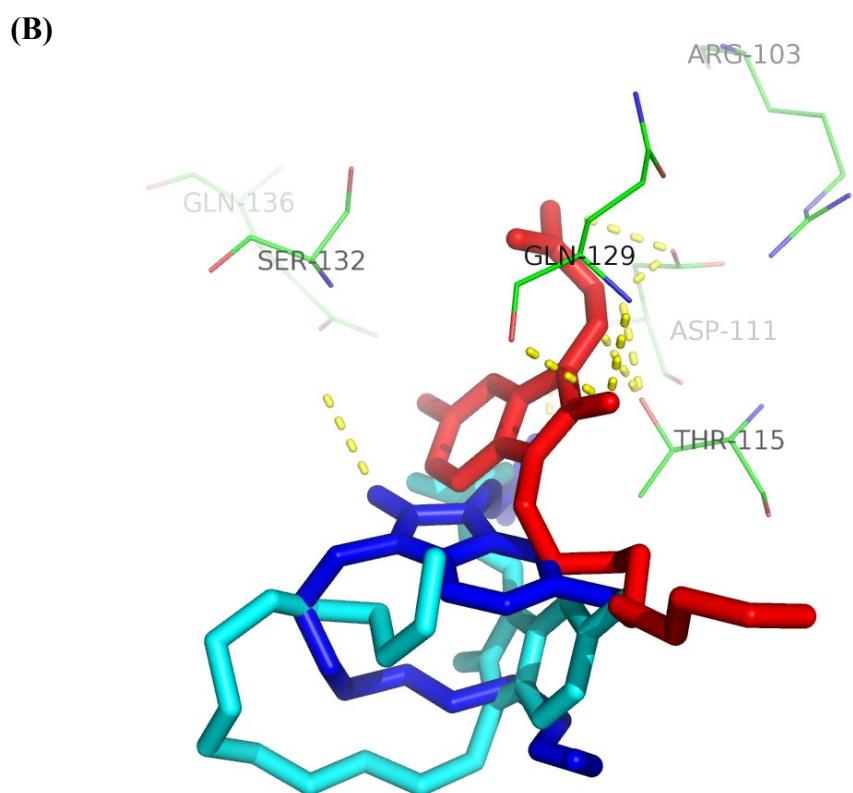
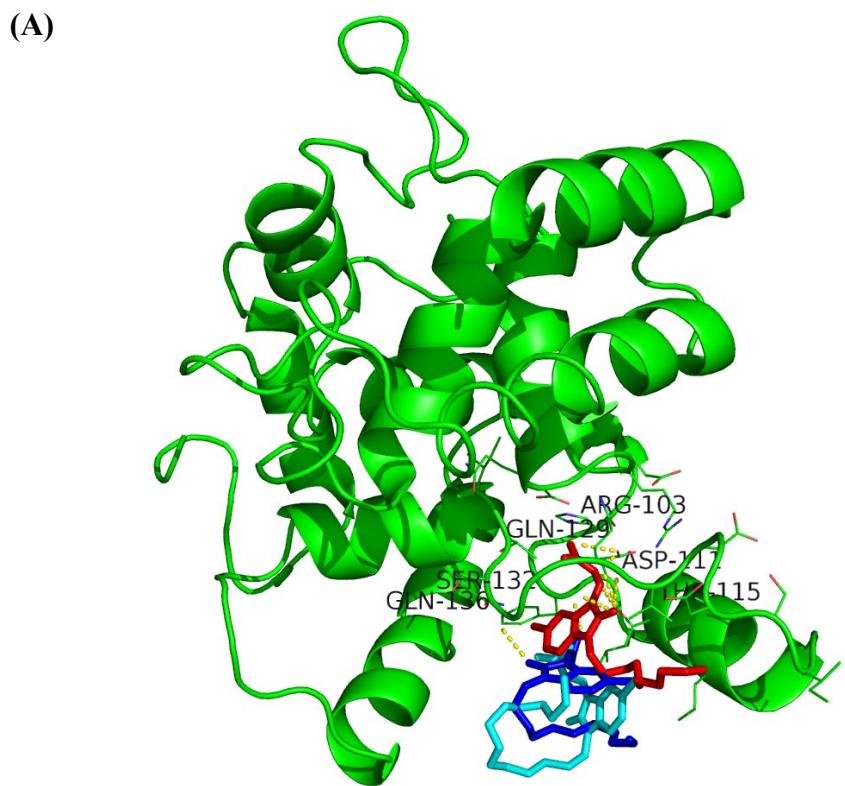
**Figure S2.** HPLC chromatograms of *in vitro* transglycosylation assays in the presence of different concentrations of compound **2**, **9**. Moenomycin A. *E. coli* PBP1b (13.2 nM) and dansyl-lipid II (5  $\mu$ M) were incubated in the HEPES buffer (50 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 200 mM NaCl, 10 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.08% (v/v) decyl PEG, 10% (v/v) DMSO, 15% (v/v) CH<sub>3</sub>OH, and 2 U/ $\mu$ L muramidase) for 5 min. Reactions were quenched by adding 1  $\mu$ L of 100  $\mu$ M MoeA.



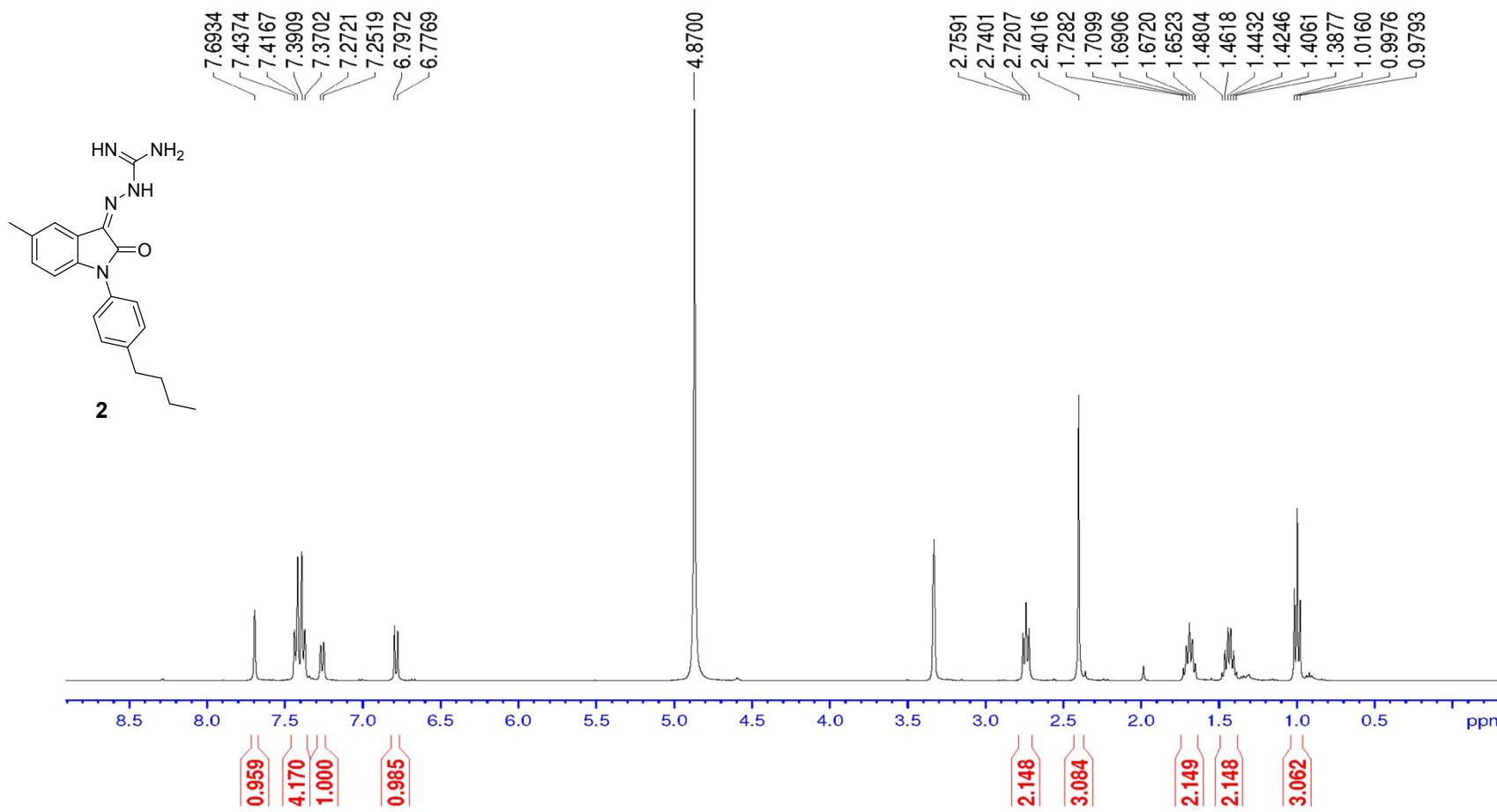
**Figure S3.** Purity studies of compound **2** and **9** by HPLC. Samples were injected into an Agilent 1200 series HPLC machine equipped with a Waters XBridge C<sub>18</sub> column (5  $\mu$ m, 4.6  $\times$  250 mm) and monitored at  $\lambda = 360$  nm; mobile phase: 20% water in methanol for compound **2**, retention time = 14.5 min; 10% water in methanol for compound **9**, retention time = 9 min.



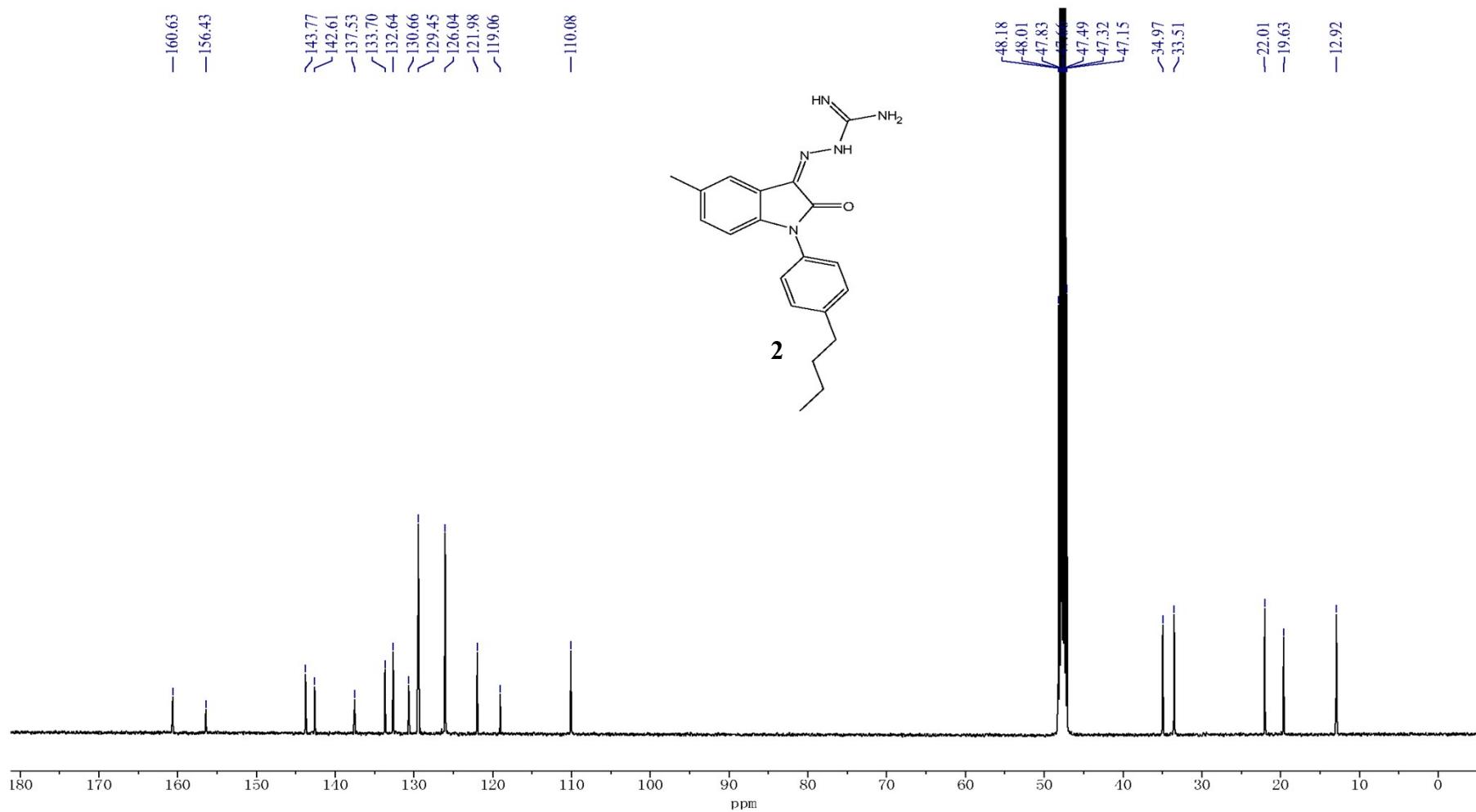
**Figure S4.** Half maximal inhibitory concentration of moenomycin A against *E. coli* PBP 1b.



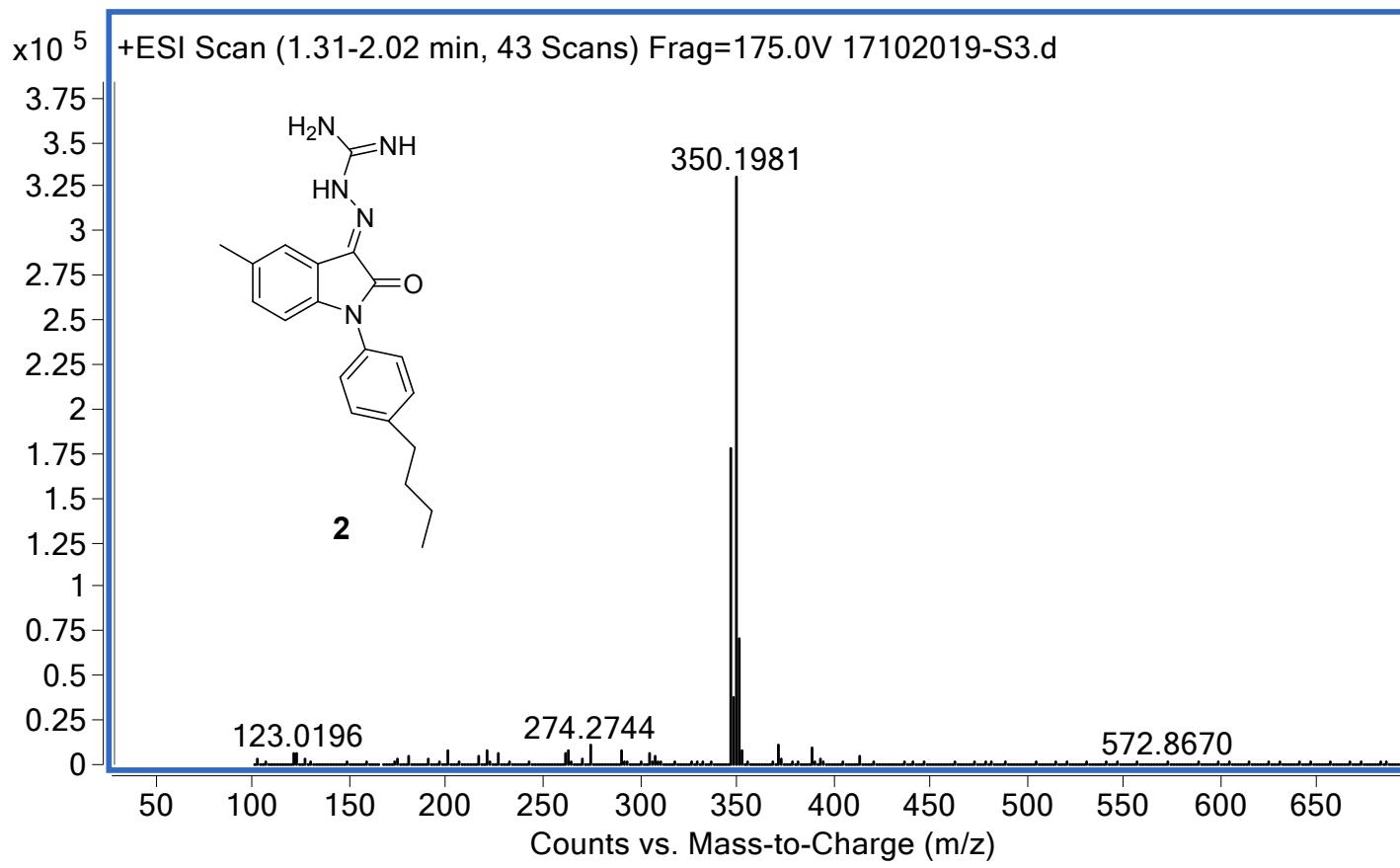
**Figure S5.** (A) Docking models between inhibitors (compound **9**, **10**, **11**) and *S. aureus* monofunctional glycosyltransferase (protein ID: 3HZS): compound **9** (red), **10** (blue), and **11** (cyan). (B) The interactions between **9**, **10**, **11** and *S. aureus* monofunctional glycosyltransferase were generated from AutoDock Tools.



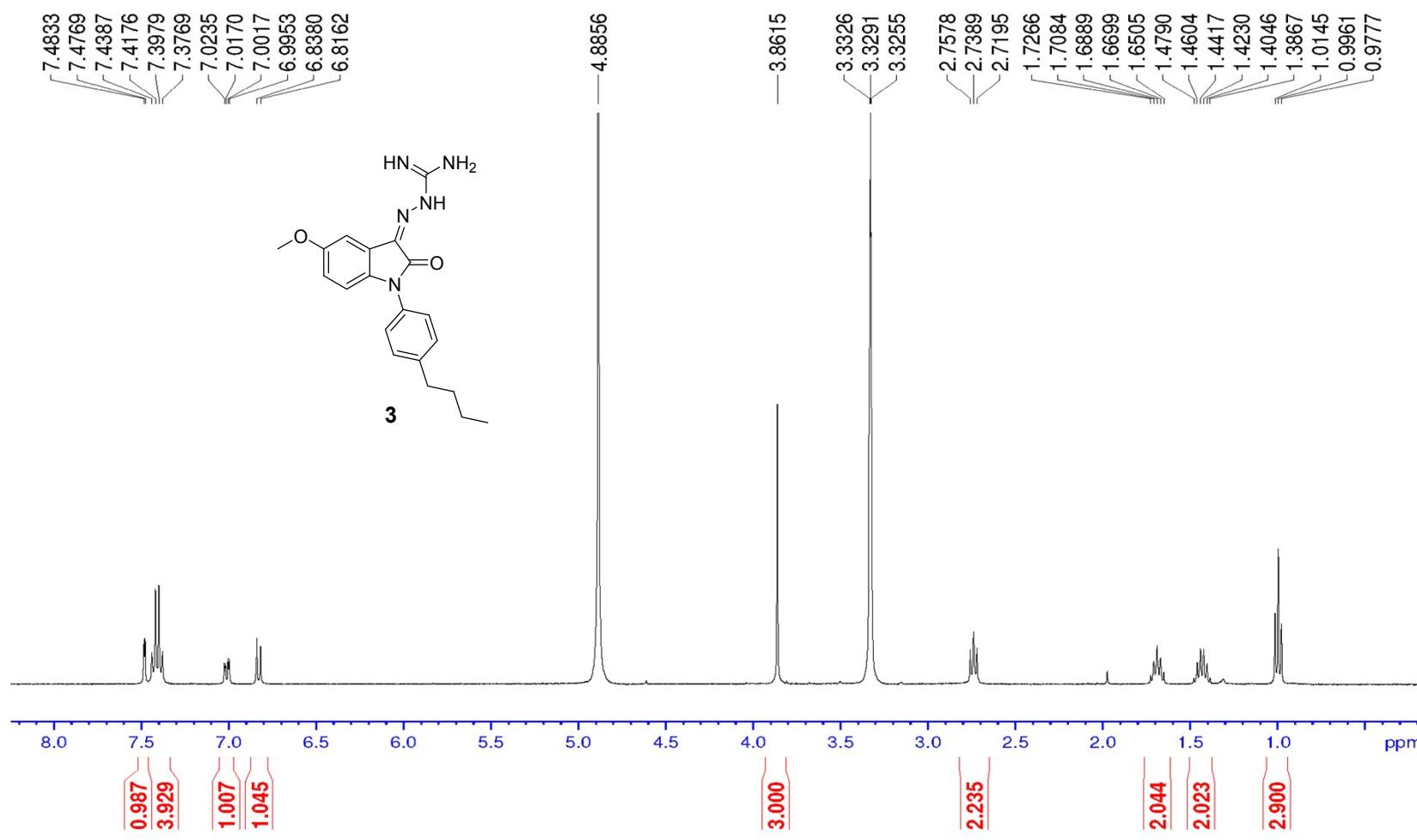
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **2**



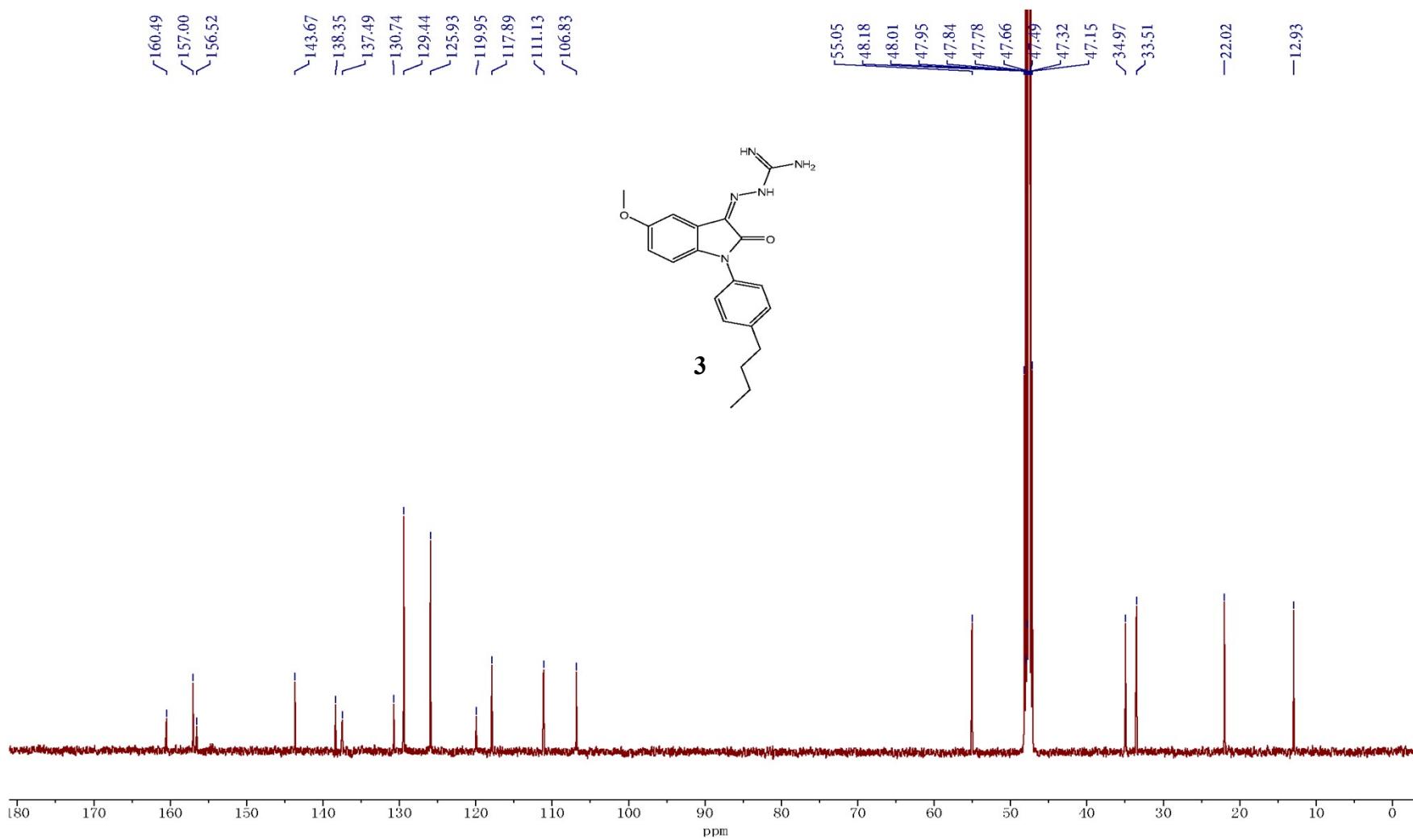
**Figure S7.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **2**



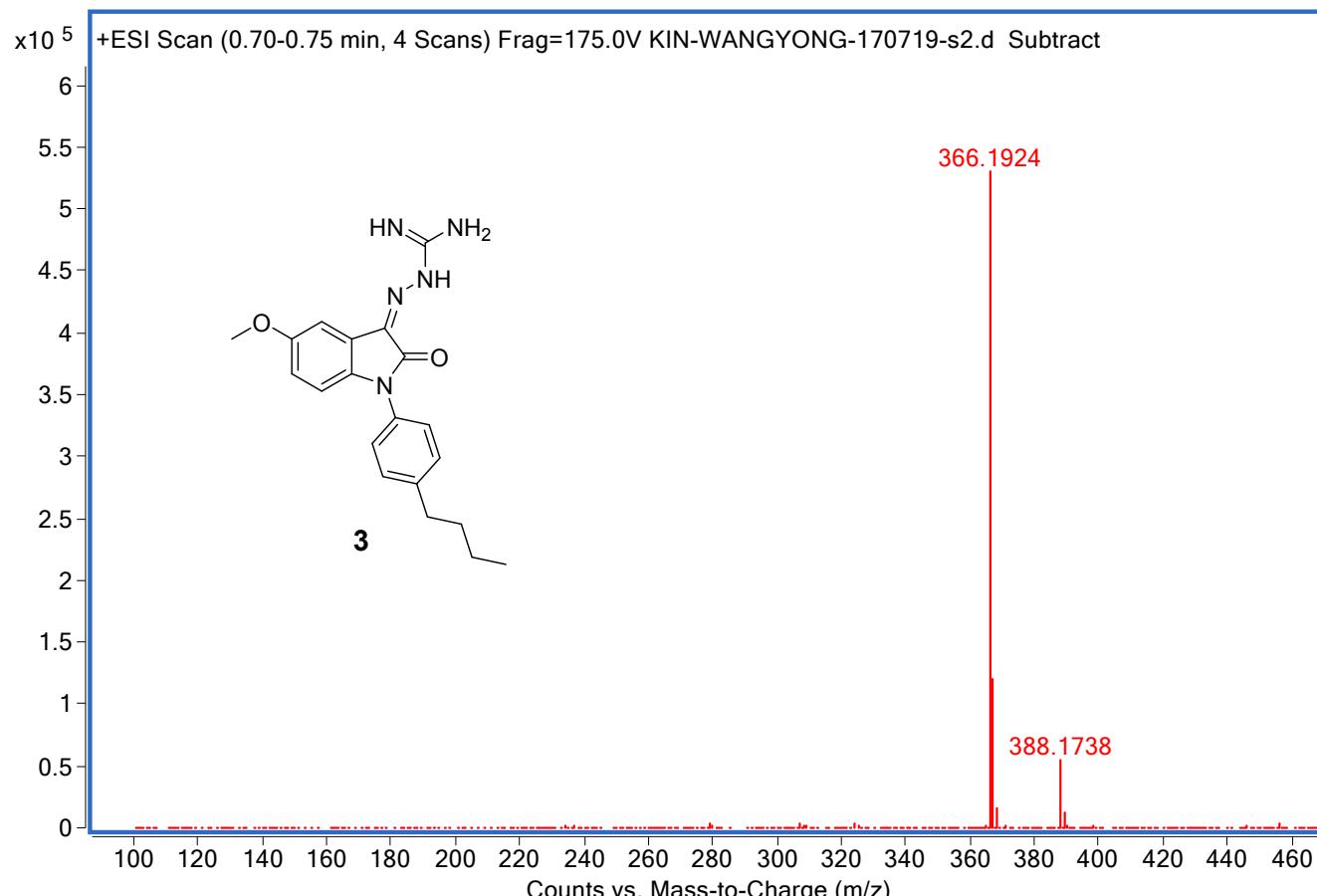
**Figure S8.** HRMS results for compound 2



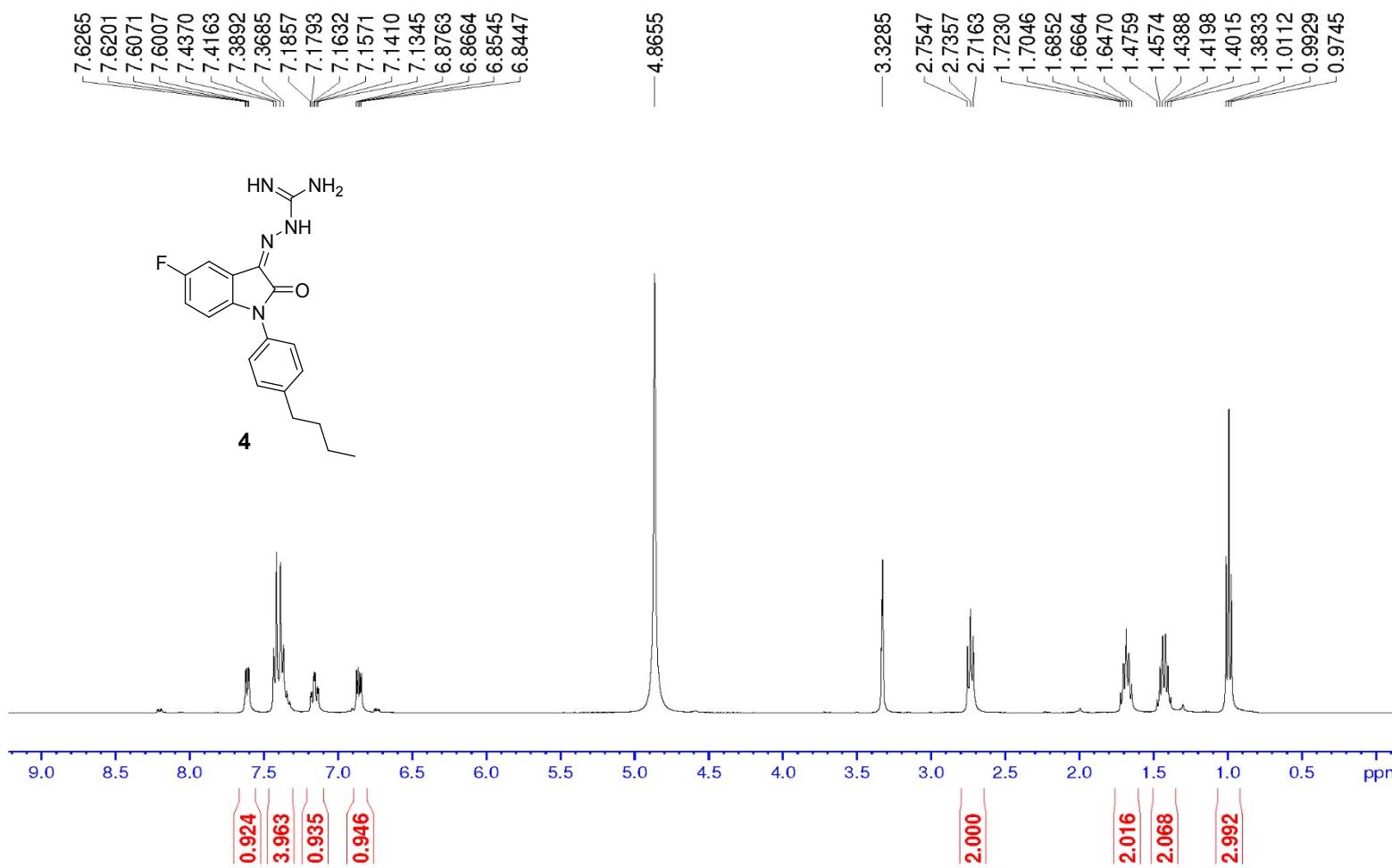
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound 3



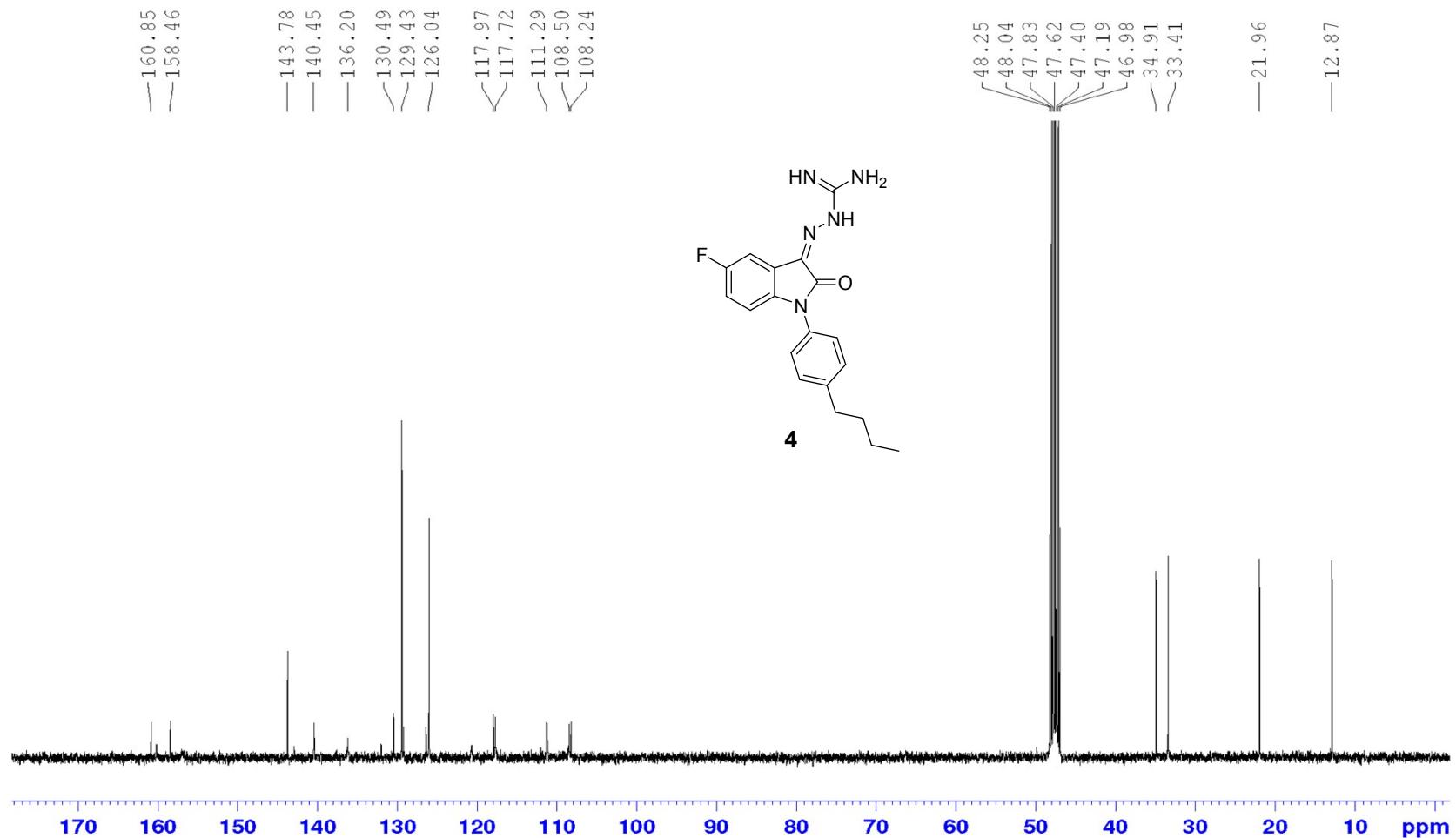
**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **3**



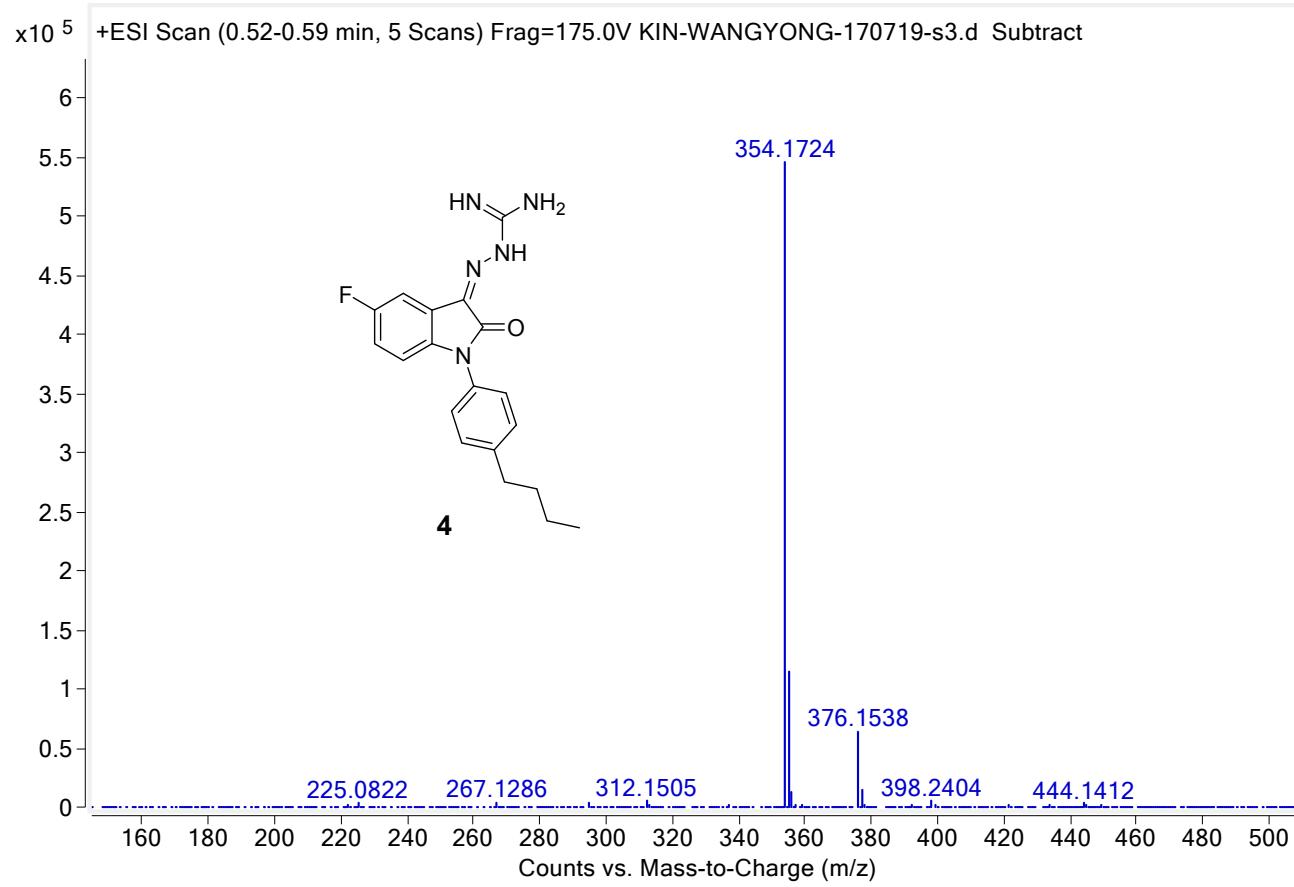
**Figure S11.** HRMS results for compound 3



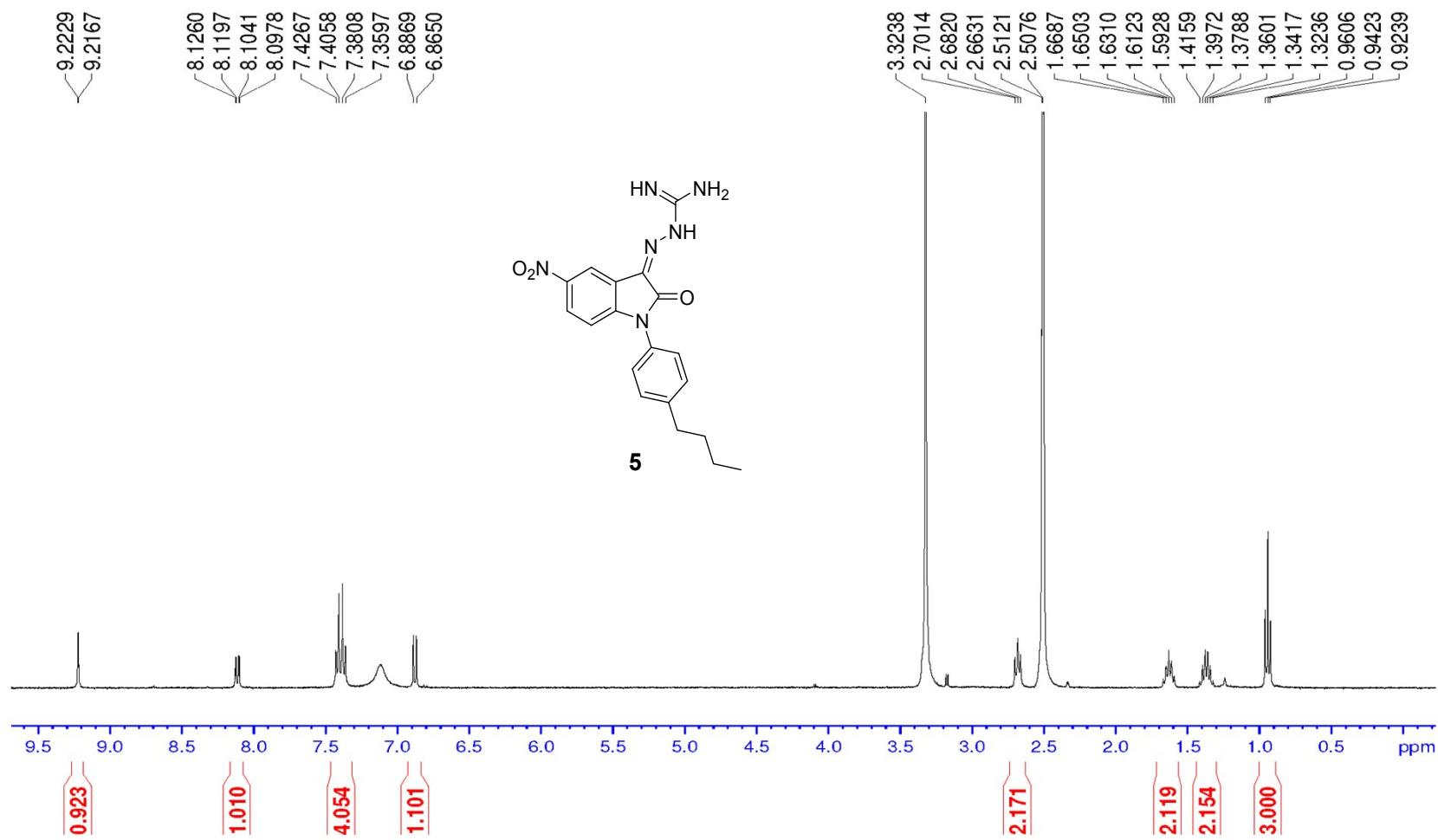
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **4**



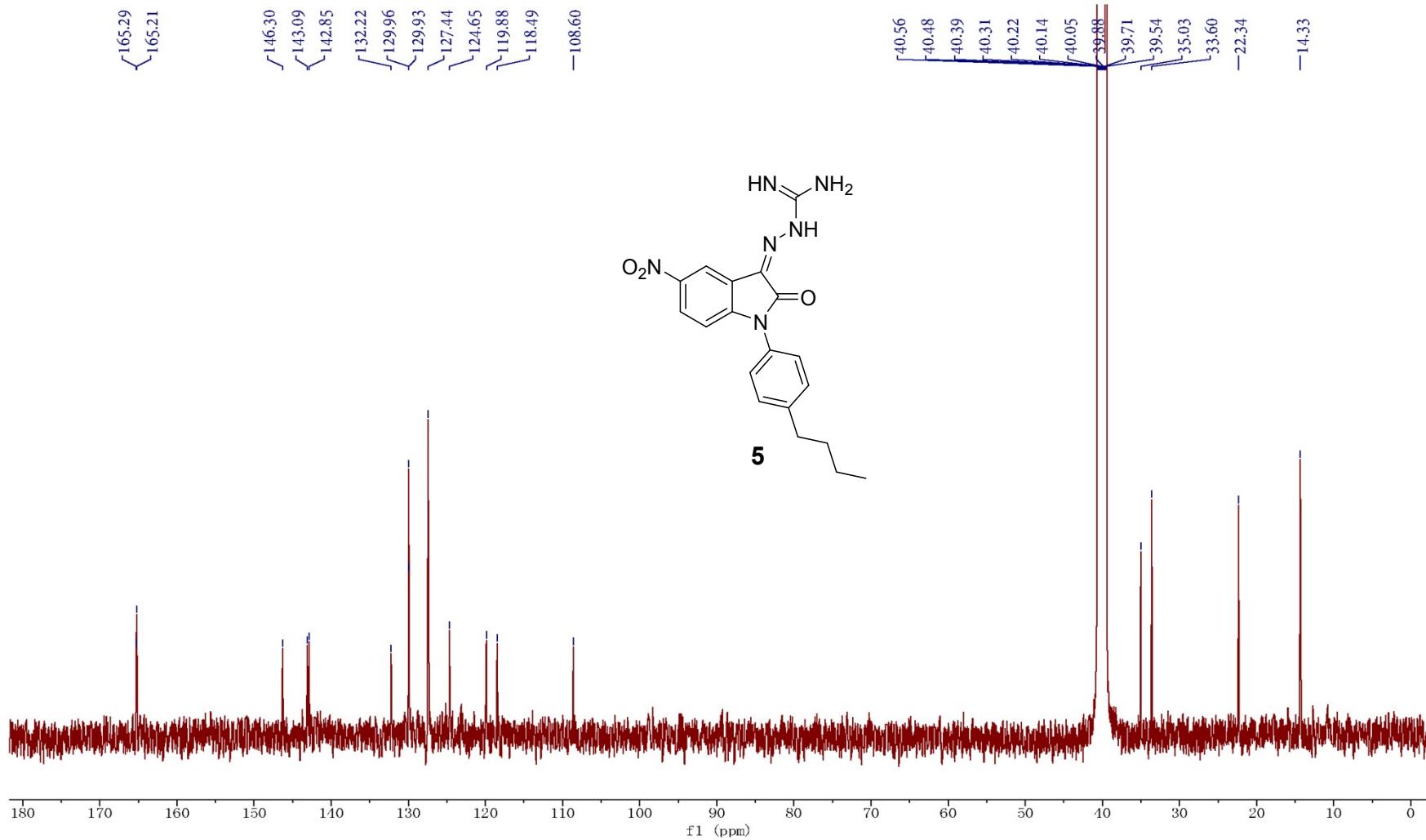
**Figure S13.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound 4



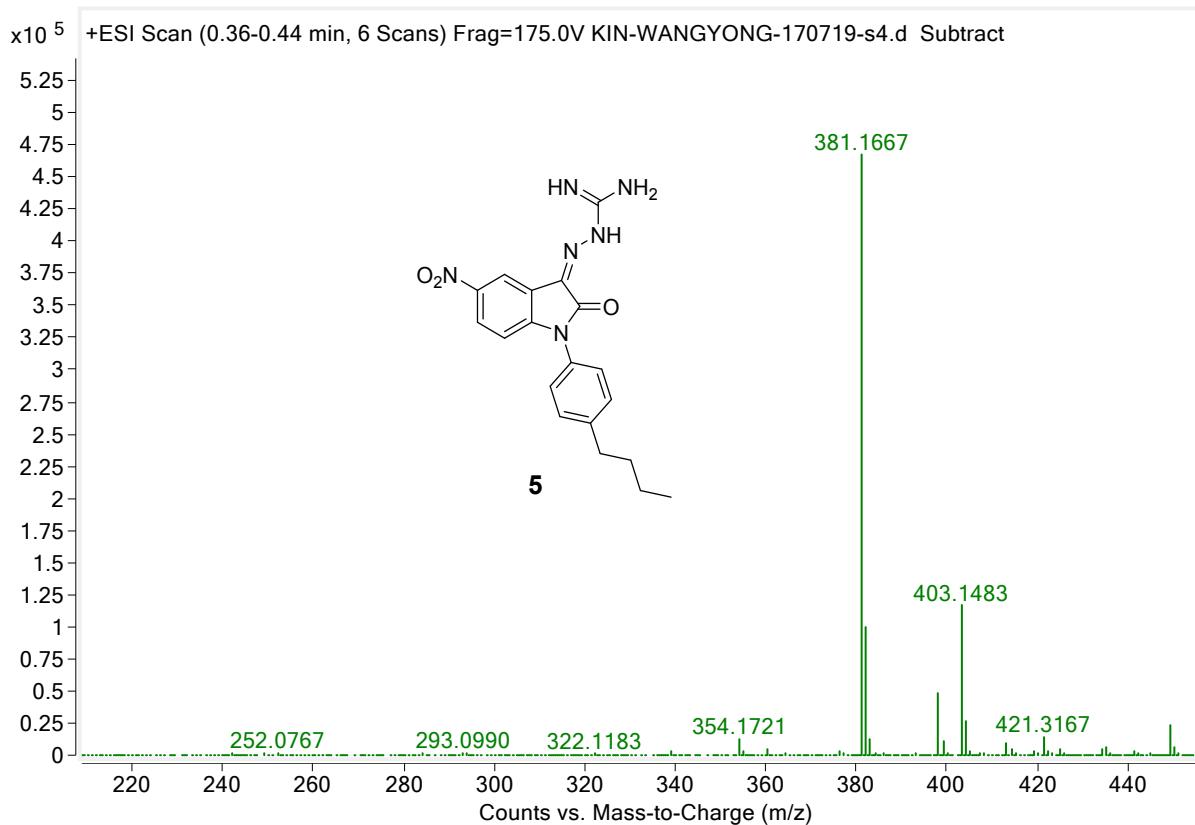
**Figure S14.** HRMS results for compound 4



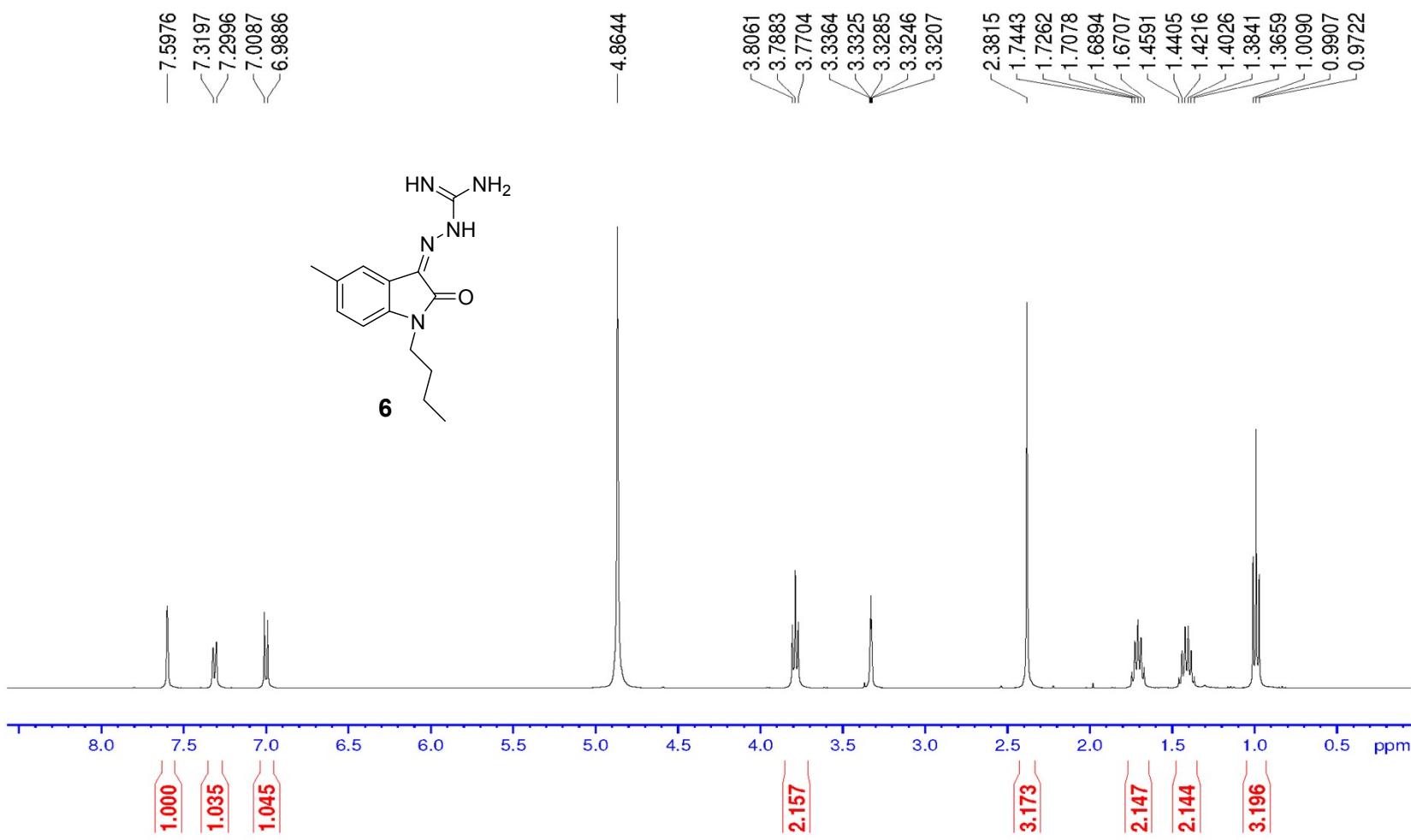
**Figure S15.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **5**



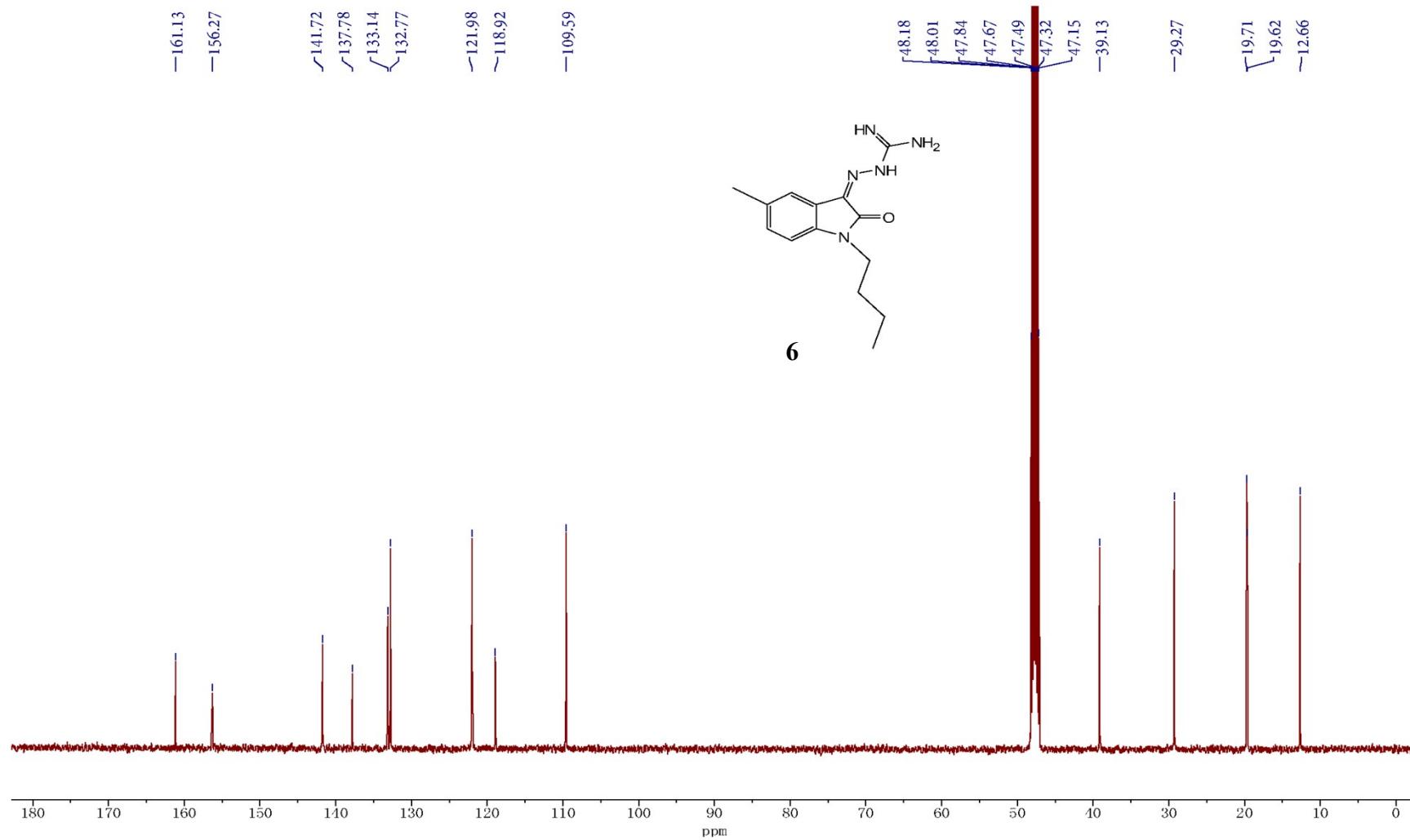
**Figure S16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **5**



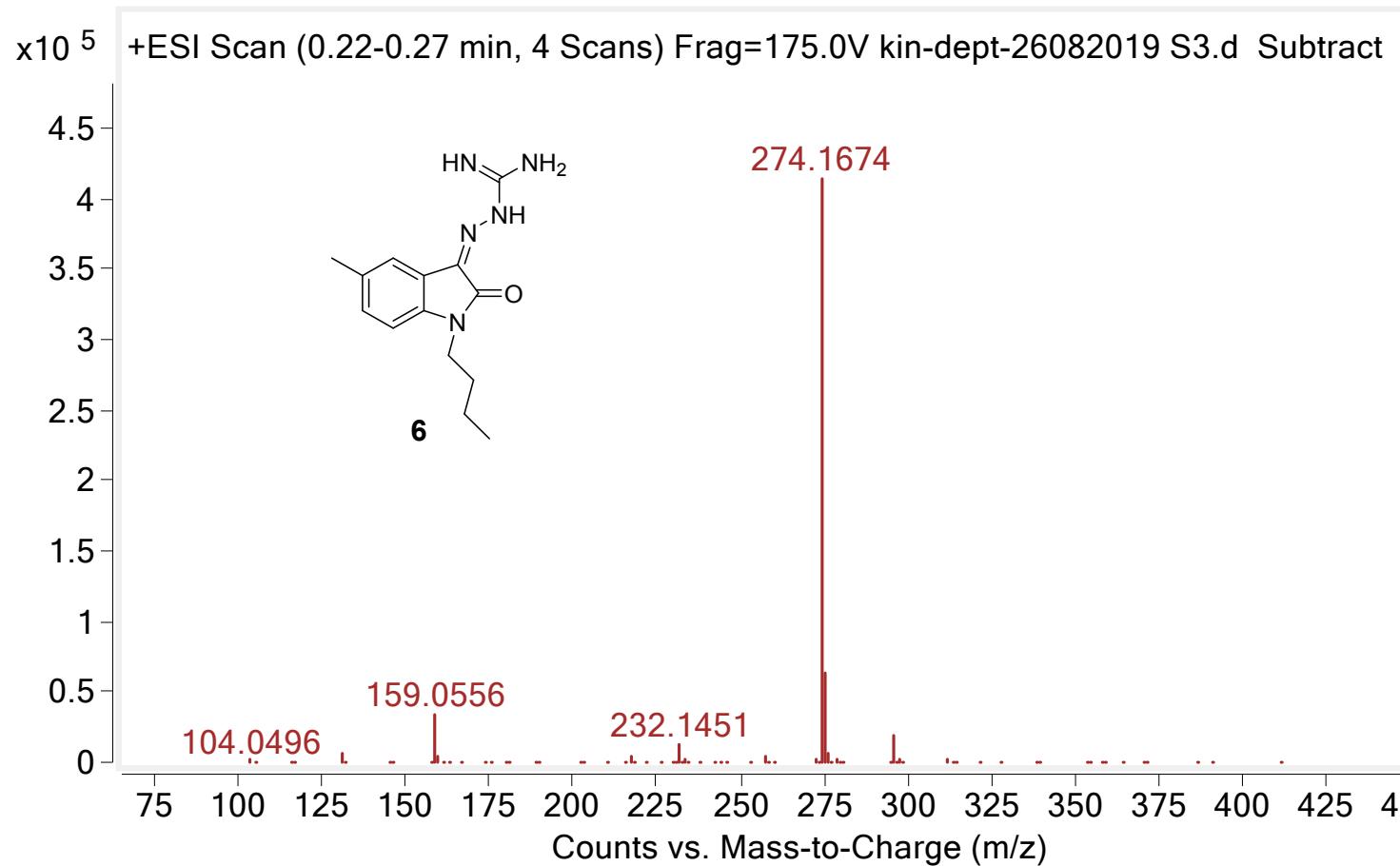
**Figure S17.** HRMS results for compound **5**



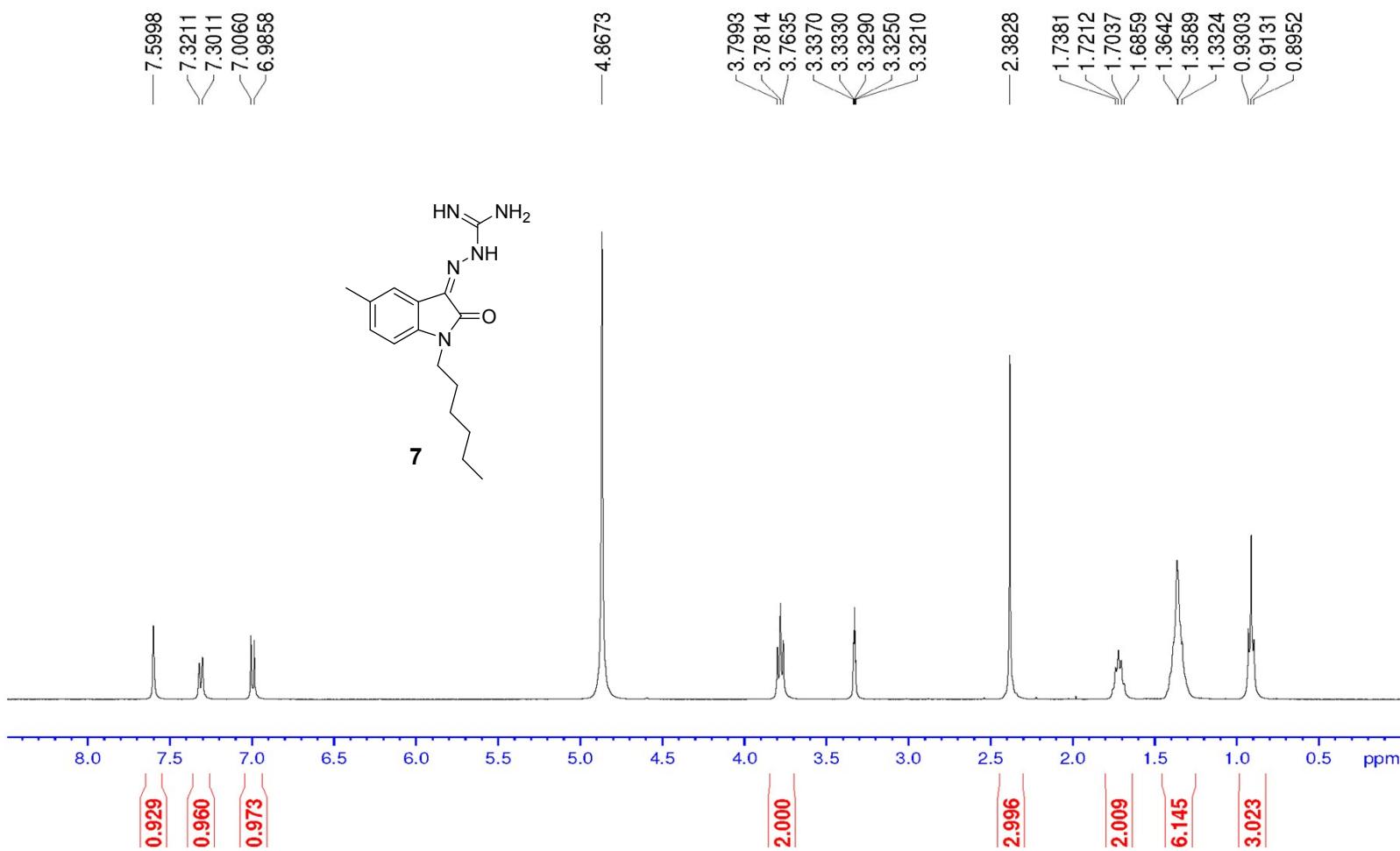
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) for compound **6**



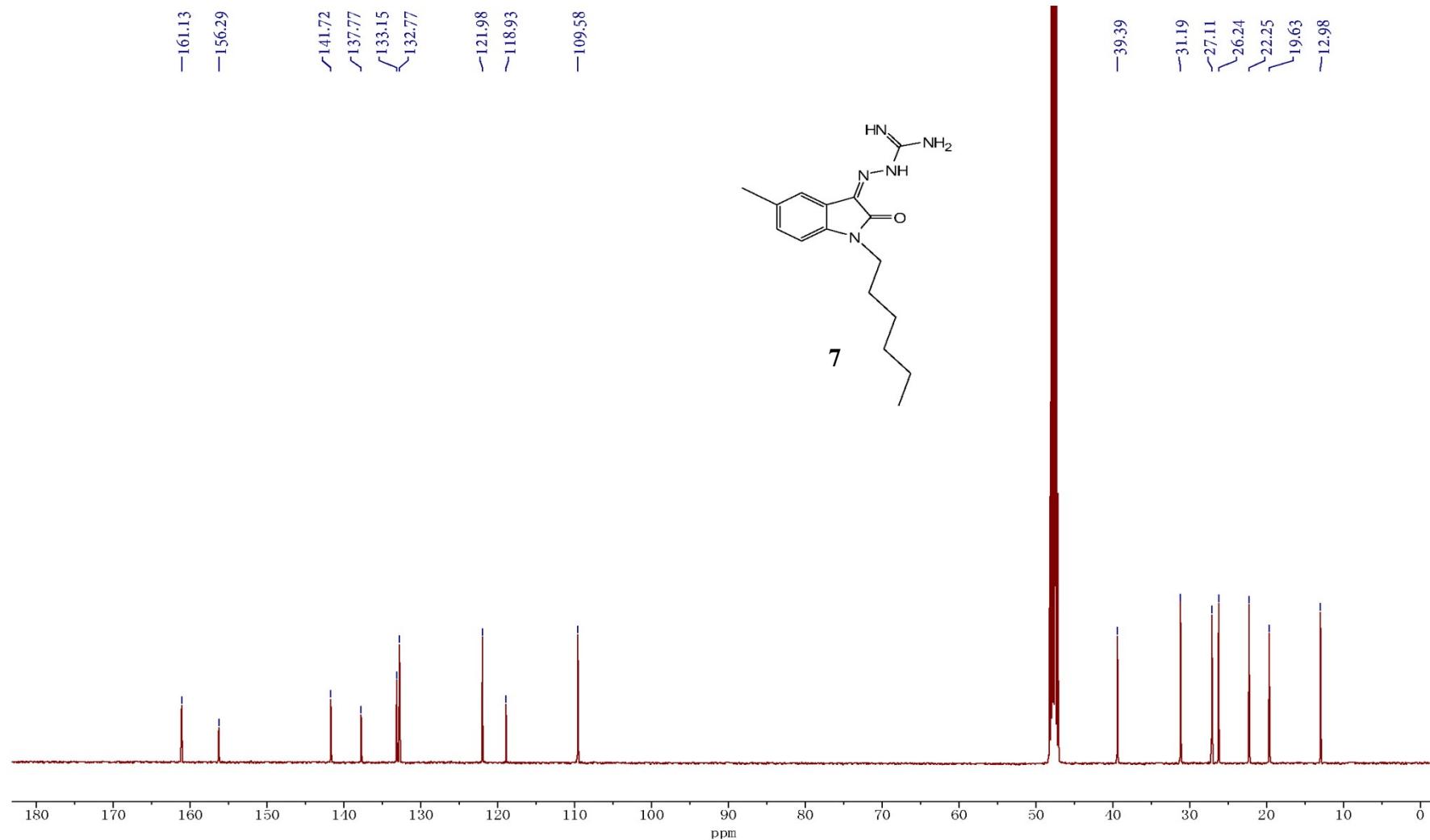
**Figure S19.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **6**



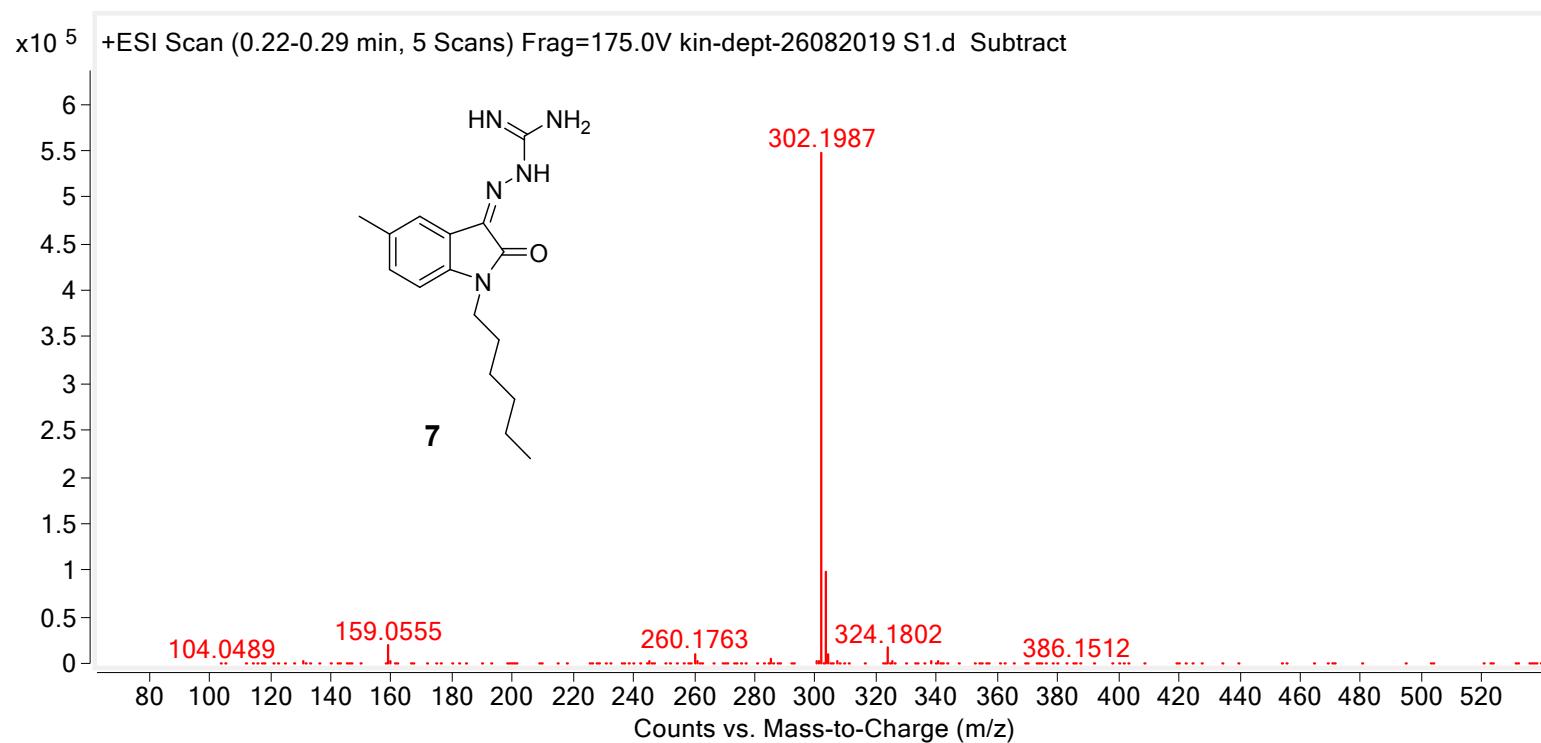
**Figure S20.** HRMS results for compound 6



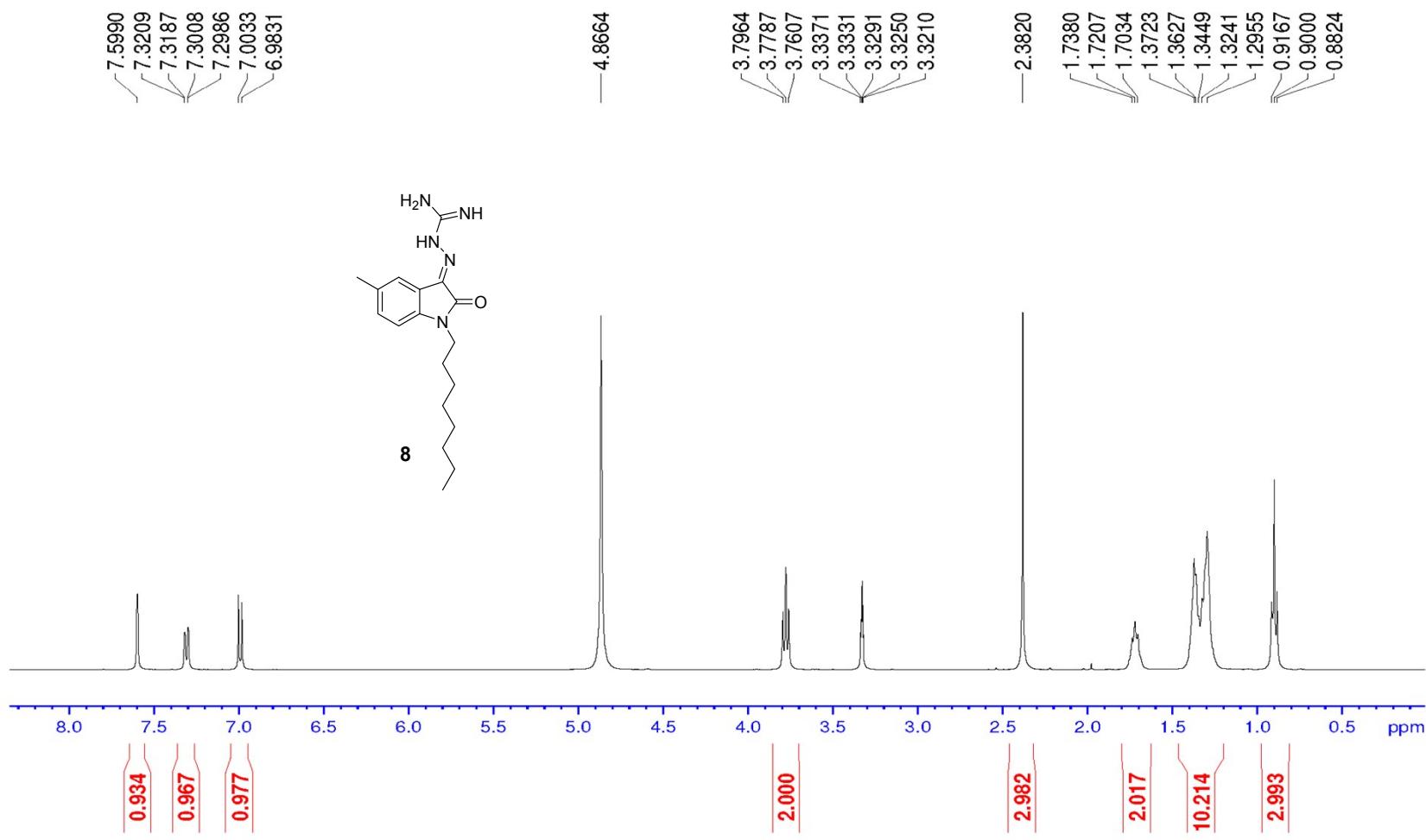
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) for compound 7



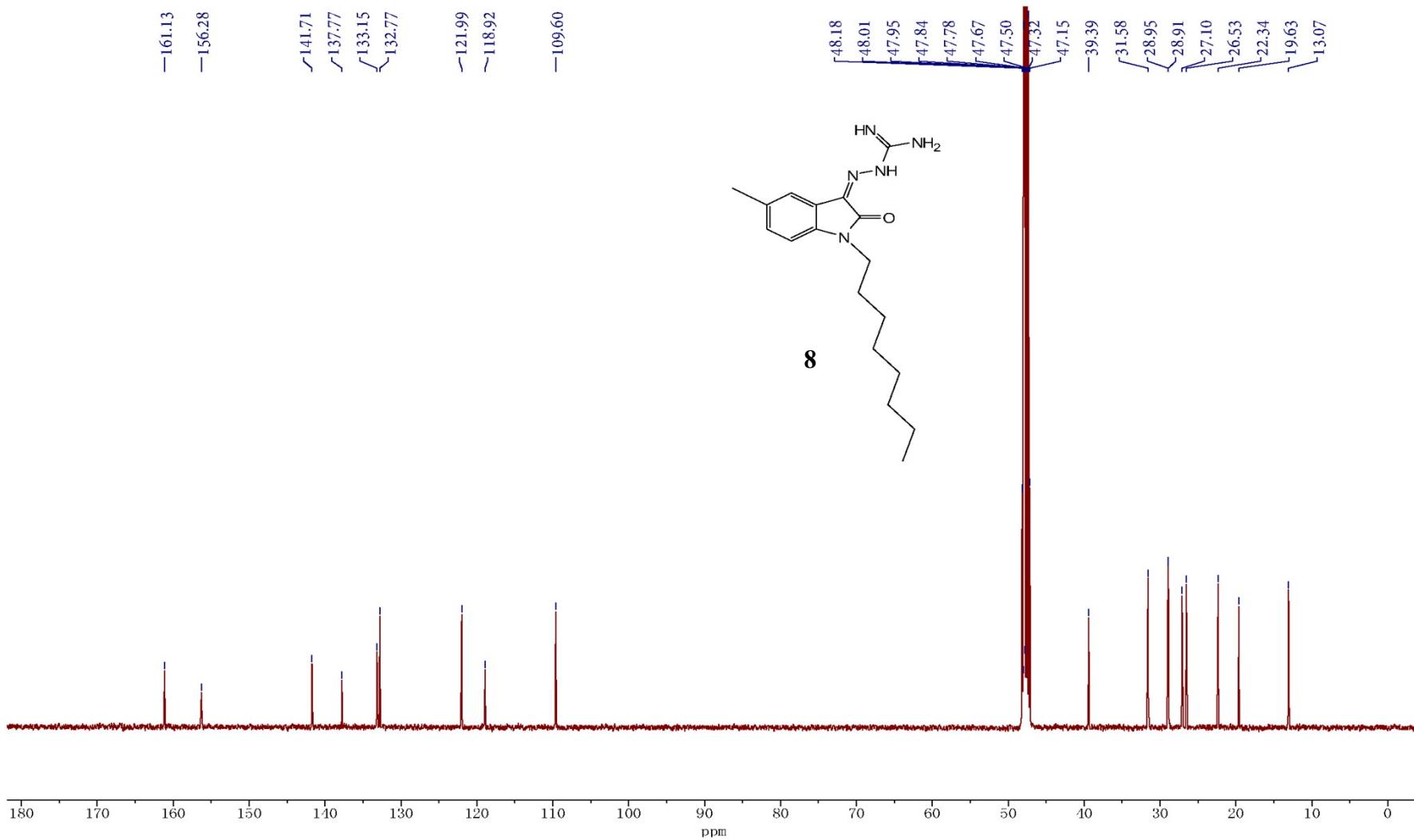
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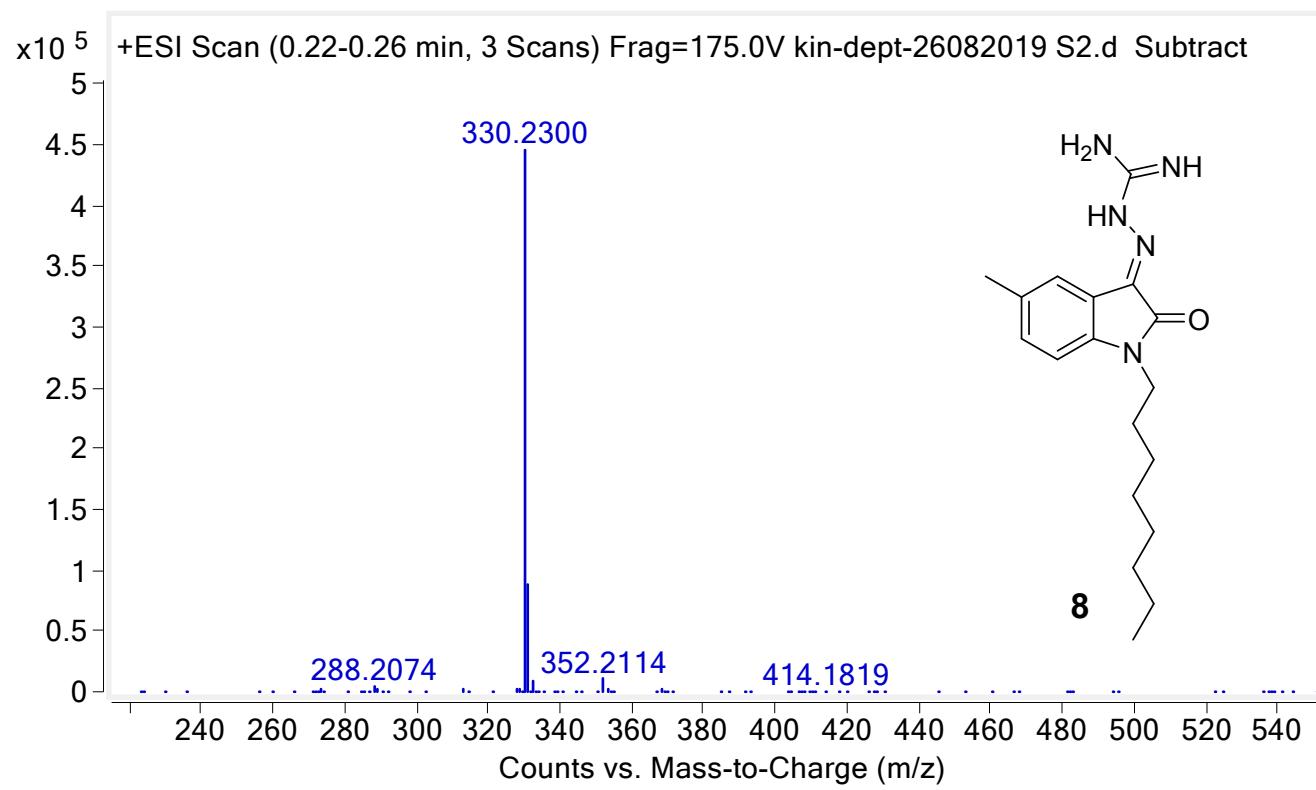
**Figure S23.** HRMS results for compound 7



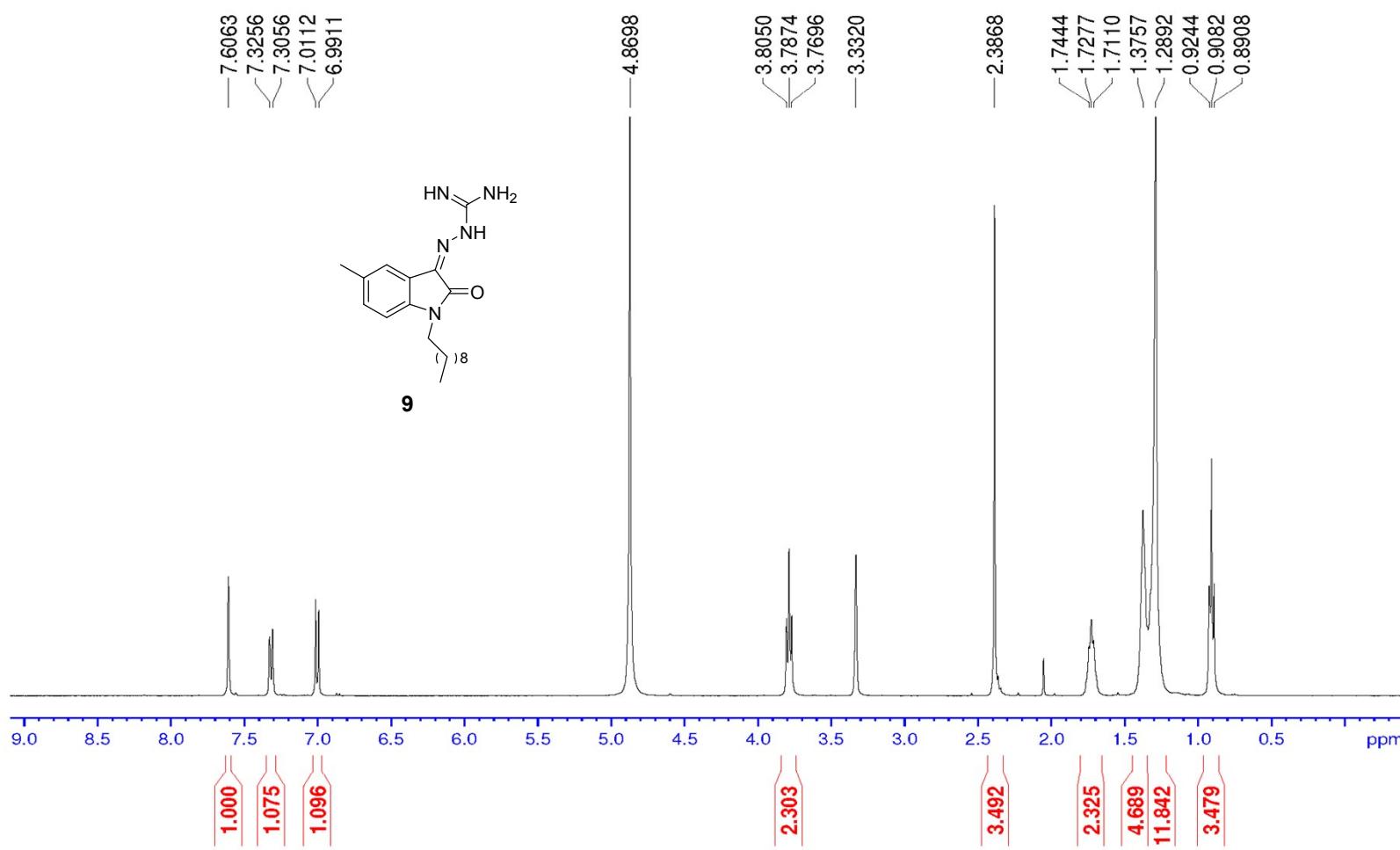
**Figure S24.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **8**



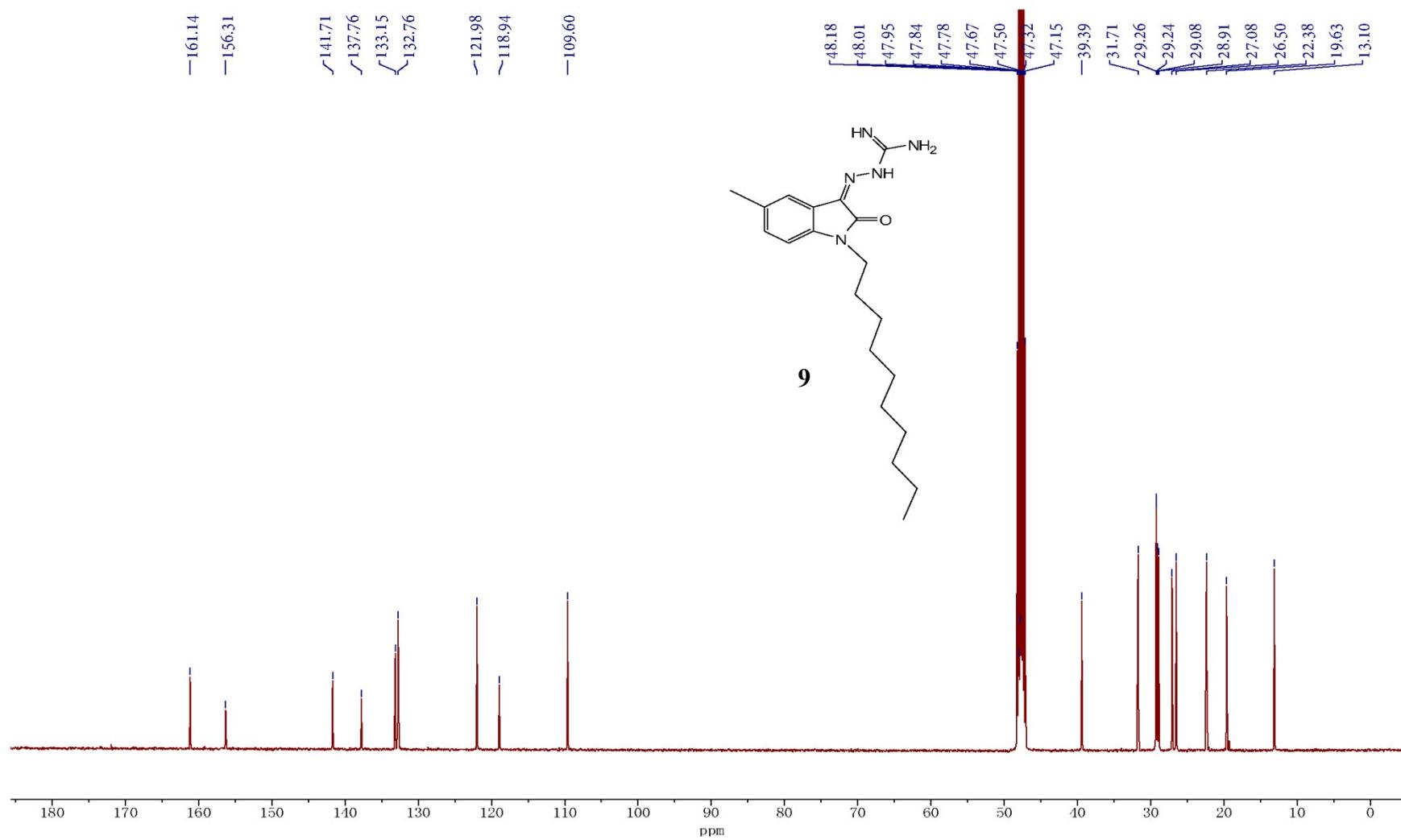
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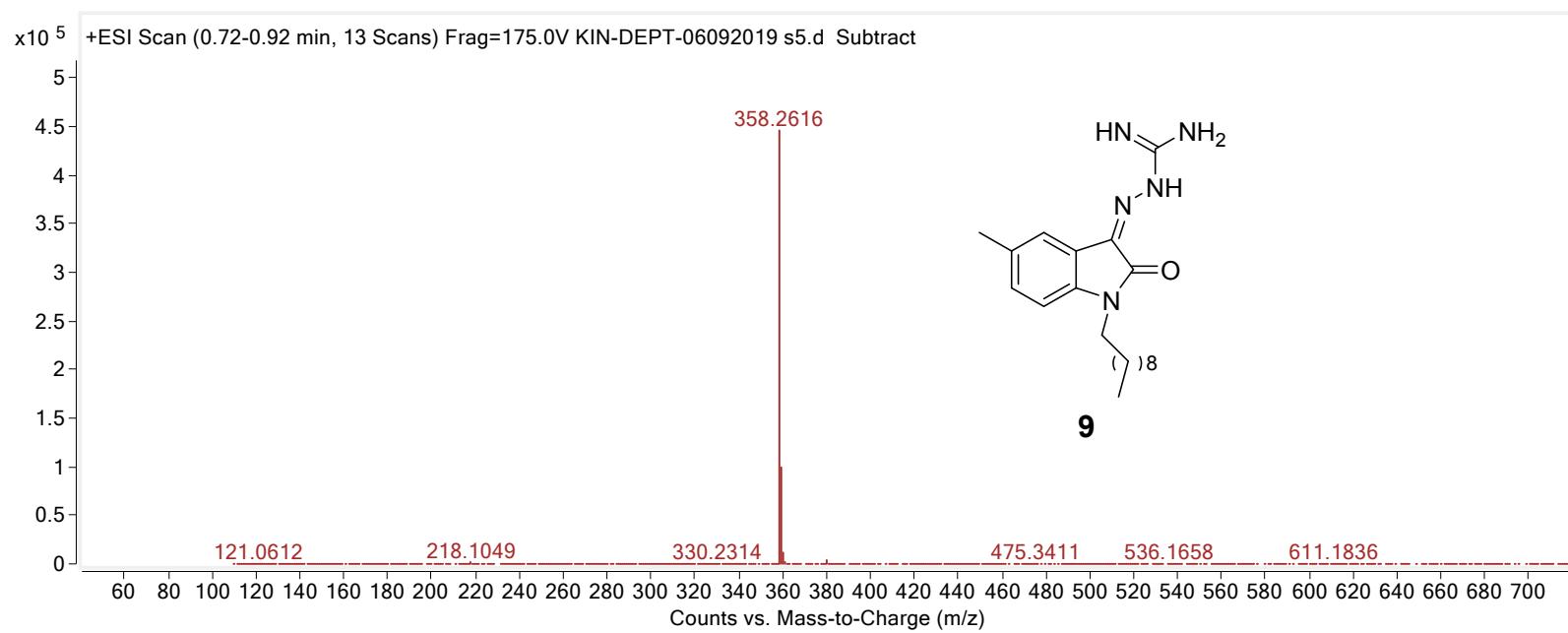
**Figure S26.** HRMS results for compound **8**



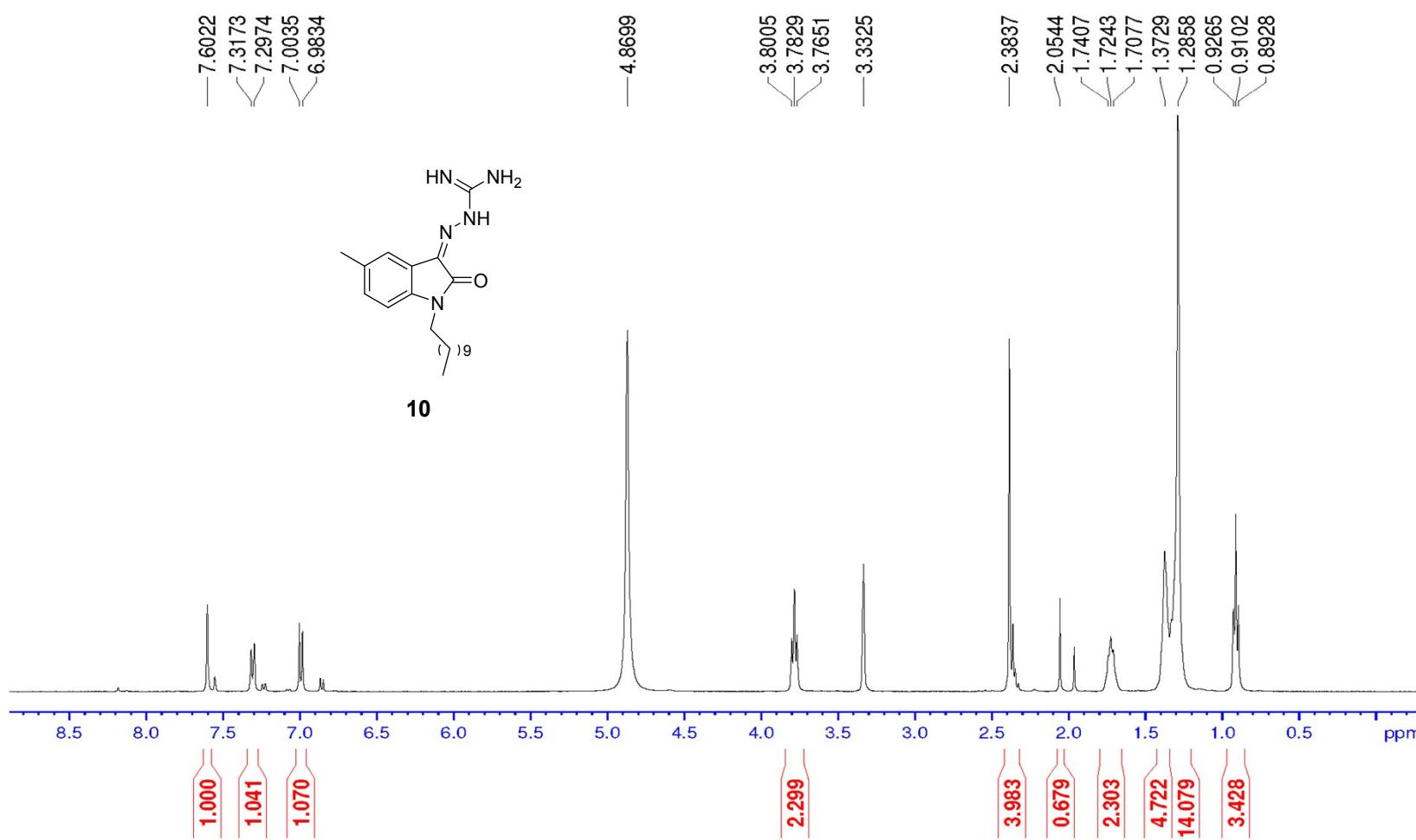
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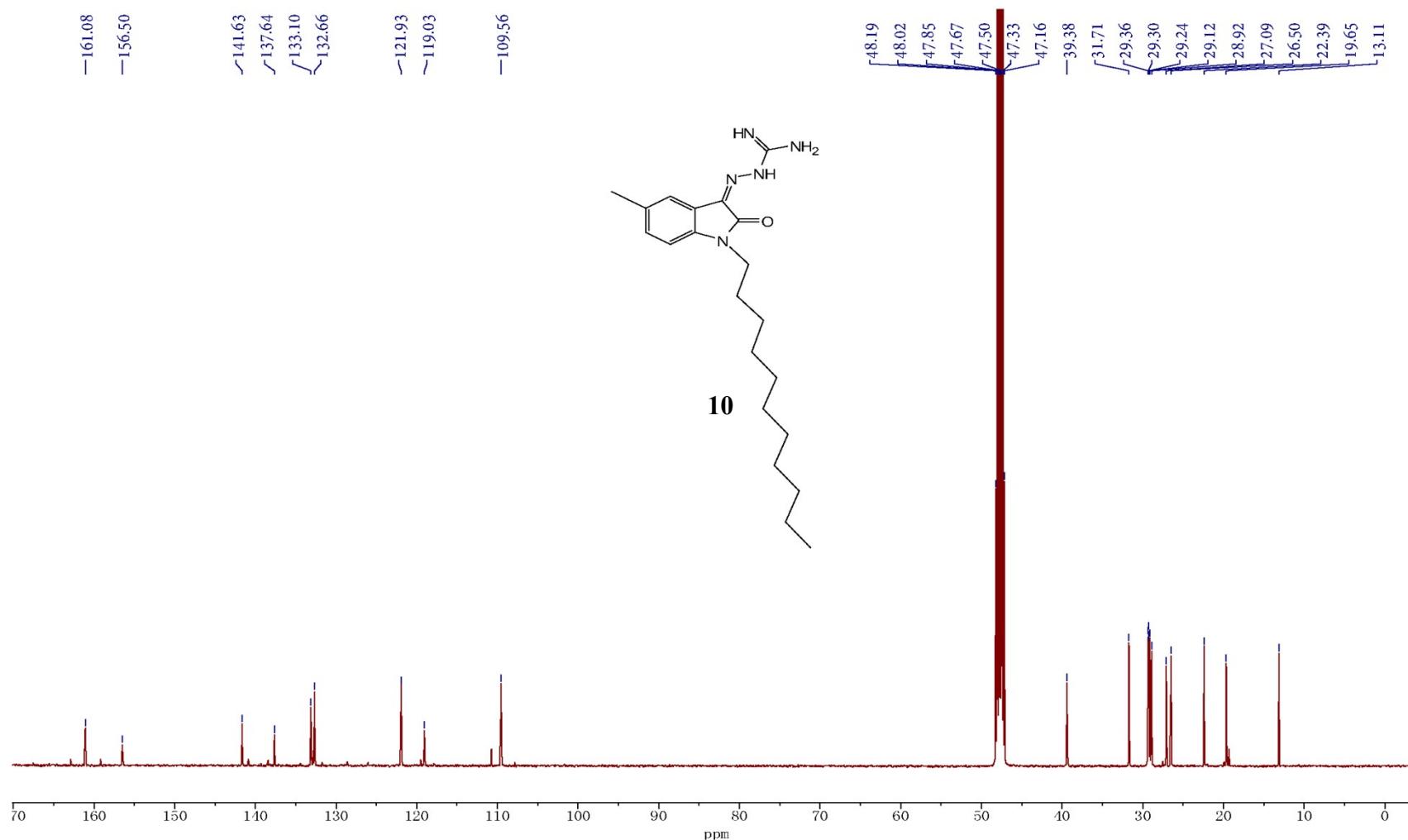
**Figure S28.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound 9



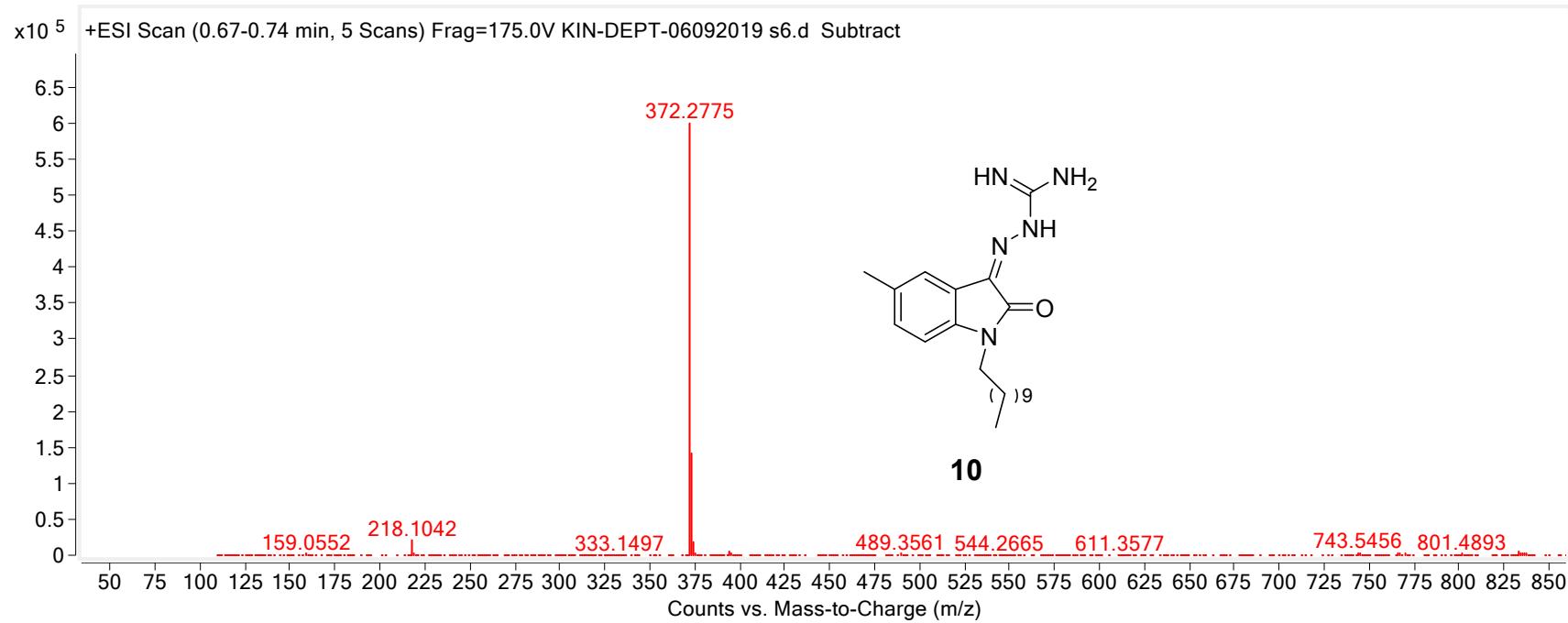
**Figure S29.** HRMS results for compound **9**



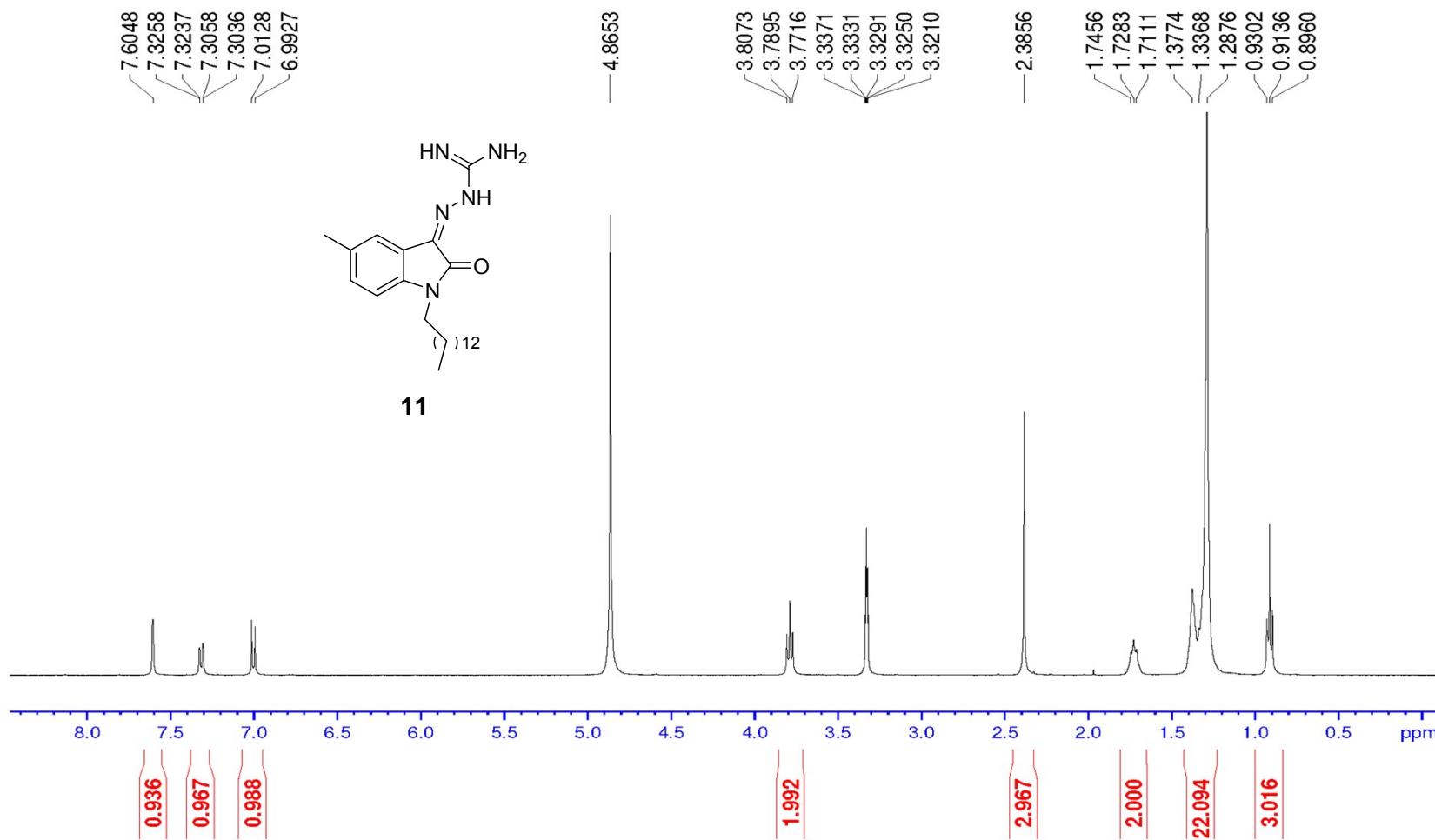
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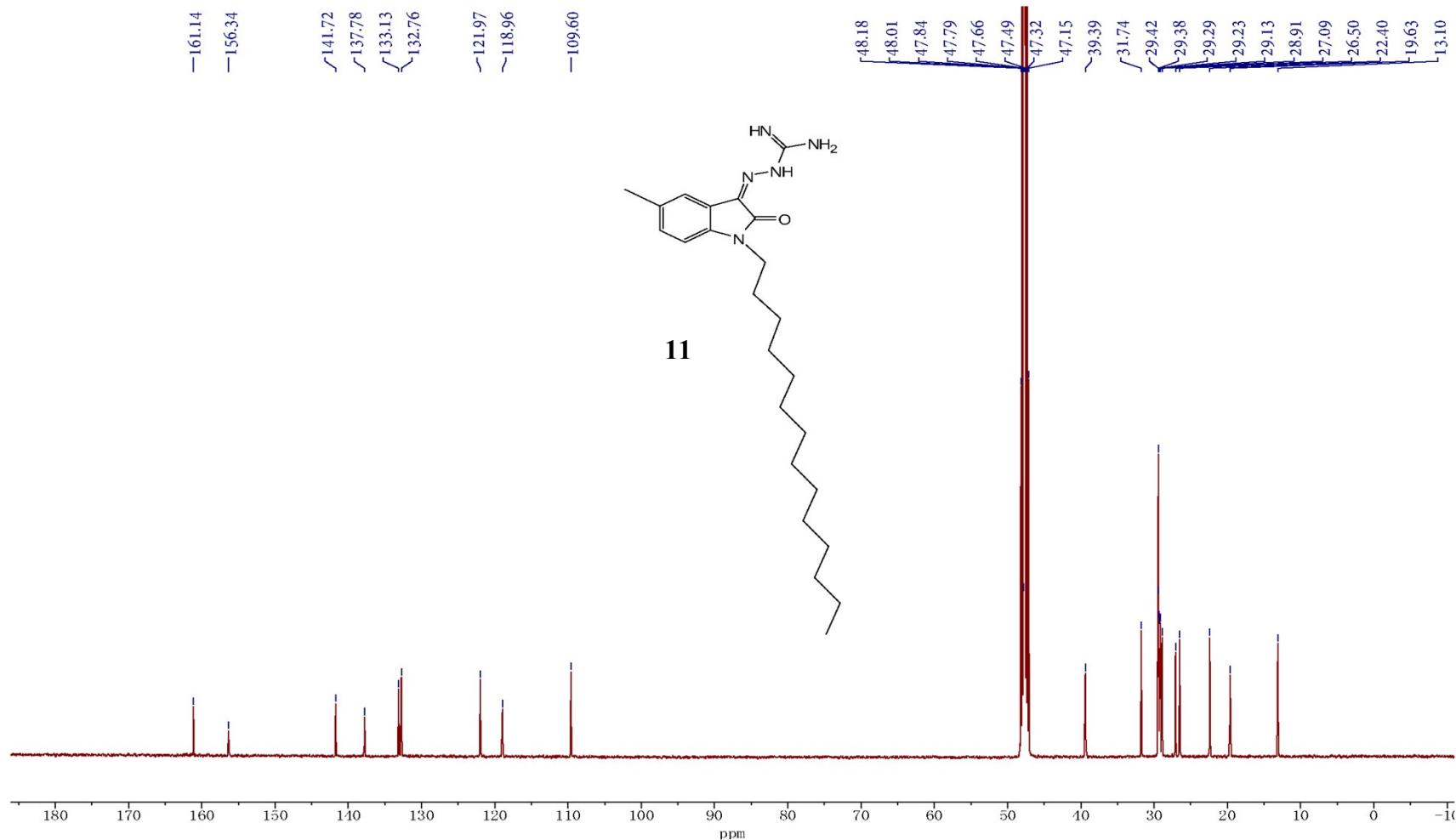
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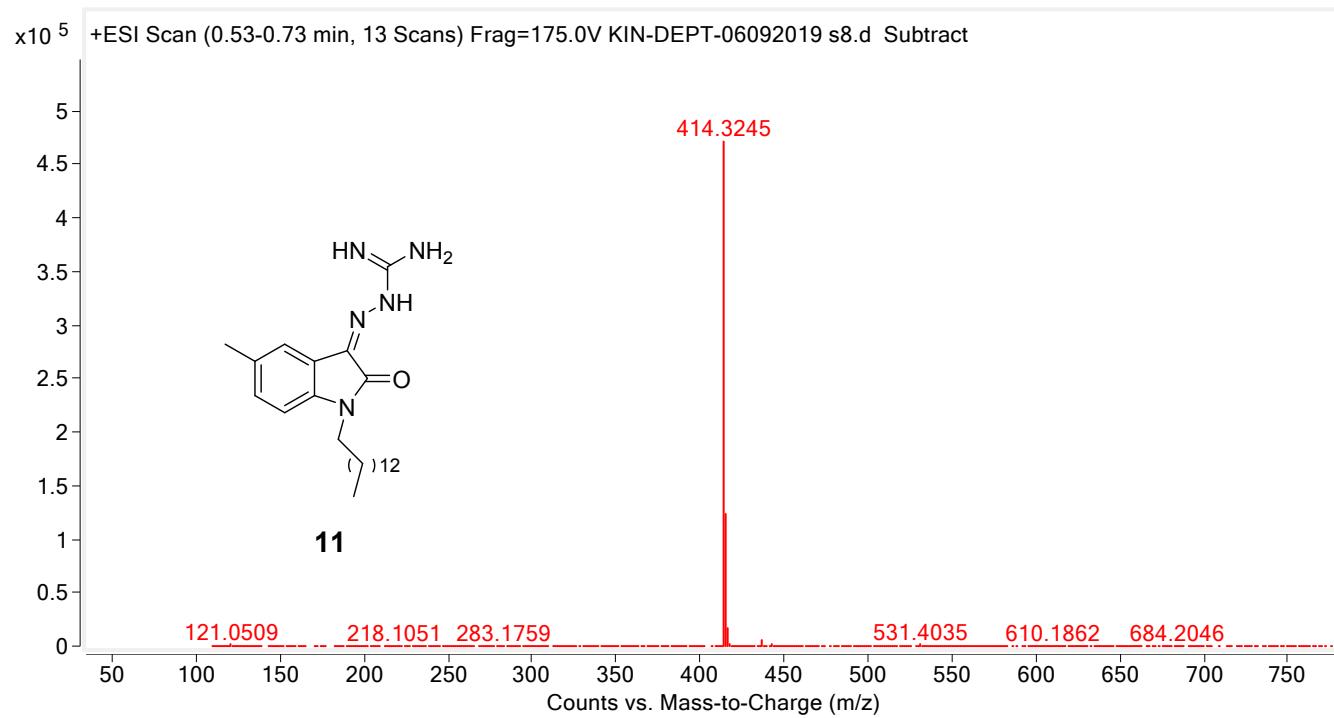
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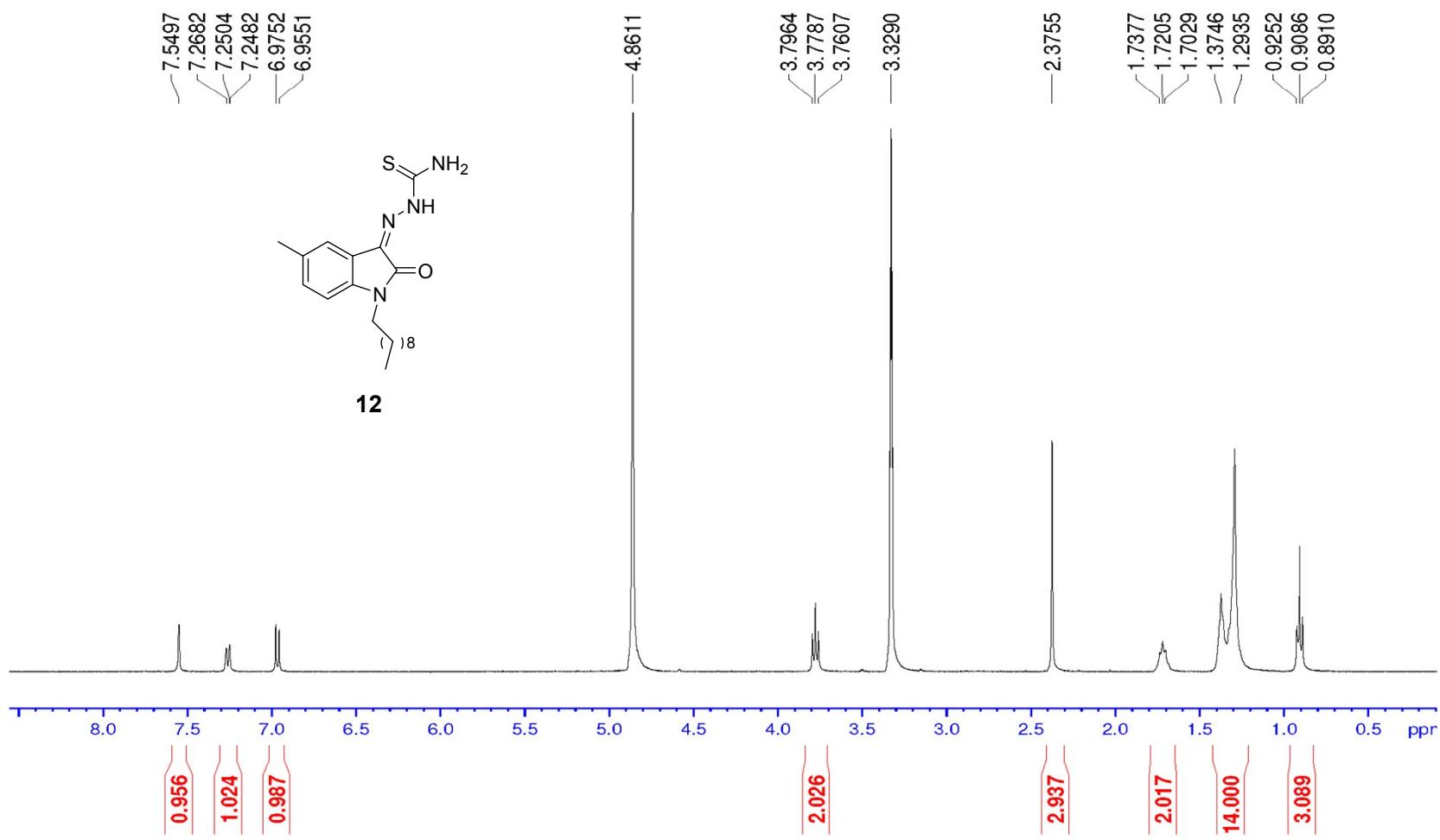
**Figure S33.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) for compound **11**

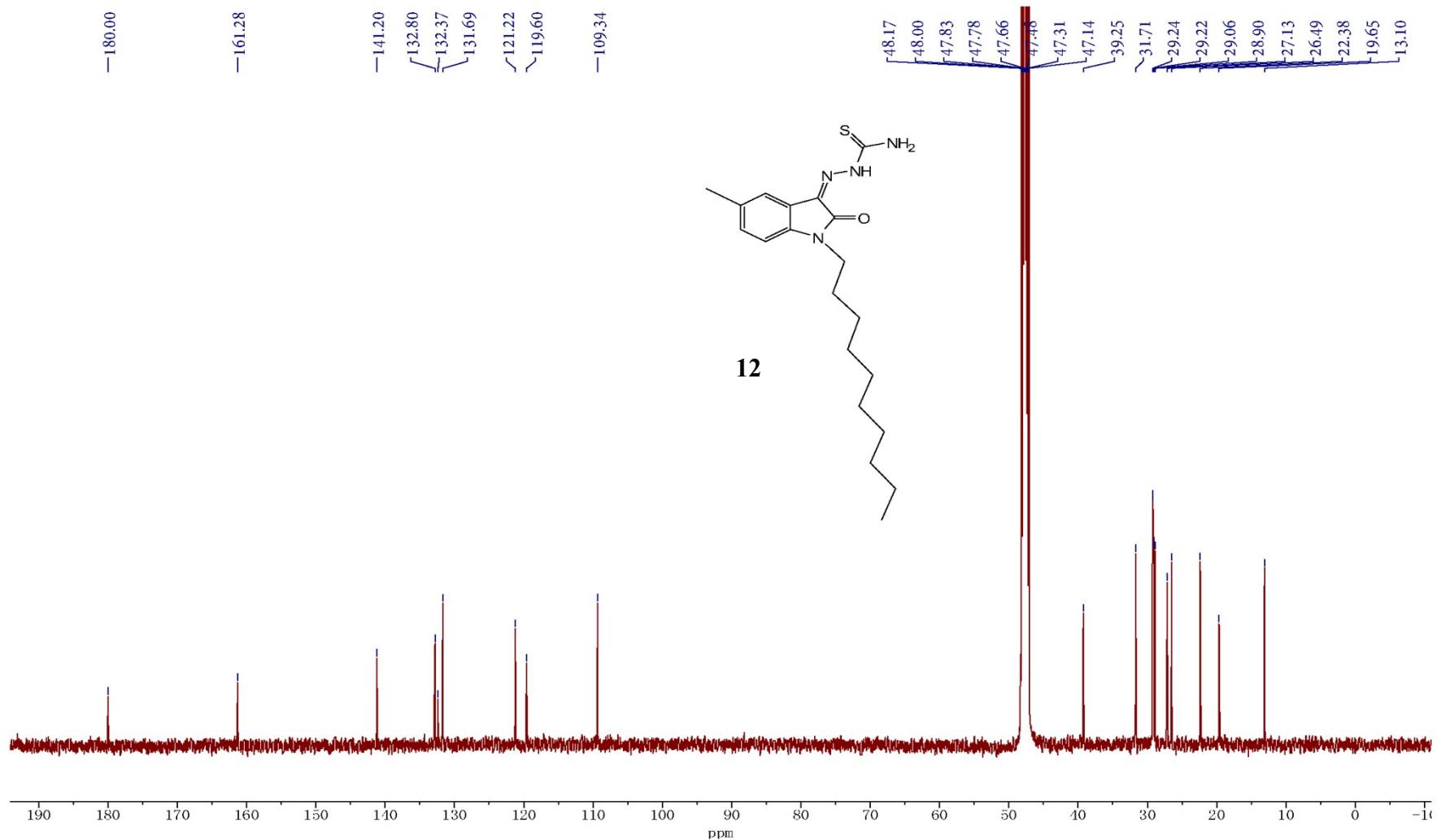


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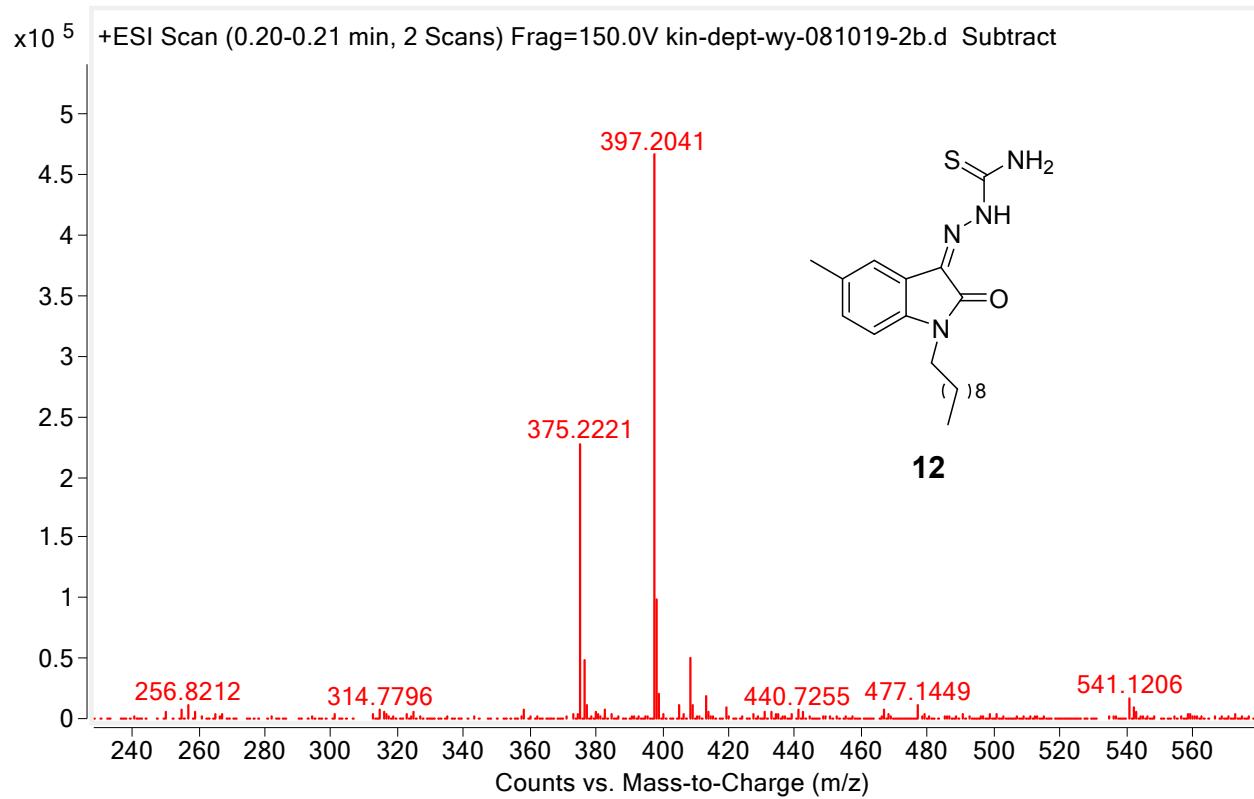


**Figure S35.** HRMS results for compound **11**





**Figure S37.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ) for compound **12**



**Figure S38.** HRMS results for compound **12**