

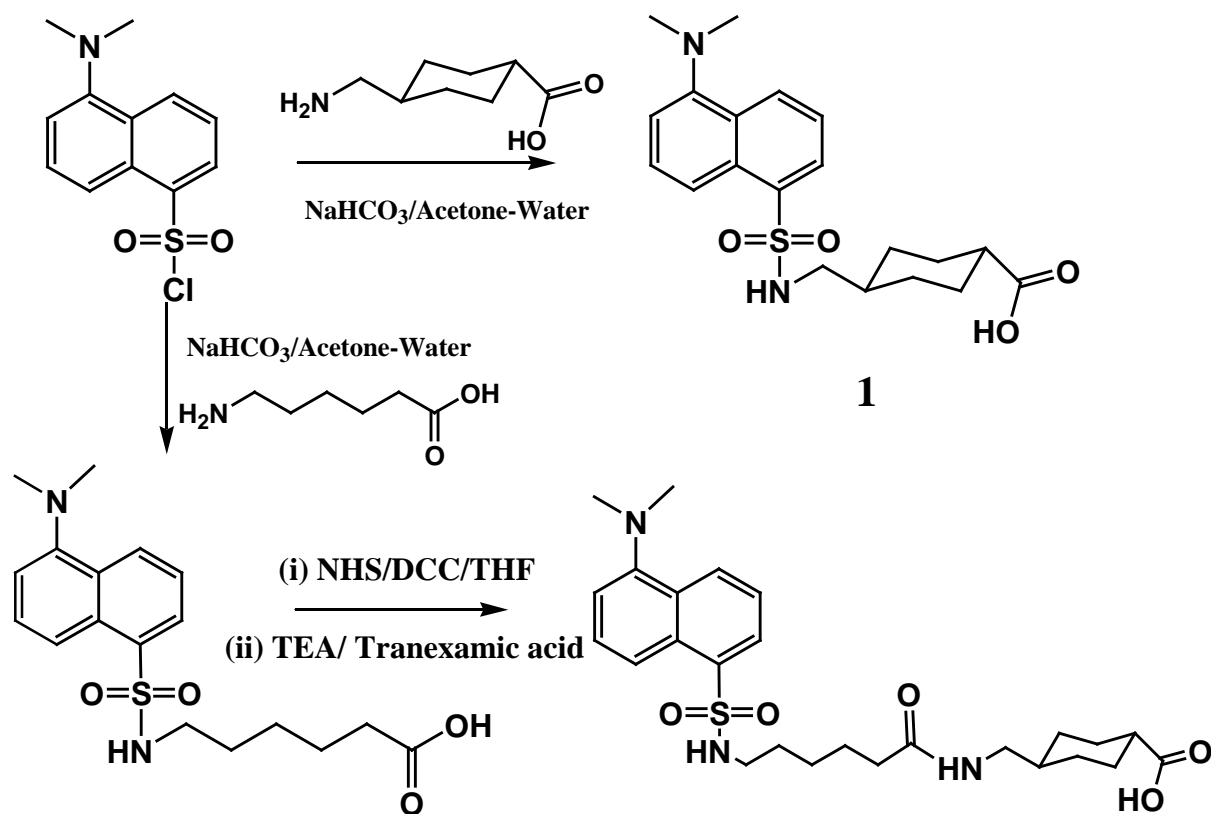
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Protein assisted fluorescence enhancement of a dansyl containing fluorescent reagent: Detection of Hg²⁺ ion in aqueous medium

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Experimental:

All the reagents and solvents were purchased from Merck and Sigma-Aldrich and were used without any further purification. IR spectra in KBr were recorded on a Varian-3100 FTIR spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (chemical shifts in δ ppm) were recorded on a JEOL AL 300 FT-NMR (300 MHz) spectrometer, using TMS as internal standard. The UV-Vis absorption spectra were recorded on Shimadzu 1700 spectrophotometer using a quartz cuvette (path length = 1cm). Fluorescence spectra were recorded on a Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer (Varian). Sodium salt of probe is prepared by treating the compound with 1N NaOH solution. Stock solution of probe ($c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) was prepared in 50 mM AcONa solution in water. For each experiment 80 μL of stock solution was taken and diluted to 2 mL to make the concentration of probe for each experiment is in 50 mM AcONa buffer solution. In emission titration experiments 12 μL of 0.1 M solution of different metal ions were used. In ¹H NMR titration experiment solution of probe (1×10^{-2} M) and HgClO₄ in DMSO-*d*₆ solution was prepared. A stock solution of bovine serum albumin (BSA) ($c = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ M) was prepared in AcONa (50 mM) buffer.



Scheme 1: Synthesis of Fluorescent reagents.

Characterization data:

4-Aminomethyl-N-dansylsulphonamidocyclohexane-1-carboxylic acid (1). Yield = 50%. R_f = 0.67 (EtOAc). $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$): δ (ppm) 12 (Br, 1H, -COOH), 8.48 (d, 1H, J = 8.4Hz, H2), 8.33 (d, 1H, J = 8.7Hz, H8), 8.08 (d, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz, H4), 7.9 (s, -NH), 7.64 (m, 2H, H3, H7), 7.29 (d, 1H, H6), 2.83 (s, 8H, - $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$, and - SO_2NHCH_2 -), 0.75-2.61 (m, 10H, cyclohexane); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$) δ 176.5, 151, 136, 129, 129, 128, 127.7, 123.5, 119., 115.0, 48.7, 45.0, 42.3, 30.8, 29.0, 28.1; FT-IR (KBr) $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ = 526, 570, 660, 790 (Ar, C-H stretch), 1061 (S=O stretch), 1141 (S=O) $_2$ stretch), 1204 (C-O stretch), 1307 (C-N stretch), 1458, 1523, 1647 (C=C stretch), 1696 (C=O stretch), 2860, 2937 (C-H stretch), 3447 (N-H stretch); Anal. Calc. For $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: C, 61.52; H, 6.71; N, 7.17%. Found: C, 61.41; H, 6.81; N, 7.27%.

6-Amino-N-dansylsulphonamido-1-hexanoic acid (2). Yield = 50%. $R_f = 0.58$ (EtOAc). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (ppm) 11.9 (Br, 1H, -COOH), 8.46 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5\text{Hz}$, H2), 8.3 (d, 1H, $J = 8.7\text{Hz}$, H8), 8.09 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5\text{Hz}$, H4), 7.87 (t, -NH, $J_1 = 5.4$; $J_2 = 5.7\text{Hz}$), 7.63 (m, 2H, $J = 8.1\text{Hz}$, H3, H7), 7.26 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, H6), 2.87 (s, 6H, H4), 1.10- 2.76 (m, 10H, -(CH₂)₅); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm): 174.3 , 151.3 , 136.1 , 129.0 , 129.0 , 128.2 , 127.7 , 123, 119.1 , 115.1 , 45.0 (6C, N-(CH₃)₂), 42.2 , 33.4 , 28.7 , 25.4 , 23.8; FT-IR (KBr) $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 510, 570, 610, 658, 790$ (Ar, C-H stretch), 1033 (S=O), 1204 (C-O stretch), 1397 (C-N stretch), 1459, 1491, 1519 (C=C), 1651 (C=O), 3054 (C-H aromatic), 3448 (N-H stretch); Anal. Calc. For C₁₈H₂₄N₂O₄S: C, 59.32; H, 6.64; N, 7.69%. Found: C, 59.21; H, 6.71; N, 7.72%.

6-Amino-(N-dansylsulphonamido)-N-carboxamido-4-methylcyclohexane carboxylic acid (3). Yield = 75%. $R_f = 0.28$ (EtOAc); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ (ppm) 12.0 (Br, 1H, -COOH), 8.46 (d, 1H, $J = 8.4\text{Hz}$, H2), 8.30 (d, 1H, $J = 8.7\text{Hz}$, H8), 8.09 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2\text{Hz}$, H4), 7.86 (s, 1H, NH), 7.67 (s, 1H, -CONH), 7.60 (m, 1H, H3,H7), 7.26 (d, 1H, H6), 2.82 (m, 8H, -N(CH₃)₂ and -SO₂NHCH₂-), 0.85-2.72 (10H, cyclohexane, 10H, -(CH₂)₅); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ (ppm) 189, 176, 152.9, 138.9 , 129.3, 129.1, 126.9, 125.7 , 123.6 , 122.6, 119.1, 116.2, 45.7, 45.0, 42.3, 40.3, 29.4, 28.3, 25.2, 24.8, 18.3; FT-IR (KBr) $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{cm}^{-1}) = 574, 653, 794$ (aromatic C-H stretch), 1082 (S=O stretch), 1146 (S=O)₂ stretch), 1229 (C-O stretch), 1312 (C-N stretch), 1455, 1542, 1631 (C=C stretch), 1710 (C=O stretch), 2854, 2929 (C-H stretch in CH₂), 3389 (N-H stretch); Anal. Calc. For C₂₆H₃₇N₃O₅S: C, 62.00; H, 7.40; N, 8.34%. Found: C, 59.81; H, 7.47; N, 8.42%.

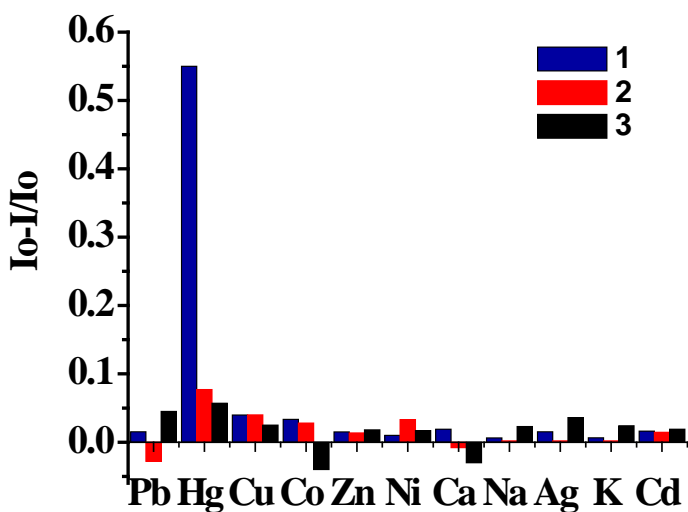


Figure S1: Interaction of reagents with different metal ions in AcONa buffer solution (50 mM; pH = 6.7).

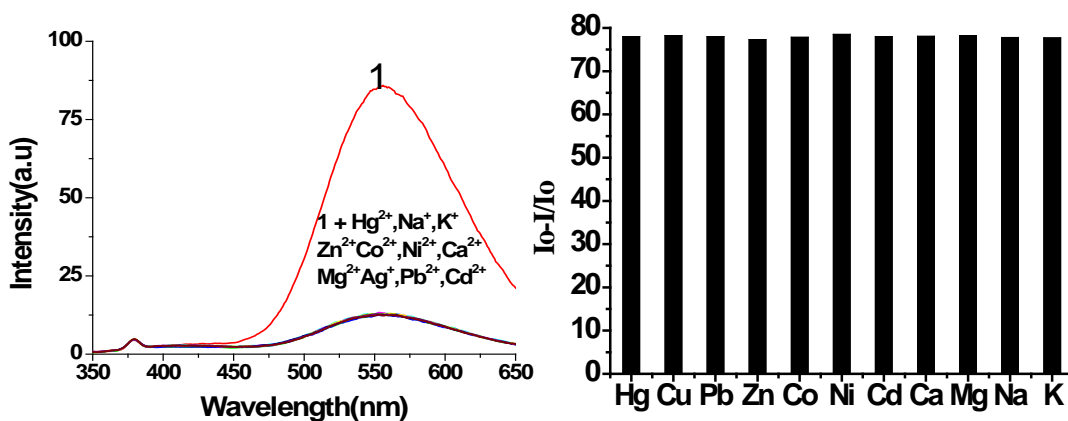


Figure S2: (a) Competitive metal ion study after addition of tested metal ions to the solution of **1**+Hg²⁺ in AcONa buffer (50mM; pH = 6.7). Bar diagram shows change in relative fluorescence intensity of **1** in presence of different metal ions.

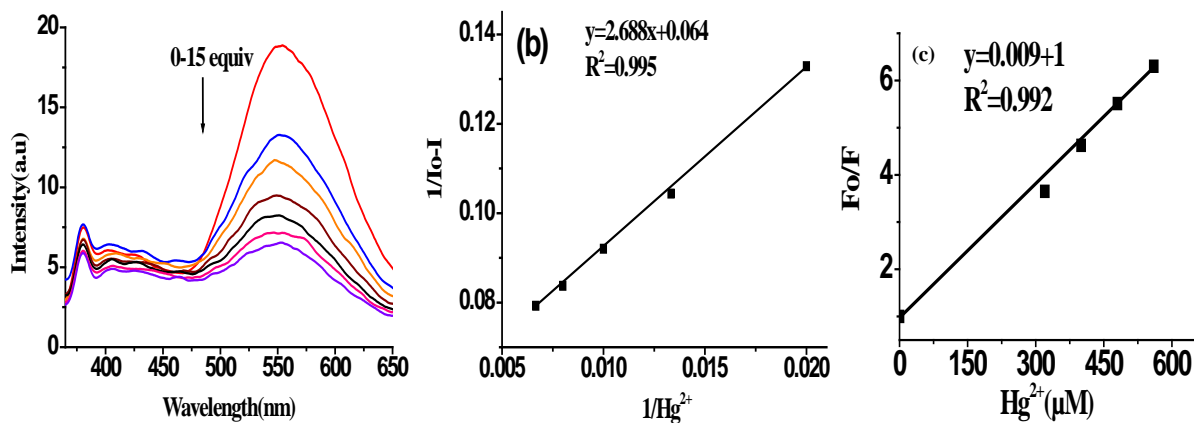


Figure S3: Fluorescence titration spectra of **1** (10 μM) with Hg²⁺ ion (0-15 equiv). (b) B-H plot for 1:1 stoichiometry between **1** and Hg²⁺ ion. (c) S-V plot for **1** with Hg²⁺ in AcONa buffer.

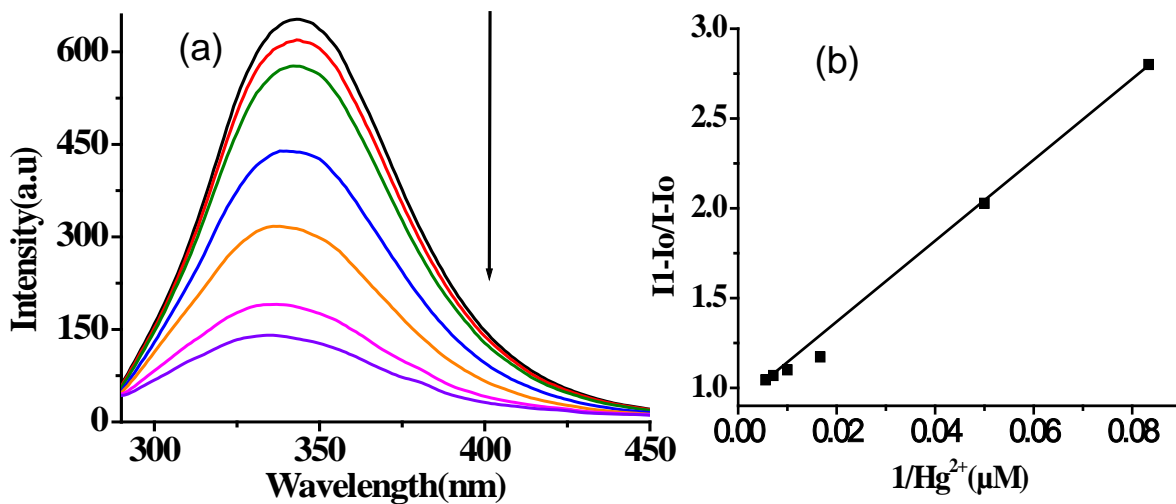


Figure S4: (a) Fluorescence titration spectra of BSA (5 μM) upon interaction with Hg²⁺ ion in AcONa buffer (50 mM; pH=6.7). (b) Benesi-Hildebrand plots of BSA for Hg²⁺ metal ion shows $K_{\text{ass.}} = 4.34 \times 10^3 \text{ M}$.

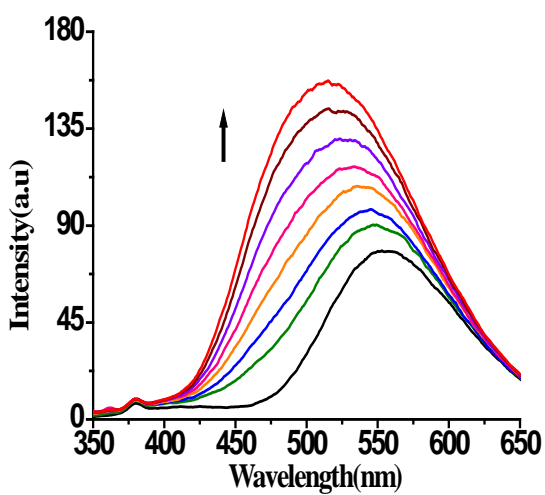


Figure S5: Fluorescence titration spectra of **1** with FBS in AcONa buffer (50 mM; pH = 6.7).

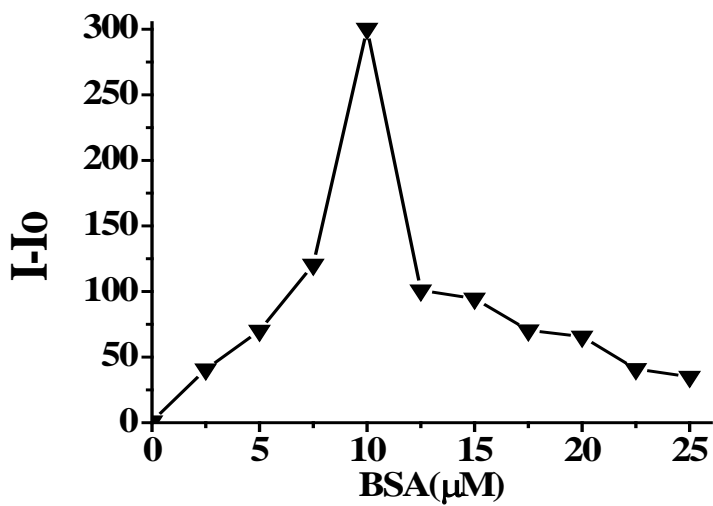


Figure S6: Optimum concentration of BSA for **1** to detect Hg²⁺ ion.

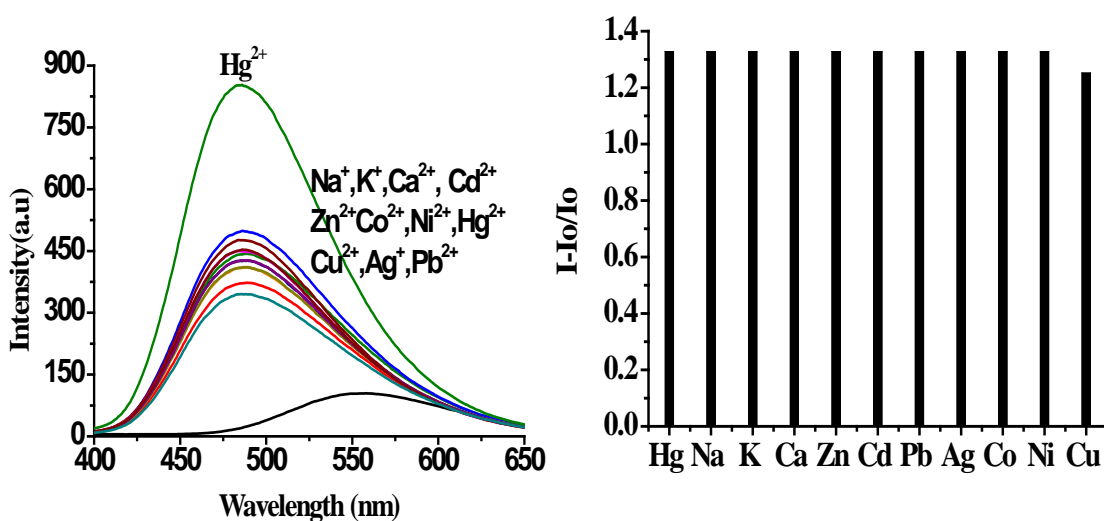


Figure S7: Fluorescence spectra of **1** upon interaction with tested metal ions in BSA and bar diagram shows interference study after addition of tested metal ions to the solution of **1**+BSA+Hg²⁺.

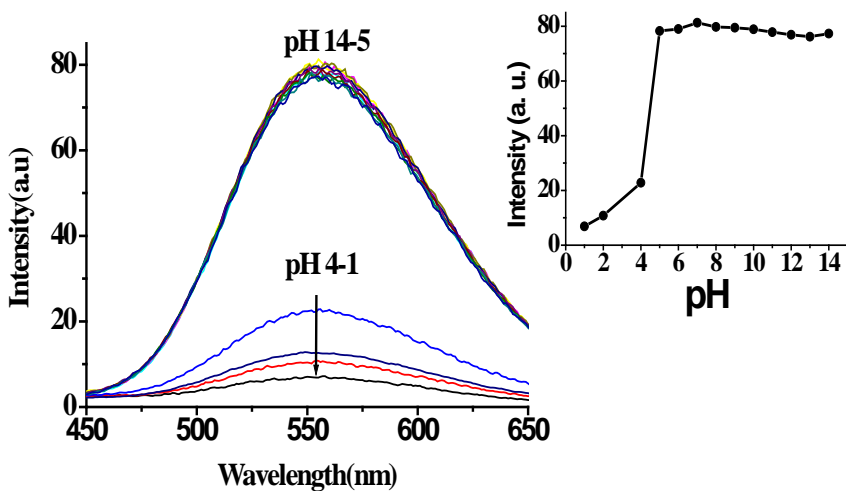


Figure S8: Change in emission spectra at different pHs in AcONa buffer (50mM; pH = 6.7). Inset shows change in intensity Vs pH.

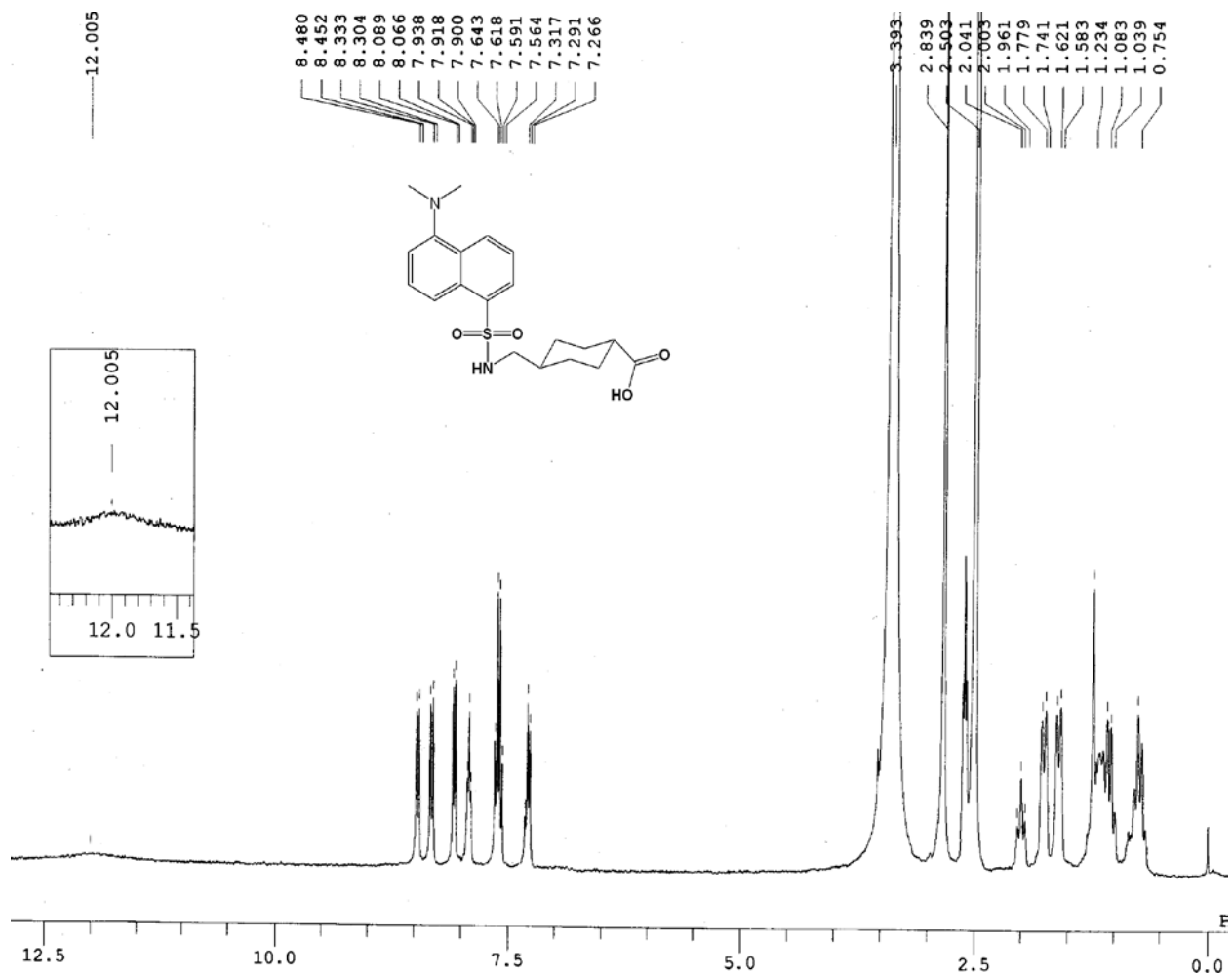


Figure S9: ^1H NMR Spectrum of **1** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$

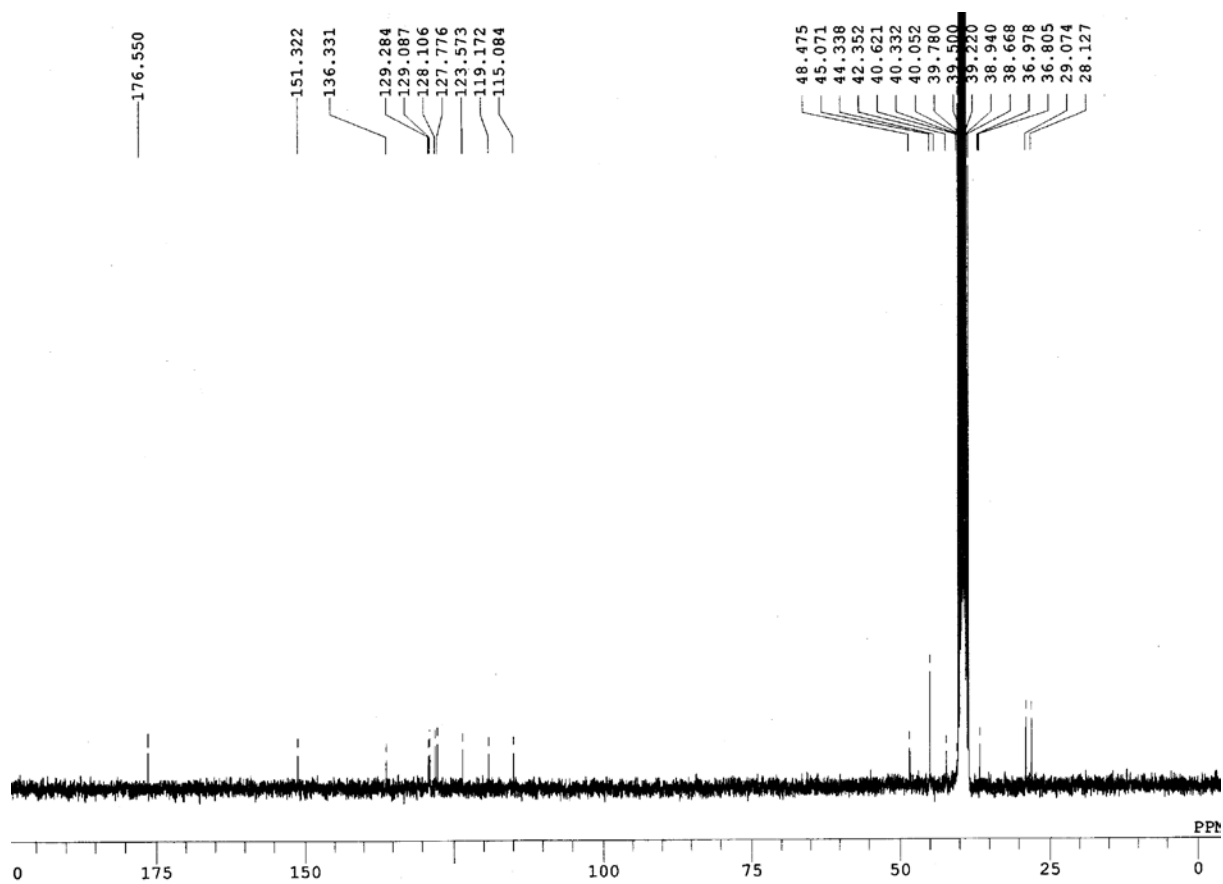


Figure S10: ¹³C NMR Spectrum of **1** in DMSO-*d*₆.

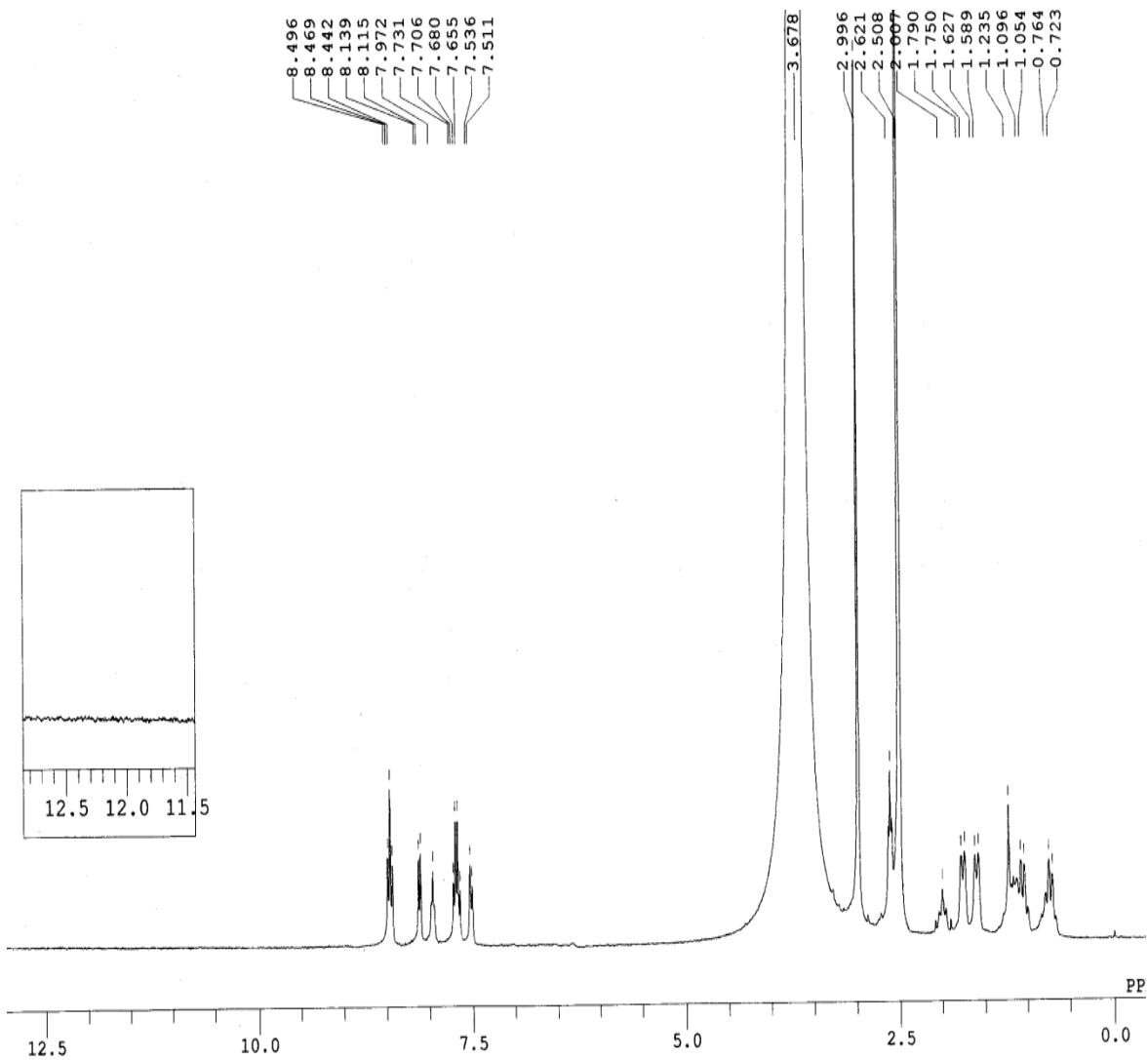


Figure S11: ^1H NMR spectrum of **1** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ after 0.5 equiv addition of mercury.

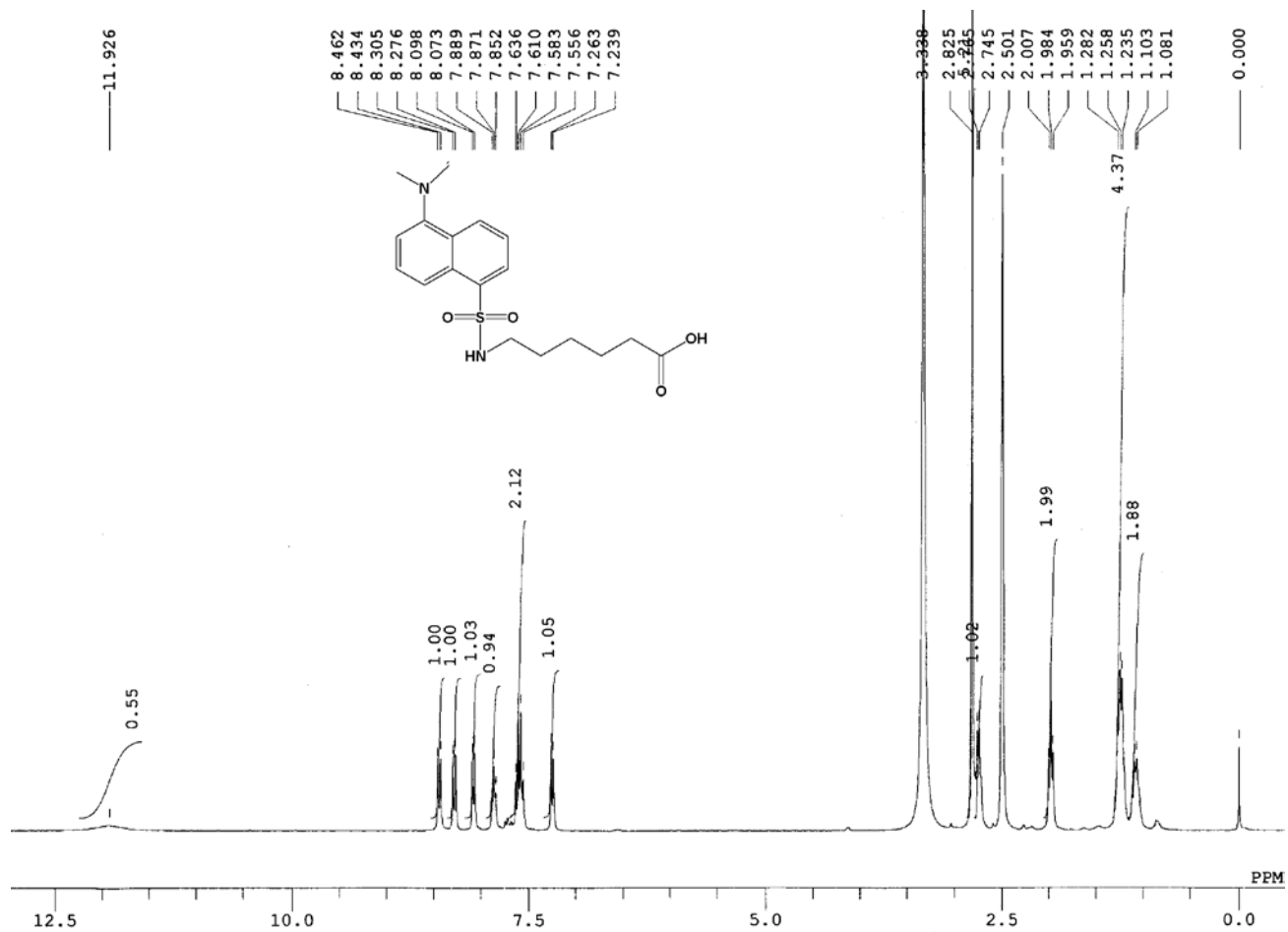


Figure S12: ¹H NMR Spectrum of 2 in DMSO-*d*₆

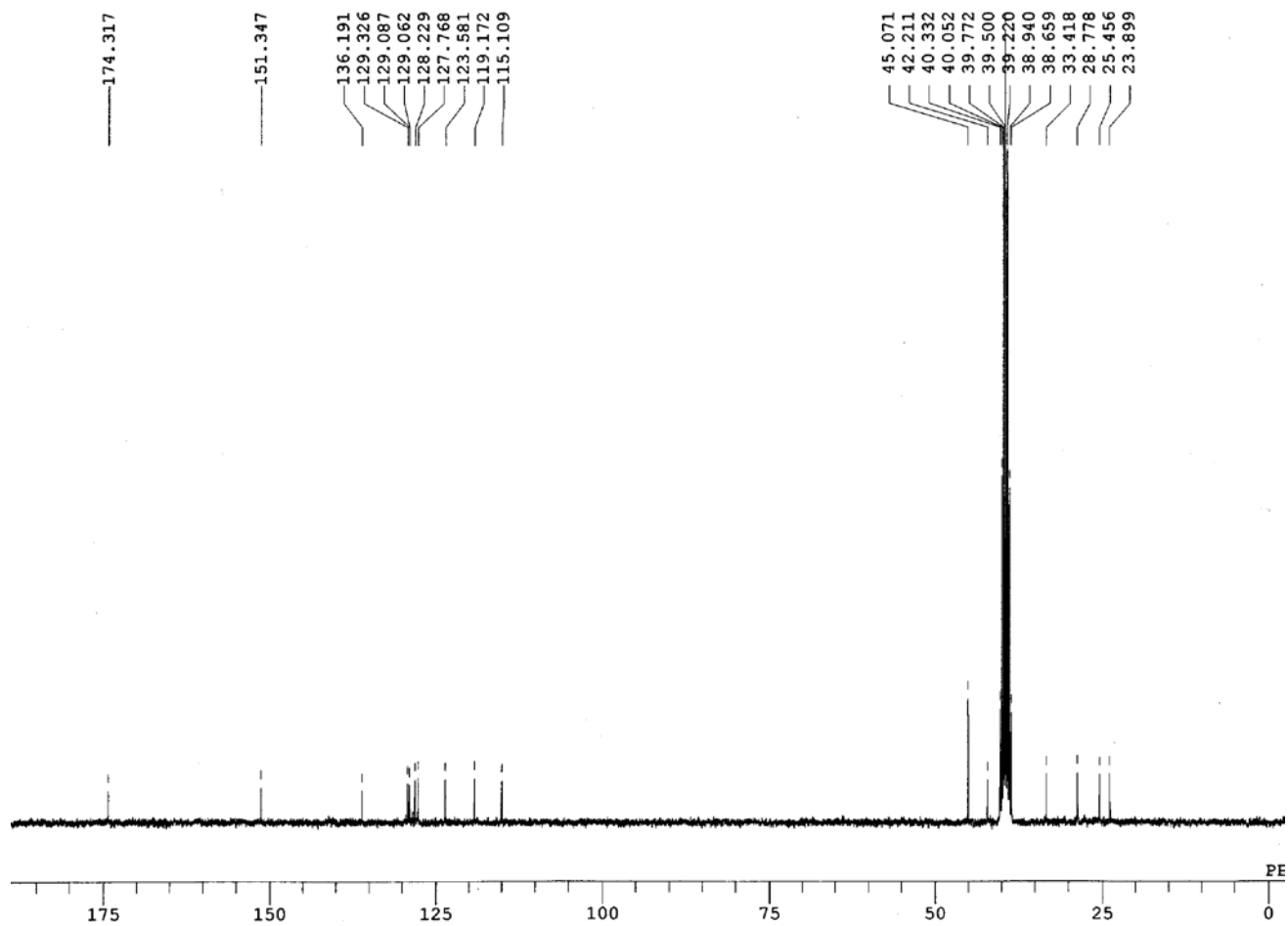


Figure S13: ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **2** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.

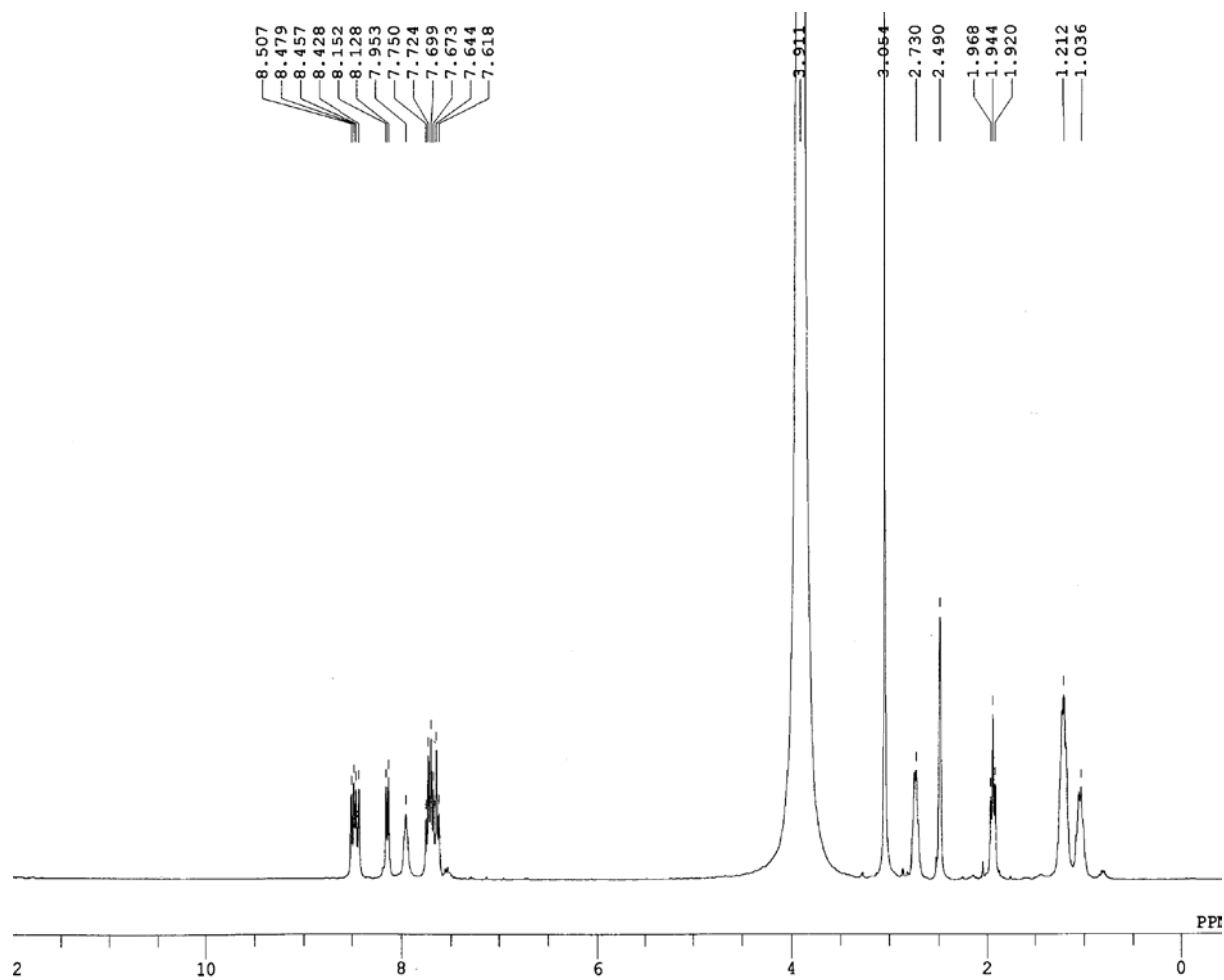


Figure S14: ^1H NMR spectrum of **2** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ after 2 equiv addition of mercury.

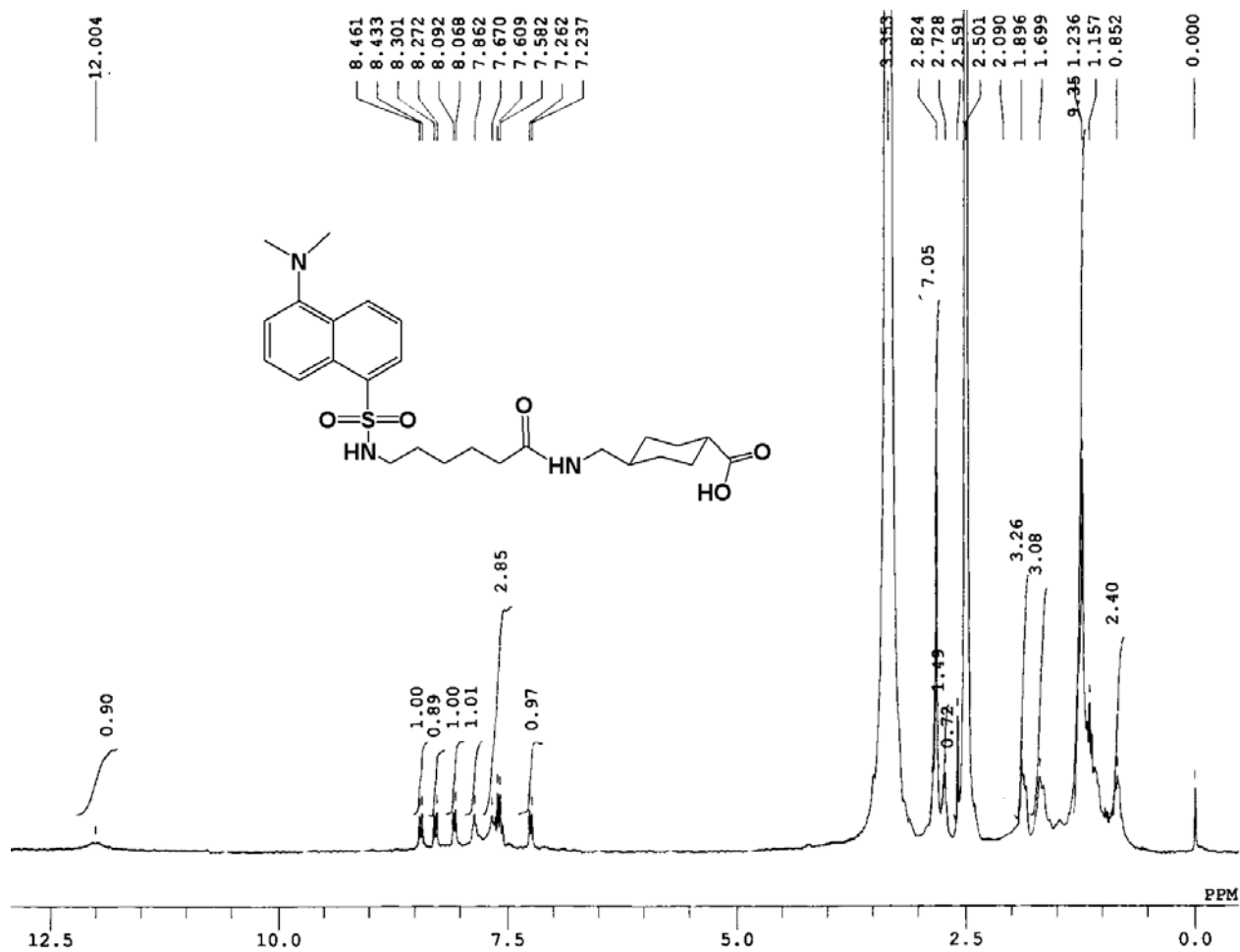


Figure S15: ¹H NMR Spectrum of 3 in DMSO-*d*₆.

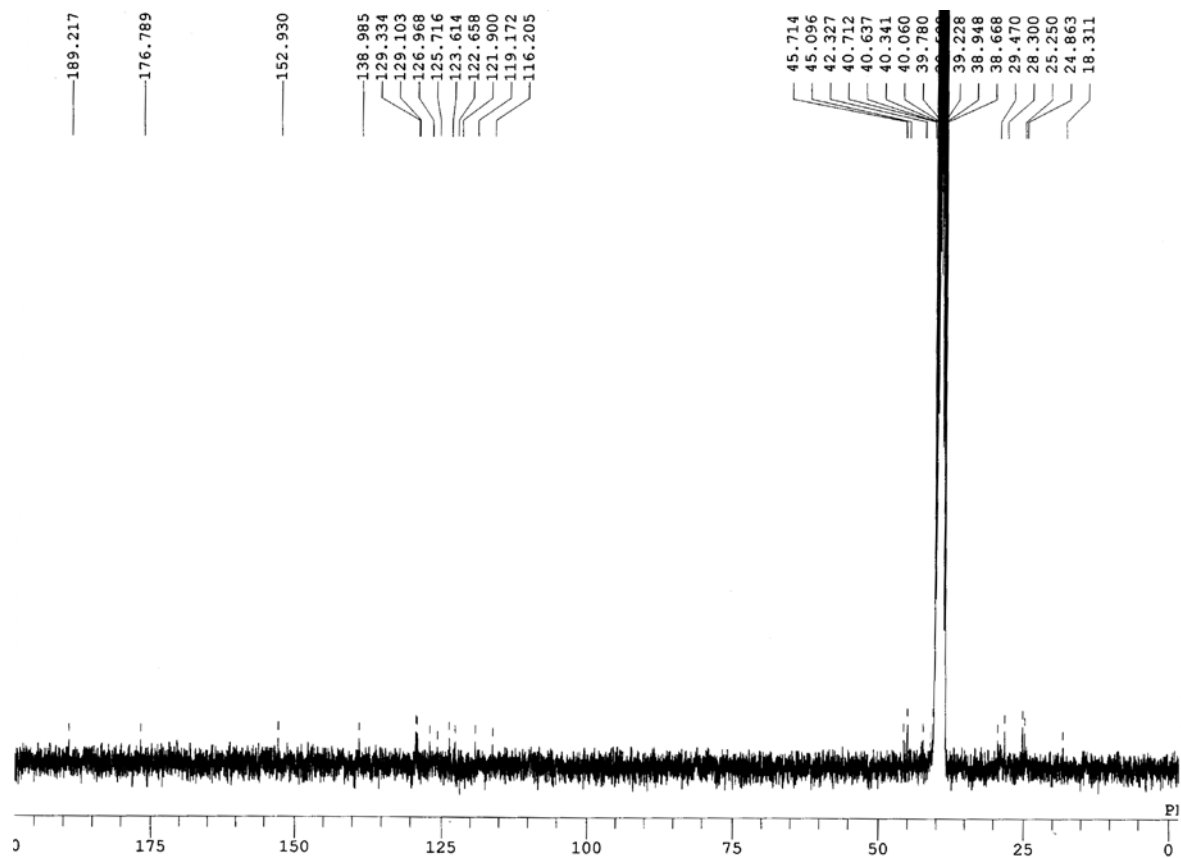


Figure S16: ^{13}C NMR Spectrum of **3** in $\text{DMSO-}d_6$.