

# Three-component solvent-free synthesis of highly substituted tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridines

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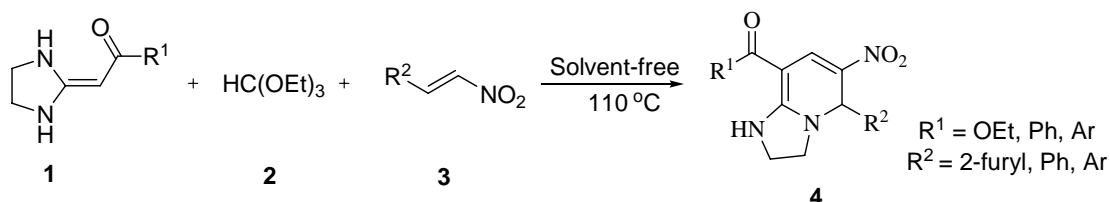
## General Information

All compounds were fully characterized by spectroscopic data. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX500 ( $^1\text{H}$ : 500 MHz,  $^{13}\text{C}$ : 125 MHz), chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are expressed in ppm, and  $J$  values are given in Hz, and deuterated  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  were used as solvent. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR Thermo Nicolet Avatar 360 using KBr pellet. The reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel GF<sub>254</sub>. The melting points were determined on XT-4A melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. HRMs were performed on a Agilent LC/Msd TOF instrument.

All chemicals and solvents were used as received without further purification unless otherwise stated. Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200–300 mesh).

The substrates **1a~1d** were synthesized according to the literature.<sup>1</sup> Compound **1e** was prepared according to the literature.<sup>2</sup> The substrates **3a~3h** were synthesized according to the literature.<sup>3</sup>

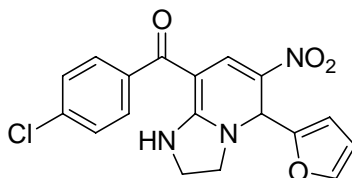
## General Procedure for the Preparation of Tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine Derivatives **4** via One-pot Three-component Reactions



HKA derivatives **1** (2.5 mmol), triethoxy-methane **2** (3 mmol) and nitroalkene derivatives **3** (3 mmol) were charged into a 25 mL round-bottom flask and the mixture was heated to 110°C. The resulting solution was stirred for 20–38 min until the HKA derivatives **1** were completely consumed. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (50 mL x 2) and quenched with water (50 mL). The organic layer was dried by  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , concentrated, and purified by flash column chromatography (Petro/AcOEt = 1/1) to afford product **4** with 73–93% yield. The products were further identified by FTIR, NMR and HRMS, being in good agreement with the assigned structures (See Supplementary Information).

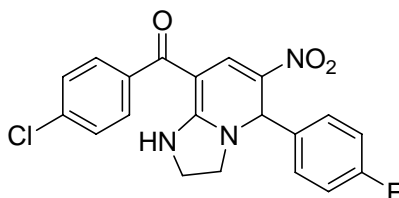
### Spectroscopic Data of Tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine Derivatives 4

#### **(4-Chlorophenyl)(5-(furan-2-yl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methanone (4a)**



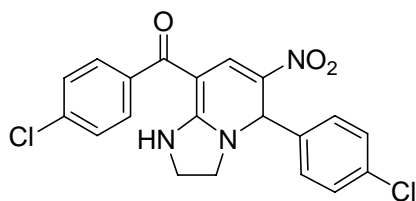
Yellow solid; Mp 257–258 °C; IR (KBr): 3288, 2900, 1594, 1408, 1292, 1228, 1163, 1075, 769  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.18–3.23 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.75–3.80 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 6.02 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.48 (s, 1H, ArH), 6.54 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.67 (s, 1H, ArH), 7.99 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.37 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.7, 45.9, 51.6, 91.4, 109.7, 111.1, 123.1, 128.9, 130.2, 135.6, 137.3, 138.4, 143.8, 150.2, 159.4, 188.3; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 372.0746; found, 372.0753.

#### **(4-Chlorophenyl)(5-(4-fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methanone (4b)**



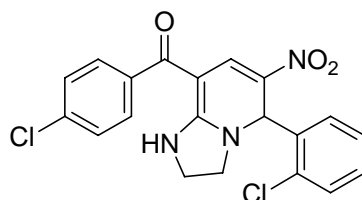
Yellow solid; Mp 267.0–269.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3312, 2889, 1588, 1408, 1224, 1072, 835  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.10–3.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.69–3.77 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 5.85 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.24 (t,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.47–7.50 (m, 2H ArH), 7.59–7.63 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.35 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.6, 45.5, 57.6, 91.1, 116.0, 116.1, 125.9, 128.9, 130.1, 130.2, 134.9, 135.5, 137.1, 138.4, 158.7, 188.3; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{ClFN}_3\text{O}_3$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 400.0859; found, 400.0867.

#### **(4-Chlorophenyl)(5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methanone (4c)**



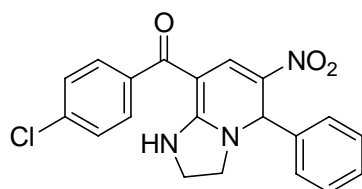
Yellow solid; Mp 167–171 °C; IR (KBr): 3281, 3073, 1589, 1409, 1217, 1080, 830  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.10–3.17 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.66–3.77 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 5.85 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.41–7.47 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.58–7.61 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.36 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.6, 45.6, 57.7, 91.1, 125.7, 128.9, 129.2, 129.9, 130.2, 133.6, 135.6, 137.2, 137.6, 138.4, 158.7, 188.3; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 416.0563; found, 416.0560.

**(4-Chlorophenyl)(5-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methanone (4d)**



Yellow solid; Mp 279–281 °C; IR (KBr): 3298, 3052, 1588, 1409, 1293, 1221, 1076, 760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.10–3.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.69–3.77 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 6.25 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.39–7.43 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.48–7.52 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.52–7.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.59–7.63 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.08 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.36 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.7, 45.6, 55.3, 91.2, 125.0, 128.9, 128.9, 129.8, 130.2, 130.2, 130.8, 130.8, 133.1, 135.6, 137.8, 138.4, 158.5, 188.3; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{16}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 416.0563; found, 416.0562.

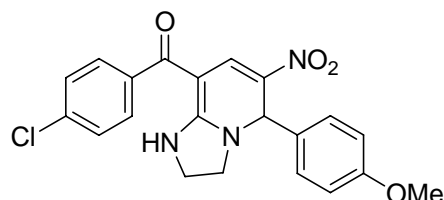
**(4-Chlorophenyl)(1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitro-5-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methanone (4e)**



Yellow solid; Mp 260.0–265 °C; IR (KBr): 3355, 2966, 1595, 1404, 1227, 1080, 756  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.50–2.54 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 2.94–2.98 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.04–3.11 (m, 2H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 5.04 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.63–6.71 (m, 5H, ArH), 6.75–6.78 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.80–6.84 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.38 (s, 1H, CH=),

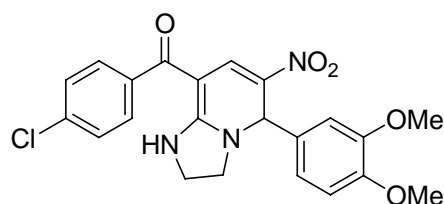
8.59 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3+\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta = 43.2, 45.4, 58.6, 90.5, 126.2, 127.5, 128.4, 128.7, 128.7, 128.8, 129.6, 135.8, 136.3, 137.9, 159.2, 188.2$ ; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 382.0953; found, 382.0950.

**(4-Chlorophenyl)(1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)methanone (4f)**



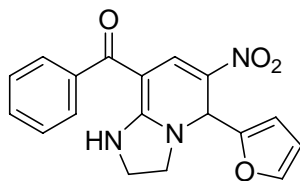
Yellow solid; Mp 233.5–235.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3332, 2964, 1590, 1506, 1404, 1233, 1077, 828  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta = 3.13\text{--}3.18$  (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.64–3.70 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.74 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.74 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.95 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.33 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.57–7.60 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.00 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.27 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta = 43.5, 45.4, 55.5, 57.7, 91.1, 114.5, 126.4, 128.5, 128.9, 129.2, 130.2, 135.5, 136.8, 138.5, 158.8, 159.8, 188.3$ ; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_4$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 412.1059; found, 412.1063.

**(4-Chlorophenyl)(1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)methanone (4g)**



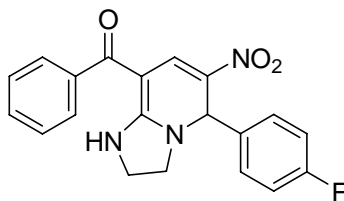
Yellow solid; Mp 178–179 °C; IR (KBr): 3372, 2971, 1597, 1514, 1399, 1213, 1168, 1079, 1025, 765  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta = 3.16\text{--}3.21$  (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.68–3.76 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.73 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.77 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.75 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.91–6.99 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.58–7.60 (m, 4H, ArH), 8.02 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.27 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta = 43.6, 45.5, 55.9, 55.9, 58.0, 91.0, 111.7, 112.4, 119.9, 126.3, 128.9, 130.2, 130.9, 135.5, 136.8, 138.5, 149.1, 149.4, 158.8, 188.1$ ; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_5$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 442.1164; found, 442.1167.

**(5-(Furan-2-yl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4h)**



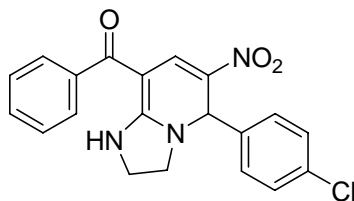
Orange-red solid; Mp 199–200 °C; IR (KBr): 3287, 3089, 1590, 1360, 1199, 1077, 1017, 745  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.22–3.26 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.71–3.80 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 6.02 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.46–6.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.52–6.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.51–7.55 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.67–7.69 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.03 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.40 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 44.2, 46.4, 52.2, 92.1, 110.2, 111.6, 123.3, 128.7, 129.3, 131.3, 138.2, 140.2, 144.3, 150.8, 160.0, 190.3; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 338.1135; found, 338.1140.

**(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4i)**



Yellow solid; Mp 222–224 °C; IR (KBr): 3328, 3060, 1592, 1295, 1223, 1168, 1074, 836, 742  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.10–3.16 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.69–3.75 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 5.84 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.20–7.26 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.45–7.50 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.50–7.58 (m, 5H, ArH), 8.06 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.36 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.6, 45.5, 57.6, 91.3, 116.0 (d,  $J$  = 21.3 Hz), 125.6, 128.3, 128.8, 130.1, 130.8, 134.9, 137.5, 139.7, 158.8, 162.4 (d,  $J$  = 243.8 Hz), 189.7; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{FN}_3\text{O}_3$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 366.1248; found, 366.1252.

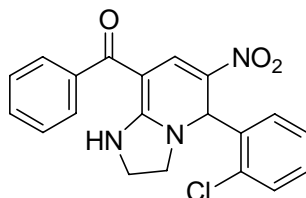
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Orange-red solid; Mp 253–256 °C; IR (KBr): 3376, 2890, 1588, 1393, 1209, 1077, 821, 741  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.07–3.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.71–3.75 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 5.85 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.45–7.57 (m, 9H, ArH), 8.06 (s,

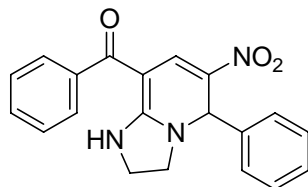
1H, CH=), 9.37 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.6, 45.6, 57.7, 91.3, 125.4, 128.3, 128.8, 129.2, 129.9, 130.8, 133.6, 137.6, 139.7, 139.7, 158.8, 189.7; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 382.0953; found, 382.0960.

**(5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4k)**



Orange-red solid; Mp 262–265 °C; IR (KBr): 3210, 2970, 1591, 1294, 1205, 1075, 748  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.10–3.15 (m, 1H, NCH $_2$ ), 3.65–3.75 (m, 3H, NCH $_2$ CH $_2$ N), 6.26 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.37–7.43 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.47–7.60 (m, 7H, ArH), 8.14 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.38 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.7, 45.6, 55.4, 91.4, 124.7, 128.3, 128.8, 129.8, 129.8, 130.8, 130.8, 130.8, 133.1, 135.7, 138.2, 139.7, 158.6, 189.8; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 382.0953; found, 382.0955.

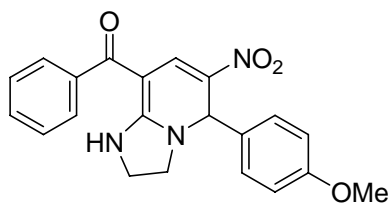
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Orange-red solid; Mp 229–231 °C; IR (KBr): 3322, 3064, 1589, 1447, 1395, 1291, 1217, 1072, 743  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.30–3.35 (m, 1H, NCH $_2$ ), 3.54–3.3.59 (m, 1H, NCH $_2$ ), 3.75–3.81 (m, 2H, NCH $_2$ ), 5.74 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.33–7.41 (m, 5H, ArH), 7.41–7.50 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.56–7.58 (m, 2H, ArH), 8.29 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.24 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.4, 46.1, 59.6, 90.8, 127.5, 128.0, 128.8, 128.9, 129.7, 131.2, 132.2, 137.0, 138.0, 139.4, 161.0, 191.51; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 348.1343; found, 348.1344.

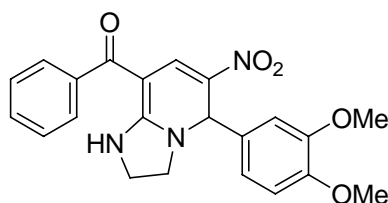
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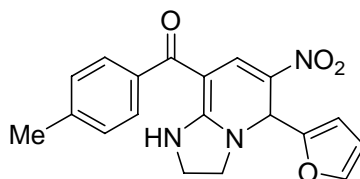
Yellow solid; Mp 253–255 °C; IR (KBr): 3368, 2958, 1592, 1508, 1395, 1210, 1026, 829, 739  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.14–3.18 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.72–3.76 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.77 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.77 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.97 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.52–7.57 (m, 5H, ArH), 8.06 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.28 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.5, 45.4, 55.5, 57.8, 91.2, 114.6, 126.1, 128.2, 128.8, 129.2, 130.6, 130.7, 137.1, 139.8, 158.9, 159.8, 189.7; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 378.1448; found, 378.1456.

**(1,2,3,5-Tetrahydro-5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(phenyl)methanone (4n)**



Orange-red solid; Mp 219–220.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3324, 2958, 1596, 1510, 1405, 1290, 1223, 1072, 747  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.16–3.19 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.65–3.71 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.74 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 3.76 (s, 3H,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 5.74 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.92–6.98 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.53–7.56 (m, 5H, ArH), 8.07 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.30 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 43.5, 45.5, 55.8, 55.8, 58.0, 91.3, 111.6, 112.3, 119.8, 125.9, 128.2, 128.8, 130.8, 130.9, 137.3, 139.8, 149.0, 149.3, 158.9, 189.7; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 408.1554; found, 408.1558.

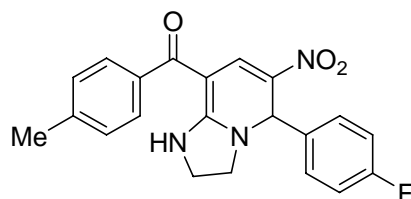
**(5-(Furan-2-yl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4o)**



Orange-red solid; Mp 229–230 °C; IR (KBr): 3271, 2895, 1594, 1408, 1294, 1229, 1164, 1071, 747  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.40 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.25–3.27 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.76–3.80 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 6.02 (s, 1H, NCH),

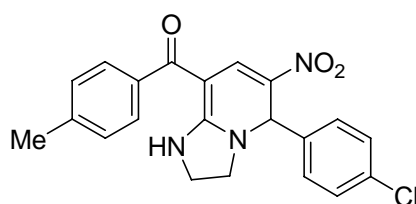
6.45–6.48 (m, 1H, ArH), 6.51–6.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.33–7.43 (m, 4H, ArH), 7.66–7.68 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.07 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.36 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 21.4, 43.7, 45.9, 51.6, 91.7, 109.6, 111.1, 122.6, 128.4, 129.3, 136.9, 137.9, 140.8, 143.8, 150.3, 159.6, 189.7; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for C $_{19}$ H $_{18}$ N $_3$ O $_4$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 352.1292; found, 352.1299.

**(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4p)**



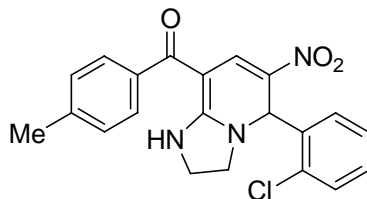
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**(5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4q)**



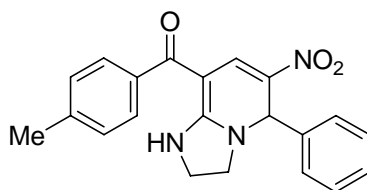
Orange-red solid; Mp 225–226 °C; IR (KBr): 3350, 2888, 1581, 1394, 1289, 1220, 1172, 1078, 828 cm $^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.39 (s, 3H, CH $_3$ ), 3.12–3.16 (m, 1H, NCH $_2$ ), 3.67–3.76 (m, 3H, NCH $_2$ CH $_2$ N), 5.84 (s, 1H, NCH), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.42–7.49 (m, 6H, ArH), 8.10 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.35 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 21.4, 43.6, 45.6, 57.7, 91.4, 125.2, 128.4, 128.9, 129.3, 129.3, 129.8, 133.6, 136.9, 137.7, 140.8, 158.9, 189.6; HRMS (TOF ES $^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for C $_{21}$ H $_{19}$ ClN $_3$ O $_3$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 396.1109; found, 396.1117.

**(5-(2-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4r)**



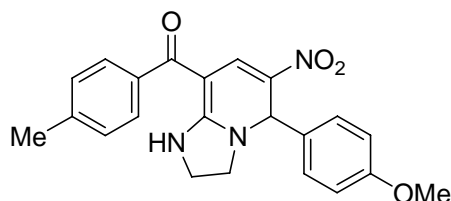
Orange-red solid; Mp 219–220.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3309, 2897, 1596, 1404, 1293, 1228, 1076, 763  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.40 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.10–3.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.72–3.76 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 6.25 (s, 1H,  $\text{NCH}$ ), 7.33–7.43 (m, 4H,  $\text{ArH}$ ), 7.47–7.52 (m, 4H,  $\text{ArH}$ ), 8.17 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}=\text{N}$ ), 9.37 (br, 1H,  $\text{NH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 21.4, 43.6, 45.6, 55.4, 91.4, 124.5, 128.4, 128.9, 129.3, 129.8, 129.8, 130.7, 133.1, 135.7, 136.9, 138.3, 140.8, 158.7, 189.7; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 396.1109; found, 396.1109.

**(1,2,3,5-Tetrahydro-6-nitro-5-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4s)**



Yellow solid; Mp 257–261 °C; IR (KBr): 3372, 2884, 1591, 1396, 1215, 1073, 762  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.39 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.09–3.15 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.69–3.73 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 5.81 (s, 1H,  $\text{NCH}$ ), 7.32–7.48 (m, 9H,  $\text{ArH}$ ), 8.11 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}=\text{N}$ ), 9.34 (br, 1H,  $\text{NH}$ );  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 21.9, 44.1, 46.1, 58.9, 91.9, 126.1, 128.4, 128.9, 129.5, 129.8, 129.8, 137.5, 138.0, 139.1, 141.2, 159.5, 190.1; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$   $[(\text{M}+\text{H})^+]$ , 362.1499; found, 362.1506.

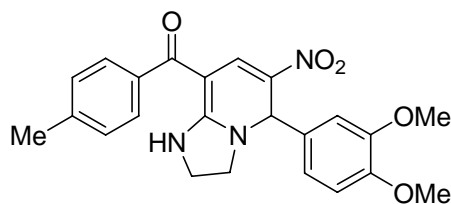
**(1,2,3,5-Tetrahydro-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4t)**



Yellow solid; Mp 246–247 °C; IR (KBr): 3328, 2889, 1591, 1506, 1395, 1209, 1168, 1028, 832, 768  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.40 (s, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ),

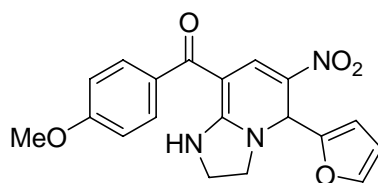
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**(1,2,3,5-Tetrahydro-5-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(*p*-tolyl)methanone (4u)**



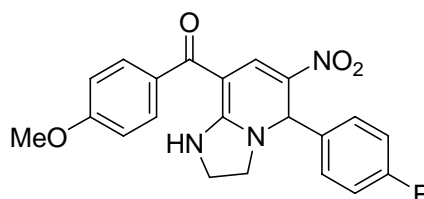
Yellow solid; Mp 172–174.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3313, 2947, 1595, 1512, 1406, 1289, 1223, 1073, 1024, 833, 765 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.38 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.16–3.20 (m, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.65–3.73 (m, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.74 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.92–7.00 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.47 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, ArH), 8.12 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.29 (br, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 21.3, 43.5, 45.5, 55.9, 58.1, 91.3, 111.7, 112.4, 119.9, 125.8, 128.4, 129.3, 131.0, 137.0, 137.3, 140.8, 149.1, 149.4, 159.0, 159.3, 189.6; HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], 422.1710; found, 422.1709.

**(5-(Furan-2-yl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4v)**



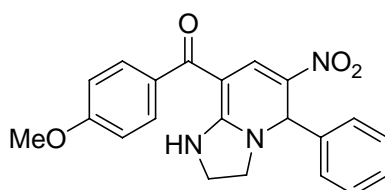
Orange-red solid; Mp 218–220.5 °C; IR (KBr): 3321, 2991, 1595, 1298, 1235, 1167, 1019, 770, 610 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 3.23–3.27 (m, 1H, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.71–3.81 (m, 3H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.02 (s, 1H, NCH), 6.47 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.52–6.55 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.67–7.69 (m, 1H, ArH), 8.11 (s, 1H, CH=), 9.37 (br, 1H, NH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 43.7, 45.9, 51.6, 55.7, 91.8, 109.6, 111.1, 114.1, 122.3, 130.4, 131.9, 143.8, 143.8, 150.3, 159.6, 161.6, 189.0. HRMS (TOF ES<sup>+</sup>): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>], 368.1241; found, 368.1245.

**(5-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4w)**



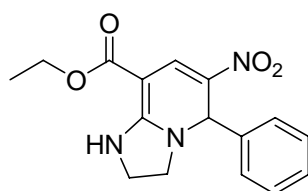
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**(1,2,3,5-Tetrahydro-6-nitro-5-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-8-yl)(4-methoxyphenyl)methanone (4x)**



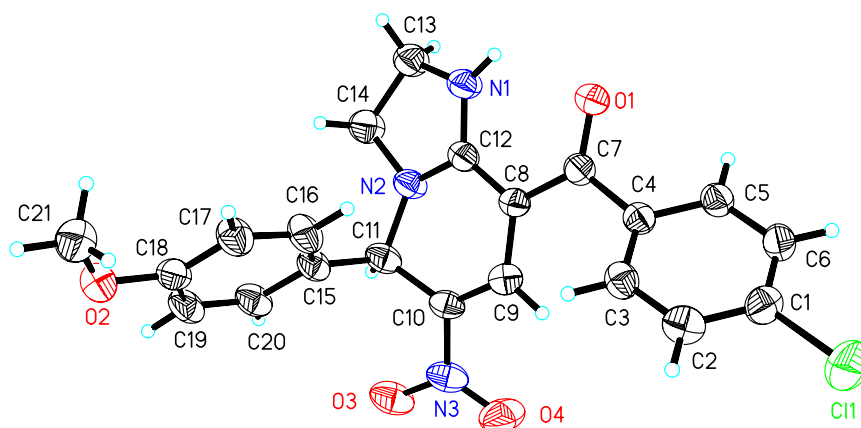
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**Ethyl 1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-6-nitro-5-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine-8-carboxylate (4y)**



Orange-red solid; Mp 182–185 °C; IR (KBr): 3360, 2897, 1668, 1564, 1404, 1334, 1215, 1147, 770  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 1.29 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 3.05–3.09 (m, 1H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.63–3.67 (m, 3H,  $\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.19 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.78 (s, 1H,  $\text{NCH}$ ), 7.32–7.39 (m, 5H, ArH), 8.35 (s, 1H,  $\text{CH}=\text{}$ ), 8.51 (br, 1H, NH);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 14.8, 43.3, 45.9, 58.6, 59.7, 80.8, 125.0, 127.7, 128.9, 129.1, 135.7, 138.8, 158.4, 164.7; HRMS (TOF  $\text{ES}^+$ ):  $m/z$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$  [(M+H) $^+$ ], 316.1292; found, 316.1302.

### X-ray Structure and Data<sup>4</sup> of 4f



**Figure S1** X-Ray crystal structure of **4f**

**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinement for **4f**

Identification code	100112a_0m
Empirical formula	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	411.83
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.587(5) Å    alpha = 90.000(5) deg. b = 18.369(5) Å    beta = 92.329(5) deg. c = 12.335(5) Å    gamma = 90.000(5) deg.
Volume	1944.0(15) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.407 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.230 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	856
Crystal size	0.34 x 0.29 x 0.18 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.99 to 28.40 deg.
Limiting indices	-9 ≤ h ≤ 11, -23 ≤ k ≤ 23, -15 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflection collected/unique	13201 / 4601 [R(int) = 0.0509]
Completeness to theta = 28.40	96.2 %

Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.9785 and 0.9456
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data/restraints/parameters	4601 / 0 / 264
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.937
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0479, wR2 = 0.1085
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1427, wR2 = 0.1450
Extinction coefficient	0.0163(16)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.153 and -0.188 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

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**Table S2** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for **4f**

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C(1)-C(6)	1.372(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.374(4)
C(1)-Cl(1)	1.740(3)
N(1)-C(12)	1.325(3)
N(1)-C(13)	1.460(3)
N(1)-H(1)	0.8600
O(1)-C(7)	1.245(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.382(3)
C(2)-H(2)	0.9300
N(2)-C(12)	1.337(3)
N(2)-C(11)	1.468(3)
N(2)-C(14)	1.471(3)
O(2)-C(18)	1.372(3)
O(2)-C(21)	1.424(3)
C(3)-C(4)	1.389(3)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9300
N(3)-O(4)	1.239(3)
N(3)-O(3)	1.248(3)
N(3)-C(10)	1.425(3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.387(3)
C(4)-C(7)	1.495(3)
C(5)-C(6)	1.372(3)
C(5)-H(5)	0.9300

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C(6)-H(6)	0.9300
C(7)-C(8)	1.432(3)
C(8)-C(9)	1.410(3)
C(8)-C(12)	1.424(3)
C(9)-C(10)	1.355(3)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9300
C(10)-C(11)	1.509(3)
C(11)-C(15)	1.524(3)
C(11)-H(11)	0.9800
C(13)-C(14)	1.519(3)
C(13)-H(13A)	0.9700
C(13)-H(13B)	0.9700
C(14)-H(14A)	0.9700
C(14)-H(14B)	0.9700
C(15)-C(16)	1.375(3)
C(15)-C(20)	1.387(3)
C(16)-C(17)	1.382(3)
C(16)-H(16)	0.9300
C(17)-C(18)	1.377(3)
C(17)-H(17)	0.9300
C(18)-C(19)	1.376(3)
C(19)-C(20)	1.373(3)
C(19)-H(19)	0.9300
C(20)-H(20)	0.9300
C(21)-H(21A)	0.9600
C(21)-H(21B)	0.9600
C(21)-H(21C)	0.9600
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	121.0(2)
C(6)-C(1)-Cl(1)	119.3(2)
C(2)-C(1)-Cl(1)	119.7(2)
C(12)-N(1)-C(13)	111.9(2)
C(12)-N(1)-H(1)	124.0
C(13)-N(1)-H(1)	124.0
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	119.5(3)

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C(1)-C(2)-H(2)	120.3
C(3)-C(2)-H(2)	120.3
C(12)-N(2)-C(11)	124.3(2)
C(12)-N(2)-C(14)	110.50(19)
C(11)-N(2)-C(14)	121.6(2)
C(18)-O(2)-C(21)	117.9(2)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	120.5(2)
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	119.8
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	119.8
O(4)-N(3)-O(3)	122.5(2)
O(4)-N(3)-C(10)	120.3(2)
O(3)-N(3)-C(10)	117.2(3)
C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	118.5(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)	117.7(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)	123.6(2)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	121.2(2)
C(6)-C(5)-H(5)	119.4
C(4)-C(5)-H(5)	119.4
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	119.3(2)
C(1)-C(6)-H(6)	120.4
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	120.4
O(1)-C(7)-C(8)	121.9(2)
O(1)-C(7)-C(4)	116.9(2)
C(8)-C(7)-C(4)	121.2(2)
C(9)-C(8)-C(12)	114.3(2)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	124.8(2)
C(12)-C(8)-C(7)	119.9(2)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	122.5(2)
C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	118.7
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	118.7
C(9)-C(10)-N(3)	119.6(2)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	123.4(2)
N(3)-C(10)-C(11)	117.0(2)
N(2)-C(11)-C(10)	105.8(2)

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N(2)-C(11)-C(15)	111.8(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(15)	116.0(2)
N(2)-C(11)-H(11)	107.7
C(10)-C(11)-H(11)	107.7
C(15)-C(11)-H(11)	107.7
N(1)-C(12)-N(2)	110.2(2)
N(1)-C(12)-C(8)	127.4(2)
N(2)-C(12)-C(8)	122.3(2)
N(1)-C(13)-C(14)	102.3(2)
N(1)-C(13)-H(13A)	111.3
C(14)-C(13)-H(13A)	111.3
N(1)-C(13)-H(13B)	111.3
C(14)-C(13)-H(13B)	111.3
H(13A)-C(13)-H(13B)	109.2
N(2)-C(14)-C(13)	102.7(2)
N(2)-C(14)-H(14A)	111.2
C(13)-C(14)-H(14A)	111.2
N(2)-C(14)-H(14B)	111.2
C(13)-C(14)-H(14B)	111.2
H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B)	109.1
C(16)-C(15)-C(20)	117.3(2)
C(16)-C(15)-C(11)	122.1(2)
C(20)-C(15)-C(11)	120.5(2)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	121.9(2)
C(15)-C(16)-H(16)	119.0
C(17)-C(16)-H(16)	119.0
C(18)-C(17)-C(16)	119.8(3)
C(18)-C(17)-H(17)	120.1
C(16)-C(17)-H(17)	120.1
O(2)-C(18)-C(19)	115.7(2)
O(2)-C(18)-C(17)	125.1(3)
C(19)-C(18)-C(17)	119.2(3)
C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	120.4(2)
C(20)-C(19)-H(19)	119.8

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C(18)-C(19)-H(19)	119.8
C(19)-C(20)-C(15)	121.4(3)
C(19)-C(20)-H(20)	119.3
C(15)-C(20)-H(20)	119.3
O(2)-C(21)-H(21A)	109.5
O(2)-C(21)-H(21B)	109.5
H(21A)-C(21)-H(21B)	109.5
O(2)-C(21)-H(21C)	109.5
H(21A)-C(21)-H(21C)	109.5
H(21B)-C(21)-H(21C)	109.5

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

**Table S3** Torsion angles [deg] for **4f**

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C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	1.0(4)
Cl(1)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-177.73(18)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	-1.0(4)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	-0.7(3)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(7)	-176.3(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	2.4(3)
C(7)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	178.3(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	0.7(4)
Cl(1)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	179.42(19)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	-2.4(4)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)-O(1)	-39.3(3)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)-O(1)	136.4(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	138.8(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(7)-C(8)	-45.5(3)
O(1)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	165.5(2)
C(4)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-12.6(4)
O(1)-C(7)-C(8)-C(12)	-2.1(4)
C(4)-C(7)-C(8)-C(12)	179.8(2)
C(12)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	-9.8(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	-178.0(2)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-N(3)	170.2(2)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	-7.4(4)
O(4)-N(3)-C(10)-C(9)	-6.9(4)
O(3)-N(3)-C(10)-C(9)	173.1(2)

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O(4)-N(3)-C(10)-C(11)	170.8(2)
O(3)-N(3)-C(10)-C(11)	-9.2(3)
C(12)-N(2)-C(11)-C(10)	-30.6(3)
C(14)-N(2)-C(11)-C(10)	172.9(2)
C(12)-N(2)-C(11)-C(15)	96.5(3)
C(14)-N(2)-C(11)-C(15)	-60.0(3)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-N(2)	25.5(3)
N(3)-C(10)-C(11)-N(2)	-152.1(2)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(15)	-99.1(3)
N(3)-C(10)-C(11)-C(15)	83.3(3)
C(13)-N(1)-C(12)-N(2)	-3.6(3)
C(13)-N(1)-C(12)-C(8)	172.9(2)
C(11)-N(2)-C(12)-N(1)	-165.7(2)
C(14)-N(2)-C(12)-N(1)	-7.0(3)
C(11)-N(2)-C(12)-C(8)	17.5(4)
C(14)-N(2)-C(12)-C(8)	176.3(2)
C(9)-C(8)-C(12)-N(1)	-171.0(2)
C(7)-C(8)-C(12)-N(1)	-2.1(4)
C(9)-C(8)-C(12)-N(2)	5.2(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(12)-N(2)	174.0(2)
C(12)-N(1)-C(13)-C(14)	11.9(3)
C(12)-N(2)-C(14)-C(13)	13.8(3)
C(11)-N(2)-C(14)-C(13)	173.3(2)
N(1)-C(13)-C(14)-N(2)	-14.6(3)
N(2)-C(11)-C(15)-C(16)	-47.5(3)
C(10)-C(11)-C(15)-C(16)	73.9(3)
N(2)-C(11)-C(15)-C(20)	129.9(2)
C(10)-C(11)-C(15)-C(20)	-108.8(3)
C(20)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	-0.7(4)
C(11)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	176.7(2)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	1.0(4)
C(21)-O(2)-C(18)-C(19)	-173.5(2)
C(21)-O(2)-C(18)-C(17)	7.3(4)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-O(2)	179.4(2)
C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	0.2(4)
O(2)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	179.1(2)
C(17)-C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	-1.6(4)
C(18)-C(19)-C(20)-C(15)	2.0(4)

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C(16)-C(15)-C(20)-C(19)	-0.8(4)
C(11)-C(15)-C(20)-C(19)	-178.2(2)

**Table S4** Hydrogen bonds for **4f** [A and deg.]

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
C(11)-H(11)...O(3)	0.98	2.45	3.342(3)	151.2
N(1)-H(1)...O(1) <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.13	2.841(3)	140.2
N(1)-H(1)...O(1) <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	2.15	2.683(3)	120.0

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra for Tetrahydroimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine**

**Derivatives 4**

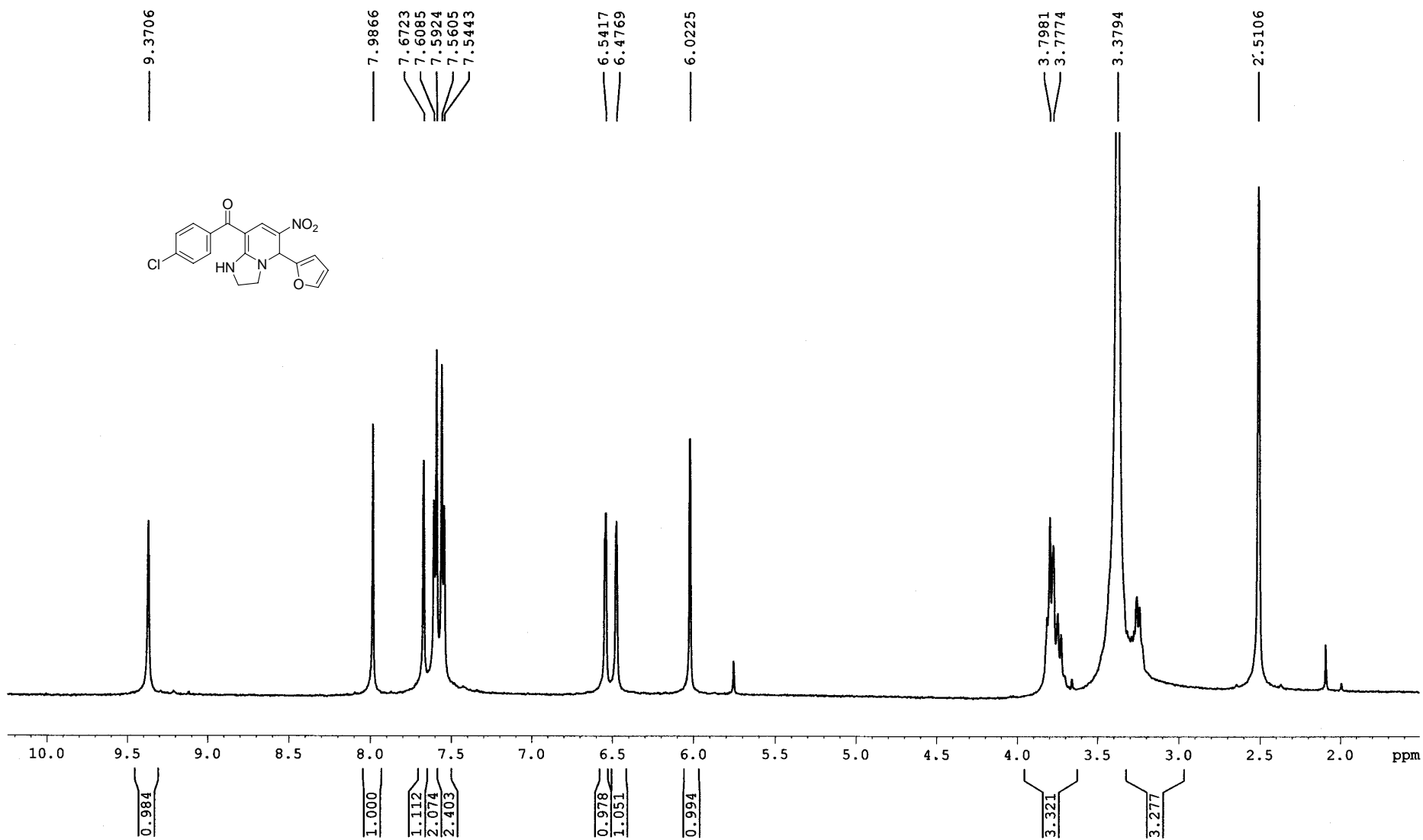


Figure 1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4a

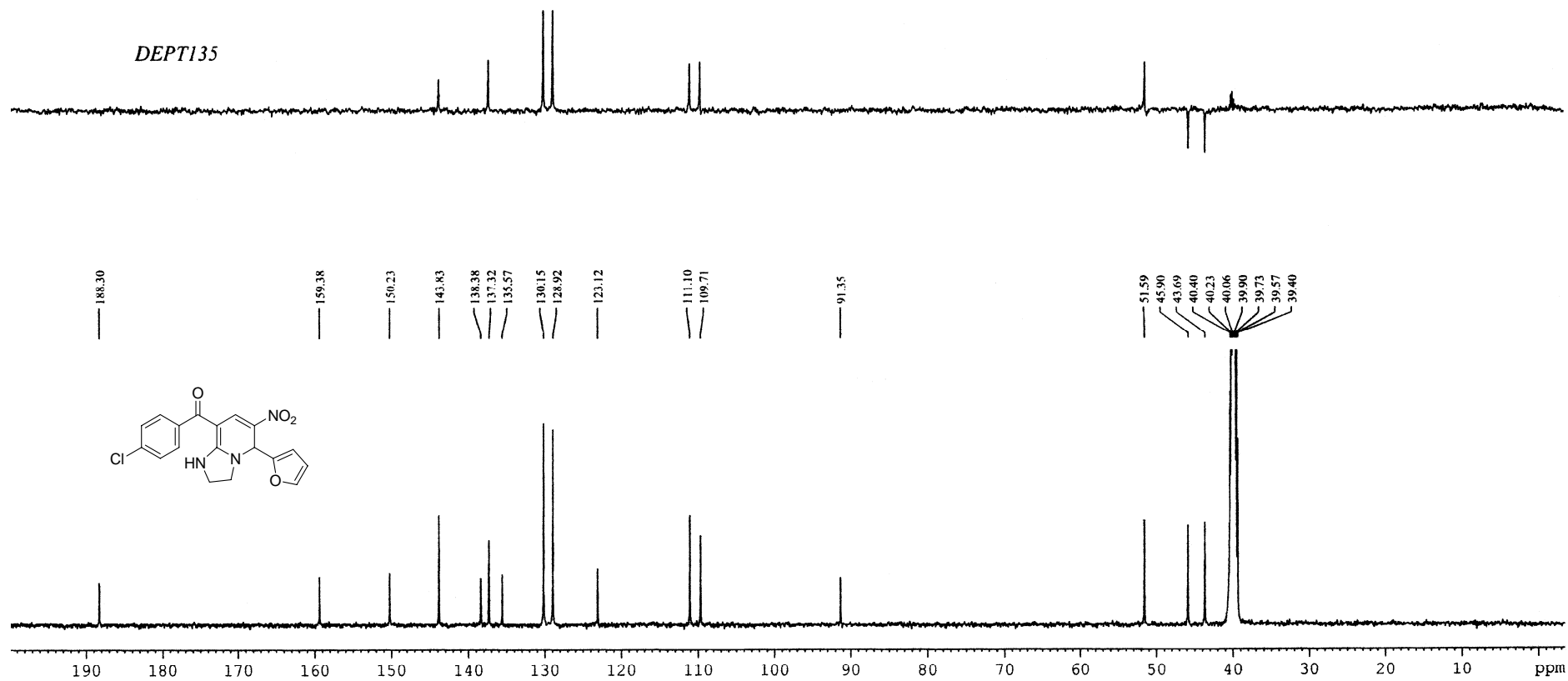
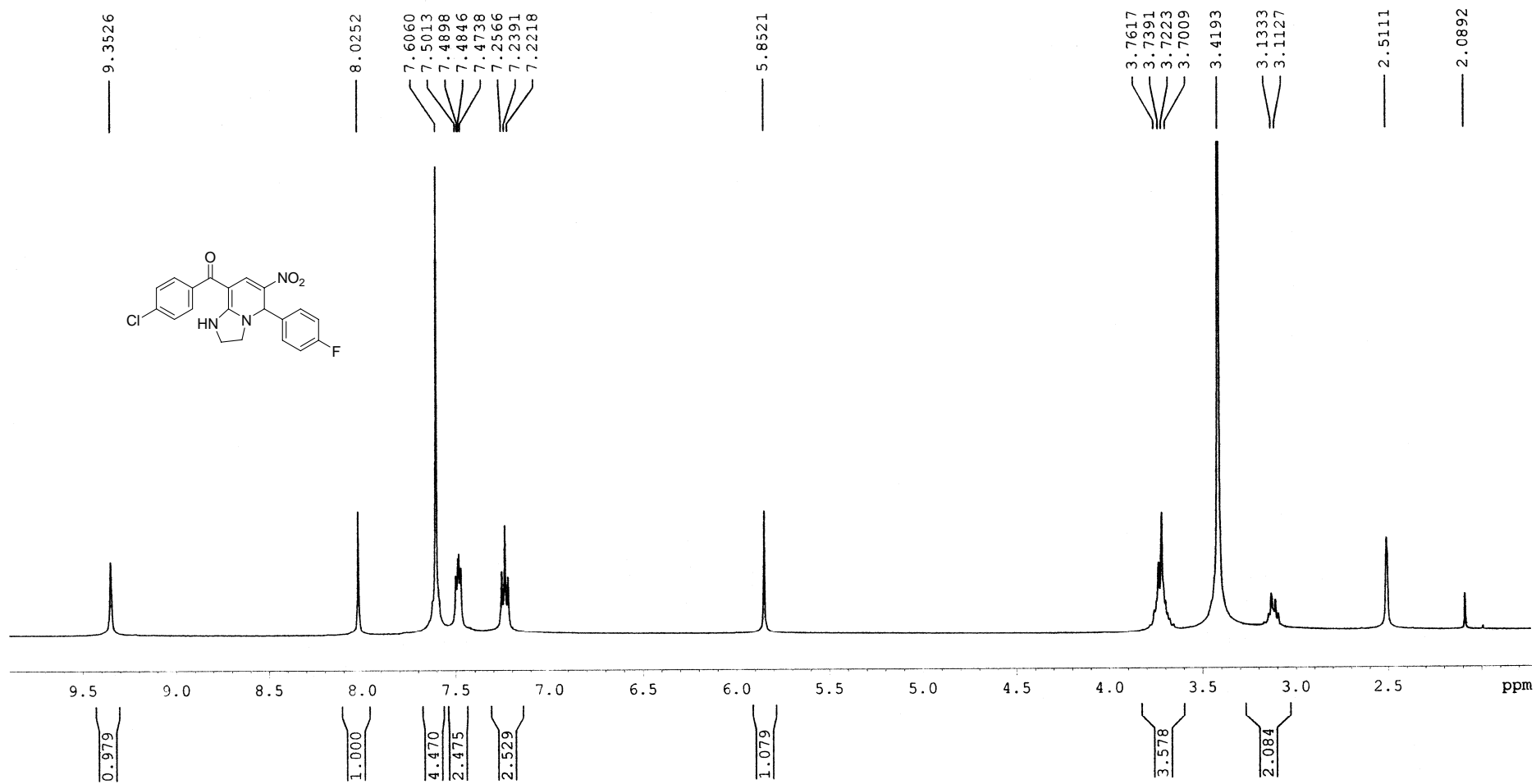


Figure 2.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4a





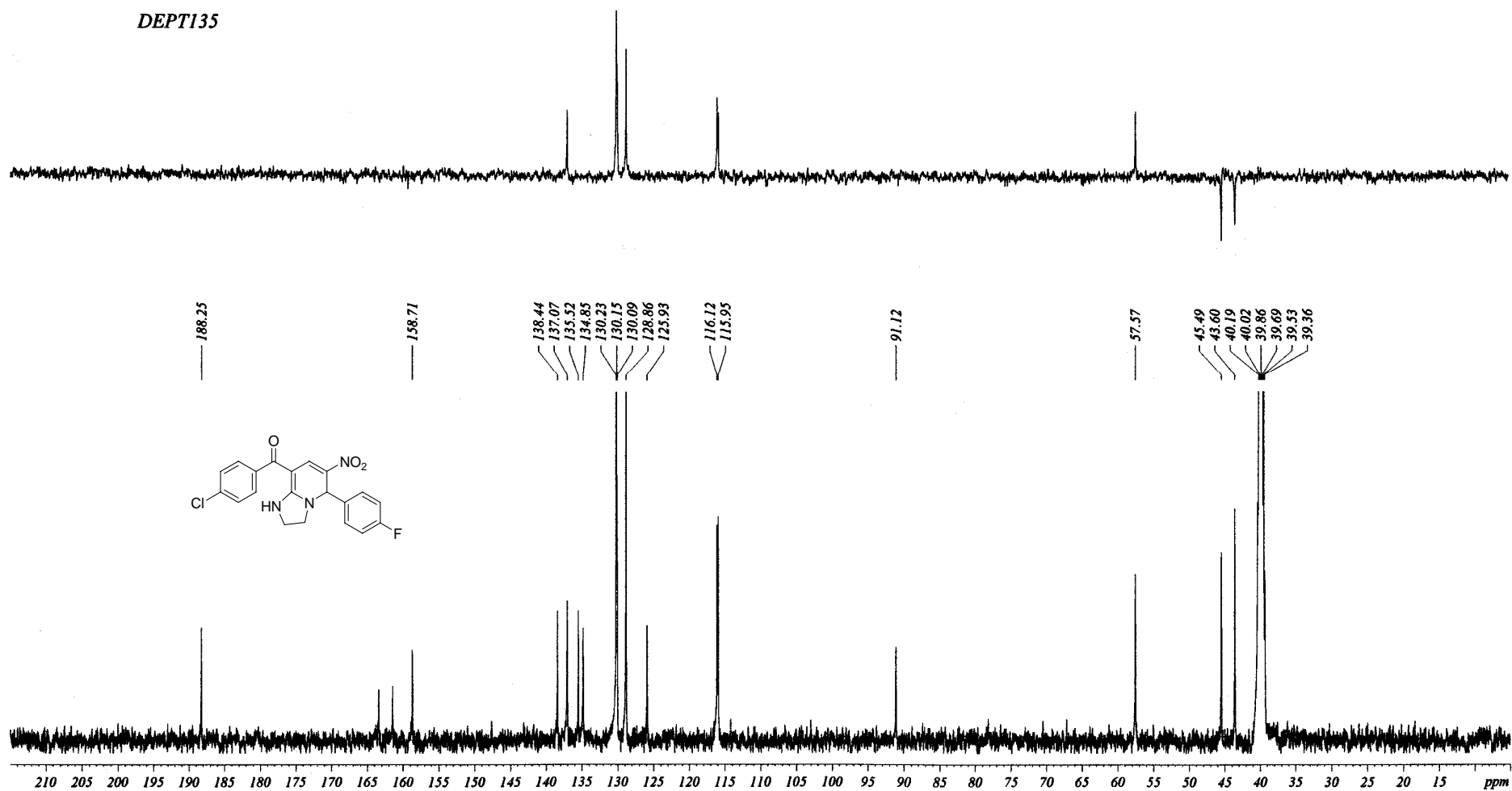


Figure 4.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4b

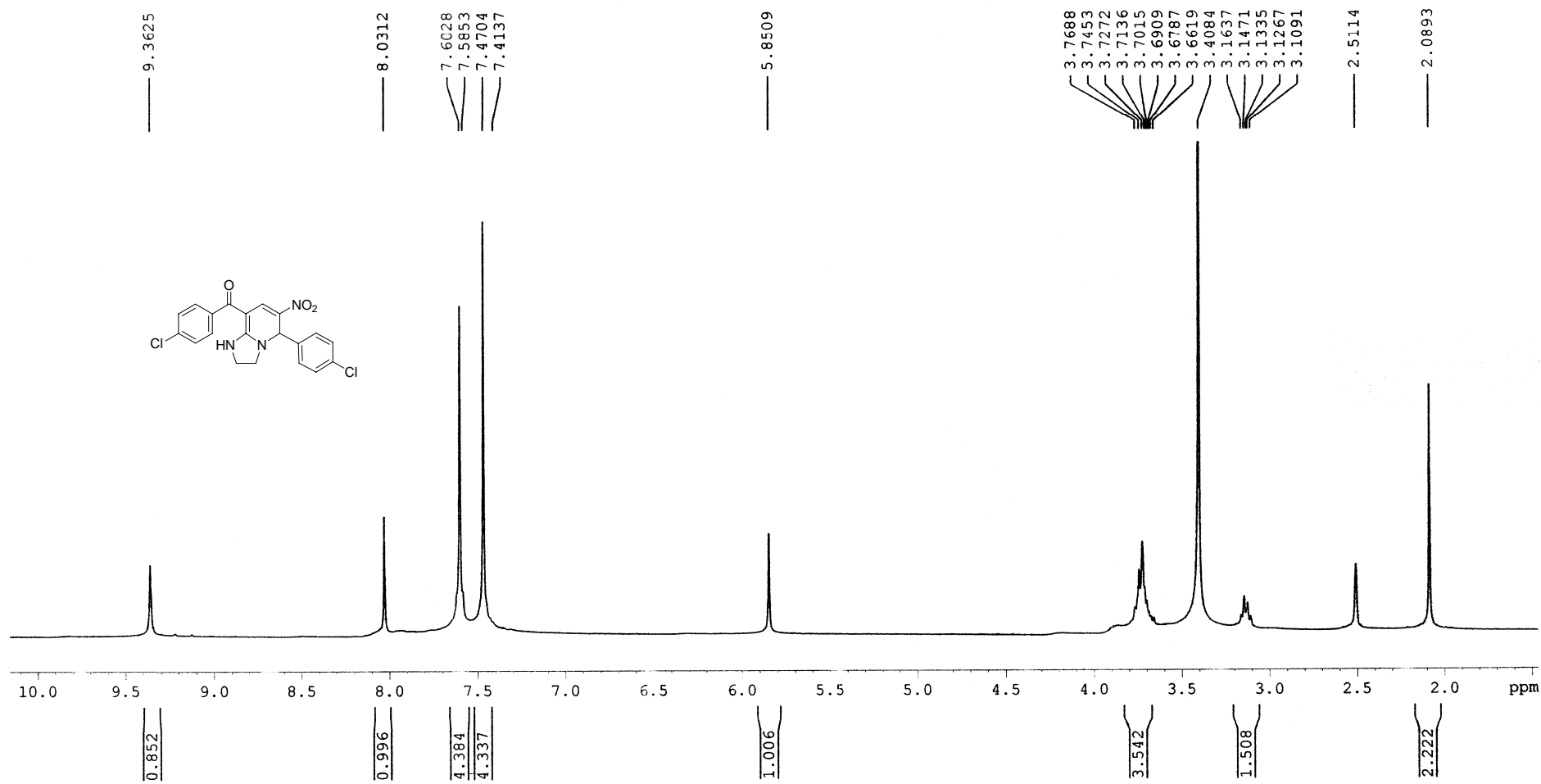


Figure 5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4c

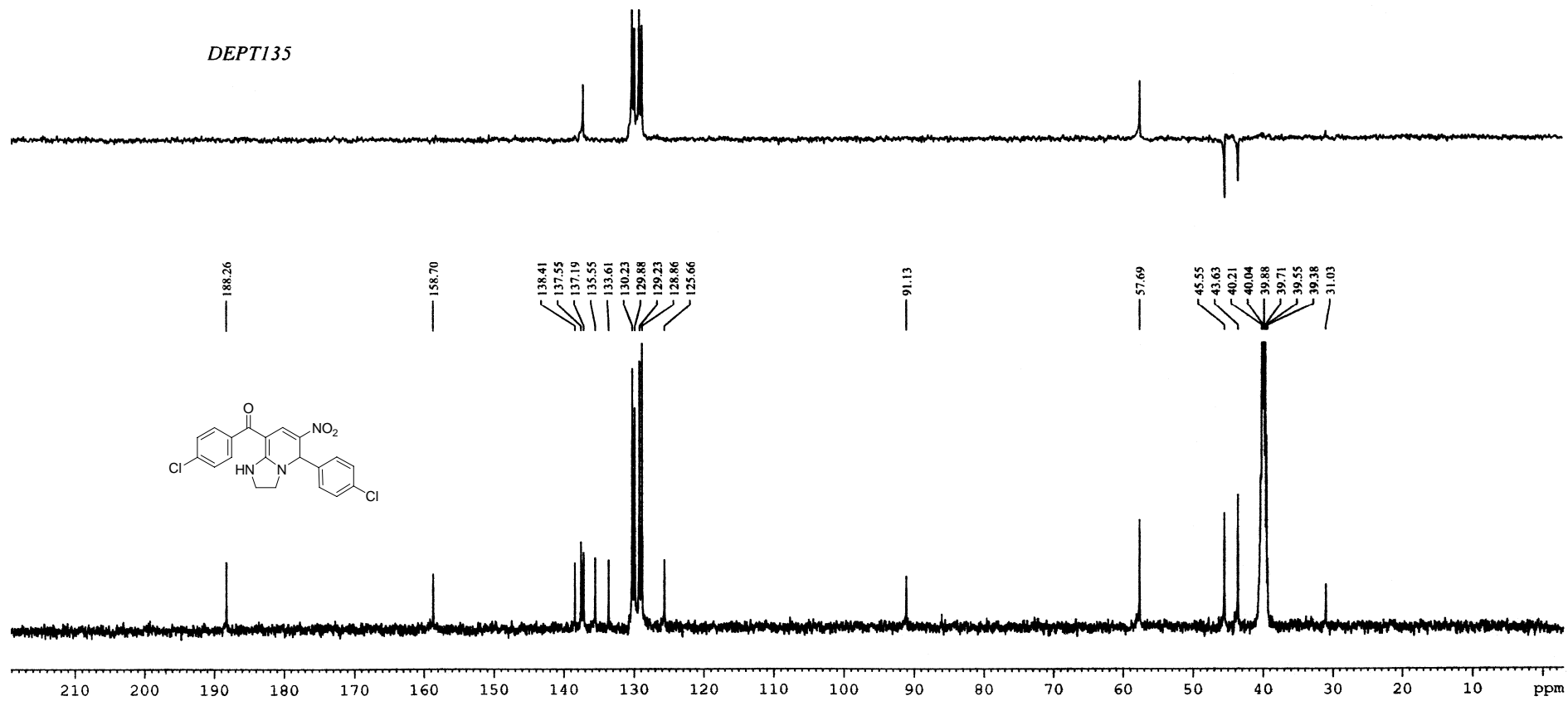


Figure 6.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4c**

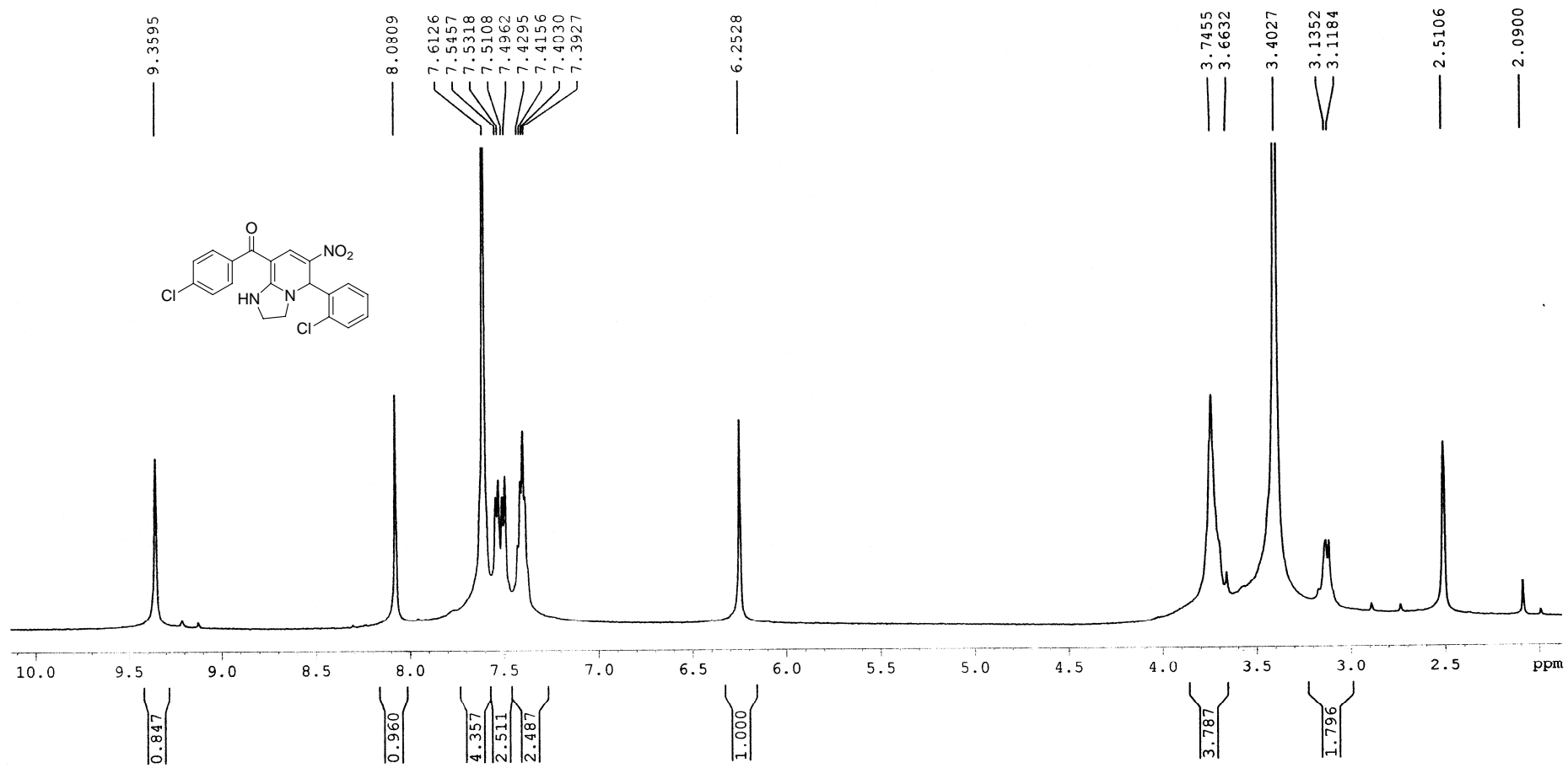
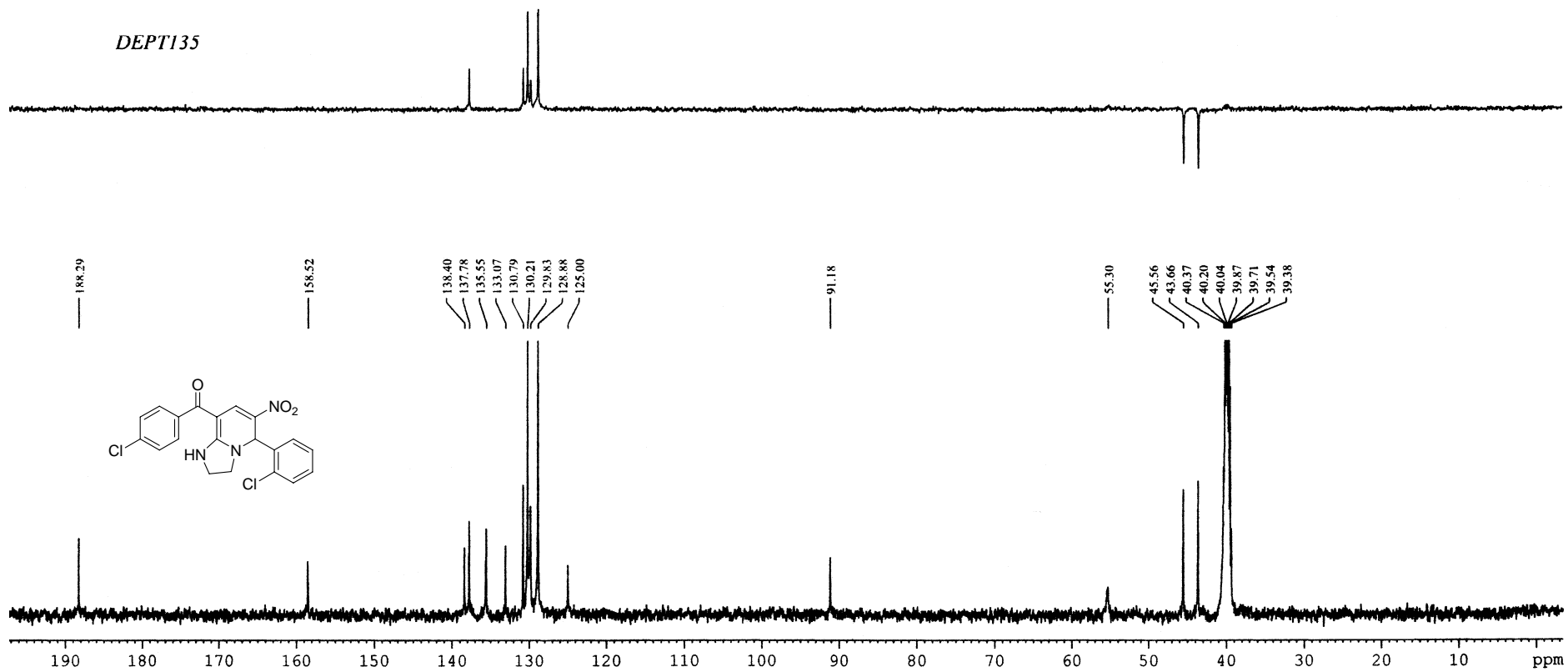
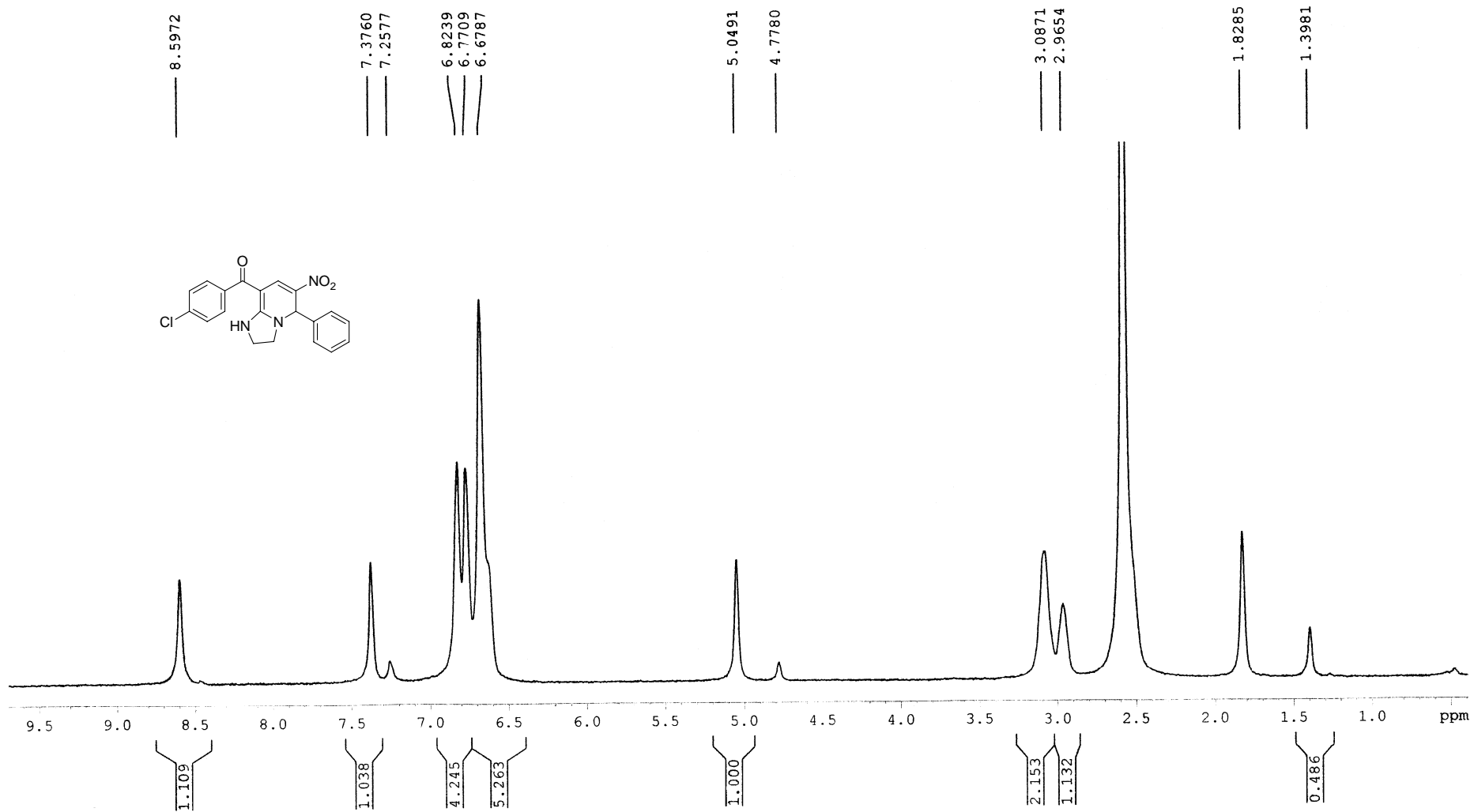


Figure 7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4d



**Figure 8.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4d**



**Figure 9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4e

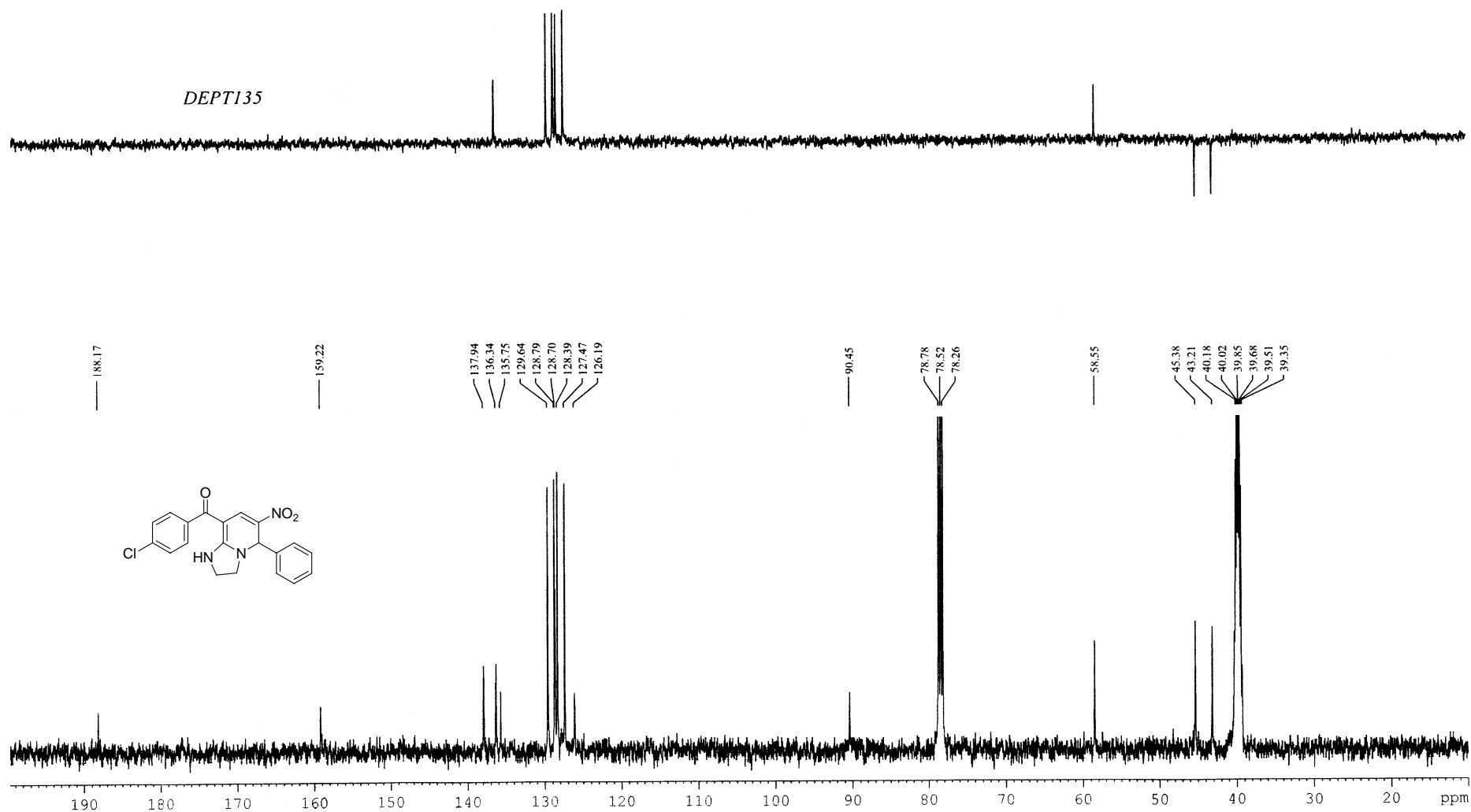
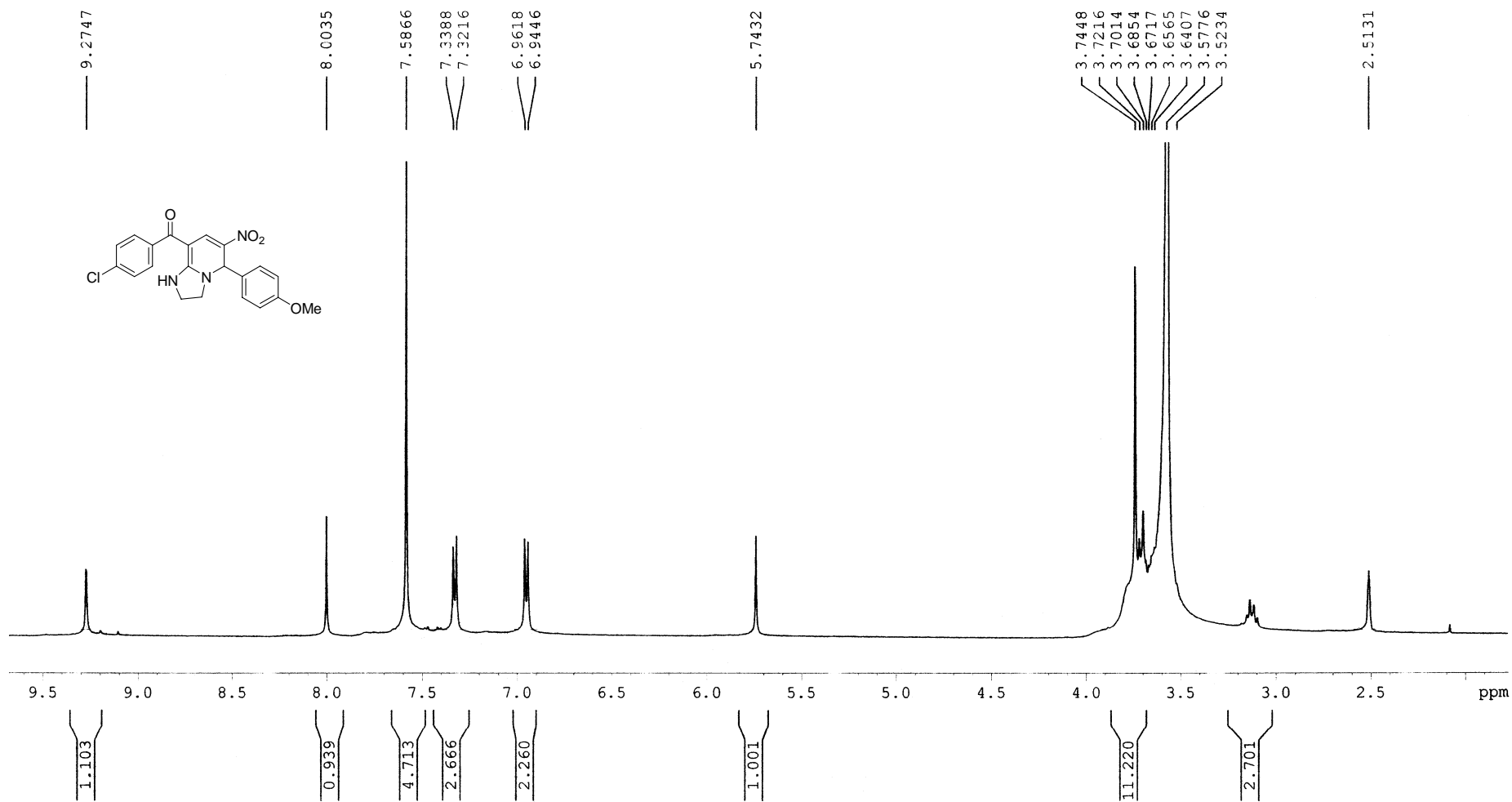


Figure 10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>+DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4e





**Figure 11.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4f**

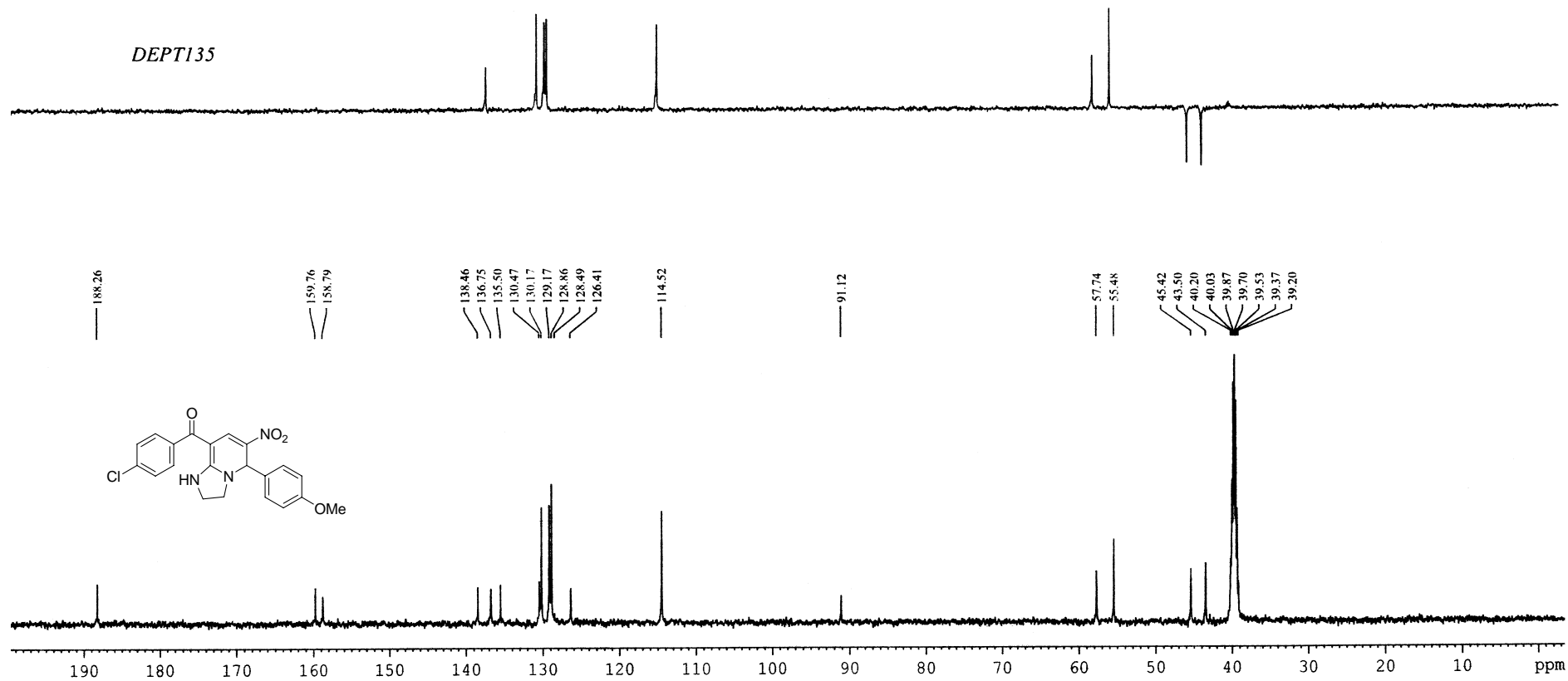
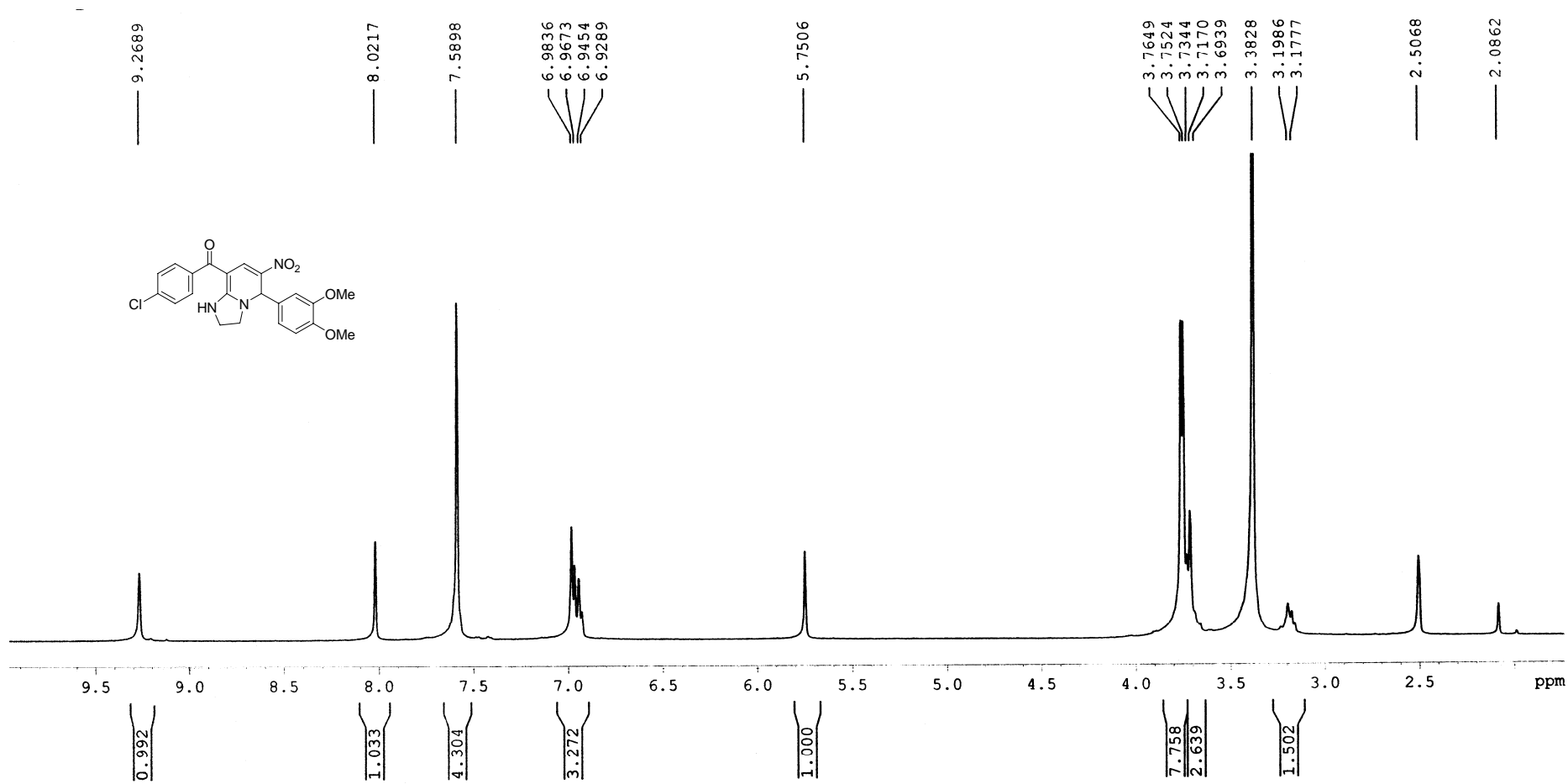


Figure 12.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4f



**Figure 13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4g**

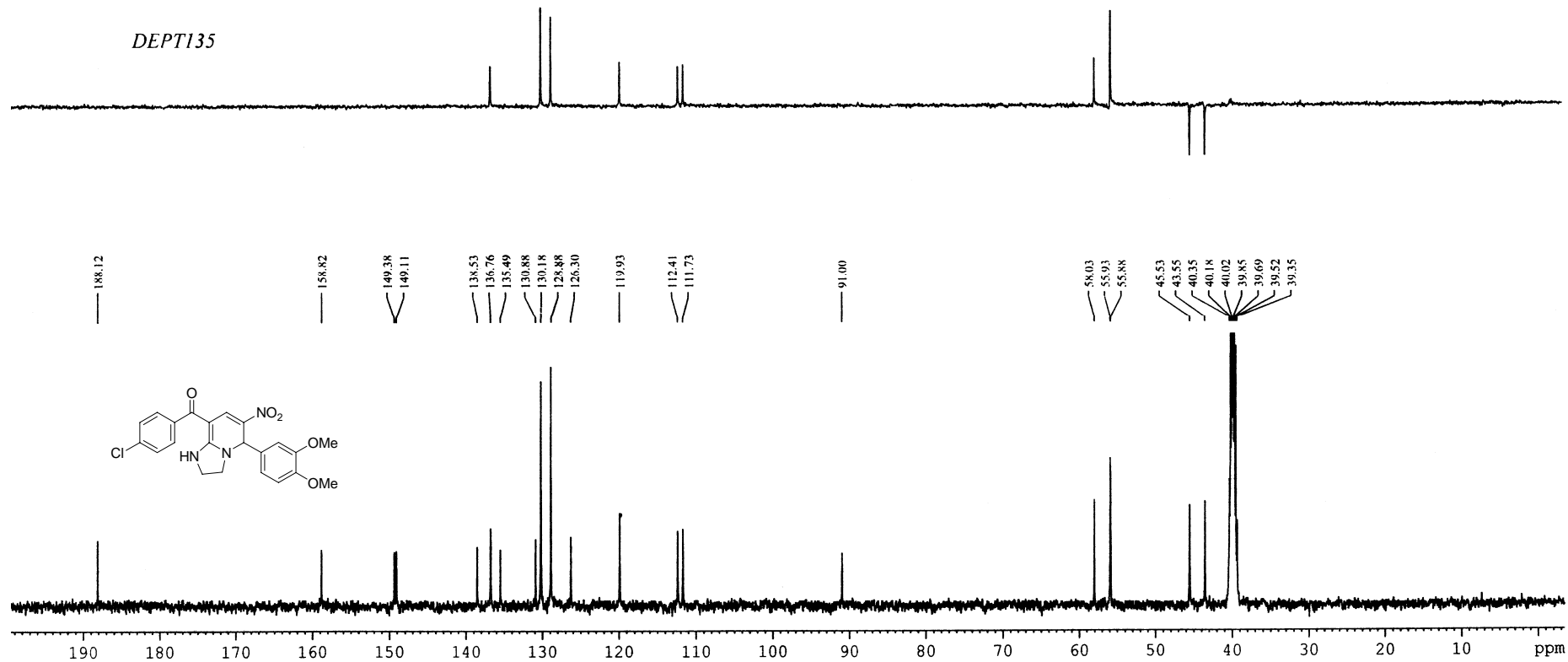


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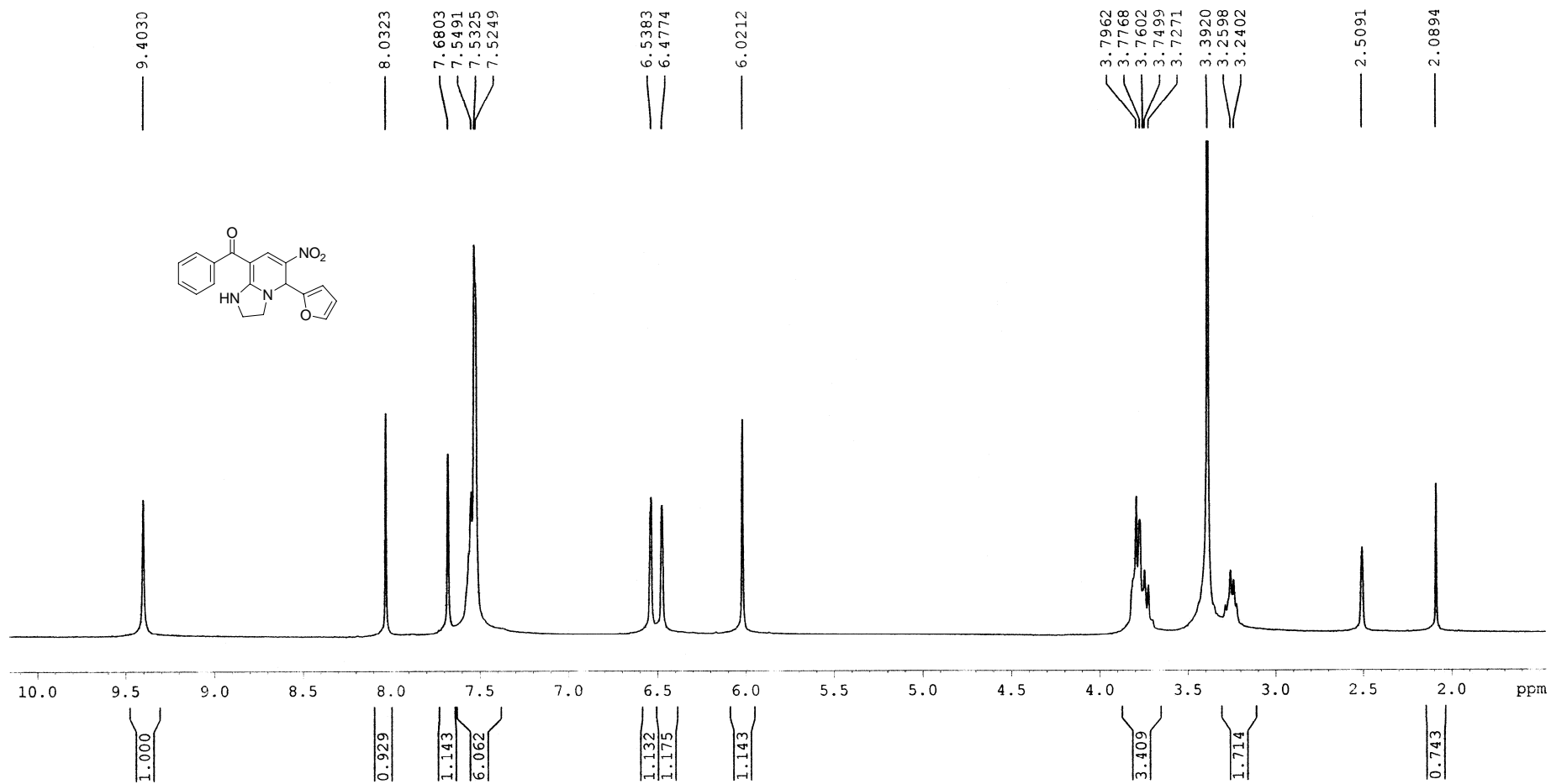
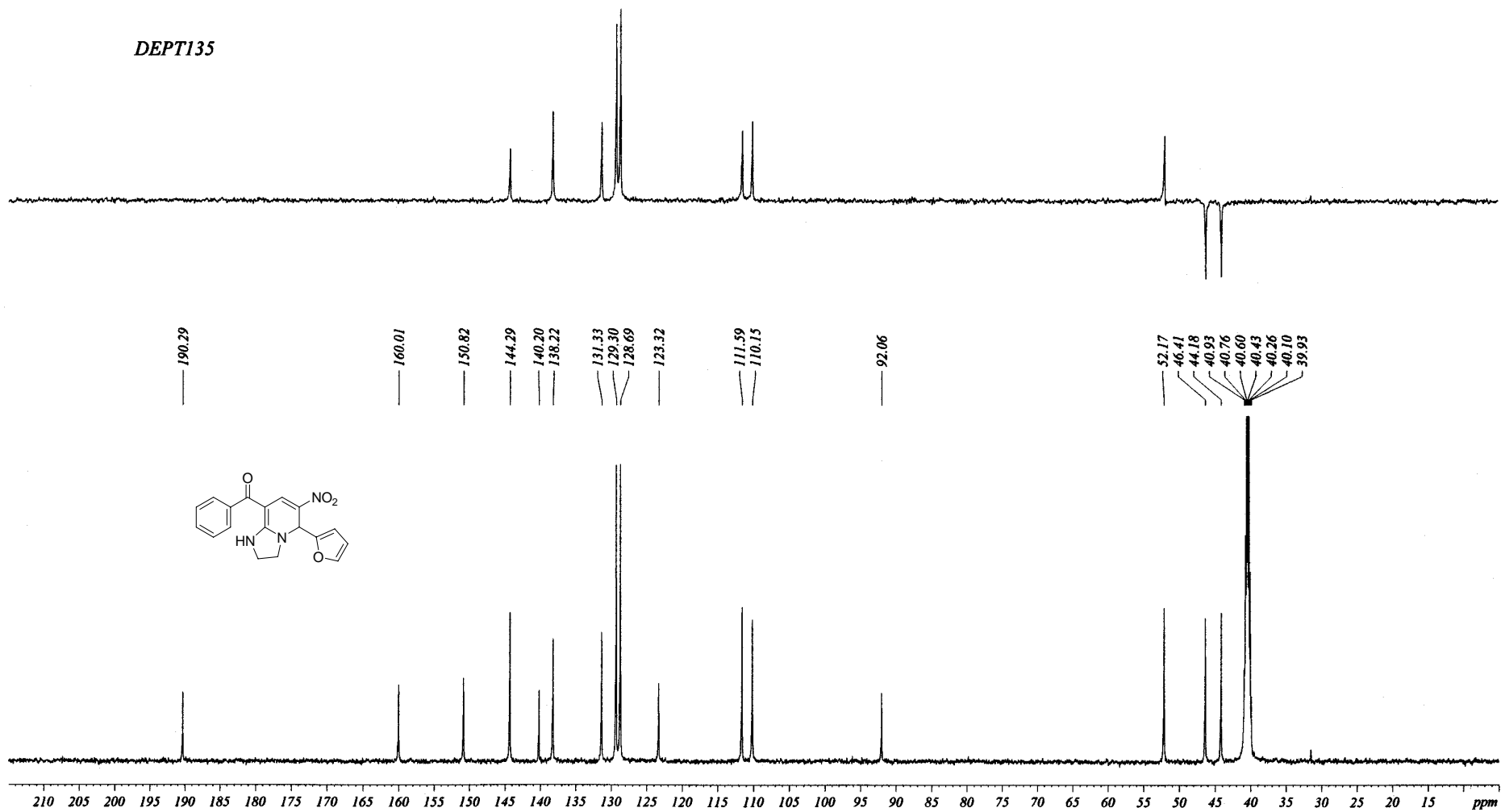
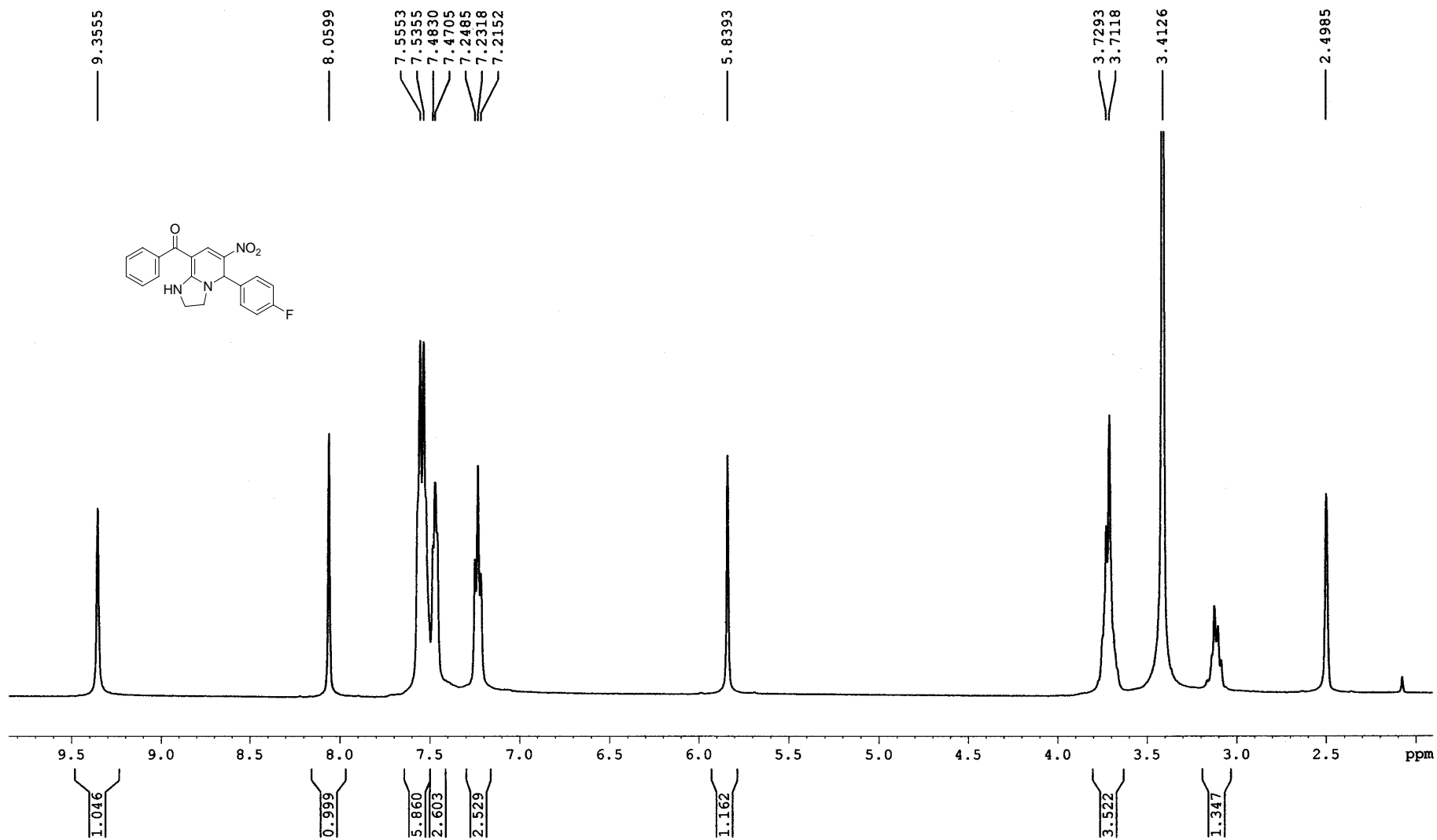


Figure 15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4h



**Figure 16.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4h**



**Figure 17.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4i**

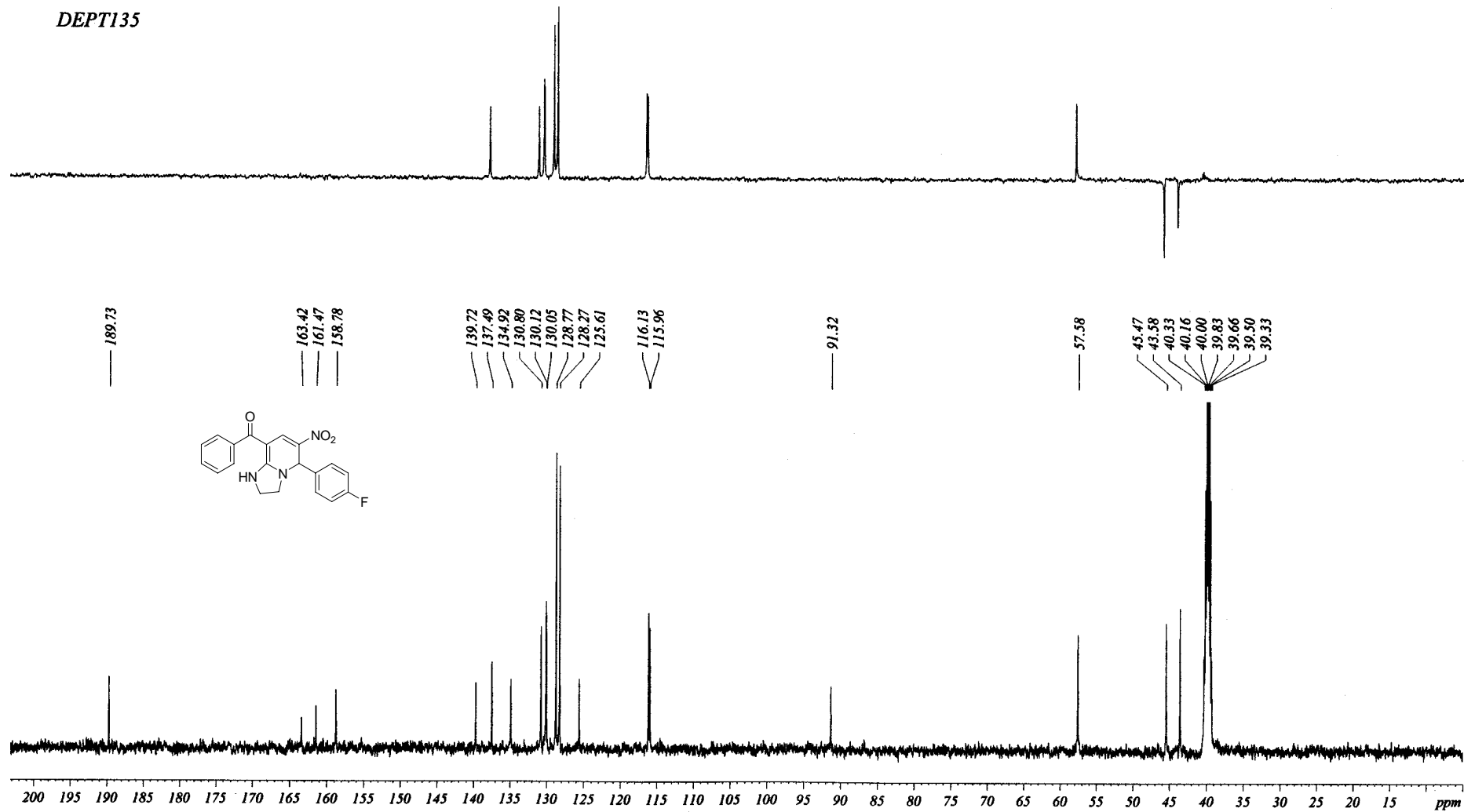
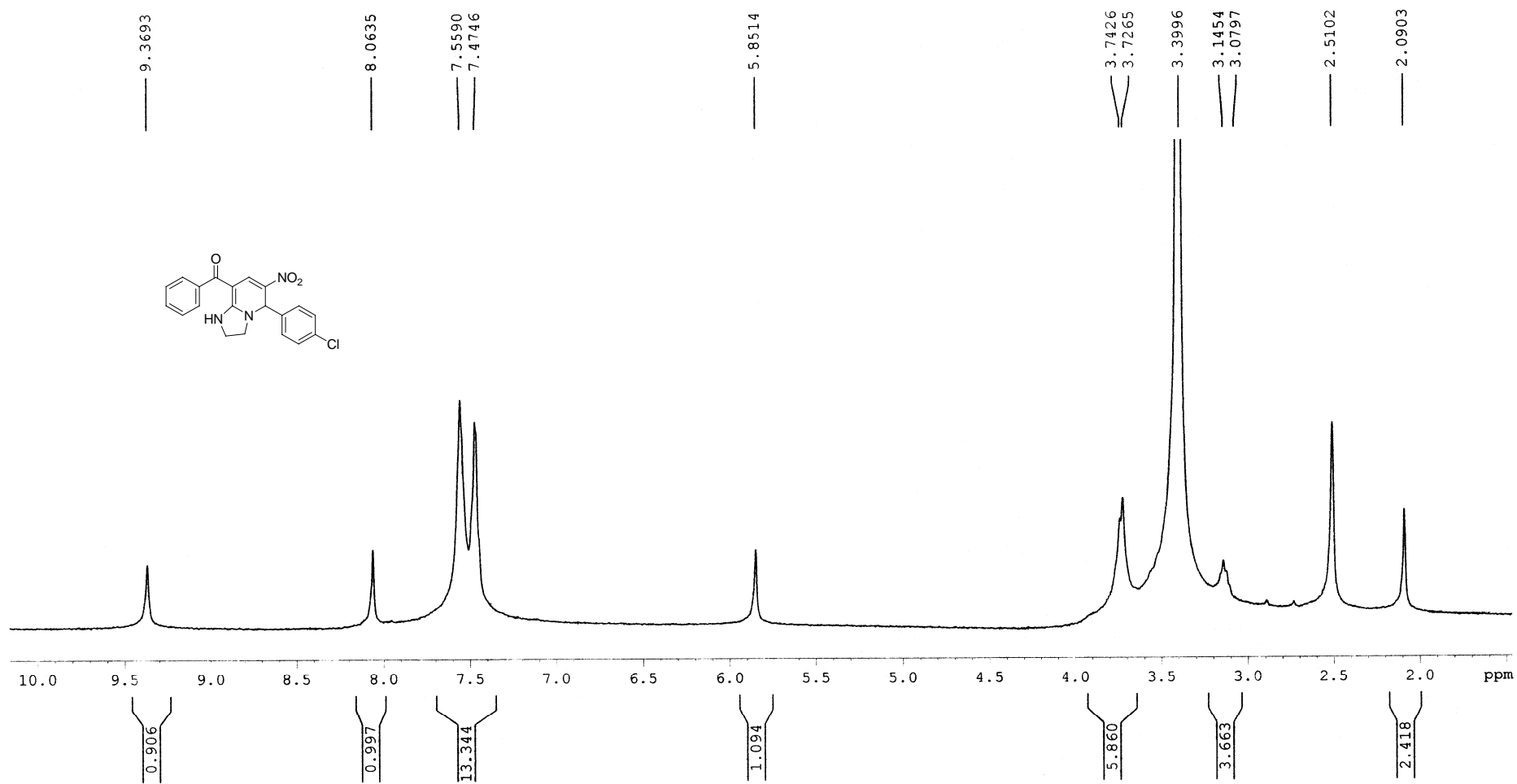


Figure 18.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4i**





**Figure 19.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4j**

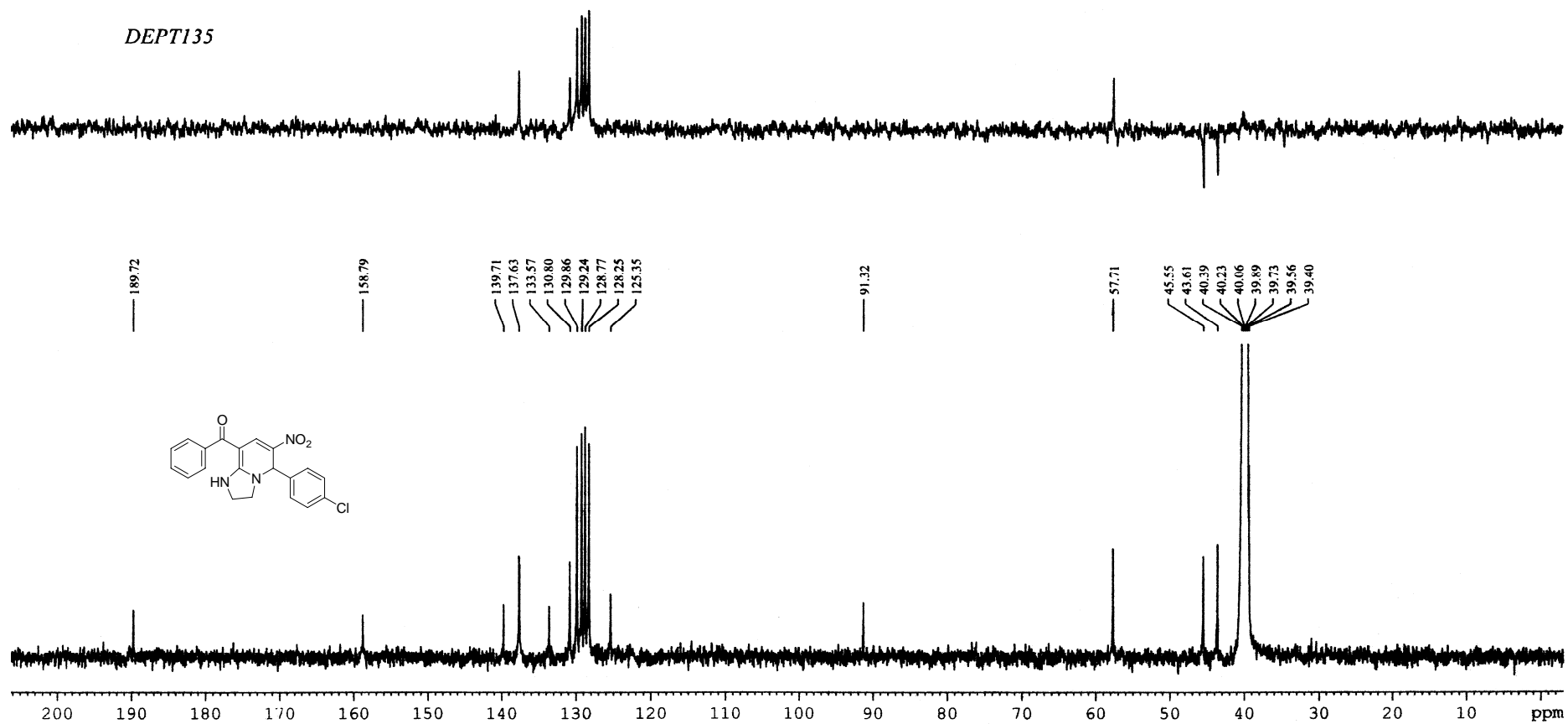
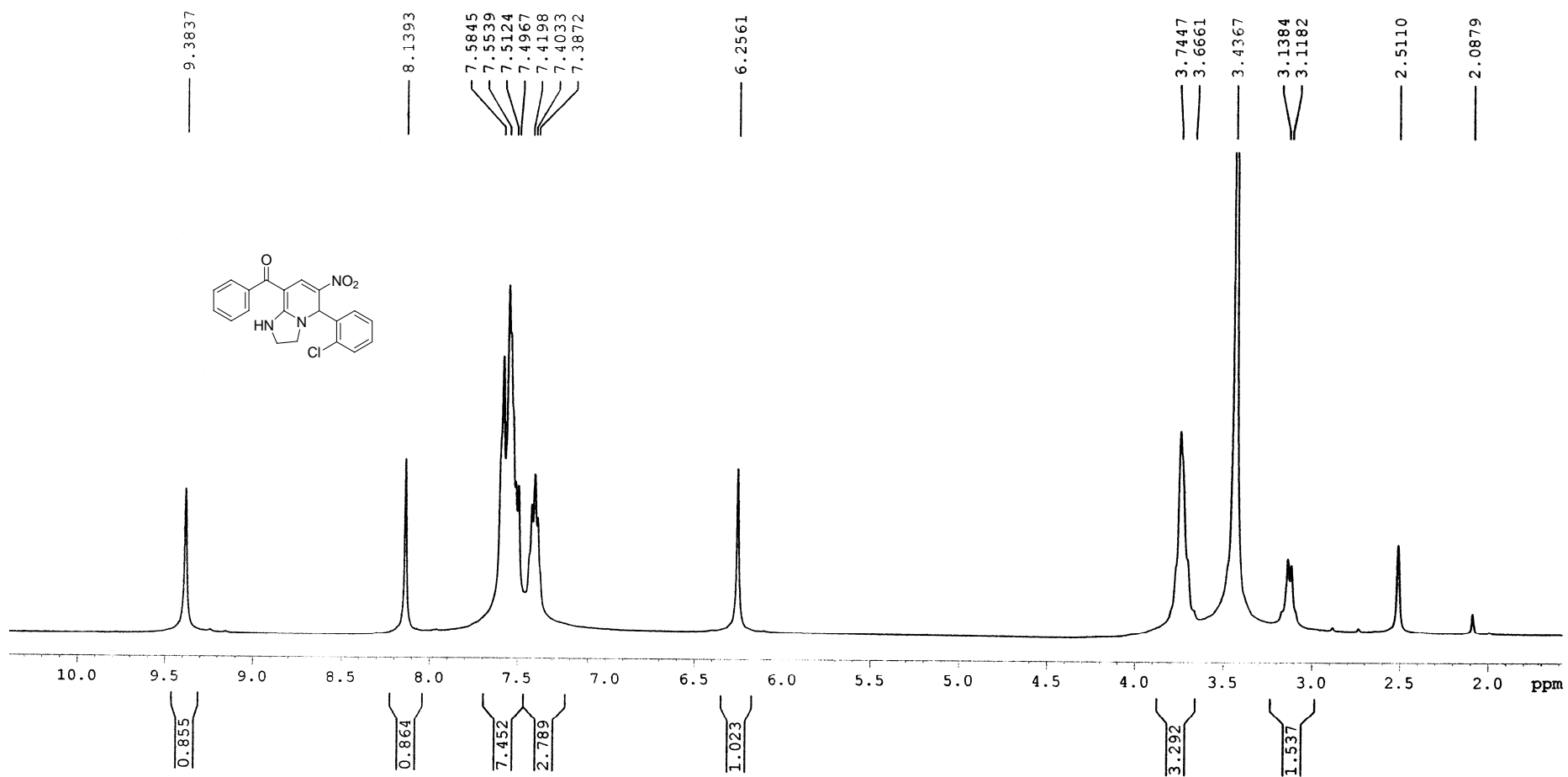


Figure 20.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4j



**Figure 21.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4k**

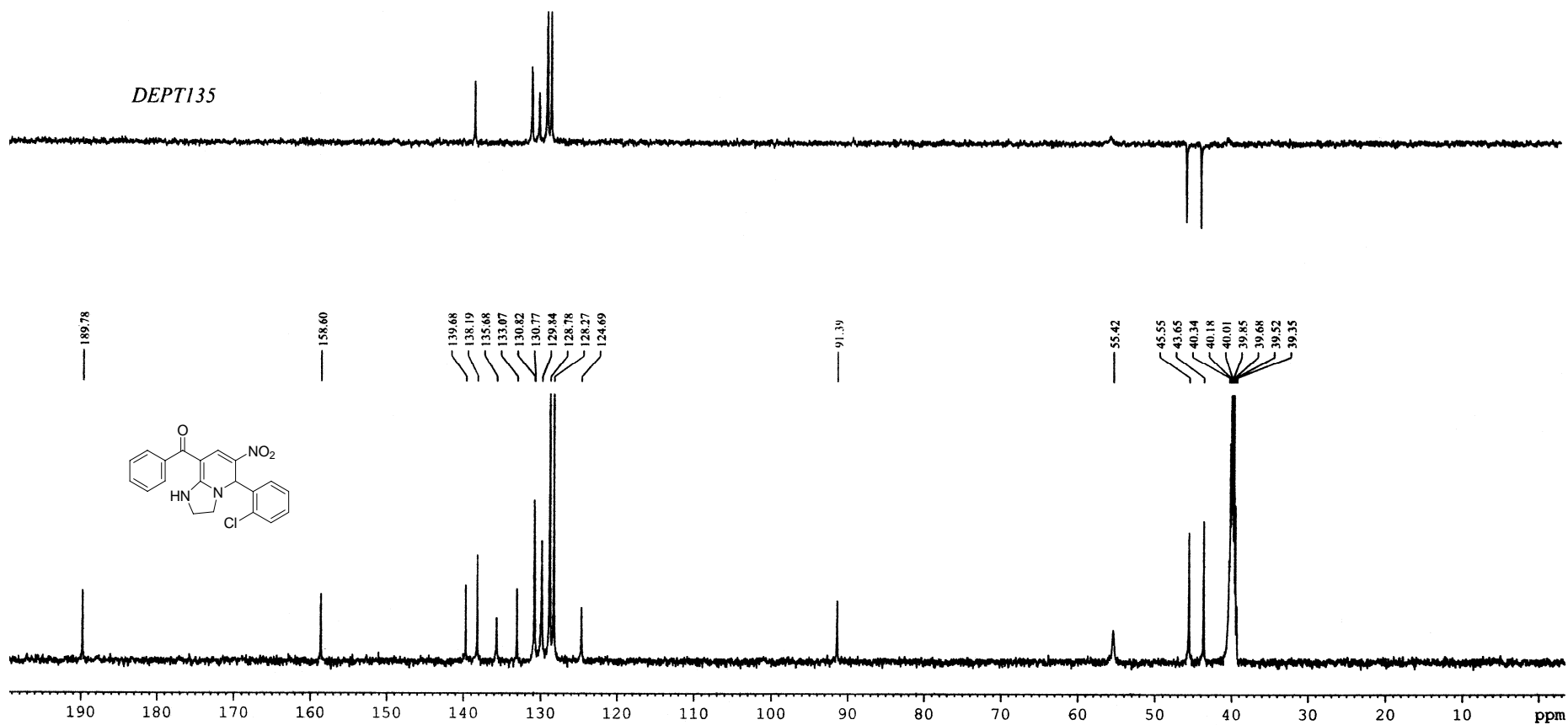


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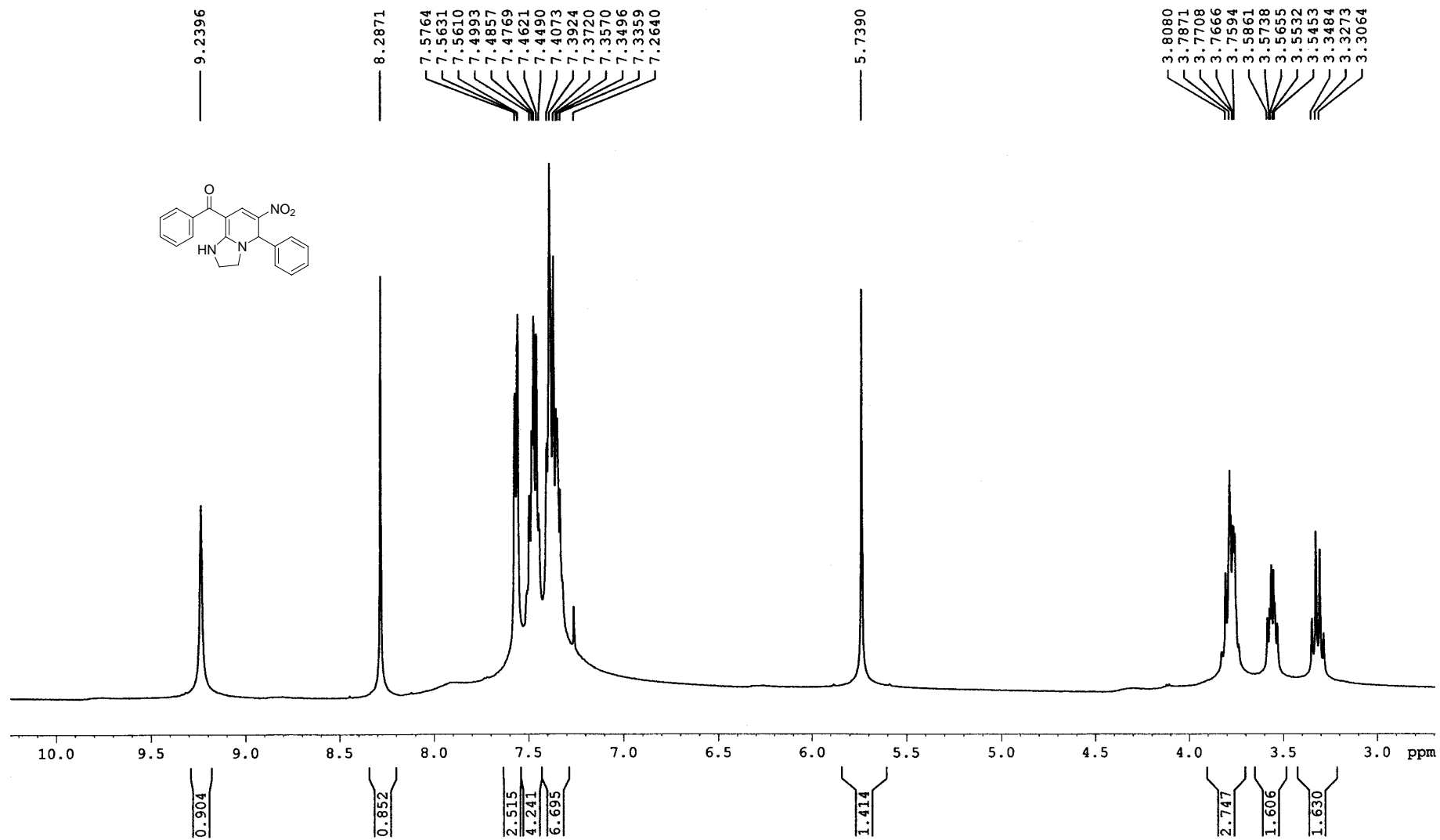
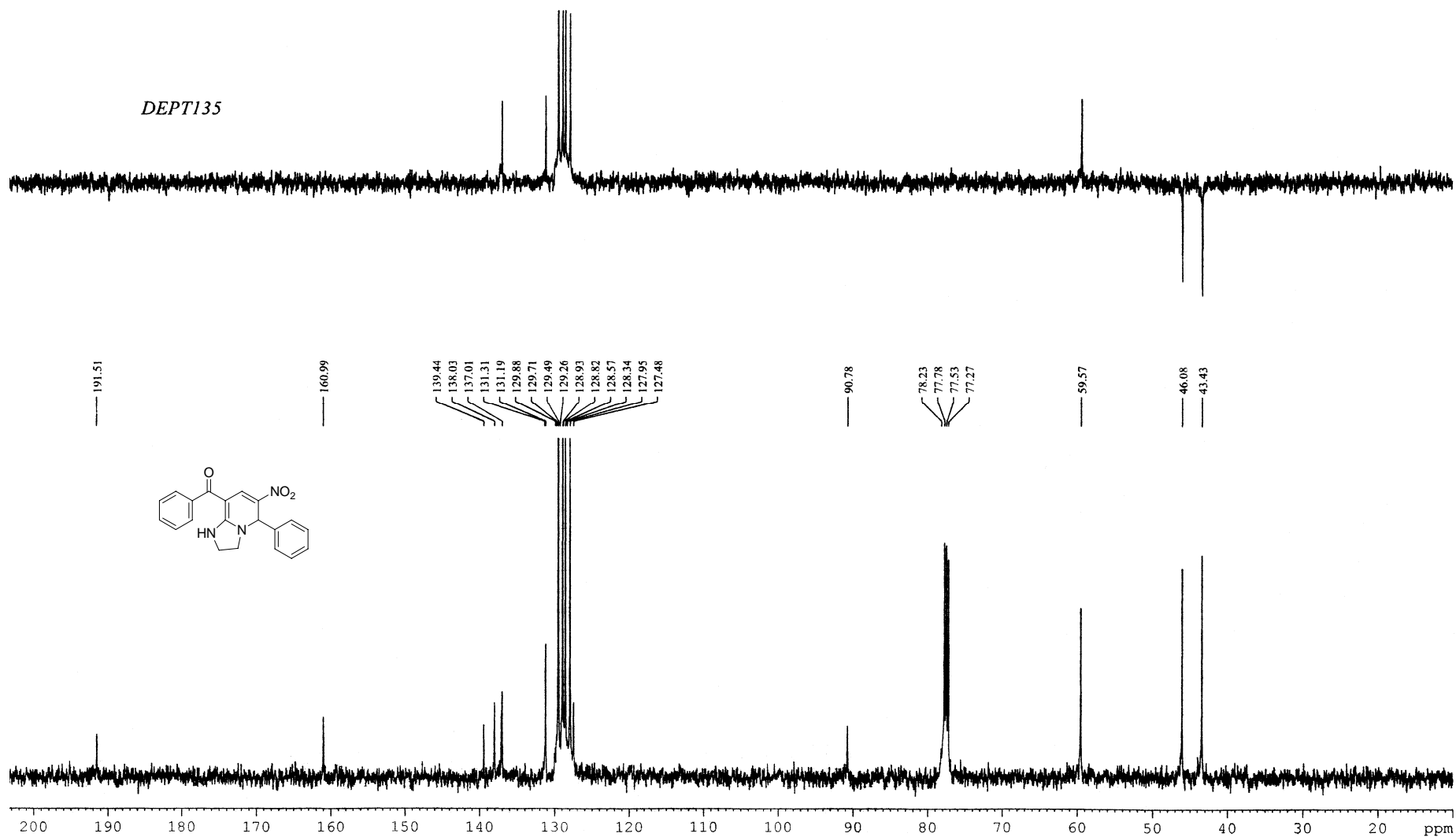
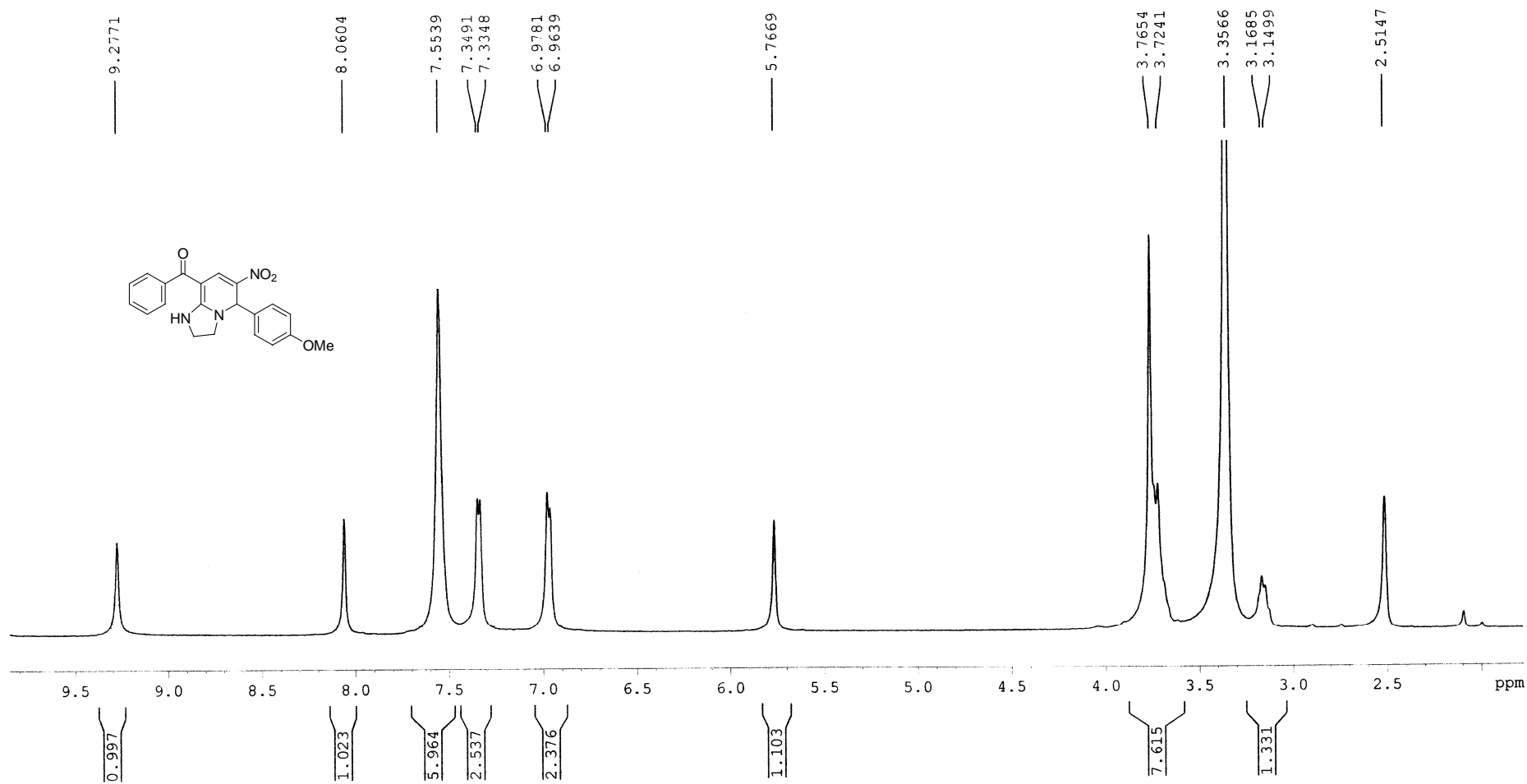


Figure 23. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectra of compound 4l



**Figure 24.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) spectra of compound **4I**



**Figure 25.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4m**

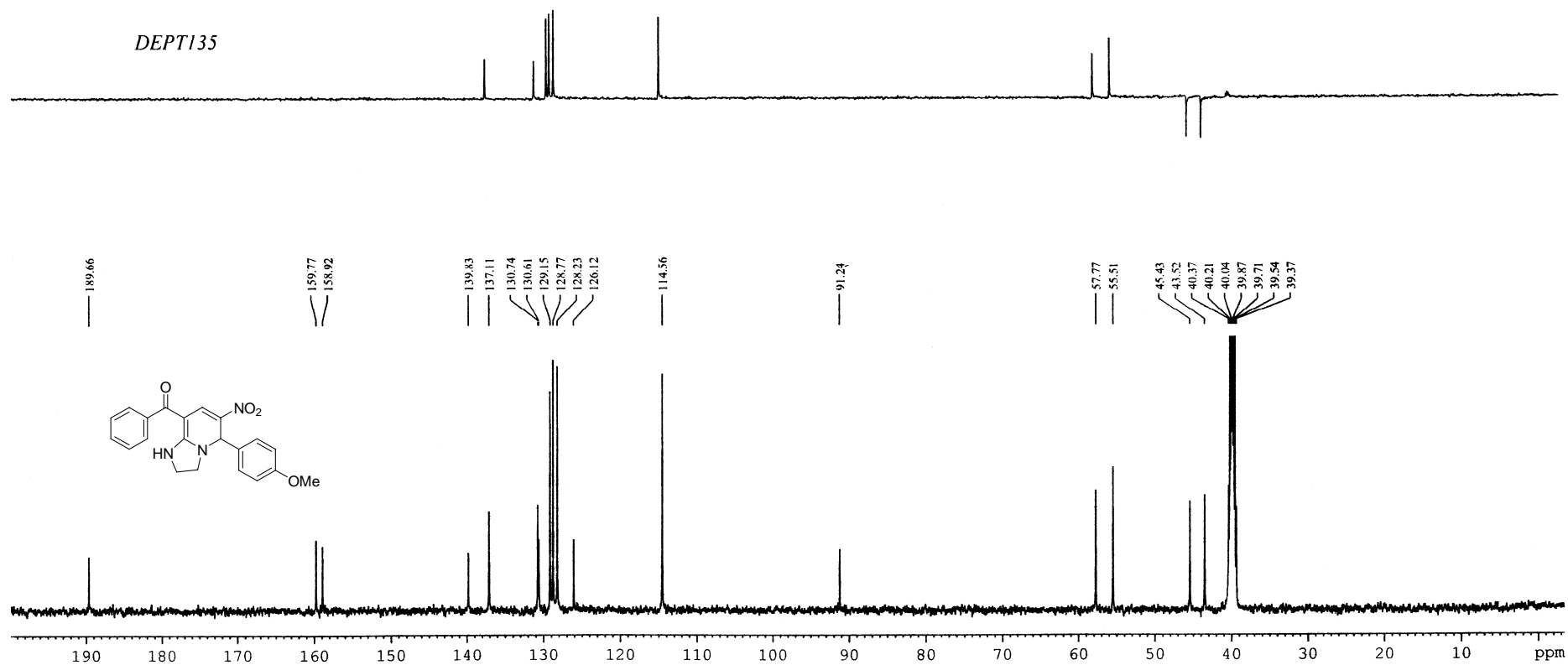
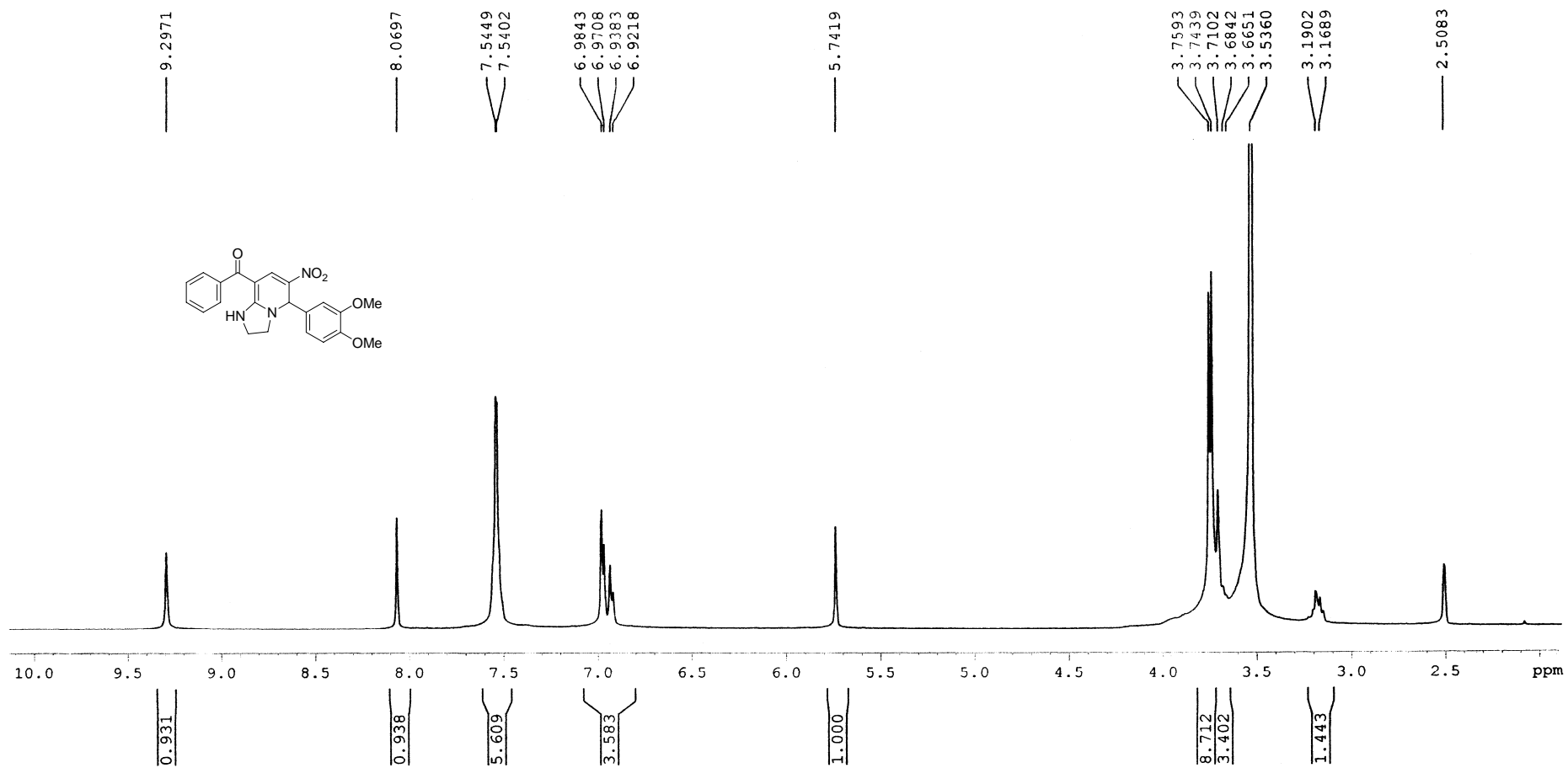


Figure 26.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4m





**Figure 27.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4n**

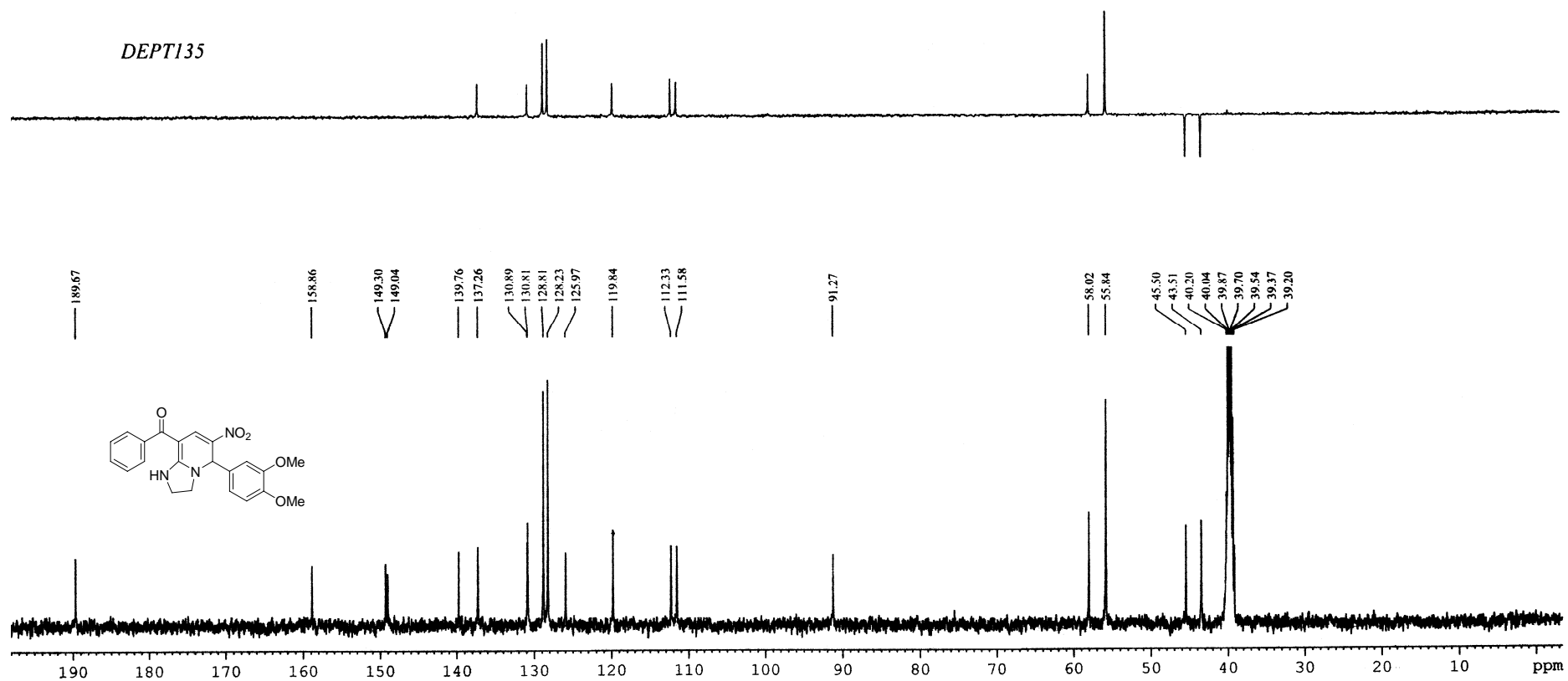


Figure 28.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4n**

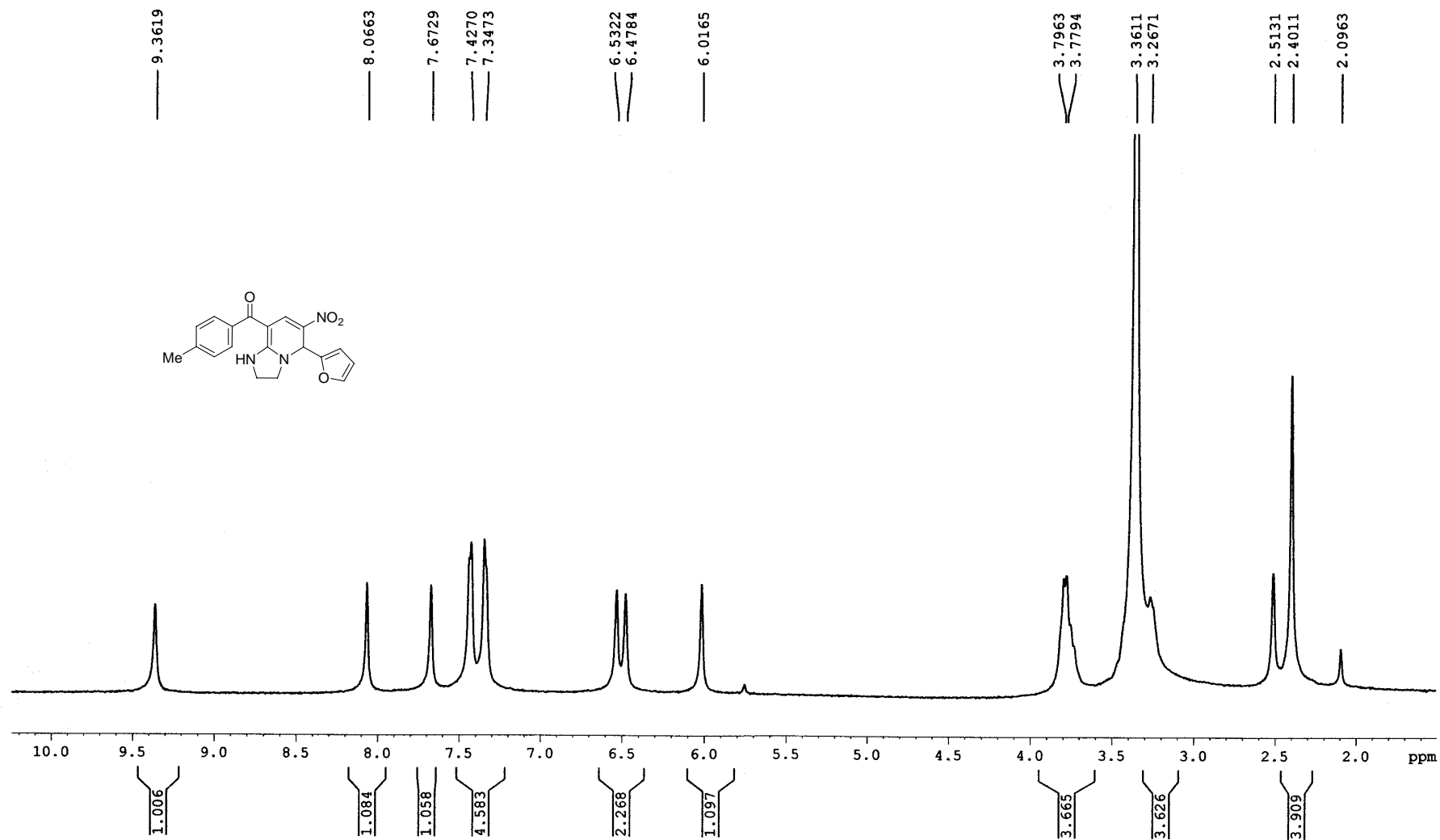


Figure 29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4o

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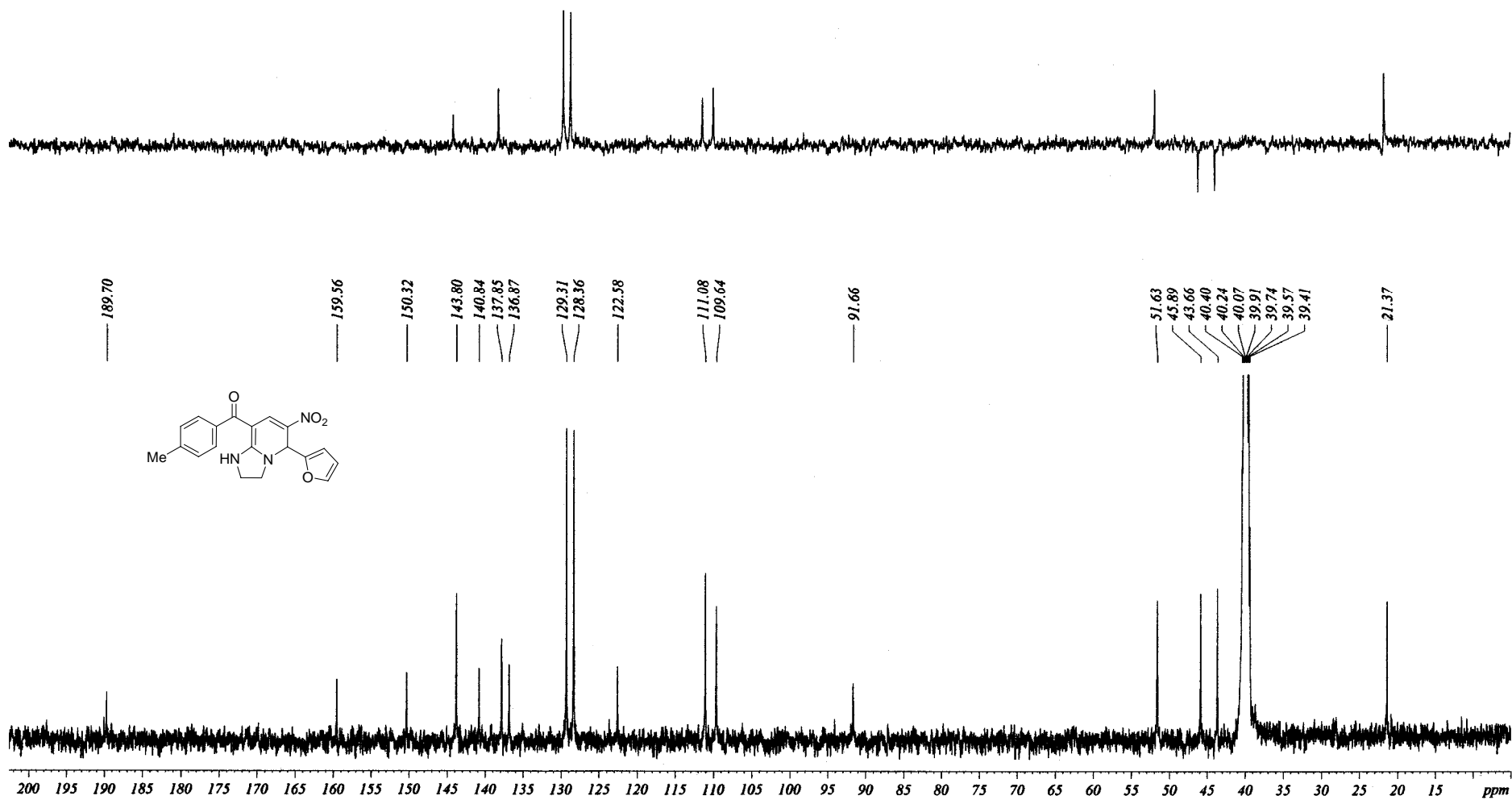
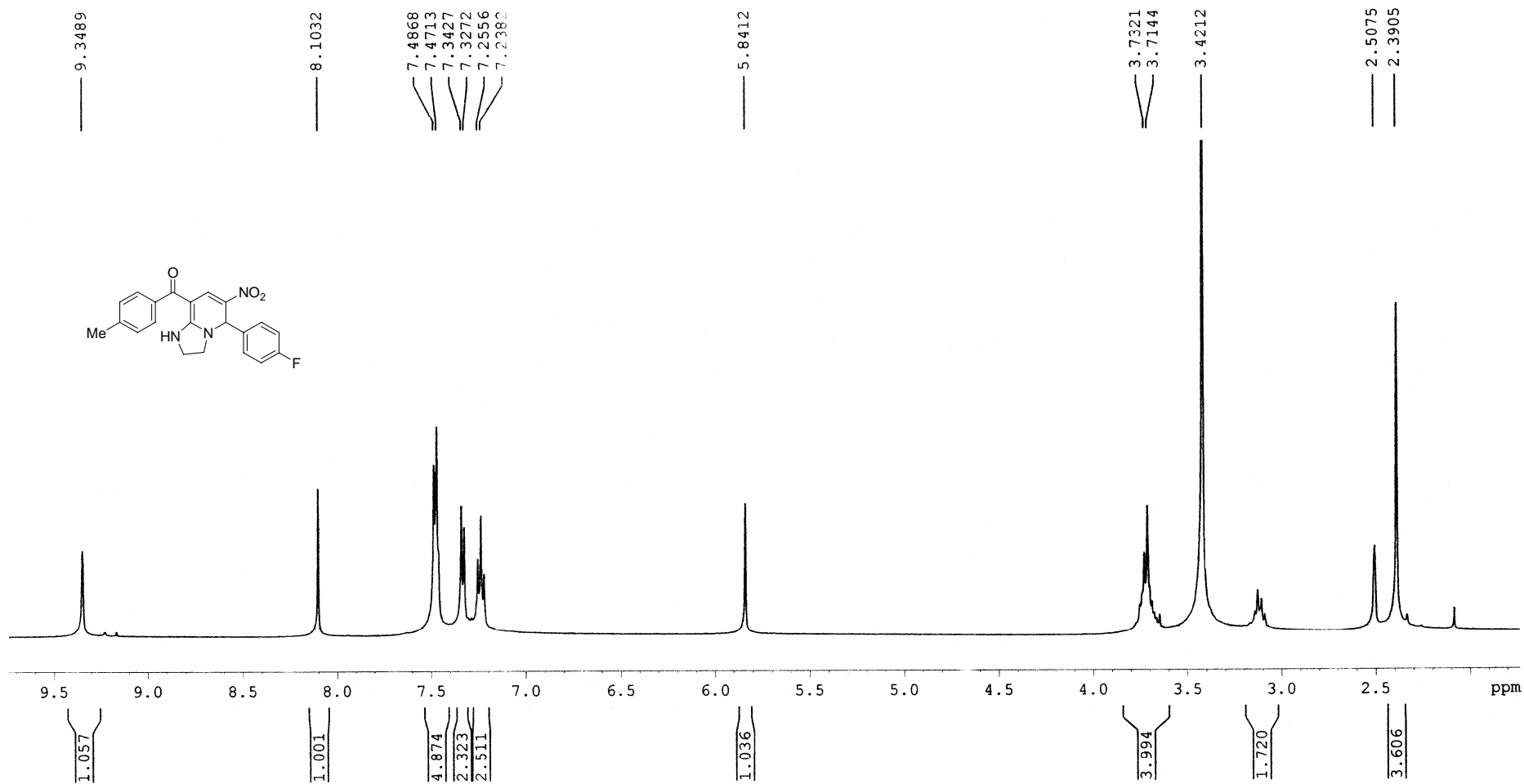


Figure 30.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ) spectra of compound 40



**Figure 31.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4p

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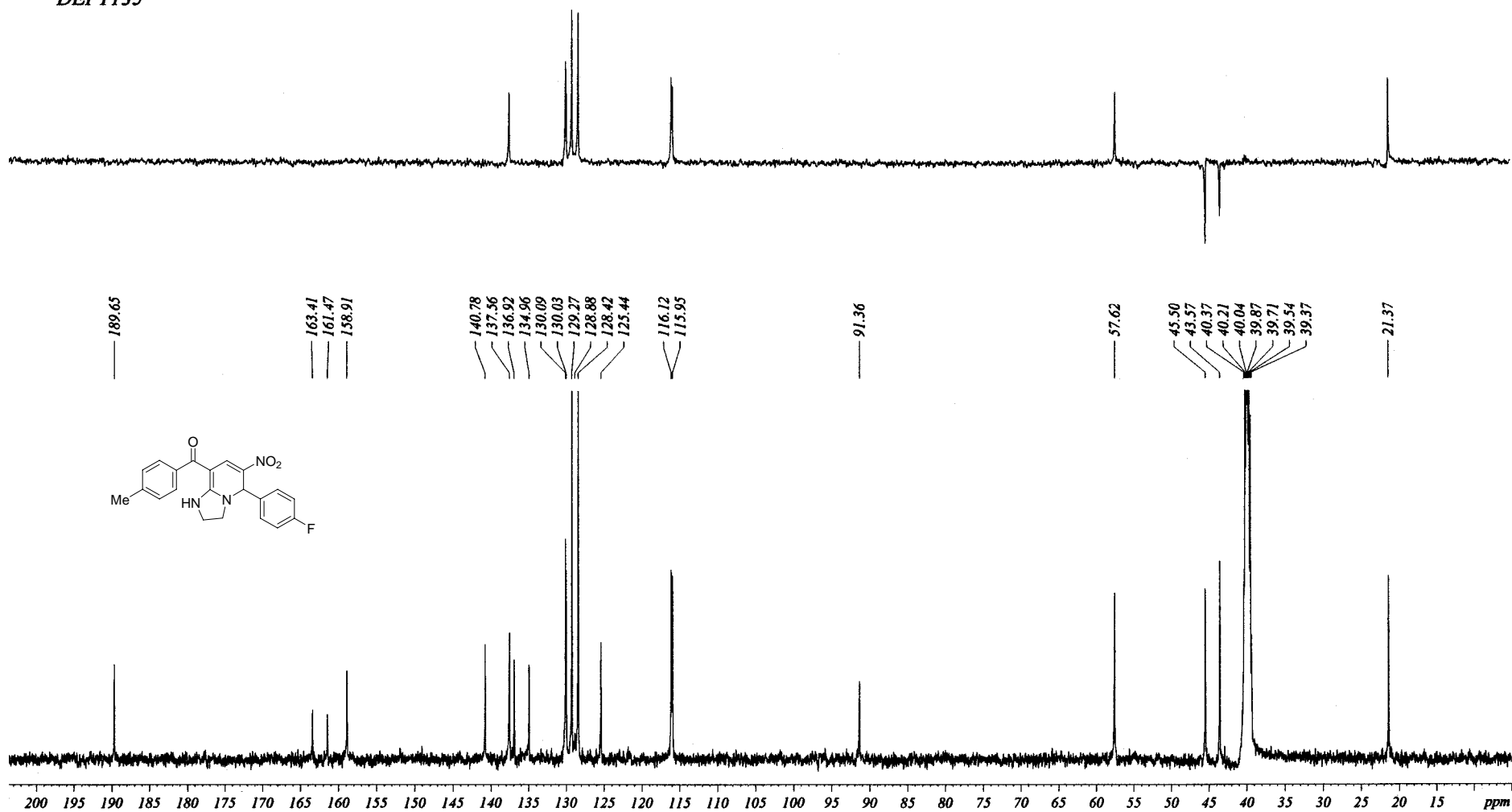
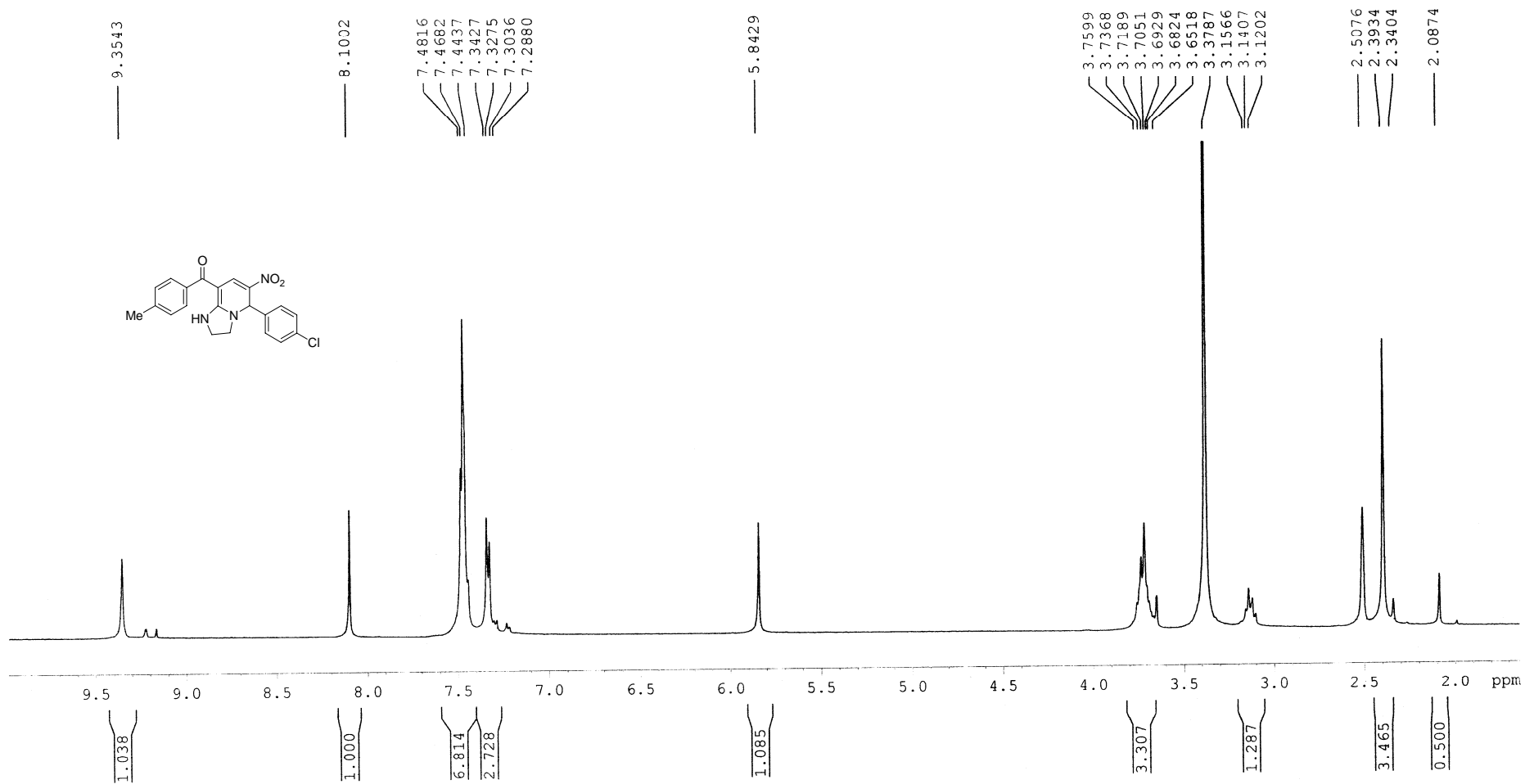
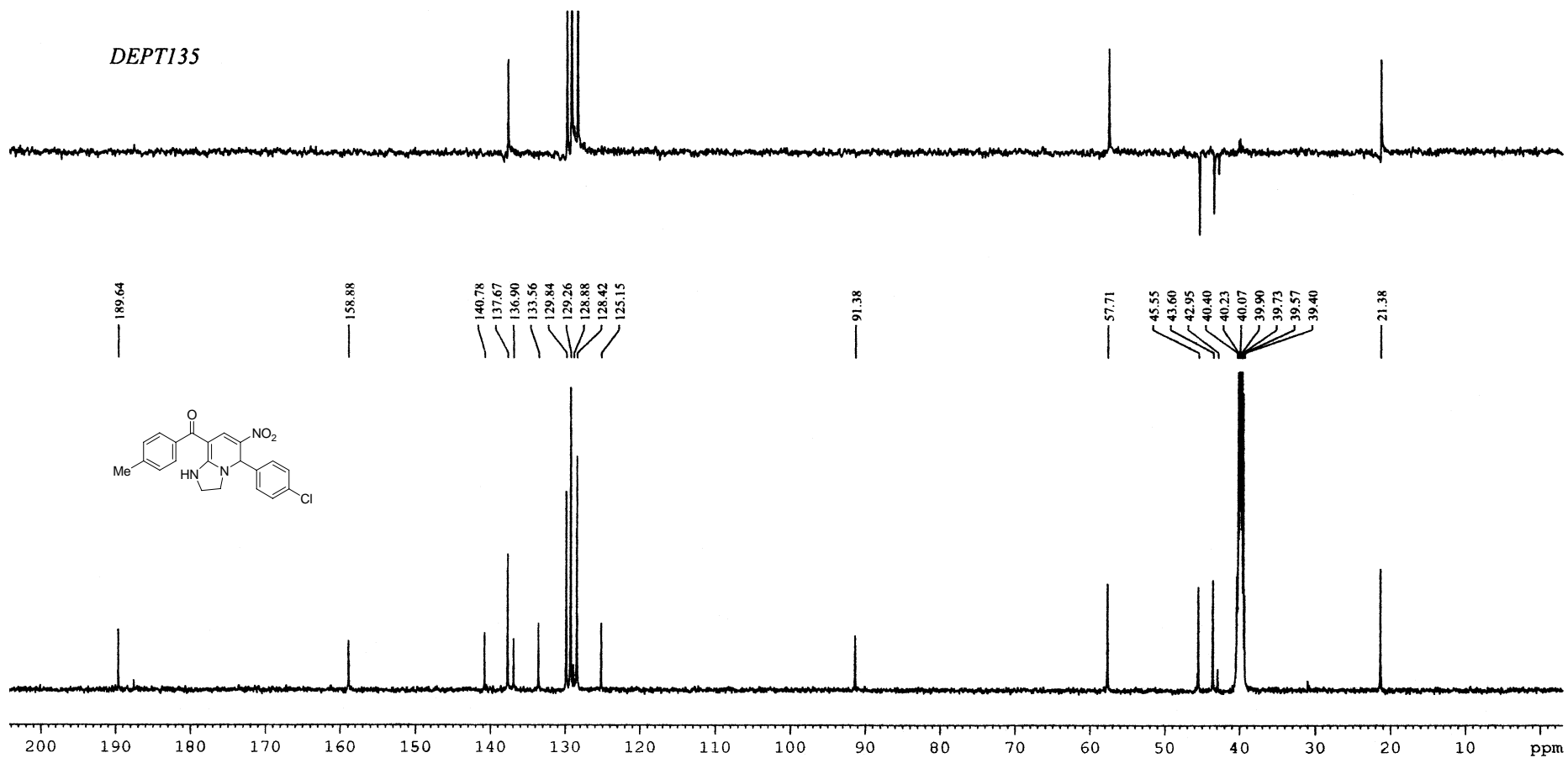


Figure 32. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound 4p

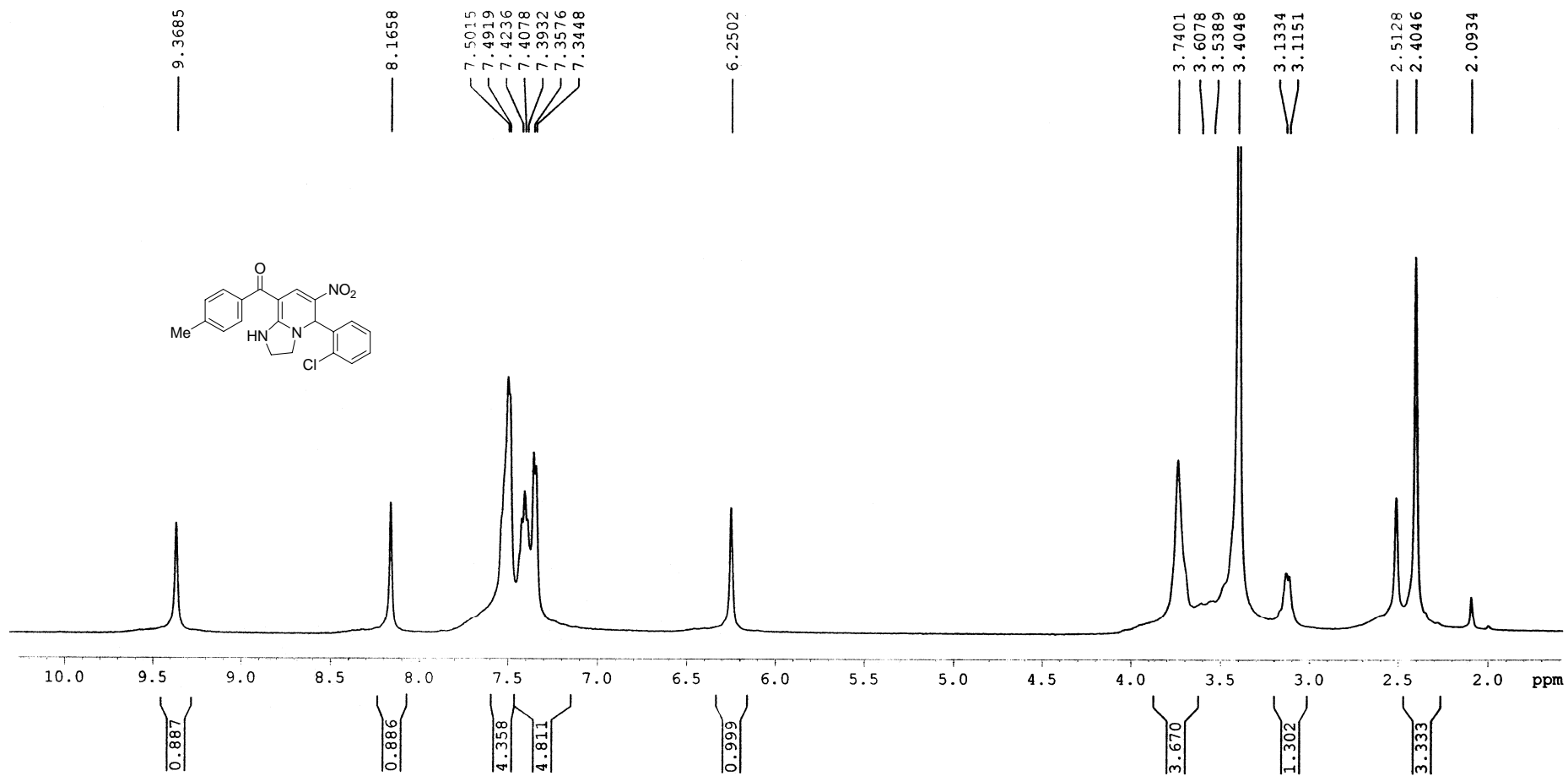


**Figure 33.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4q**



**Figure 34.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4q**





**Figure 35.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4r**

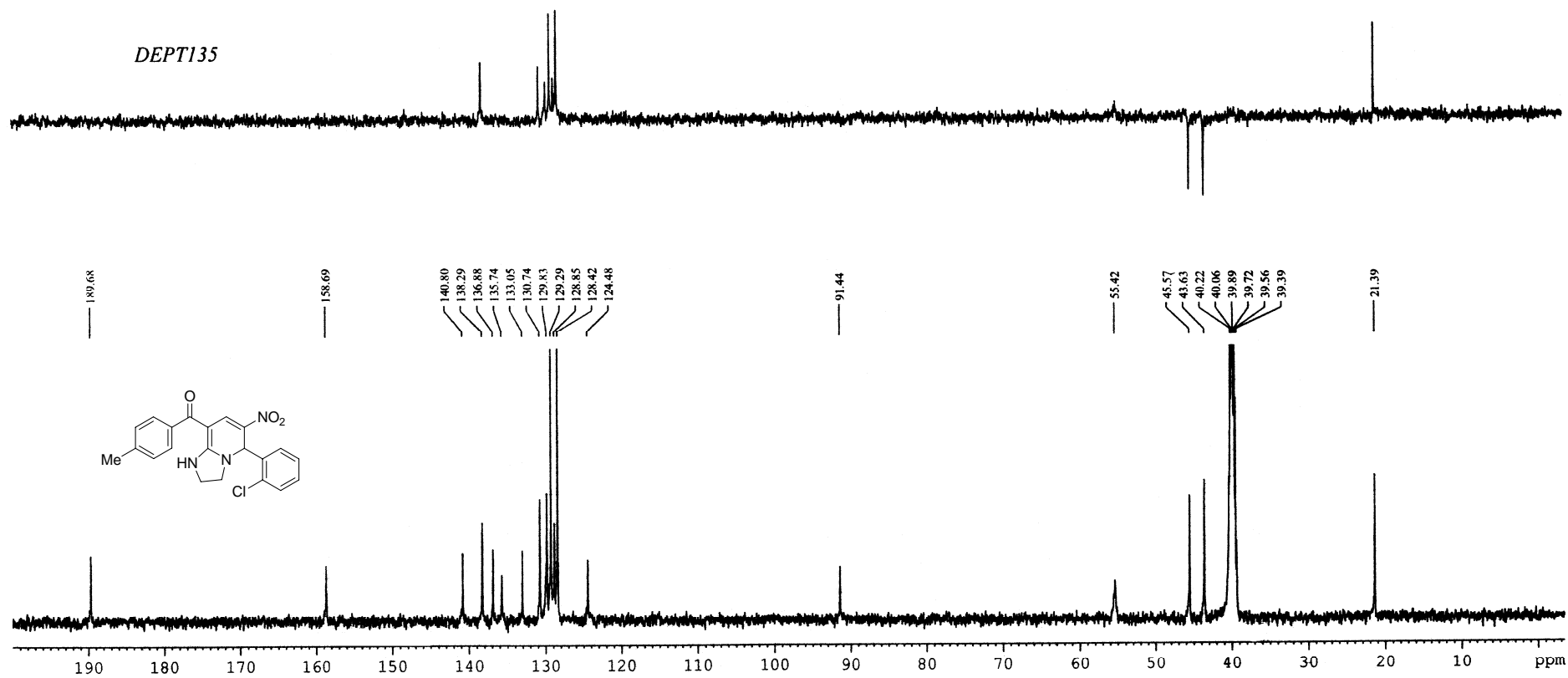
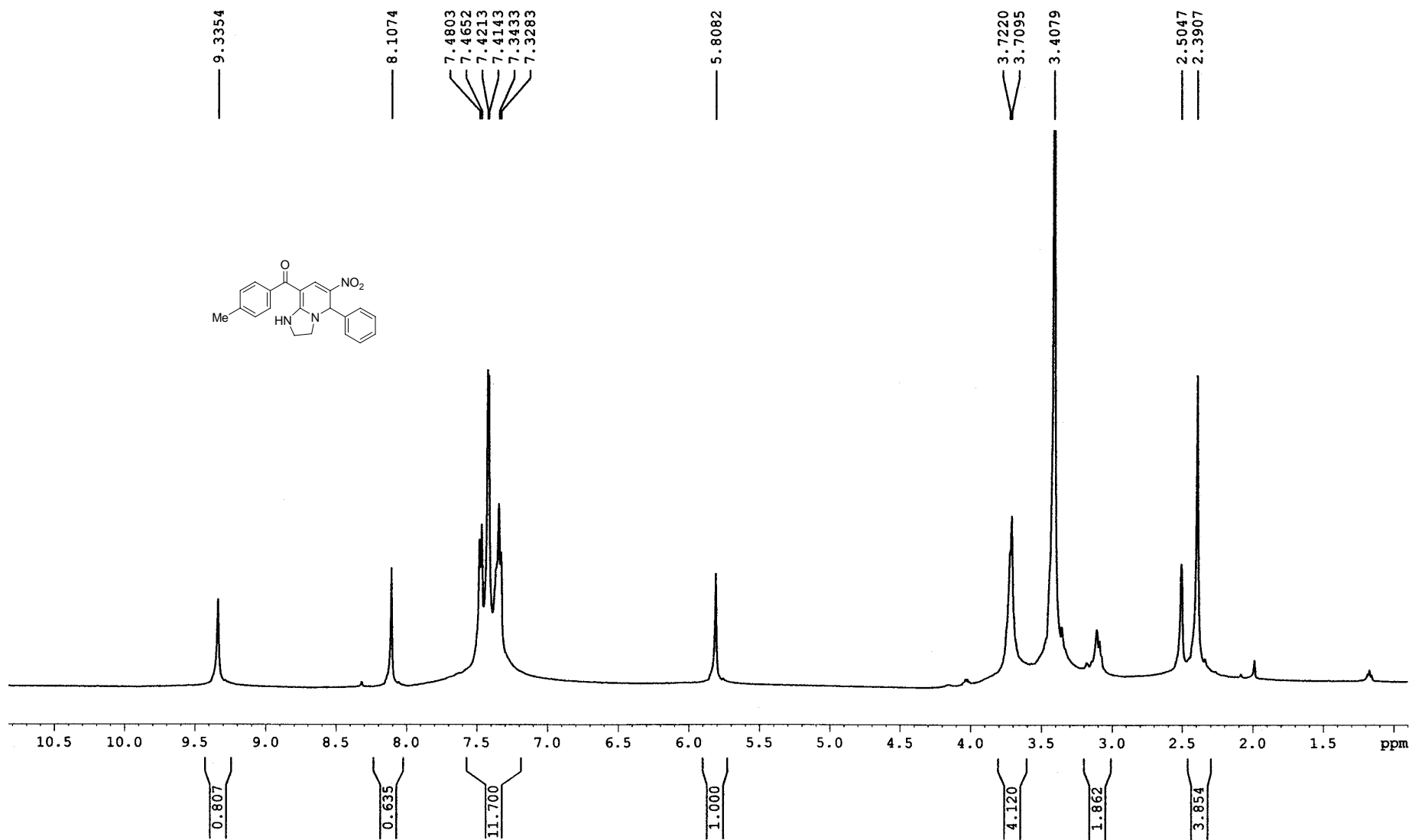


Figure 36.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4r



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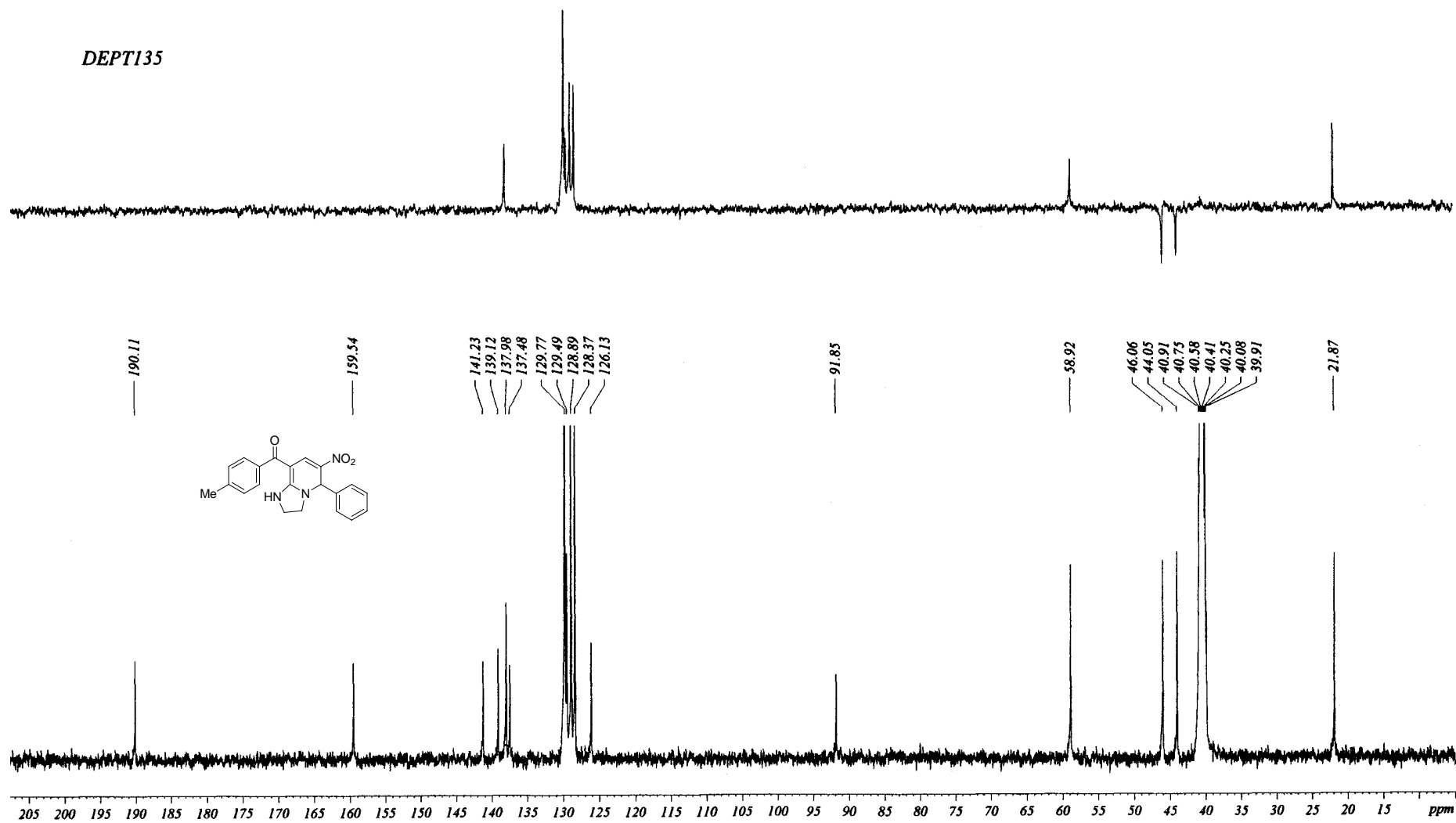
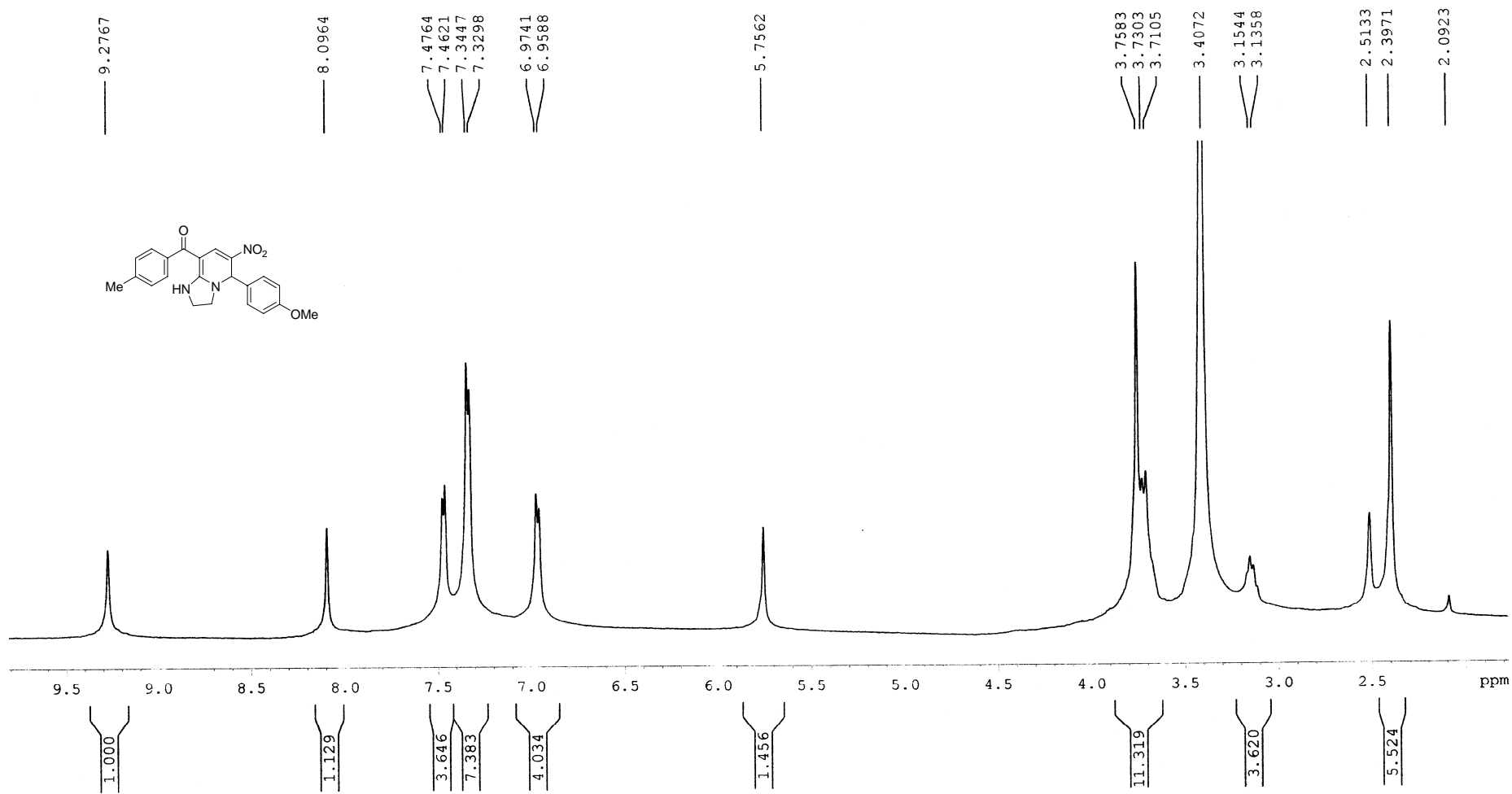


Figure 38.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4s



**Figure 39.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4t**

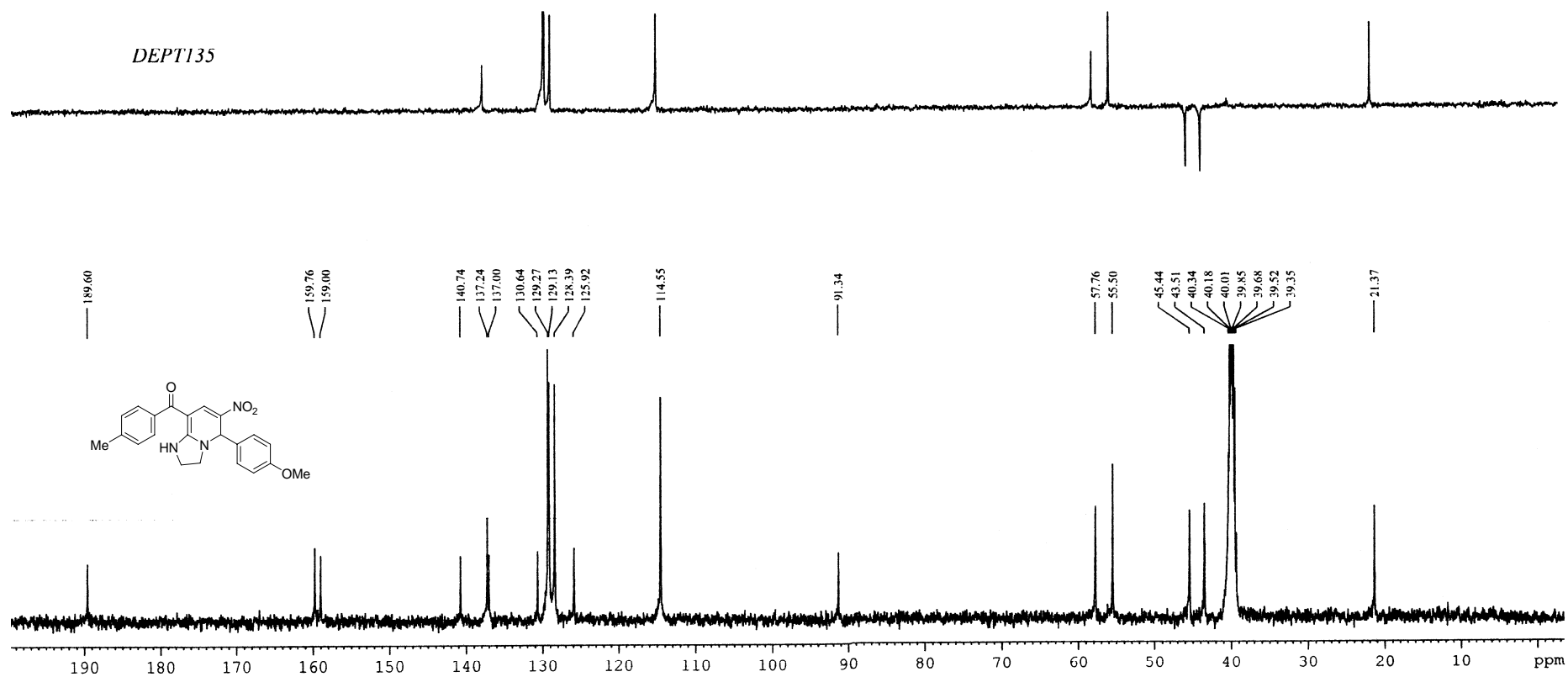
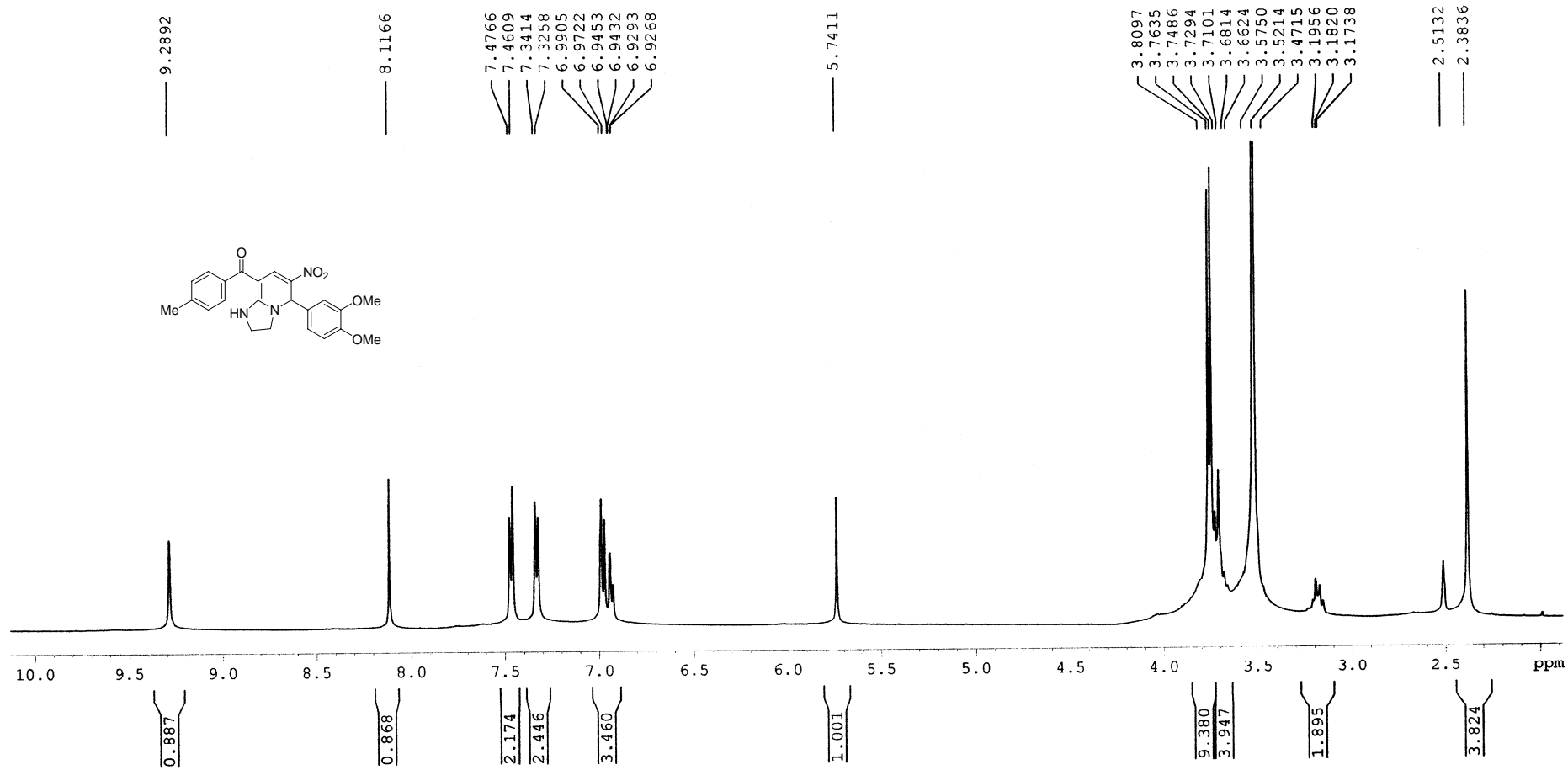


Figure 40.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4t



**Figure 41.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4u**

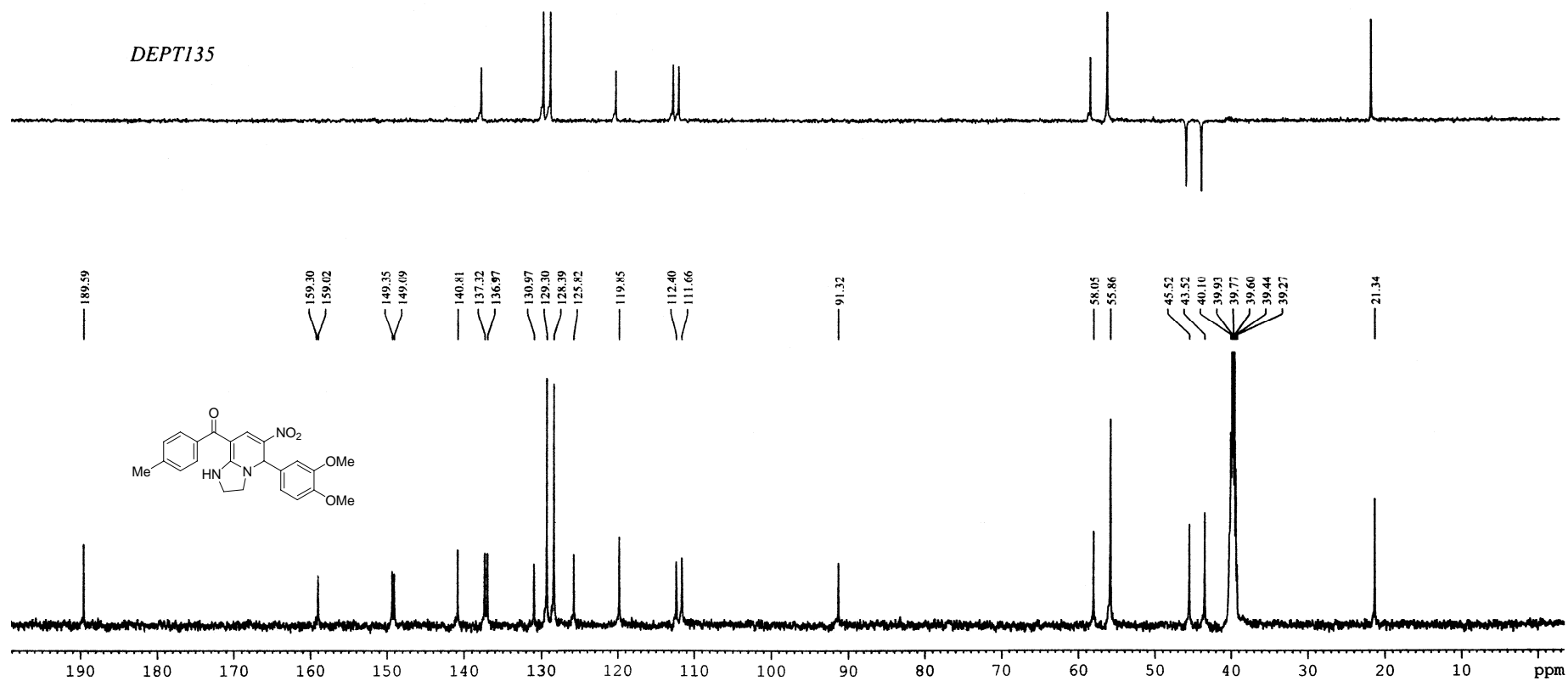


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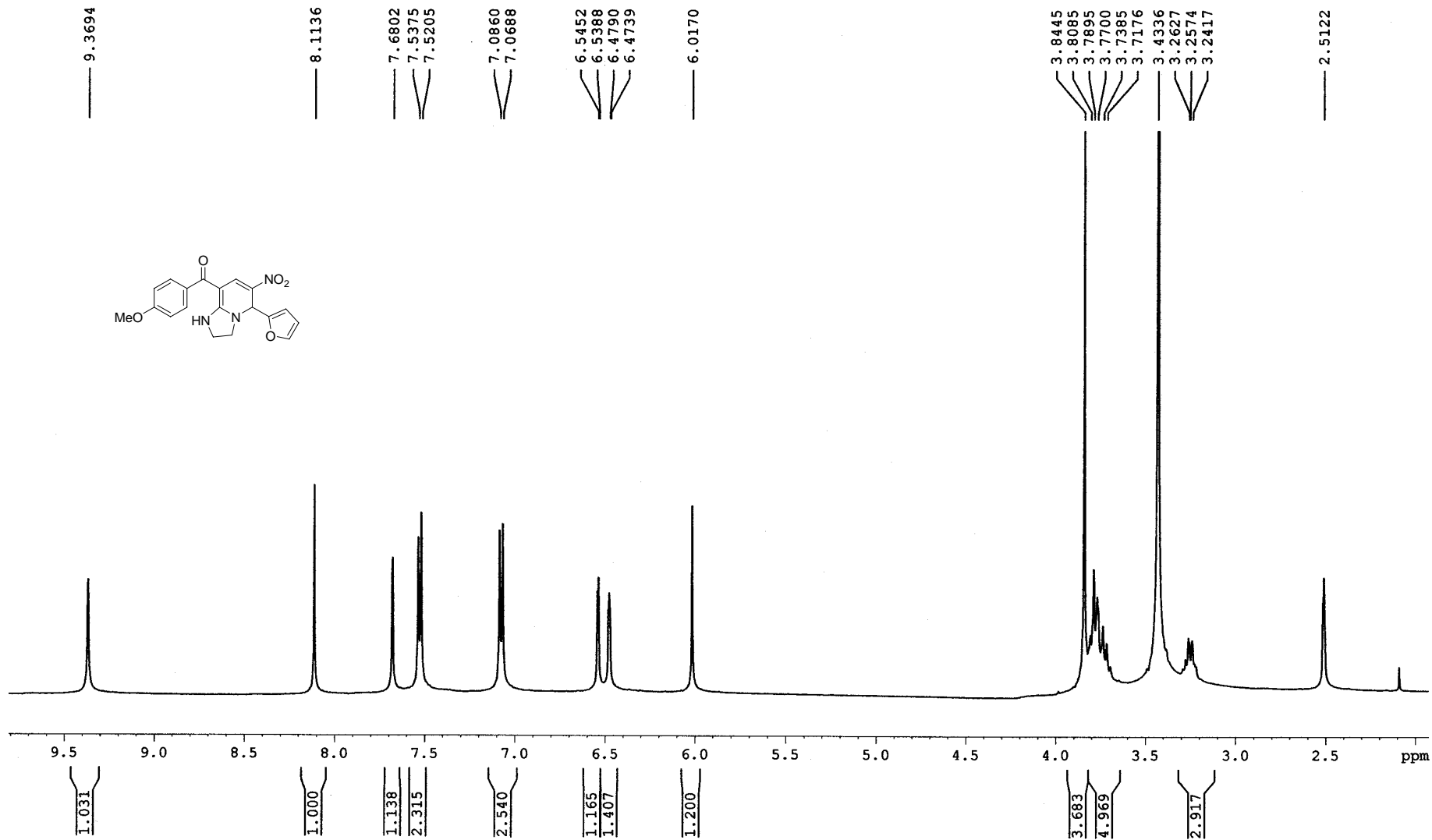


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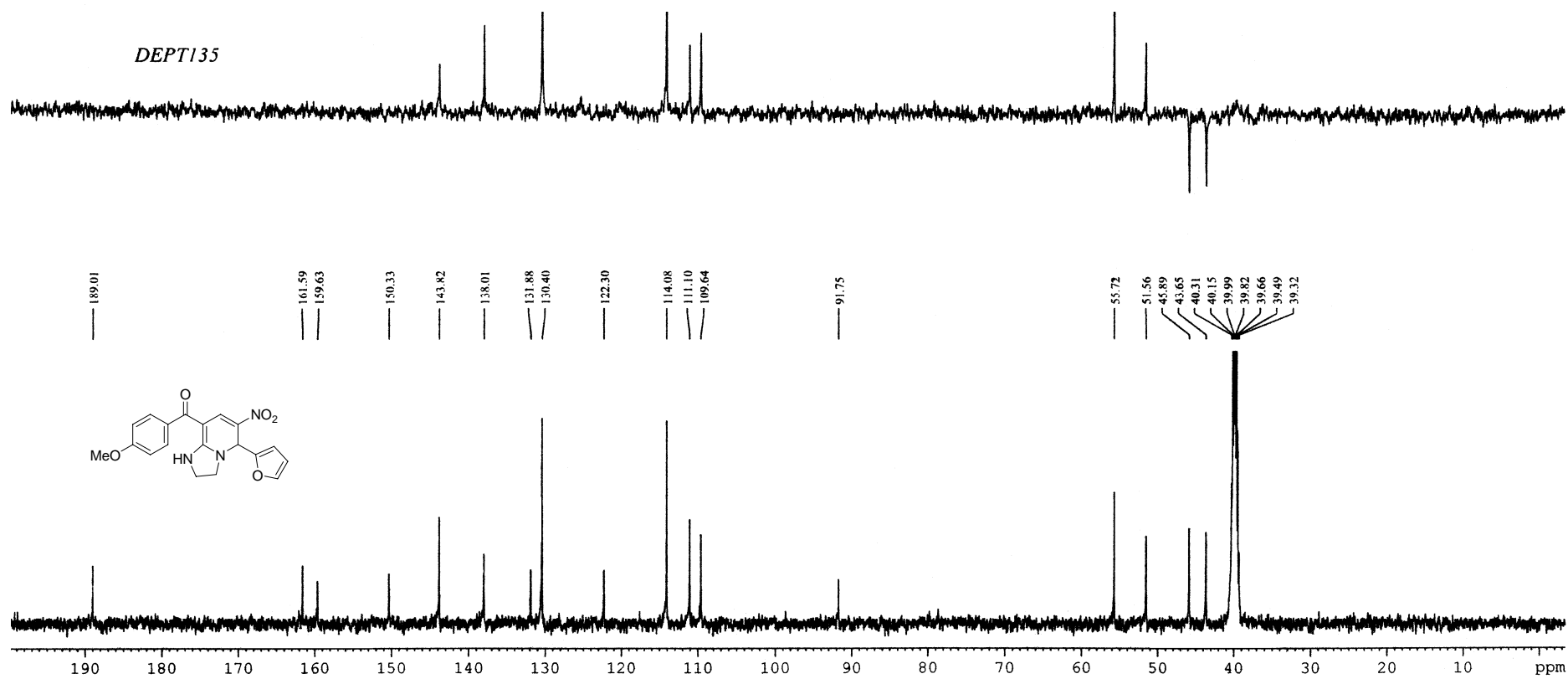
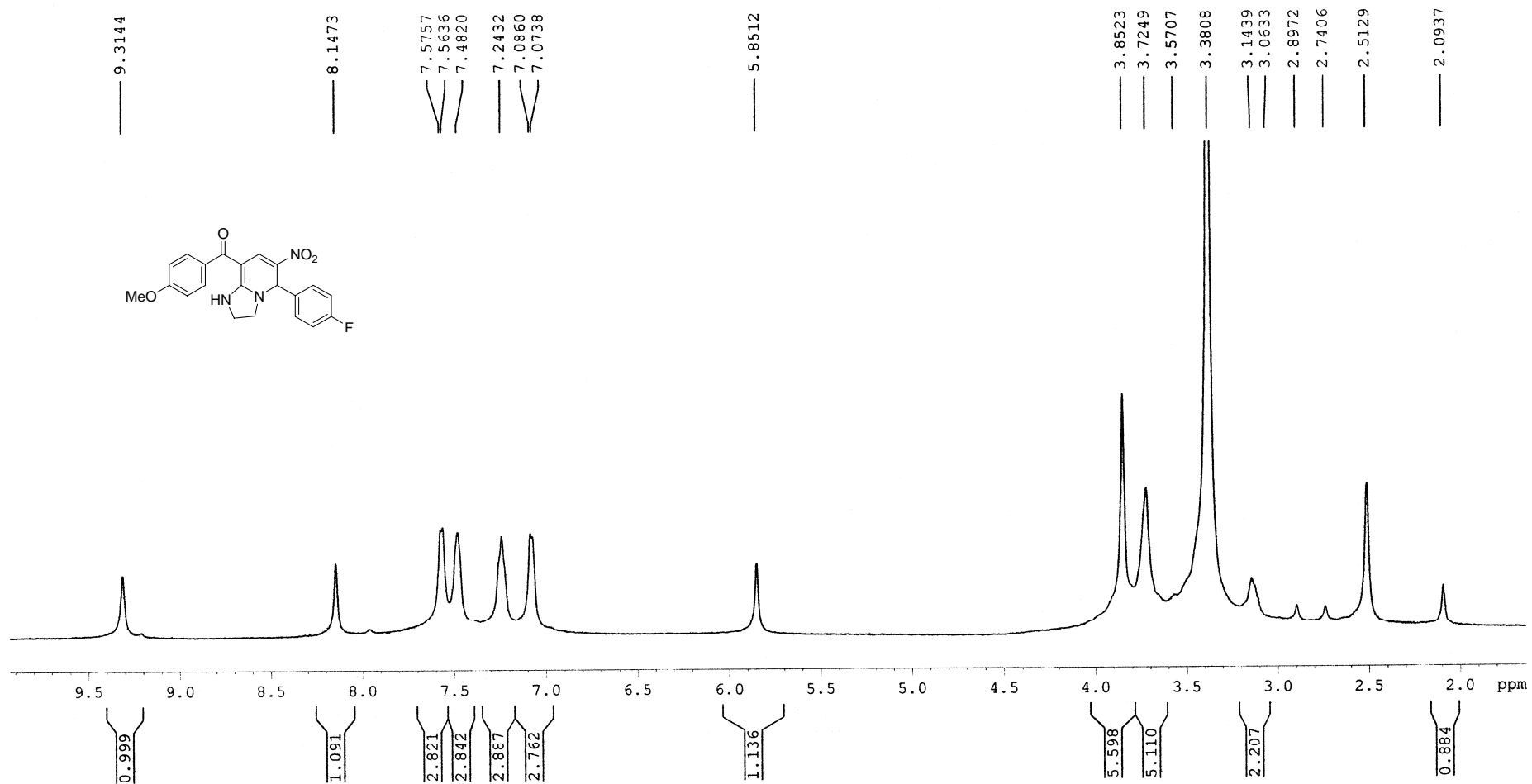


Figure 44.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4v



**Figure 45.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4w**

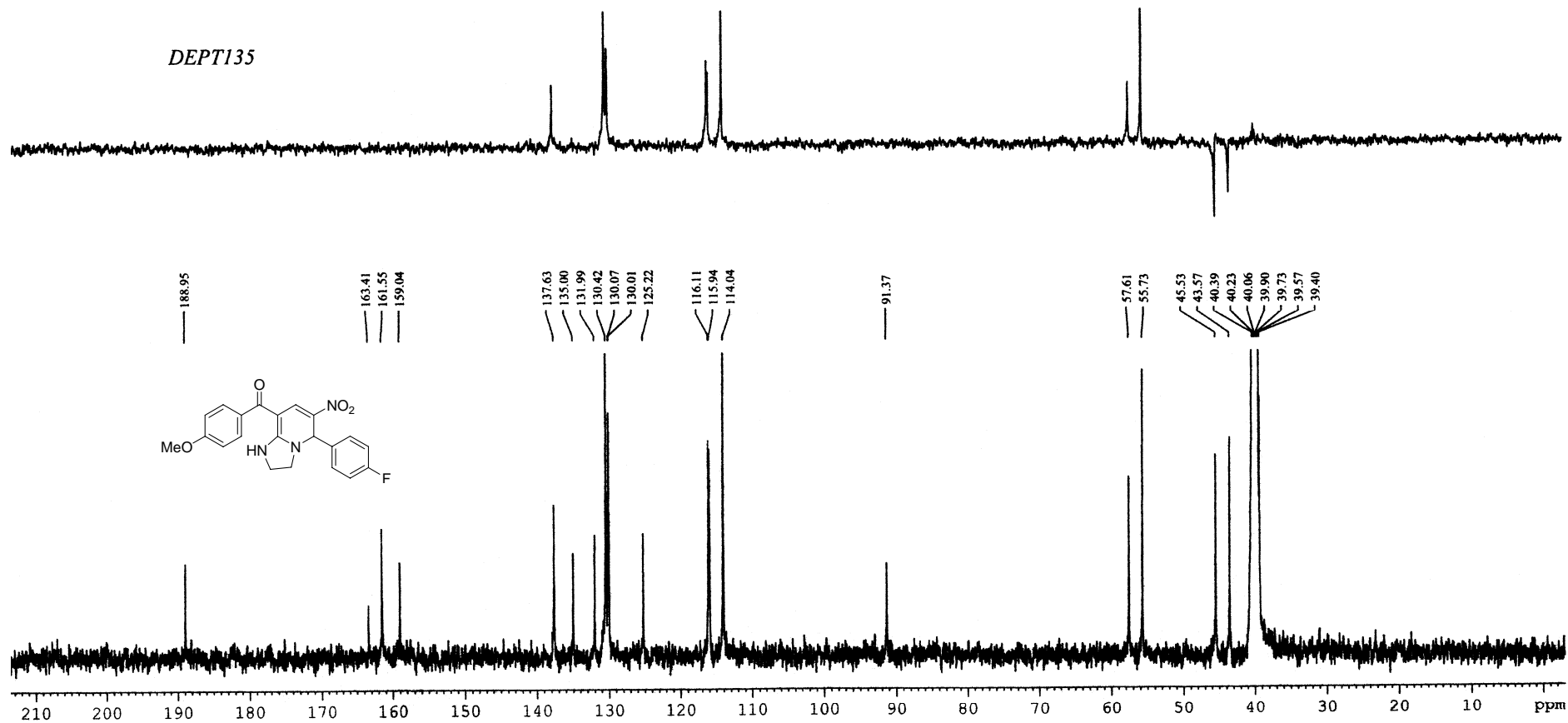
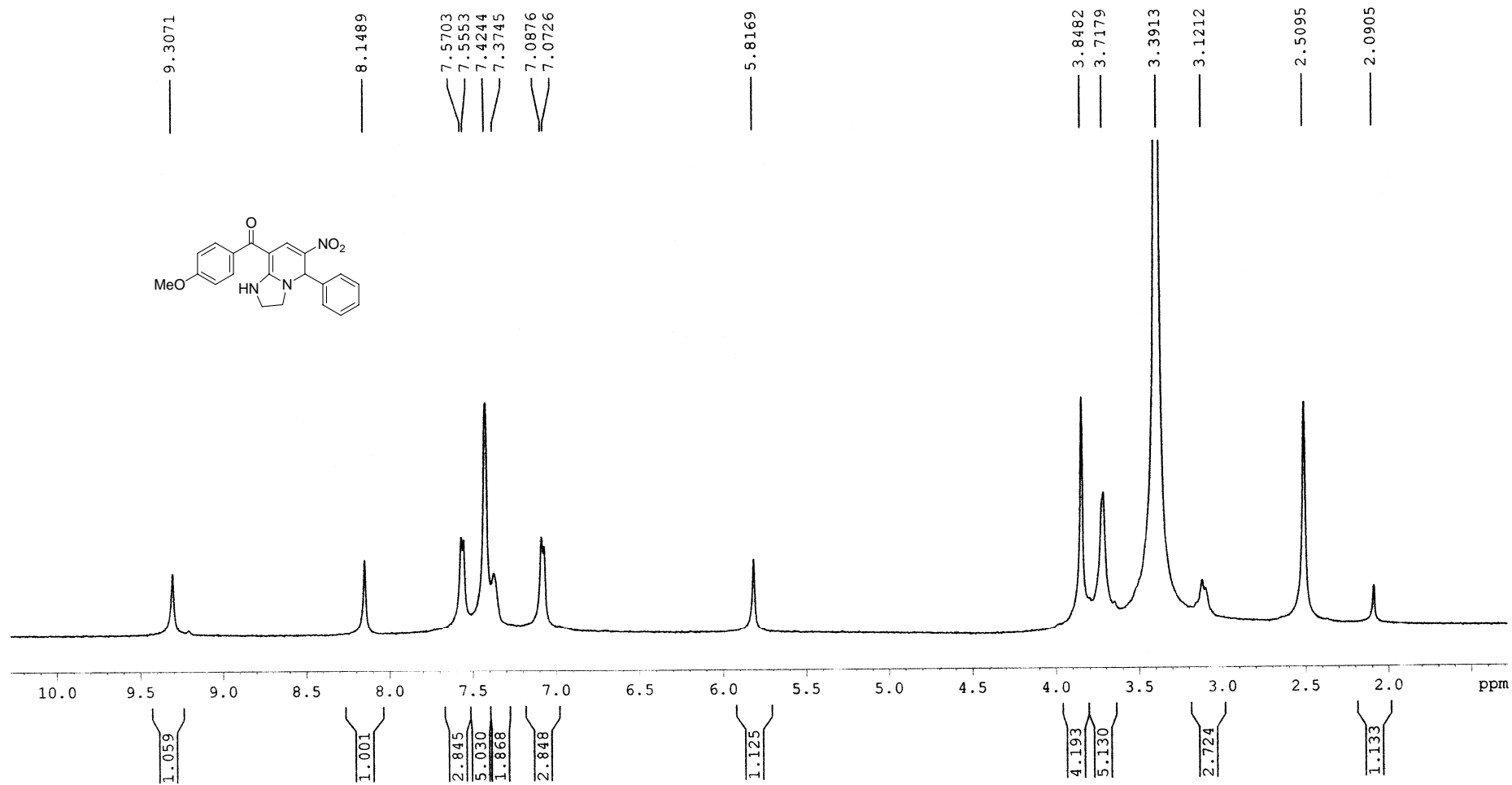


Figure 46.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4w



**Figure 47.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4x**

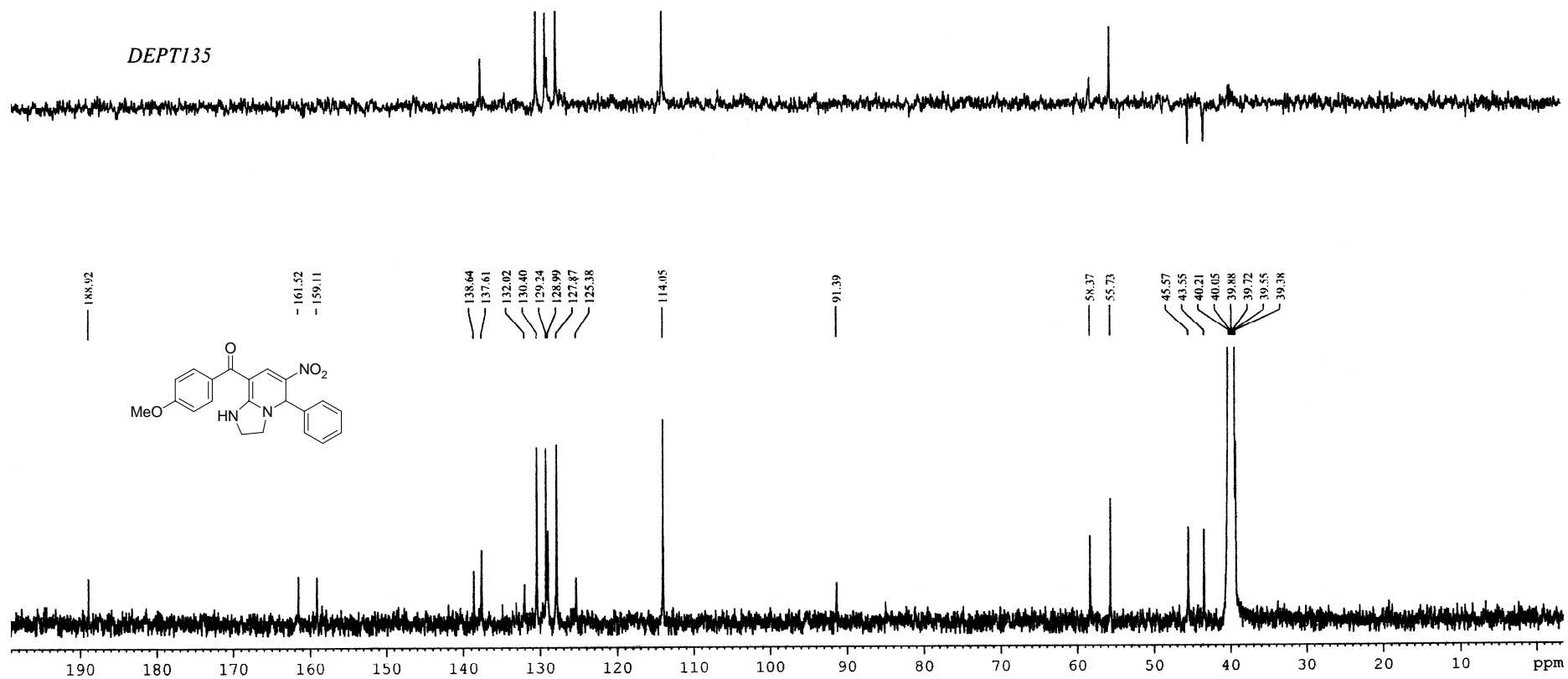
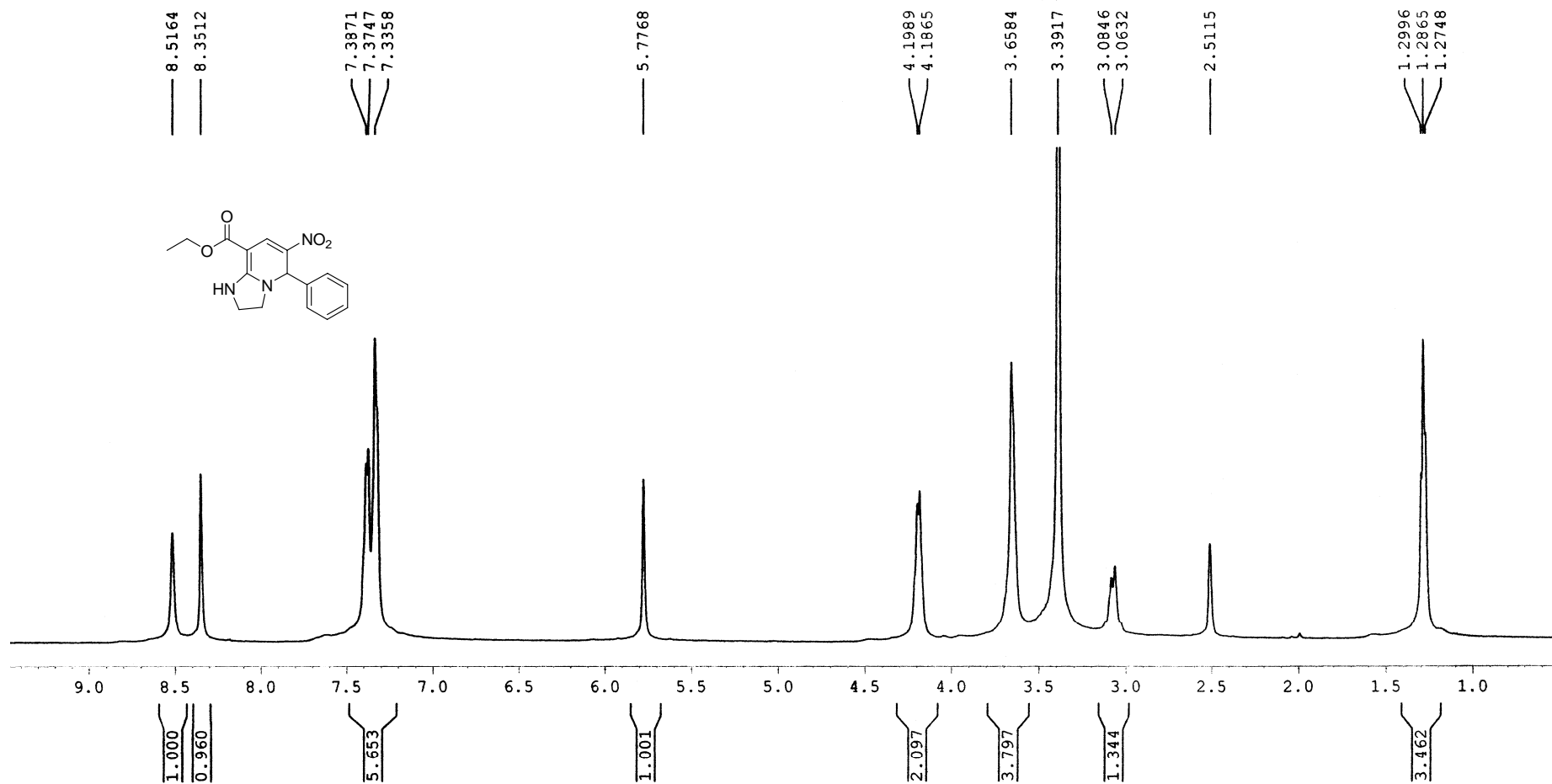


Figure 48.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound 4x



**Figure 49.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ) spectra of compound **4y**

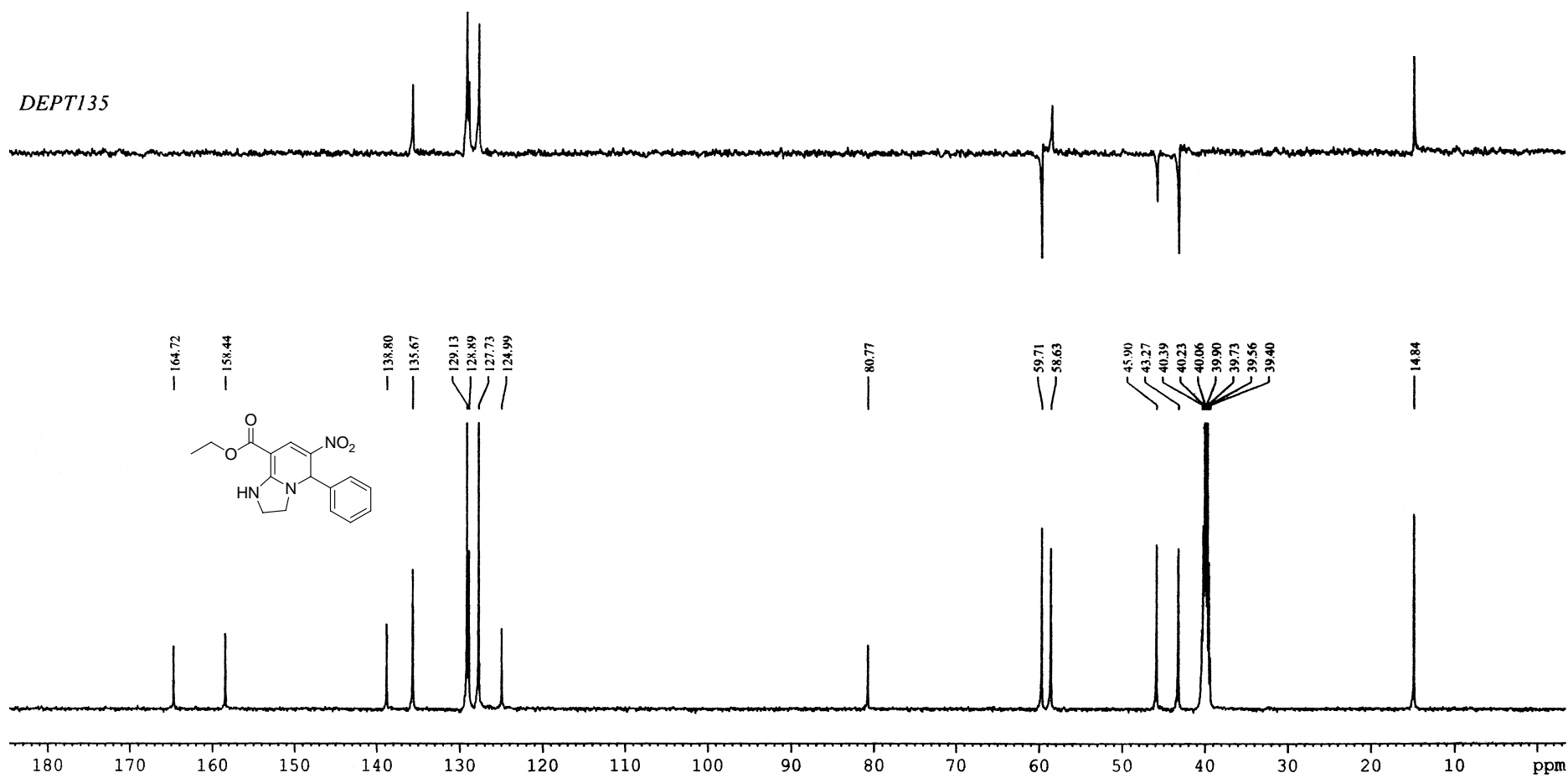


Figure 50. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) spectra of compound **4y**



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4. CCDC 818211 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for compound **4f**. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).