

Synthesis of Hydrazone Derivatives of 4-[4-Formyl-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid as Potent Growth Inhibitors of Antibiotic-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Acinetobacter baumannii*

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Experimental methods

All the chemicals were purchased from Fisher Chemical and Oakwoochemical. Commercially available solvents were used without drying. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained with a Varian Mercury-300MHz in DMSO-d₆ with TMS as internal standard. Purity of the compounds were determined by the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy. The ESI-FTMS Mass spectra were recorded Bruker ApexII-FTMS system.

*Synthesis of hydrazone derivatives:*¹⁻³ A mixture of 4-hydrazinobenzoic acid hydrochloride (**1**, 1.980 g, 10.5 mmol), 3-acetylcoumarin (1.881 g, 10 mmol), and sodium acetate (0.82 g, 10 mmol) in ethanol. Ethanol was evaporated under the reduced pressure and the hydrazone derivative was dried in vacuum. The dried material was subjected to further reaction without isolation or purification. The coumarin-derived hydrazone was dissolved in anhydrous N,N-dimethyl formamide (30 mL) and sealed by a rubber septum. The solution was cooled under ice for ~10 minutes followed by the dropwise addition of phosphorous oxychloride (POCl₃, 4.67 mL, 50 mmol). The reaction mixture was brought to room temperature and heated 80 °C for eight hours. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was poured onto ice and the mixture was stirred for 12 hours. The solid product was filtered and washed with water repeatedly followed by drying the product under vacuum to get the pure product in a very good overall yield.

4-[4-formyl-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (4**).** Whitish solid, yield: 92% (3.31 g) ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 9.35 (s, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.05 (m, 4H), 7.87 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 186.0, 167.3, 159.8, 154.0, 148.2, 143.7, 141.4, 133.5, 133.2, 131.3, 129.6, 125.4, 124.2, 120.1, 119.3, 119.2, 116.7, 115.2. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₀H₁₂N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺ = 361.0819, found 361.0816.

Synthesis of hydrazones: A mixture of the coumarin-derived aldehyde (360 mg, 1 mmol), hydrazine derivative (1.05 mmol) and sodium acetate (86 mg, 1.05 mmol) in case of the hydrochloride salt of the hydrazine derivatives in anhydrous ethanol was refluxed for 8 hours. The solid product was filtered and washed with water (~20 mL) followed by washing with ethanol (~15 mL) to get the pure product, which was dried under vacuum for biological studies.

4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-(phenylhydrazone)methyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (5). Yellowish; yield: 82% (369 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.20 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 5H), 7.87-7.83 (m, 2H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.54-7.51 (m, 1H), 7.43 (t, J=6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00-6.95 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.9, 146.3, 145.6, 143.0, 142.4, 132.8, 131.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 127.2, 125.3, 122.1, 121.3, 119.3, 118.7, 118.3, 116.5, 112.0. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₉N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 451.1401, found 451.1395.

4-[4-[(E)-[methyl(phenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (6). Shiny yellow; yield: 90% (417 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.84-7.73 (m, 1H), 7.71-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.62 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.96-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.72 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.5, 153.9, 147.5, 146.3, 142.9, 142.5, 132.6, 131.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.8, 127.2, 125.4, 125.2, 122.6, 122.1, 120.0, 119.4, 118.3, 116.6, 114.5, 32.7. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₀N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 465.1557, found 465.1545.

4-[4-[(E)-[benzyl(phenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (7). Yellow solid; yield: 92% (496 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.87 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.09-8.04 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.87-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.71 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.3, 153.8, 147.1, 146.2, 142.7, 142.4, 139.8, 136.2, 132.7, 131.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 127.8, 127.4, 126.6, 125.2, 122.8, 121.7, 120.1, 119.3, 118.3, 116.6, 113.9, 48.2. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₀H₁₂N₂O₅ [M+H]⁺ = 541.1870, found 541.1860.

4-[4-[(E)-(diphenylhydrazone)methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (8). Orange; yield: 91% (478 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.09-7.98 (m, 4H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H), 6.93 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.3, 153.8, 146.1, 143.1, 142.9, 142.4, 132.8, 131.4, 130.2, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 125.3, 124.8, 122.6, 122.2, 121.0, 119.3, 118.2, 116.6. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₃₂H₂₂N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 527.1714, found 527.1699.

4-[4-[(E)-[(2-ethylphenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (9). Yellow solid; yield: 80% (382 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 9.48 (s, 1H), 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.09 (m, 6H), 7.86 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.69-6.59 (m, 2H), 1.11 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.9, 146.4, 143.1, 142.8, 142.4, 132.8, 131.4, 130.3, 129.3, 128.6, 127.1, 126.5, 125.3, 122.2, 121.5, 119.3, 119.0, 118.3, 116.6, 112.3. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 479.1714, found 479.1700.

4-[4-[(E)-[(4-methoxyphenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (10). Orange solid; yield: 83% (398 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 4H), 7.85 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.53 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.72-6.69 (m, 2H), 6.61-6.58 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.9, 152.7, 146.2, 143.0, 142.5, 139.7, 132.7, 131.4, 129.3, 128.9, 127.9, 126.8, 125.3, 122.2, 121.5, 119.4, 118.3, 116.6, 114.7, 113.0. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₀N₄O₅ [M+H]⁺ = 481.1506, found 481.1495.

4-[4-[(E)-[(2-fluorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (11). Orange solid; yield: 80% (374 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.12 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.11-8.09 (m, 5H), 7.86 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (t, J=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09-6.96 (m, 2H), 6.71-6.66 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.9, 150.9, 147.7, 146.4, 143.1, 142.3, 133.7 (d, J=9.8 Hz), 132.4 (d, J=64.2 Hz), 131.4, 129.3, 127.6, 125.3, 124.8, 122.1, 121.0, 119.3, 118.4, 116.5, 115.3 (d, J=16.9 Hz), 113.8. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₄O₄F [M+H]⁺ = 469.1307, found 469.1292.

4-[4-[(E)-[(3-fluorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (12). Off orange; yield: 78% (365 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.42 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.89-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 1H), 6.59-6.54 (m, 2H), 6.40 (t, J=7.9 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 165.3, 162.1, 159.4, 153.8, 147.6 (d, J=11.0 Hz), 146.4, 142.8 (d, J=54.5 Hz), 132.8, 131.4, 130.8 (d, J=9.9 Hz), 130.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.6, 125.3, 121.9,

120.9, 119.3, 118.4, 116.6, 108.2, 104.8 (d, $J=21.3$ Hz), 98.5 (d, $J=26.3$ Hz). HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for $C_{26}H_{17}N_4O_4F$ [M+H]⁺ = 469.1307, found 469.1294.

4-[4-[(E)-[(4-fluorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (13).

Yellow solid; yield: 75% (355 mg). ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.18 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 4H), 7.87-7.82 (m, 2H), 7.71 (t, $J=7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J=8.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.84-6.78 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.8, 146.3, 143.1, 142.4, 142.3, 132.8, 131.4, 129.3, 129.0, 127.1, 125.3, 122.0, 121.2, 119.3, 118.4, 116.6, 115.7 (d, $J=22.2$ Hz), 112.9 (d, $J=7.2$ Hz). HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for $C_{26}H_{17}N_4O_4F$ [M+H]⁺ = 469.1307, found 469.1294.

4-[4-[(E)-[(3-chlorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (14).

Brown solid; yield: 81% (382 mg). ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.57 (s, 1H), 9.02 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.08 (s, 4H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.71-7.66 (m, 1H), 7.50 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.9, 147.0, 146.3, 143.1, 142.3, 134.2, 132.7, 131.4, 130.8, 130.6, 129.3, 129.2, 127.8, 125.3, 122.0, 120.9, 119.3, 118.4, 118.1, 116.8, 111.1, 110.8. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for $C_{26}H_{17}N_4O_4Cl$ [M+H]⁺ = 469.1307, found 469.1296.

4-[4-[(E)-[(4-chlorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (15).

Orange solid; yield: 77% (372 mg). ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.10 (br s, 1H), 10.35 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, $J=8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, $J=8.7$ Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.4, 153.9, 146.4, 144.5, 143.2, 142.4, 132.9, 131.4, 130.1, 129.3, 129.05, 129.01, 127.4, 125.3, 121.94, 121.90, 121.0, 119.3, 118.4, 116.6, 113.4. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for $C_{26}H_{17}N_4O_4Cl$ [M+H]⁺ = 469.1307, found 469.1292, Yield = 95%.

4-[4-[(E)-[(3-bromo)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (16). Brown solid; yield: 83% (438 mg). ¹H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 13.12 (br s, 1H), 10.40 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.68 (t, $J=7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, $J=8.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.00-

6.95 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.4, 153.9, 147.1, 146.4, 143.2, 142.4, 132.7, 131.4, 131.1, 130.8, 129.3, 129.0, 127.8, 125.3, 122.9, 121.9, 121.0, 120.8, 119.3, 118.4, 116.8, 114.0, 111.2. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₄O₄Br [M+H]⁺ = 531.0487, found 531.0473.

4-[4-[(E)-[(4-bromophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (17).

Yellow solid; yield: 81% (427 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.35 (s, 1H), 9.00 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.87-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.72 (t, J =7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J =8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J =7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J =8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.73 (d, J =8.8 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.4, 153.9, 146.4, 144.9, 143.2, 142.4, 132.9, 131.8, 131.4, 130.2, 129.3, 129.0, 127.4, 125.3, 121.8, 121.0, 119.3, 118.4, 116.6, 113.9, 109.5.

HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₄O₄Br [M+H]⁺ = 531.0487, found 531.0471

4-[4-[(E)-[(2,5-difluorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (18).

Reddish solid; yield: 78% (377 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.36 (s, 1H), 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.13-8.09 (m, 5H), 7.85 (d, J =7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (t, J =7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.10 (br s, 1H), 6.77 (br s, 1H), 6.40 (br s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.5 (d, J =235.7 Hz), 159.4, 153.8, 147.0, 146.5, 143.9, 143.3, 142.4, 135.1 (t, J =11.8 Hz), 133.3, 132.9, 131.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 125.3, 121.7, 120.7, 119.2, 118.4, 116.6-116.0 (m), 103.8 (d, J =24.0 Hz), 100.2 (d, J =26.0 Hz). HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₄O₄F₂ [M+H]⁺ = 487.1212, found 487.1199.

4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-[(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (19).

Yellow solid; yield: 89% (464 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.28 (s, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 3H), 7.82 (d, J =7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J =7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.02 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.4, 154.0, 148.1, 142.1, 142.3, 135.1, 132.6, 131.4, 129.3-129.2 (m), 128.1, 125.1, 121.7, 120.2, 119.3, 118.5, 116.4, 95.2 (t, J =23.5 Hz). HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₅N₄O₄F₄ [M+H]⁺ = 523.1024, found 523.1008.

4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-[(2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (20).

Yellow solid; yield: 90% (486 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.12 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.30

(s, 1H), 8.13-8.07 (m, 5H), 7.82 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.37 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 154.0, 146.6, 143.1, 142.3, 135.1, 132.6, 131.3, 129.5, 129.2, 128.0, 125.1, 121.6, 119.6, 119.3, 118.5, 116. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₄N₄O₄F₅ [M+H]⁺ = 541.0930, found 541.0919.

4-[4-[(E)-[(2,4-dichlorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (21).

Brownish solid; yield: 85% (440 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 9.94 (s, 1H), 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.27 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.86 (d, J=7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J=8.8 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.9, 146.6, 143.4, 142.3, 140.9, 133.9, 132.9, 131.4, 129.4, 129.0, 127.8, 125.4, 122.2, 121.7, 120.7, 119.3, 118.5, 116.8, 116.6, 114.9. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₄O₄Cl₂ [M+H]⁺ = 519.0621, found 519.0615.

4-[4-[(E)-[(3-chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (22).

Orange solid; yield: 72% (361 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.37 (s, 1H), 9.04 (s, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.86 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.73-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.78-6.67 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.8, 146.5, 144.68 ($^1\text{J}_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 239.8$ Hz), 143.2, 142.4, 135.3, 135.1, 133.1 ($^2\text{J}_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 22.3$ Hz), 131.4, 129.3 ($^2\text{J}_{\text{C}-\text{F}} = 22.7$ Hz), 127.9, 125.3, 121.8, 120.7, 120.0, 119.8, 119.3, 118.7, 118.4, 116.5, 112.5. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₄O₄ClF [M+H]⁺ = 503.0917, found 503.0903.

4-[4-[(E)-[(3-chloro-4-fluoro-phenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (23).

Yellow solid; yield: 76% (381 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.35 (s, 1H), 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.08-8.07 (m, 4H), 7.86-7.84 (m, 2H), 7.69 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J=8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.68 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.4, 153.9, 152.4, 149.2, 146.3, 143.3, 142.3, 132.8, 131.4, 130.7, 129.4, 129.3, 127.7, 125.3, 121.9, 120.8, 120.2 (d, J=18.3 Hz), 119.3, 118.4, 117.4 (d, J=21.6 Hz), 116.8, 112.4, 111.8 (d, J=6.4 Hz). HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₇N₄O₄ClF [M+H]⁺ = 503.0917, found 503.0910.

4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-[[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]hydrazone]methyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid

(24). Yellow solid; yield: 81% (419 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.68 (s, 1H), 9.03 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.5, 153.9, 148.5, 146.5, 143.3, 142.4, 132.9, 131.9, 131.4, 129.4, 129.1, 127.7, 127.1, 126.6, 125.3, 121.7, 120.7, 119.3, 118.2, 116.6, 111.6. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₁₈N₄O₄F₃ [M+H]⁺ = 519.1275, found 519.1262.

4-[4-[(E)-[(4-nitrophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (25).

Reddish; yield: 89% (440 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 11.23 (s, 1H), 9.13 (s, 1H), 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.11 (s, 4H), 8.04 (s, 1H), 7.96-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.74 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J=9.2, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.5, 153.9, 150.8, 146.7, 143.4, 142.3, 138.4, 134.9, 133.0, 131.4, 129.4, 129.2, 128.3, 126.3, 125.4, 121.4, 120.2, 119.3, 118.5, 116.6, 111.2. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₆H₁₈N₅O₆ [M+H]⁺ = 496.1252, found 496.1240.

4-[(2E)-2-[[1-(4-carboxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-4-yl)methylene]hydrazino]benzoic acid

(26). Brownish solid; yield: 83% (410 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.39 (s, 1H) 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.86-7.85 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.42 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10-6.99 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.9, 167.1, 159.5, 153.9, 146.4, 145.8, 143.3, 142.4, 132.9, 132.0, 131.4, 130.3, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 127.3, 125.3, 121.7, 120.9, 119.7, 119.3, 118.4, 116.6, 115.9, 112.9. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₁₉N₄O₆ [M+H]⁺ = 495.1299, found 495.1284.

4-[(2E)-2-[[1-(4-carboxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-4-yl)methylene]hydrazino]benzoic acid

(27). Orange solid; yield: 82% (405 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.73 (s, 1H), 8.97 (s, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.01 (d, J=9.0 Hz, 3H), 7.87 (d, J=7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (t, J=8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.62-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.44 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 168.3, 167.9, 159.5, 153.9, 149.0, 146.0, 143.1, 141.0, 134.3, 132.8, 131.3, 131.1, 129.3, 127.6, 125.3, 122.1, 121.0, 120.5, 119.4, 118.0, 116.5, 111.1. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₁₉N₄O₆ [M+H]⁺ = 495.1299, found 495.1290.

4-[2E]-2-[[1-(4-cyanophenyl)-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-4-yl]methylene]hydrazino]benzoic acid (28).

Off yellow solid; yield: 78% (370 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 10.87 (s, 1H), 9.07 (s, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 8.12-8.09 (m, 4H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.75-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.41 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.5, 153.9, 148.9, 146.6, 143.3, 142.3, 133.8, 133.0, 133.0, 131.4, 129.4, 129.2, 128.0, 125.4, 121.5, 120.5, 119.3, 118.5, 116.6, 112.1, 99.3. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₁₈N₅O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 476.1353, found 476.1349.

4-[4-[(E)-(methylhydrazone)methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (29). Brownish solid; yield: 69% (267 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J =8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.84-7.81 (m, 3H), 7.66 (t, J =7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.48-7.36 (m, 3H), 2.69 (s, 3H), 2.50 (s, 4H), 1.86 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 169.0, 159.4, 153.8, 154.3 142.9, 139.9, 138.3, 132.5, 130.7, 129.2, 125.4, 125.3, 125.1, 121.9, 121.8, 119.5, 117.5, 116.5. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₁H₁₇N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 389.1244, found 389.1239.

4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-1-piperidyliminomethyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (30). Yellowish solid; yield: 86% (380 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 4H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.68-7.63 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.37 (m, 1H), 2.94 (br s, 4H), 1.58 (br s, 4H), 1.43 (br s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.1, 159.5, 153.9, 146.6, 142.8, 142.4, 132.6, 131.3, 129.2, 129.0, 127.4, 126.0, 125.1, 122.2, 121.8, 119.4, 118.4, 116.5, 51.9, 24.9, 24.0. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₅H₂₃N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 443.1714, found 443.1701.

4-[4-[(E)-(benzylhydrazone)methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (31). Yellowish solid; yield: 84% (389 mg). ^1H NMR (300MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ 8.75 (s, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.04 (s, 4H), 7.81 (s, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.44 (d, J =25.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (s, 5H), 4.18 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ 167.0, 159.3, 153.9, 146.3, 143.2, 142.5, 139.6, 132.7, 131.3, 129.3, 128.8, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 125.9, 125.1, 121.9, 121.6, 119.3, 118.3, 116.5. HRMS (ESI-FTMS Mass (m/z): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁N₄O₄ [M+H]⁺ = 465.1557, found 465.1542.

*MIC studies:*²⁻³ The Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of the synthesized compounds was determined by a broth microdilution plate-based technique as per Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) procedures for antimicrobial susceptibility testing of aerobic bacteria. In brief, bacteria were streaked onto Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA) or TSA with 5% sheep blood and incubated at 35 °C overnight. Colonies were suspended in sterile saline (0.9% NaCl) to match a 0.5 MacFarland standard then diluted 1:100 with Mueller Hinton broth to an estimated 1 x 10⁶ CFU/ml concentration. Compounds to be tested were dissolved in DMSO to a 2 mg/ml concentration and diluted serially 1:2 in microplates such that after the addition of bacteria in broth the final concentrations began at 50 µg/ml. Inhibition of bacterial growth was determined using resazurin as a marker for cell viability.⁴ Resazurin was added with bacteria to 8 µg/ml final concentration, and plates were incubated at 35 °C for 20-24 hours and read visually. Negative controls (bacteria without inhibitors) and positive controls (bacteria plus a serially diluted antibiotic) were included on every plate. The MIC was determined as the lowest concentration where there was no color change of resazurin from purple to red (evidence of bacterial growth).

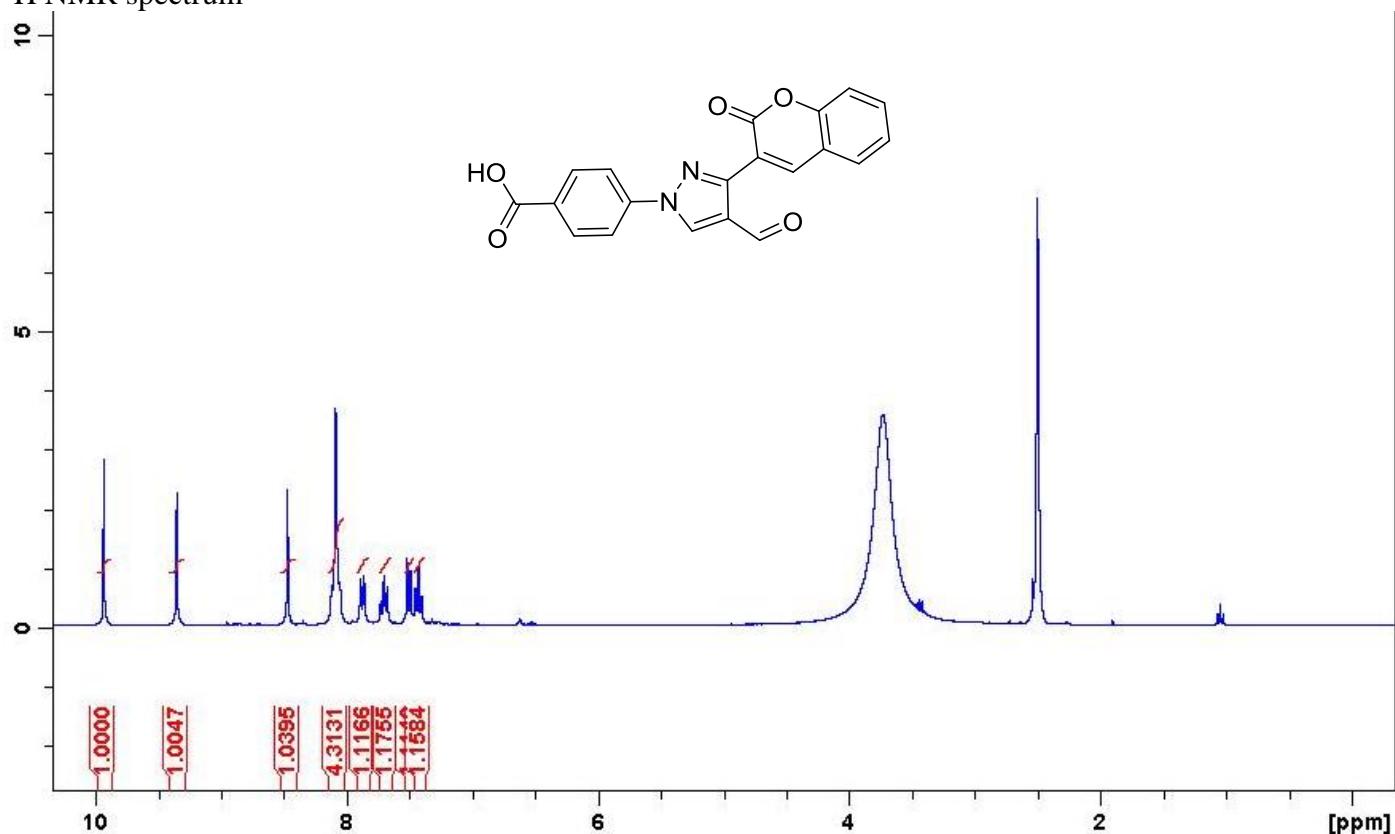
Cytotoxicity studies: *In vitro* toxicity of the active compounds were carried out according to our recently reported modified procedure.²⁻³ HEK 293 cells were counted using a Countess automated cell counter and 5000 cells/well were plated in black 96 well plates. Compounds were added in triplicate at 50 µg/mL and 25 µg/mL concentrations and incubated for 24 hours followed by adding the 5% resazurin solution for a final volume of 200 µL in each well. Resazurin containing plates were incubated for four and six hours before the taking the readings for cell viability. Excitation and emission for fluorescence were measured at 544nm and 590nm respectively using a BMG Labtech Fluostar Optima plate reader.

In vivo toxicity assessment. All animal experiments were performed at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital in Little Rock, AR) and have been approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. CD1 male mice (8 weeks old, 33-37 g) were purchased from Charles River Laboratories (Wilmington, MA). CM-Cl was freshly dissolved in 0.9% saline, sterilized by ultrafiltration, and injected intraperitoneally (IP) in mice at two doses of 20 or 50 mg/kg (n=5 per dose). The two control groups (n=5/group) were untreated or administered with the vehicle (saline). The mice were euthanized 24 hours after the injection, and blood was collected by cardiac puncture. Toxicity was assessed by measuring 14

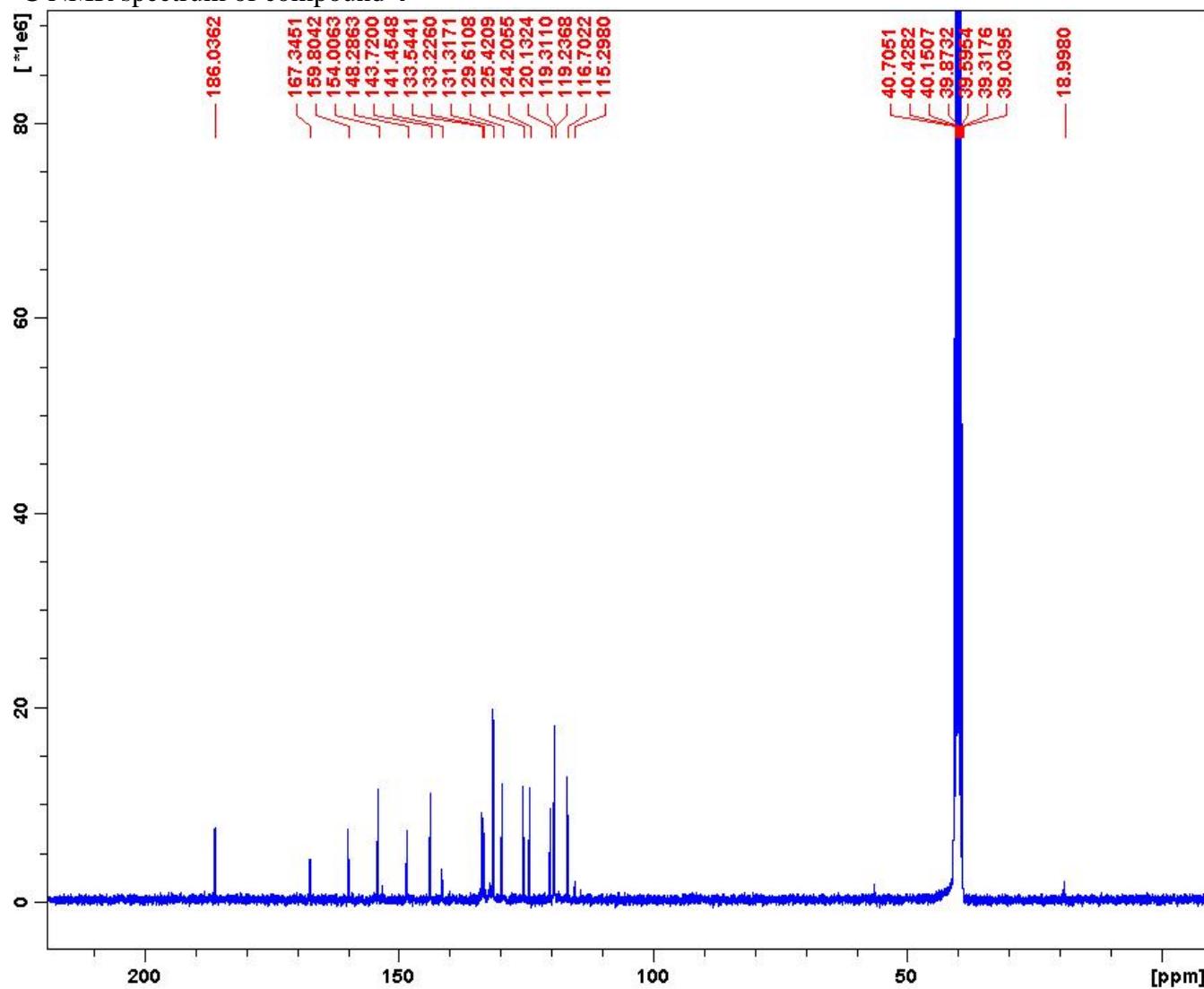
blood markers of various organ function available in the Comprehensive Diagnosis Kit (Abaxis, Union City, CA) and using VetScan VS2 instrument (Abaxis). The markers included: alanine aminotransferase (ALT), albumin (ALB), alkaline phosphatase (ALP), amylase (AMY), calcium (CA), creatinine (CRE), globulin (GLOB), glucose (GLU), phosphorus (PHOS), potassium (K^+), sodium (Na^+), total bilirubin (TBIL), total protein (TP), and blood urea nitrogen (BUN) measured by VetScan VS2 (Abaxis, Union City, CA). Our criteria for toxicity included: measurements being beyond the normal ranges, plus statistically significantly different from the untreated and vehicle (saline) controls.

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¹H NMR spectrum

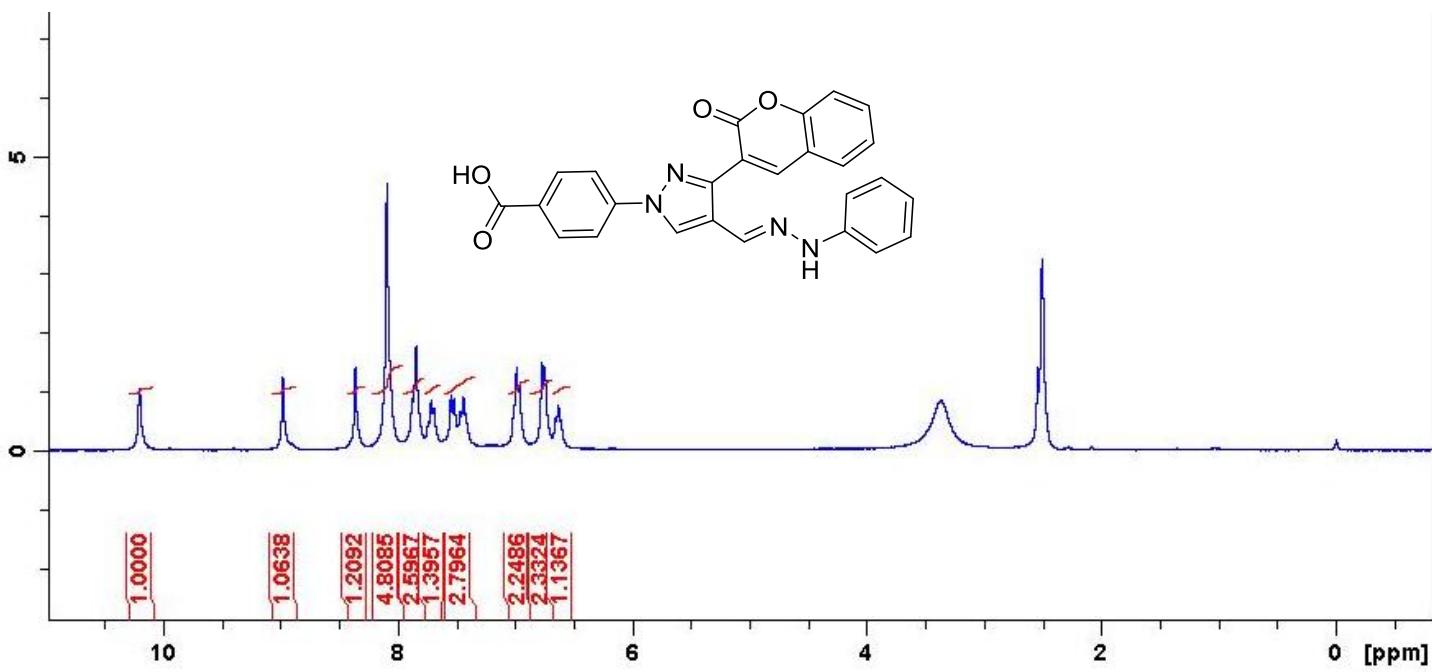


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 4

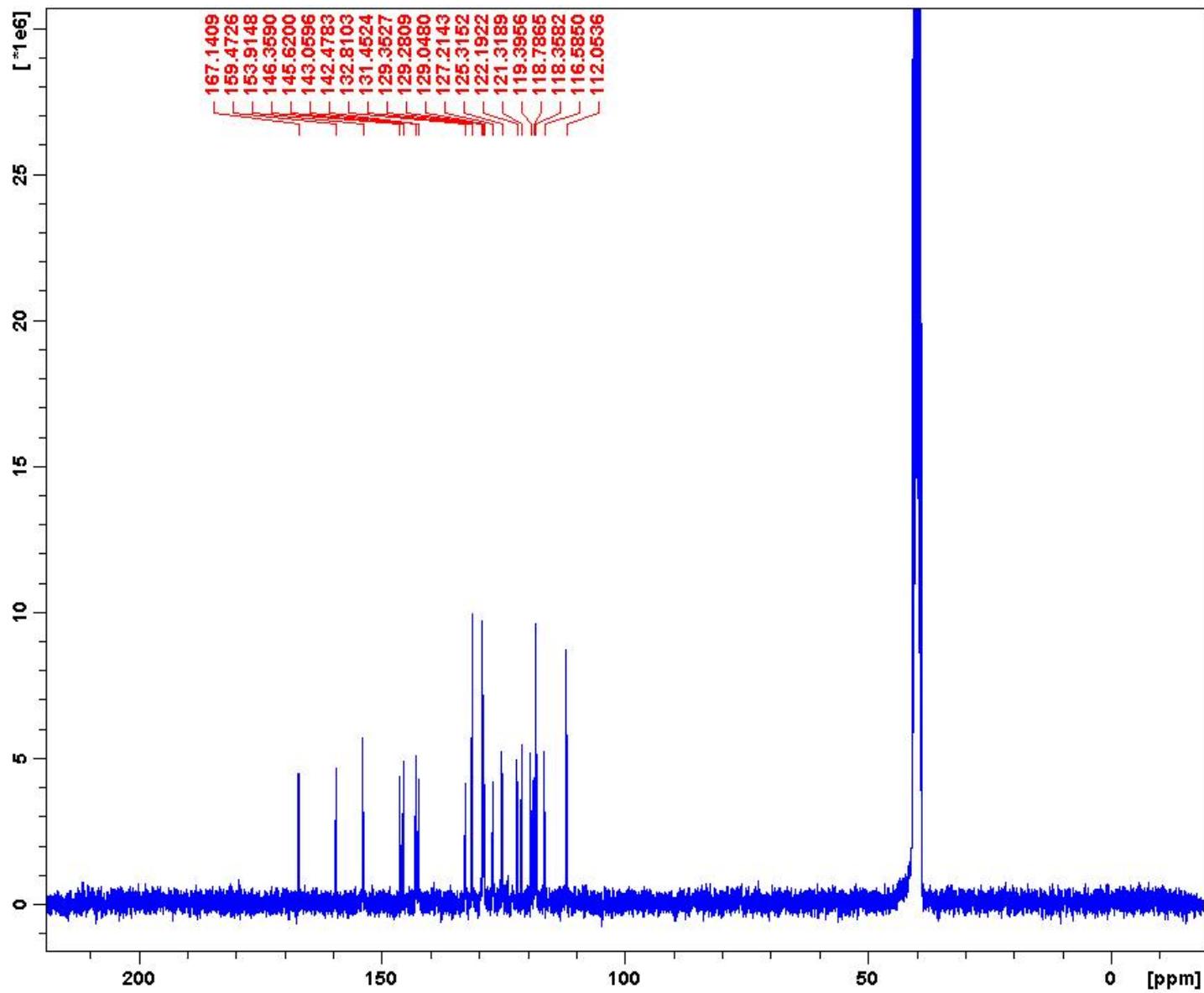


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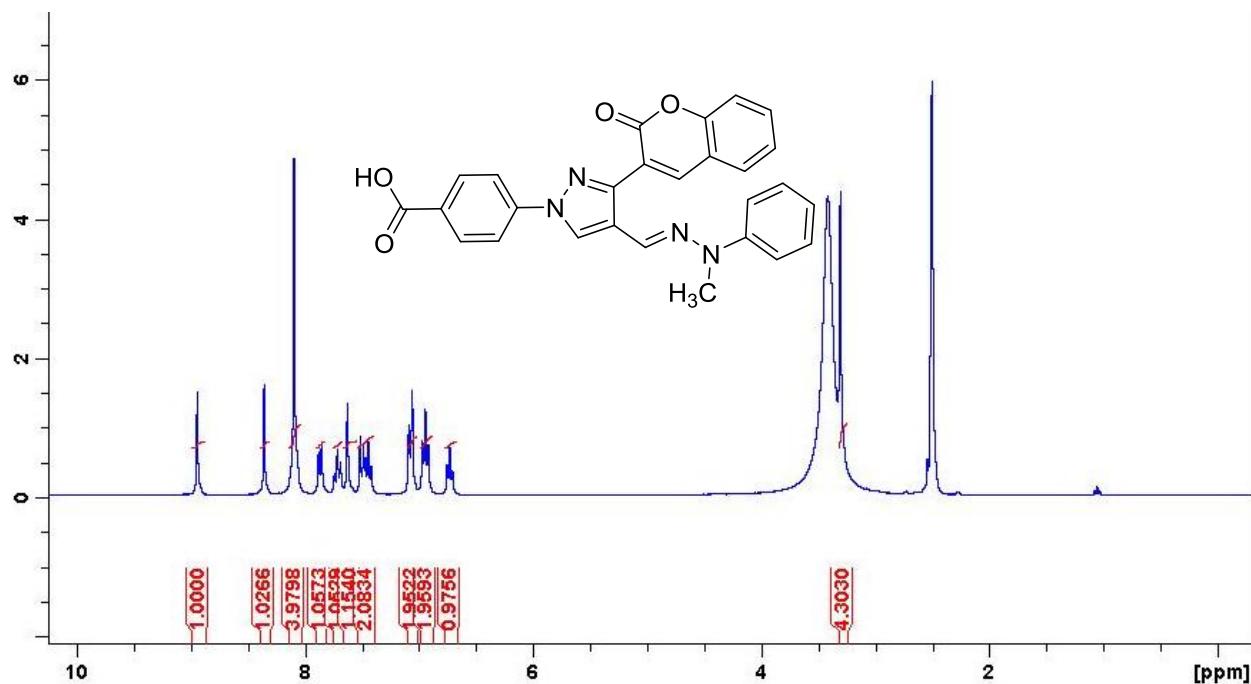
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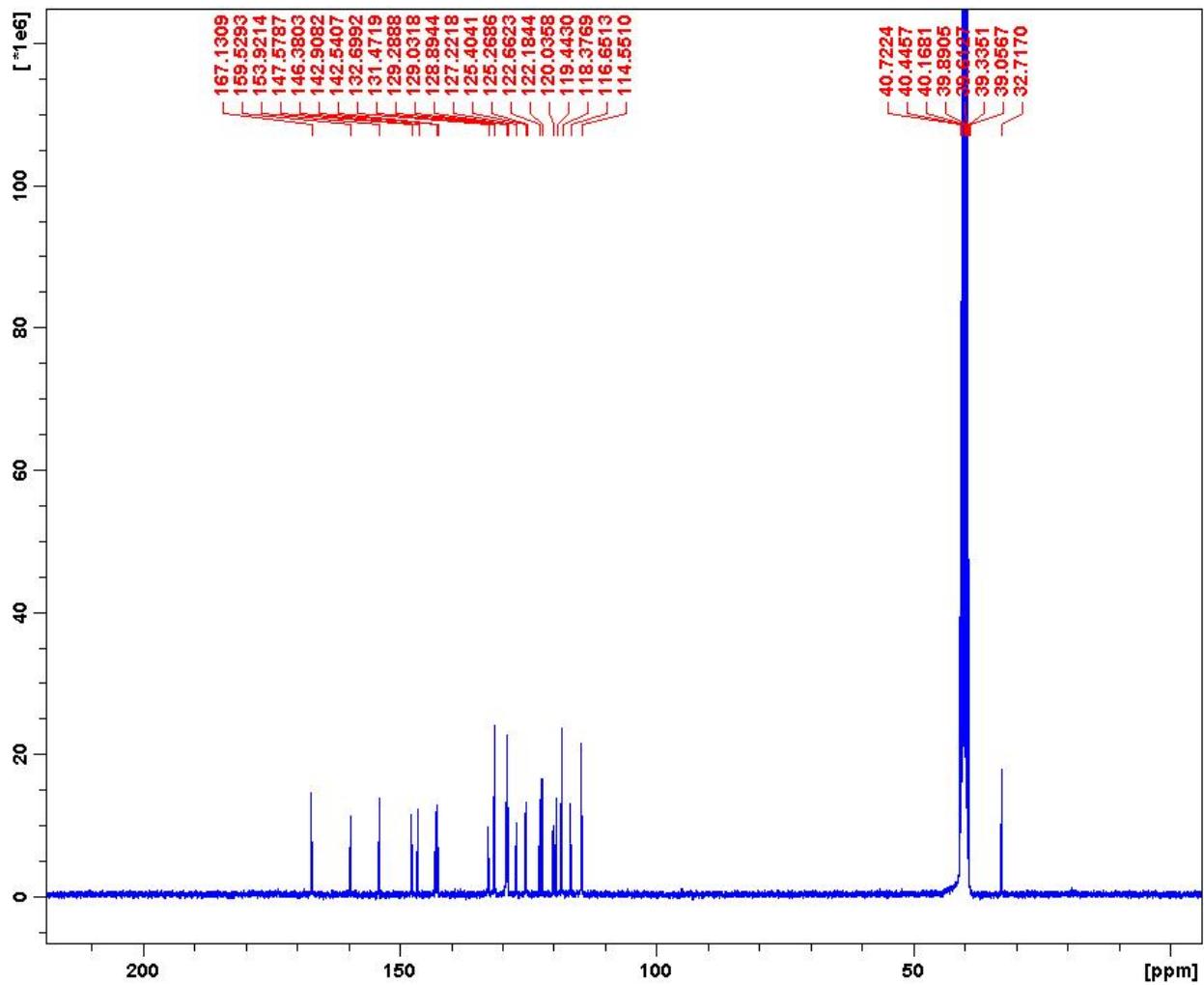
^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **5**



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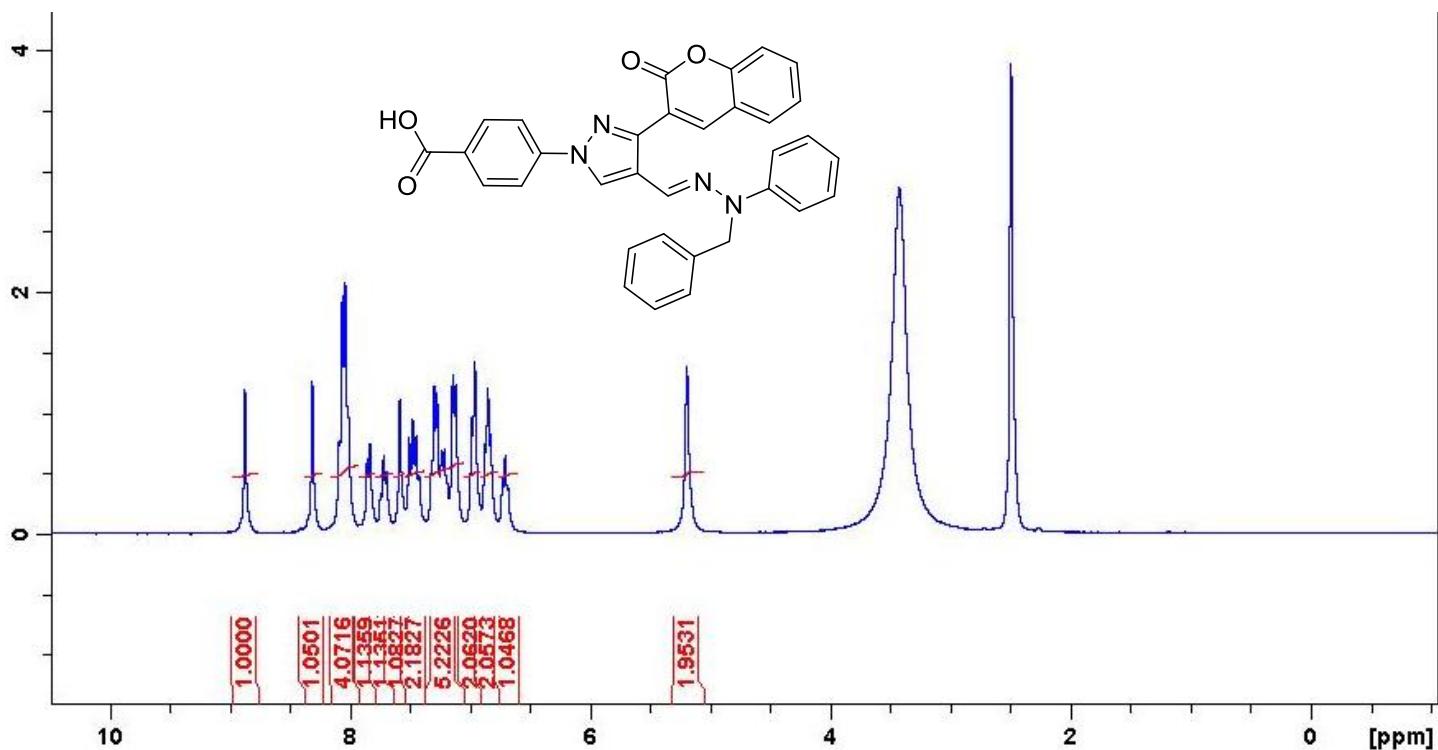


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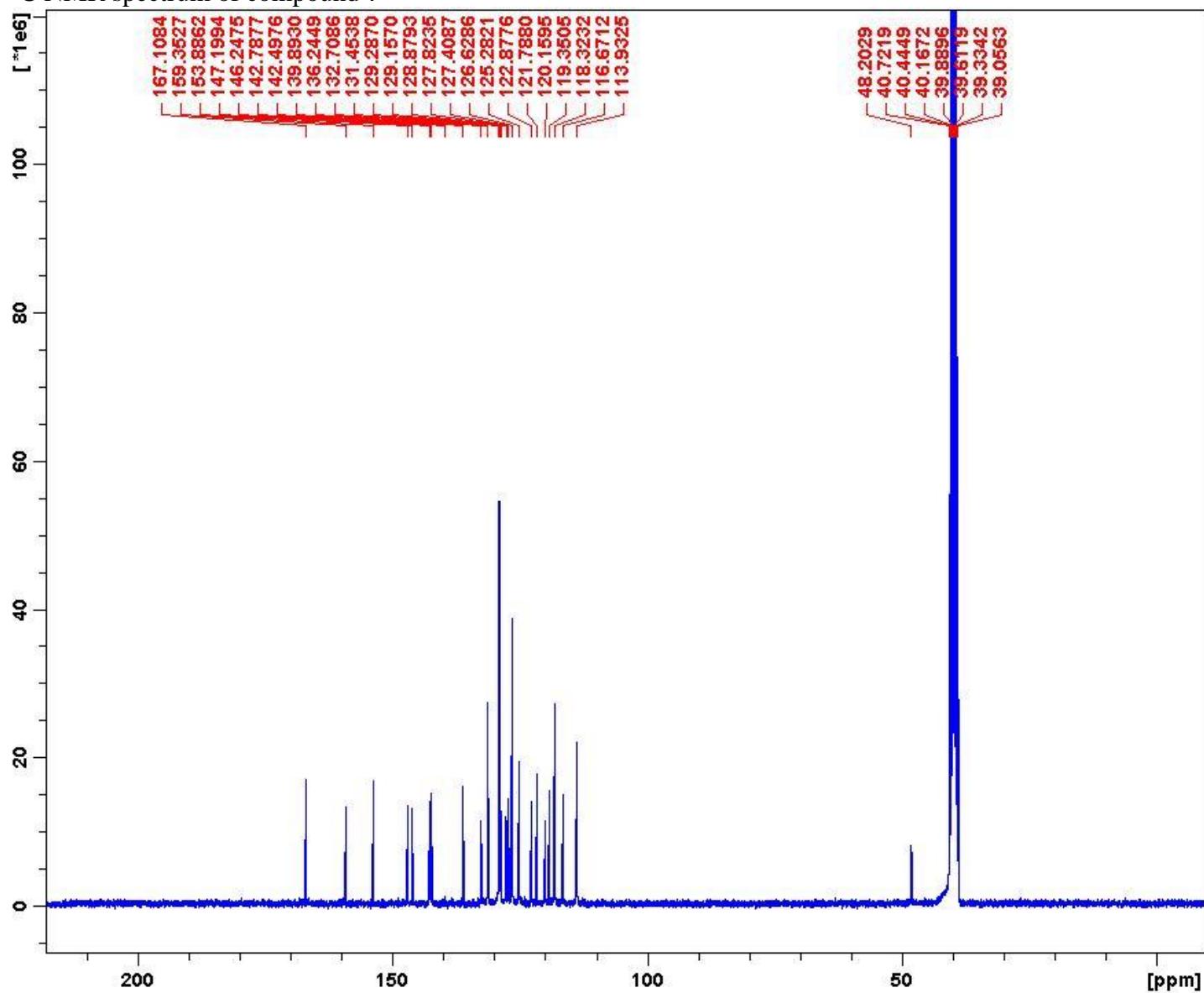


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¹H NMR spectrum

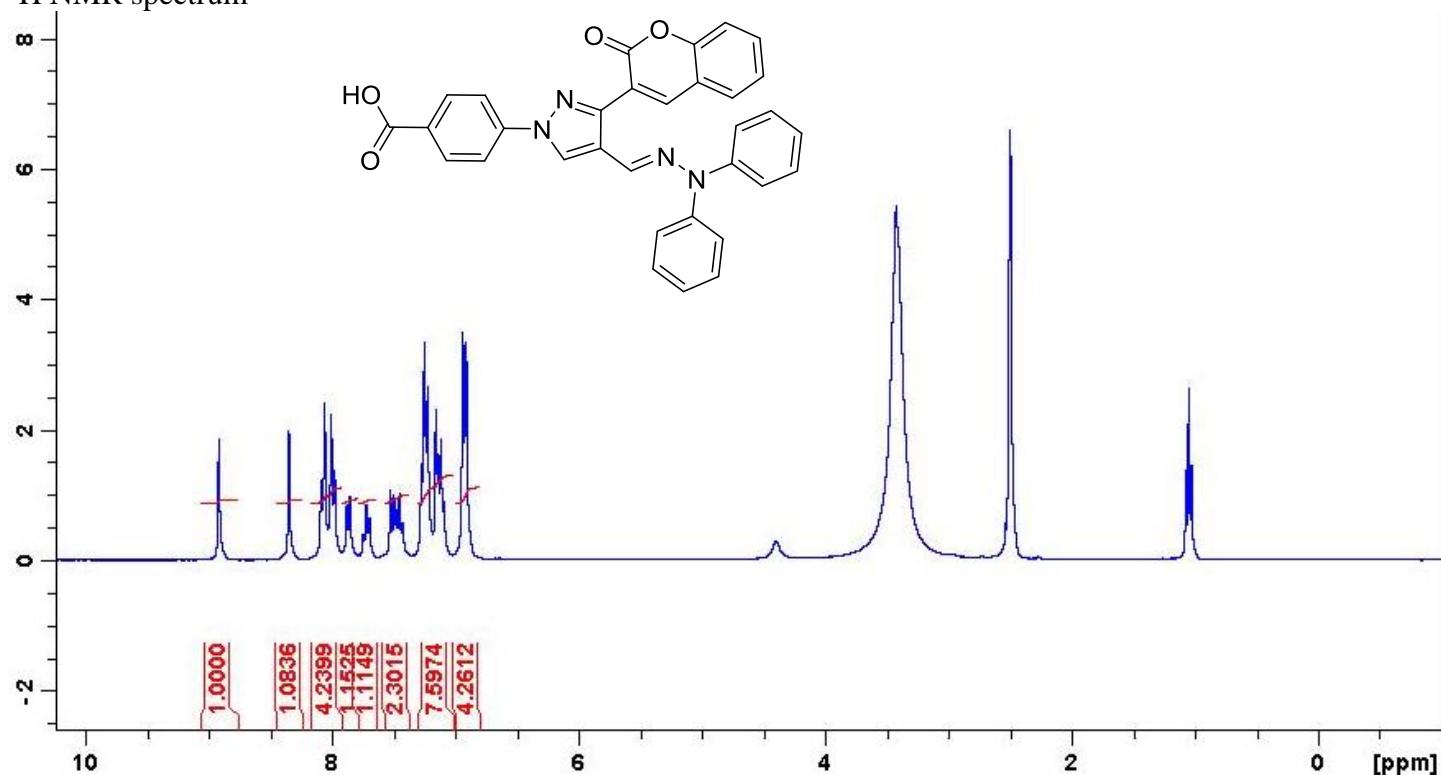


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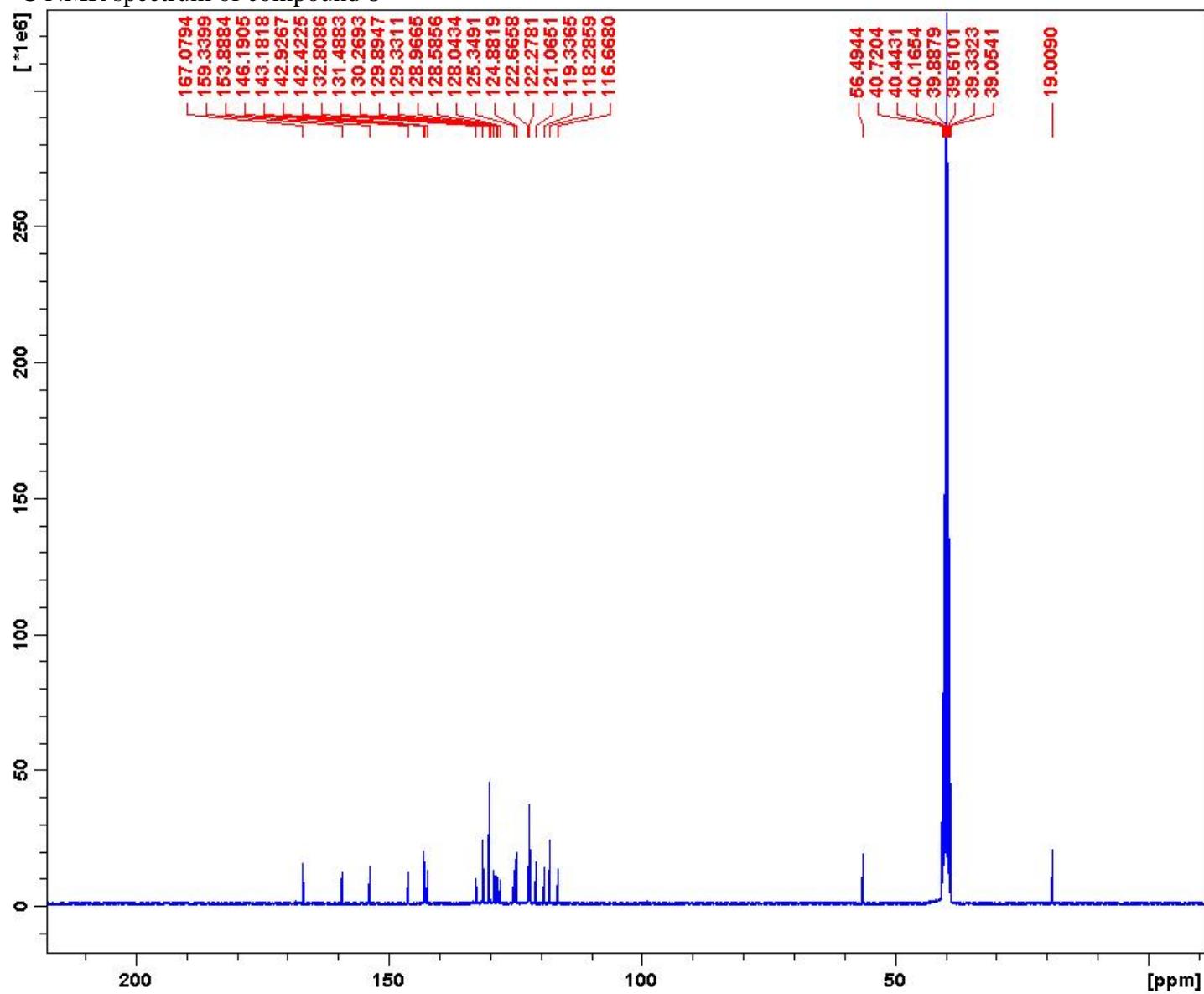


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¹H NMR spectrum

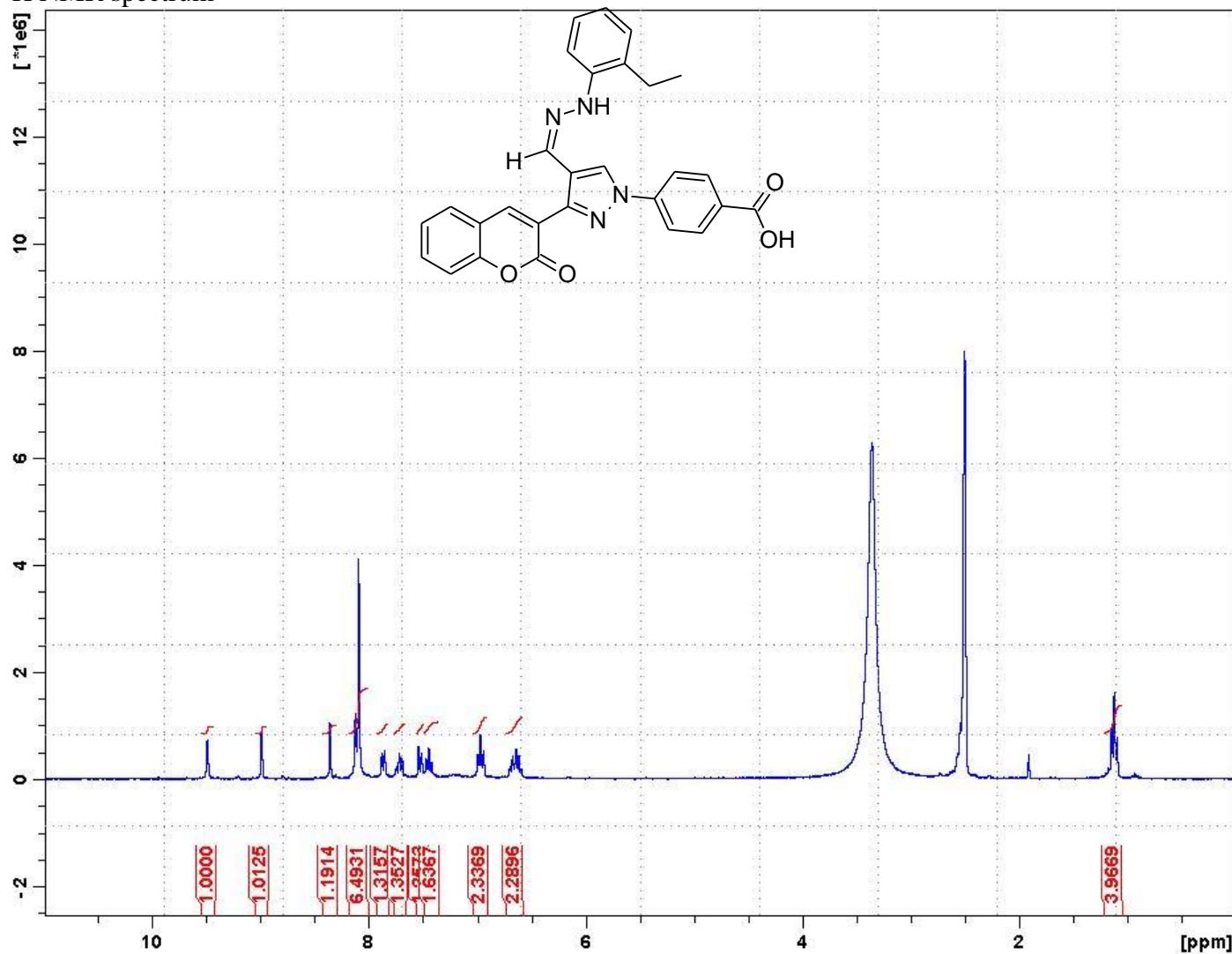


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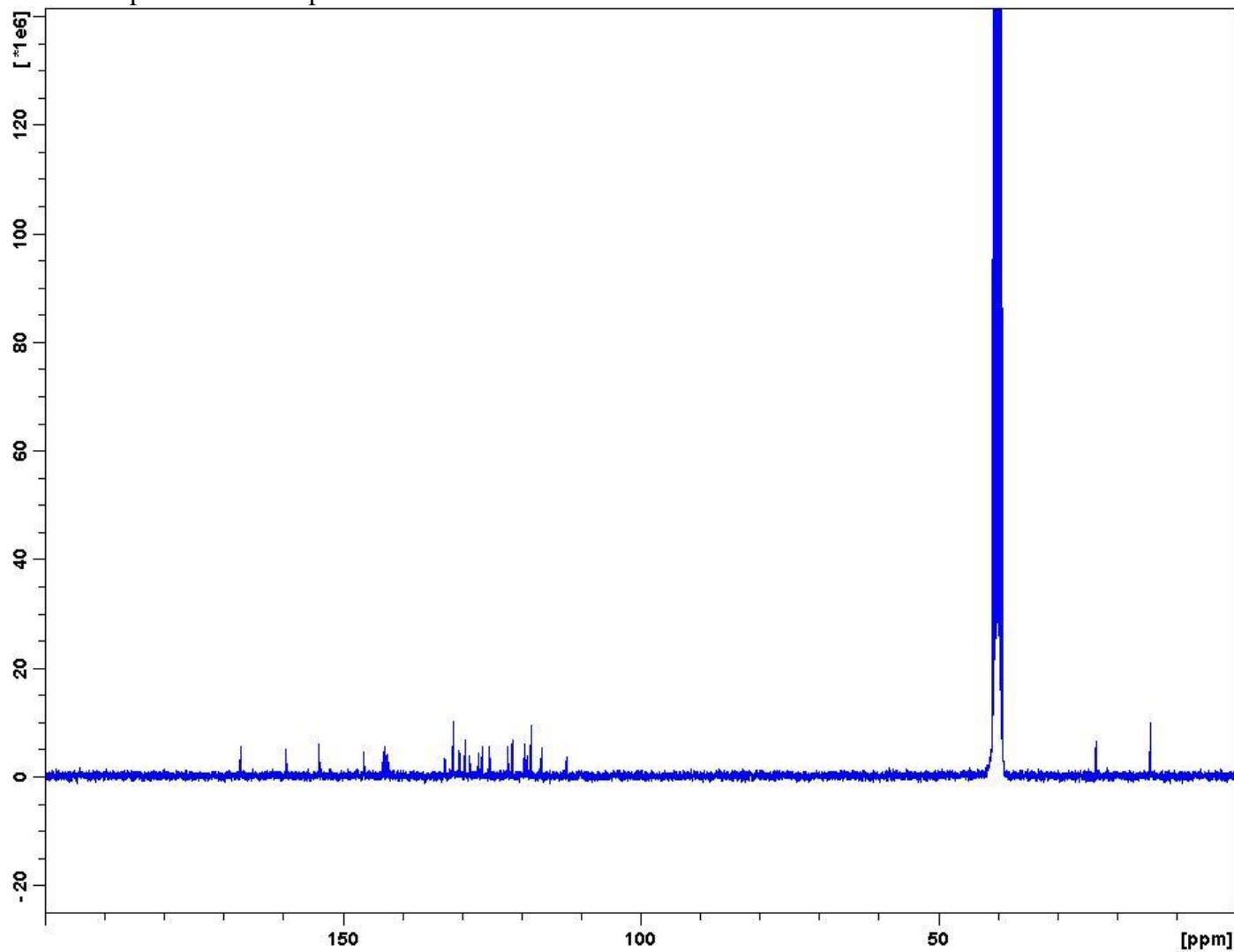


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¹H NMR spectrum

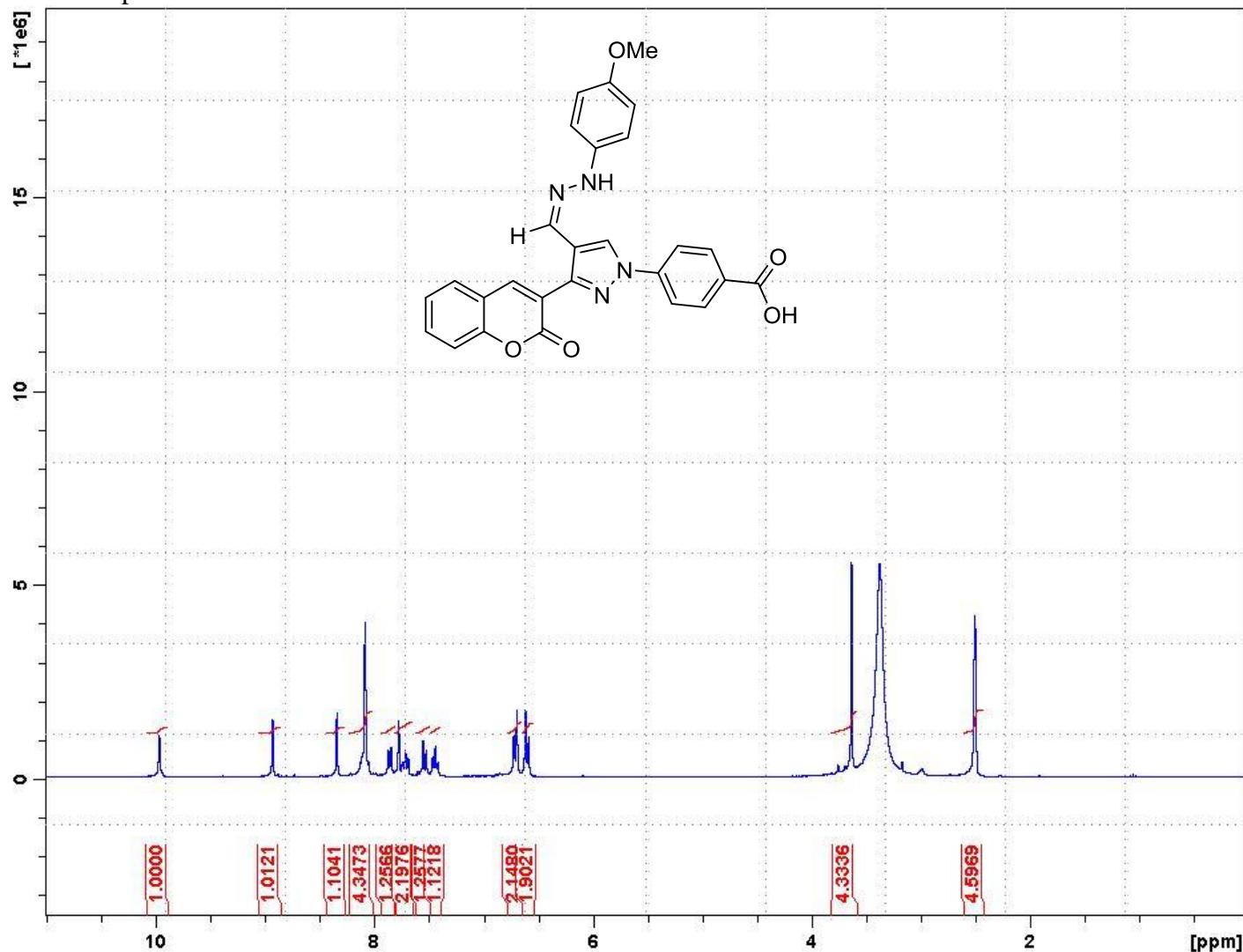


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **9**

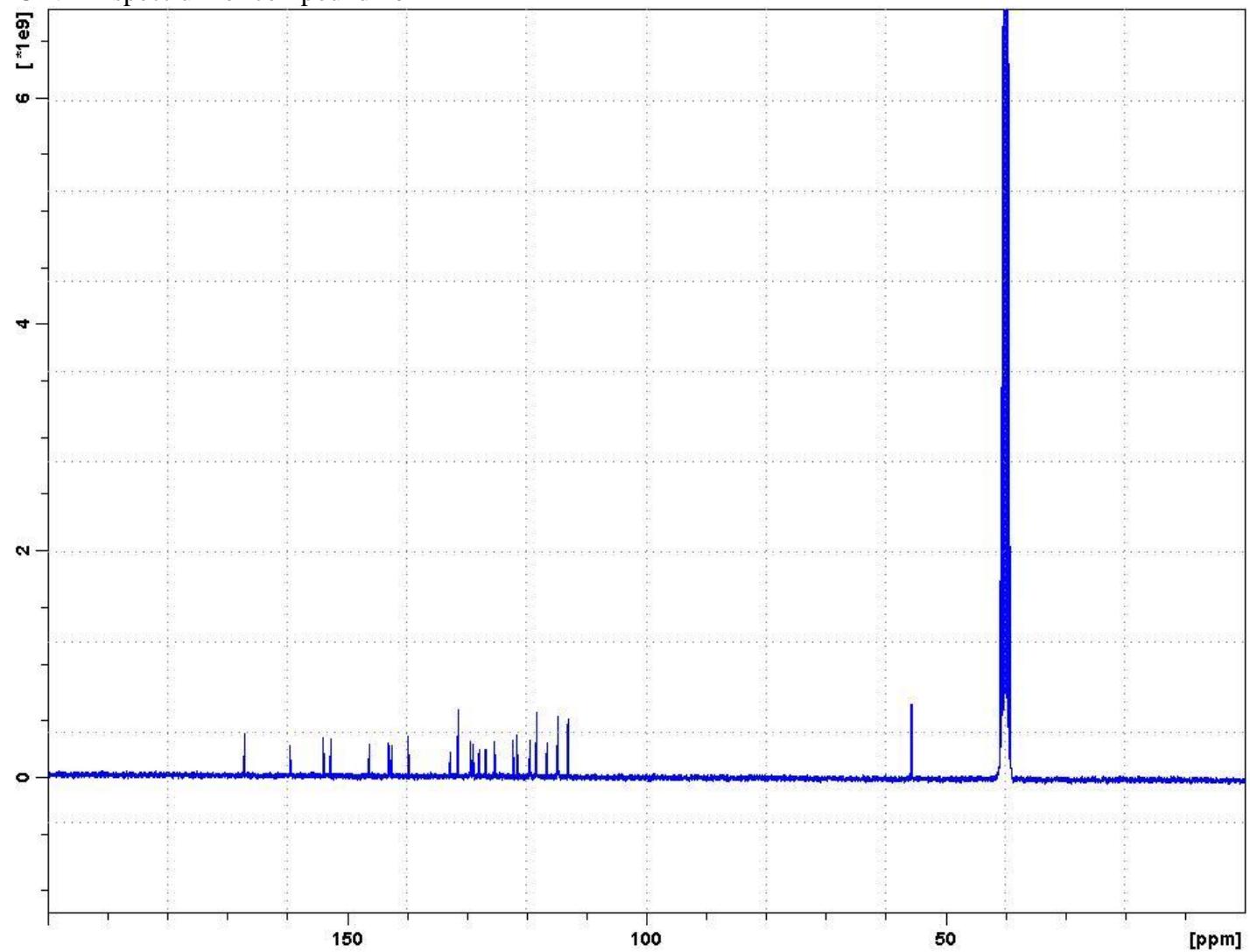


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¹H NMR spectrum

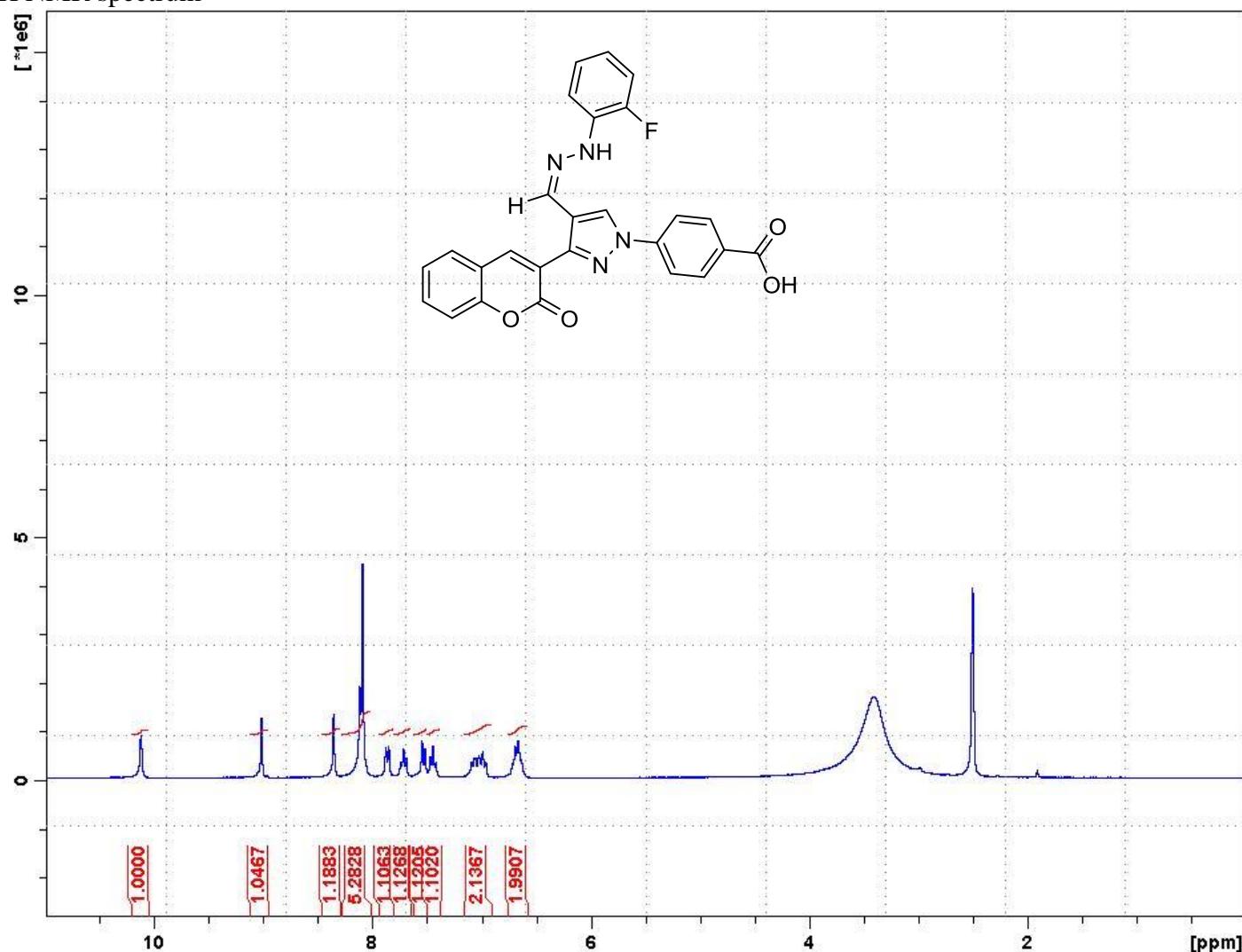


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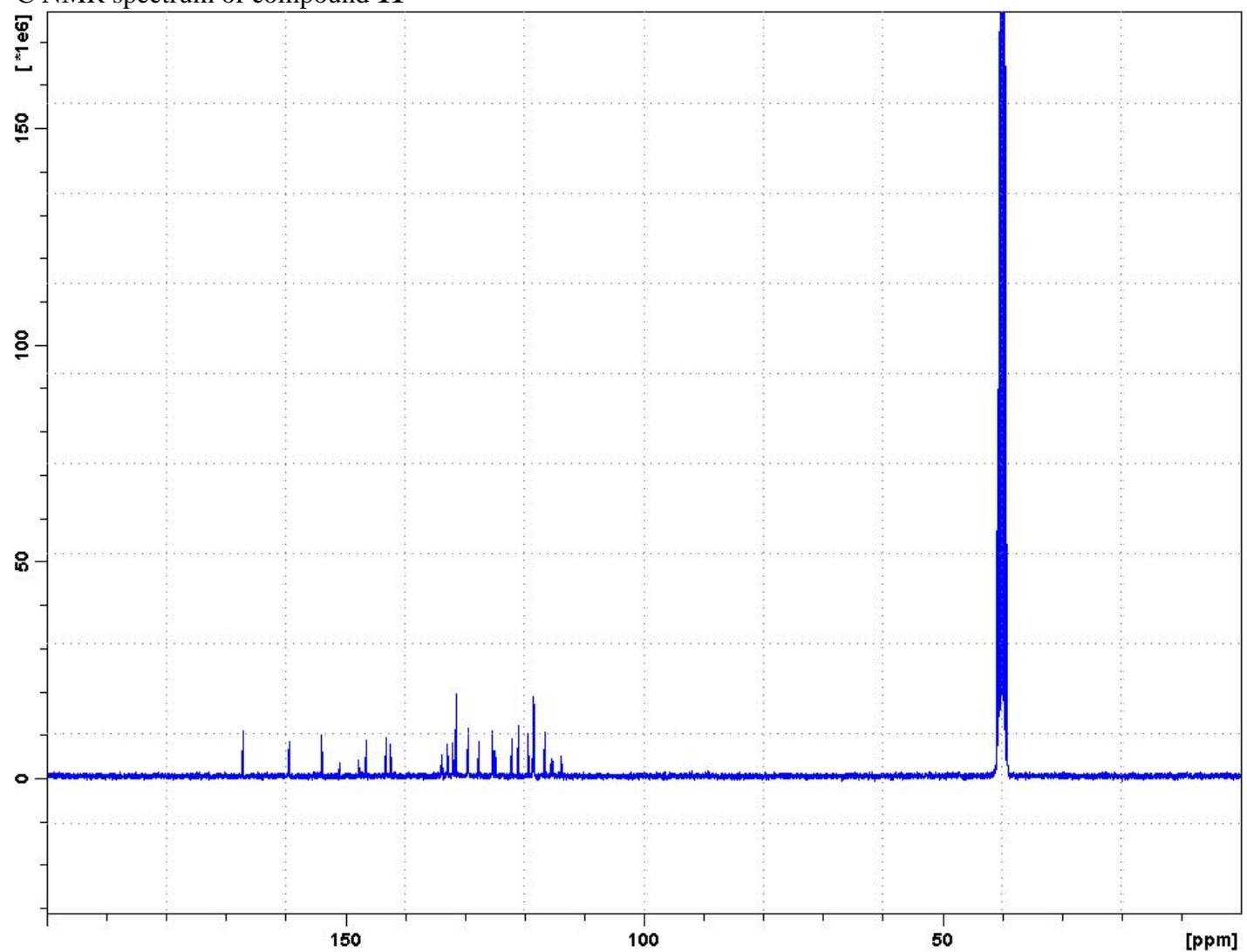


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¹H NMR spectrum

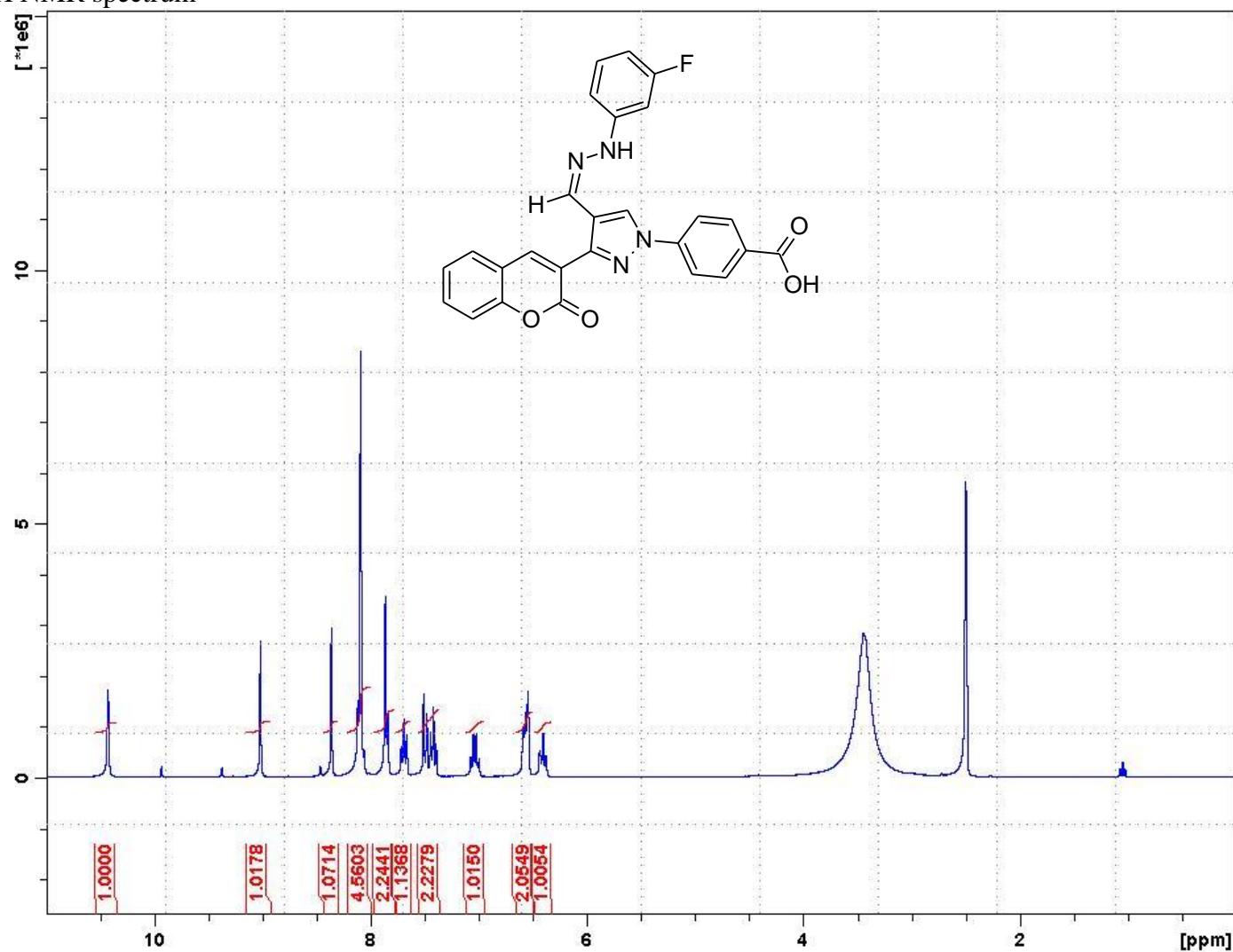


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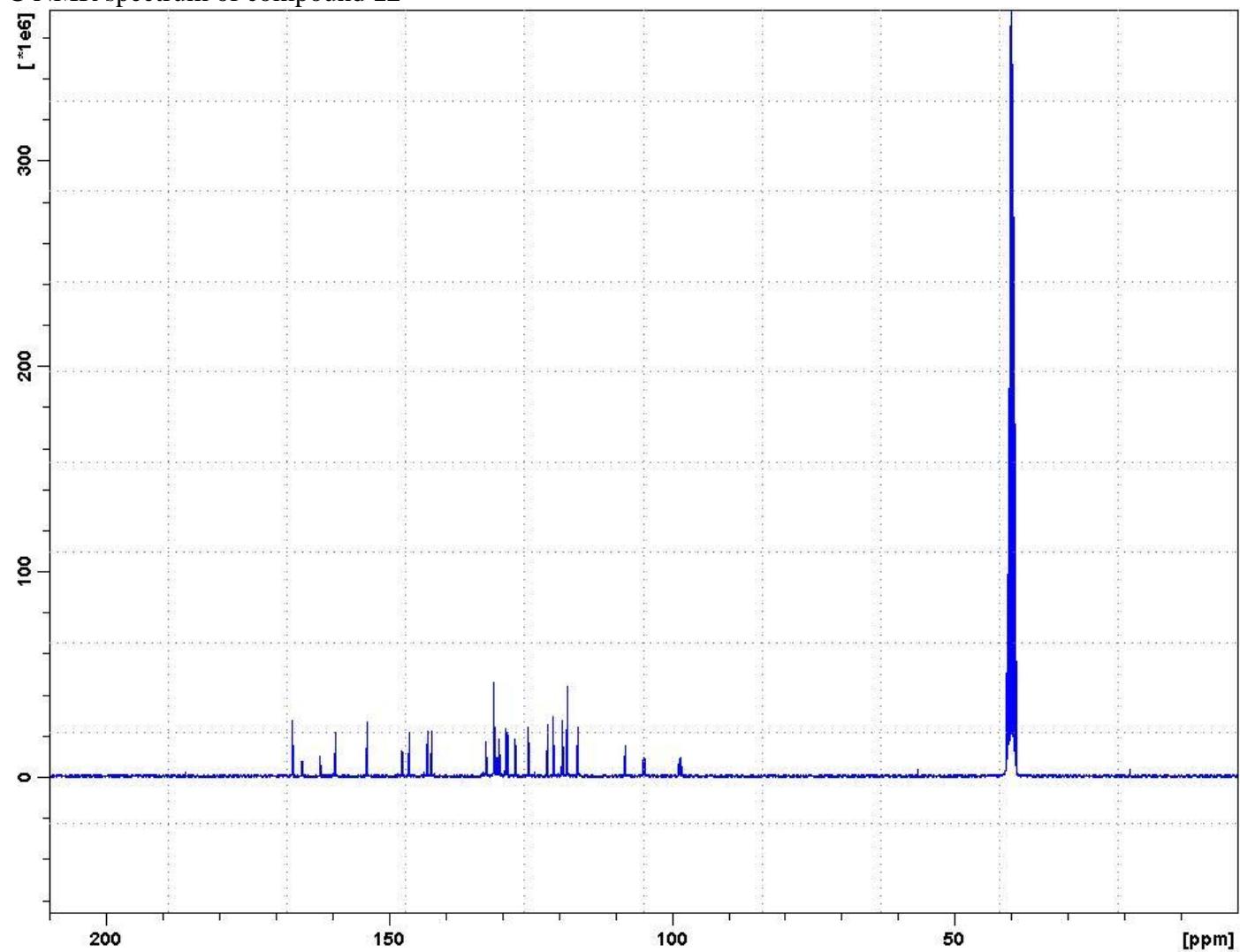


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¹H NMR spectrum

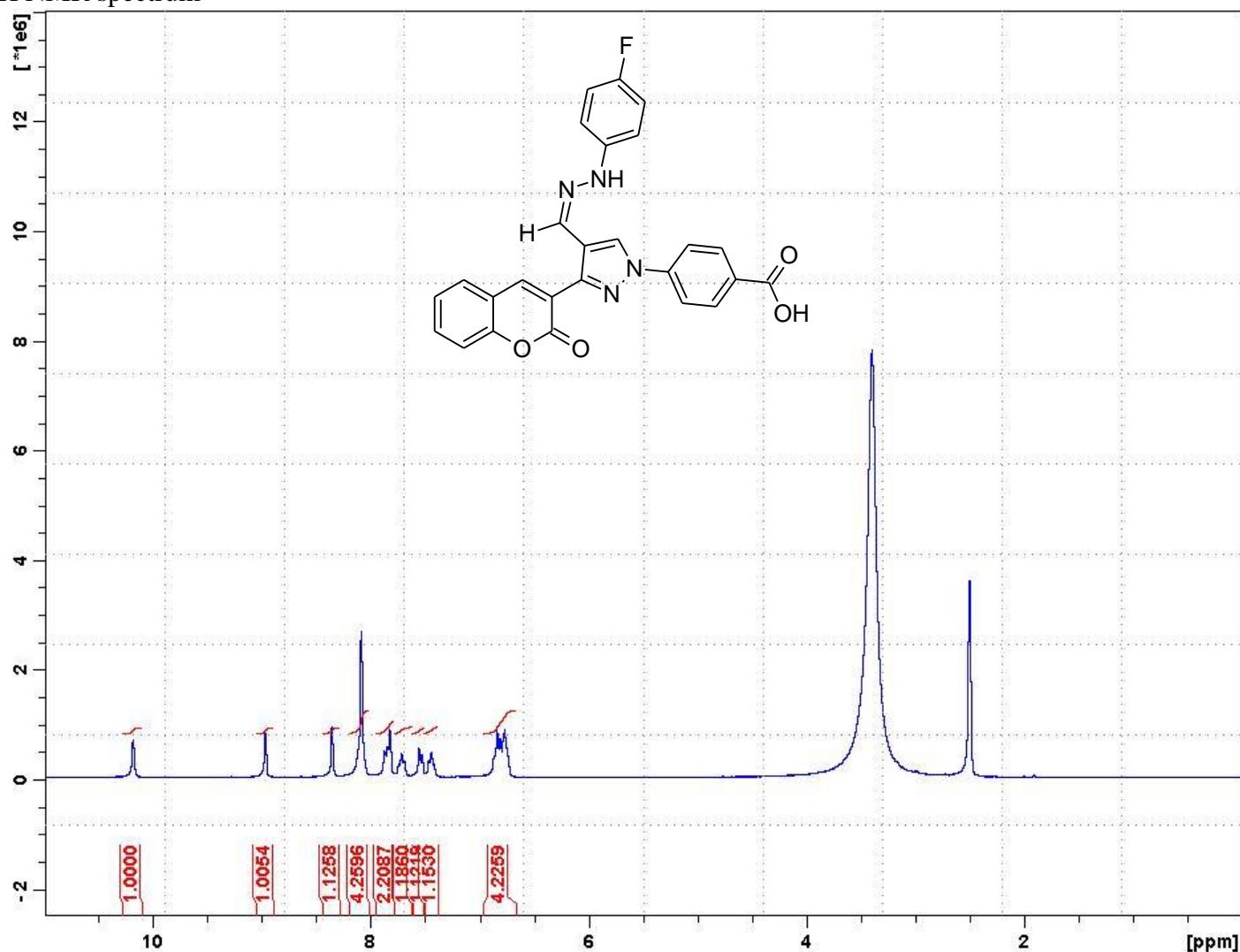


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **12**

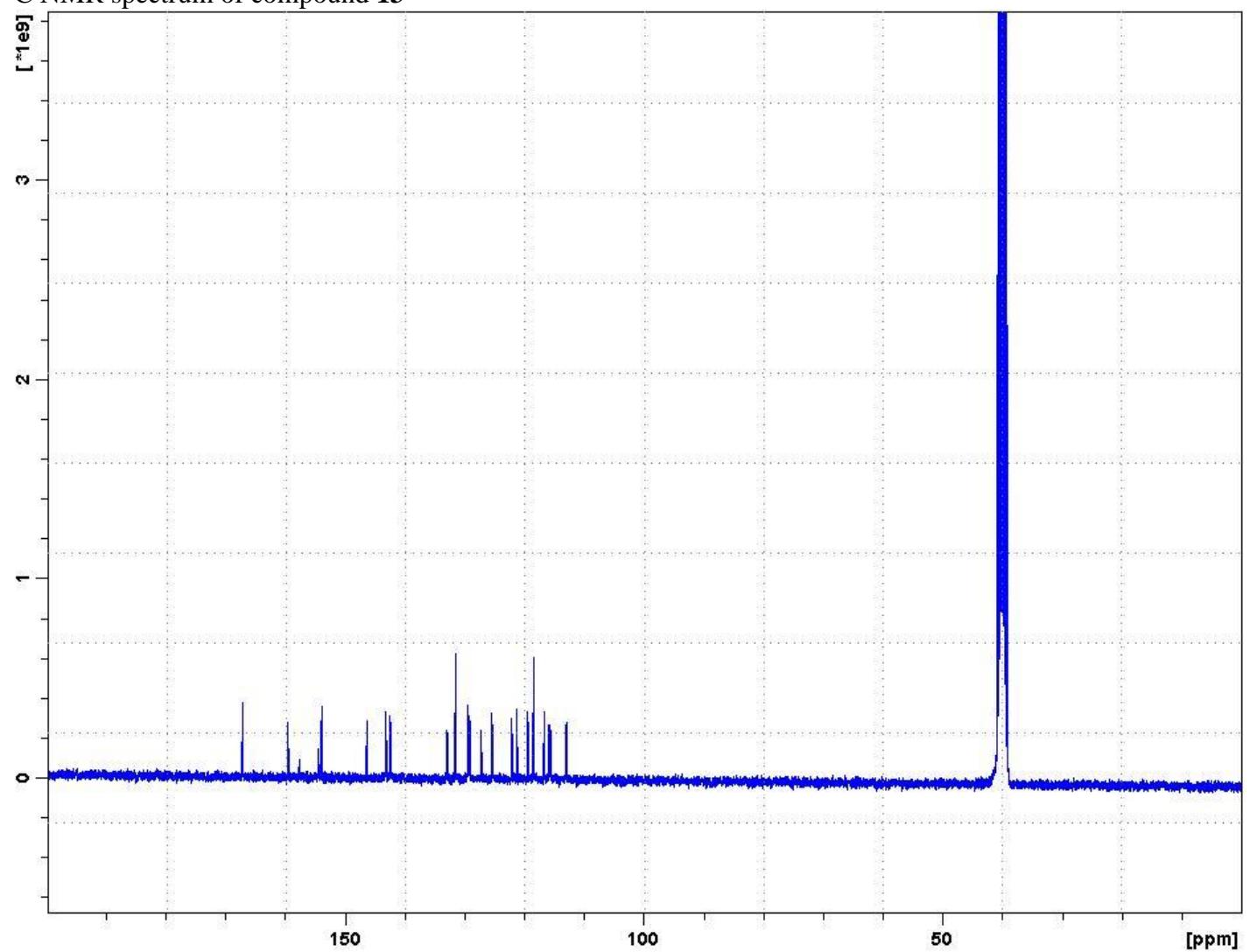


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¹H NMR spectrum

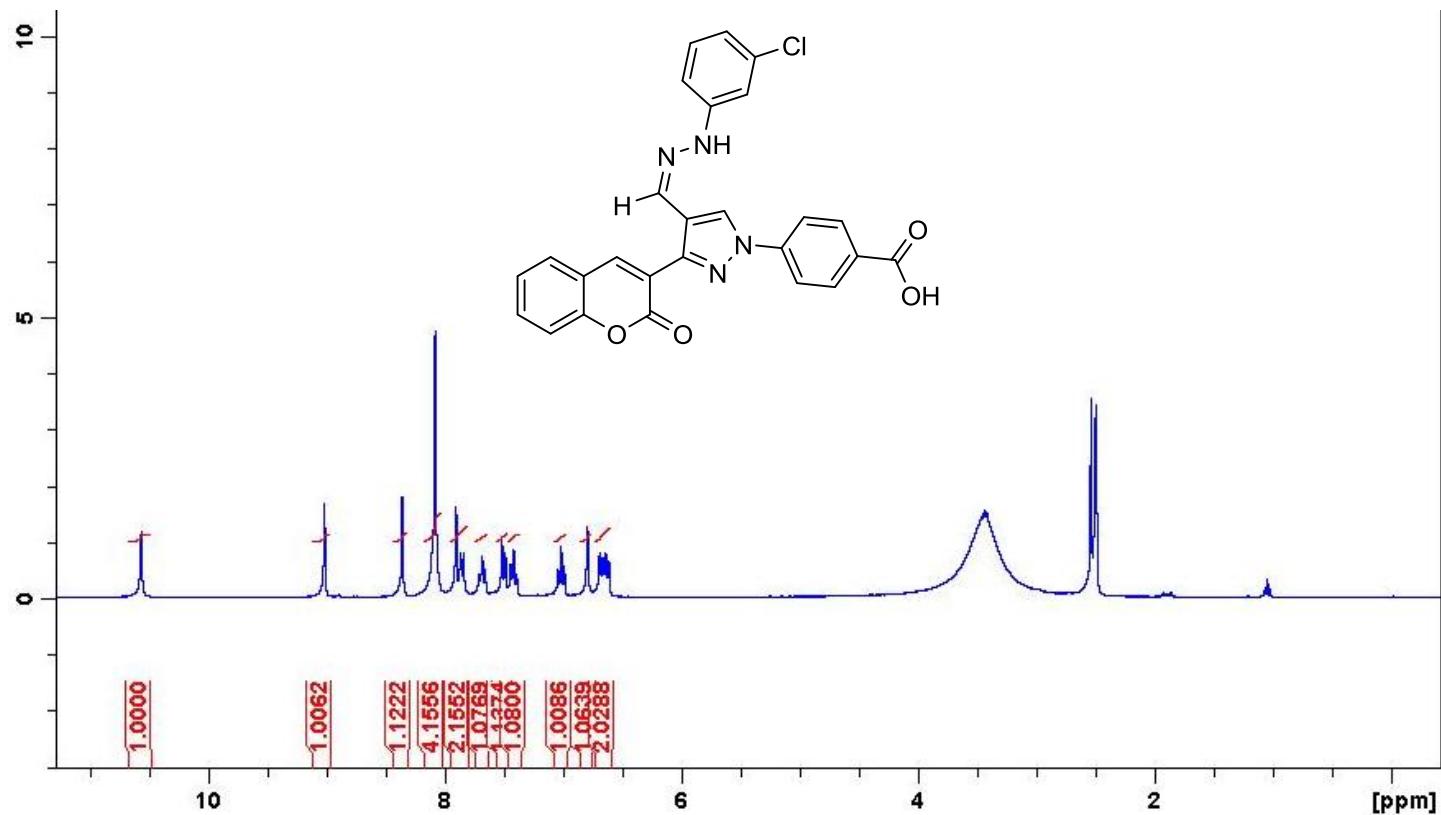


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **13**

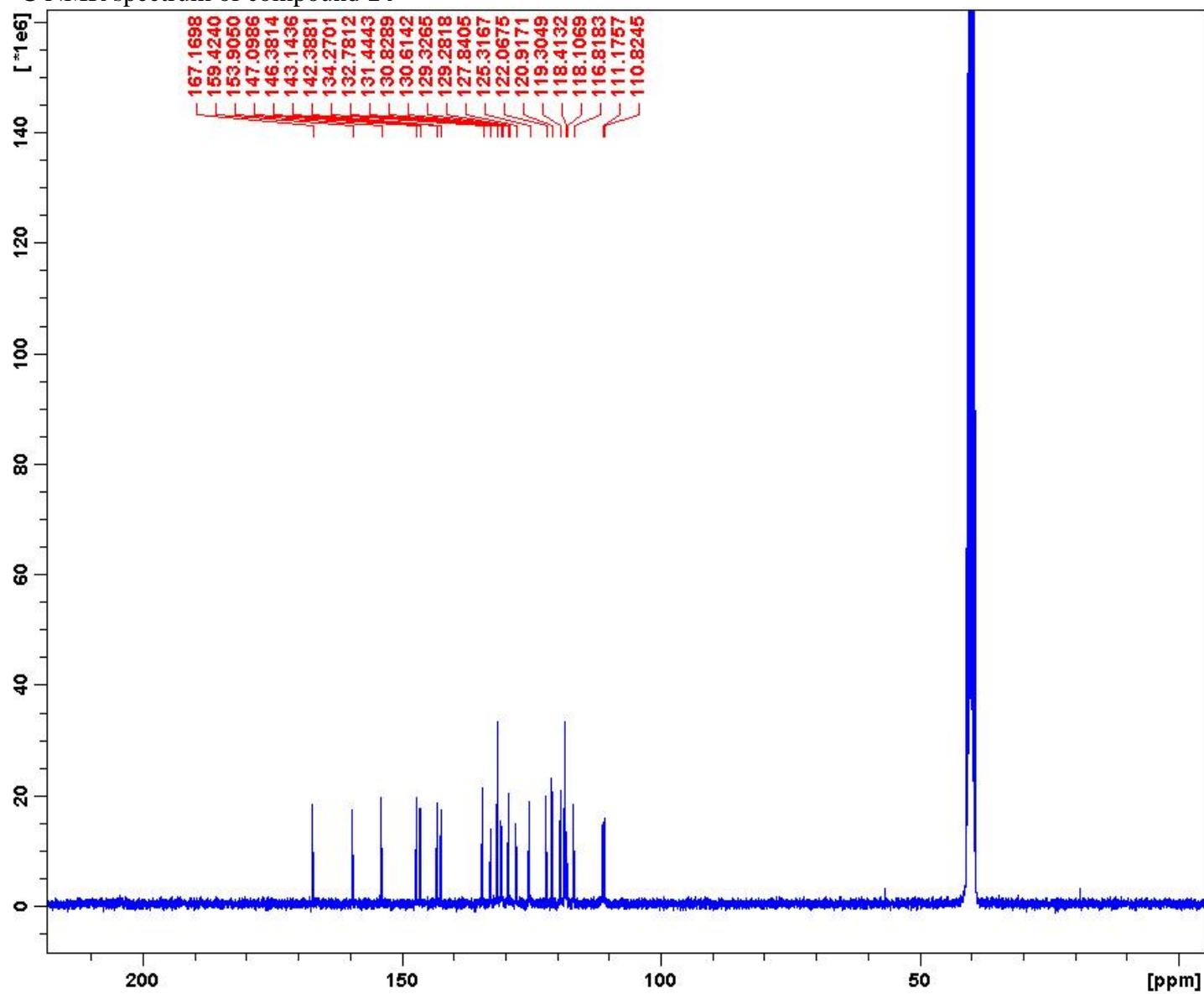


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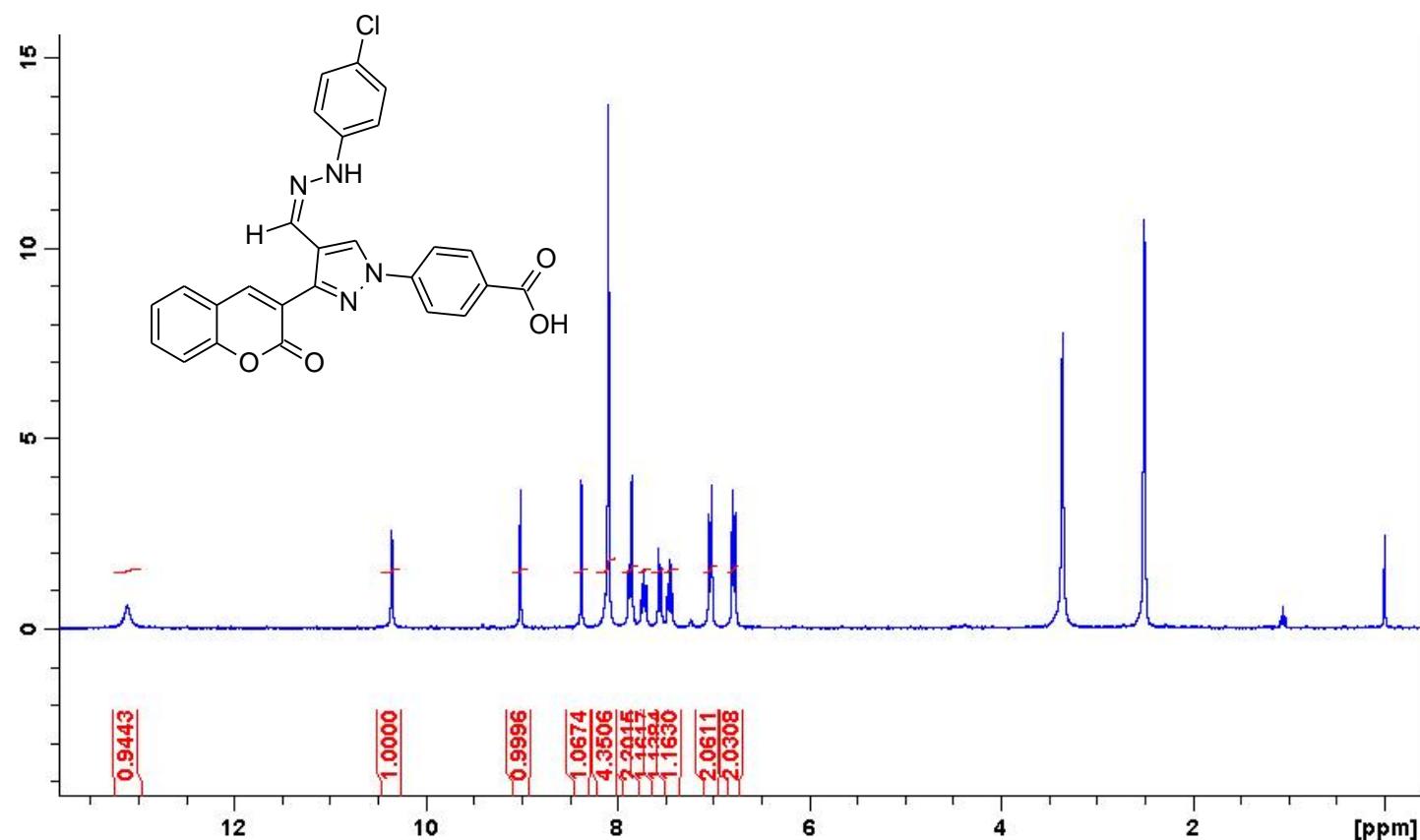


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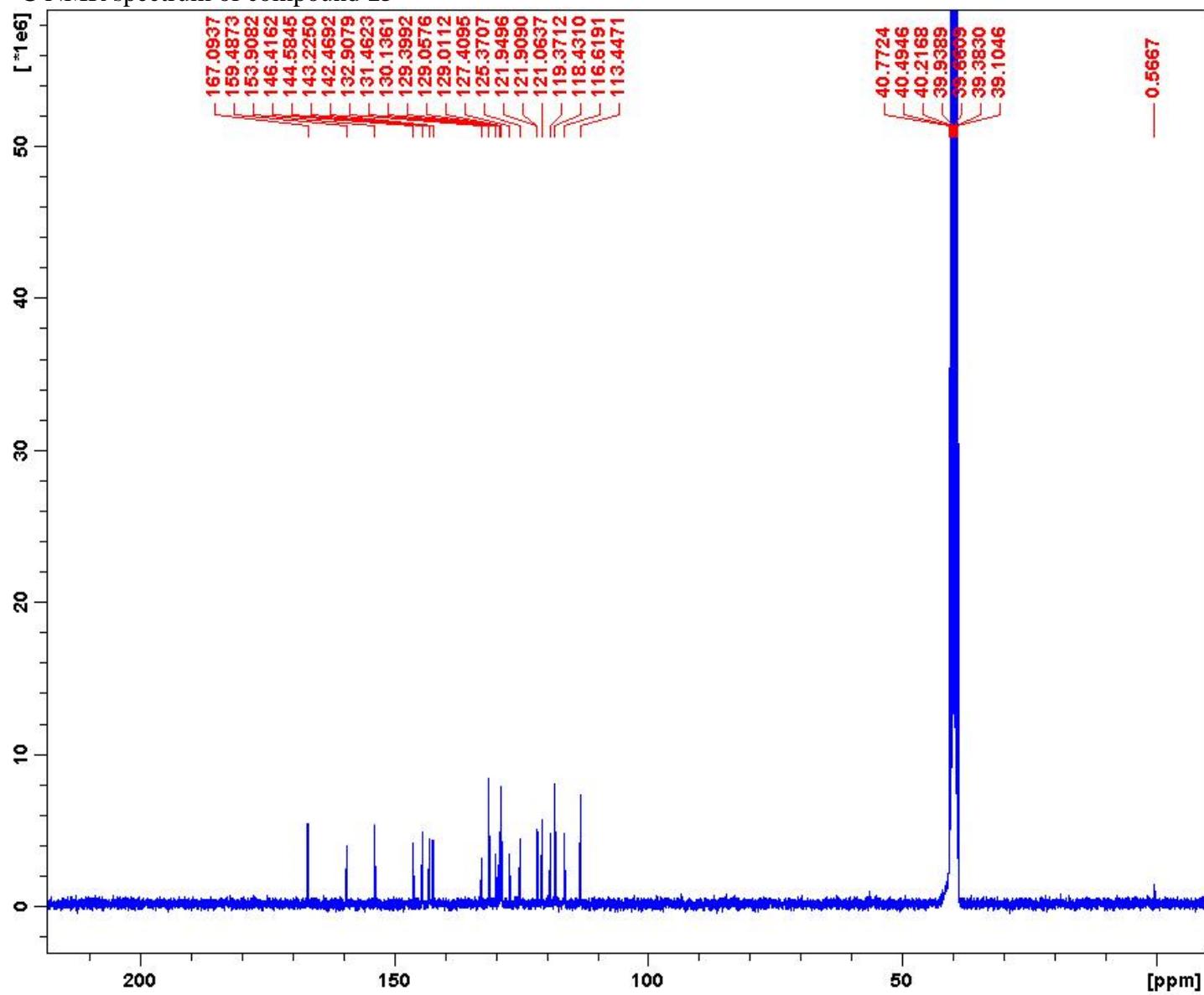


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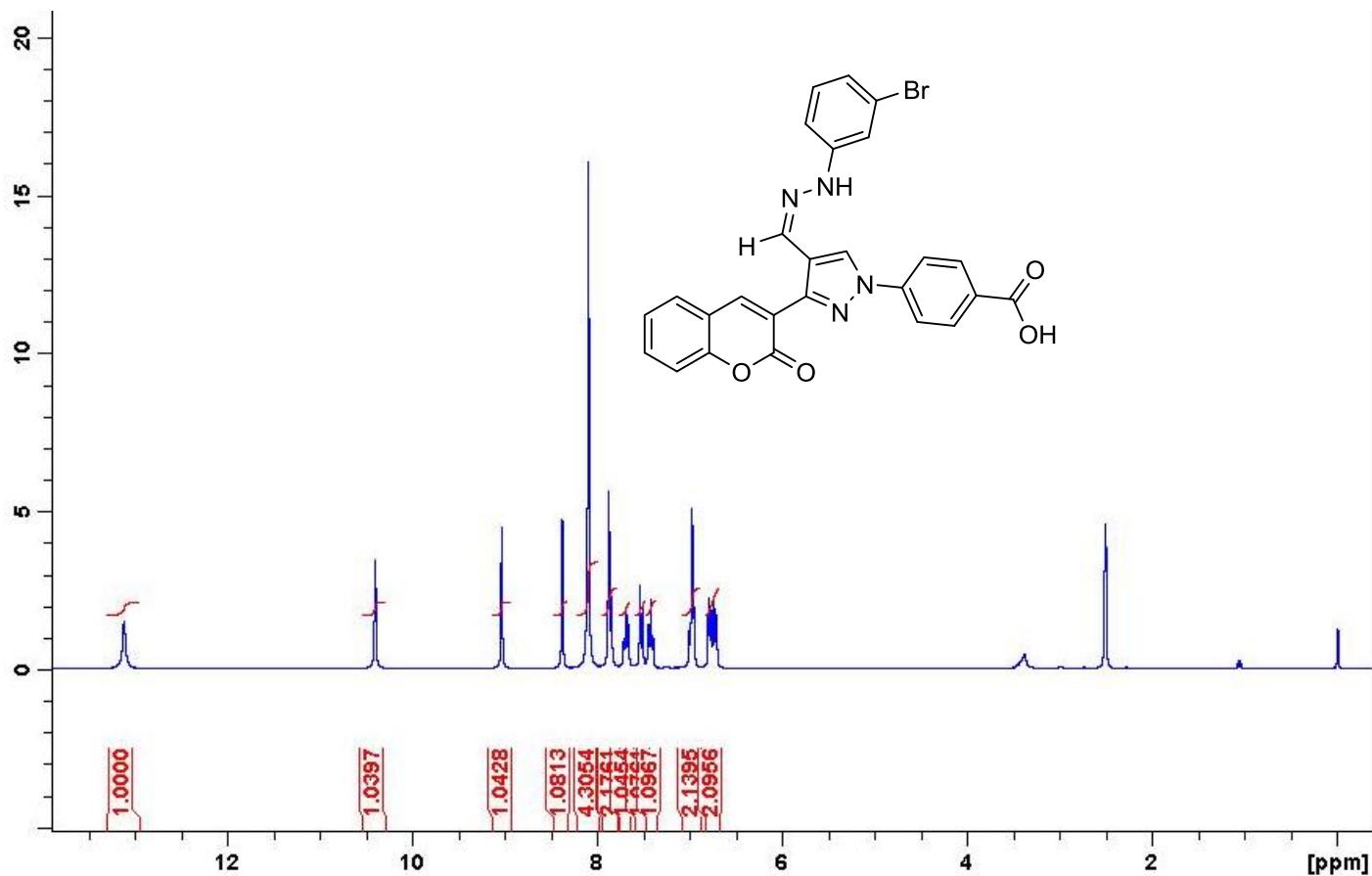
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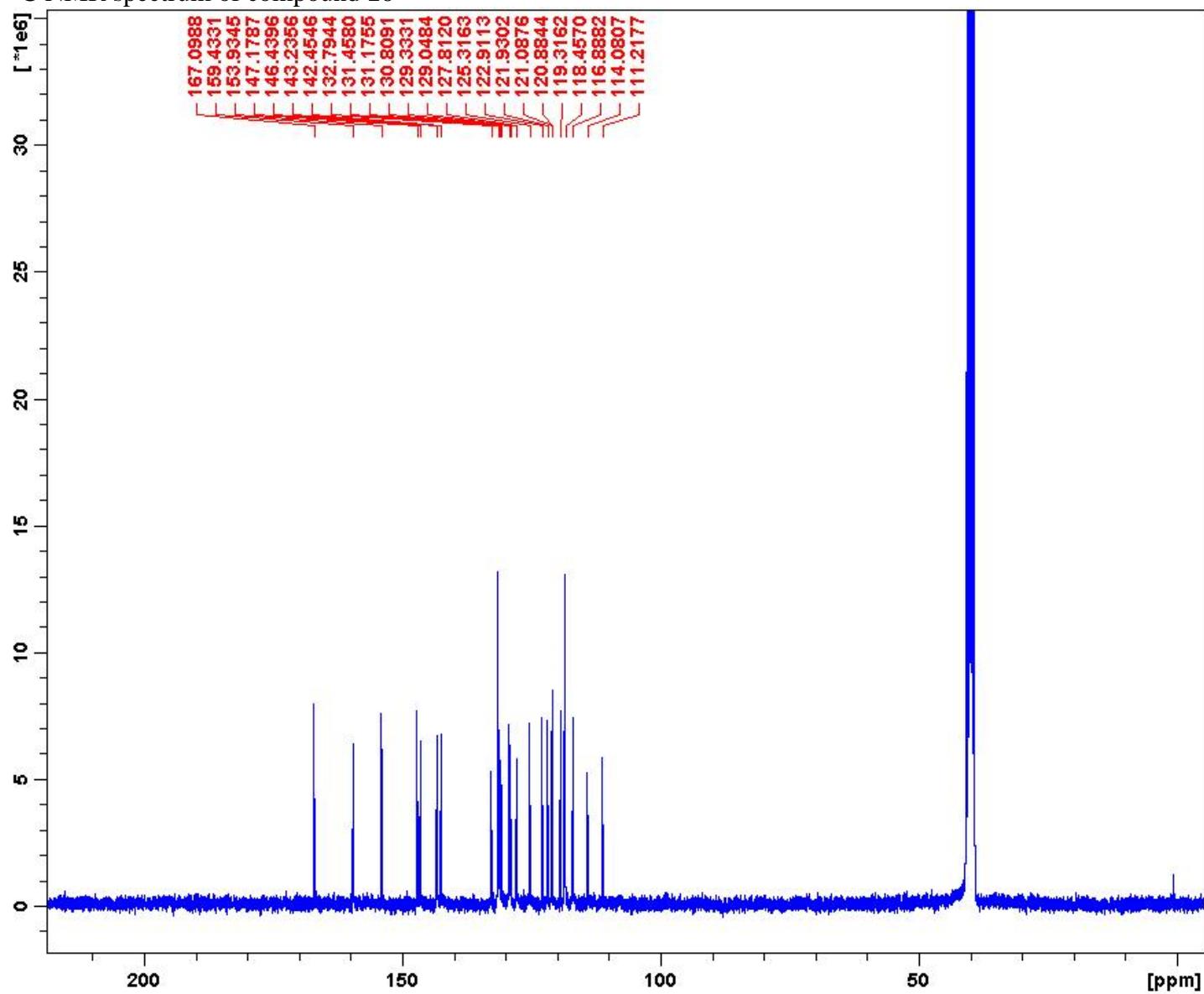
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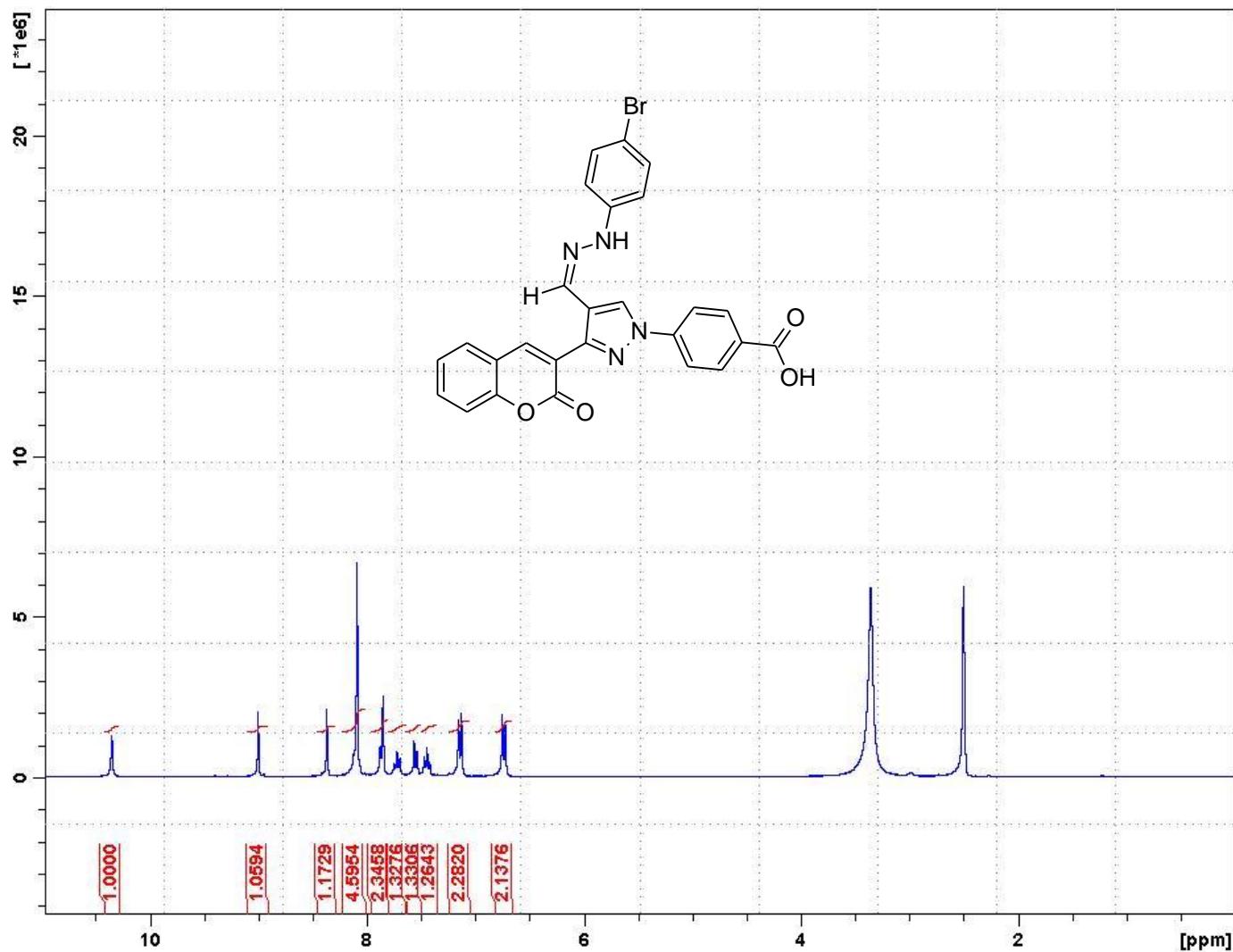
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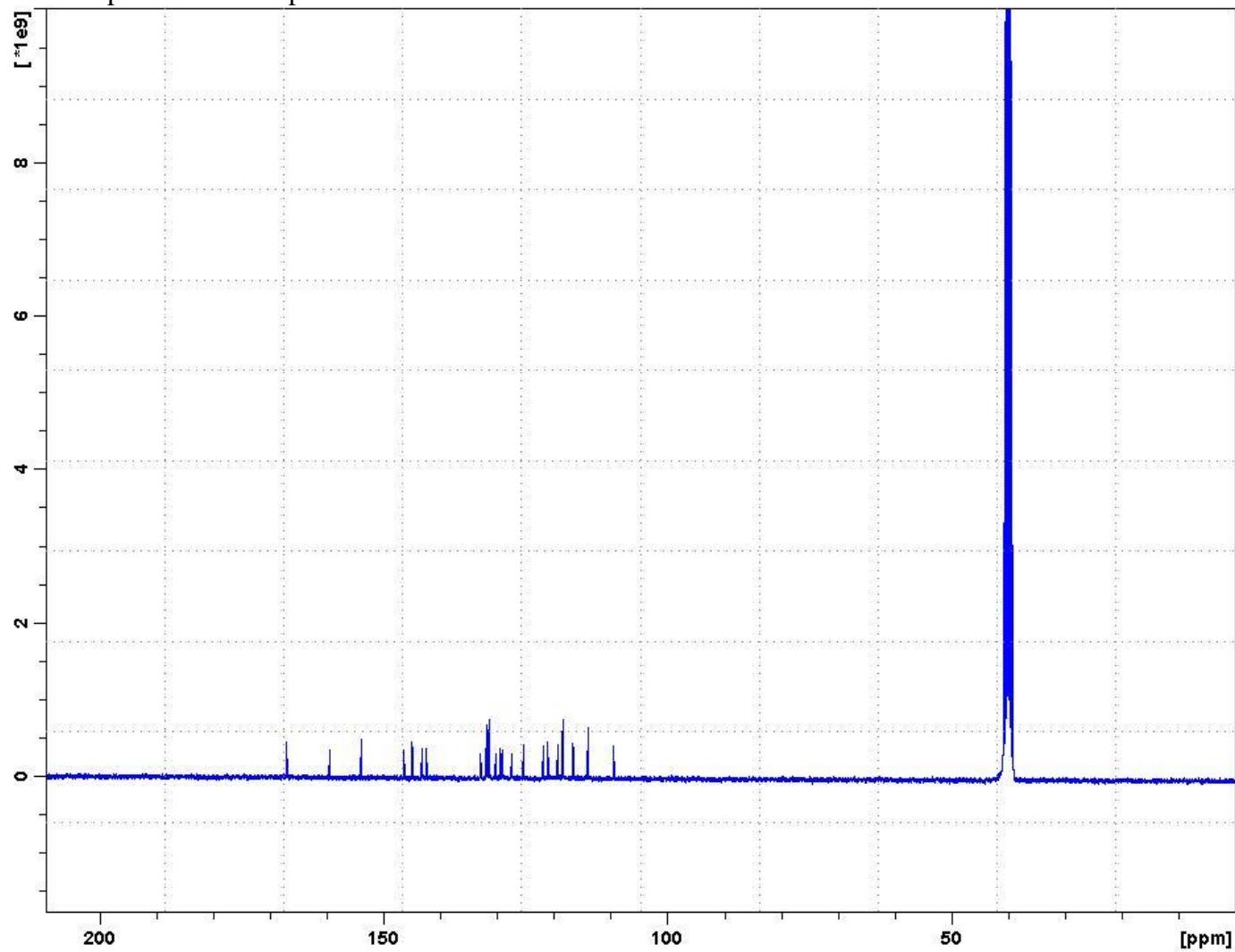
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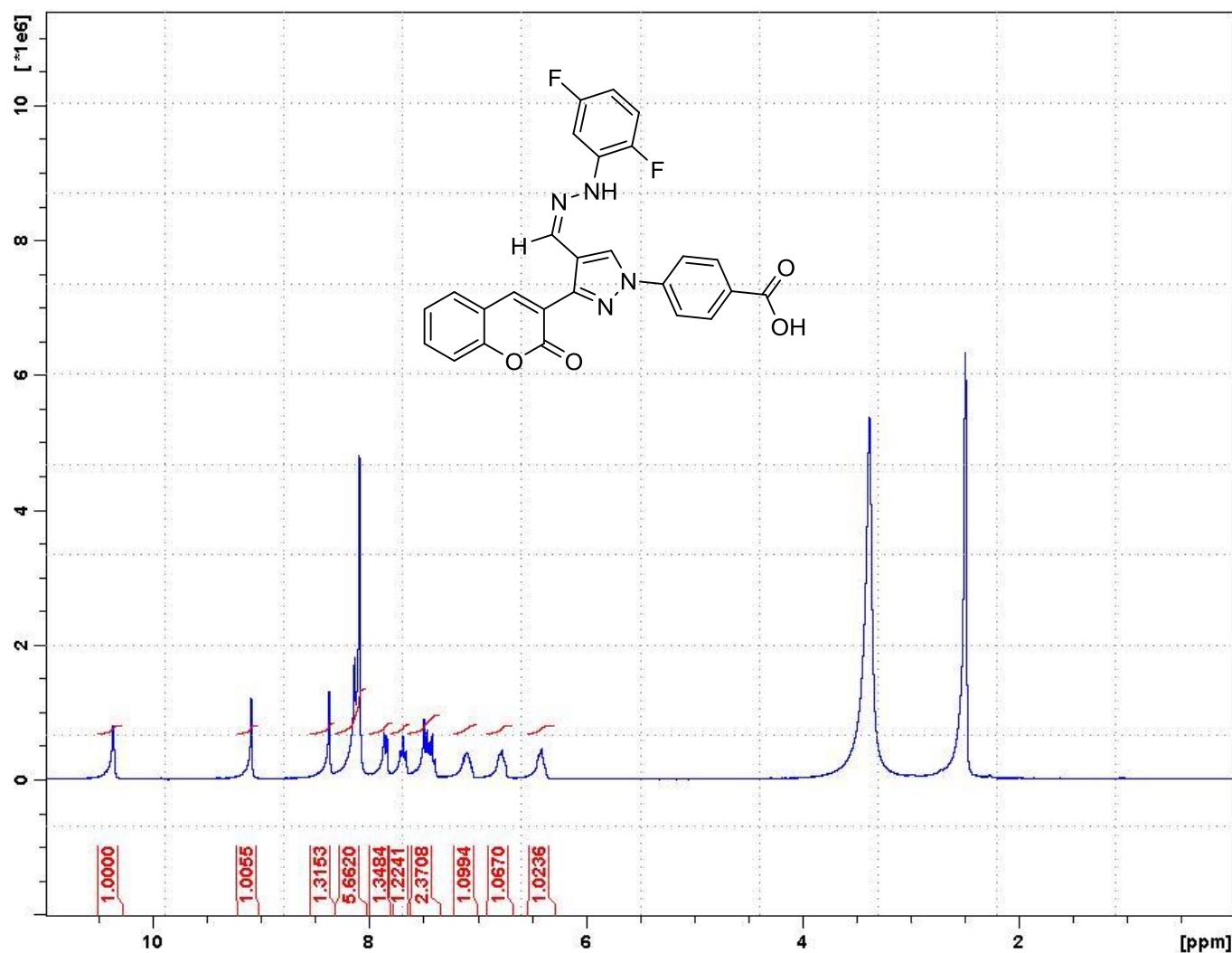


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **17**

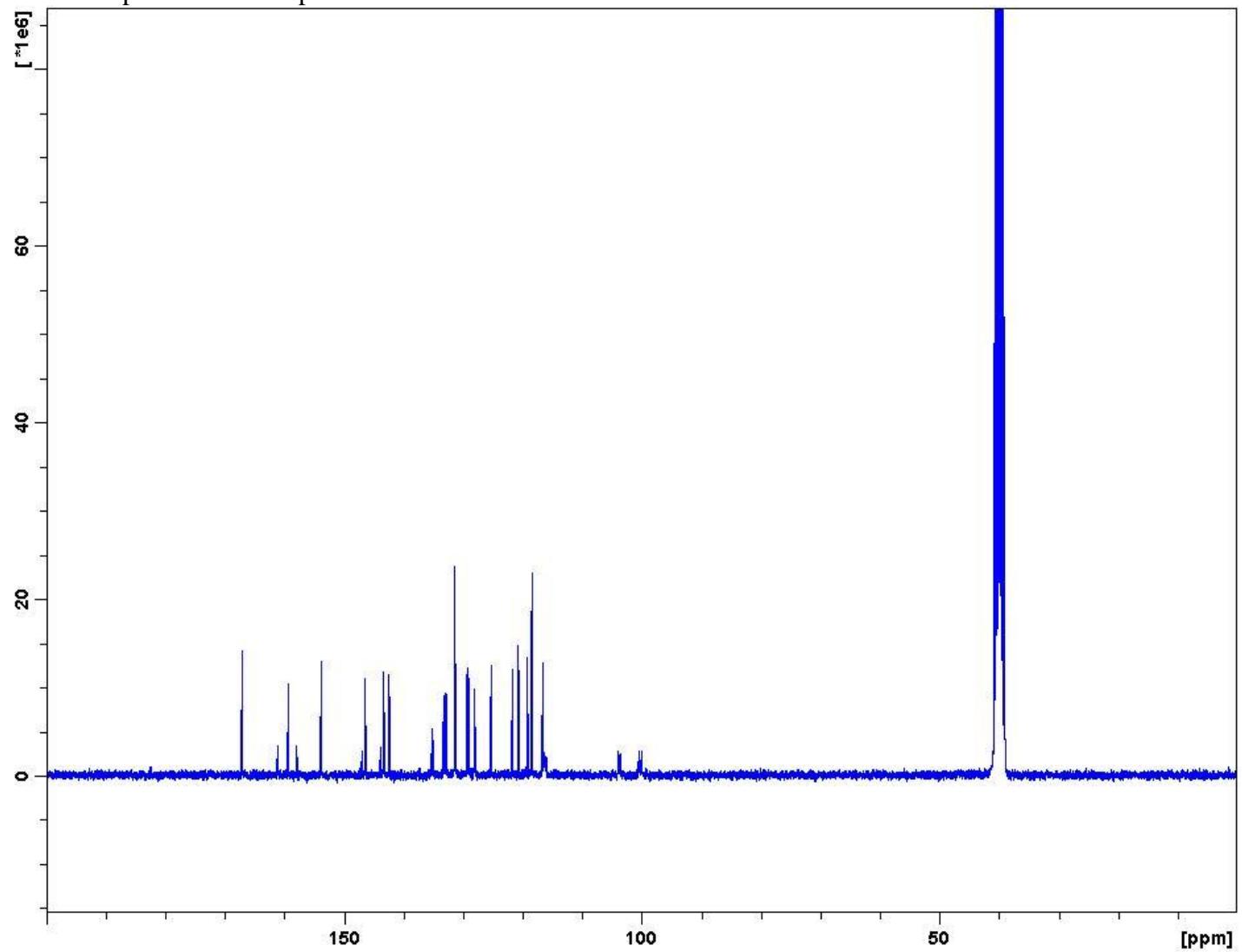


4-[4-[(E)-[(2,5-difluorophenyl)hydrazeno]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (18)

¹H NMR spectrum

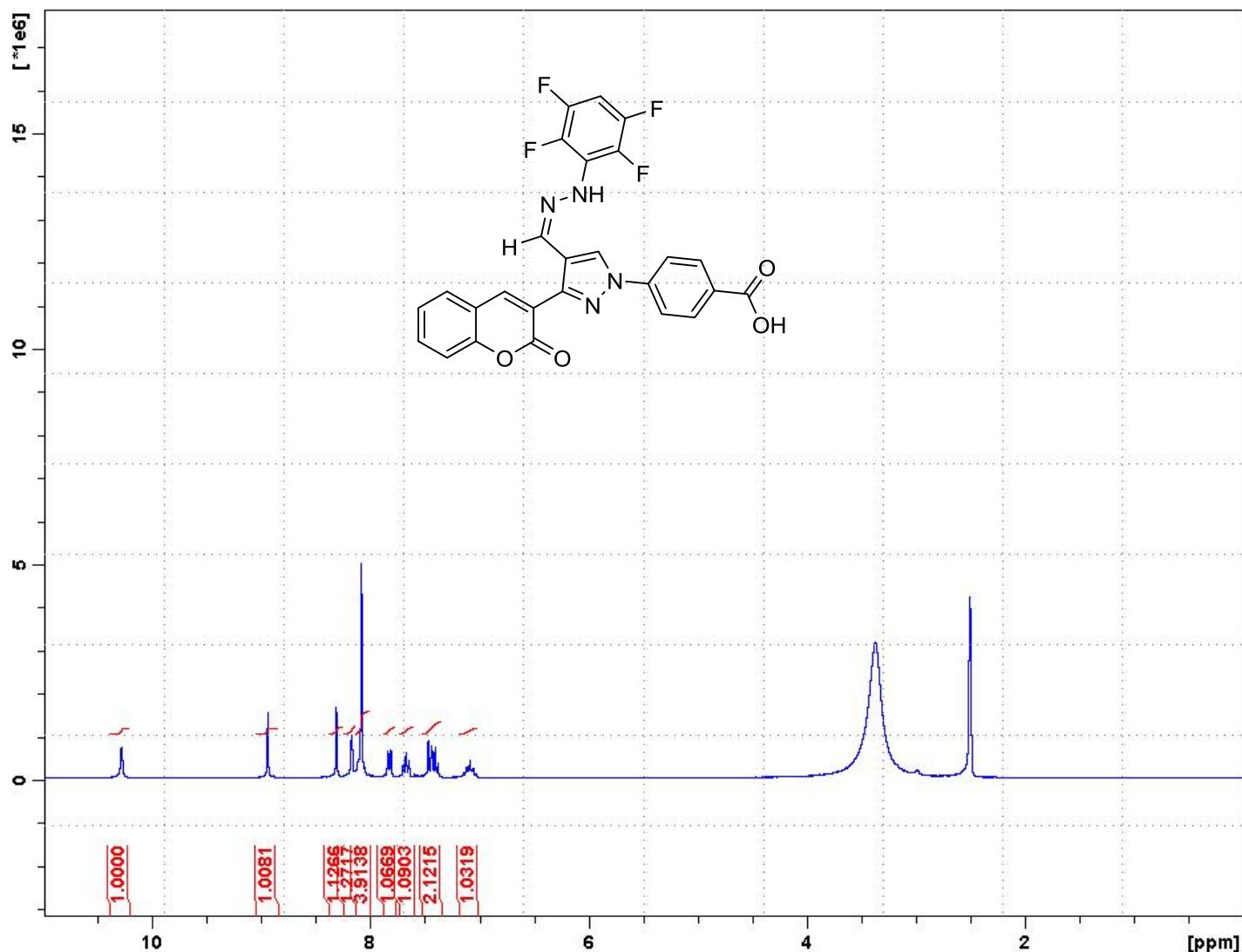


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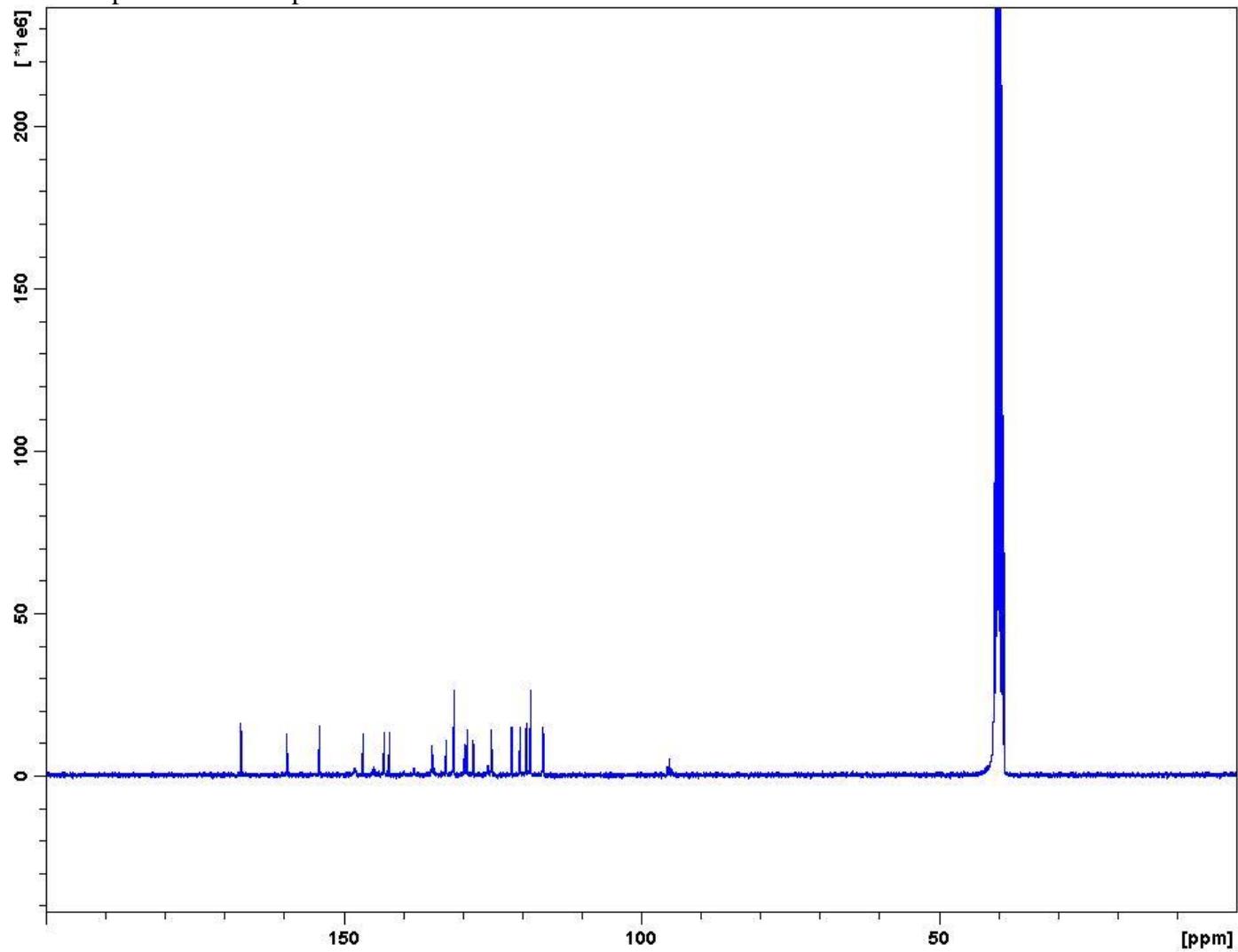


**4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-[(2,3,5,6-tetrafluorophenyl)hydrazono]methyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid
(19)**

¹H NMR spectrum

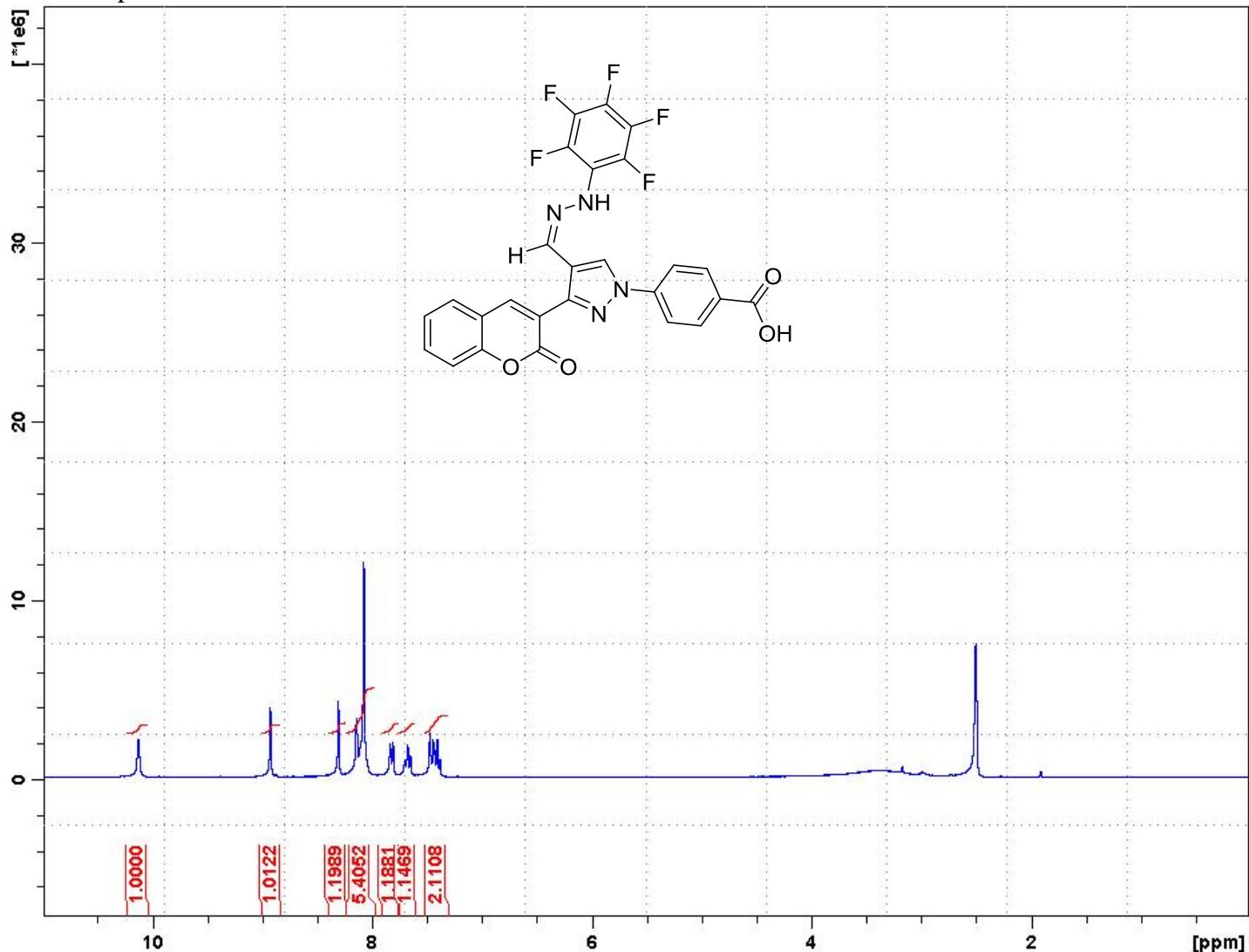


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **19**

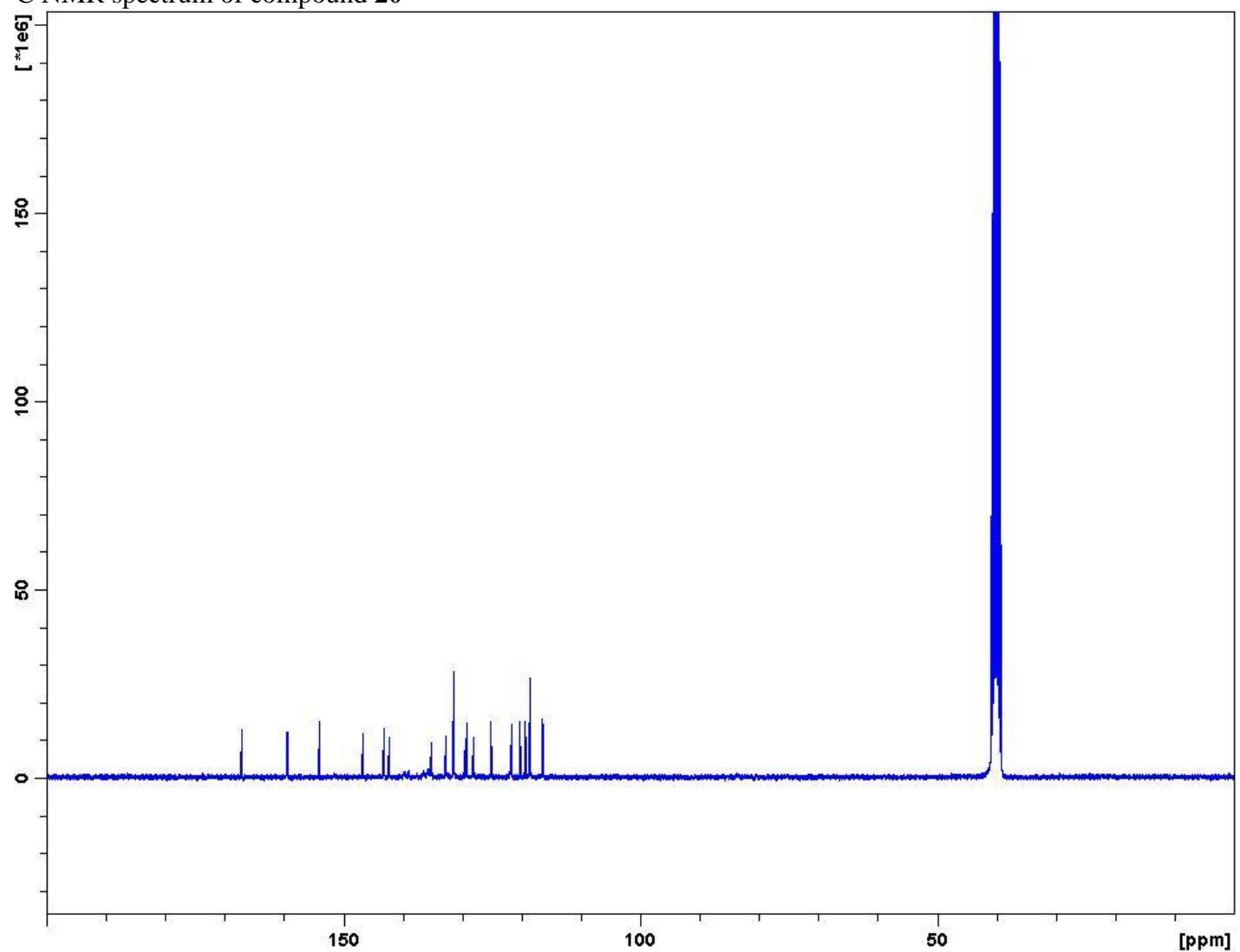


4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-[(2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophenyl)hydrazone]methyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (20)

¹H NMR spectrum

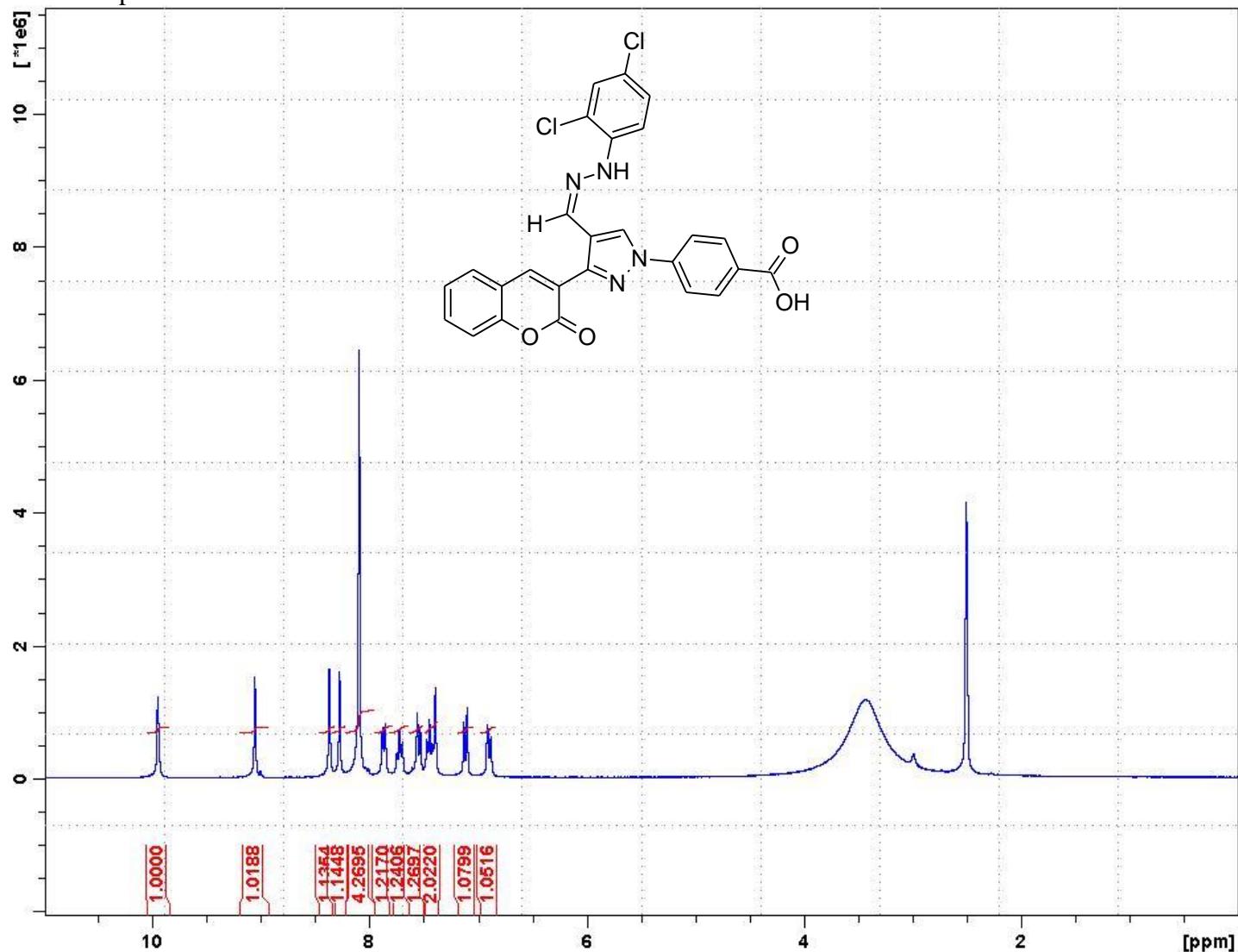


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **20**

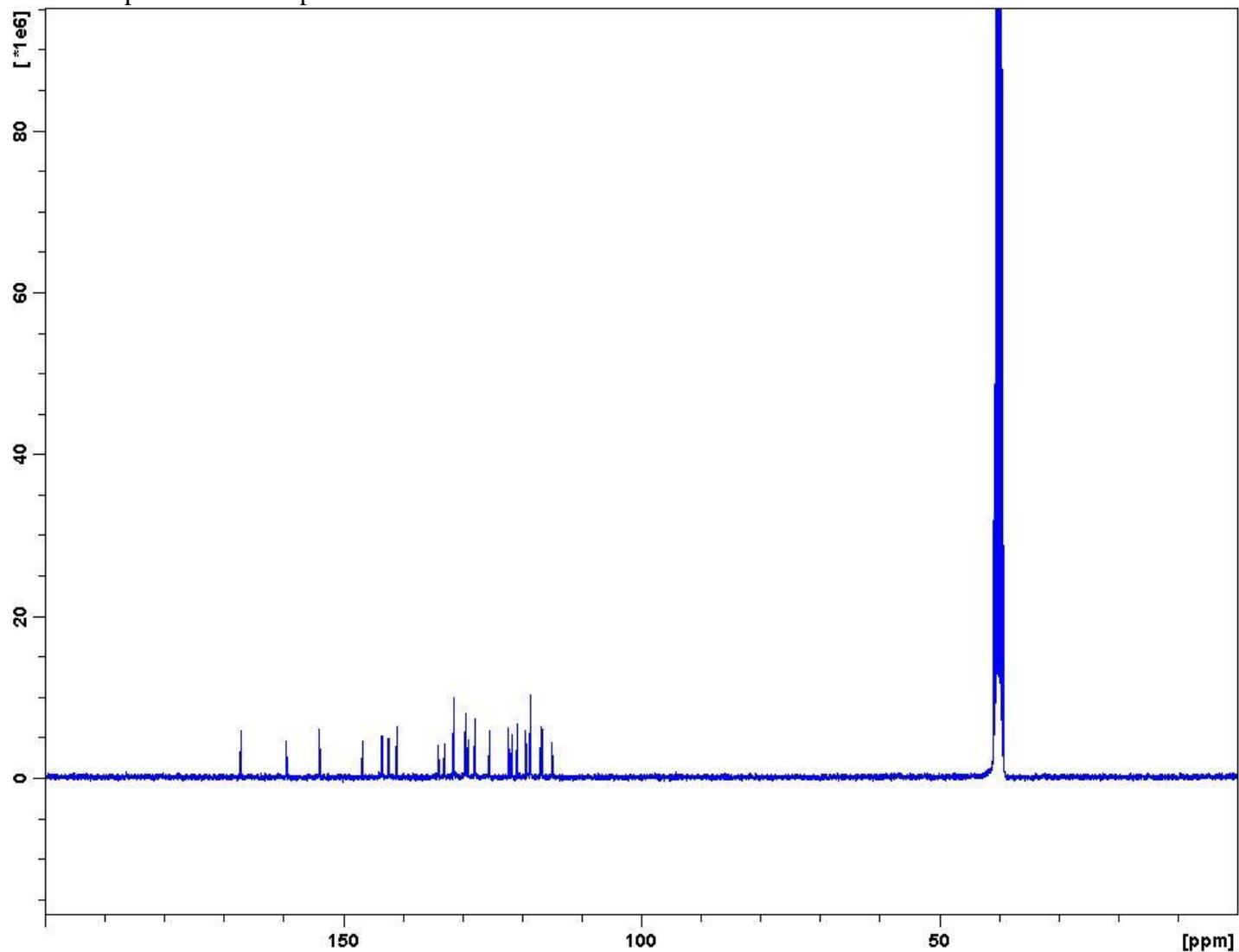


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¹H NMR spectrum

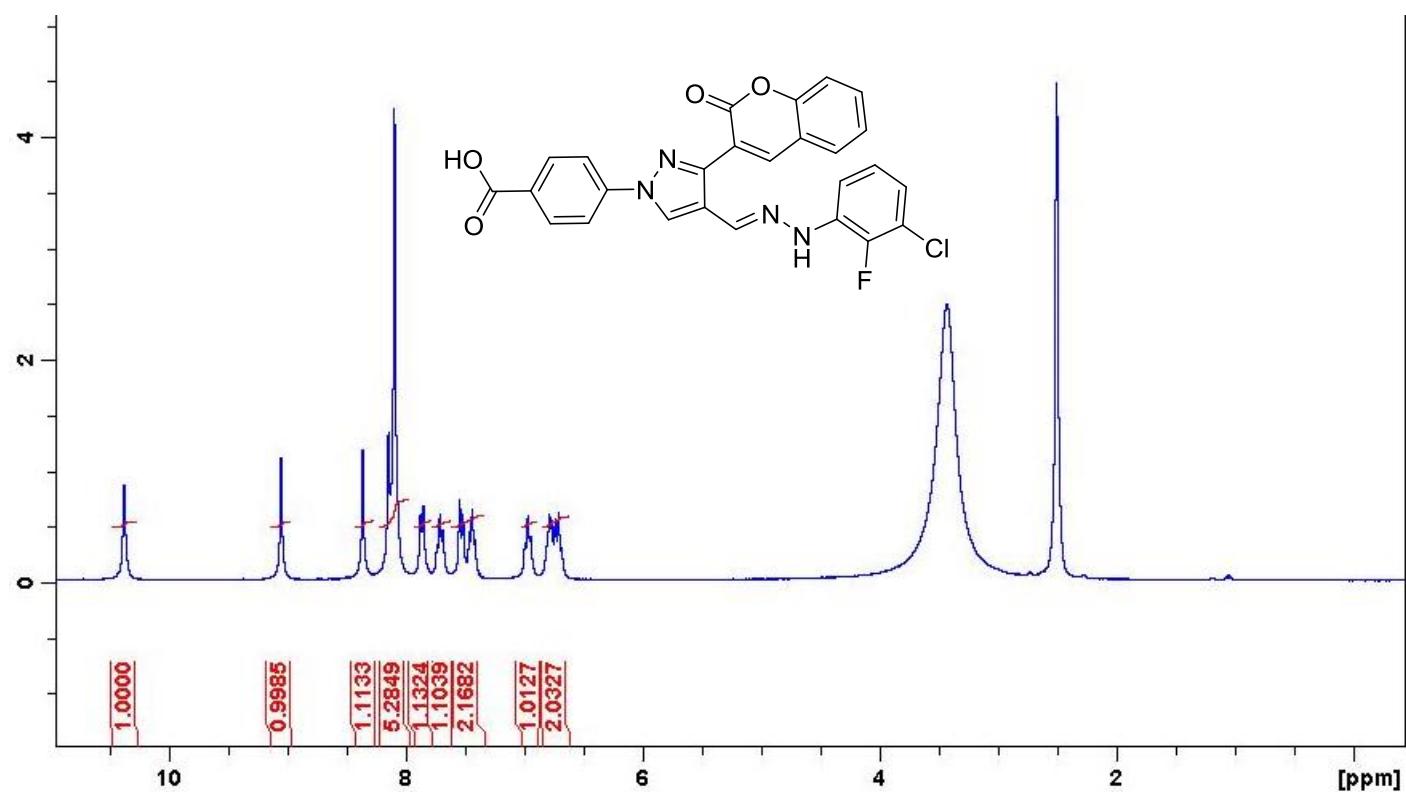


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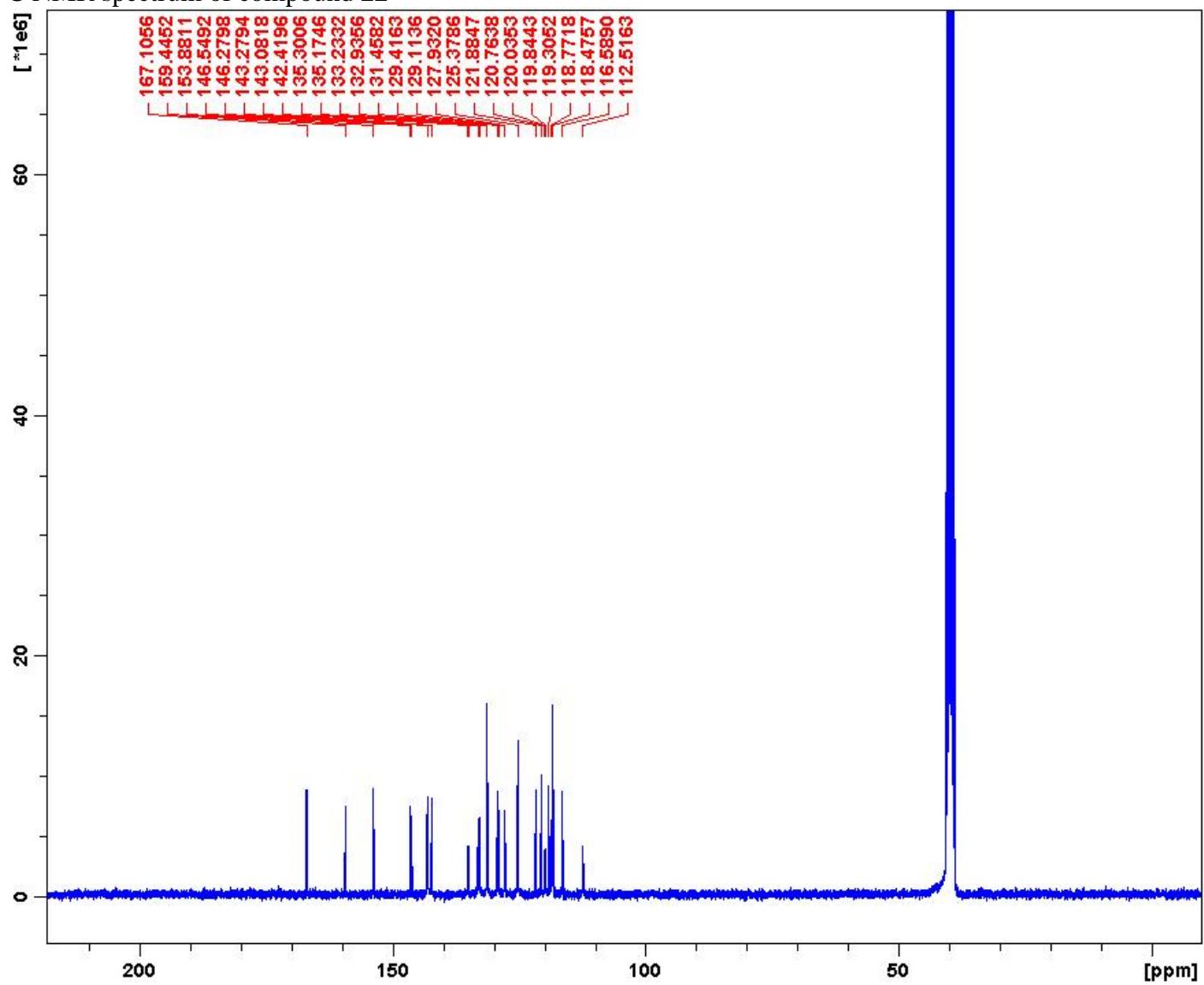


**4-[4-[(E)-[3-chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl]hydrazono]methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid
(22)**

¹H NMR spectrum

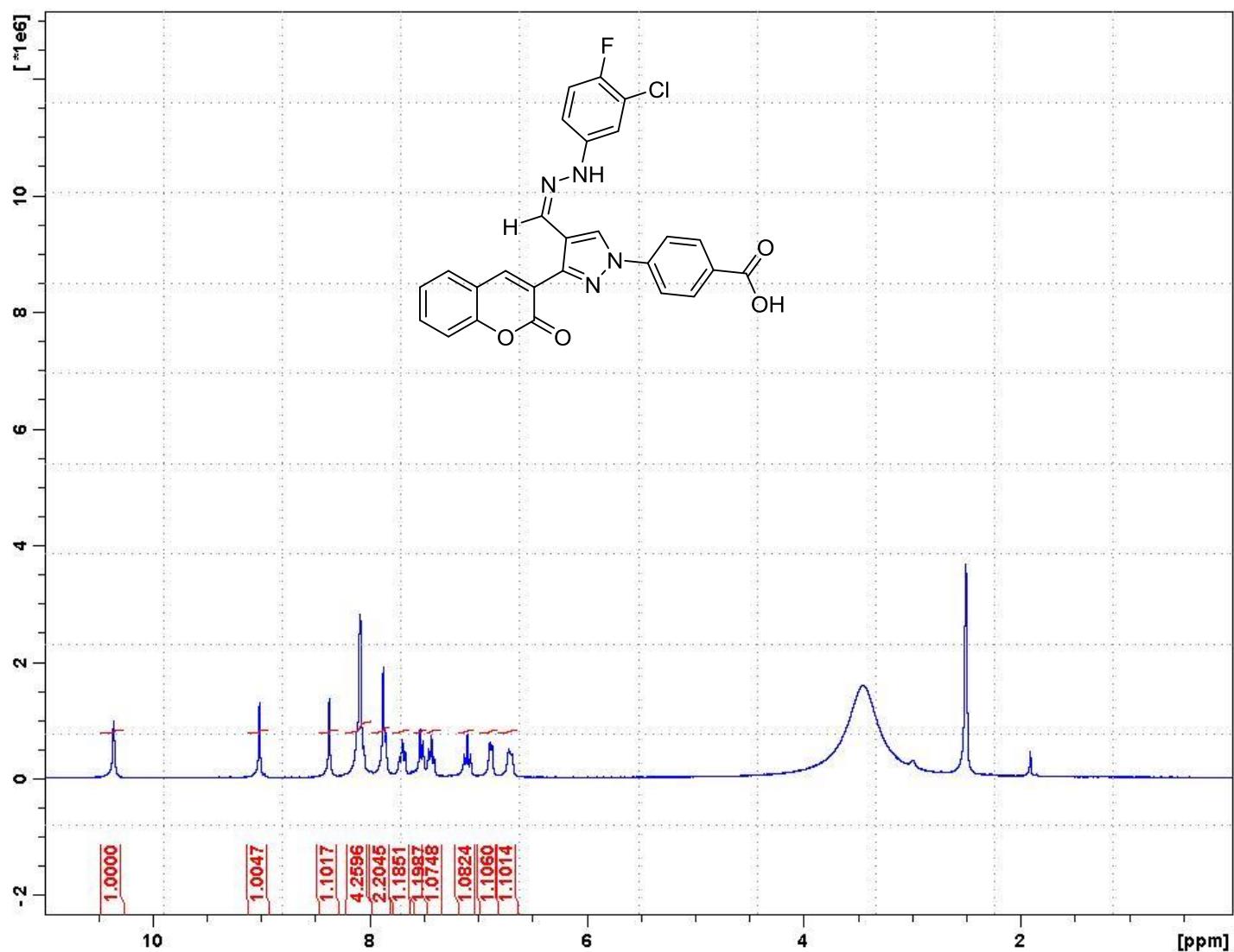


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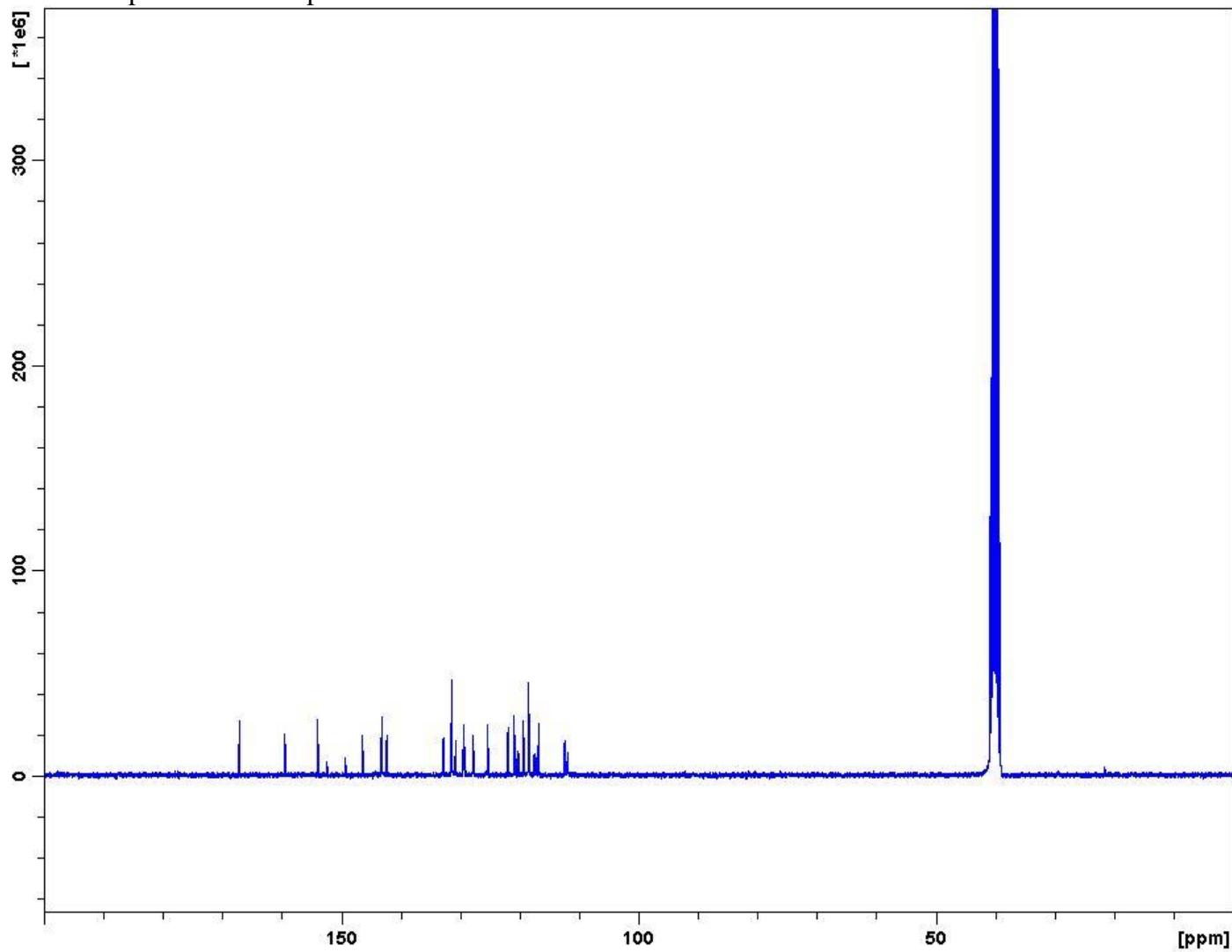


**4-[4-[(E)-[3-chloro-4-fluoro-phenyl]hydrazone)methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid
(23)**

¹H NMR spectrum

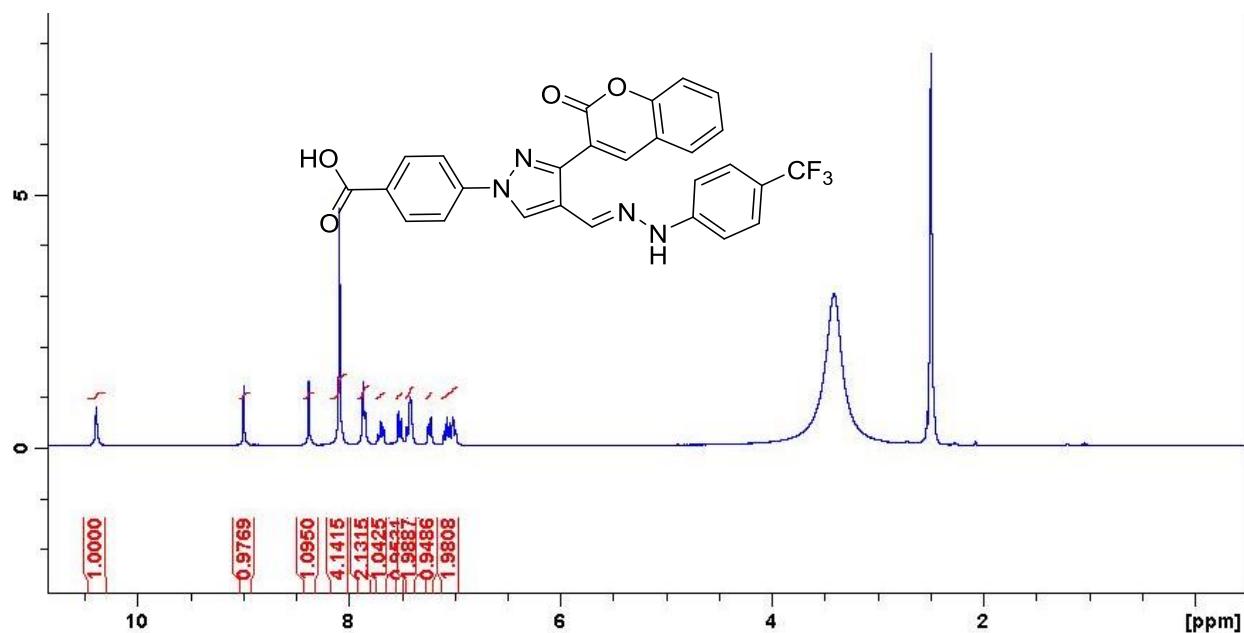


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **23**

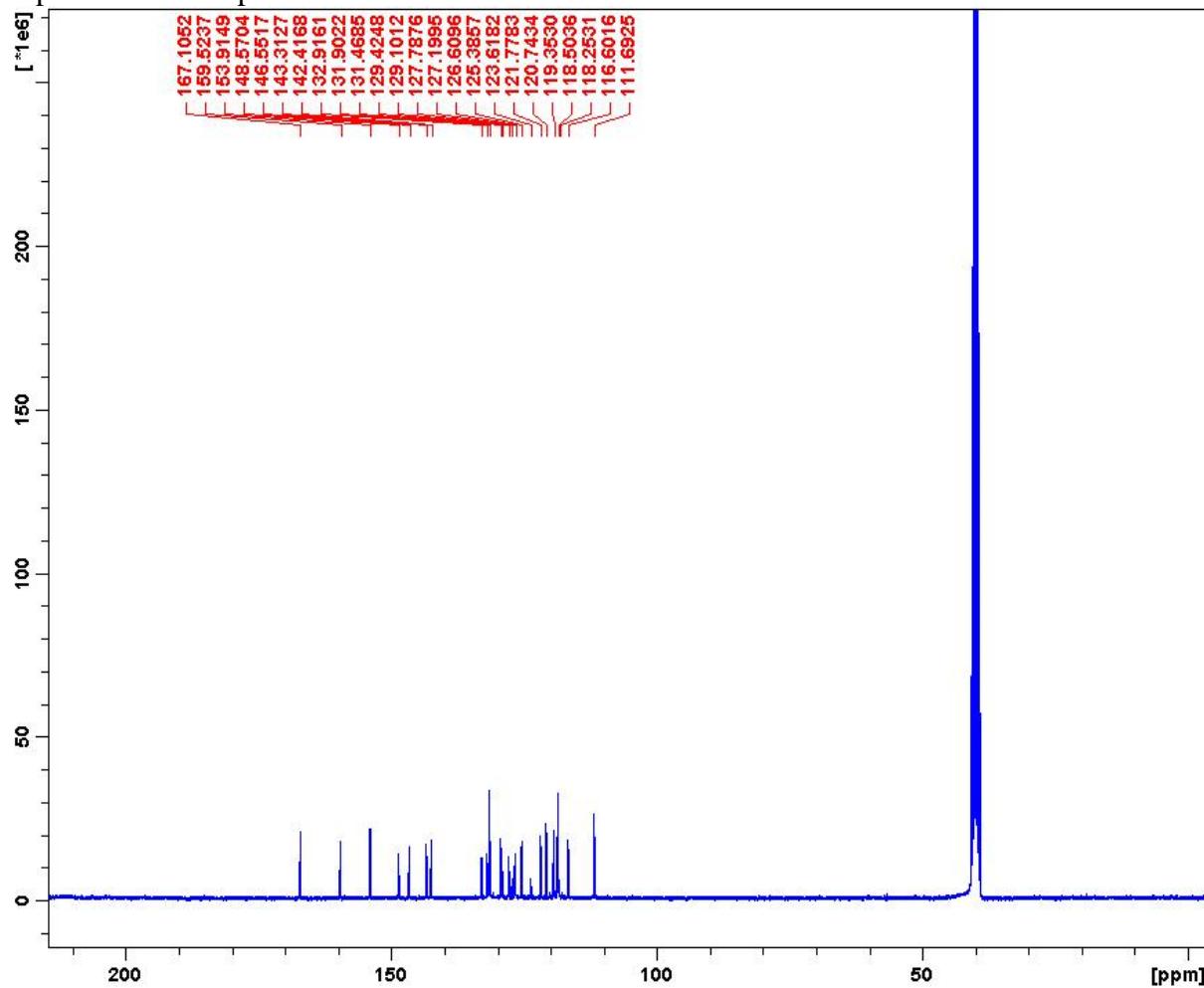


**4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-[[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]hydrazono)methyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid
(24)**

¹H NMR spectrum

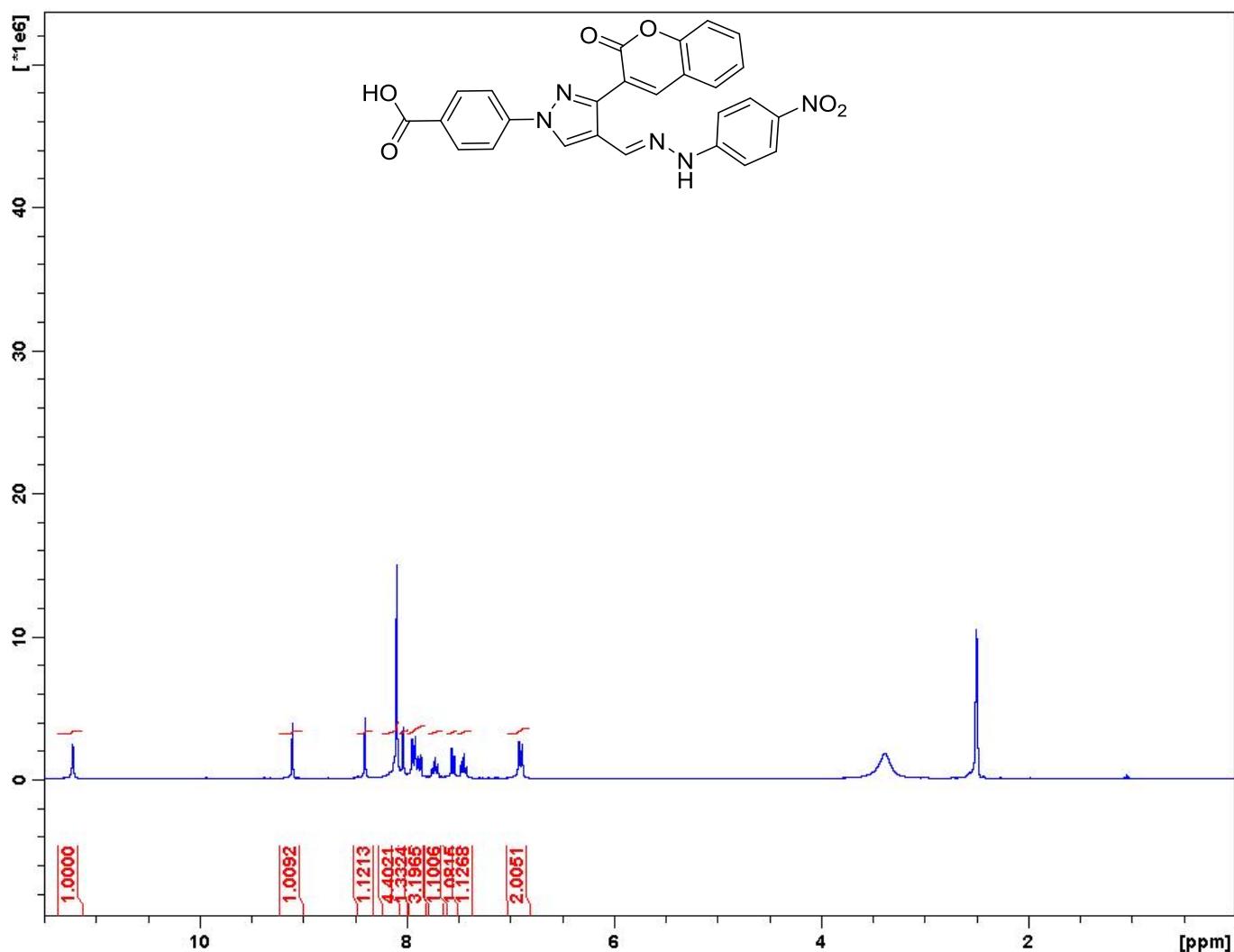


¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **24**

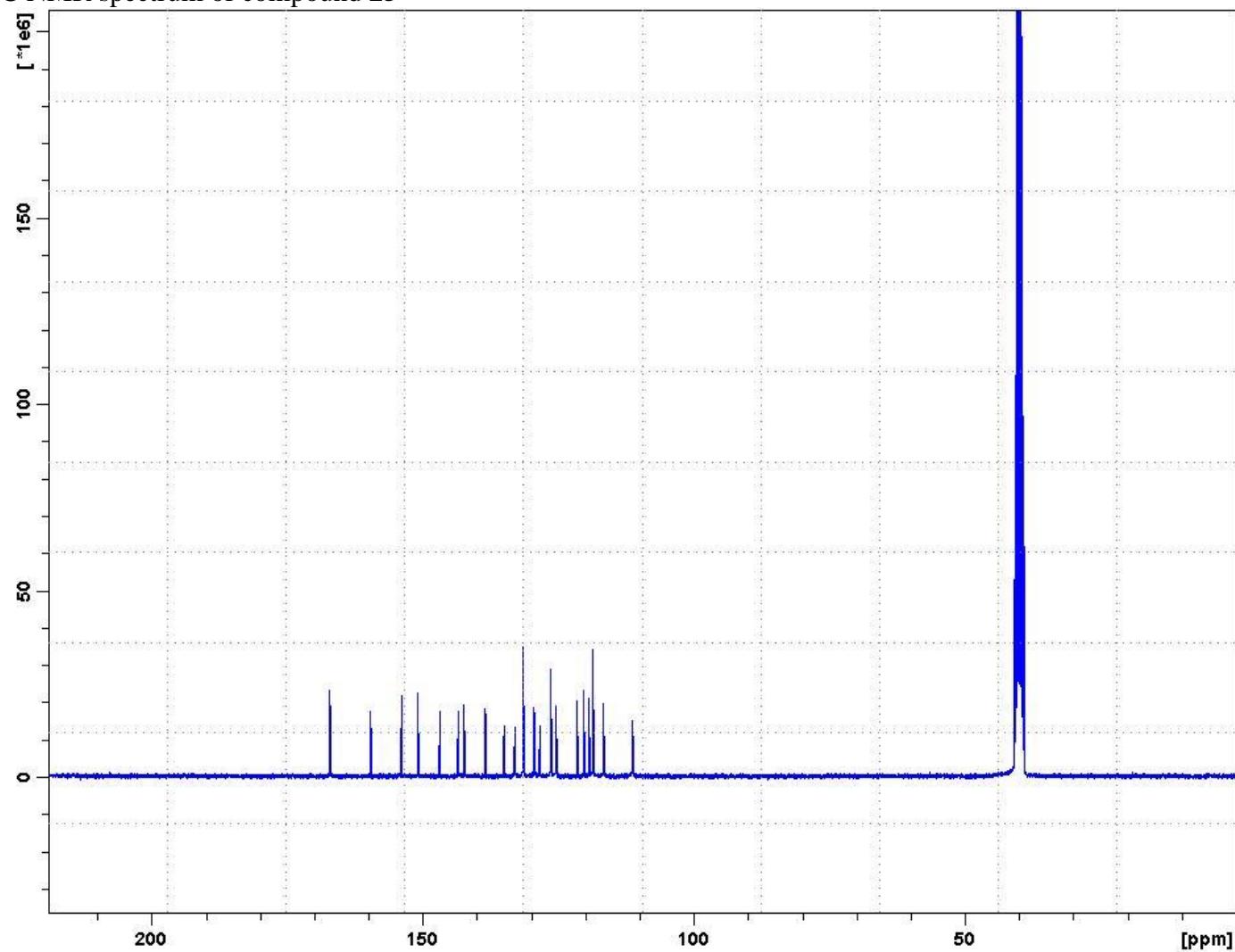


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¹H NMR spectrum

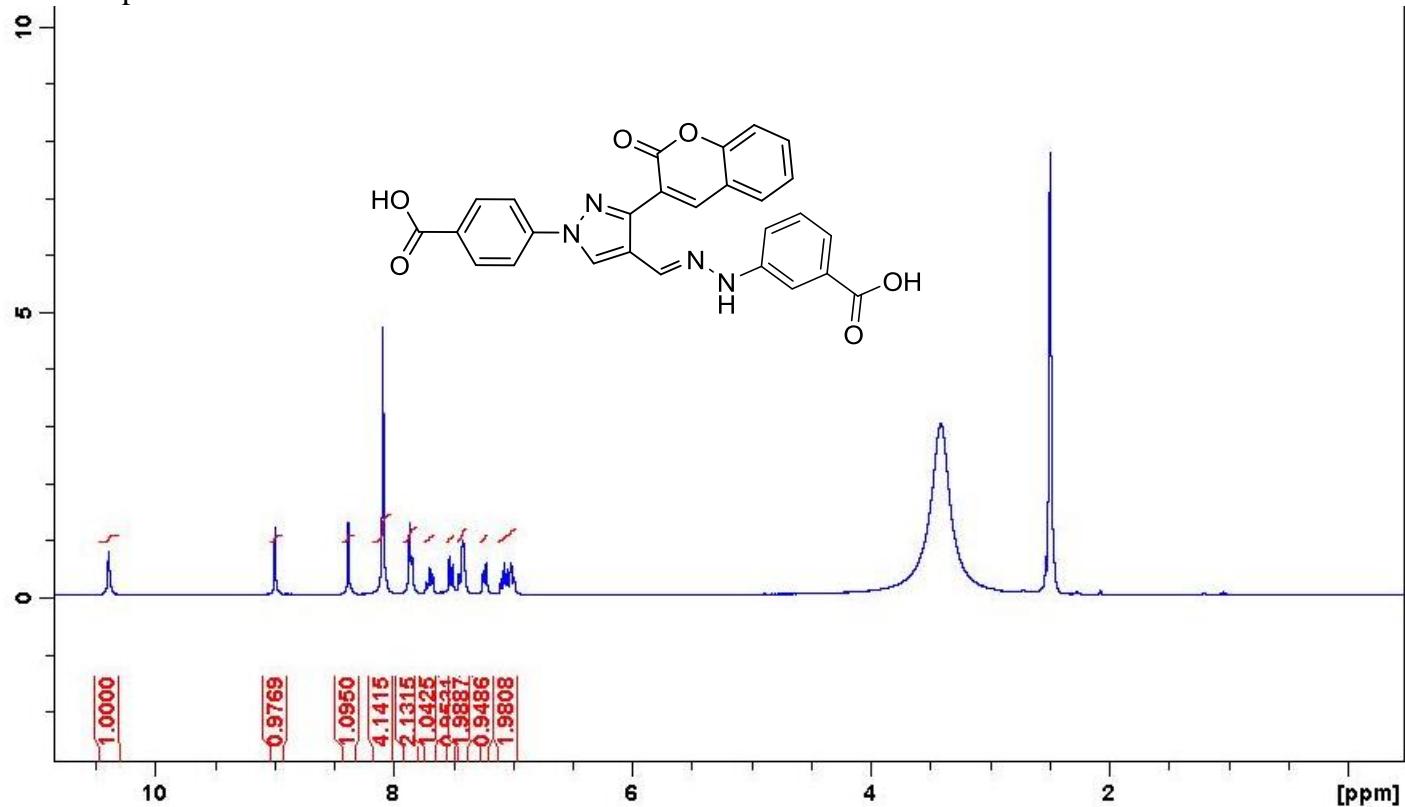


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 25

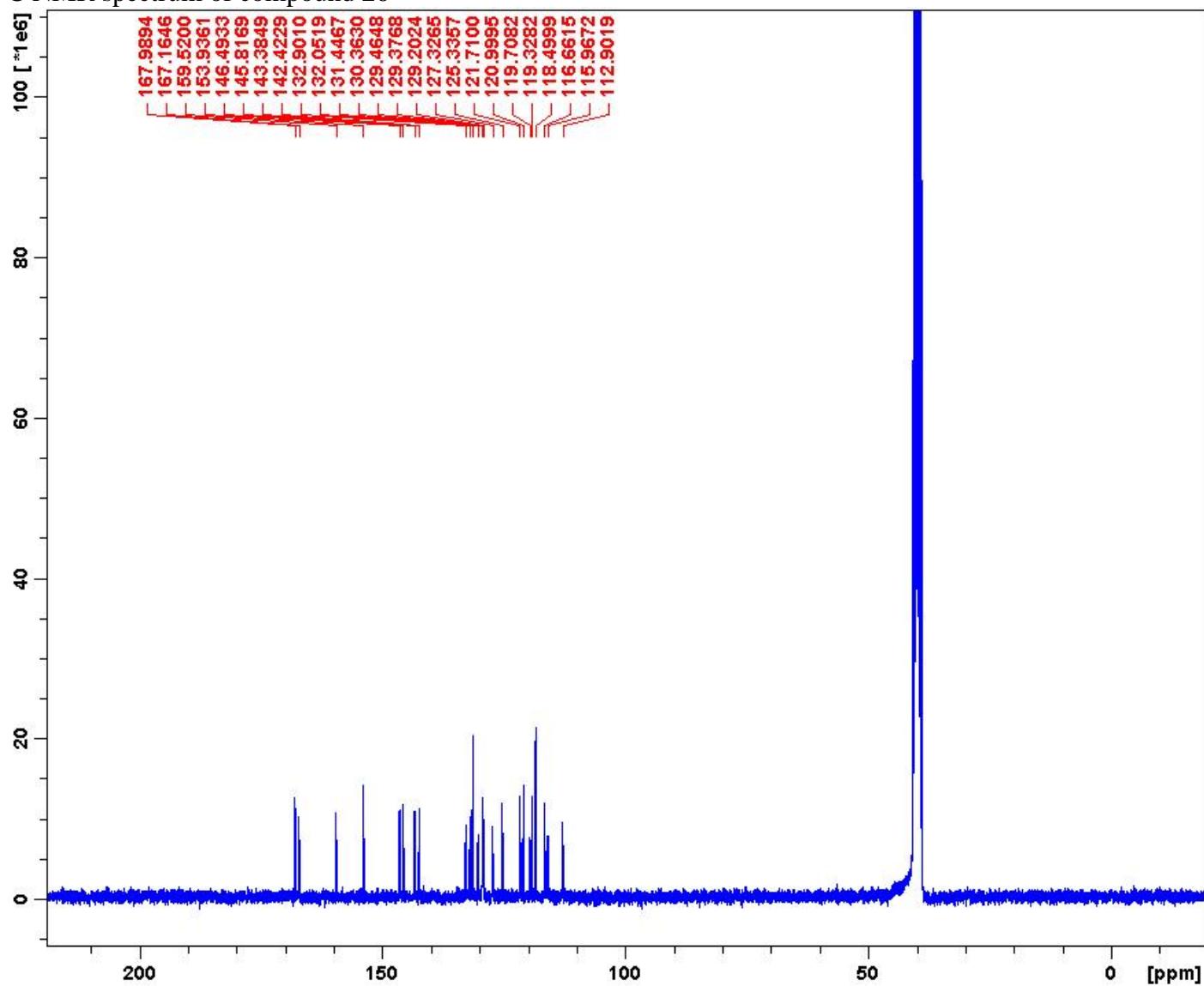


**4-[$(2E)$ -2-[[1-(4-carboxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-4-yl]methylene]hydrazino]benzoic acid
(26)**

^1H NMR spectrum

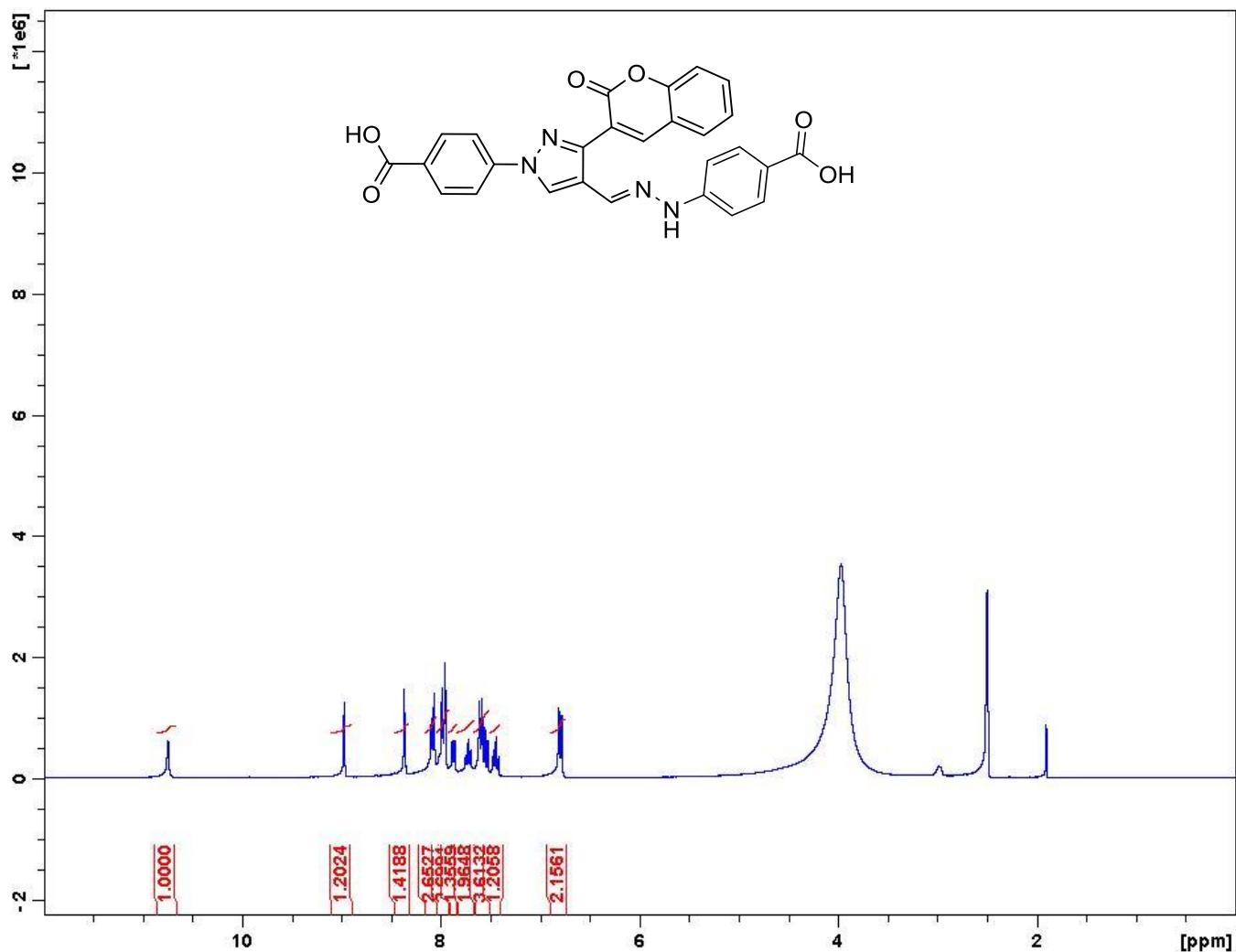


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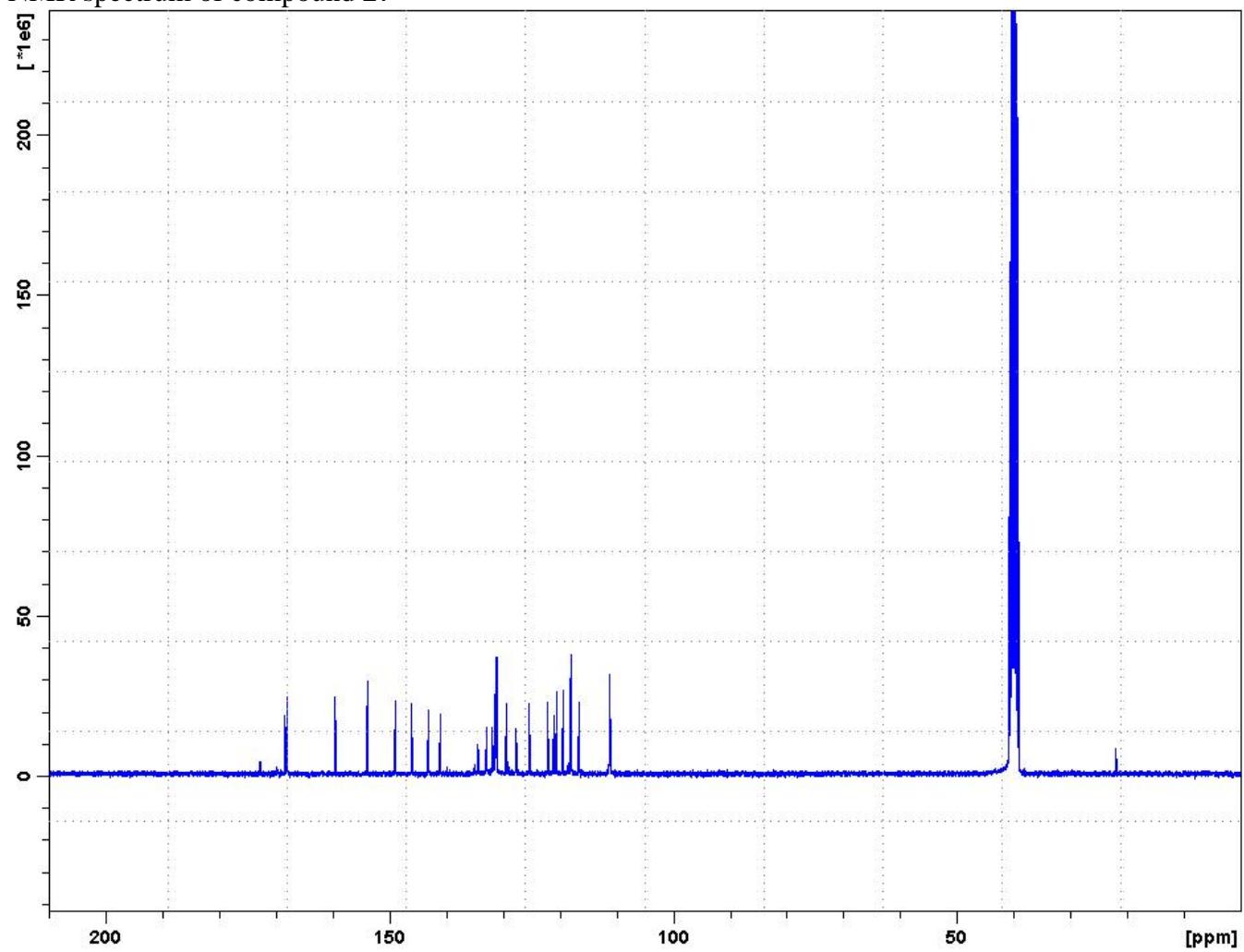


**4-[(2E)-2-[[1-(4-carboxyphenyl)-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-4-yl]methylene]hydrazino]benzoic acid
(27)**

¹H NMR spectrum

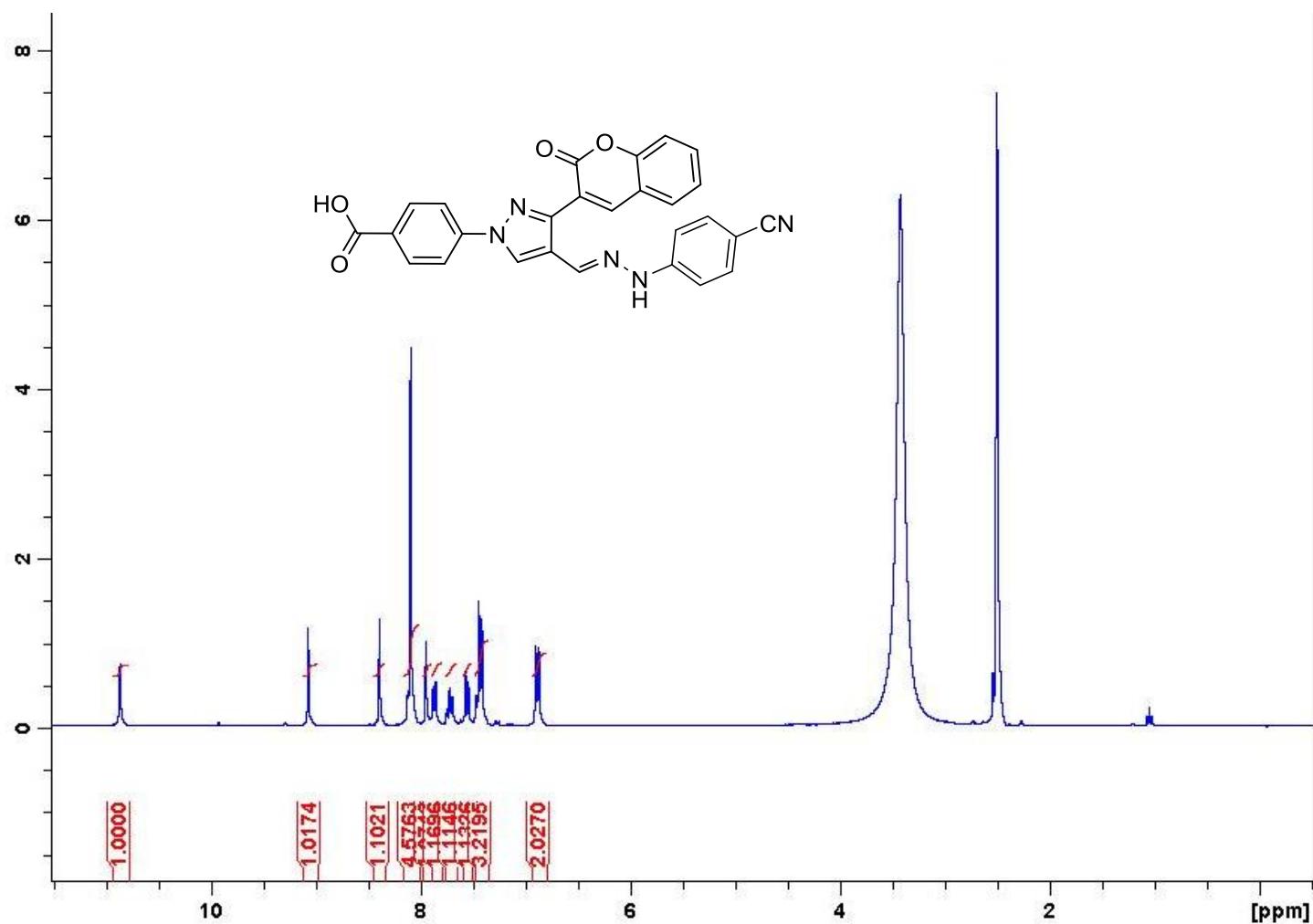


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 27

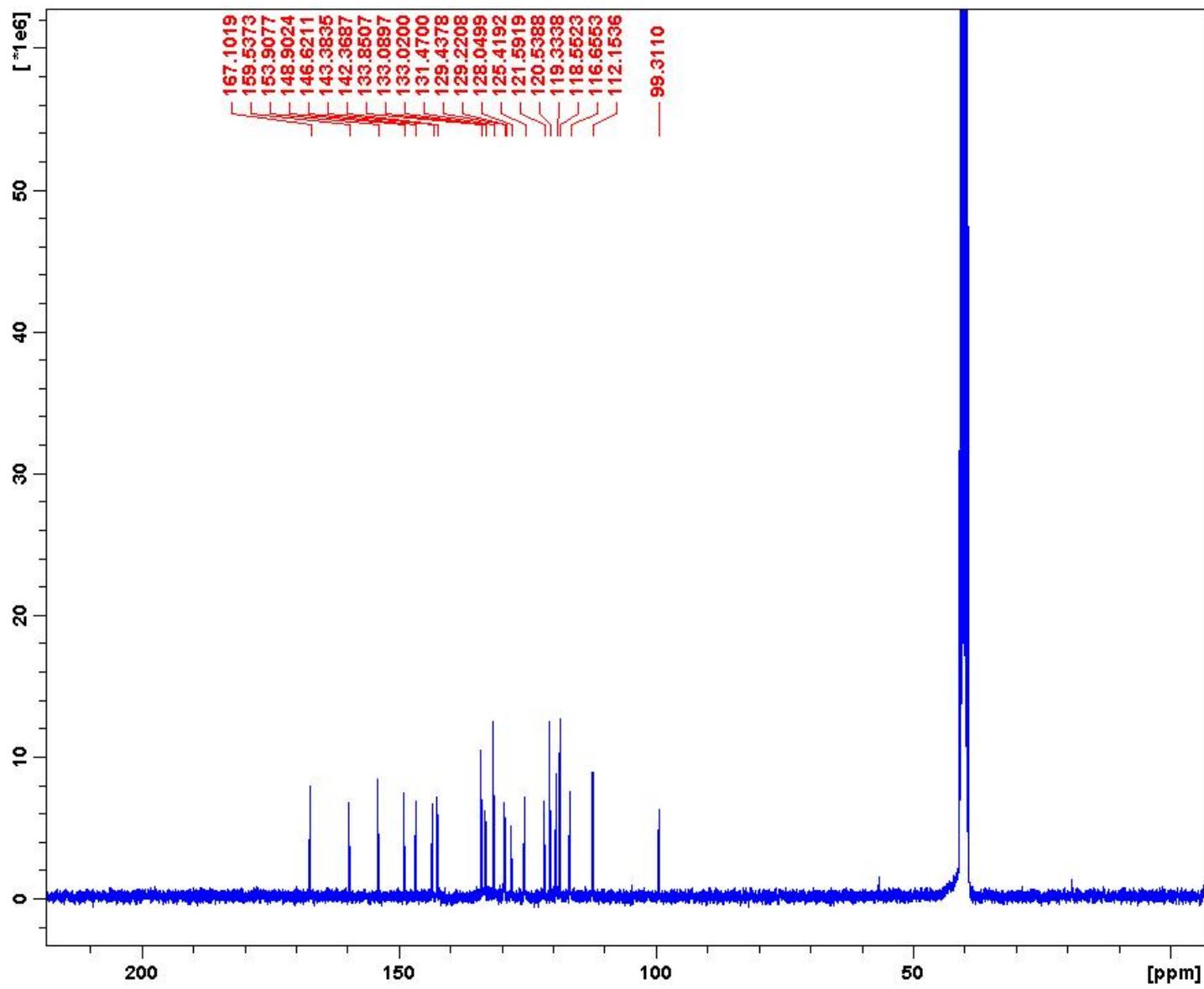


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¹H NMR spectrum

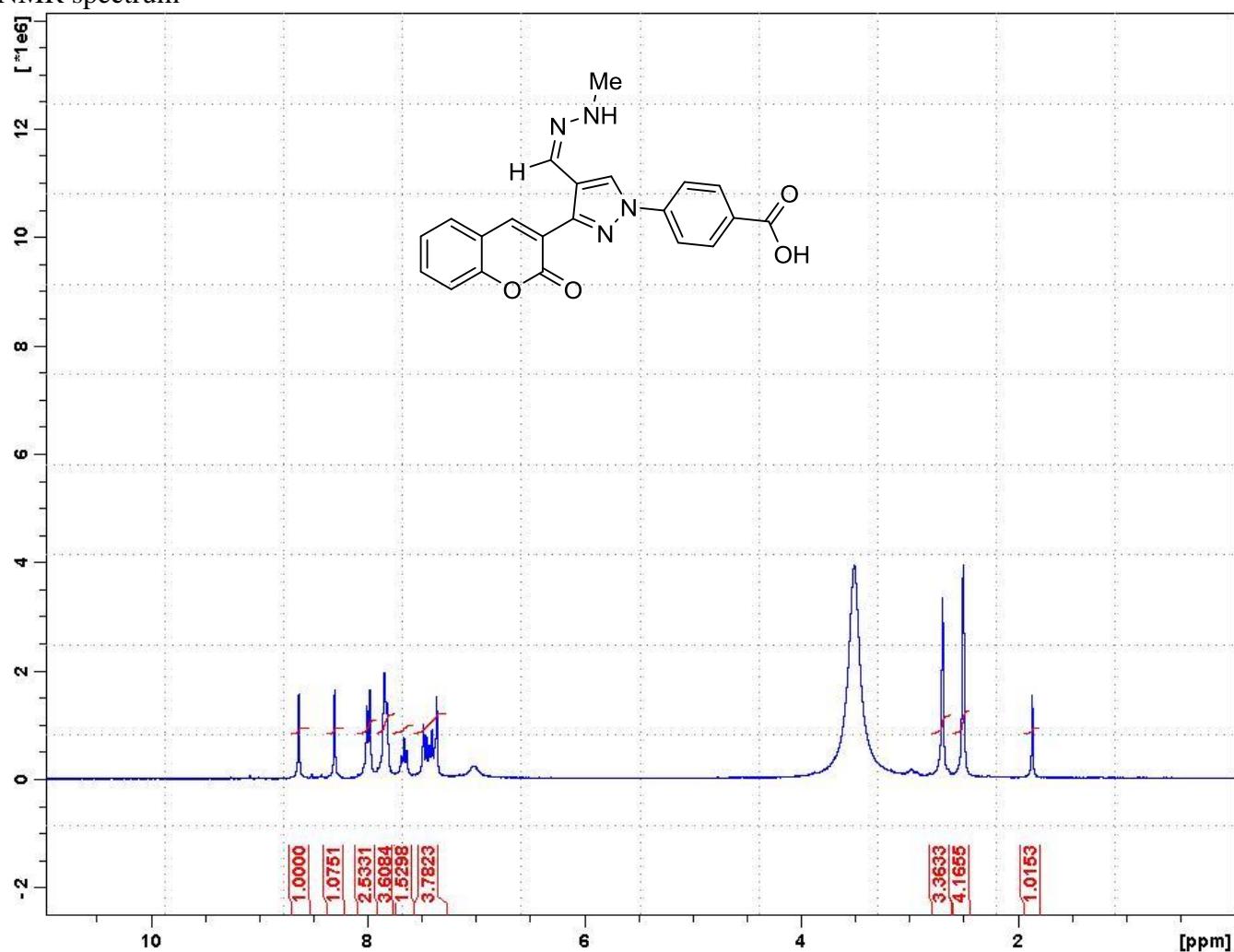


¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 28

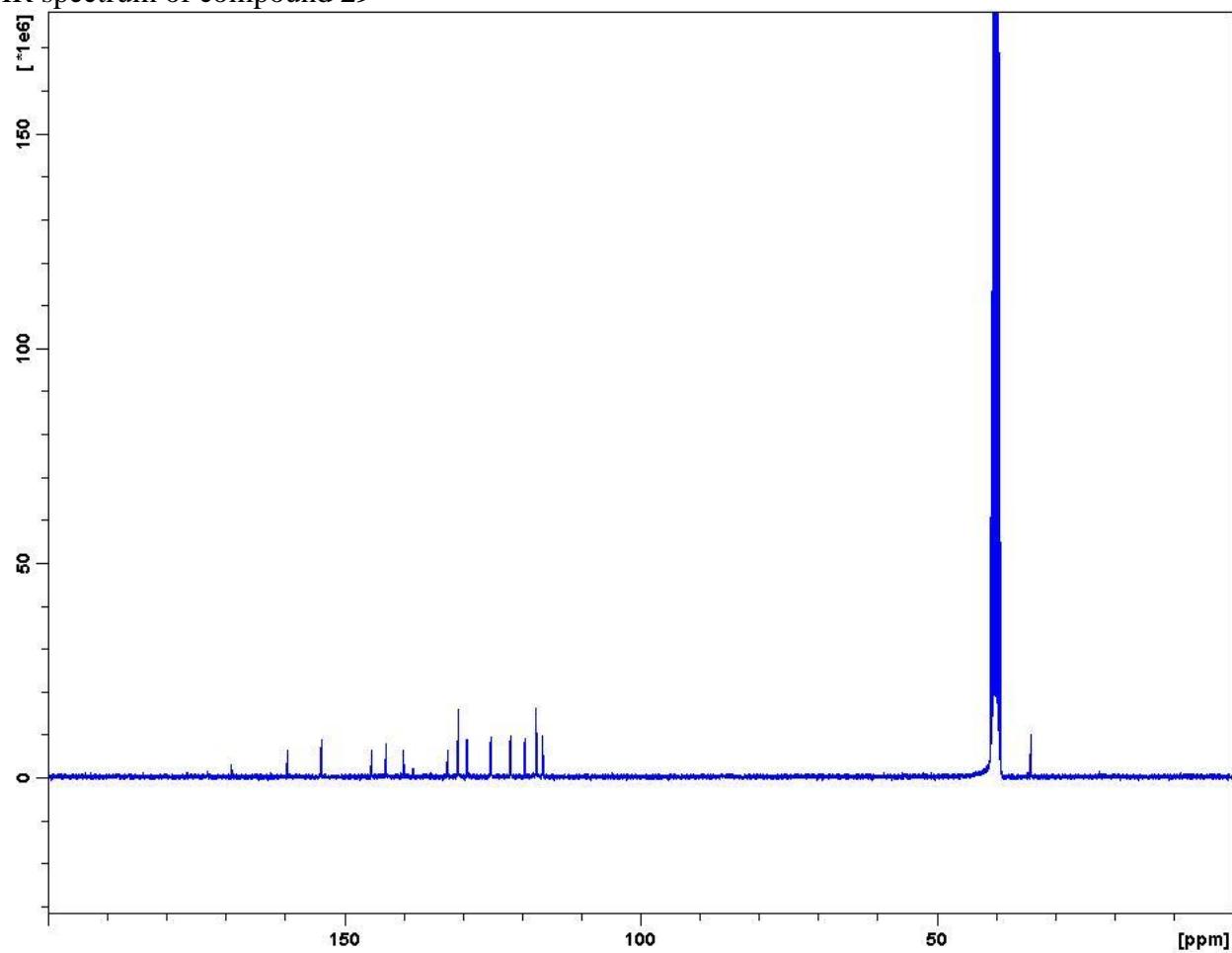


4-[4-[(E)-(methylhydrazone)methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (29)

¹H NMR spectrum

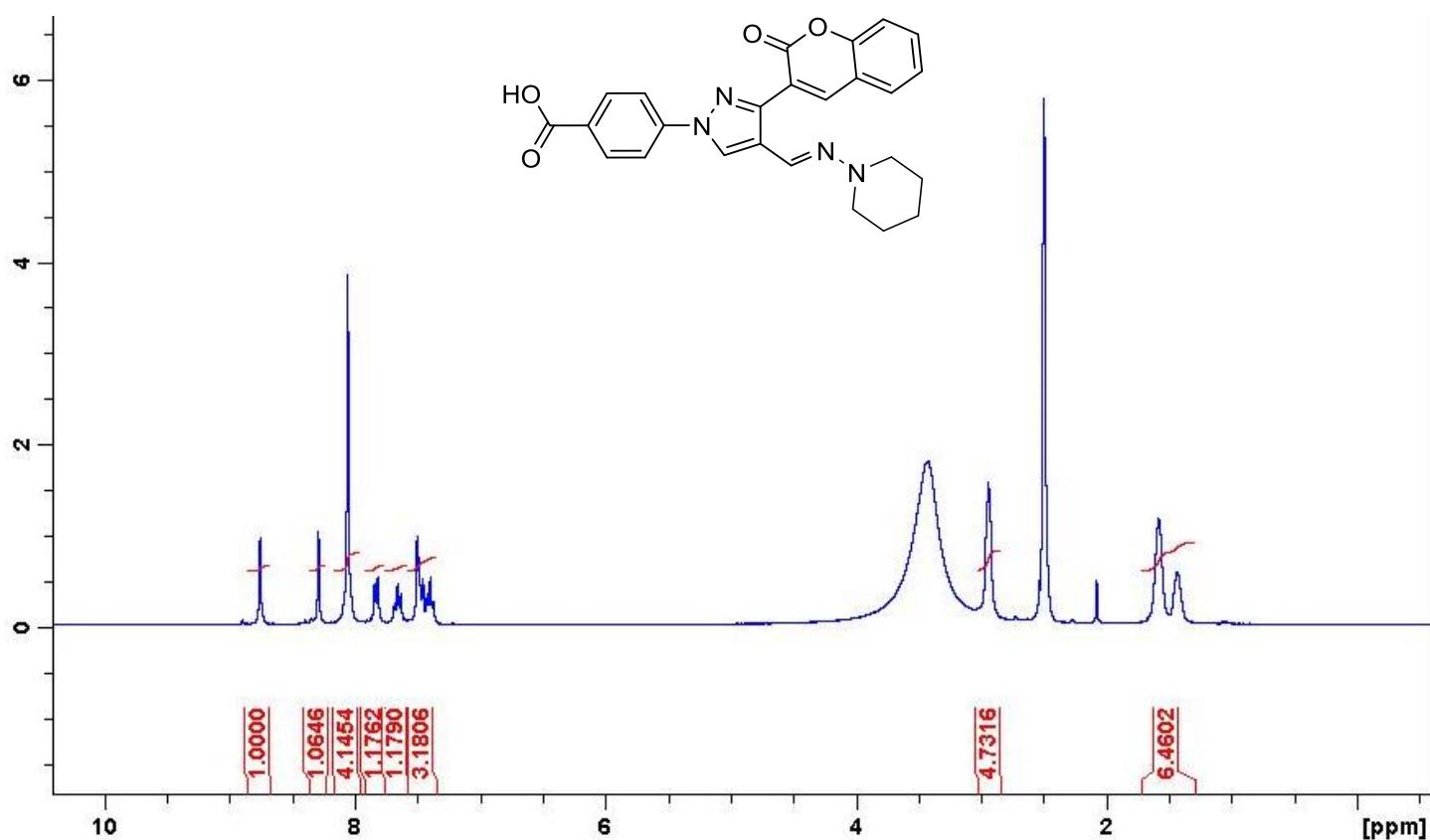


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **29**

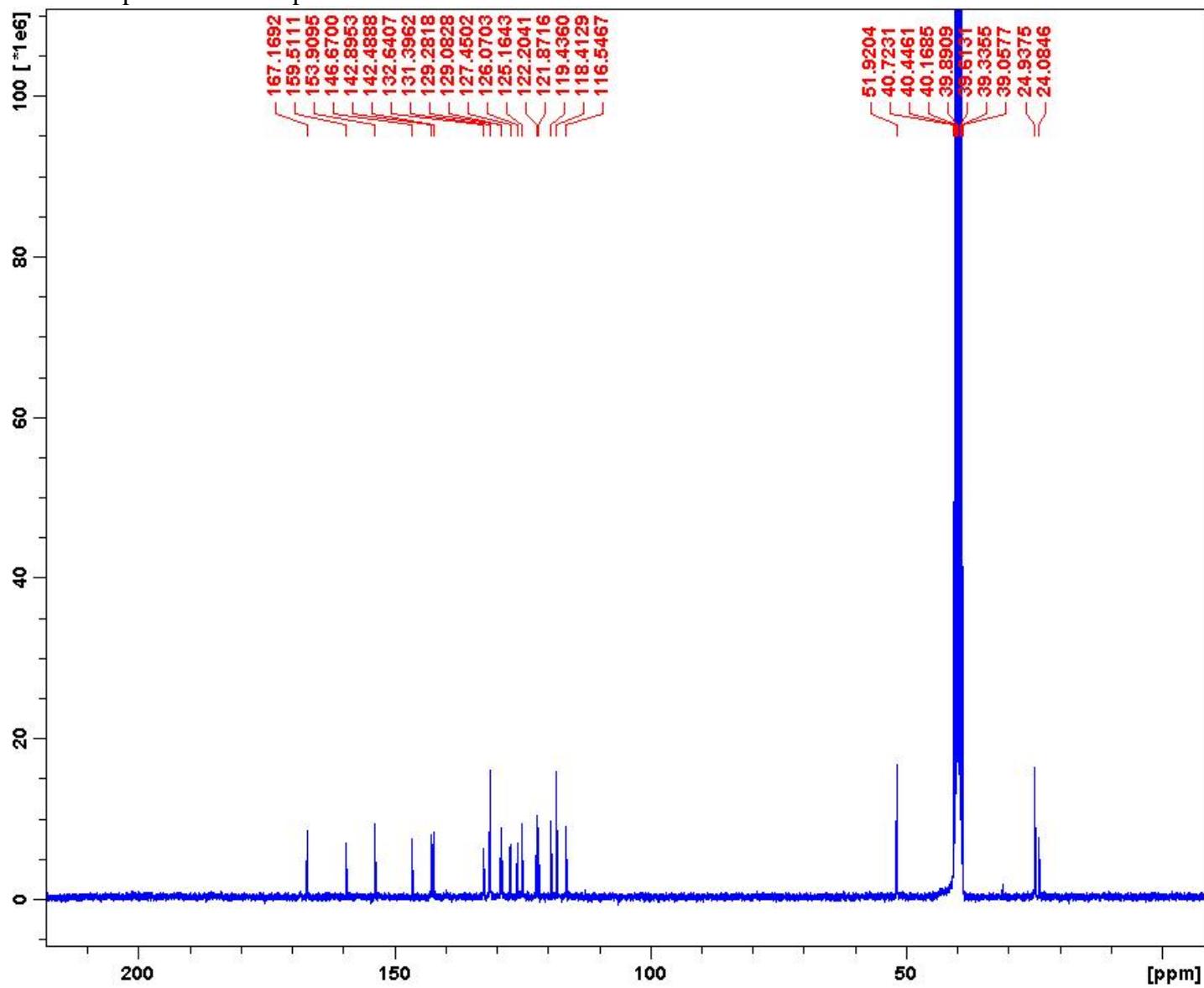


4-[3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)-4-[(E)-1-piperidyliminomethyl]pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (30)

¹H NMR spectrum

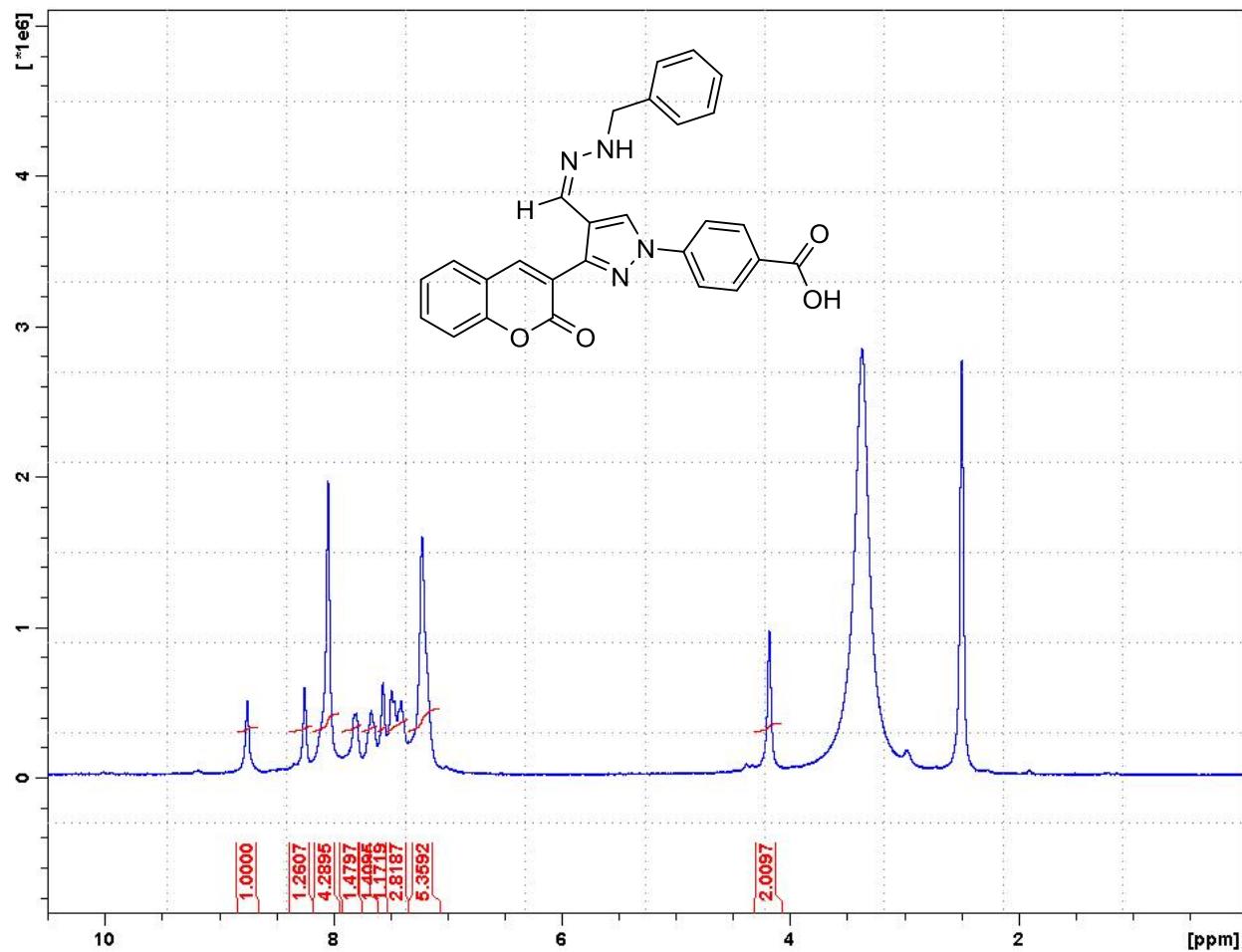


^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound **30**

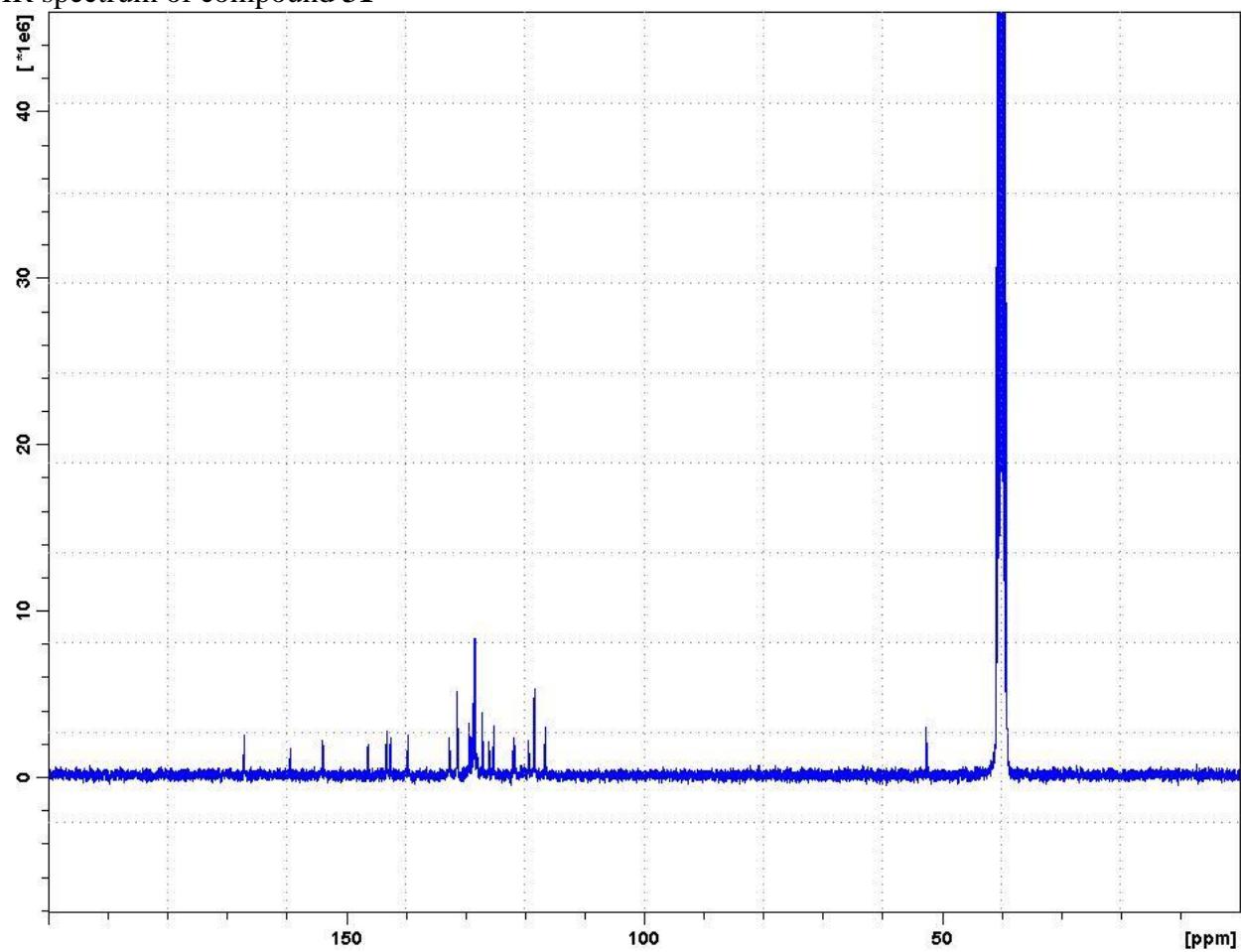


4-[4-[(E)-(benzylhydrazone)methyl]-3-(2-oxochromen-3-yl)pyrazol-1-yl]benzoic acid (31)

¹H NMR spectrum



^{13}C NMR spectrum of compound 31



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