

## Supporting Information

### Cyanogramide with a New Spiro[indolinone-pyrroloimidazole] Skeleton from *Actinoalloteichus cyanogriseus*

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## Experimental details

**General Experimental Procedures.** Specific rotations were obtained on a JASCO P-1020 digital polarimeter. UV spectra were recorded on Beckman DU 640 spectrophotometer. CD spectra were measured on JASCO J-715 spectropolarimeter. IR spectra were taken on a Nicolet Nexus 470 spectrophotometer in KBr discs. NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-ECP 600 spectrometer using TMS as internal standard, and chemical shifts were recorded as  $\delta$  values. ESIMS utilized on a Q-TOF Ultima Global GAA076 LC mass spectrometer. Semipreparative HPLC was performed using an ODS column [YMC-pak ODS-A,  $10 \times 250$  mm,  $5 \mu\text{m}$ , 4 mL/min]. TLC and column chromatography (CC) were performed on plates precoated with silica gel GF<sub>254</sub> ( $10\text{--}40 \mu\text{m}$ ) and over silica gel (200–300 mesh, Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory), and Sephadex LH-20 (Amersham Biosciences), respectively. Vacuum-liquid chromatography (VLC) was carried out over silica gel H (Qingdao Marine Chemical Factory). Sea salt used is made from the evaporation of sea water collected in Laizhou Bay (Weifang Haisheng Chemical Factory).

**Actinomycete Material, Fermentation and Extraction.** The details of these parts were the same as those in references 9 and 10 of the text.

**Purification.** The gum (28.0 g) was separated into ten fractions on a silica gel VLC column using step gradient elution with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ –petroleum ether (50%–100%) and then with  $\text{MeOH}$ – $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0–50%). Fraction 2 (1.4 g) was separated into four subfractions by chromatography on a  $\text{C}_{18}$  column using stepwise gradient elution with 5–90%  $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Subfraction 2-3 (90 mg) was further purified by semipreparative HPLC (70%  $\text{MeOH}$ – $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 4.0 mL/min) to yield **1** (15 mg,  $t_{\text{R}}$  10.9 min).

**Multidrug resistance reversal assay.** The ability of the compound to potentiate adriamycin or vincristine cytotoxicity was evaluated in K562/A02, MCF-7/Adr and KB/VCR cells by the MTT assay. Cells were seeded into 96-well plates at  $2 \times 10^4$ /well. Various concentrations of the test compound **1** and adriamycin or vincristine were subsequently added and incubated for 48 h. The  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values for compound **1** and adriamycin or vincristine (concentration resulting in 50% inhibition of cell growth) were calculated from plotted results using untreated cells as 100%. The reversal fold (RF) values, as potency of reversal, were obtained from fitting the data to  $\text{RF} = \text{IC}_{50}$  of cytotoxic drug alone/ $\text{IC}_{50}$  of cytotoxic drug in the presence of compound **1**.

**Theory and Calculation Details.** The calculations were performed by using the density functional theory (DFT) as carried out in the Gaussian 03.<sup>S1</sup> The preliminary conformational distributions search was performed by HyperChem 7.5 software. All ground-state geometries were optimized at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level. Solvent effects of methanol solution were evaluated at the same DFT level by using the SCRF/PCM method.<sup>S2</sup> TDDFT<sup>S3</sup> at B3LYP/6-31G(d) was employed to calculate the electronic excitation energies and rotational strengths in methanol. The stable conformations obtained at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level were further used in magnetic shielding constants at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,p) level.

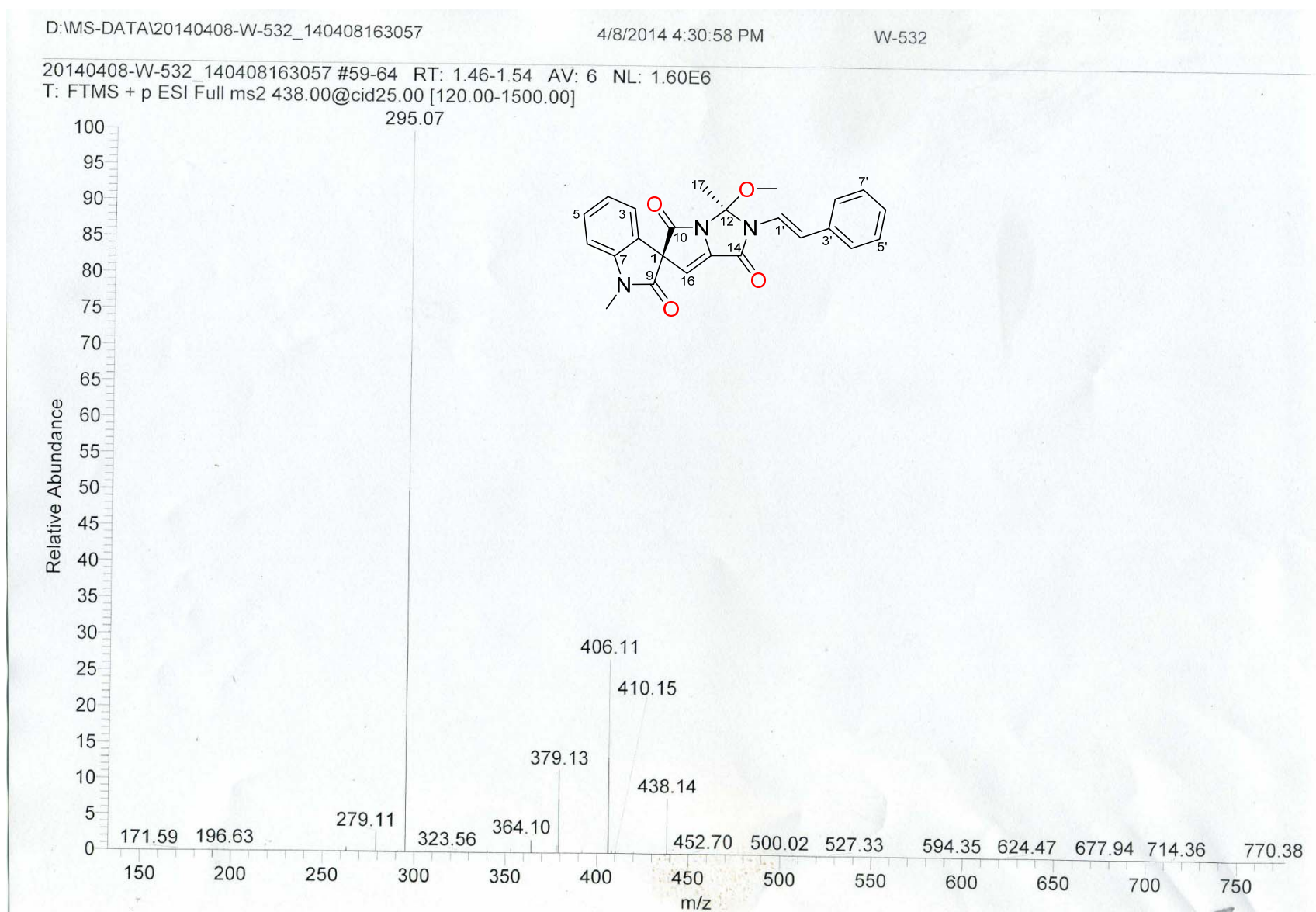
**Table S1.** The calculated  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data for (1*R*,12*R*)-**1** and (1*R*,12*S*)-**1**

position	measured <b>1</b>	Calcd. (1 <i>R</i> , 12 <i>R</i> )- <b>1</b>	Corr. (1 <i>R</i> ,12 <i>R</i> )- <b>1</b>	Error	Calcd. (1 <i>R</i> ,12 <i>S</i> )- <b>1</b>	Corr. (1 <i>R</i> ,12 <i>S</i> )- <b>1</b>	Error
1	69.8	77.2	72.9	-3.1	77.5	73.8	-4.0
2	124.6	132.6	125.8	-1.2	132.2	125.6	-1.0
3	124.5	130.0	123.3	1.2	130.0	123.5	1.0
4	123.1	127.8	121.2	1.9	128.1	121.7	1.4
5	130.1	135.9	128.9	1.2	136.3	129.5	0.6
6	109.6	113.9	107.9	1.7	113.5	107.9	1.7
7	144.8	152.9	145.1	-0.3	152.8	145.1	-0.3
9	169.5	177.8	168.9	0.6	177.8	168.8	0.7
10	167.4	177.6	168.7	-1.3	178.5	169.5	-2.1
12	98.7	106.6	101.0	-2.3	107.0	101.7	-3.0
14	154.6	162.1	153.9	0.7	160.4	152.3	2.3
15	138.6	147.8	140.3	-1.7	147.4	140.0	-1.4
16	107.2	114.2	108.2	-1.0	115.3	109.6	-2.4
17	21.8	21.5	19.8	2.0	18.7	18.1	3.7
1'	118.9	127.2	120.6	-1.7	125.3	119.1	-0.2
2'	118.0	126.6	120.0	-2.0	123.7	117.5	0.5
3'	135.5	143.8	136.5	-1.0	143.3	136.1	-0.6
4'	126.1	126.8	120.2	5.9	127.4	121.1	5.0
5'	128.8	134.2	127.3	1.5	134.7	128.0	0.8
6'	127.6	132.3	125.5	2.1	132.8	126.2	1.4
7'	128.8	134.6	127.7	1.1	134.3	127.6	1.2
8'	126.1	135.5	128.5	-2.4	135.3	128.5	-2.4
8-NCH <sub>3</sub>	26.9	26.9	24.9	2.0	26.9	25.8	1.1
12-OCH <sub>3</sub>	49.4	56.5	53.2	-3.8	56.0	53.4	-4.0

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**Figure S1.** Q-TOF-MS<sup>2</sup> spectrum of cyanogramide (**1**)



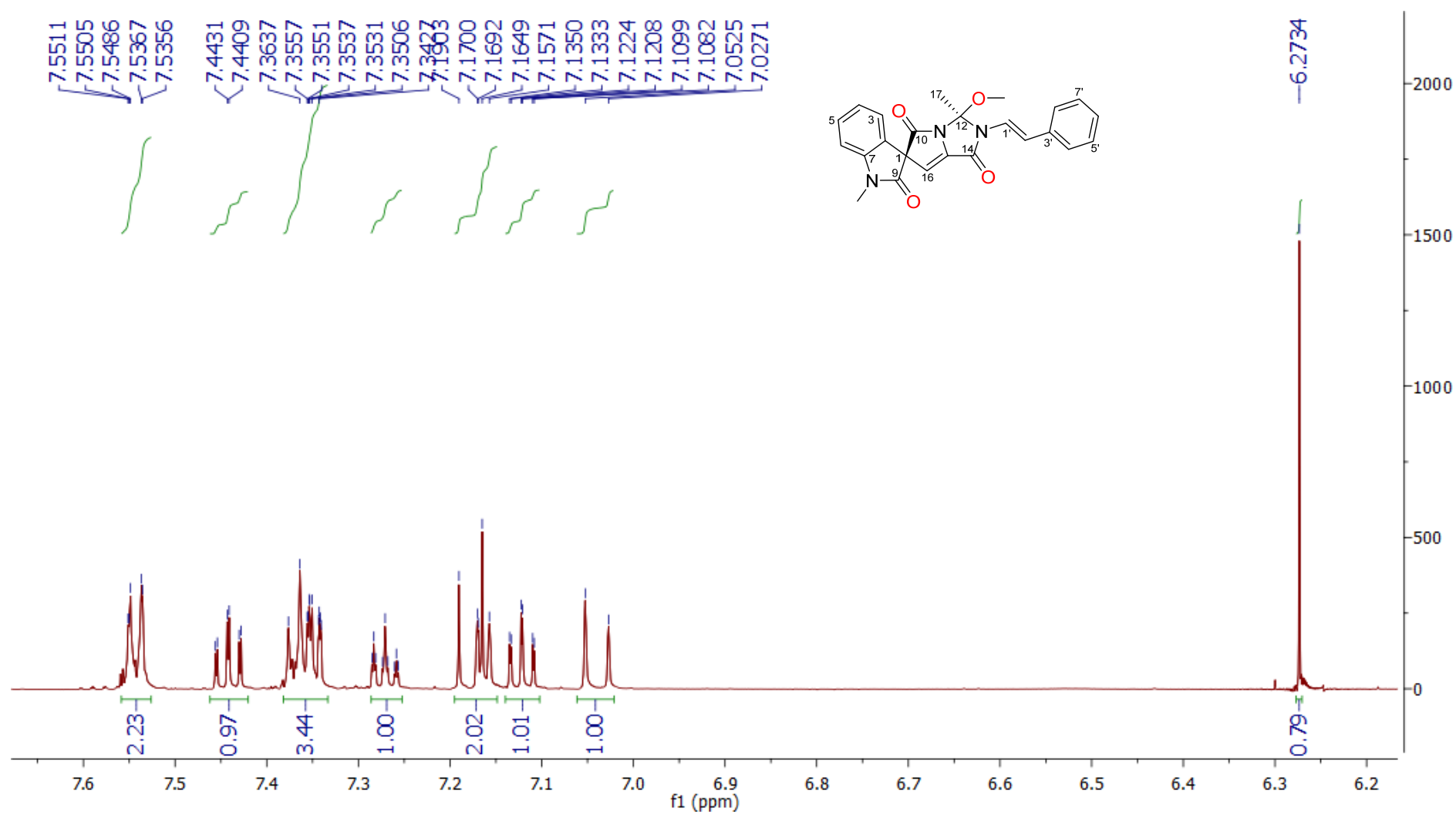
**Chemical Structure of Compound 10:**

COC1=C(C(=O)N1C(=O)N2C(=O)C3=CC=CC=C3C2=O)C(=O)N4C(=O)C5=CC=CC=C5C4=O

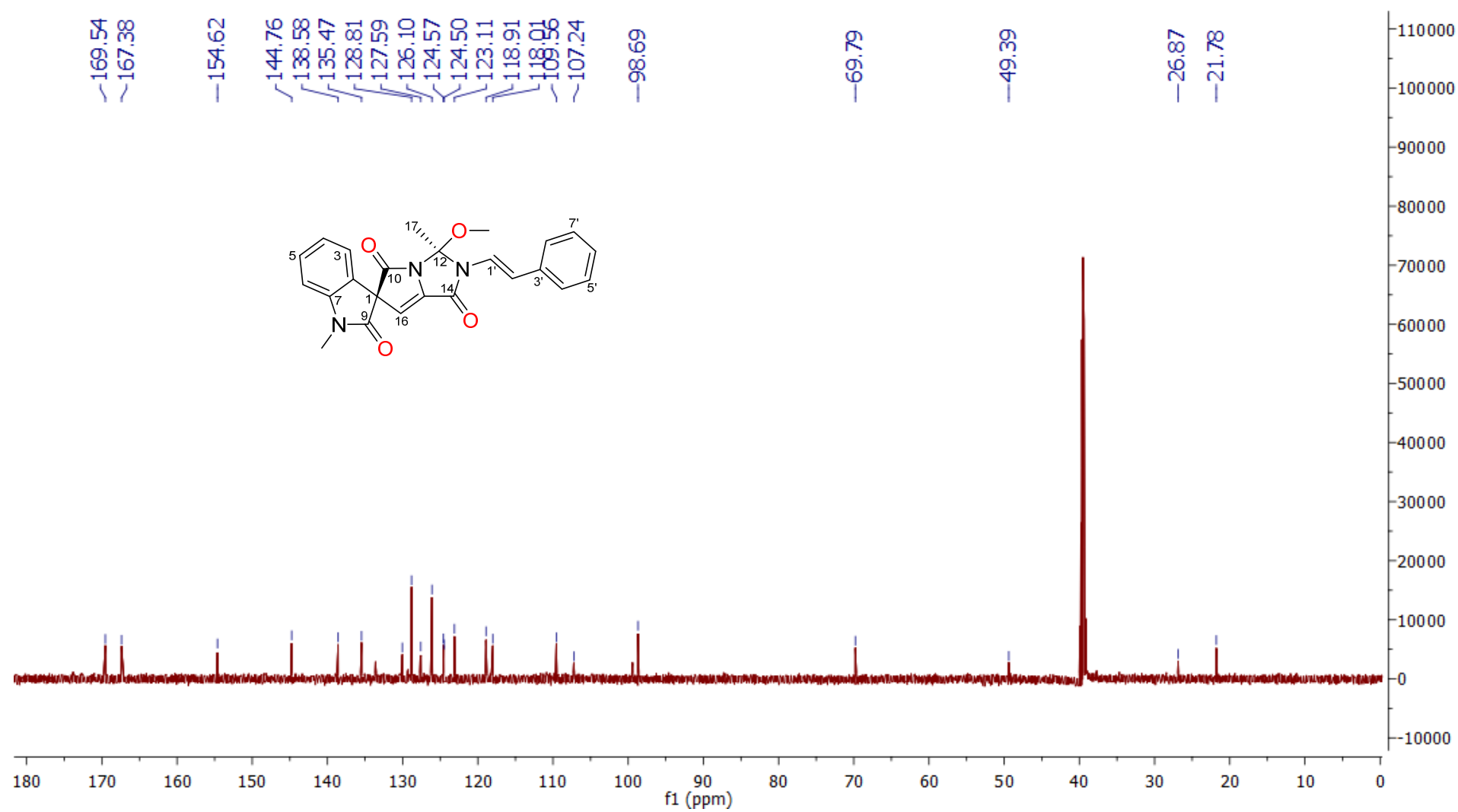
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR Data (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):**

Chemical Shift (ppm)	Integration
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3.2194, 3.2006	2.94, 3.18
2.0776	2.96

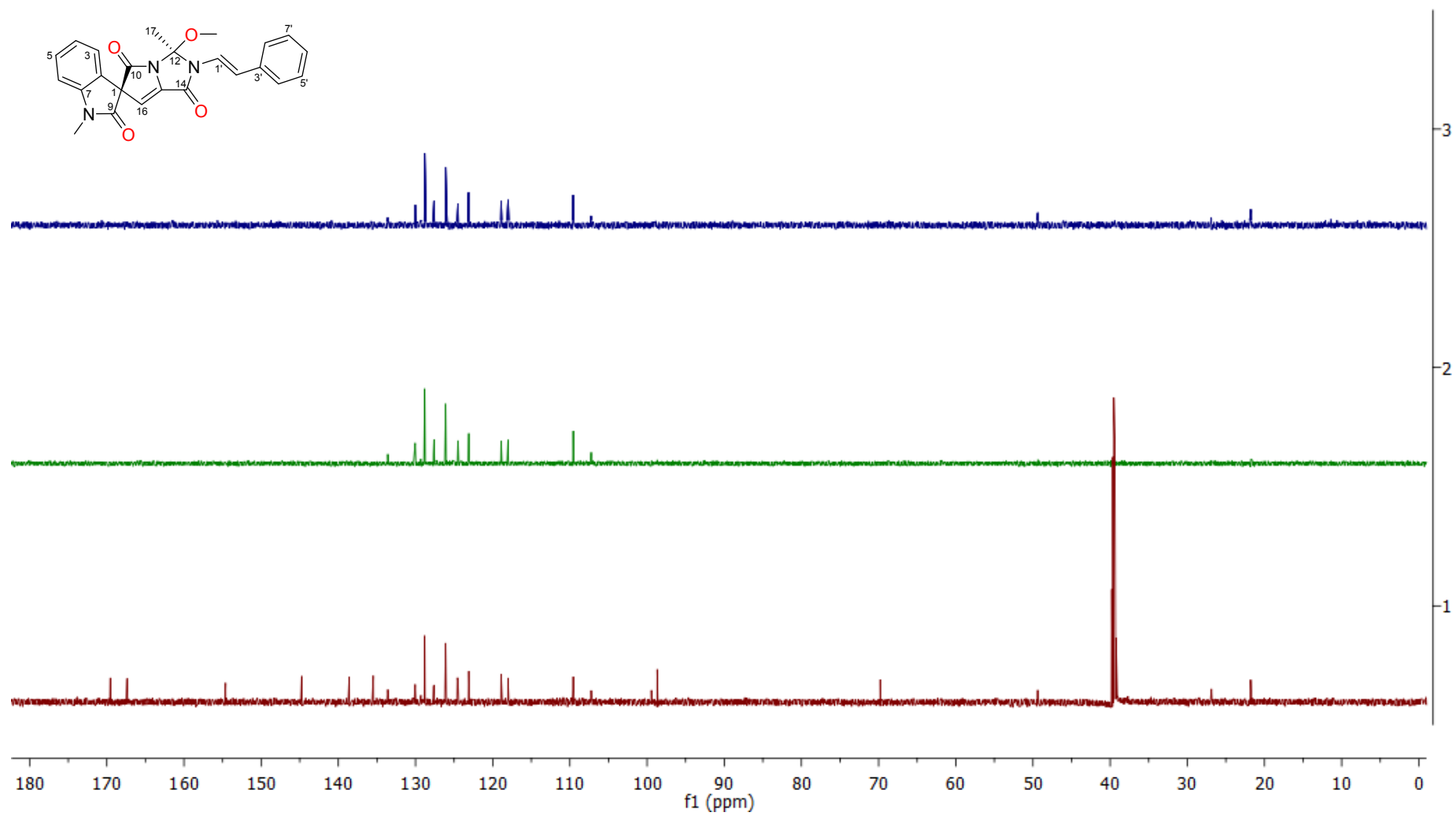
**Figure S3.** Expansion of  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of cyanogranide (**1**) in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$



**Figure S4.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectrum of cyanogramide (**1**) in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$



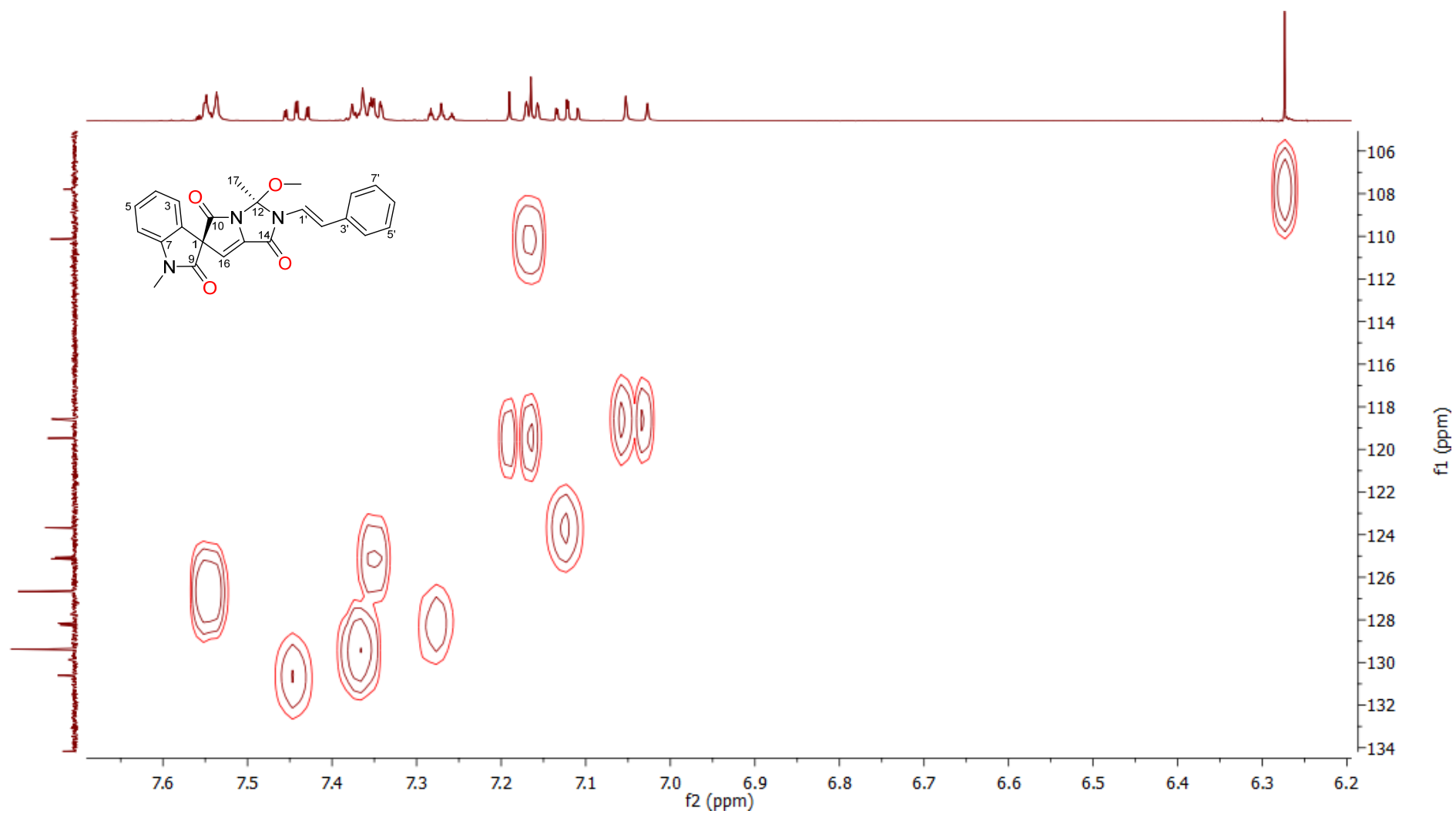
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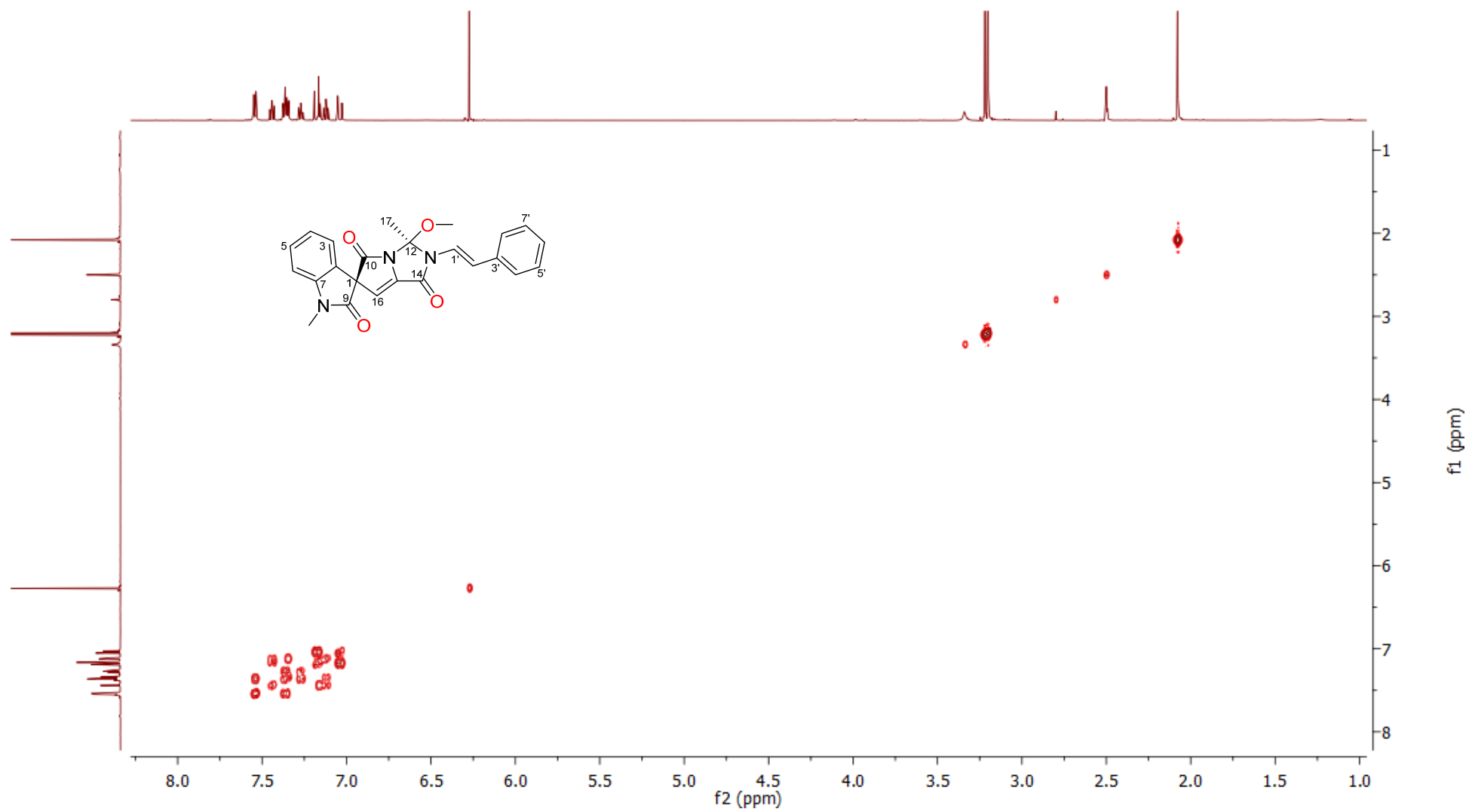




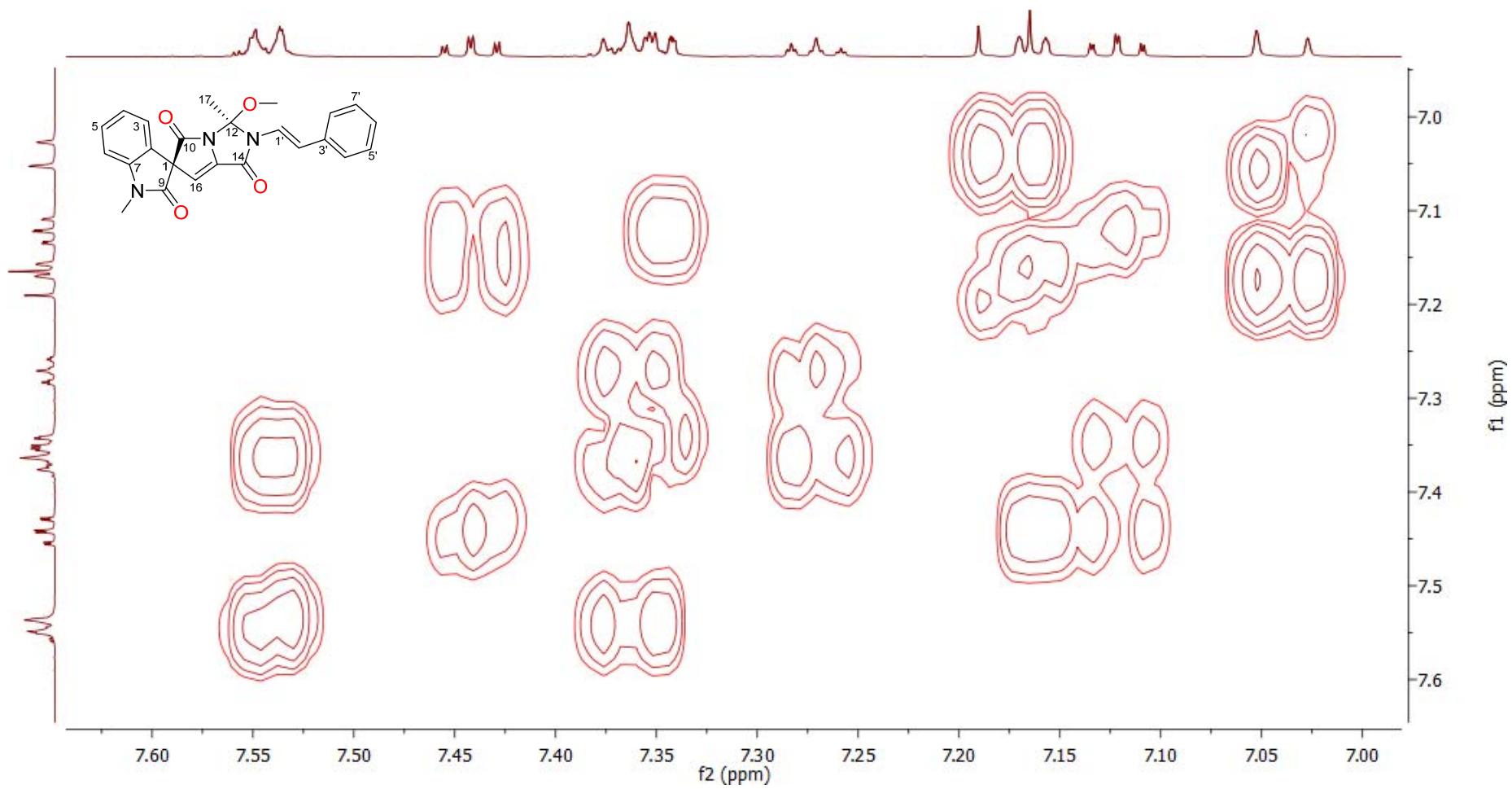
**Figure S7.** Expansion of HMQC spectrum of cyanogramide (**1**) in DMSO- $d_6$



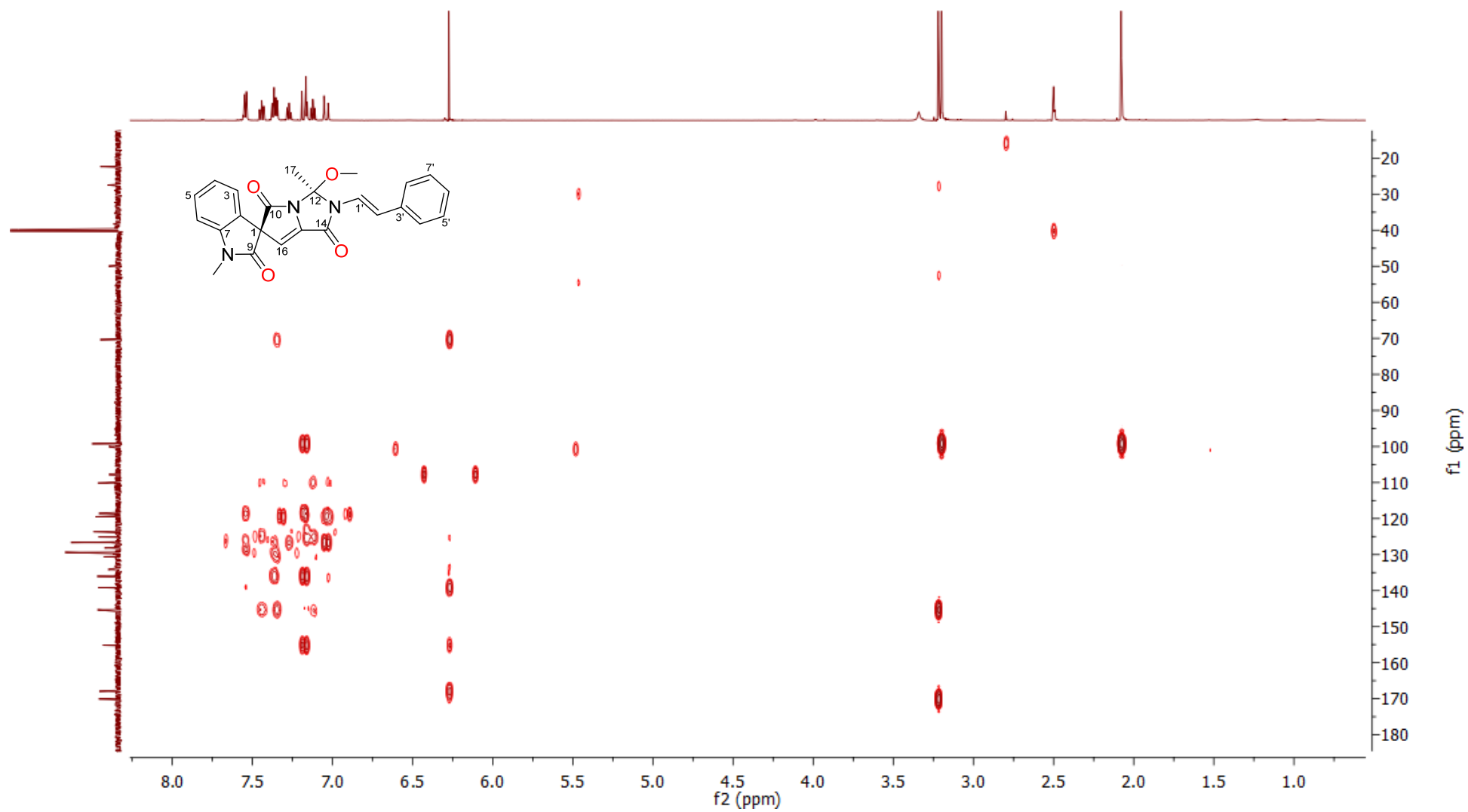
**Figure S8.** The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of cyanogranamide (**1**) in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$



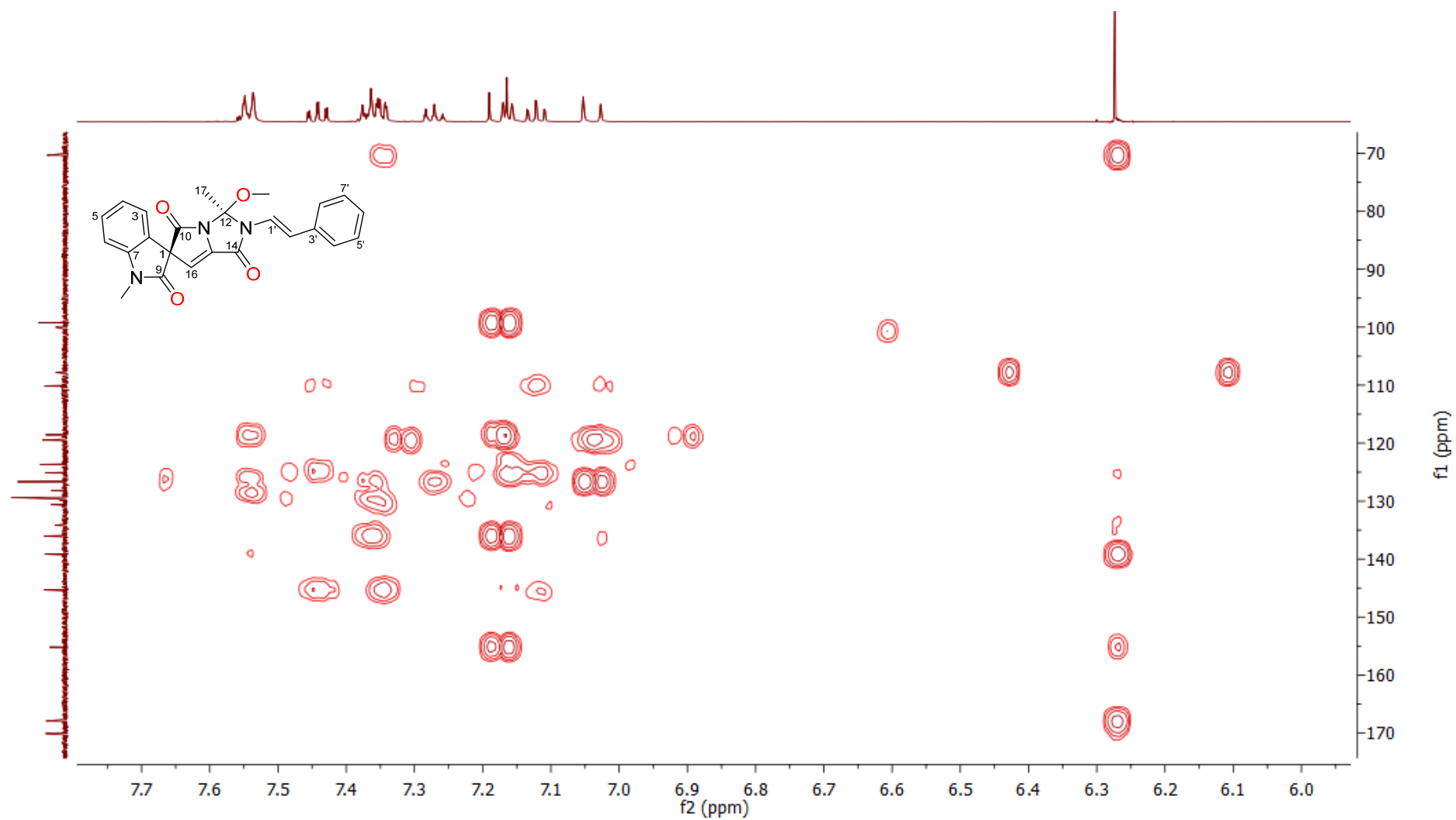
**Figure S9.** Expansion of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  COSY spectrum of cyanogranamide (**1**) in DMSO- $d_6$



**Figure S10.** The HMBC spectrum of cyanogranamide (**1**) in DMSO- $d_6$



**Figure S11.** Expansion of HMBC spectrum of cyanogramide (**1**) in DMSO- $d_6$



**Figure S12.** The NOE difference spectrum of cyanogramide (**1**) in DMSO- $d_6$

