

Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of squaraine dye 11a (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm).

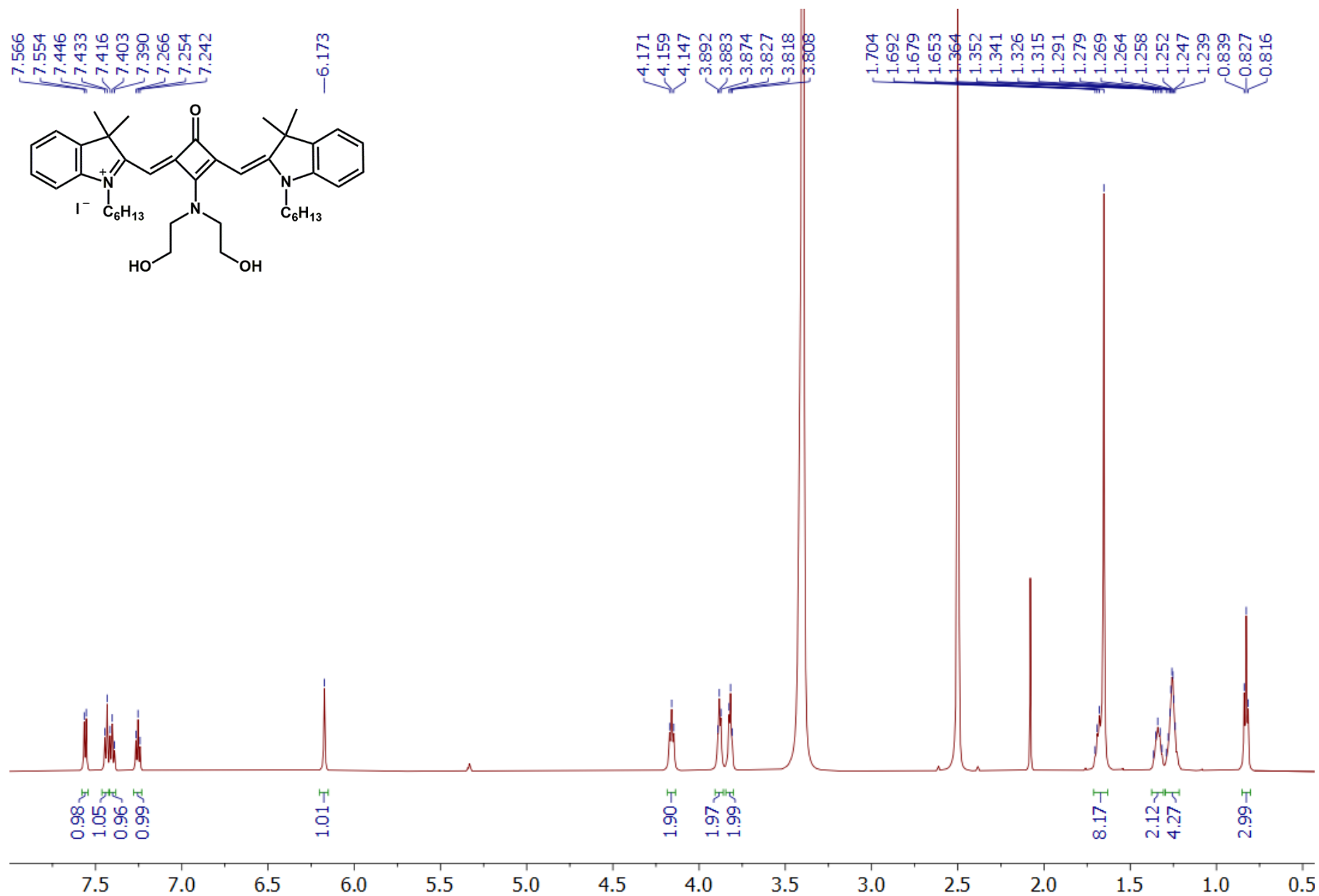


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **11a** (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6+\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ppm).

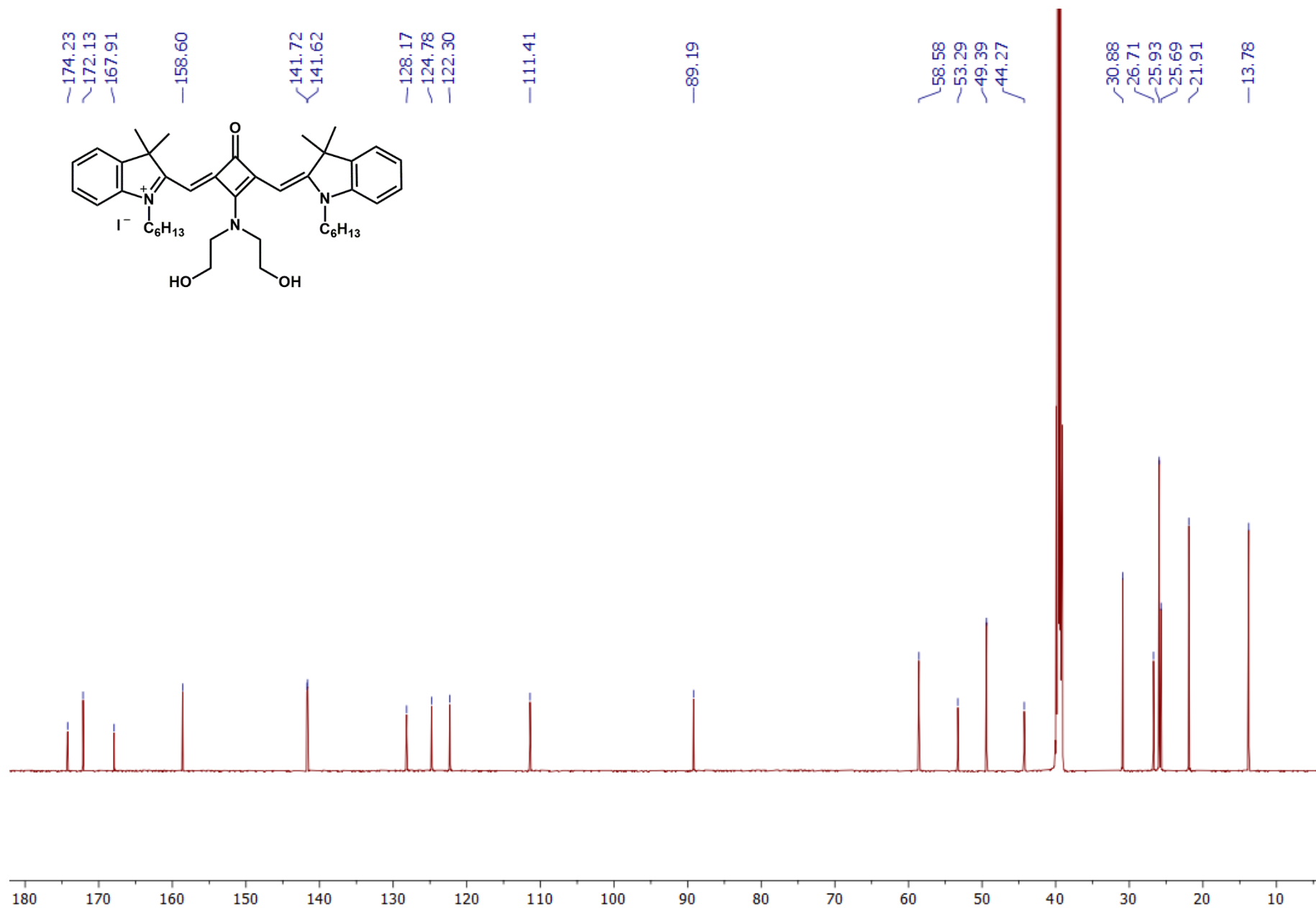


Figure S3. ¹³C NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **11a** (150.90 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm).

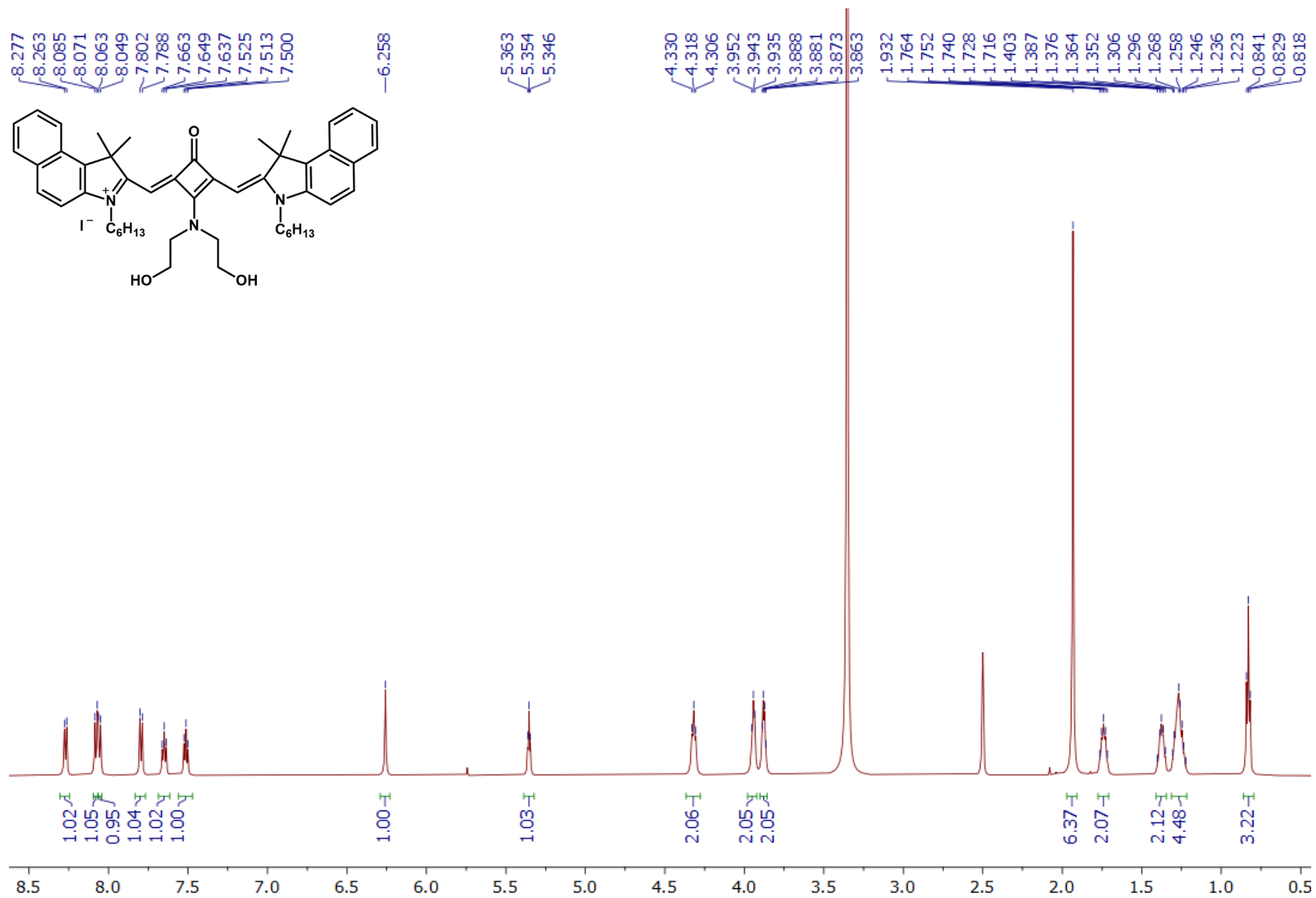


Figure S4. ^1H NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **11b** (600 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm).

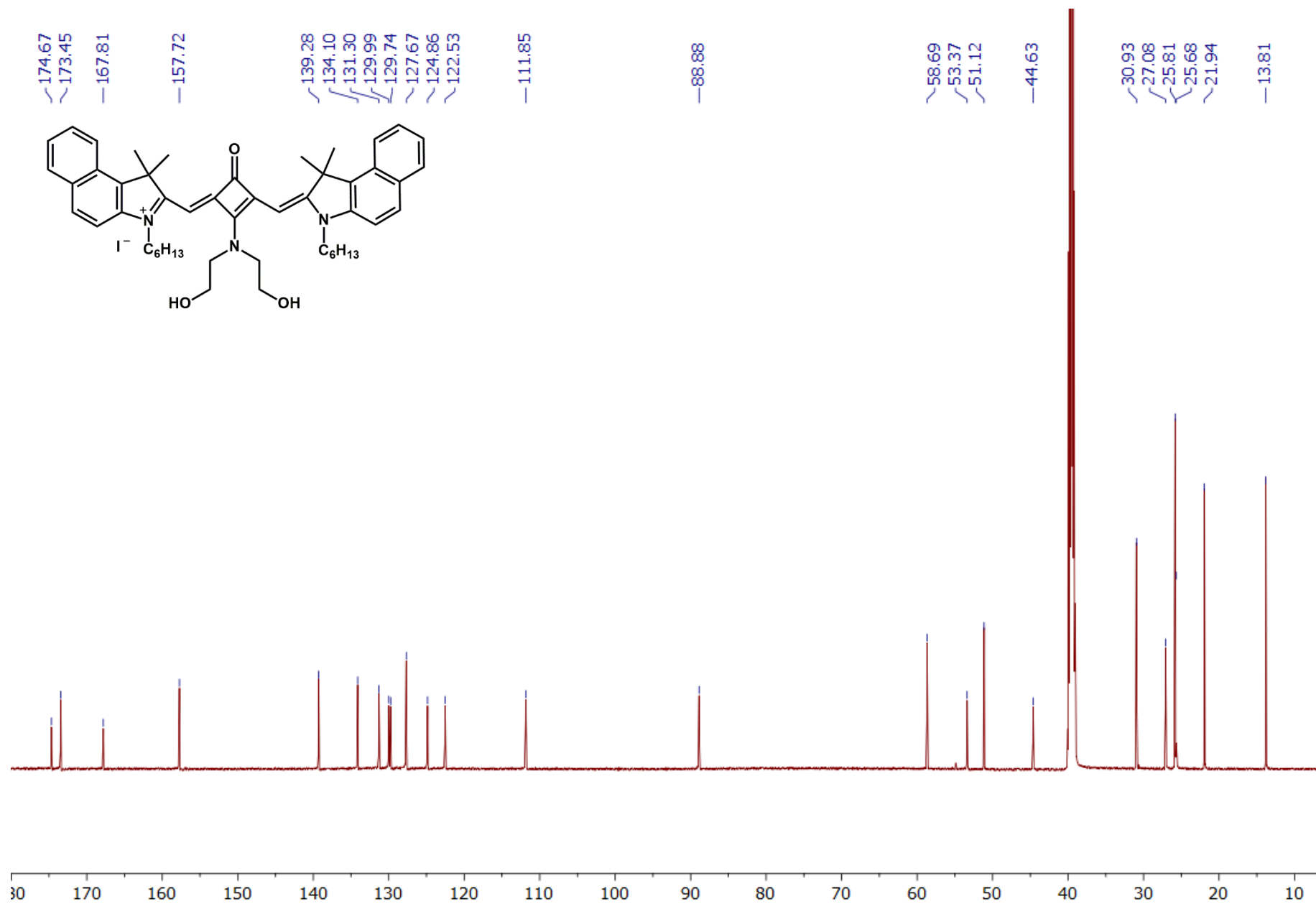


Figure S6. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **11b** (150.0 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm).

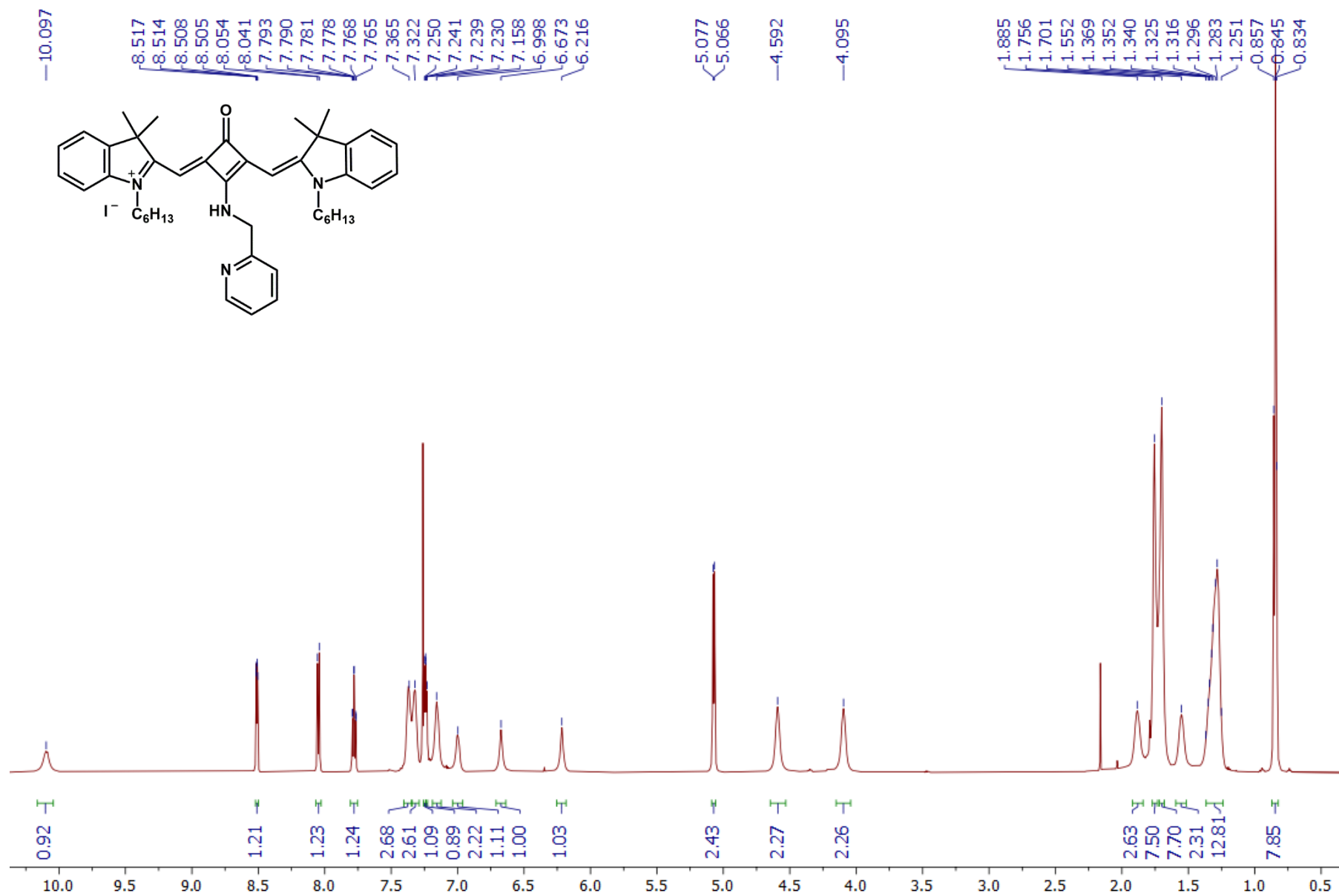


Figure S7. ^1H NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **12a** (600 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm).

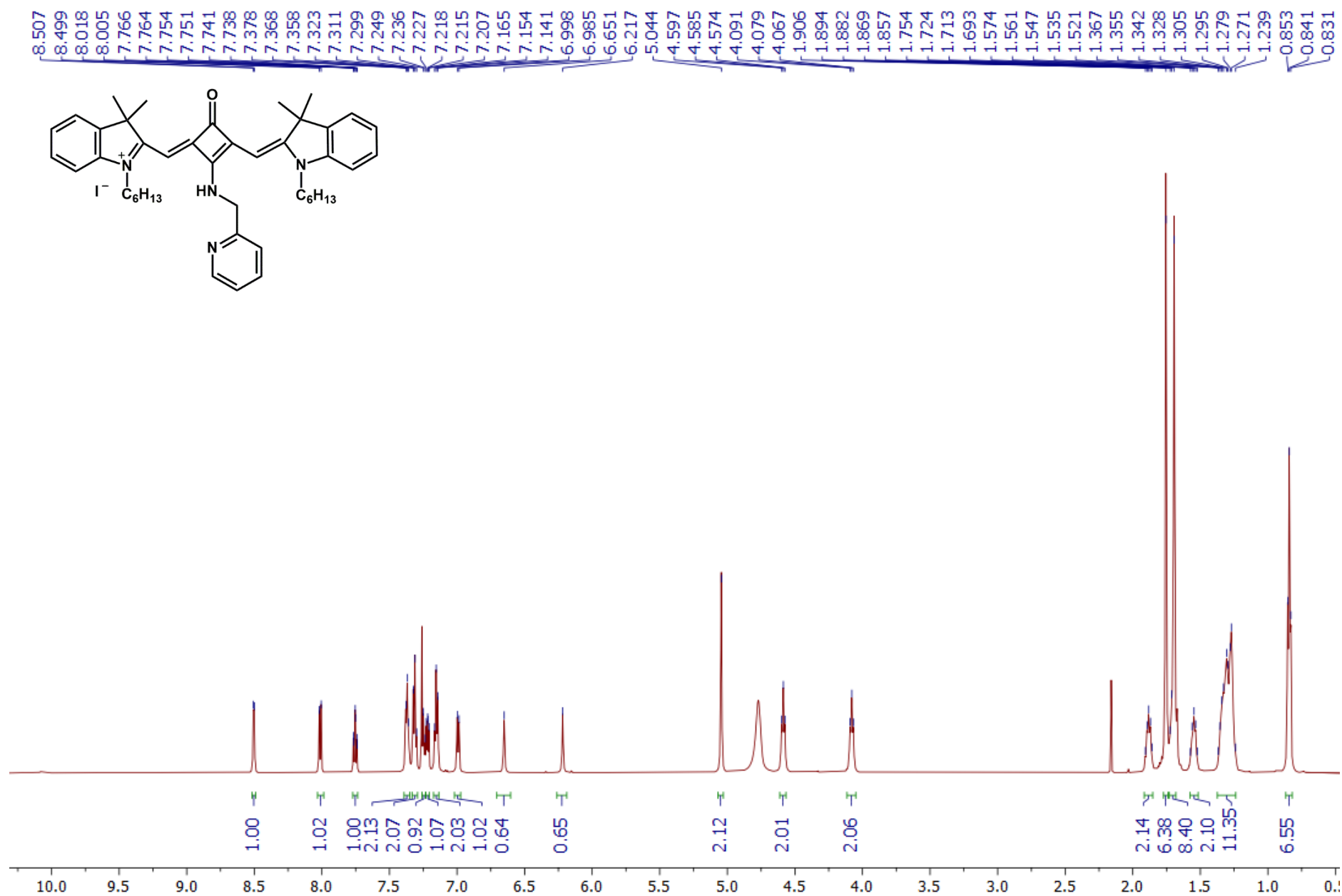


Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **12a** (600 MHz, CDCl₃+D₂O, ppm).

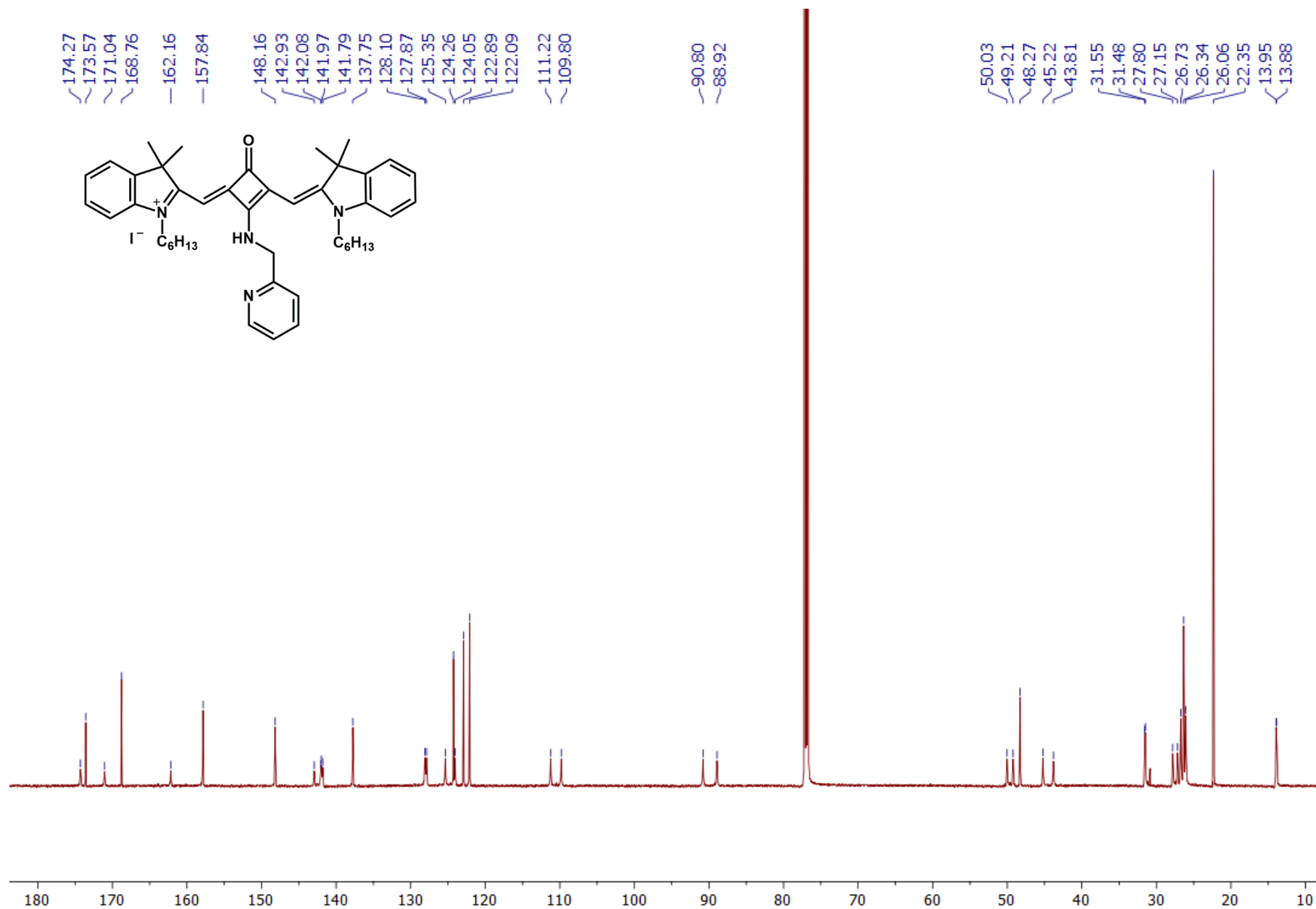


Figure S9. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **12a** (150.0 MHz, CDCl_3 , ppm).

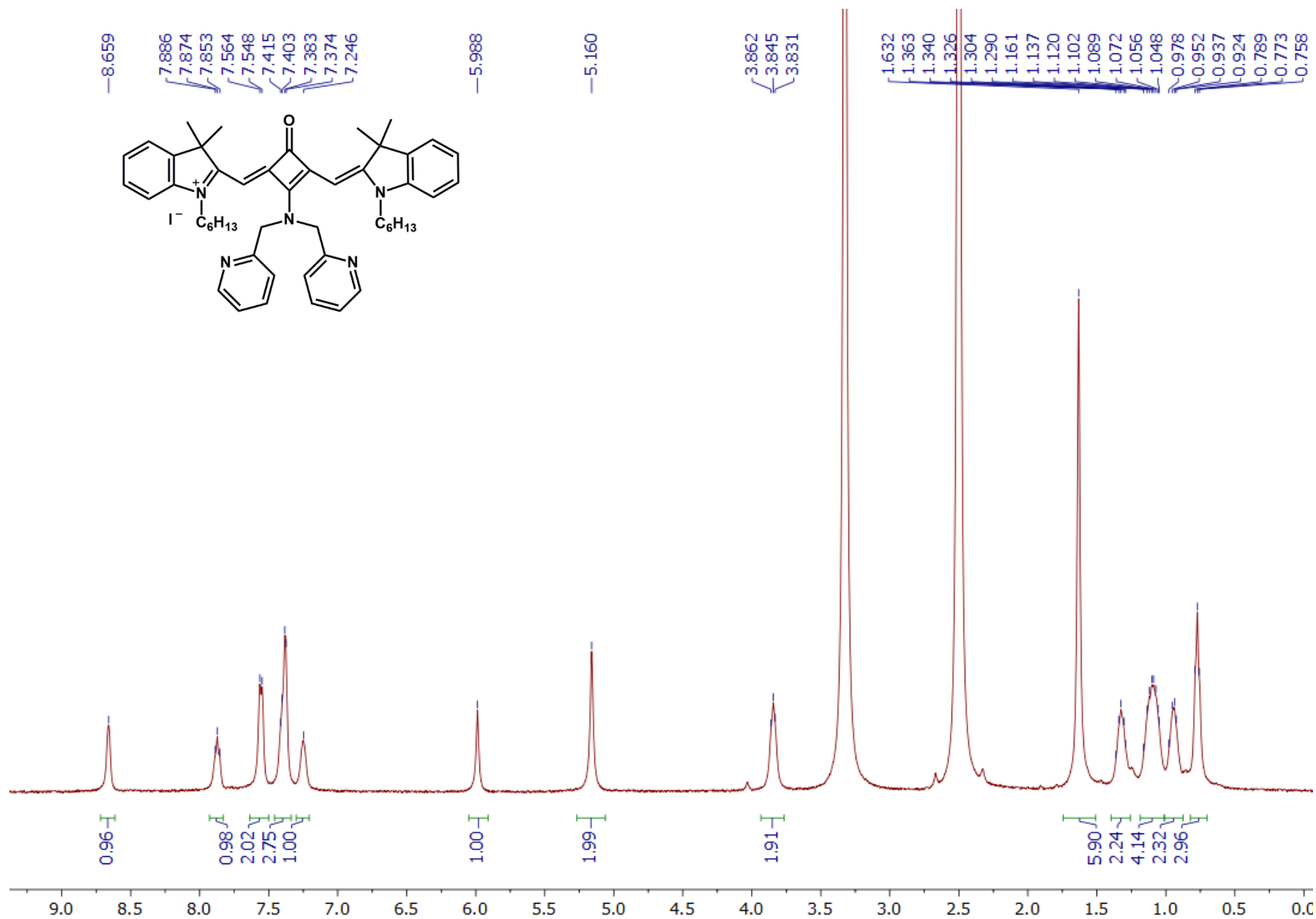


Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of squaraine dye 13a (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, ppm).

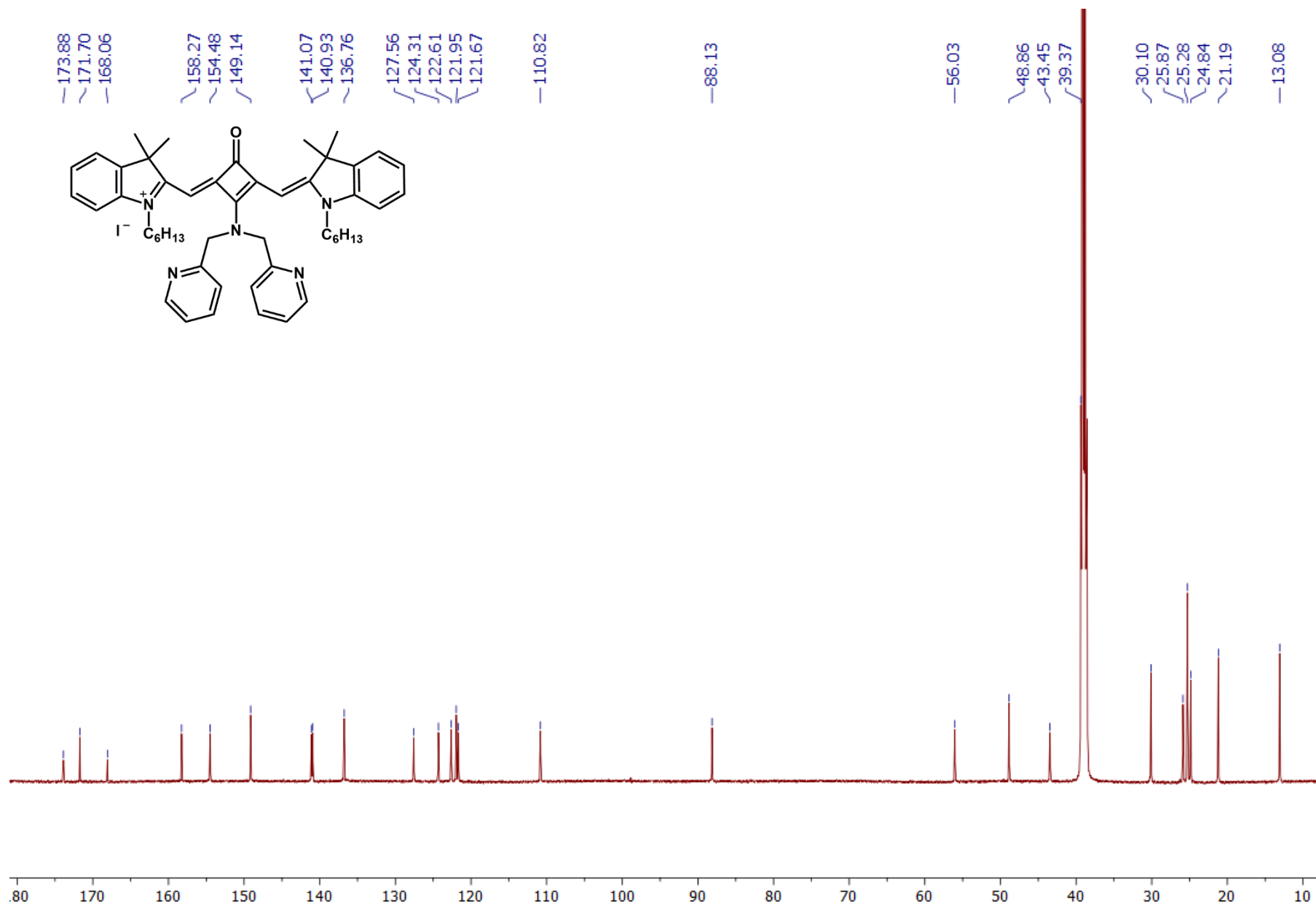


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR spectrum of squaraine dye **13a** (150.0 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, ppm).

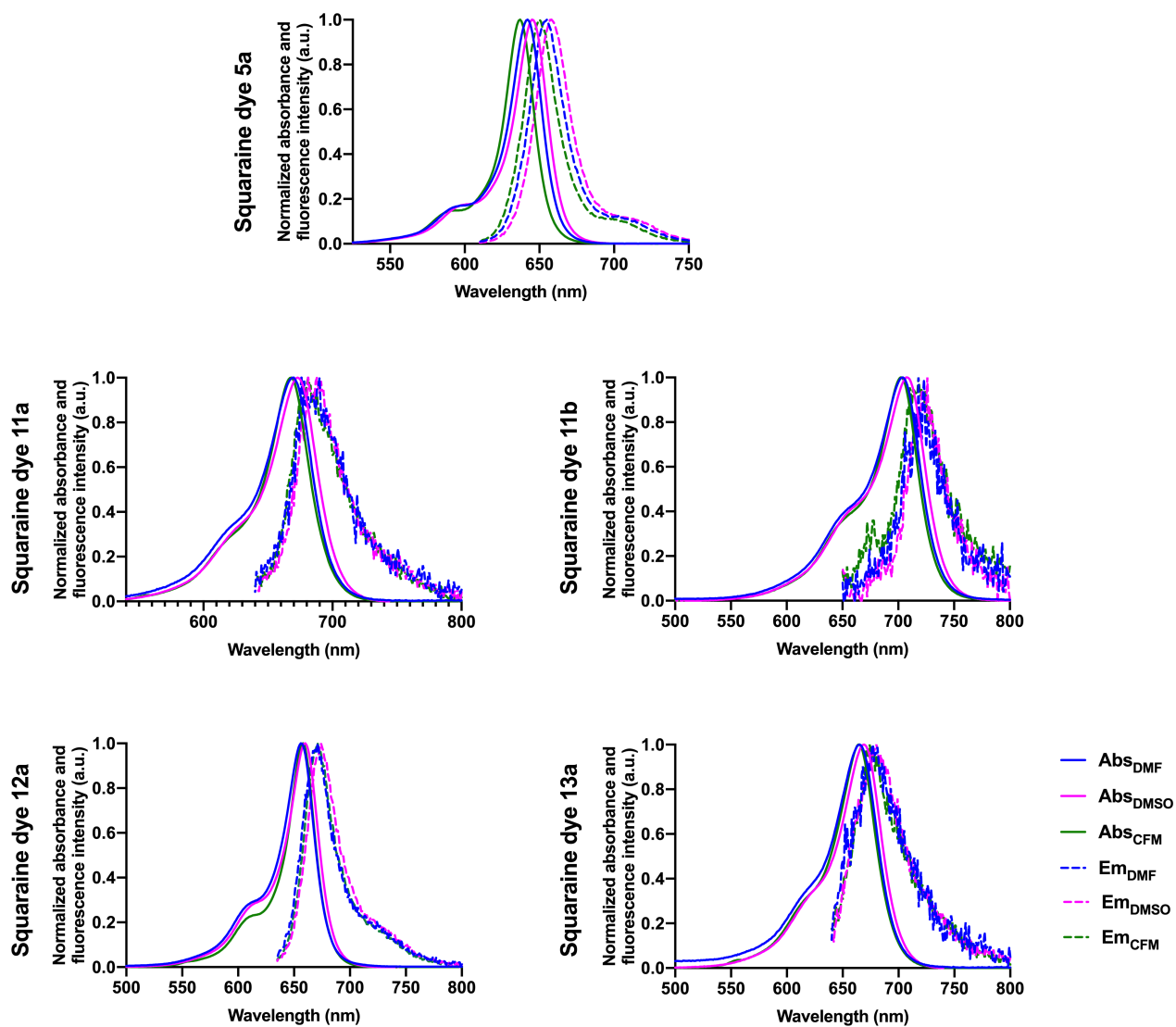


Figure S12. Visible absorption (Abs) and emission (Em) spectra of squaraine dyes **5a**, **11a,b**, **12a**, and **13a** obtained in dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and chloroform (CFM). Absorbance and fluorescence intensity were normalized to 1.0 for more straightforward analysis and are presented as arbitrary units (a.u.).

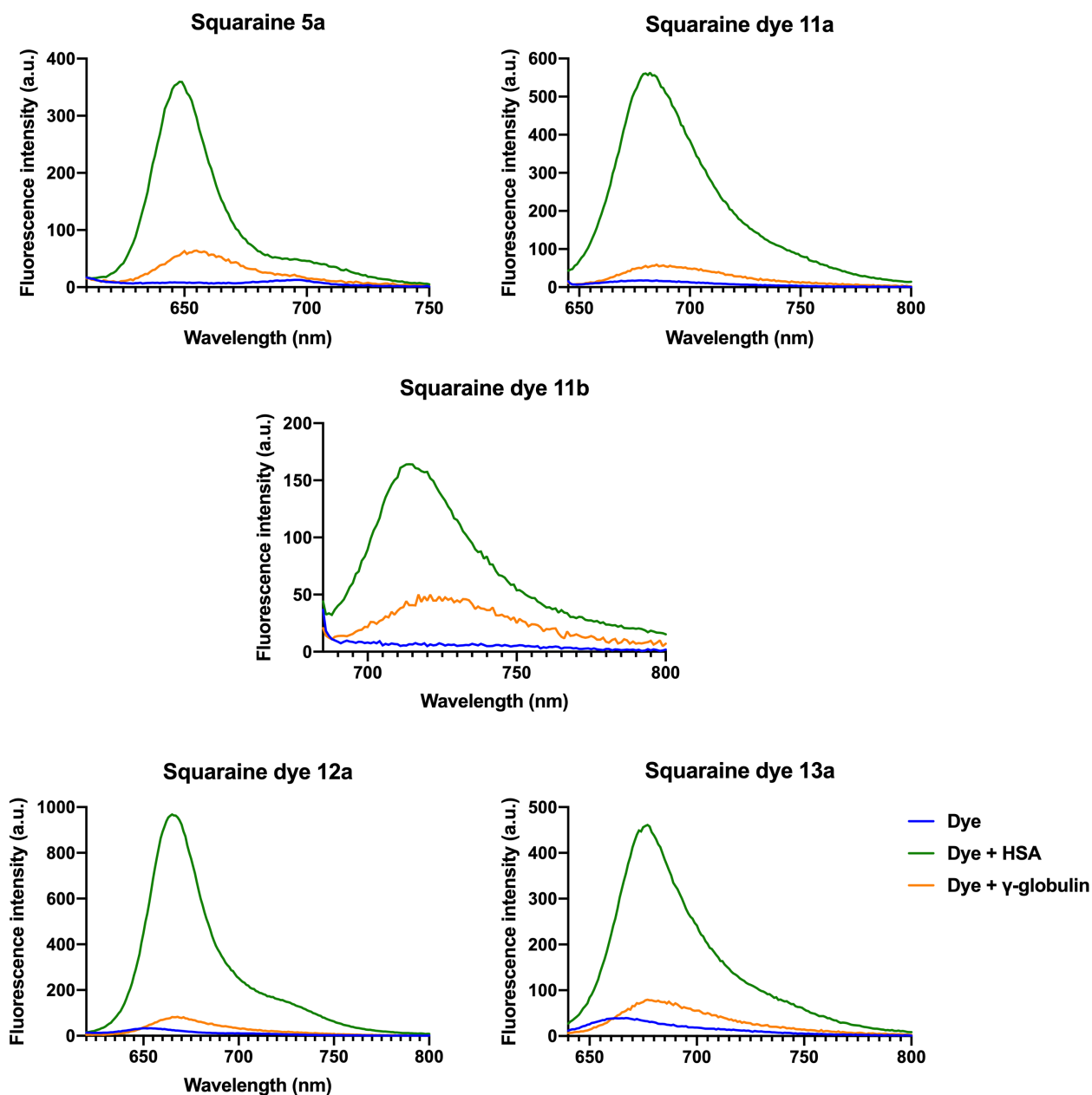


Figure S13. Fluorescence spectra of squaraine dyes **5a**, **11a,b**, **12a**, and **13a** in phosphate buffer pH 7.4 at a concentration of 2.0 μ M in the presence and absence of human γ -globulin and serum albumin proteins and at a concentration of 3.0 μ M. Spectra were obtained at the incubation time with the highest albumin-dye interaction and fluorescence intensity is presented as arbitrary units (a.u.).

Table S1. Estimated free binding energy and interactions list of warfarin and squaraine dyes **5a**, **11a,b**, **12a**, and **13a** in Sudlow site I of human serum albumin.

Protein: 2BXD (Sudlow's Site I)		Ligand						
		Warfarin	5a	11a	11b	12a	13a	
Estimated Free Binding Energy (Kcal/mol)		-8.80	-12.08	-11.07	-12.15	-13.12	-12.34	
Interactions	Classic H-Bonds	TYR150		LYS195	LYS195			
		HIS242		LYS199	ARG222	ARG218		
		ARG222	---	ARG218	ASP451	ARG222	ARG222	
		ARG257		ARG222				
	Non-classic H-Bonds ^a	---	ARG218					
			PRO447	ARG218	ARG218	ARG218	ARG218	
		ASP451						
	Van der Waals	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Electrostatics ^b	LYS199	LYS195					LYS195
			ARG218	LYS195	LYS195	LYS195		ARG218
ARG222	LYS199		LYS199	LYS199		ARG222		
ASP451	ARG222		ARG218			HIS242		
						GLU292		
Miscellaneous	---	---	---	CYS448 ^d		ASP451		
Hydrophobic							LYS195	
						ALA194	TYR150	
						LYS195	LYS195	
			LYS195	LYS195	LYS195	LEU198	LEU198	
	LYS195	TRP214	LYS199	LYS199	PHE211	LYS199	LYS199	
	TRP214	ALA215	PHE211	PHE211	TRP214	TRP214	TRP214	
	ALA215	ARG218	TRP214	LEU238	ALA215	ARG218	ARG218	
	ARG218	LEU219	LEU238	HIS242	LEU238	LEU219	LEU219	
	LEU219	LEU238	HIS242	ALA291	ALA291	HIS242	HIS242	
	LEU238	ALA291	ALA291	LYS436	ALA291	ALA291	ALA291	
		PRO447	PRO447	PRO447	PRO447	PRO447	VAL343	
		CYS448	CYS448	CYS448	CYS448	CYS448	PRO447	
						TYR452	CYS448	
					VAL455	VAL455		
Unfavorable ^c	---	ARG218	---	LYS195	---	LYS199		
				ARG218		ARG222		

Kcal/mol = units of Estimated Free Binding Energy, Kilocalorie per mole; ^a Non-classical H-bonds: carbon-hydrogen; π -donor hydrogen bond; ^b Electrostatic interactions: π -cation; π -anion; attractive charge; salt bridge; ^c Unfavorable interactions: charge repulsion; ^d π -Sulfur interactions.

Table S2. Estimated free binding energy and interactions list of ibuprofen and squaraine dyes **5a**, **11a,b**, **12a**, and **13a** in Sudlow site II of human serum albumin.

Protein: 2BXG (Sudlow's Site II)		Ligand						
		Ibuprofen	5a	11a	11b	12a	13a	
Estimated free binding energy (Kcal/mol)		-7.42	-8.36	-8.83	-10.21	-8.87	-9.41	
Interactions	Classical H-Bonds	ARG410 TYR411	---	LYS351 ASN483	ARG349	ASN483	---	
	Non-Classical H-Bonds ^a	---	ARG348	ASN483	LYS351 ASN483	---	SER480	
	Van der Waals	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Electrostatics ^b	---	---	---	GLU479	---	---	
	Miscellaneous	---	THR352 ^e	---	CYS487 ^d	---	---	
	Hydrophobic	ILE388					ARG348	ARG348
		CYS392					LYS351	LYS351
		LEU407	ARG348	PRO379	THR352	PRO379	THR352	
		LEU430	LYS351	LEU380	GLU376	LEU380	LEU380	
		VAL433	PRO379	PRO486	LEU380	CYS476	ARG484	
		CYS437	LEU380	CYS487	CYS487	PRO486	PRO486	
		CYS438	PRO486	ALA490	ALA490	CYS487	CYS487	
		ALA449	CYS487			ALA490	ALA490	
LEU453		ALA490						
Unfavorable ^c		---	---	---	---	---		

Kcal/mol = units of Estimated Free Binding Energy, Kilocallorie per mole; ^a Non-classical H-bonds: carbon-hydrogen; π -donor hydrogen bond; ^b Electrostatic interactions: π -cation; π -anion; attractive charge; salt bridge; ^c Unfavorable interactions: charge repulsion; ^d π -Sulfur interactions; ^e π -Lone-pair interactions.

Table S3: Estimated free binding energy and interactions of squaraine dyes **5a**, **11a,b**, **12a**, and **13a** in human serum albumin.

Protein: 2BXG (All Protein)	Ligand				
	5a	11a	11b	12a	13a
Estimated free binding energy (Kcal/mol)	-9.09	-6.84	-9.67	-8.66	-9.25
Classical H-Bonds	---	ASN109 GLU425	LEU115	LYS106	---
Non-Classical H-Bonds ^a	LEU115 TYR138 GLU141	---	ARG145	HYS105 ASP107	---
Van der Waals	---	---	---	---	---
Electrostatics ^b	ARG117	GLU425	ARG186 GLU425	ASP107	GLU141 ARG144
Miscellaneous	---	---	---	---	MET123 ^d
Interactions	LEU115				
	PRO118		PRO110		PHE36
	MET123	PRO110	ILE142	MET87	PRO118
	PHE134	PRO421	ARG145	HYS105	VAL122
	LYS137	VAL424	TYR161	LYS106	ALA126
	ILE142	LEU463	LEU182	PRO110	PHE134
	TYR161	ILE563	ARG186	LEU112	LYS137
	LEU182		LYS190	LYS466	TYR140
	ARG186				
	Unfavorable ^c	ARG117	---	---	ASP108

Kcal/mol = units of Estimated Free Binding Energy, Kilocalorie per mole; ^a Non-classical H-bonds: carbon-hydrogen; π -donor hydrogen bond; ^b Electrostatic interactions: π -cation; π -anion; attractive charge; salt bridge; ^c Unfavorable interactions: charge repulsion; ^d π -Sulfur interactions.

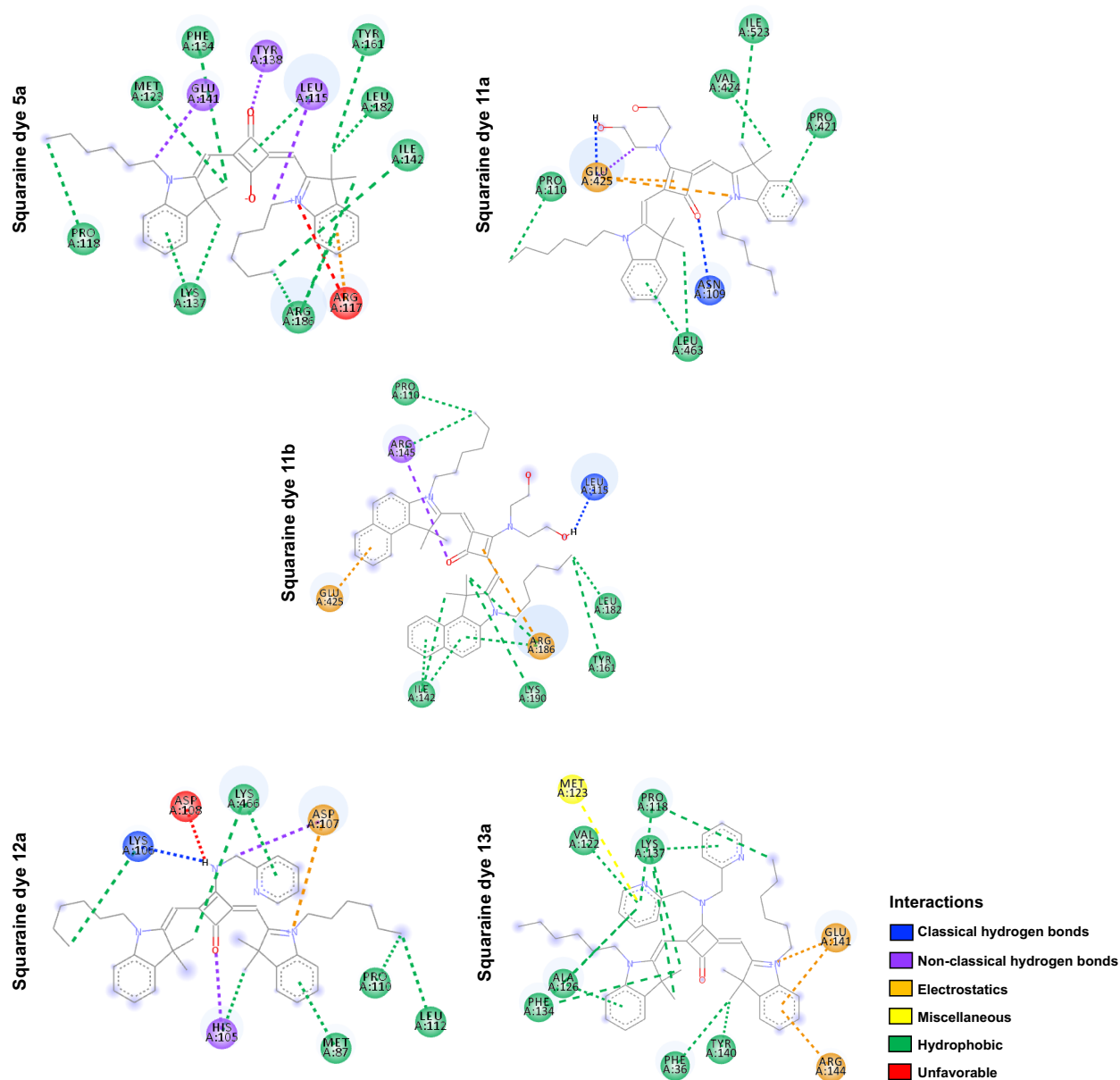


Figure S14. Binding modes and interactions of squaraine dyes **5a**, **11a,b**, **12a**, and **13a** with amino acid residues of human serum albumin protein.