

Supporting Information

for

Synthesis and anticancer activity of bis(2-arylimidazo[1,2a]pyridin-3-yl) selenides and diselenides: the coppercatalyzed tandem C–H selenation of 2-arylimidazo[1,2a]pyridine with selenium

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Experimental and cytotoxicity assay details, compound characterization and X-ray data, NMR spectra

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1. General information

Melting points were taken on a Yanagimoto micro melting point hot-stage apparatus (MP-S3) and are not corrected. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, TMS: $\delta = 0.00$ ppm as an internal standard), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃: $\delta = 77.00$ ppm as an internal standard), ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, PhCF₃ = δ : -64.0 ppm as an external standard), and ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, (PhSe)₂ = δ : 463.15 ppm as an external standard) spectra were recorded on a JEOL ECZ-400S spectrometer in CDCl₃. ESI mass spectra were measured on a Bruker micrOTOF-II spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a SHIMADZU FTIR-8400S spectrometer and are reported in the frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Only selected IR peaks are reported. All chromatographic separations were accomplished with Silica Gel 60N (Kanto Chemical Co., Inc.). Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with Macherey-Nagel precoated TLC plates Sil G25 UV₂₅₄. Most of the reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise specified.

The imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine derivatives 1 were prepared according to the reported procedures¹, and the spectroscopic data of the known compounds (1, 2a, and 3a) are in accordance with the literature.¹

2. Experimental details and characterization data

General experimental procedure for the synthesis of bis(imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl)dieselenides (2) or monoselenides (3)

A solution of 2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (1, 2.0 mmol), selenium powder (2.0 mmol, 1 equiv for 2 or 1.0 mmol, 0.5 equiv for 3), CuI (38 mg, 0.2 mmol, 10 mol %), and 1,10-phenanthoroline (36 mg, 0.2 mmol, 10 mol %) in DMSO (8 mL) was heated at 130 °C under an air atmosphere. The reaction was completed, the mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, and diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and water (20 mL). The reaction mixture was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL × 2). The combined organic layer was washed with 5% aqueous ammonia (20 mL × 2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with hexane/AcOEt to afford 2 or 3. All the products were characterized by NMR analysis (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F, and ⁷⁷Se), IR spectroscopy, and low- and high-resolution mass spectrometry. However, ⁷⁷Se signals in the NMRs of 2d and 2h could not be observed.

Characterization of the compounds

Bis(6-methoxy-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl) diselenide (2b)

Orange prism (533 mg, 88%); mp 190-191.5 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.48 (6 H, s, OMe), 6.88 (2 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.08 (2 H, s, Ar-H), 7.31-7.39 (8 H, m, Ar-H), 7.99 (4 H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 55.7 (CH₃), 105.1 (C), 105.9 (CH), 117.2 (CH), 121.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 133.4 (C), 144.6 (C), 149.5 (C), 152.3 (C); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 379.6; IR (KBr) v_{max} 694, 799, 1285, 1439, 1506 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 606 (M⁺, 100), 242 (75); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄O₂Se₂: 606.0073; Found: 606.0077.

Bis(6-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl) diselenide (2c)

Red prism (440 mg, 77%); mp 193-195 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 6.97 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, Ar-H), 7.27-7.43 (10 H, m, Ar-H), 7.89-7.91 (4 H, m, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) = 2.06 (6 H, s, Me), 7.89 (10 Hz, Mz), 7

CDCl₃) δ = 18.1 (CH₃), 103.4 (C), 116.3 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 133.3 (C), 146.7 (C), 152.5 (C); IR (KBr) v_{max} 696, 775, 1336, 1438, 1458 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 574 (M⁺, 100%), 242 (50); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 366.4; HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄Se₂: 574.0175; Found: 574.0179.

Bis(6-fluoro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl) diselenide (2d)

Red prism (500 mg, 86%); mp 233-236 °C (from CHCl₃-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.06-7.21 (8 H, m, Ar-H), 7.37 (2 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 5.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.58 (4 H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.95 (2 H, s, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 103.7 (C), 112.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 42 Hz, CH), 118.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.6 Hz, CH), 118.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 26 Hz, CH), 127.6 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 132.2 (C), 145.3 (C), 153.5 (d, *J*_{CF} = 238 Hz, C), 154.4 (C); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -139.4; IR (KBr) *v*_{max} 1161, 1435, 1501, 1535, 3042 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 604 ([M+Na]⁺, 30%), 582 (M⁺, 100), 173 (75); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₆F₂N₄Se₂: 581.9673; Found: 581.9670.

Bis[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl] diselenide (2f)

Orange fiber (538 mg, 89%); mp 174-176 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.81 (6 H, s, OMe), 6.63 (2 H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, Ar-H), 6.71 (4 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, Ar-H), 7.15 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 7.41 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, Ar-H), 7.69 (4 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, Ar-H), 7.94 (2 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 55.2 (CH₃), 102.3 (C), 112.6 (CH), 113.1 (CH), 117.0 (CH), 125.4 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 147.7 (C), 152.9 (C), 159.7 (C); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 341.8 (br); IR (KBr) v_{max} 1248, 1337, 1456, 1506, 1607 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 607 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 288 (40); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄O₂Se₂: 606.0073; Found: 606.0076.

Bis[2-(4-methylphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl] diselenide (2g)

Dark red prism (470 mg, 82%); mp 178-181 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 2.32 (6 H, s, Me), 6.61 (2 H, td, *J* = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.00 (4 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, Ar-H), 7.15 (2 H, ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.43 (2 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, Ar-H), 7.65 (4 H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, Ar-H), 7.91 (2 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 21.3 (CH₃), 102.8 (C), 112.7 (CH), 117.2 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 129.9 (C), 138.1 (C), 147.7 (C), 153.0 (C); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 345.3 (br); IR (KBr) *v*_{max} 735, 752, 1261, 1337, 1445 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* 575 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 242 (40); HRMS: *m*/*z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄Se₂: 574.0175; Found: 574.0172.

Bis[2-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl] diselenide (2h)

Red prism (503 mg, 87%); mp 201-202.5 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.76-6.81 (6 H, m, Ar-H), 7.24 (2 H, ddd, J = 9.2, 8.2, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.41 (2 H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, Ar-H), 7.58 (4 H, dd, J = 8.2, 5.5 Hz, Ar-H), 8.08 (2 H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 102.2 (C), 113.0 (CH), 114.5 (d, J_{CF} = 21 Hz, CH), 117.4 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 128.5 (C), 129.8 (d, J_{CF} = 8.7 Hz, CH), 147.7 (C), 152.4 (C), 162.8 (d, J_{CF} = 248 Hz, C); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -114.7; IR (KBr) v_{max} 839, 1217, 1337, 1456, 3421 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) m/z 583 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 291 (50); HRMS: m/z [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₆F₂N₄Se₂: 581.9673;

Bis(6-methoxy-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl) selenide (3b)

Colorless prism (473 mg, 90%); mp 268.5-271 °C (from CHCl₃-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 2.88 (6 H, s, OMe), 6.87 (2 H, dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.38-7.46 (6 H, m, Ar-H), 7.57 (4 H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, Ar-H), 8.40 (4 H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 54.9 (CH₃), 102.2 (C), 107.3 (CH), 117.4 (CH), 121.9 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 134.2 (C), 144.1 (C), 149.6 (C), 149.7 (C); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 40.0; IR (KBr) v_{max} 694, 752, 1288, 1506, 2943 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 527 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 242 (30); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄O₂Se: 526.0908; Found: 526.0911.

Bis(6-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl) selenide (3c)

Colorless powder (440 mg, 89%); mp 278-281 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 1.76 (s, 6 H, Me), 6.93 (2 H, dd, *J* = 9.1, 1.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.38 (2 H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, Ar-H), 7.40 (2 H, s, Ar-H), 7.54 (2 H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.62 (4 H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, Ar-H), 8.10 (4 H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 17.8 (CH₃), 102.9 (C), 116.4 (CH), 122.4 (C), 124.3 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 134.3 (C), 146.1 (C), 150.8 (C); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 20.0; IR (KBr) v_{max} 698, 1337, 1439, 1458, 1506 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 495 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 242 (45); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄Se: 494.1010; Found: 494.1007.

Bis(6-fluoro-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl) selenide (3d)

Colorless prism (401 mg, 80%); mp 272-275 °C (from CHCl₃-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.02 (2 H, ddd, *J* = 10.0, 7.8, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.39 (2 H, dd, *J* = 3.7, 1.8 Hz, Ar-H), 7.47 (2 H, ddd, *J* = 10.0, 5.0, 1.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.55-7.64 (6 H, m, Ar-H), 7.94 (4 H, ddd, *J* = 8.2, 3.7, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 105.2 (C), 113.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 43 Hz, CH), 117.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.7 Hz, CH), 118.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 25 Hz, CH), 128.6 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 133.5 (C), 144.8 (C), 152.9 (C), 153.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 238 Hz, C); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -139.2; ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 26.1; IR (KBr) *v*_{max} 694, 1167, 1505, 3034, 3092 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 503 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 288 (45); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₆F₂N₄Se: 502.0508; Found: 502.0510.

Bis[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl] selenide (3f)

Colorless prism (420 mg, 80%); mp 221.5-224 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.95 (6 H, s, OMe), 6.38 (2 H, td, *J* = 6.8, 0.9 Hz, Ar-H), 7.08 (2 H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.12 (4 H, dt, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.47 (2 H, dt, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.61 (2 H, dt, *J* = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.98 (4 H, dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 55.4 (CH₃), 102.8 (C), 112.4 (CH), 113.8 (CH), 117.0 (CH), 126.1 (CH), 126.5 (C), 130.8 (CH), 147.1 (C), 151.2 (C), 160.0 (C); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 23.5; IR (KBr) *v*_{max} 1177, 1246, 1341, 1458, 1609 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 575 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 288 (45); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄O₂Se: 526.0908; Found: 526.0902.

Bis[2-(4-methylphenyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridin-3-yl] selenide (3g)

Colorless prism (406 mg, 82%); mp 257-260 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 2.52 (6 H,

s, Me), 6.35 (2 H, td, J = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.08 (2 H, ddd, J = 8.7, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.40 (4 H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, Ar-H), 7.48 (2 H, dt, J = 8.7, 1.0 Hz, Ar-H), 7.59 (2 H, dt, J = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.92 (4 H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 21.4$ (CH₃), 103.2 (C), 112.4 (CH), 117.1 (CH), 126.05 (CH), 126.09 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 131.1 (C), 138.5 (C), 147.2 (C), 151.5 (C); ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 24.4$; IR (KBr) v_{max} 752, 826, 1341, 3032, 3422 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 495 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 288 (20); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₈H₂₂N₄Se: 494.1010; Found: 494.1011.

Bis[2-(4-fluorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl] selenide (3h)

Colorless plate (393 mg, 78%); mp 283-286 °C (from CH₂Cl₂-hexane); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.43 (2 H, td, *J* = 6.9, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.12 (2 H, ddd, *J* = 8.7, 6.8, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.28 (4 H, tt, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.49 (2 H, dt, *J* = 9.1, 1.4 Hz, Ar-H), 7.59 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.00 (4 H, ddd, *J* = 11.9, 5.0, 3.2 Hz, Ar-H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 103.4 (C), 112.7 (CH), 115.5 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21 Hz, CH), 117.3 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 130.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 2.9 Hz, C), 131.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.6 Hz, CH), 147.2 (C), 150.5 (C), 163.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 250 Hz, C); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -113.9; ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 21.2; IR (KBr) ν_{max} 835, 1231, 1341, 1468, 3034 cm⁻¹; LRMS (ESI) *m/z* 503 ([M+H]⁺, 100%), 242 (70); HRMS: *m/z* [M]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₁₆F₂N₄Se: 502.0508; Found: 502.0512.

3. Cytotoxicity assays

Human cervical cancer HeLa cells and human glioblastoma U251 cells were cultured at 37 °C in a humid atmosphere of 5% CO₂ in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (Nissui Pharmaceutical, Tokyo, Japan) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS, Biowest, Nuaillé, France) and 2 mmol/L L-glutamine. Human malignant meningioma HKBMM cells were cultured in Ham's F12 medium (Nissui Pharmaceutical) supplemented with 15% heat-inactivated FBS (Biowest) and 2 mmol/L L-glutamine. Human brain microvascular endothelial (HBME) cells were cultured in HuMedia-EG2 medium (Kurabo, Osaka, Japan). The cells, cultured until they reached confluence, were treated with or without each compound at various concentrations for 24 or 48 h. The cytotoxic effects of the compounds on these cells were investigated using 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazolyl-2)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) assay.

Statistical analysis

The statistical significance of the data was determined using a one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Tukey– Kramer post-hoc tests.

1. Single crystal X-ray diffraction

Crystal data and structure refinement for 2a (Figure S1)

The red prismatic crystal ($0.152 \times 0.306 \times 0.313 \text{ mm}^3$), obtained from dichloromethane/hexane, was immersed in Paraton-N oil and placed in the N₂ cold stream at 100 K. The diffraction experiment was performed in a Bruker APEX II system (APEX II CCD detector, Mo K α : $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). Absorption correction was performed by an empirical method implemented in SADABS.² Structure solution and refinement were performed by using SHELXS-2014/7 and SHELXL-2014/7.³

C₂₆H₁₈N₄Se₂, Mr = 544.36; triclinic, space group $P\overline{1}$, Z = 2, $D_{calc} = 1.710 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$, a = 9.851(3), b = 9.897(3), c = 12.535(4) Å, V = 1057.2(6) Å³, 9422 measured and 3708 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 289 parameters, final $R_1 = 0.0787$, $wR_2 = 0.2592$, $S = 1.110 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 1983998



Figure S1: ORTEP drawing of compound 2a with 50% probability.



Figure S2: Ph ring and ImdazoPy plane of 2a.

Crystal data and structure refinement for **3a** (Figure S2)

The colorless prismatic crystal ($0.100 \times 0.100 \times 0.100 \text{ mm}^3$), obtained from dichloromethane/*n*-hexane, was immersed in Paraton-N oil and placed in the N₂ cold stream at 100 K. Data were collected using diffractometer with CMOS detector (Bruker D8 VENTURE, CuK α : λ = 1.54178 Å). Absorption correction was performed by an empirical method implemented in SADABS.² Structure solution and refinement were performed by using SHELXT-2014/5⁴ and SHELXL-2018/3.³

 $C_{26}H_{18}N_4Se$, Mr = 465.40; monoclinic, space group $P2_1/n$, Z = 4, $D_{calc} = 1.499$ g·cm⁻³, a = 12.1774(9), b = 13.8146(11), c = 12.5652(10) Å, $\beta = 102.665(2)^\circ$, V = 2062.4(3) Å³, 26883 measured and 4299 independent $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections, 280 parameters, final $R_1 = 0.0226$, $wR_2 = 0.0603$, S = 1.050 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$. CCDC 1983999



Figure S3: ORTEP drawing of compound 3a with 50% probability.

All nonhydrogen atoms in each molecule were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically on the calculated positions using a riding model (AFIX 43), with Uiso values constrained to 1.2/1.5 Ueq of their parent atoms.

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3) Scanned ¹H NMR and 13C NMR spectra of all new compounds

¹H NMR of **2b**.









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¹H NMR of **2g**.





¹³C NMR of **2g**.



¹H NMR of **2h**.









¹H NMR of **3b**.





¹³C NMR of **3b**.



¹H NMR of 3c.





¹³C NMR of 3c.









¹³C NMR of **3d**.



¹H NMR of **3f**.





13 C NMR of **3f**.



¹H NMR of **3g**.





¹³C NMR of **3**g.



 1 H NMR of **3h**.





¹³C NMR of **3h**.

