

Supporting Information

Visible-Light-Mediated Aerobic Selenation of (hetero)arenes with Diselenides

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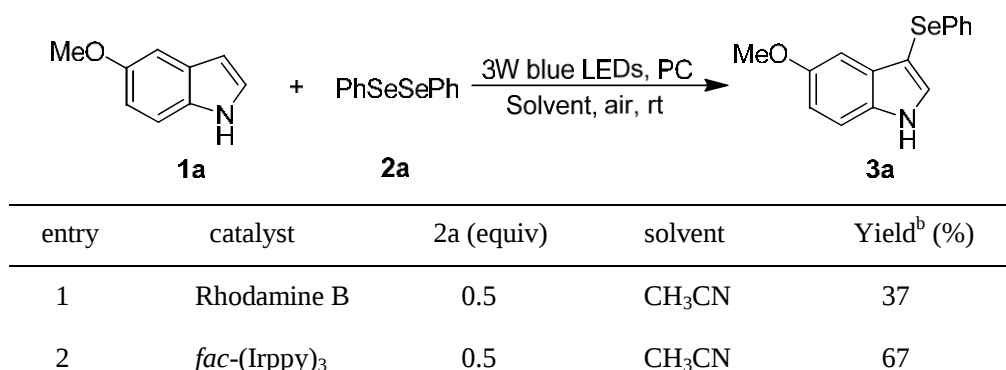
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1. General Considerations

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were set up in a clear pyrex glass tube and were stirred with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were used to conduct the reactions. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), and the products were obtained by column chromatography on silica gel (200-300 mesh) or aluminum oxide neutral (200-300 mesh). NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AM-400 MHz spectrometer for proton and carbon magnetic resonance spectra (^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR) in the solvent of CDCl_3 or $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ as the internal standard (^1H NMR: TMS at 0.00 ppm, CDCl_3 at 7.26 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 2.50 ppm; ^{13}C NMR: CDCl_3 at 77.16 ppm, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$ at 39.52 ppm). In reporting spectral data the format (δ) chemical shift (multiplicity, J values in Hz, integration) was used with the following abbreviations: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintuplet, m = multiplet. Mass spectra were reported in units of m/z , and were obtained with esquire6000, TRACE DSQ and ORBITRAP ELITE. UV-Vis spectra and luminescence spectra were recorded on UV-2600, RF-5301PC respectively. Infrared spectra (IR) were recorded on a Nicolet (NEXUS 670) spectrometer. X-ray crystal structure was recorded on Supernova.

2. Experimental Procedures

2.1. Condition screening for the catalytic system



3	Na ₂ -eosin Y	0.5	CH ₃ CN	79
4	Ru(bpy) ₃ Cl ₂	0.5	CH ₃ CN	81
5	FIrPic	0.5	CH ₃ CN	84
6	FIrPic	0.5	DCM	9
7	FIrPic	0.5	DCE	53
8	FIrPic	0.5	DMSO	33
9	FIrPic	0.5	THF	15
10	FIrPic	0.5	DMF	44
11	FIrPic	0.5	acetone	61
12	FIrPic	0.6	CH ₃ CN	91
13	FIrPic	0.7	CH ₃ CN	93
14 ^c		0.6	CH ₃ CN	47
15 ^d	FIrPic	0.6	CH ₃ CN	0

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), solvent (2 mL), **PC** (2 mol %), air. ^b Isolated yield.

^c Reaction was carried out without FIrPic. ^d Reaction was carried out in the dark. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC.

2.2. General procedure for the synthesis of starting materials

2.2.1. General procedure for the synthesis of diselenides^[1]

To a stirred solution of Se⁰ metal (10.0 mmol) and halides (5.0 mmol) in dry DMSO (10.0 mL) was added CuO nanoparticles (10.0 mol %) followed by KOH (2.0 equiv) under nitrogen atmosphere at 90 °C. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was complete, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool, which was subjected to column chromatographic separation to give pure Diselenides. The identity and purity of the product was confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass spectra analysis.

2.2.2. General procedure for the synthesis of indole derivatives

N-Phenyl-1H-indole: According to a procedure by Glorius *et al.*,^[2] indole (490 mg, 4.2 mmol, 1.4 eq), iodobenzene (333 μL, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 eq), copper(I) iodide (115 mg,

0.6 mmol, 20 mol%) and cesium carbonate (1.96 g, 6.0 mmol, 2.0 eq) were stirred for 16 h at 120 °C in DMF (6 mL). After cooling down to room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and washed with water (2 x 20 mL). The combined aqueous layer was reextracted with EtOAc (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by silica-gel chromatography (n-pentane) afforded the product as a colorless oil (556 mg, 2.9 mmol, 96%). The identity and purity of the product was confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass spectra analysis.

N-Benzyl-1H-indole: According to a procedure by Glorius *et al.*,^[2] sodium hydride (60% in mineral oil, 144 mg, 3.6 mmol, 1.2 eq) was added at 0 °C to a solution of indole (352 mg, 3.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (3 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and was stirred for 30 min. At 0 °C, benzyl bromide (400 µL, 3.3 mmol, 1.1 eq) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and was stirred for 16 h. Water (5 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by silica-gel chromatography (2% EtOAc in n-pentane) afforded the product as a colorless oil (341 mg, 1.7 mmol, 55%). The identity and purity of the product was confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass spectra analysis.

2-Hexyl-1H-indole: According to a procedure by Ramón *et al.*,^[3] to a stirred solution of the corresponding 2-iodoaniline (1 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) under argon atmosphere were added Pd/CuOeFe₃O₄ (50 mg), NaOH (10 mmol), and the corresponding alkyne (1.5 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 130 °C until the end of reaction. The catalyst was removed by a magnet and the resulting mixture was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, followed by evaporation under reduced pressure to remove the solvent. The product was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate) to give 2-(Oct-1-yn-1-yl)aniline. Then, to a stirred solution of 2-(Oct-1-yn-1-yl)aniline (1 mmol) in toluene (4 mL) was added ZnBr₂ (225 mg, 1 mmol). The resulting

mixture was stirred at 130 °C during 24 h. The mixture was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, followed by evaporation under reduced pressure to give the pure products.

N-methyl-7-azaindoles: According to a procedure by Das *et al.*,^[4] a dried round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer bar was charged 7-azaindole (1g, 8.47 mol) and DMF (5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was cool down to 0 °C and NaH (1.2 equiv) was added and stirred for 1 h. After 1 h stirring alkyl methyl iodide (1.1 equiv) was added and continued the stirring for another 1 h. After completion of the reaction it was quenched with ice cold water (50 mL) and was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give N-methyl-7-azaindoles in quantitative yield. The identity and purity of the product was confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass spectra analysis.

2.2.3. General procedure for the synthesis of imidazoheterocycles

Imidazo[1,2-a]pyridines: According to a procedure by Kumar *et al.*,^[5] a clean oven-dried 50 mL round bottom flask was charged with acetophenone (10.0 mmol), 2-amino pyridine (12.0 mmol), CuI (2.0 mmol) and 1,4-dioxane (30.0 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at 100 °C under ambient air. On completion, the reaction mass was evaporated to dryness. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography to obtain tandem product. The identity and purity of the product was confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mass spectra analysis.

2.3. General procedure for selenylation of aromatics

A 10 mL a clear pyrex glass tube and was stirred with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Diselenide derivatives (0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq) and FlrPic (2 mol %) were added to the solution of aromatics (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) in MeCN. Under visible-light generated from 3W blue LEDs, the reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C in the air. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator. Then, the residue was purified by silica

gel column chromatography to give the desired product.

3. X-ray Crystal Structure

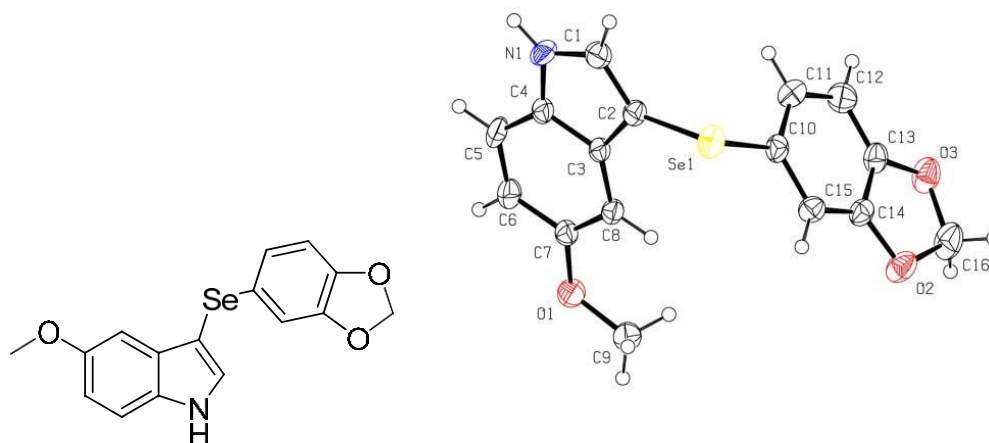


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of **3ak**.

4. Mechanism Studies

4.1. Photophysical properties

4.1.1. UV-Vis absorption spectra

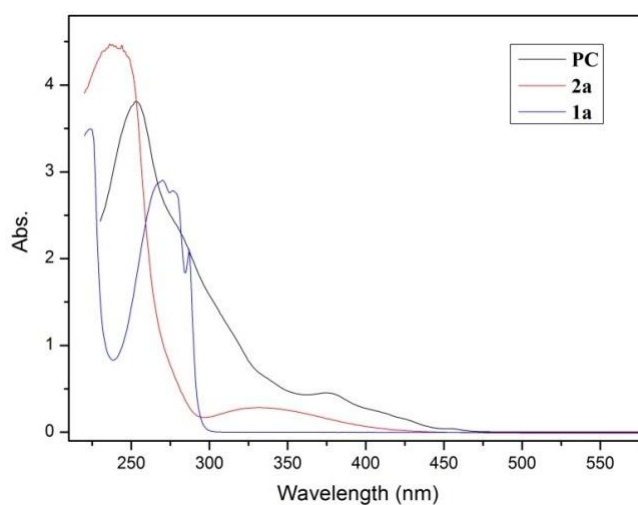


Figure S2. UV-Vis absorption spectra of **1a**: 5-Methoxyindole, **2a**: Diphenyl diselenide and **PC**: FIrPic in MeCN.

4.1.2. Emission Quenching experiments for PC

Emission intensities were recorded using a RF-5301PC Fluorescence Spectrometer. CH₃CN was degassed with a stream of Ar for 30 min. All the solutions were prepared under Ar atmosphere. In a typical experiment, the emission spectrum of a 1×10^{-4} M solution of PC in CH₃CN was collected. Then, appropriate amount of quencher was added to the measured solution and the emission spectrum of the sample was collected. Here I_0 and I represent the intensities of the emission in the absence and presence of the quencher.

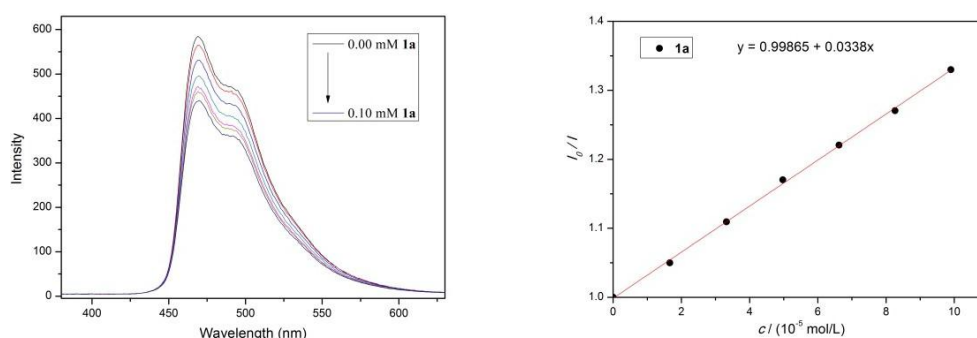


Figure S3. The emission quenching of FlrPic by **1a**

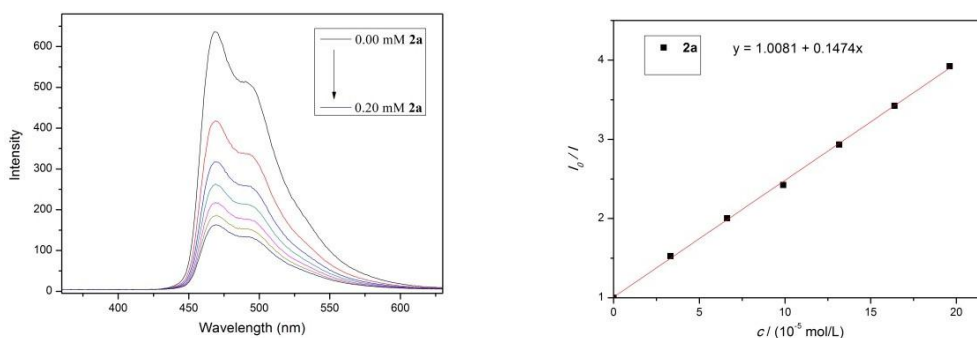
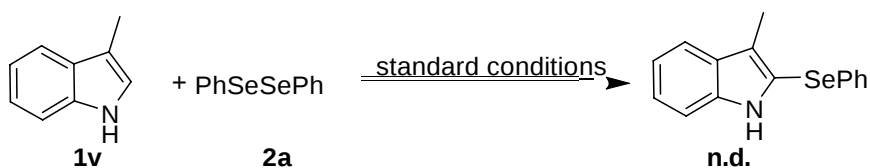


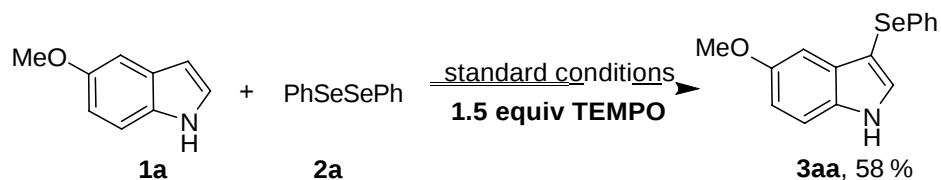
Figure S4. The emission quenching of FlrPic by **2a**

4.2. Control Experiments

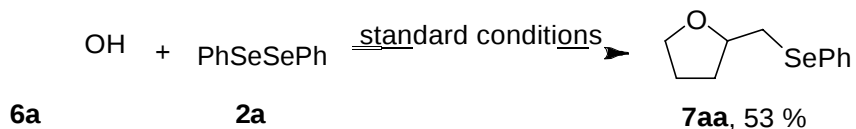


A 10 mL a clear pyrex glass tube and was stirred with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir

bar. Diphenyl diselenide (0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq) and FIrPic (2 mol %) were added to the solution of 3-methylindole (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) in MeCN. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C in the air and irradiated by 3W blue LEDs. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after 36 h, no products were obtained.



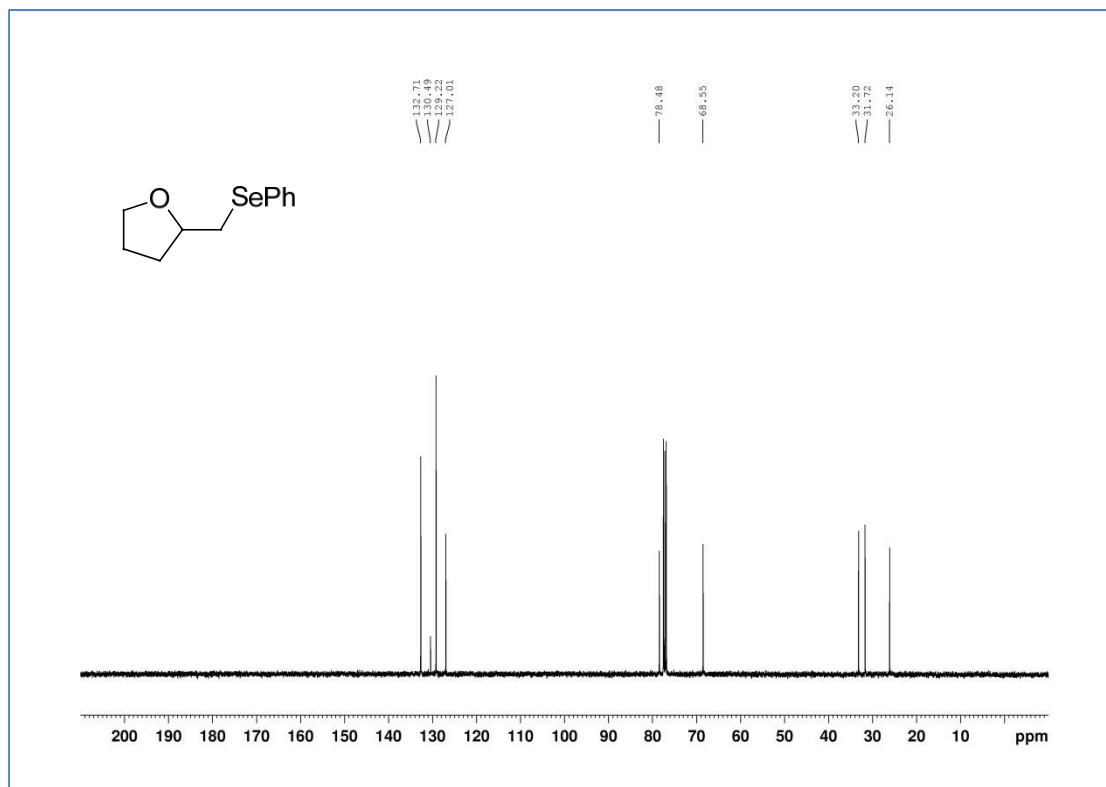
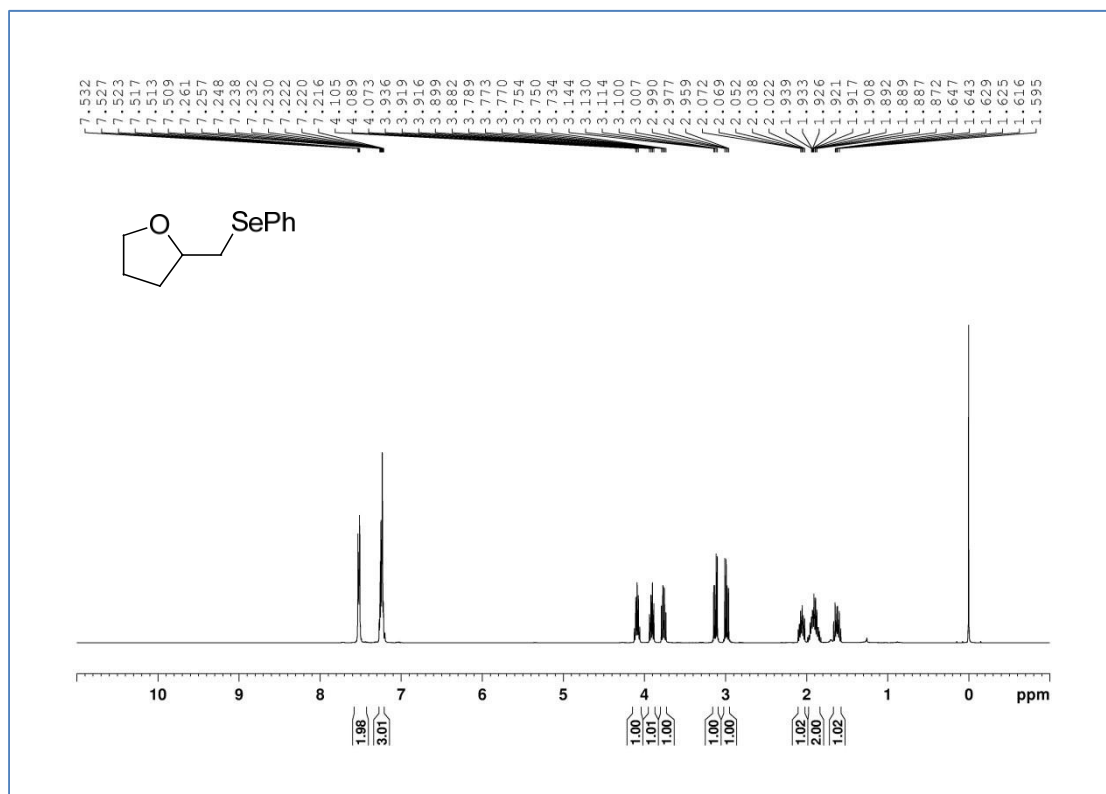
A 10 mL a clear pyrex glass tube and was stirred with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Diphenyl diselenide (0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq), FIrPic (2 mol %) and TEMPO (0.3 mmol, 1.5 eq) were added to the solution of 5-methoxyindole, (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) in MeCN. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C in the air and irradiated by 3W blue LEDs. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator. Then, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product, (35.3 mg, Yield: 58%).



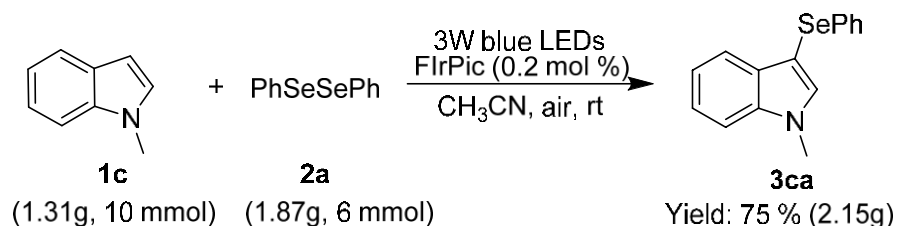
A 10 mL a clear pyrex glass tube and was stirred with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Diphenyl diselenide (0.12 mmol, 0.6 eq) and FIrPic (2 mol %) were added to the solution of 4-penten-1-ol (0.2 mmol, 1 eq) in MeCN. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C in the air and irradiated by 3W blue LEDs. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator. Then, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product, (25.8 mg, Yield: 53 %).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.53 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 4.09 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.94 – 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.79 – 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07 – 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.94 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.60 (m, 1H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 132.7, 130.5, 129.2, 127.0, 78.5, 68.6, 33.2,

^1H and ^{13}C NMR:



5. Gram-Scale Selenation of 1c



A 100 mL a clear pyrex glass tube and was stirred with a Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Diphenyl diselenide (6.0 mmol, 0.6 eq) and FlrPic (0.2 mol %) were added to the solution of *N*-methylindole (10 mmol, 1 eq) in MeCN. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C in the air and irradiated by 3W blue LEDs. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after 48 h, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure by rotary evaporator. Then, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to give the desired product.

6. Biochemical Studies

Experiment method:

1×10^4 cells were incubated with target compounds (0, 10, 20, 50 μM) for 48 h in triplicate in a 96-well plate for the indicated times at 37 °C in a final volume of 100 μl . Cells treated with DMSO alone were used as controls. After 44 h, 10 μl MTT (5 mg/ml) was added to each well and incubated for an additional 4 h at 37 °C. An extraction buffer (100 μl , 10% SDS, 5% isobutanol, 0.1% HCl) was added, and the cells were incubated overnight at 37 °C. The absorbance was measured at 570 nm using a microplate reader (Thermo Scientific Multiskan GO, Finland).

Table 1. In vitro cell growth inhibition by the target compounds

compd	IC ₅₀ (M)	
	HeLa	HepG2
3oa	15.7	>50
3ma	14.5	>50
3ba	42.1	>50
3sa	31.8	30.5
3qa	38.2	37.6
3ra	>50	>50
3ha	>50	>50

2a	>50	>50
3al	6.3	24.4
2l	29.6	41.4
3af	12.2	19.1

[a] IC₅₀: concentration of the compound (mM) producing 50% cell growth inhibition after 48 h of drug exposure, as determined by the MTT assay. Each experiment was carried out in triplicate.

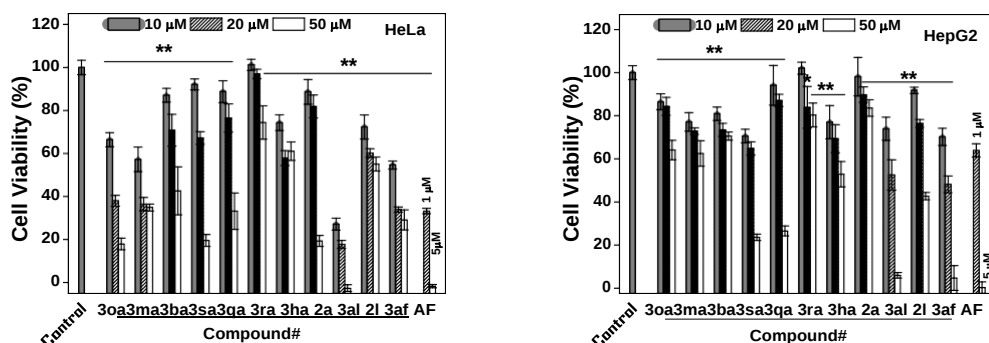
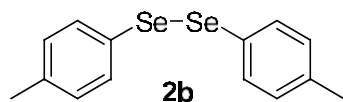


Figure S5. Cytotoxicity Screening of Compounds.

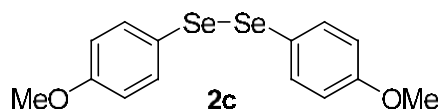
7. Characterization Data

7.1. Characterization data of starting materials



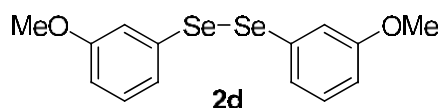
1,2-di-p-tolyldisellane (**2b**)^[1]: red liquid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 2.36 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 138.2, 133.6, 132.5, 130.1, 21.3. **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 342 (73.83), 340 (70.03), 338 (42.77), 182 (58.11), 171 (100.00), 169 (55.45), 167 (35.82), 91 (71.05).



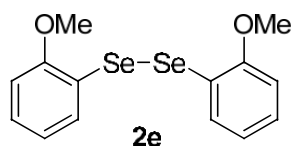
1, 2-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)disellane (**2c**)^[1]: yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 3.82 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 160.1, 135.5, 122.0, 114.8, 55.3. **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 374 (26.71), 372 (24.44), 189 (17.71), 187 (100.00), 185 (50.62), 184 (20.92), 183 (20.78), 172 (18.20).



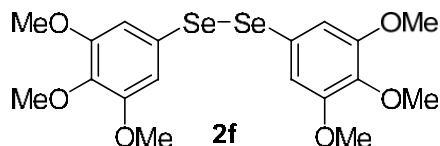
1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)diselane (**2d**)^[1]: red liquid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 4H), 6.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.88 – 6.85 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 136.4, 133.2, 133.0, 132.7, 130.5, 118.2, 111.4. **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 374 (45.16), 372 (39.21), 370 (22.75), 294 (50.66), 293 (20.29), 292 (28.65), 214 (100.00), 187 (42.73), 185 (25.79).



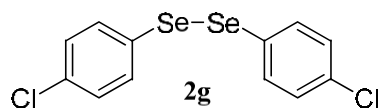
1,2-bis(3-methoxyphenyl)diselane (**2e**)^[1]: yellow solid. yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.91 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.85 – 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.93 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 157.1, 130.8, 128.4, 122.1, 118.9, 110.4, 56.1. **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 374 (100.00), 372 (91.63), 370 (52.75), 207 (28.44), 186 (49.38), 185 (34.01), 159 (52.02), 157 (60.05), 107 (62.45), 78 (39.96), 77 (47.12).



1,2-bis(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)diselane (**2f**)^[14]: yellow solid.

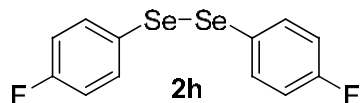
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 6.85 (s, 4H), 3.83 (s, 6H), 3.81 (s, 12H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 153.4, 138.6, 125.5, 110.4, 61.2, 56.4. **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 494 (16.99), 492 (15.62), 249 (17.77), 247 (100.00), 245 (49.25), 244 (19.88), 243 (19.80), 232 (24.01).



1,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)diselane (**2g**)^[1]: yellow solid.

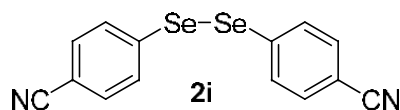
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 4H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 134.5, 133.5, 129.6, 129.0. **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative

intensity, %) 384 (25.64), 382 (39.87), 380 (29.22), 222 (24.81), 193 (42.70), 191 (100.00), 189 (50.07), 156 (35.46).



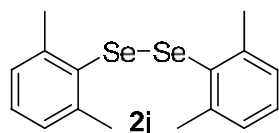
1,2-bis(4-fluorophenyl)diselane (**2h**)^[6]: red liquid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.65 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 4H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 164.4 (d, J = 247 Hz), 135.1 (d, J = 8 Hz), 125.8 (d, J = 4 Hz), 116.7 (d, J = 22 Hz). **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 350 (44.89), 348 (38.24), 346 (22.53), 190 (16.49), 177 (16.53), 175 (100.00), 173 (44.53), 172 (17.32), 171 (18.82), 83 (17.75).



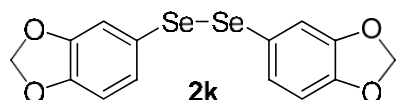
4,4'-diselanedibenzonitrile (**2i**)^[9]: yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 136.6, 133.4, 132.9, 130.7, 118.4. **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 364 (10.51), 284 (44.22), 283 (11.70), 282 (24.12), 281 (11.57), 205 (14.31), 204 (100.00), 182 (37.14), 180 (20.61), 44 (24.80).



1,2-bis(2,6-dimethylphenyl)diselane (**2j**)^[7]: yellow solid.

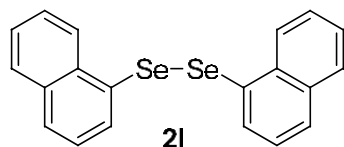
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.13 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.29 (s, 12H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 144.0, 132.2, 129.4, 127.6, 24.4. **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 370 (63.57), 368 (56.04), 366 (34.60), 185 (61.97), 184 (92.65), 183 (50.73), 182 (55.94), 105 (100.00), 91 (32.93).



1,2-bis(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)diselane (**2k**)^[13]: yellow solid.

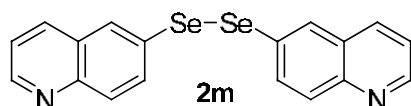
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127.7, 123.1, 114.2, 109.0, 101.6. **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 402 (25.82), 400 (23.94), 203 (19.08), 201 (100.00), 199 (46.11), 198 (21.88), 197 (20.72), 44 (19.00).



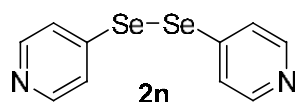
1,2-di(naphthalen-1-yl)diselane (**2l**)^[6]: yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.83 – 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.77 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 134.3, 134.2, 134.1, 130.2, 130.0, 128.7, 128.2, 126.9, 126.5, 125.8; **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 414 (25.91), 412 (26.09), 254 (32.60), 253 (22.27), 208 (24.00), 207 (100.00), 205 (51.66), 204 (31.18), 128 (23.39), 115 (79.44), 44 (31.46).



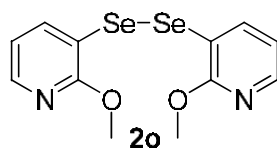
1,2-di(quinolin-6-yl)diselane (**2m**): yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.90 (dd, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 8.04 - 8.00 (m, 6H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 151.0, 147.0, 135.5, 132.1, 130.1, 130.0, 128.2, 128.1, 122.2. **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for C₁₈H₁₂N₂Se₂ [M+H]⁺ 416.9404, found 416.9398.



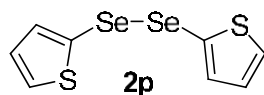
1,2-di(pyridin-4-yl)diselane (**2n**)^[10]: yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.52 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 4H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 4H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 150.5, 140.5, 127.3. **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 316 (5.15), 238 (17.37), 237 (15.67), 236 (100.00), 235 (30.52), 234 (48.86), 233 (28.35), 232 (23.85), 78 (23.96), 51 (22.57).



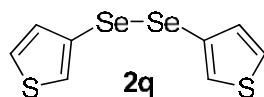
1,2-bis(2-methoxypyridin-3-yl)diselane (**2o**): yellow solid.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 8.02 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 7.79 (dd, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 – 6.81 (m, 2H); **^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz)** δ 160.8, 145.5, 139.2, 118.6, 113.4, 54.2. **ESI-HRMS:** m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{Se}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 376.9302, found 376.9.



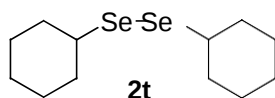
1,2-di(thiophen-2-yl)diselane (**2p**)^[11]: yellow solid.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.52 (dd, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (dd, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dd, J = 5.2 Hz, 2H); **^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz)** δ 137.2, 133.2, 128.3, 125.8. **EI-MS:** m/z (relative intensity, %) 326 (37.55), 324 (34.26), 322 (19.16), 257 (17.98), 166 (59.17), 165 (24.77), 163 (100.00), 161 (50.40), 119 (18.93).



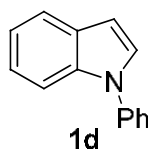
1,2-di(thiophen-3-yl)diselane (**2q**)^[12]: yellow solid.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 7.40 (dd, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (dd, J = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 5.0 Hz, 2H); **^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz)** δ 132.6, 129.4, 126.9, 124.4. **EI-MS:** m/z (relative intensity, %) 326 (36.95), 324 (34.20), 322 (18.96), 269 (15.06), 246 (13.54), 166 (100.00), 165 (22.94), 163 (72.19), 161 (32.05).



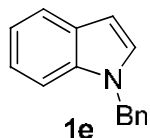
1,2-dicyclohexyldiselane (**2t**)^[8]: red liquid.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 400 MHz) δ 3.43 – 3.28 (m, 1H), 3.08 – 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 4H), 1.80 – 1.75 (m, 4H), 1.63 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.60 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.46 (m, 6H); **^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 100 MHz)** δ 43.7, 34.8, 27.2, 25.9. **EI-MS:** m/z (relative intensity, %) 326 (13.57), 324 (12.80), 246 (8.40), 244 (26.86), 242 (22.99), 240 (15.19), 83 (100.00), 55 (32.41).



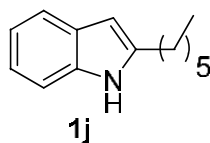
1-phenyl-1*H*-indole (**1d**)^[2]: yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.69 (dd, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.67 – 7.66 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 140.0, 136.0, 129.8, 129.5, 128.1, 126.6, 124.5, 122.5, 121.3, 120.5, 110.7, 103.8; EI-MS: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 193.9.



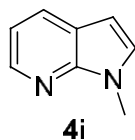
1-benzyl-1*H*-indole (**1e**)^[2]: colorless solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.53 – 6.52 (m, 1H), 5.23 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 137.7, 136.5, 128.9, 128.4, 127.7, 126.9, 121.9, 121.2, 119.7, 109.9, 101.9; EI-MS: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 208.1.



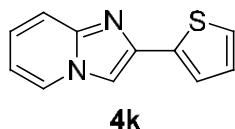
2-hexyl-1*H*-indole (**1j**)^[3]: colorless solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 7.84 (brs, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.27 (s, 1H), 2.77 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.35 (m, 6H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 140.2, 136.0, 129.1, 121.1, 120.0, 119.8, 110.5, 99.7, 31.9, 29.4, 29.2, 28.5, 22.8, 14.3; EI-MS: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 202.2.



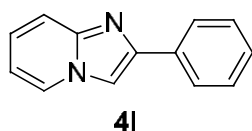
1-methyl-1*H*-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine (**4i**)^[4]: colorless liquid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.35 (dd, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H); 3.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 148.0, 143.0, 129.2, 128.9, 120.7, 115.7, 99.5, 31.4; EI-MS: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 133.1.



2-(thiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (**4k**)^[5]: white solid.

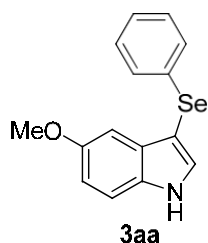
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.06 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 145.6, 141.1, 137.7, 127.9, 125.6, 125.2, 125.0, 123.9, 117.5, 112.7, 107.6; **EI-MS**: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 201.0.



2-phenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (**4l**)^[5]: colorless solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.10 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 6.76 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz)** δ 146.0, 145.9, 134.0, 128.9, 128.2, 126.3, 125.8, 124.8, 117.8, 112.6, 108.3; **EI-MS**: *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 195.1.

7.2. Characterization data of products

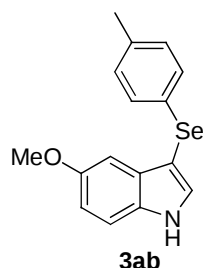


5-methoxy-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3aa**)^[15]: colorless liquid, 55.2 mg (Yield: 91 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.55 (brs, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO)**: δ 154.2, 133.9, 133.3, 131.6, 130.3, 129.1, 128.0, 125.5, 113.0, 112.2, 100.5, 94.5,

55.2; **IR** ν_{max} : 3409, 1623, 1577, 1477, 1437, 1283, 1208, 1164, 1022, 804, 735;

EI-MS: m/z (relative intensity, %) 303 (27.71), 301 (14.40), 224 (16.34), 223 (100.00), 208 (28.50), 207 (11.20), 181 (16.14), 180 (15.09).



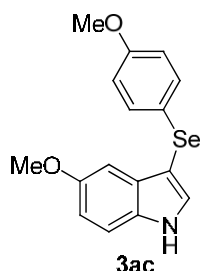
5-methoxy-3-(*p*-tolylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ab**): yellow liquid, 65.6 mg (Yield: 93 %).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 11.50 (brs, 1H), 7.65 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.81 (m, 1H) 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**:

δ 154.2, 134.9, 133.0, 131.6, 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 128.4, 112.9, 112.1, 100.6, 95.1,

55.3, 20.4; **IR** ν_{max} : 3405, 1624, 1580, 1484, 1453, 1283, 1209, 1165, 1031, 918, 801;

ESI-HRMS: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOSe}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 318.0391, found 318.0392.



5-methoxy-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ac**): colorless liquid, 61.8 mg (Yield: 93 %).

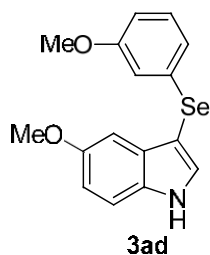
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 11.46 (brs, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 6.91 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 3H)

3.71 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**: δ 158.0, 154.2, 132.7,

131.5, 130.7, 130.2, 123.2, 114.9, 112.9, 112.0, 100.7, 96.1, 55.3, 55.1; **IR** ν_{max} : 3404,

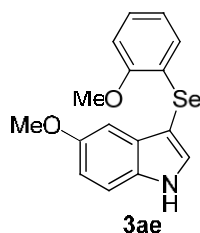
1583, 1489, 1455, 1285, 1244, 1209, 1165, 1030, 821, 806; **ESI-HRMS**: m/z

calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_2\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 356.0160, found 356.0157.



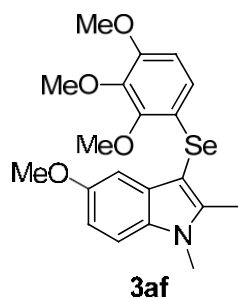
5-methoxy-3-((3-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ad**): colorless liquid, 59.9 mg (Yield: 90 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.55 (brs, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 – 6.67 (m, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.62 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 159.7, 154.3, 135.2, 133.4, 131.6, 130.3, 129.9, 120.2, 113.8, 113.0, 112.2, 110.9, 100.6, 94.5, 55.3, 54.9; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3404, 1724, 1586, 1477, 1283, 1243, 1166, 1036, 919, 838, 805; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₅NO₂Se [M+Na]⁺ 356.0160, found 356.0159.



5-methoxy-3-((2-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ae**): white solid, 57.9 mg (Yield: 87 %).

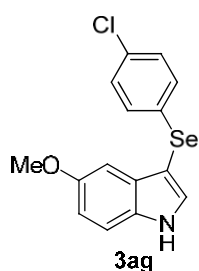
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.58 (brs, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.85 – 6.81 (m, 2H), 7.68 – 7.64 (m, 1H), 6.50 – 6.47 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 155.6, 154.3, 133.8, 131.8, 130.6, 127.0, 126.3, 122.8, 121.3, 113.0, 112.2, 110.5, 100.5, 92.5, 55.7, 55.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3401, 1726, 1577, 1473, 1238, 1209, 1165, 1032, 919, 805, 750; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₅NO₂Se [M+H]⁺ 334.0341, found 334.0340.



5-methoxy-1,2-dimethyl-3-((2,3,4-trimethoxyphenyl)selanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3af**)^[14]:

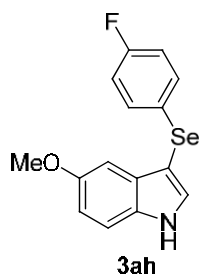
white solid, 69.0 mg (Yield: 94 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.67 (s, 6H), 2.57 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CDCl₃):** δ 155.1, 153.7, 143.0, 136.3, 132.5, 131.4, 128.9, 111.9, 110.0, 105.8, 101.6, 95.3, 61.0, 56.2, 56.1, 30.8, 12.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 2935, 1618, 1580, 1494, 1448, 1401, 1302, 1232, 1126, 1006, 906, 732; **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 421 (31.90), 419 (16.10), 342 (21.15), 341 (100.00), 327 (17.36), 326 (86.91), 175 (10.44), 174 (24.05), 131 (10.69).



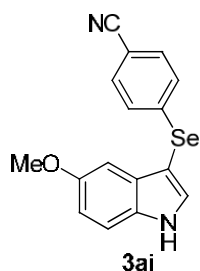
3-((4-chlorophenyl)selanyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (**3ag**)^[17]: white solid, 59.8 mg (Yield: 89 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.59 (brs, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.86 – 6.82 (m, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 154.4, 133.4, 132.8, 131.6, 130.3, 130.1, 129.6, 128.9, 113.0, 112.3, 100.4, 94.2, 55.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3336, 1736, 1667, 1474, 1373, 1243, 1167, 1090, 1046, 1010, 809; **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 339 (11.67), 337 (27.55), 335 (12.60), 259 (32.83), 258 (18.24), 257 (100.00), 242 (24.89), 214 (13.98), 207 (12.50), 44 (12.94).



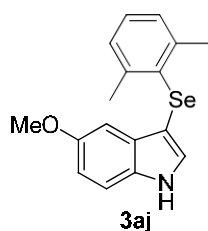
3-((4-fluorophenyl)selanyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (**3ah**): yellow liquid, 68.2 mg (Yield: 83 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.55 (brs, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.01 (m, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 162.0 (d, *J* = 241 Hz), 154.3, 133.2, 131.6, 130.3, 130.2, 130.1, 128.6 (d, *J* = 2 Hz), 116.2 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 113.0 (d, *J* = 79 Hz), 100.5, 95.0, 55.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3404, 1624, 1582, 1485, 1455, 1284, 1224, 1165, 1031, 822, 806; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₅H₁₂NFOSe [M+H]⁺ 322.0141, found 322.0139.



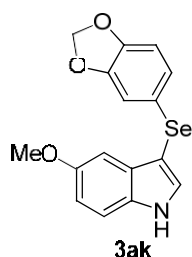
4-((5-methoxy-1*H*-indol-3-yl)selanyl)benzonitrile (**3ai**): white solid, 50.7 mg (Yield: 78 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.69 (brs, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 154.5, 142.6, 133.8, 132.4, 131.7, 129.9, 127.9, 118.9, 113.2, 112.4, 107.7, 100.2, 92.9, 55.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3347, 2226, 1585, 1483, 1285, 1210, 1166, 1032, 919, 820, 806; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₂N₂OSe [M+H]⁺ 329.0188, found 329.0185.



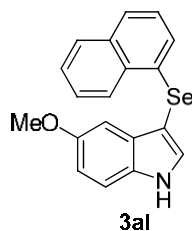
3-((2,6-dimethylphenyl)selanyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (**3aj**): yellow solid, 54.7 mg (Yield: 83 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.25 (brs, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 – 7.04 (m, 3H), 6.75 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 6H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 153.7, 141.8, 132.0, 131.2, 130.8, 129.9, 128.0, 127.7, 112.6, 111.6, 100.7, 97.0, 55.0, 24.1; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3407, 1625, 1580, 1483, 1456, 1284, 1210, 1164, 1031, 918, 800; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₇H₁₇NOSe [M+H]⁺ 332.0548, found 332.0543.



3-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-ylselanyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (**3ak**): yellow solid, 62.3 mg (Yield: 90 %).

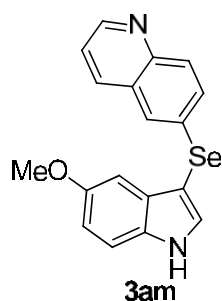
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.5 (brs, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 – 6.75 (m, 3H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 154.2, 147.9, 146.0, 133.0, 131.5, 130.2, 125.0, 122.2, 112.9, 112.1, 109.5, 109.0, 101.0, 100.6, 95.8, 55.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3405, 1624, 1580, 1475, 1284, 1232, 1209, 1165, 1036, 934, 804; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₆H₁₃NO₃Se [M+H]⁺ 348.0133, found 348.0132.



5-methoxy-3-(naphthalen-1-ylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3al**): yellow liquid, 60.1 mg (Yield:

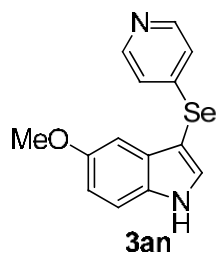
85 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.64 (brs, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88 – 6.83 (m, 2H), 3.64 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 154.6, 133.8, 132.6, 132.1, 132.0, 130.7, 128.9, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 125.5, 113.5, 112.6, 100.9, 94.1, 55.6; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3406, 1620, 1580, 1483, 1458, 1379, 1284, 1205, 1165, 1029, 794; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₉H₁₅NOSe [M+H]⁺ 354.0392, found 354.0391.



6-((5-methoxy-1H-indole-3-yl)selanyl)quinoline (**3am**): white solid, 44.2 mg (Yield: 65 %).

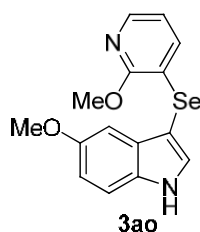
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 8.90 (brs, 1H), 8.82 – 8.81 (m, 1H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CDCl₃):** δ 155.5, 149.7, 147.0, 135.3, 133.4, 132.4, 131.7, 130.9, 130.5, 129.7, 129.1, 126.1, 121.6, 113.8, 112.6, 101.6, 97.2, 56.0; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3147, 1584, 1487, 1460, 1285, 1201, 1166, 1124, 1032, 829, 797; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₈H₁₄N₂OSe [M+H]⁺ 355.0344, found 355.0337.



5-methoxy-3-(pyridin-4-ylselanyl)-1H-indole (**3an**): colorless liquid, 18.3 mg (Yield:

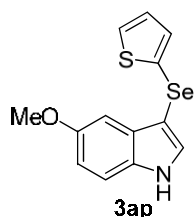
30 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 8.77 (brs, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CDCl₃):** δ 155.7, 148.8, 148.2, 132.6, 131.6, 130.5, 123.2, 114.1, 112.8, 101.3, 95.1, 56.0; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3141, 1574, 1482, 1460, 1438, 1286, 1202, 1167, 1032, 920, 801; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₁₂N₂OSe [M+H]⁺ 305.0188, found 305.0181.



5-methoxy-3-((2-methoxypyridin-3-yl)selanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ao**): colorless liquid, 50.7 mg (Yield: 76 %).

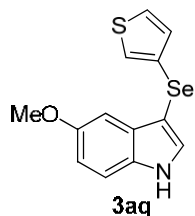
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.64 (brs, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 159.5, 154.4, 143.1, 135.8, 133.9, 131.8, 130.2, 118.1, 118.0, 113.1, 112.4, 100.2, 91.6, 55.3, 53.6; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3401, 1579, 1460, 1396, 1248, 1210, 1166, 1034, 919, 805, 737; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₂Se [M+H]⁺ 335.0293, found 335.0294.



5-methoxy-3-(thiophen-2-ylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ap**): colorless liquid, 40.8 mg (Yield: 66 %).

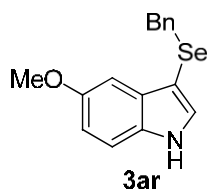
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.43 (brs, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 154.2, 132.3, 132.0, 131.2, 129.7, 128.0, 127.5, 112.8,

112.1, 100.7, 97.8, 55.3; **IR** ν_{max} : 3406, 1624, 1580, 1483, 1284, 1210, 1165, 1029, 918, 803, 703; **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOSe}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 309.9799, found 309.9796.



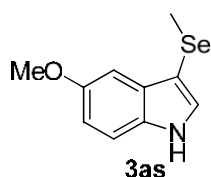
5-methoxy-3-(thiophen-3-ylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3aq**): white solid, 46.3 mg (Yield: 75 %).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 11.43 (brs, 1H), 7.64 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dd, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**: δ 154.1, 132.3, 131.4, 130.0, 129.8, 127.0, 126.2, 122.9, 112.8, 112.0, 100.6, 95.9, 55.3; **IR** ν_{max} : 3404, 1624, 1580, 1483, 1454, 1284, 1209, 1165, 1029, 805, 765; **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOSe}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 309.9799, found 309.9794.

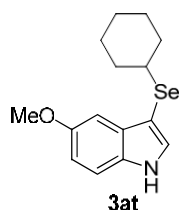


3-(benzylselanyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (**3ar**): yellow liquid, 25.4 mg (Yield: 41 %).

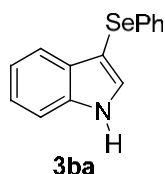
^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 11.22 (brs, 1H), 7.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**: δ 153.9, 140.0, 132.0, 131.2, 130.5, 128.1, 126.3, 112.5, 111.9, 100.5, 96.2, 55.2, 31.8; **IR** ν_{max} : 3409, 1624, 1580, 1482, 1453, 1283, 1209, 1164, 1030, 803, 697; **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NOSe}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 318.0392, found 318.0389.



5-methoxy-3-(methylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3as**): yellow liquid, 36.8 mg (Yield: 77 %). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO)**: δ 11.20 (brs, 1H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO)**: δ 153.9, 131.3, 130.7, 130.0, 112.6, 111.9, 100.6, 97.1, 55.3, 8.9; **IR** ν_{max} : 3403, 1624, 1579, 1482, 1453, 1283, 1209, 1164, 1030, 917, 803; **ESI-HRMS**: *m/z* calculated for C₁₀H₁₁NOS₂ [M+H]⁺ 242.0079, found 242.0077.

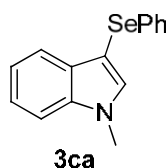


3-(cyclohexylselanyl)-5-methoxy-1*H*-indole (**3at**): yellow solid, 43.2 mg (Yield: 70 %). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO)**: δ 11.26 (brs, 1H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.96 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.36 (m, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO)**: δ 153.9, 132.6, 131.4, 131.3, 112.5, 111.6, 101.1, 94.9, 55.3, 42.0, 33.9, 26.2, 25.2; **IR** ν_{max} : 3412, 1624, 1582, 1480, 1285, 1225, 1151, 1029, 799, 757, 725; **ESI-HRMS**: *m/z* calculated for C₁₅H₁₉NOS₂ [M+H]⁺ 310.0705, found 310.0701.



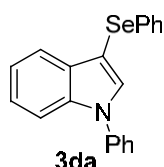
3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ba**)^[15]: white solid, 50.0 mg (Yield: 91 %). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO)**: δ 11.71 (brs, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.4 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 5 H), 7.14 – 7.05 (m, 2H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO)**: δ 136.7, 133.8, 132.8, 129.5, 129.1, 128.1, 125.6, 122.0, 120.1, 119.0, 112.1, 95.0; **IR** ν_{max} : 3411, 1575, 1475, 1452, 1404, 1236, 1095, 1020, 745, 733, 514; **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 273 (21.11), 271 (11.38), 194

(15.56), 193 (100.00), 192 (10.97), 165 (10.14).



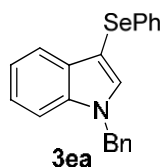
1-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ca**)^[15]: white solid, 53.8 mg (Yield: 94 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 6H), 3.86 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 137.2, 136.6, 133.7, 129.9, 129.1, 128.1, 125.6, 122.1, 120.2, 119.3, 110.4, 93.9, 32.7; **IR ν_{max} :** 3053, 1576, 1507, 1476, 1458, 1332, 1239, 1154, 1021, 736, 690; **EI-MS:** m/z (relative intensity, %) 287 (23.60), 285 (12.01), 208 (18.38), 207 (100.00), 206 (18.30), 165 (7.07), 130 (7.94).



1-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3da**)^[15]: yellow liquid, 61.1 mg (Yield: 88 %).

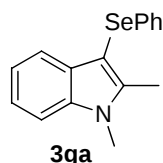
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 8.06 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 138.2, 136.0, 134.9, 132.7, 130.6, 129.8, 129.2, 128.7, 127.0, 125.9, 124.1, 123.3, 121.3, 119.9, 110.9, 98.1; **IR ν_{max} :** 3053, 1736, 1596, 1508, 1476, 1453, 1363, 1223, 1021, 736, 694; **EI-MS:** m/z (relative intensity, %) 349 (20.42), 270 (23.46), 269 (100.00), 268 (14.68), 267 (9.19), 165 (23.79), 149 (10.12).



1-benzyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ea**)^[18]: yellow liquid, 64.6 mg (Yield: 90 %).

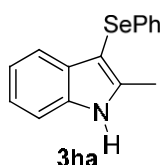
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 2H), 5.51 (s, 2H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 137.7, 136.6, 136.1,

133.5, 130.2, 129.1, 128.6, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 125.7, 122.3, 120.4, 119.4, 110.9, 94.8, 49.4; **IR** ν_{max} : 3055, 1735, 1577, 1503, 1476, 1455, 1249, 1160, 1022, 732, 691; **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 363 (17.83), 284 (13.02), 283 (65.53), 208 (15.47), 207 (95.54), 206 (20.35), 192 (28.93), 165 (14.15), 91 (100.00).



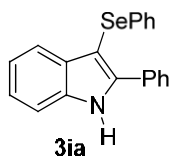
1,2-dimethyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ga**): colorless liquid, 49.6 mg (Yield: 83 %).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 7.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.04 (m, 7H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.53 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**: δ 143.1, 137.1, 133.7, 129.8, 129.1, 127.9, 125.5, 121.4, 120.1, 118.6, 109.8, 93.5, 30.4, 11.6; **IR** ν_{max} : 3419, 1575, 1518, 1473, 1437, 1392, 1235, 1021, 745, 731, 688; **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{15}\text{NSe}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 302.0442, found 302.0438.



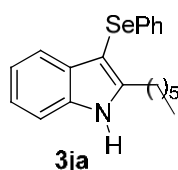
2-dimethyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ha**)^[15]: white solid, 54.4 mg (Yield: 95 %).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 11.58 (brs, 1H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.96 – 6.92 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**: δ 141.7, 136.0, 133.7, 130.6, 129.1, 127.8, 125.4, 121.3, 119.8, 118.4, 111.1, 93.5, 12.7; **IR** ν_{max} : 3397, 1576, 1541, 1475, 1454, 1401, 1289, 1059, 1021, 736, 690; **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 287 (28.68), 285 (14.79), 208 (16.36), 207 (100.00), 206 (32.08), 130 (29.53).



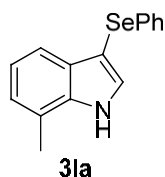
2-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ia**)^[15]: colorless liquid, 58.6 mg (Yield: 84 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 12.10 (brs, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.41 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.10 (m, 6H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 142.2, 136.6, 133.8, 131.8, 131.4, 129.2, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 125.5, 122.6, 120.4, 119.6, 111.9, 93.2; **IR v_{max}:** 3404, 3056, 1576, 1476, 1454, 1398, 1295, 1224, 1022, 736, 692; **EI-MS:** *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 349 (10.43), 270 (13.06), 269 (50.46), 268 (11.69), 194 (14.59), 193 (100.00), 192 (17.72), 165 (27.87), 44 (9.79).



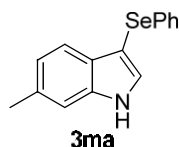
2-hexyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ja**): yellow liquid, 64.8 mg (Yield: 91 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.58 (brs, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.05 – 7.00 (m, 1H), 2.87 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.67 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.24 – 1.15 (m, 6H), 0.78 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 145.9, 136.1, 133.9, 130.5, 129.0, 127.7, 125.3, 121.3, 119.8, 118.5, 111.3, 93.3, 30.9, 29.1, 28.2, 26.7, 21.9, 13.8; **IR v_{max}:** 3399, 2926, 2855, 1577, 1454, 1410, 1289, 1228, 1022, 735, 690; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₂₀H₂₃NSe [M+H]⁺ 358.1068, found 358.1066.

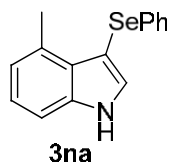


7-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3la**)^[16]: colorless liquid, 51.9 mg (Yield: 90 %).

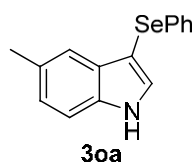
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.69 (brs, 1H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 7.08 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 136.1, 133.8, 132.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.0, 125.5, 122.5, 121.4, 120.2, 116.6, 95.4, 16.6; **IR v_{max}:** 3412, 1721, 1577, 1476, 1438, 1250, 1115, 1046, 781, 735, 690; **EI-MS:** *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 287 (25.25), 285 (13.50), 208 (17.70), 207 (100.00), 206 (31.28), 130 (8.84).



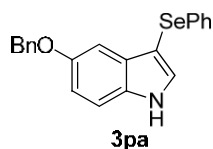
6-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ma**)^[16]: white solid, 49.8 mg (Yield: 87 %). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 11.53 (brs, 1H), 7.64 (s, 1H), 7.28 (s, 2H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 137.0, 133.8, 132.1, 131.2, 129.0, 128.0, 127.4, 125.5, 121.8, 118.7, 111.8, 94.8, 21.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3398, 1575, 1474, 1450, 1382, 1149, 1095, 1021, 805, 733, 521; **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 287 (26.10), 285 (13.07), 223 (8.19), 208 (19.81), 207 (100.00), 206 (40.05), 130 (9.10).



4-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3na**)^[16]: yellow solid, 53.4 mg (Yield: 93 %). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 11.66 (brs, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.08 (m, 5H), 7.06 – 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 137.1, 136.2, 133.8, 130.2, 129.1, 127.5, 126.8, 125.3, 122.0, 121.5, 110.2, 93.8, 18.4; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3407, 1575, 1474, 1437, 1391, 1112, 1069, 1019, 773, 734, 689; **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 287 (37.01), 285 (18.64), 284 (7.69), 208 (18.83), 207 (100.00), 206 (40.77), 130 (26.23).

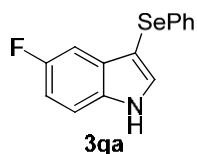


5-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3oa**)^[15]: white solid, 50.3 mg (Yield: 88 %). **¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 11.57 (brs, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.01 (m, 6H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 135.0, 134.0, 132.9, 129.8, 129.1, 128.7, 127.9, 125.5, 123.6, 118.5, 111.8, 94.2, 21.2; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3403, 1576, 1474, 1436, 1236, 1159, 1093, 1022, 804, 734, 594; **EI-MS**: *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 287 (24.41), 285 (13.27), 208 (18.94), 207 (100.00), 206 (38.51), 130 (8.19).



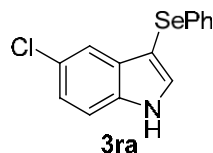
5-(benzyloxy)-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3pa**): white solid, 69.6 mg (Yield: 90 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.55 (brs, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.09 (m, 5H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 2,4 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 2H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 153.2, 137.5, 133.8, 133.4, 131.7, 130.3, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 125.6, 112.9, 112.8, 102.2, 94.7, 69.7; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3412, 1723, 1620, 1578, 1477, 1453, 1279, 1172, 1021, 762, 692; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₂₁H₁₇N₂OSe [M+H]⁺ 380.0548, found 380.0546.



5-fluoro-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3qa**)^[16]: white solid, 50.8 mg (Yield: 87 %).

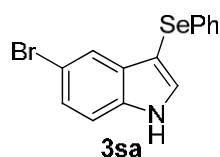
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.81 (brs, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.00 (m, 7H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 158.8 (d, *J* = 232 Hz), 134.8, 133.4, 133.3, 130.3 (d, *J* = 10 Hz), 129.1, 128.2, 125.7, 113.5 (d, *J* = 10 Hz), 110.4 (d, *J* = 26 Hz), 103.7 (d, *J* = 23 Hz), 95.1 (d, *J* = 5 Hz); **IR** *v*_{max}: 3415, 1581, 1484, 1451, 1151, 1092, 1019, 928, 858, 807, 734; **EI-MS:** *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 291 (19.98), 289 (11.05), 212 (17.19), 211 (100.00), 210 (10.98), 183 (10.38), 44 (8.29).



5-chloro-3-(phenylselanyl)-1*H*-indole (**3ra**)^[15]: white solid, 51.4 mg (Yield: 84 %).

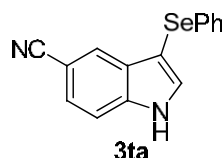
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.90 (brs, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 6H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 135.2, 134.6, 133.3, 130.9, 129.2, 128.2, 128.1, 125.8, 124.9, 122.1, 118.0, 113.9, 94.8; **IR** *v*_{max}: 3333, 1574, 1474, 1439, 1097, 1020, 891, 806, 730, 589, 521; **EI-MS:** *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 309 (9.17), 307 (21.12), 229 (31.73), 228

(17.93), 227 (100.00), 192 (13.22), 165 (9.36), 135 (5.58).



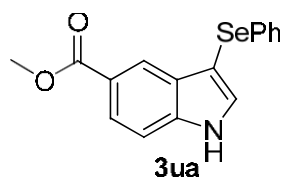
5-bromo-3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-indole (**3sa**)^[15]: white solid, 60.2 mg (Yield: 86 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 11.90 (brs, 1H), 7.82 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 5H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 135.4, 134.5, 133.2, 131.5, 129.2, 128.2, 125.8, 124.7, 121.1, 114.3, 112.8, 94.7; **IR ν_{max} :** 3418, 1572, 1474, 1454, 1400, 1093, 881, 808, 736, 688, 583; **EI-MS:** m/z (relative intensity, %) 353 (30.12), 351 (35.13), 273 (94.72), 272 (44.83), 271 (100.00), 192 (30.62), 165 (24.19), 44 (56.77).



3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile (**3ta**)^[16]: white solid, 42.1 mg (Yield: 71 %).

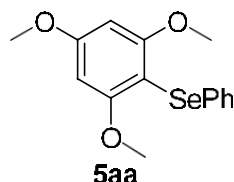
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 12.24 (brs, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 5H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 138.6, 135.5, 132.8, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 126.0, 124.8, 124.3, 120.2, 113.6, 102.3, 96.5; **IR ν_{max} :** 3393, 2221, 1610, 1576, 1463, 1409, 1336, 1092, 829, 730, 685; **EI-MS:** m/z (relative intensity, %) 298 (18.74), 296 (10.15), 295 (4.28), 219 (18.06), 218 (100.00), 217 (9.41), 190 (11.13).



Methyl 3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-indole-5-carboxylate (**3ua**)^[15]: white solid, 42.0 mg (Yield: 64 %).

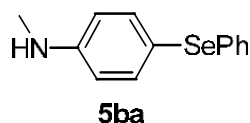
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 12.09 (brs, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 – 7.10 (m, 5H), 3.81 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 166.9, 139.4, 134.9, 133.3, 132.1, 129.2,

128.0, 125.8, 123.0, 121.6, 121.4, 112.3, 96.6, 51.8; **IR** ν_{max} : 3303, 1689, 1615, 1579, 1476, 1348, 1290, 1237, 1197, 1105, 738; **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 331 (29.03), 329 (14.36), 269 (18.36), 252 (16.81), 251 (100.00), 220 (44.36), 192 (14.00), 165 (16.56), 44 (32.09).



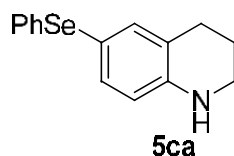
Phenyl(2,4,6-trimethoxyphenyl)selane (**5aa**): white solid, 58.2 mg (Yield: 90 %).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.34 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.72 (s, 6H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**: δ 162.9, 161.5, 133.7, 128.9, 127.8, 125.1, 95.5, 91.4, 56.1, 55.4; **IR** ν_{max} : 1578, 1467, 1452, 1409, 1336, 1228, 1204, 1162, 1123, 814, 735; **EI-MS**: m/z $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 324.9. **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 325.0337, found 325.0339.



N-methyl-4-(phenylselanyl)aniline (**5ba**)^[19]: colorless liquid, 36.2 mg, (Yield: 90 %).

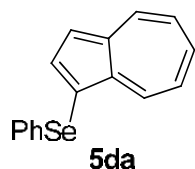
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (brs, 1H), 2.87 (s, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 149.6, 137.5, 134.7, 130.0, 129.2, 126.1, 114.9, 113.6, 30.7; **IR** ν_{max} : 3421, 1596, 1504, 1476, 1437, 1320, 1262, 1182, 1021, 816, 735; **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 263 (38.88), 261 (19.47), 260 (8.53), 259 (8.72), 184 (17.61), 183 (100.00), 182 (38.93).



6-(phenylselanyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline (**5ca**)^[20]: white solid, 32.5 mg (Yield: 54 %).

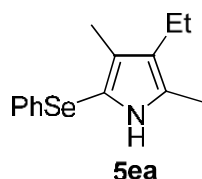
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.13 – 7.11 (m, 1H), 6.42 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (brs, 1H), 3.31 (s, 2H), 2.73 (s, 2H), 1.95 – 1.89 (m, 2H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 145.3, 137.5, 135.1, 134.9, 129.9,

129.2, 126.0, 122.6, 115.1, 114.1, 42.0, 27.0, 21.9; **IR** ν_{max} : 3414, 2927, 1595, 1501, 1475, 1437, 1299, 1021, 810, 735, 690; **EI-MS**: m/z (relative intensity, %) 289 (35.67), 287 (18.61), 285 (10.40), 210 (18.65), 209 (100.00), 208 (41.02), 205 (7.64), 130 (23.03).



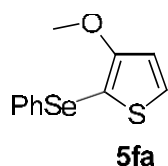
Azulen-1-yl(phenyl)selane (**5da**): colorless liquid, 28.9 mg, (Yield: 51 %).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$): δ 8.60 – 8.55 (m, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 2H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $(\text{CD}_3)_2\text{SO}$)**: δ 144.2, 141.6, 141.1, 139.2, 137.6, 136.8, 134.2, 129.2, 128.4, 125.8, 125.2, 124.8, 118.4, 110.9; **IR** ν_{max} : 1575, 1473, 1435, 1390, 1291, 1064, 1019, 861, 776, 733, 689; **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{Se}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 285.0177, found 285.0174.



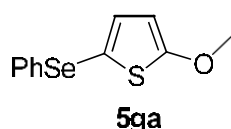
3-ethyl-2,4-dimethyl-5-(phenylselanyl)-1H-pyrrole (**5ea**): yellow liquid, 43.0 mg, (Yield: 77 %).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.73 (brs, 1H), 7.23 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 2.50 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H); **^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3)**: δ 135.0, 129.3, 128.2, 127.6, 126.9, 125.8, 122.4, 105.7, 18.4, 15.7, 11.5, 11.0; **IR** ν_{max} : 3422, 2960, 2925, 2859, 1578, 1475, 1438, 1292, 1021, 735, 690; **ESI-HRMS**: m/z calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{17}\text{NSe}$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 280.0599, found 280.0593.



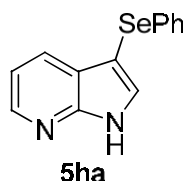
3-methoxy-2-(phenylselanyl)thiophene (**5fa**): yellow liquid, 43.3 mg, (Yield: 80 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CDCl₃):** δ 161.0, 133.7, 130.4, 129.4, 129.3, 126.5, 116.4, 99.5, 59.3; **IR** *v*_{max}: 1577, 1533, 1475, 1438, 1376, 1249, 1067, 1021, 834, 734, 689; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₁H₁₀NOSSe [M+H]⁺ 270.9690, found 270.9687.



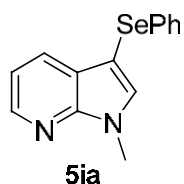
2-methoxy-5-(phenylselanyl)thiophene (**5ga**): colorless liquid, 36.0 mg, (Yield: 67 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 7.33 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.24 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CDCl₃):** δ 171.4, 136.6, 134.4, 129.4, 129.3, 126.6, 107.9, 105.5, 60.4; **IR** *v*_{max}: 1577, 1540, 1476, 1465, 1419, 1237, 1202, 1062, 997, 735, 689; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₁H₁₀NOSSe [M+H]⁺ 270.9690, found 270.9688.



3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine (**5ha**): white solid, 36.1 mg (Yield: 66 %).

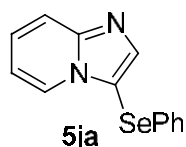
¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 12.24 (brs, 1H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.18 – 7.11 (m, 6H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 146.9, 141.6, 131.5, 131.2, 127.2, 126.4, 125.3, 123.9, 119.9, 114.6, 92.0; **IR** *v*_{max}: 2923, 1740, 1580, 1475, 1409, 1280, 1242, 794, 770, 734, 689; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₃H₁₀N₂Se [M+H]⁺ 275.0082, found 275.0083.



1-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]pyridine (**5ia**): yellow liquid, 44.5 mg,

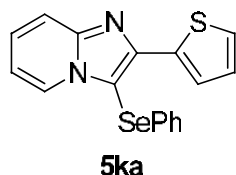
(Yield: 78 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 8.34 (dd, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.12 (m, 6H), 3.89 (s, 1H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 147.9, 143.4, 136.9, 133.1, 129.2, 128.4, 127.6, 125.9, 122.2, 116.6, 92.9, 31.1; **IR** *v*_{max}: 1577, 1566, 1511, 1476, 1436, 1403, 1297, 1134, 1021, 771, 735; **ESI-HRMS:** *m/z* calculated for C₁₄H₁₂N₂Se [M+H]⁺ 289.0238, found 289.0231.



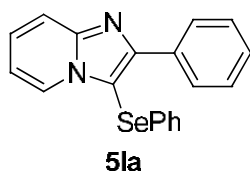
3-(phenylselanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (**5ja**)^[21]: colorless liquid, 21.3 mg, (Yield: 39 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CDCl₃): δ 8.29 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 – 7.13 (m, 5H), 6.88 – 6.85 (m, 1H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CDCl₃):** δ 148.4, 143.1, 130.7, 129.7, 129.2, 127.0, 126.0, 125.4, 118.1, 113.3, 106.7; **IR** *v*_{max}: 1632, 1577, 1499, 1476, 1438, 1337, 1289, 1149, 757, 736, 690; **EI-MS:** *m/z* (relative intensity, %) 274 (23.73), 272 (12.20), 195 (16.46), 194 (100.00), 193 (13.45), 105 (8.72), 78 (23.72).



3-(phenylselanyl)-2-(thiophen-2-yl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (**5ka**)^[21]: colorless liquid, 32.8 mg, (Yield: 46 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 8.47 – 8.46 (m, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.26 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 1H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 146.9, 145.7, 136.5, 130.4, 129.8, 128.4, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 126.9, 126.1, 125.6, 116.7, 113.7, 101.7; **IR** *v*_{max}: 1574, 1474, 1435, 1341, 1210, 1021, 852, 760, 735, 708; **EI-MS:** *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 357.0.



2-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine (**5la**)^[21]: yellow liquid, 24.8 mg, (Yield: 35 %).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO): δ 8.46 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 – 8.12 (m, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.40 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 3H); **¹³CNMR (100 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO):** δ 150.4, 147.1, 133.7, 130.8, 129.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.1, 126.8, 125.7, 117.1, 113.6, 102.4; **IR** ν_{max} : 1677, 1576, 1476, 1464, 1432, 1342, 1304, 1230, 755, 736, 695; **EI-MS:** *m/z* [M+H]⁺ 351.0.

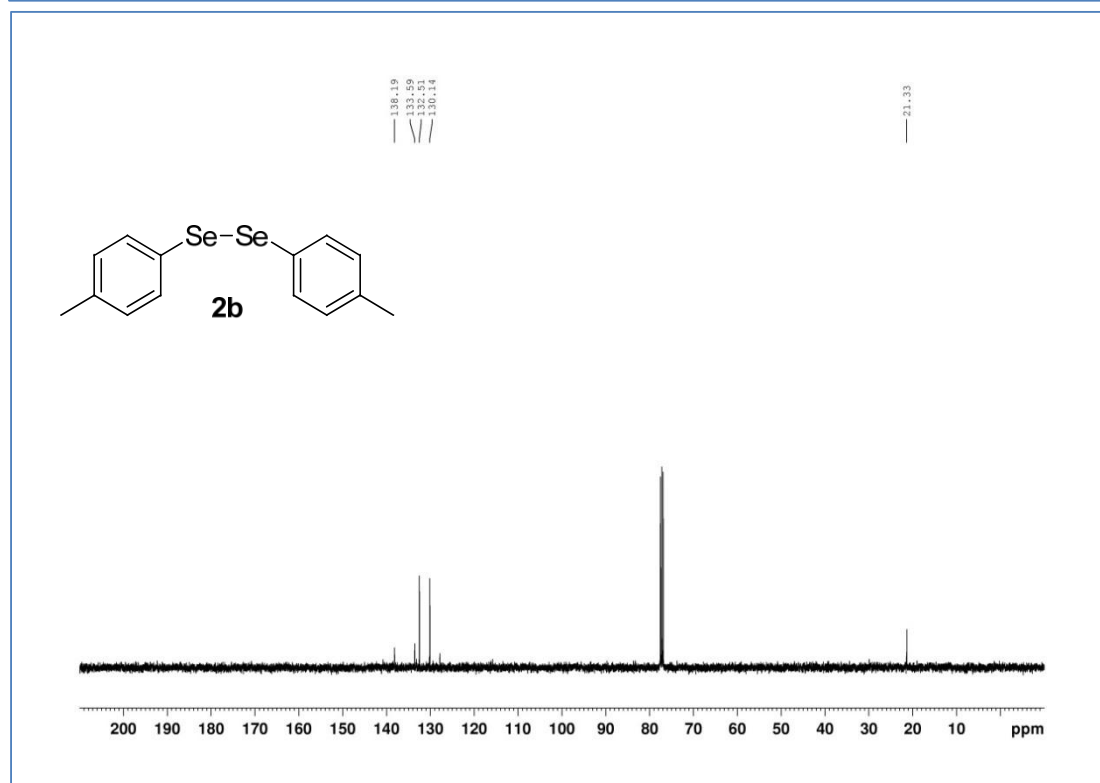
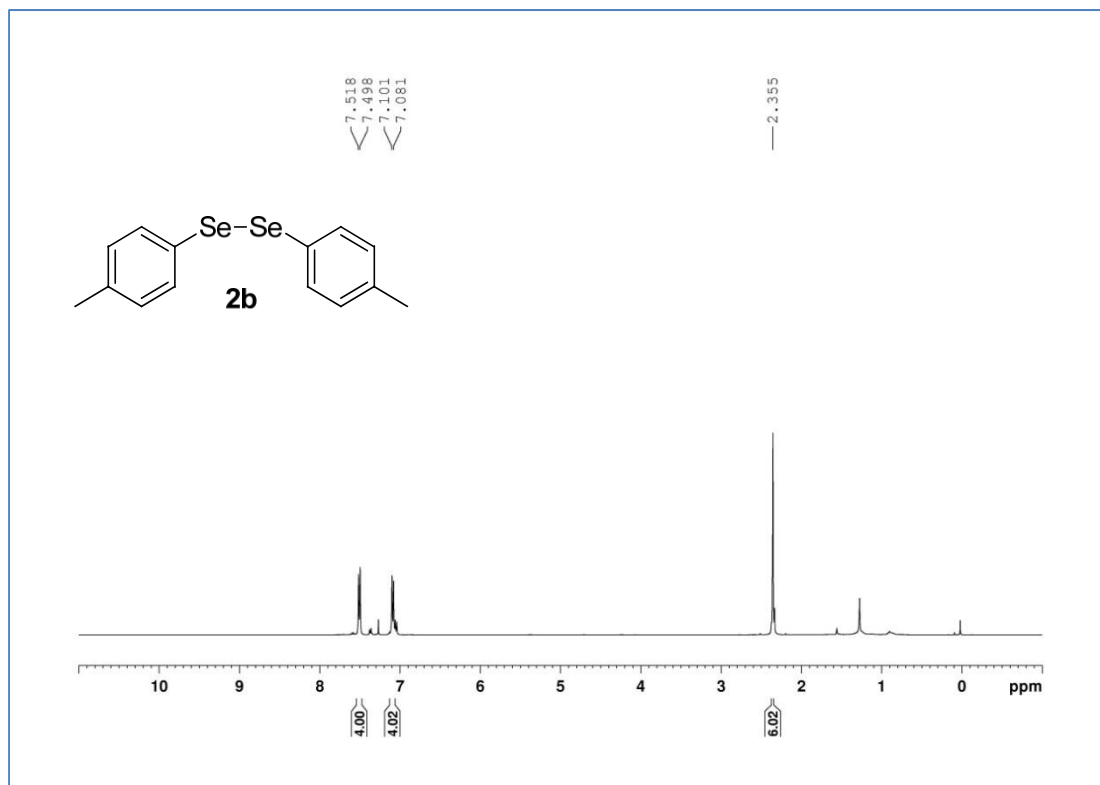
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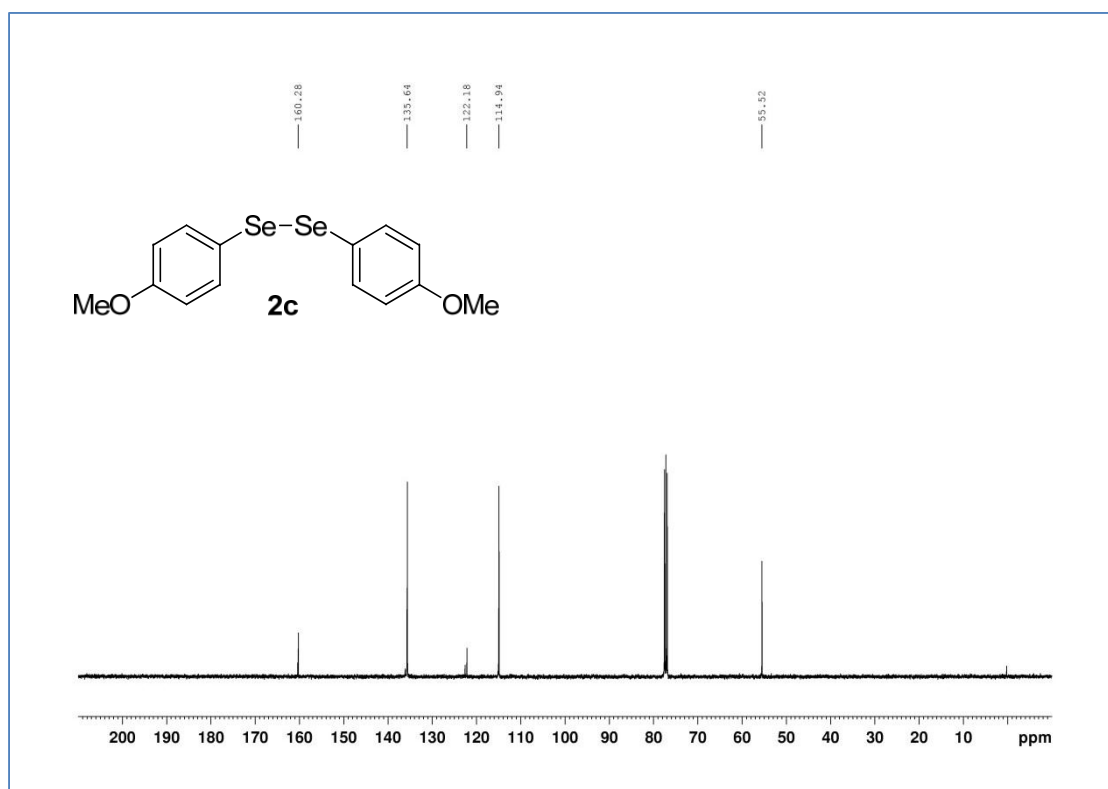
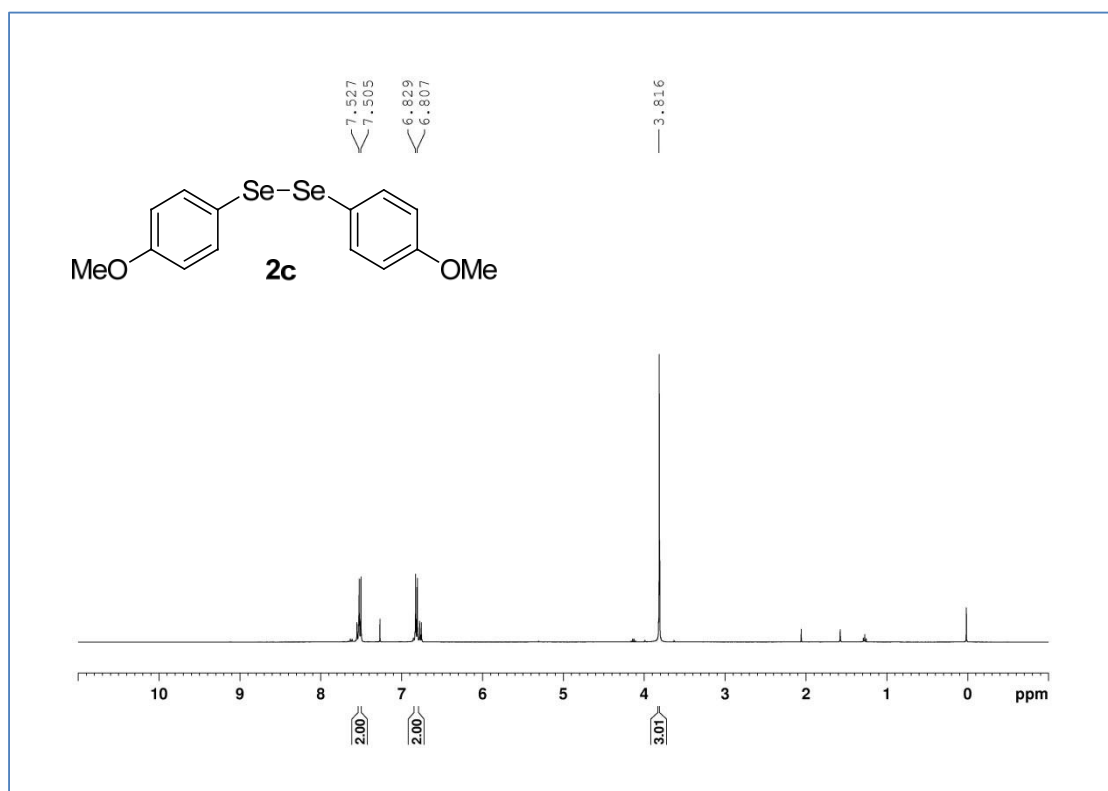
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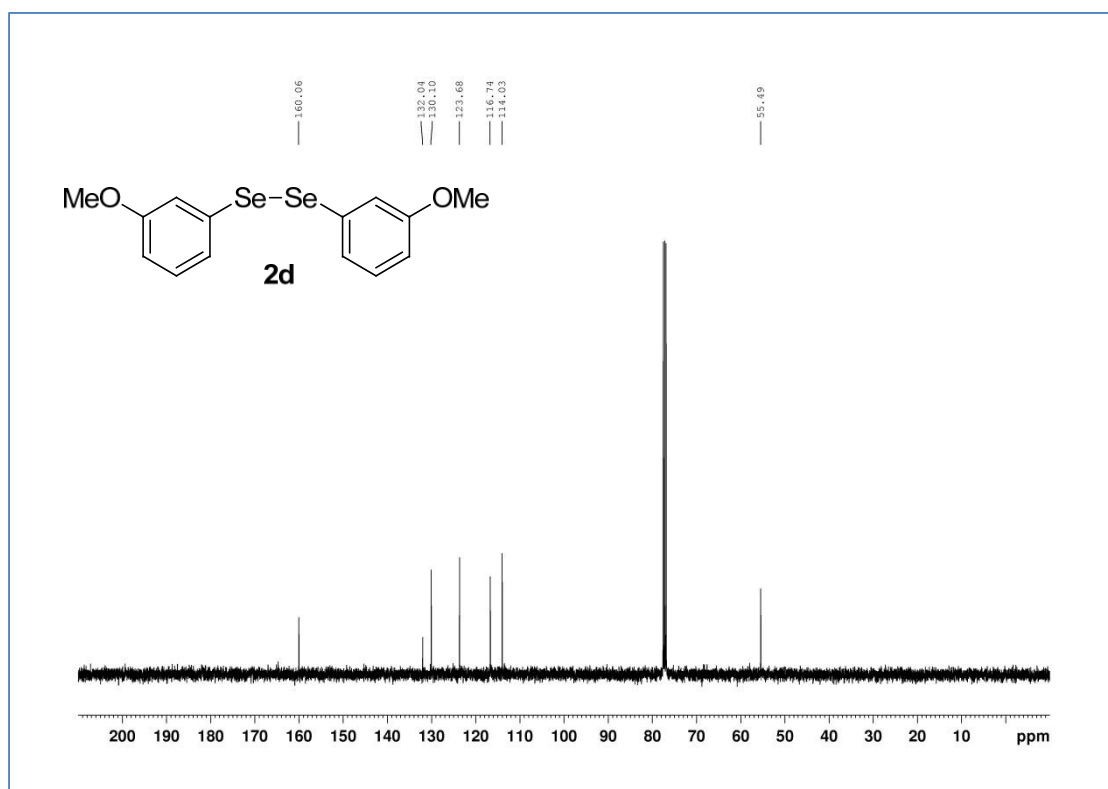
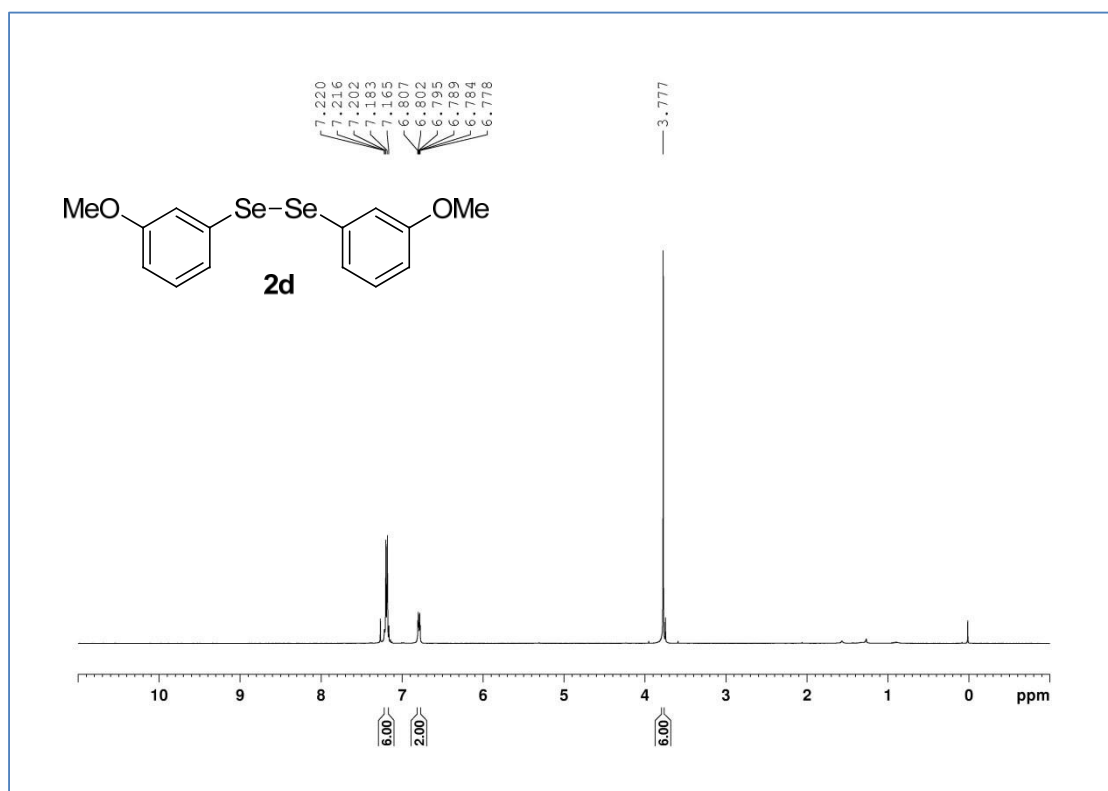
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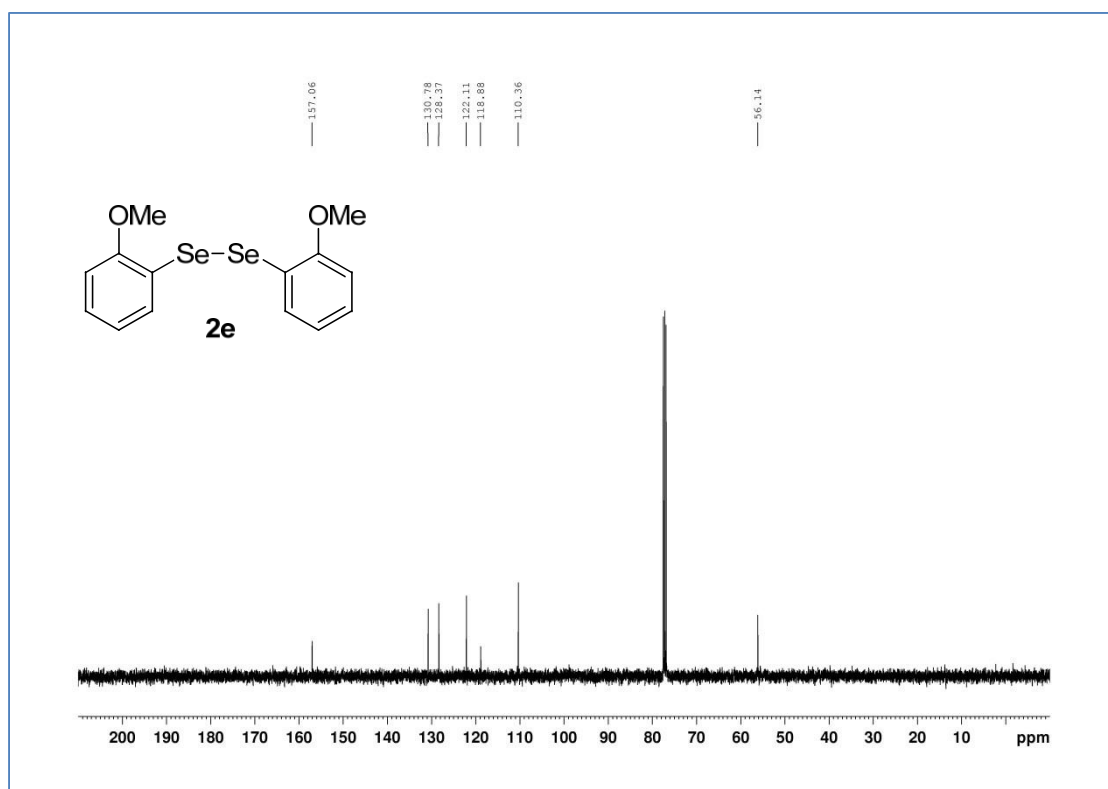
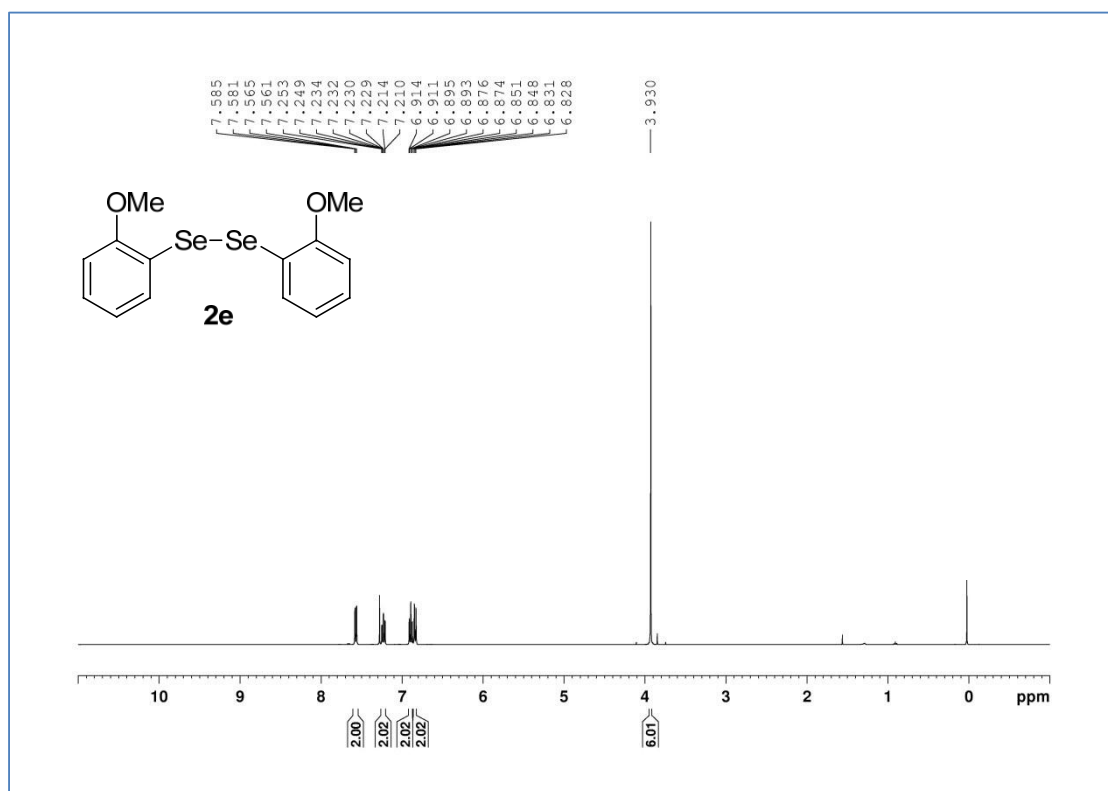
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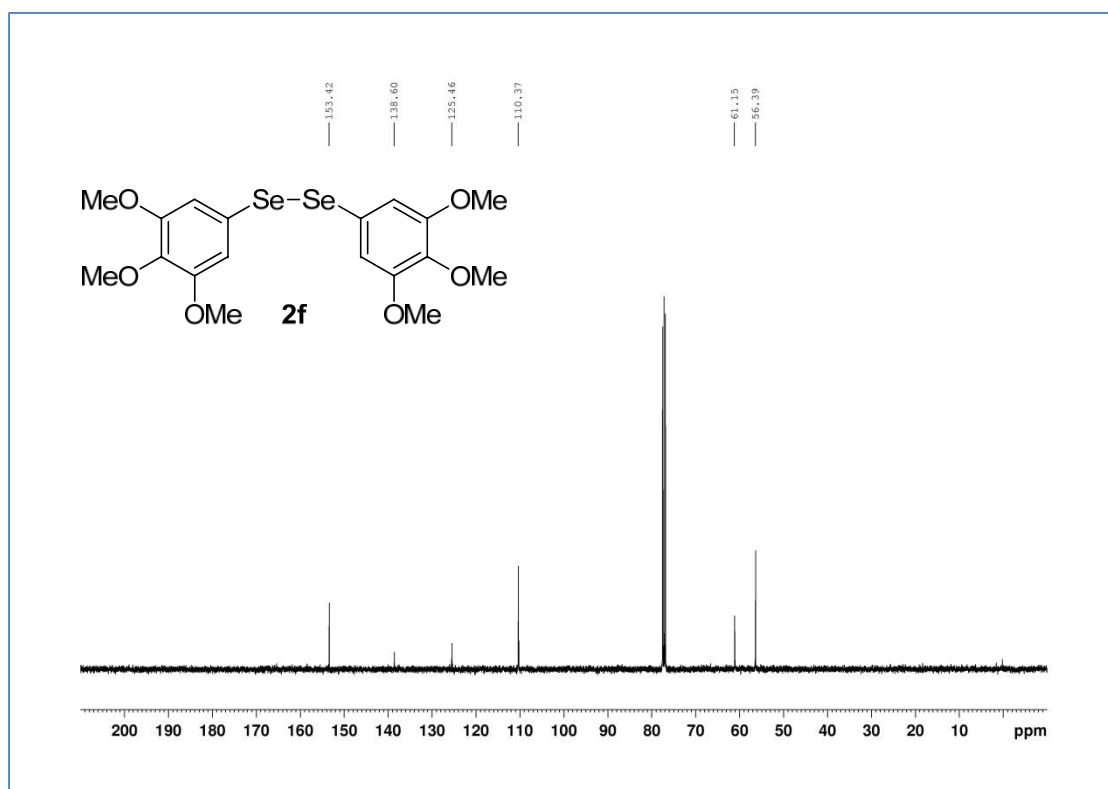
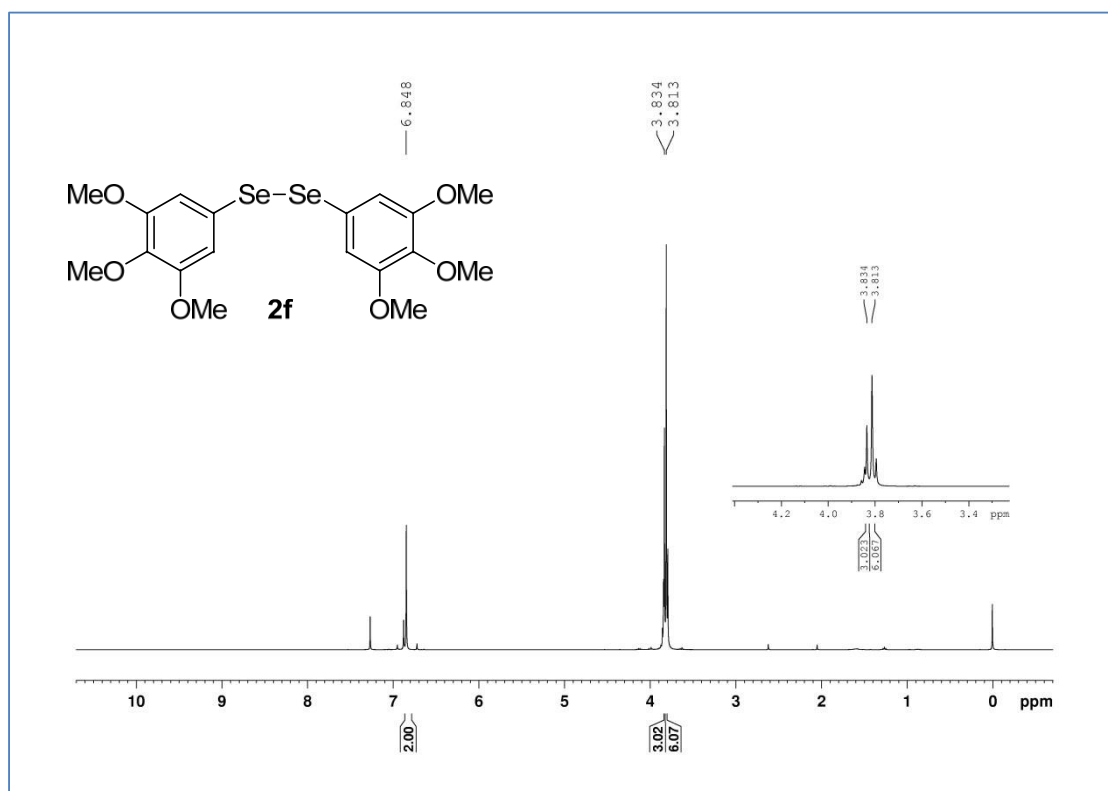
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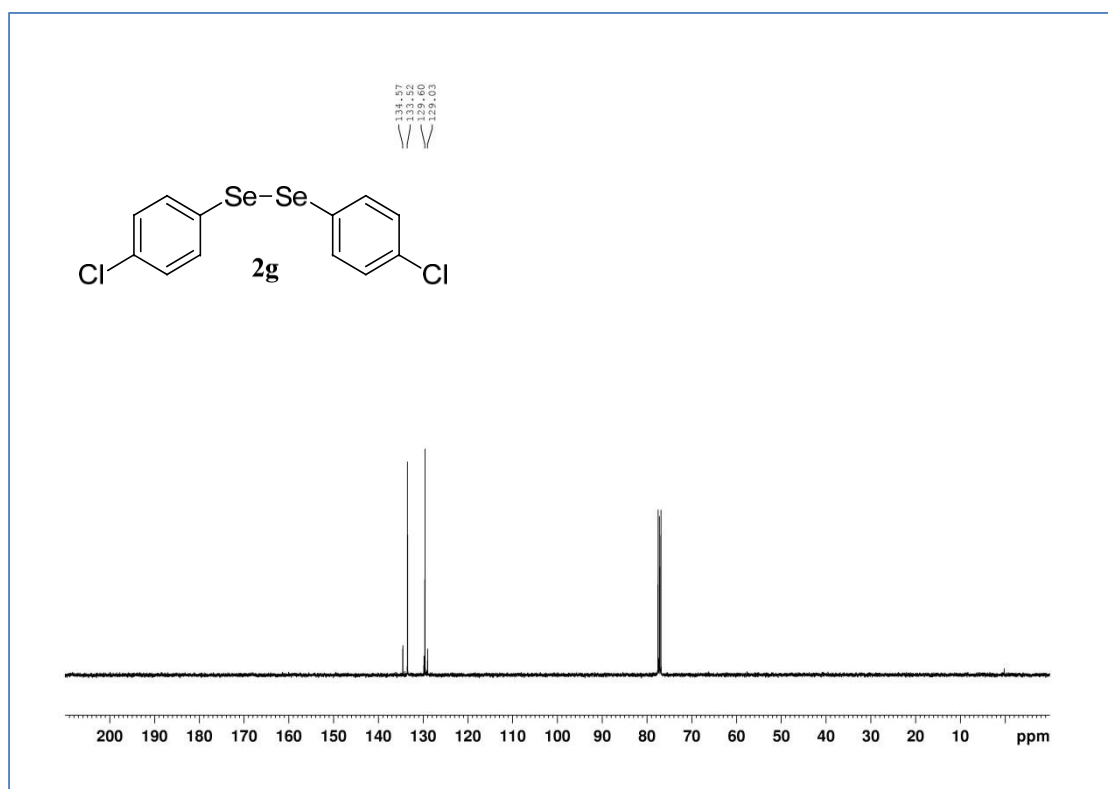
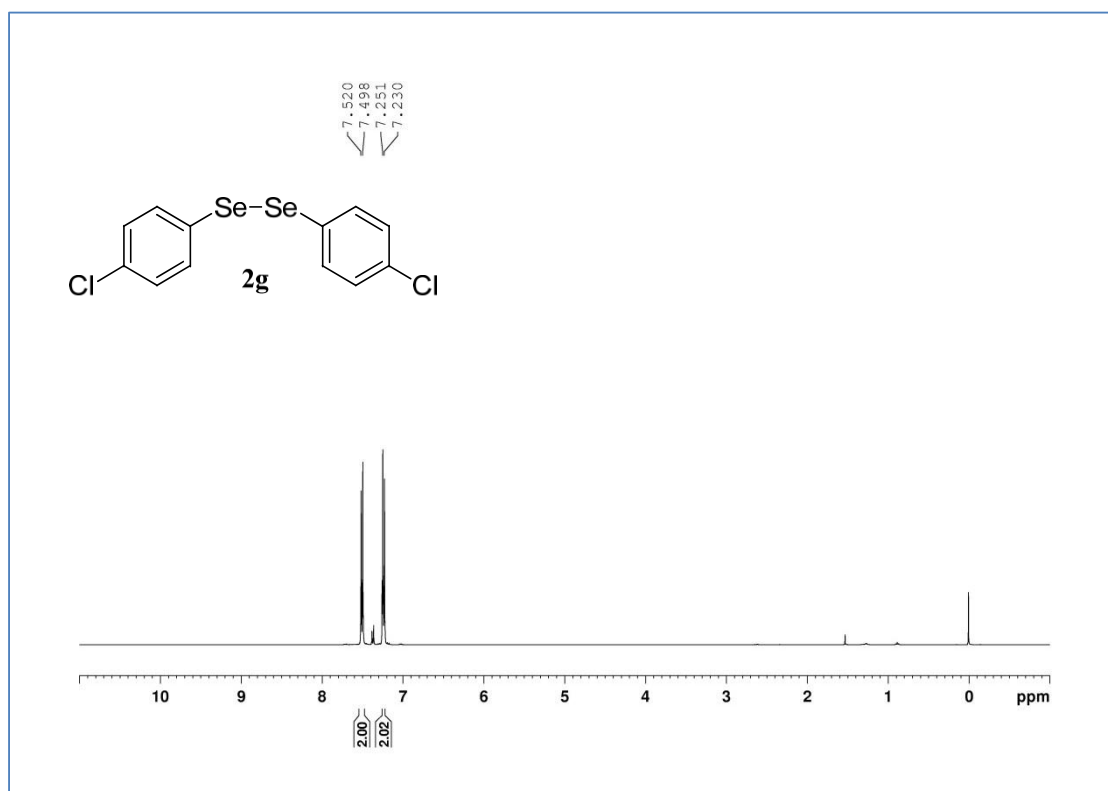


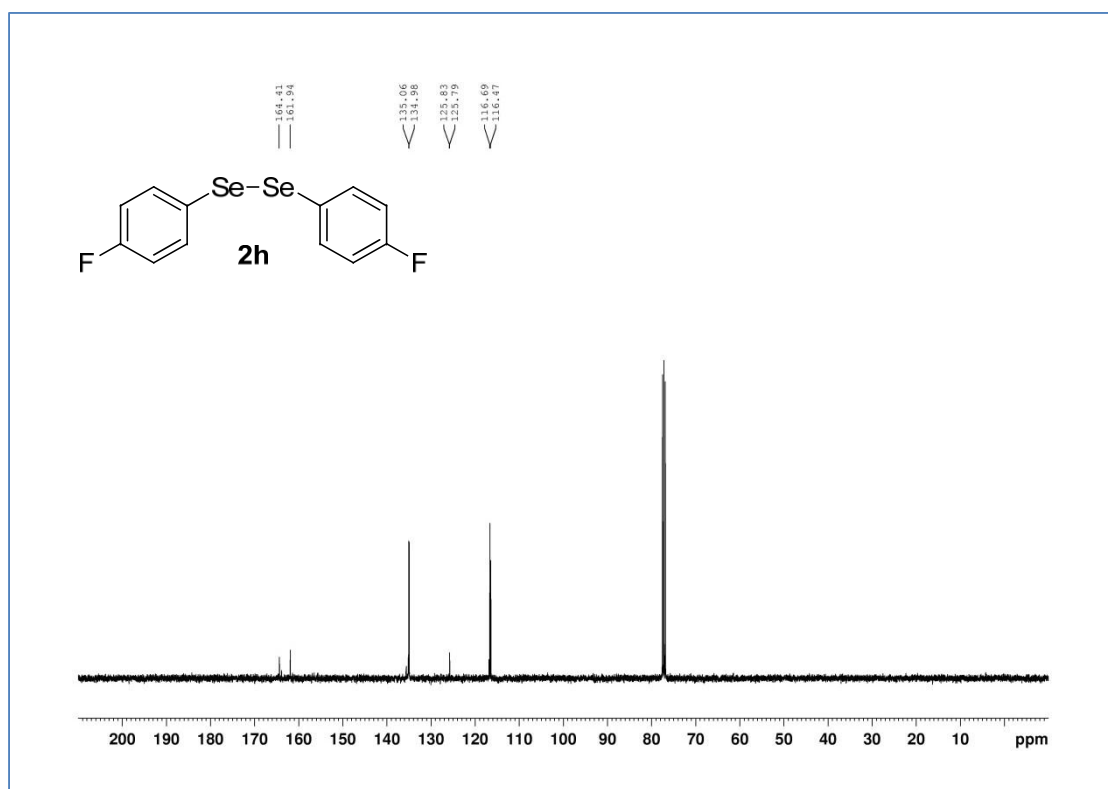
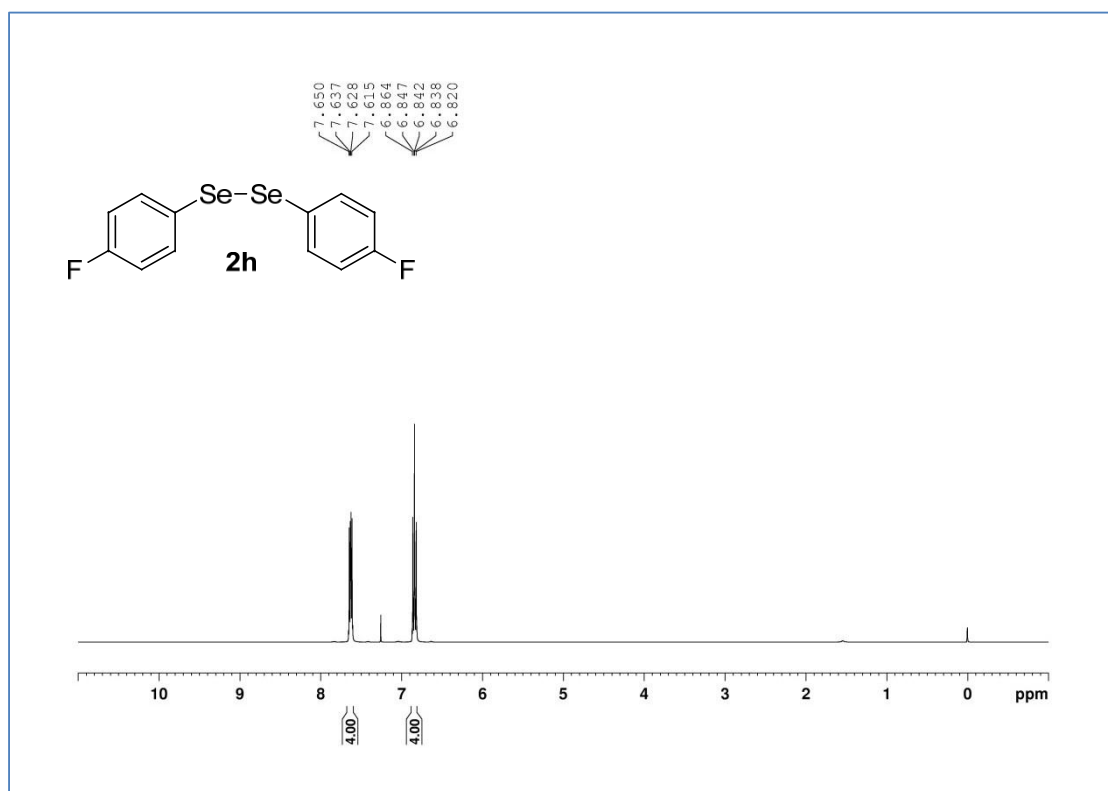


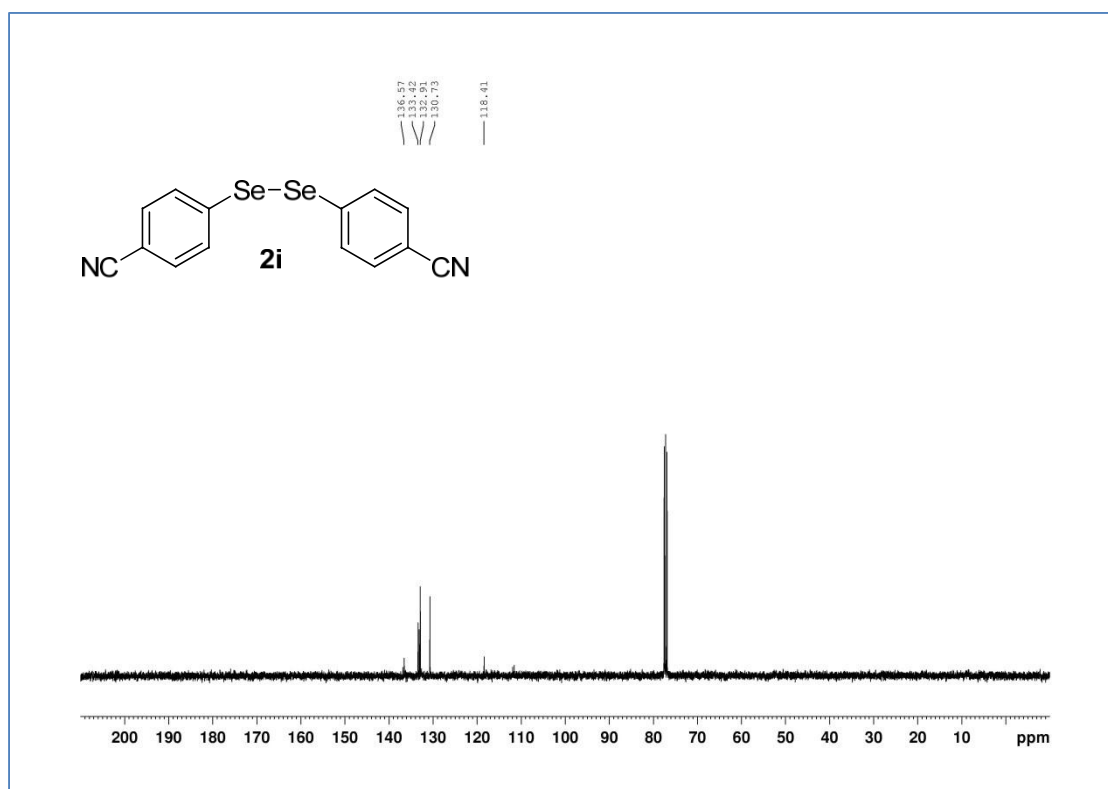
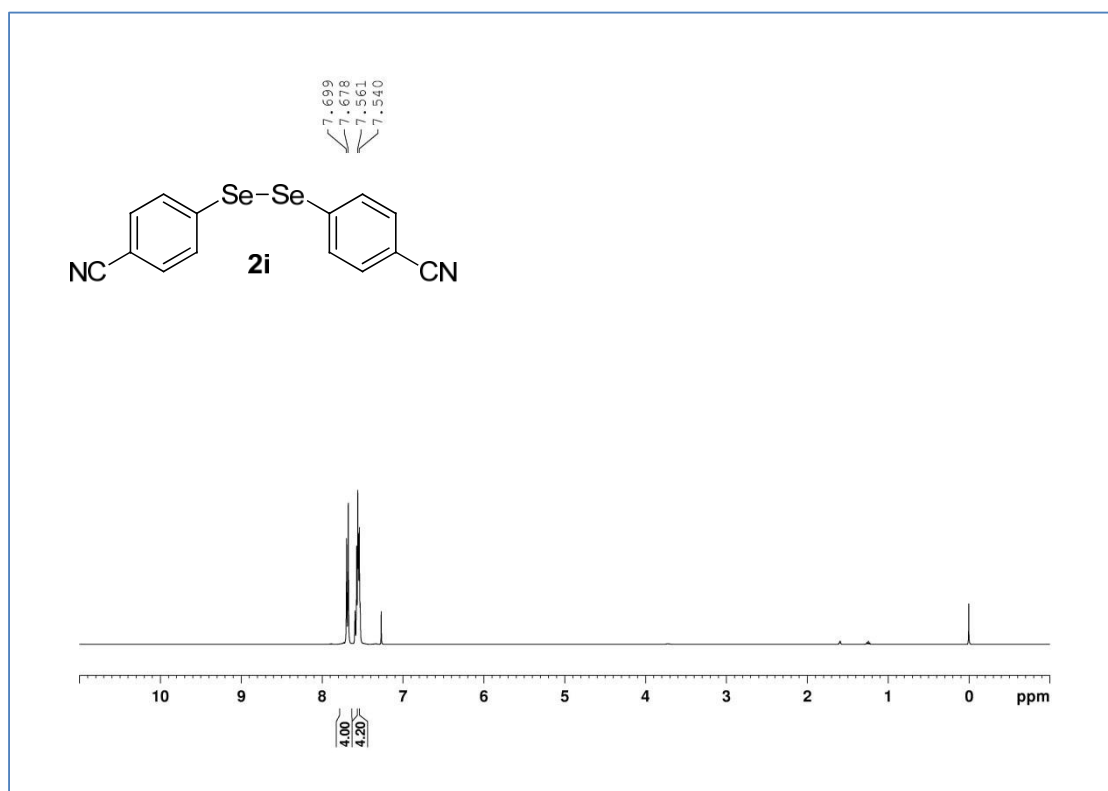


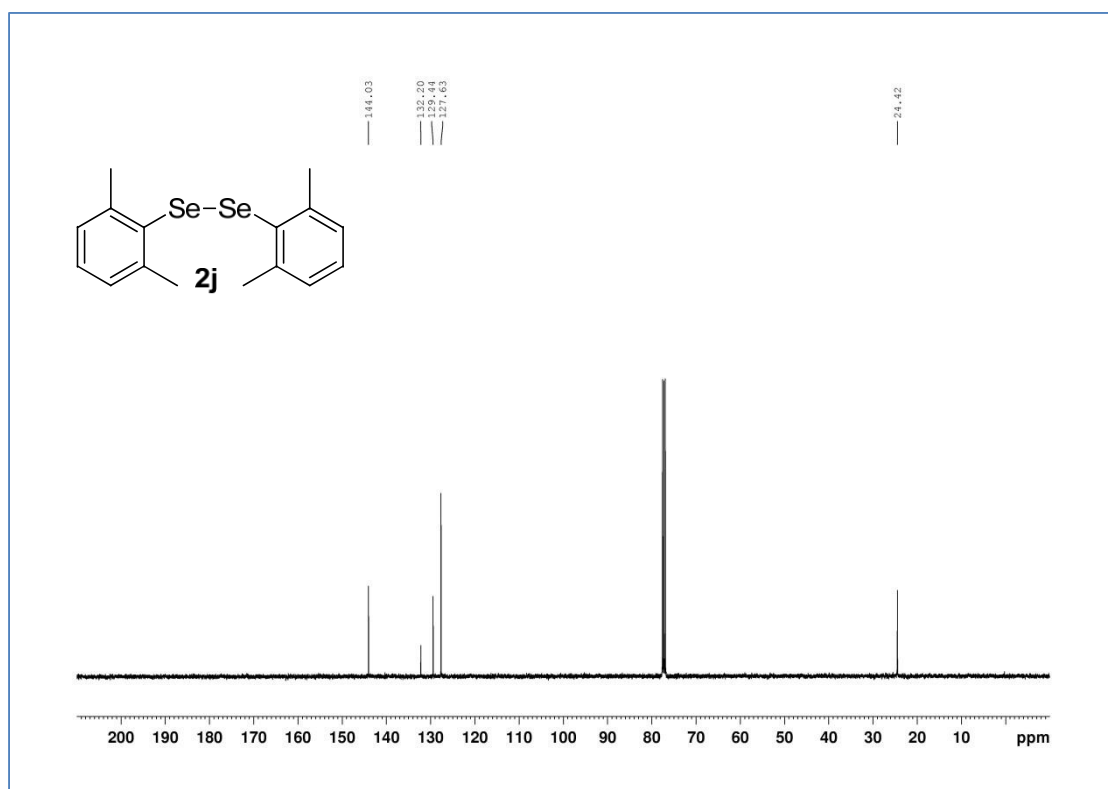
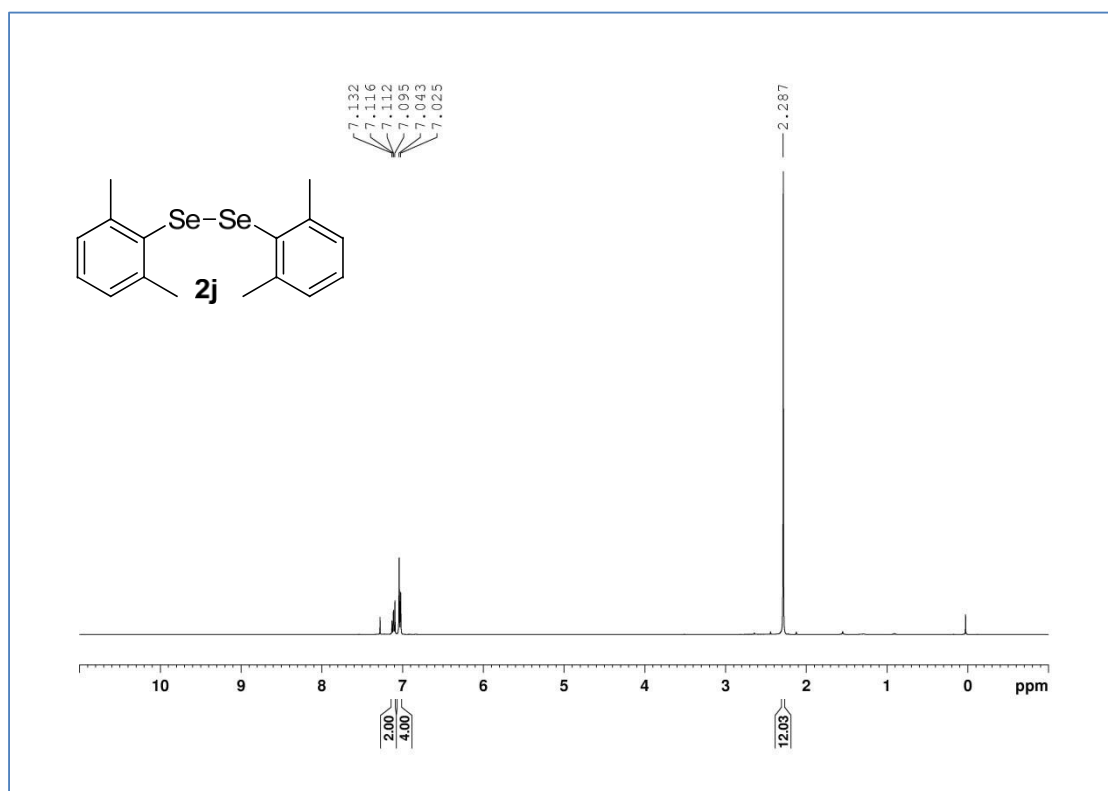


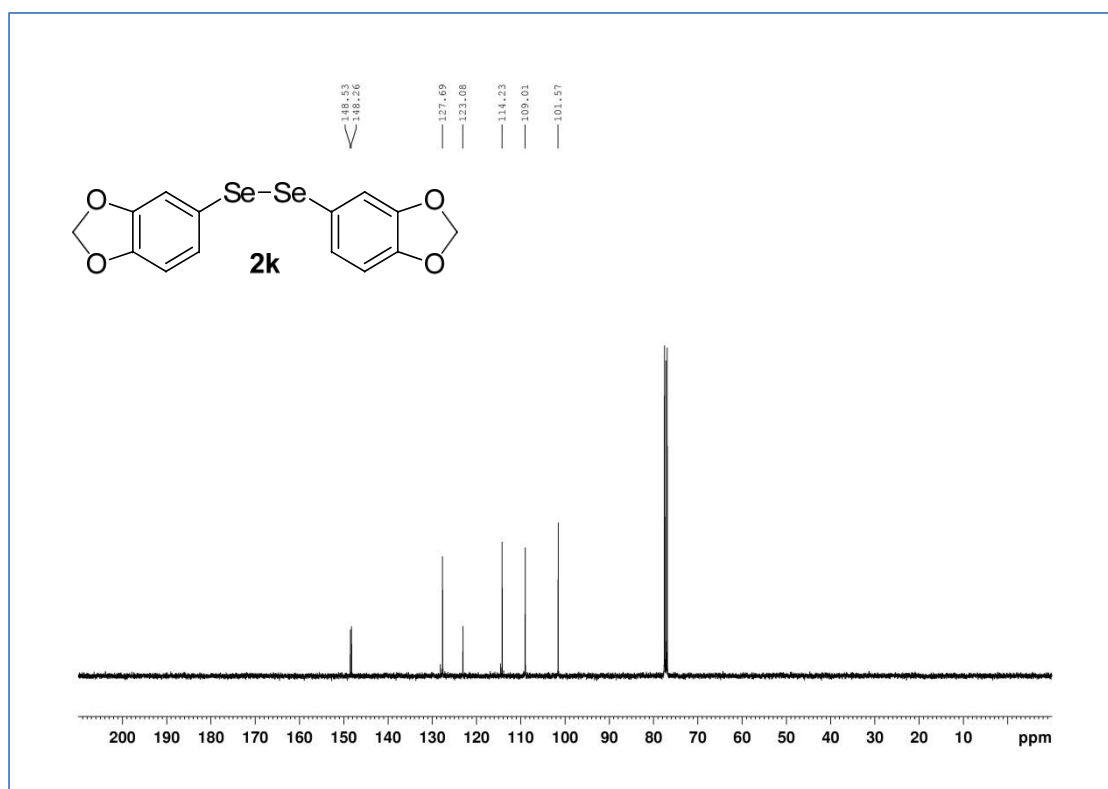
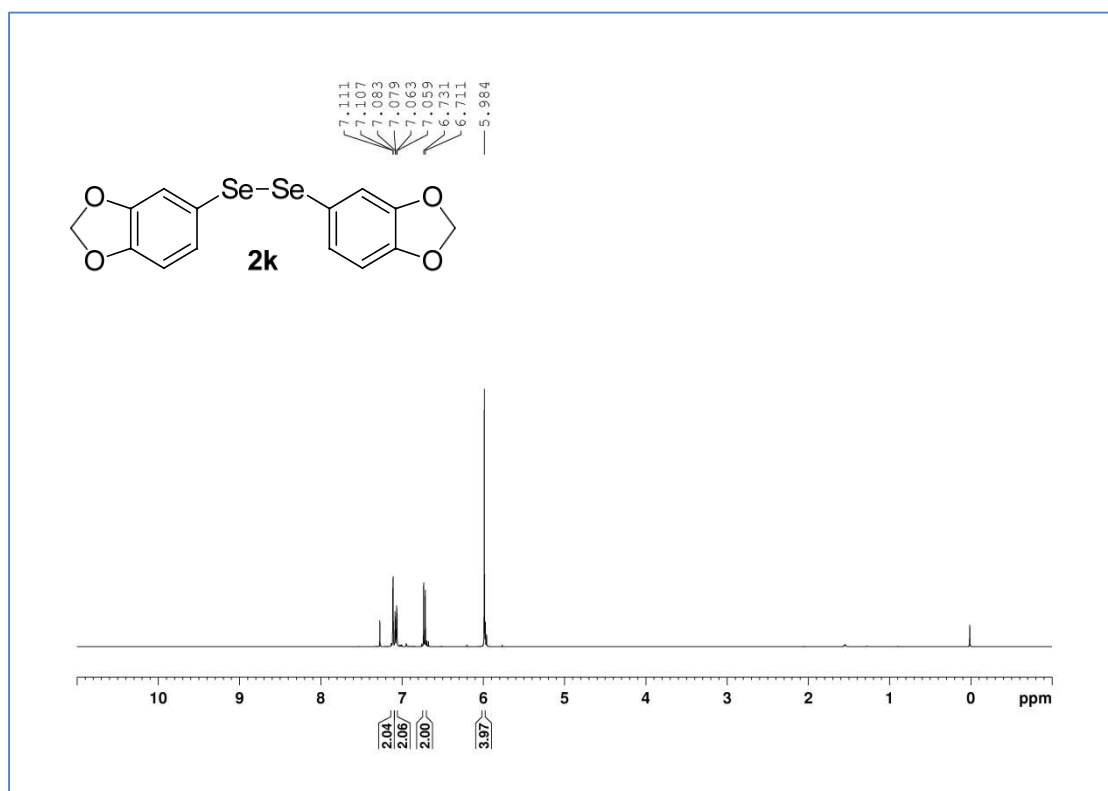


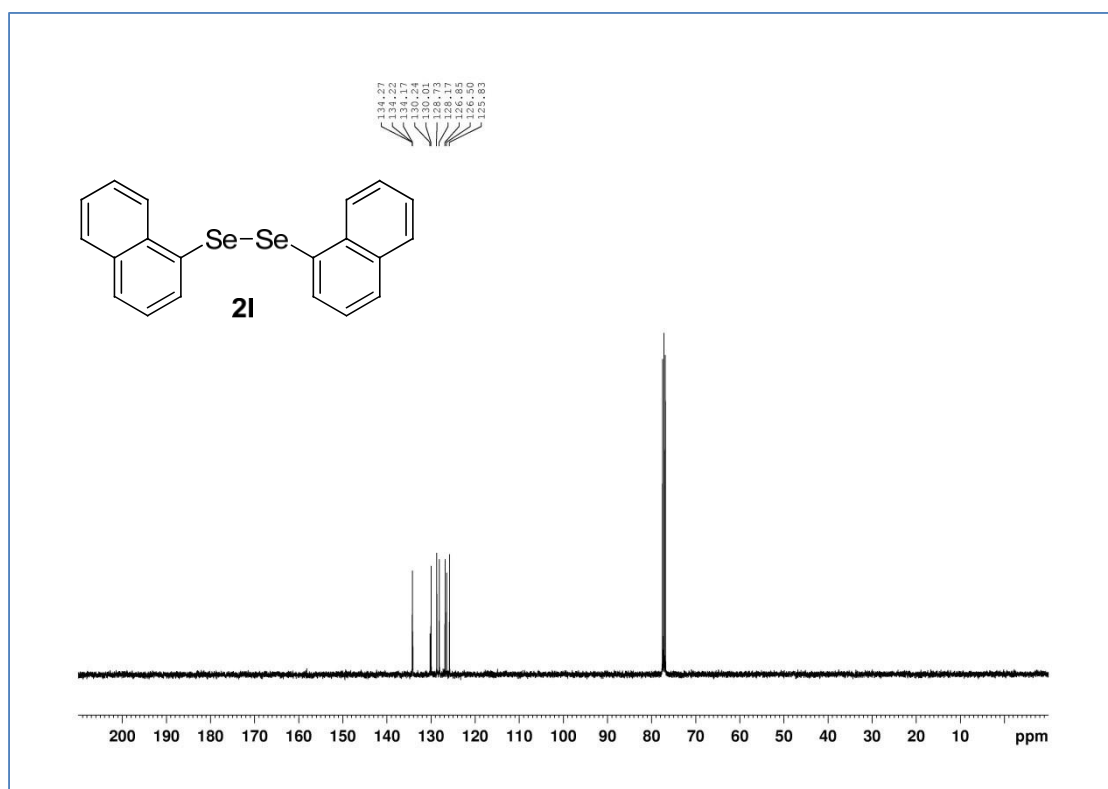
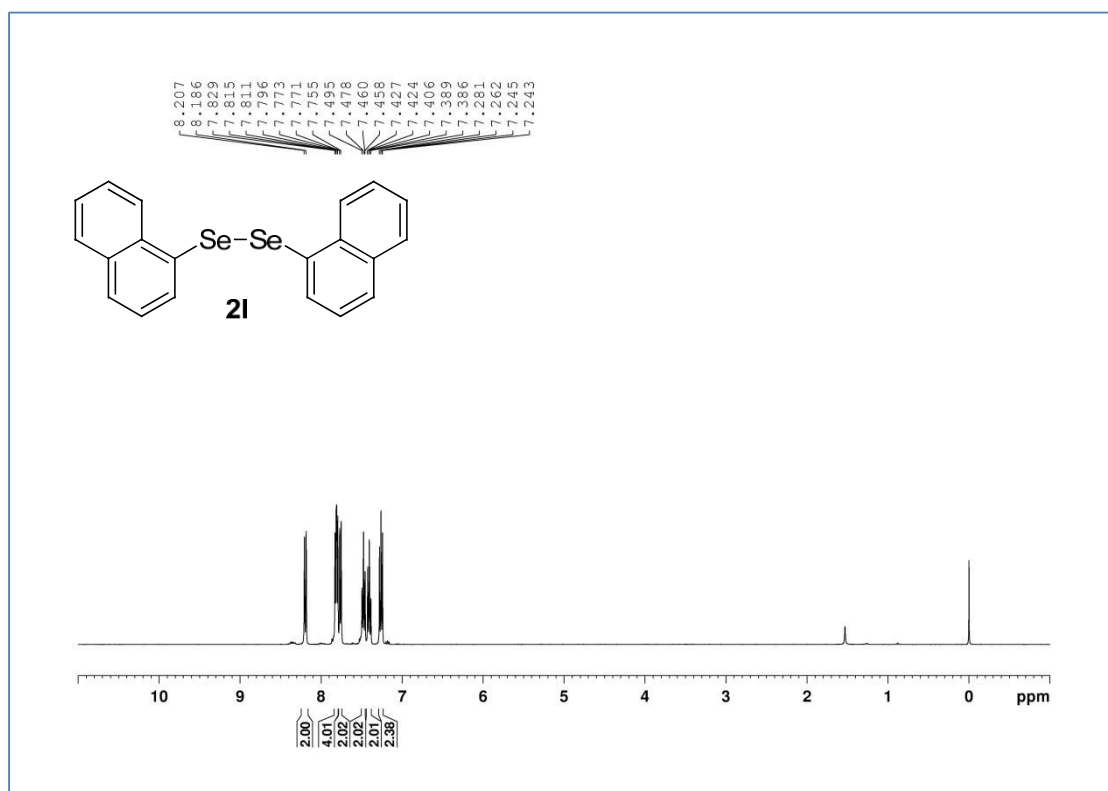


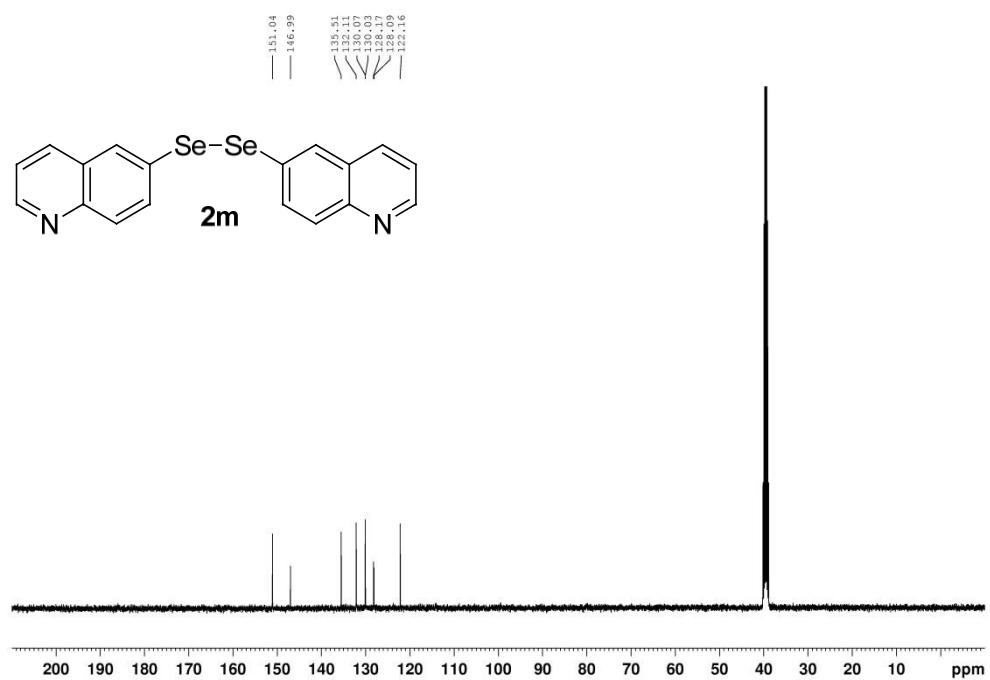
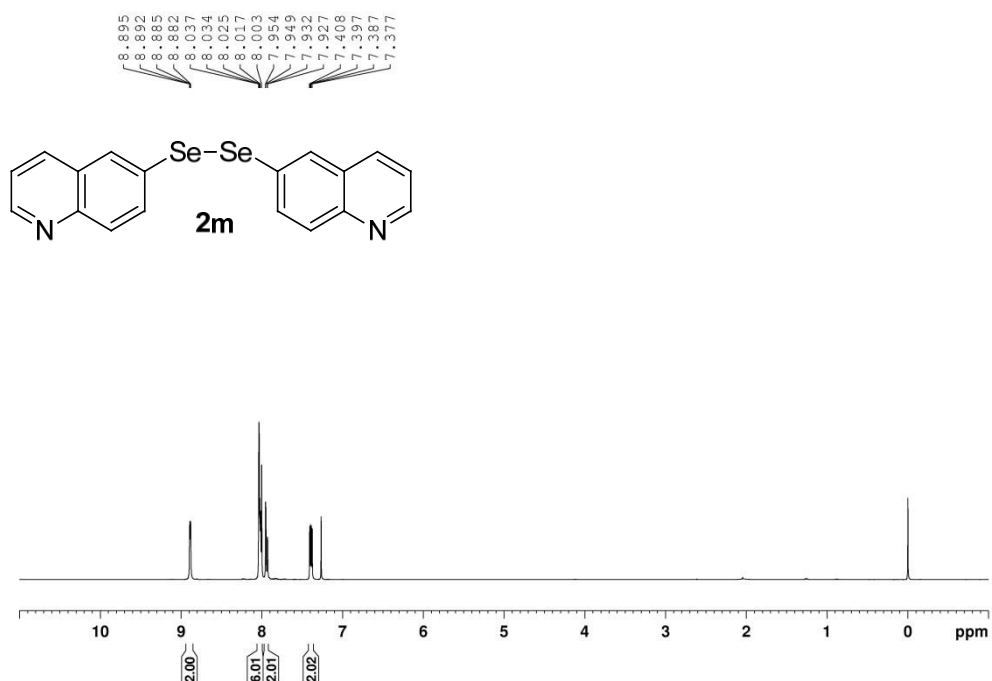


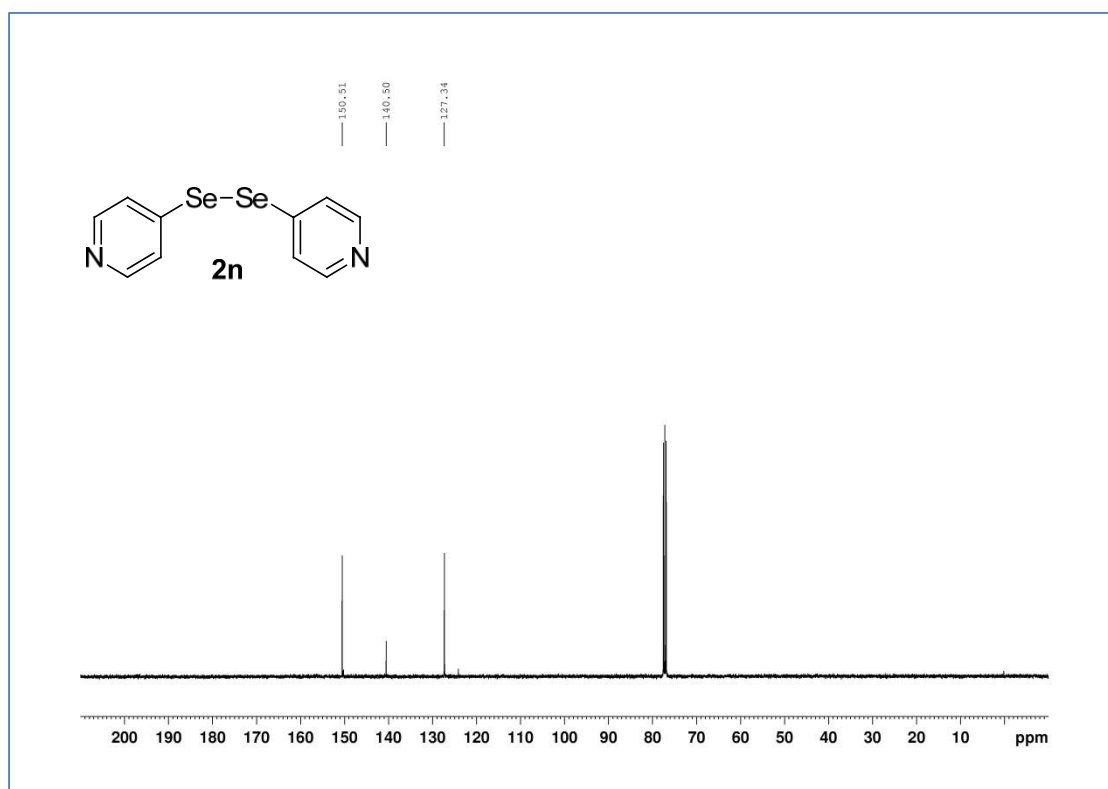
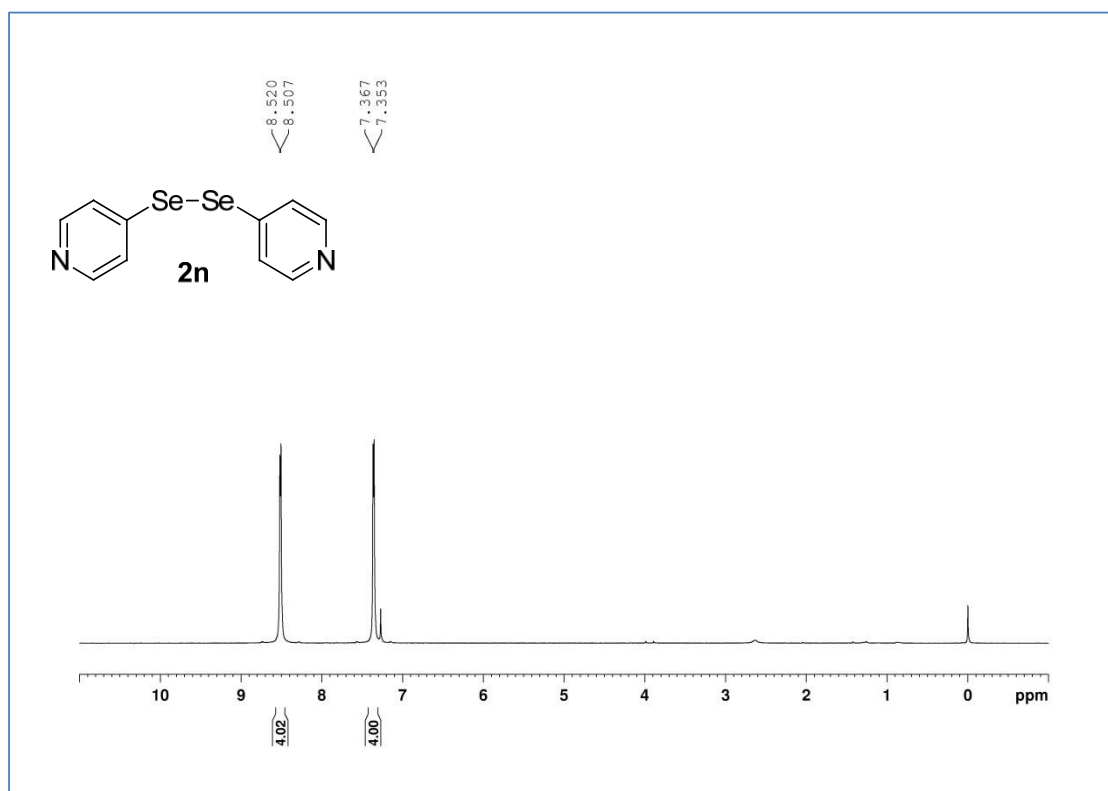


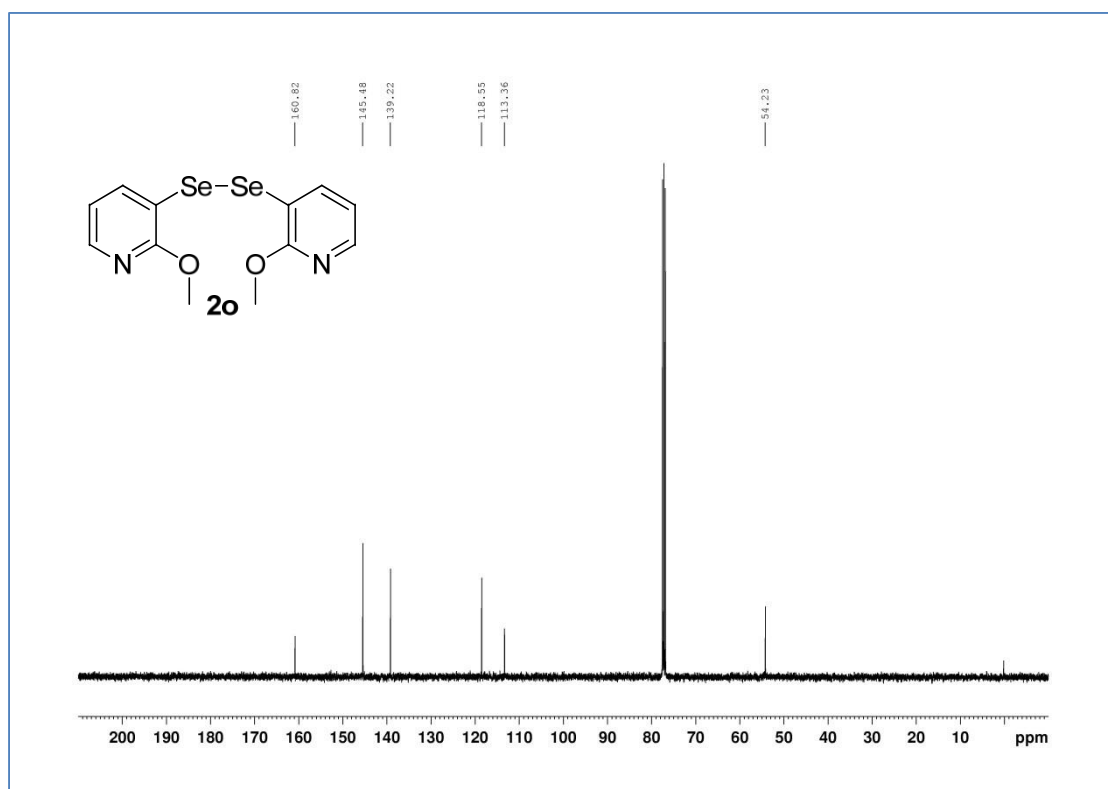
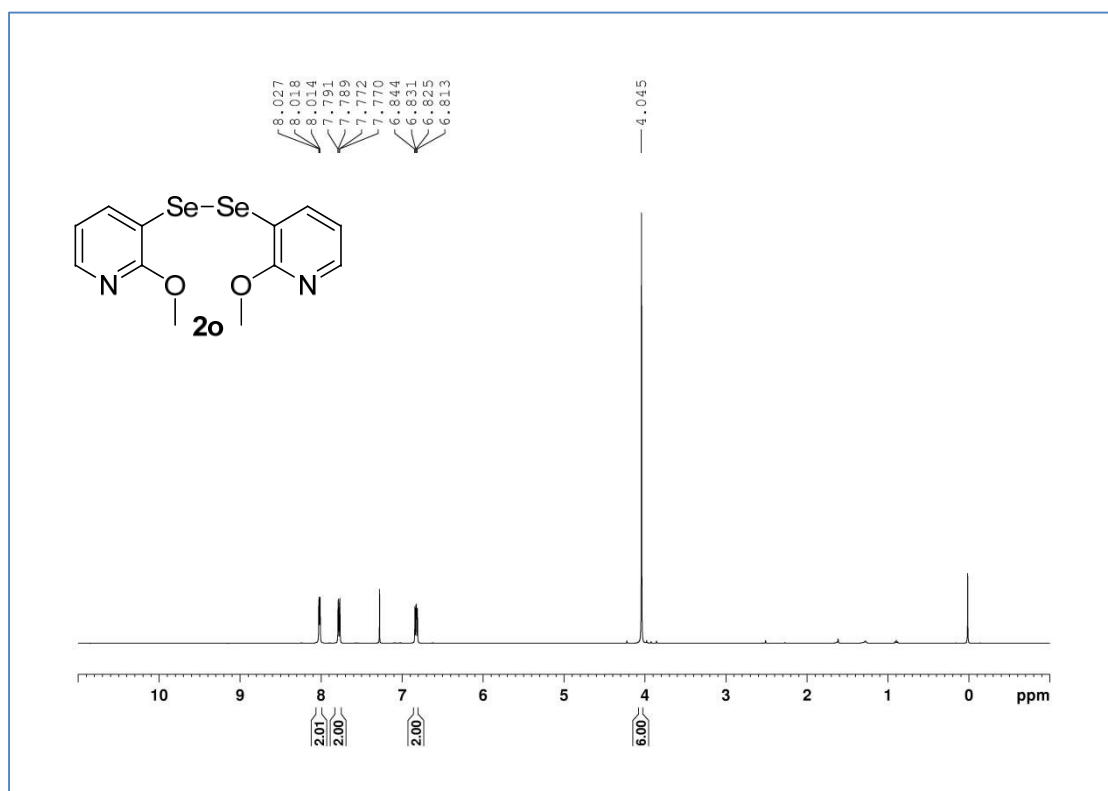


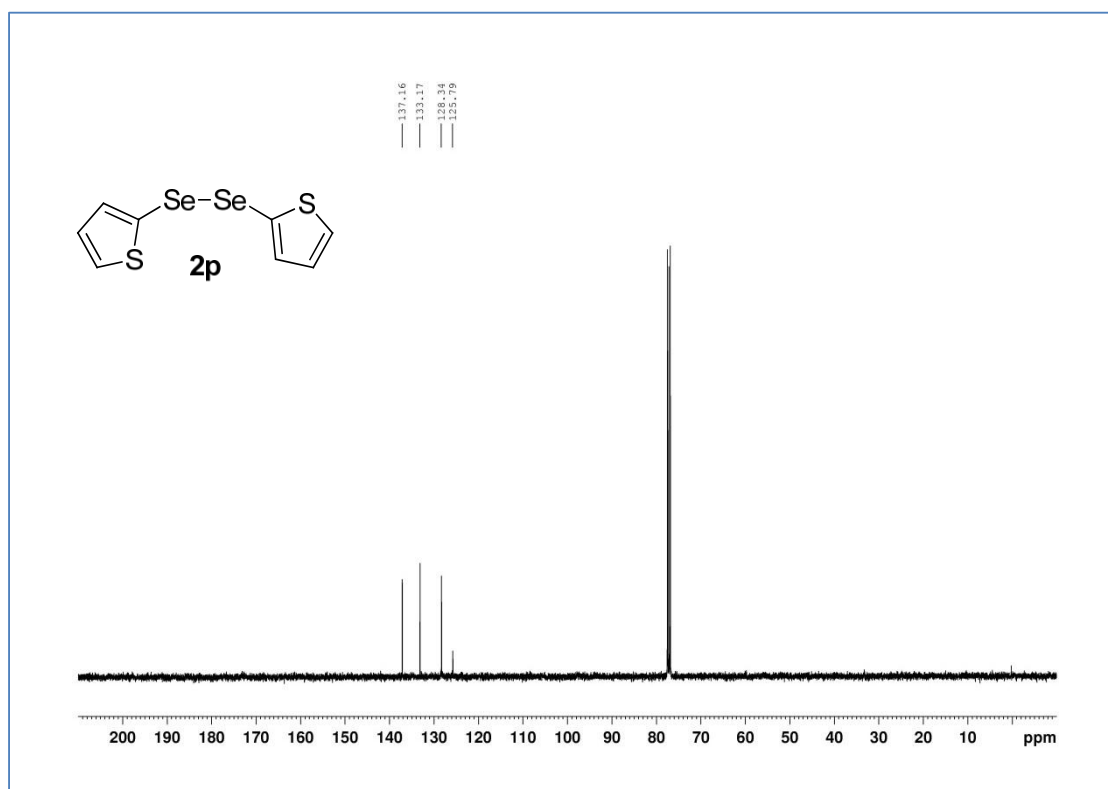
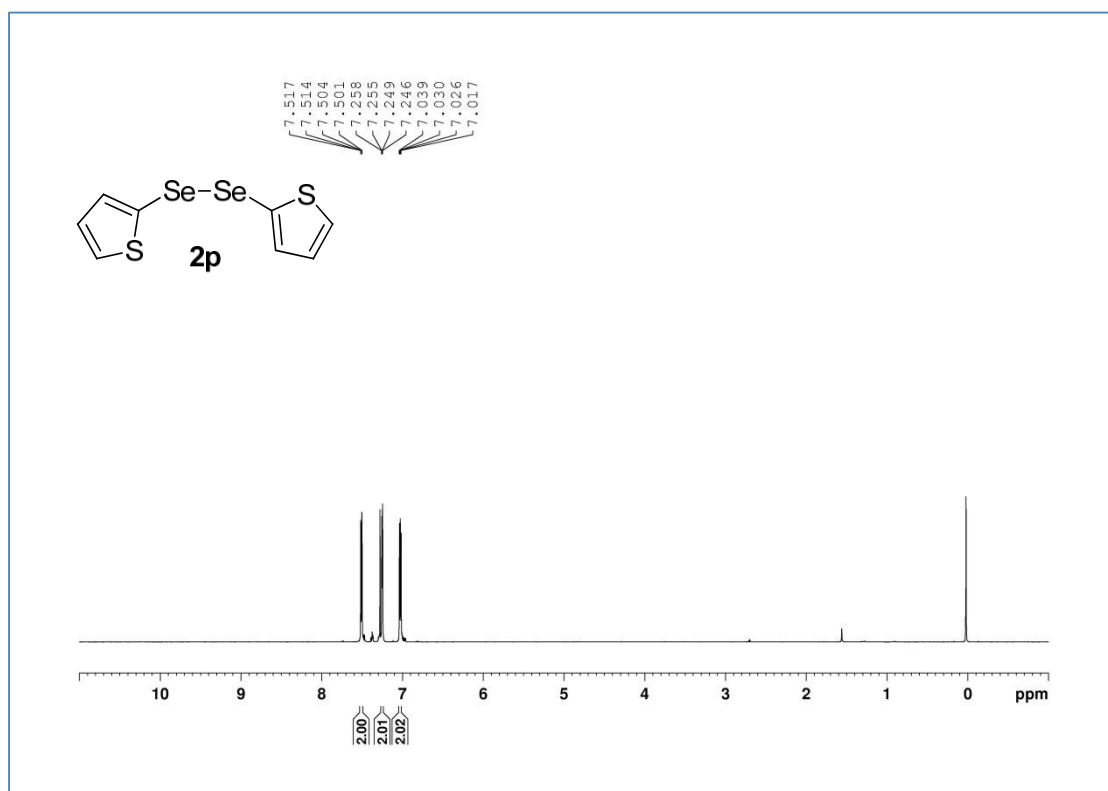


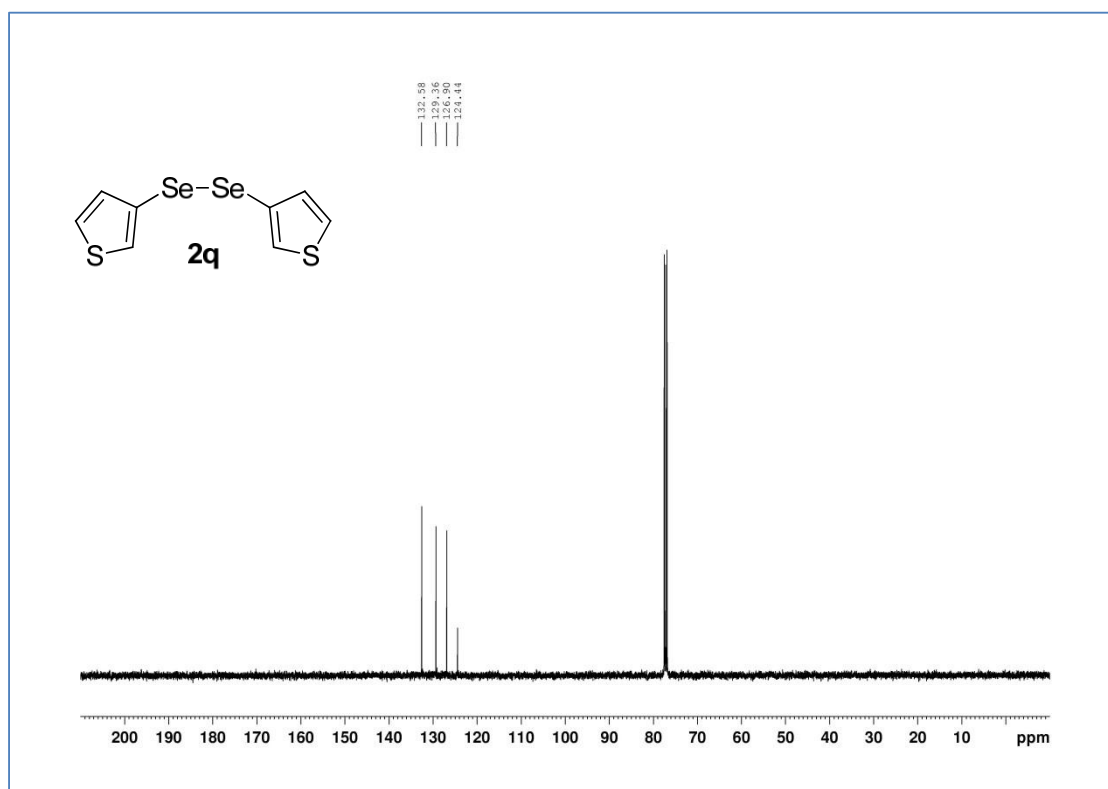
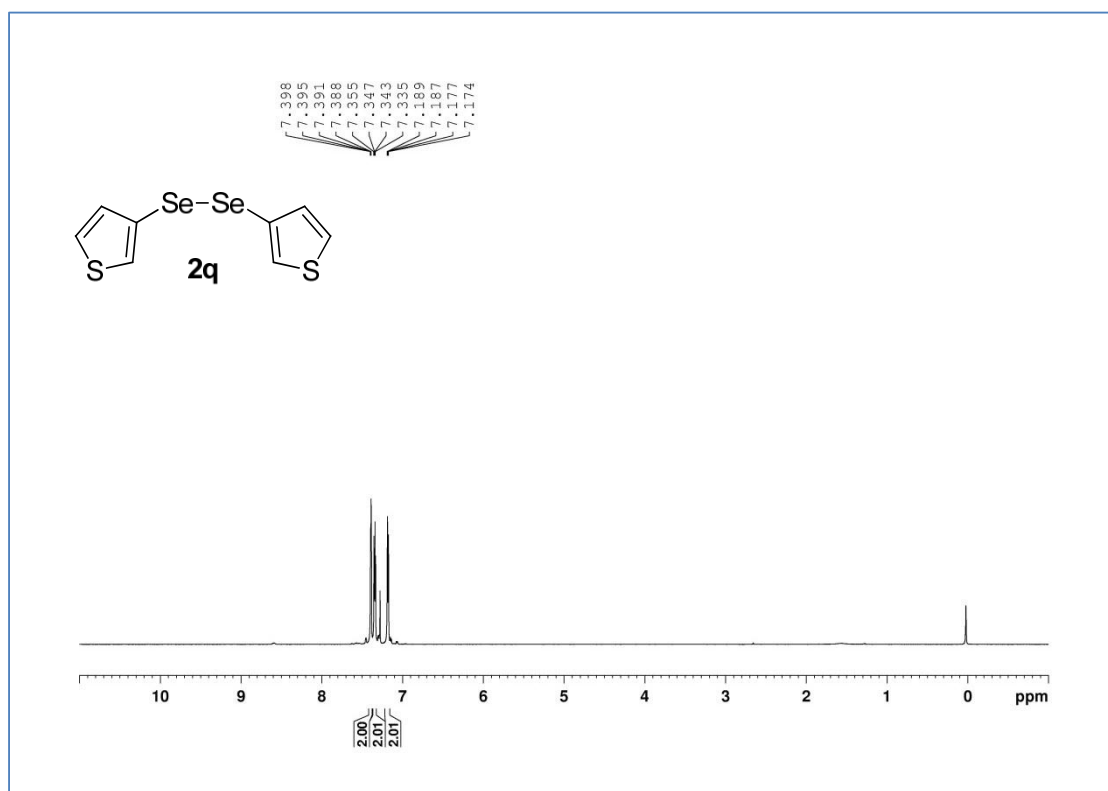


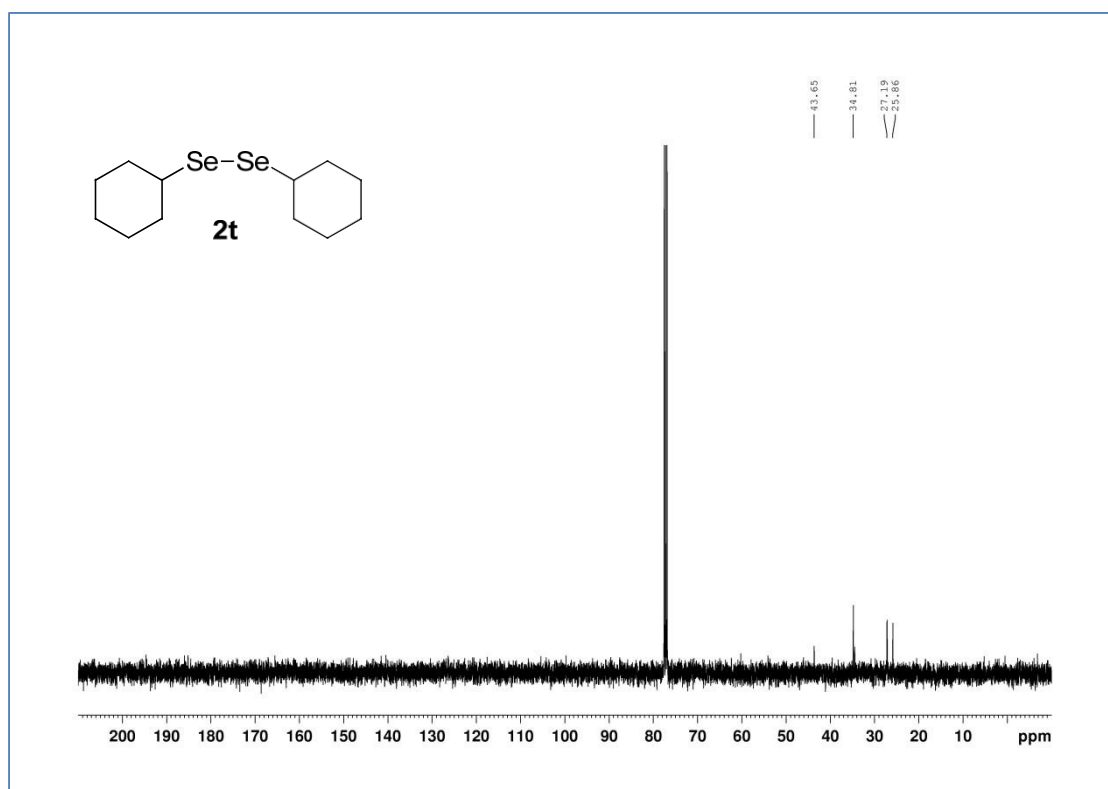
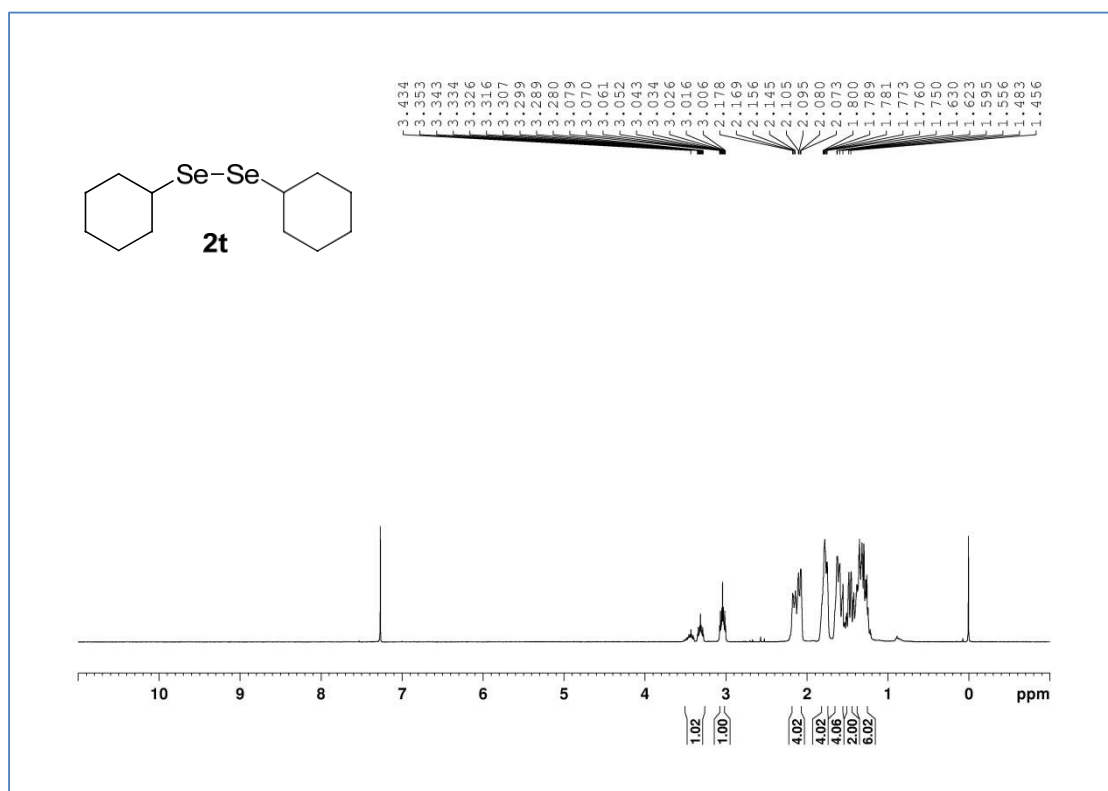


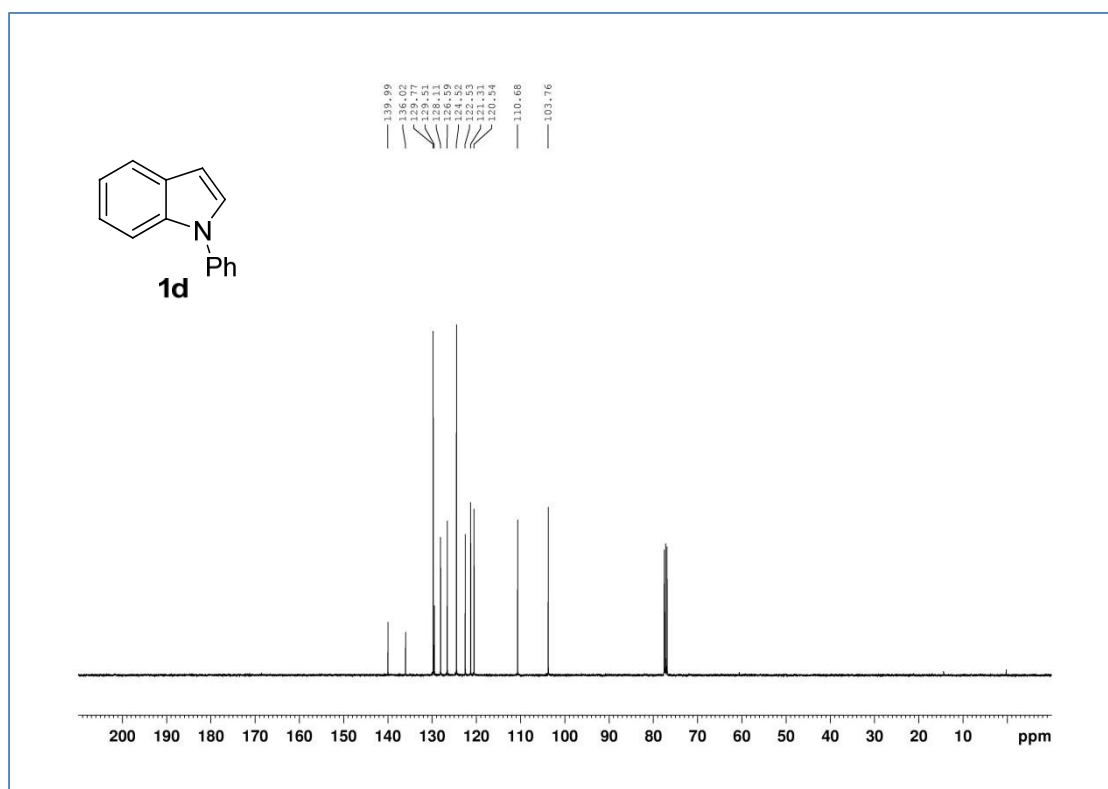
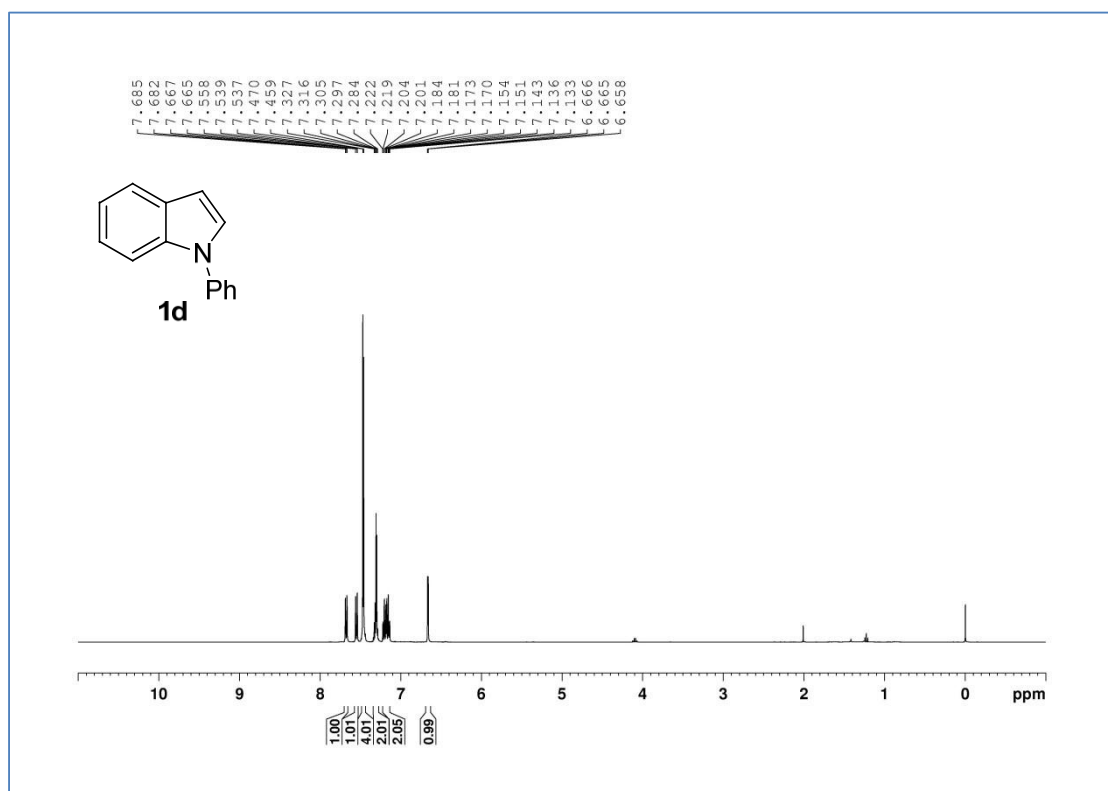


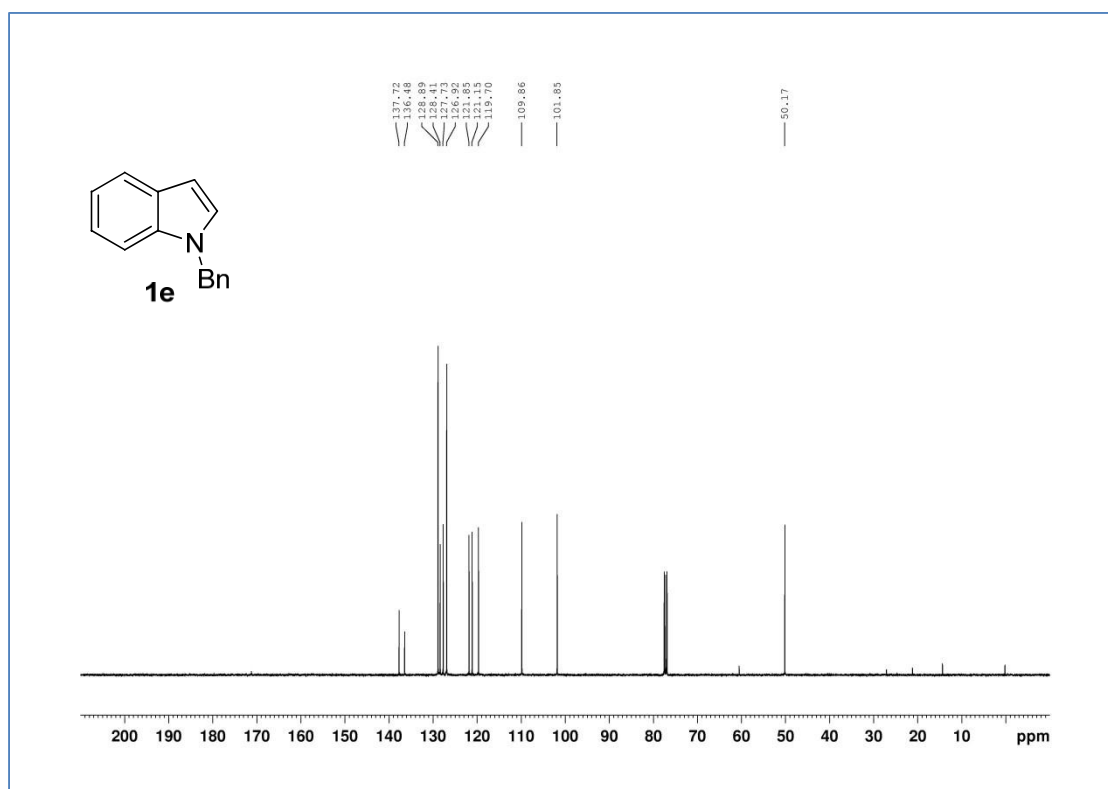
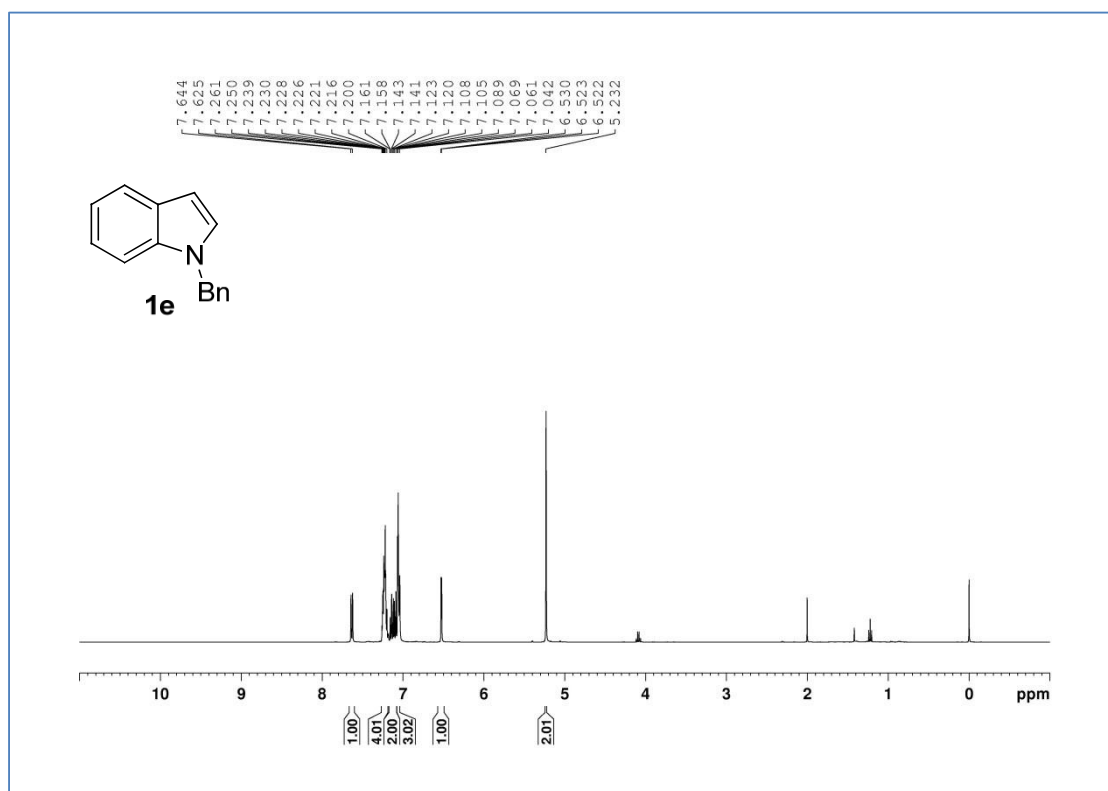


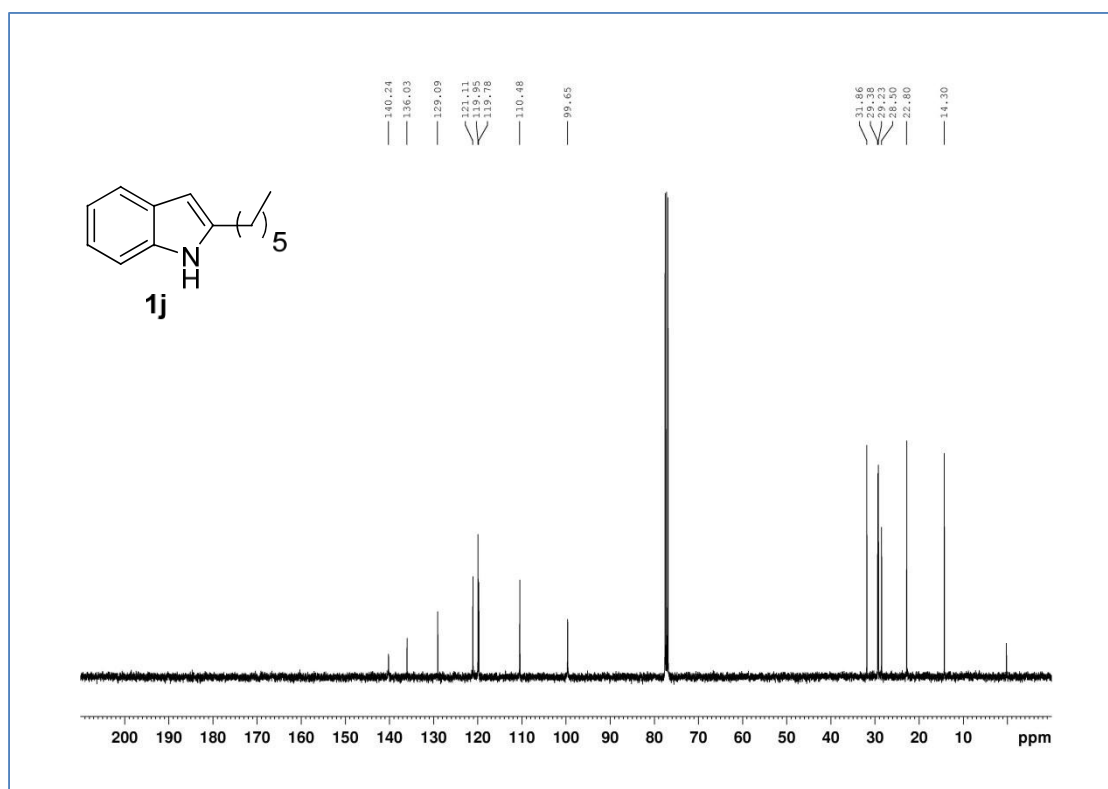
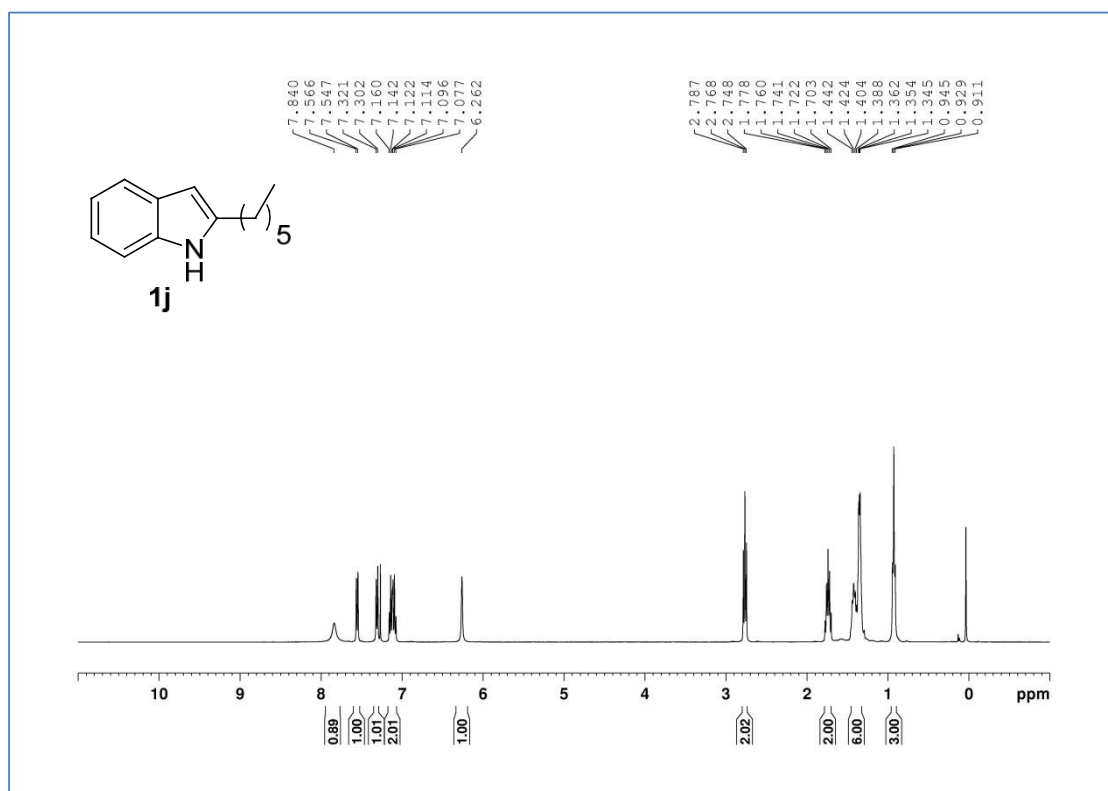


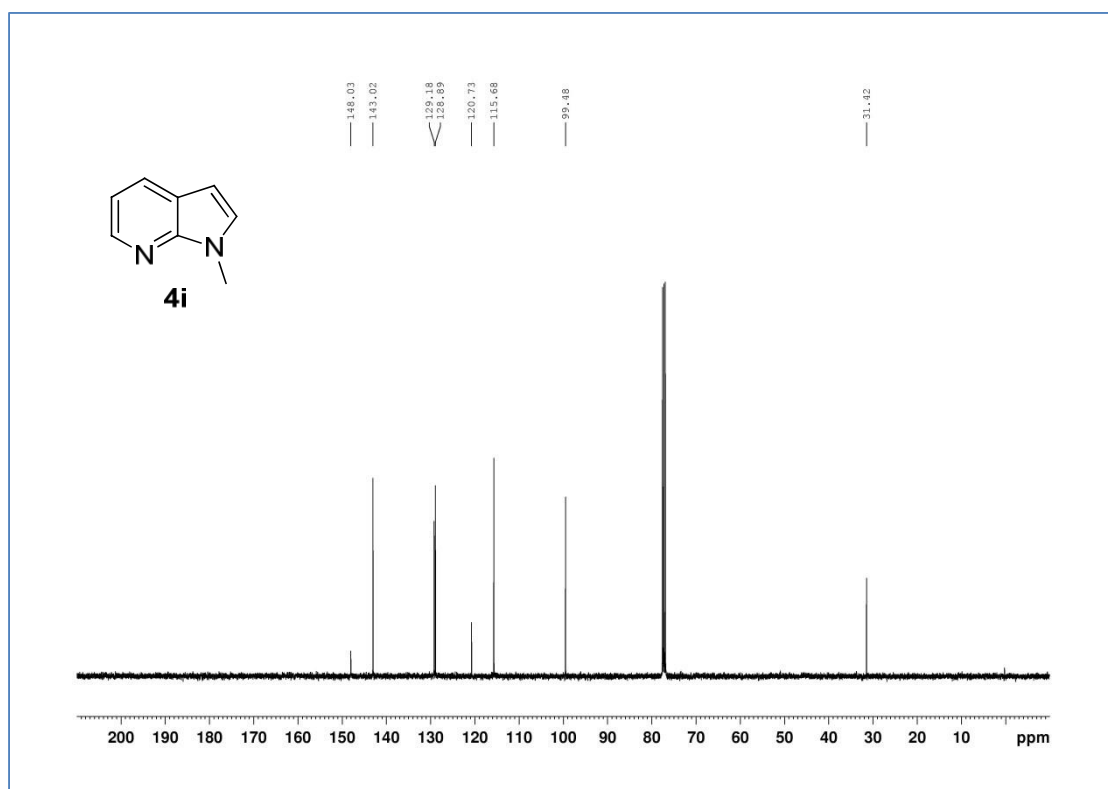
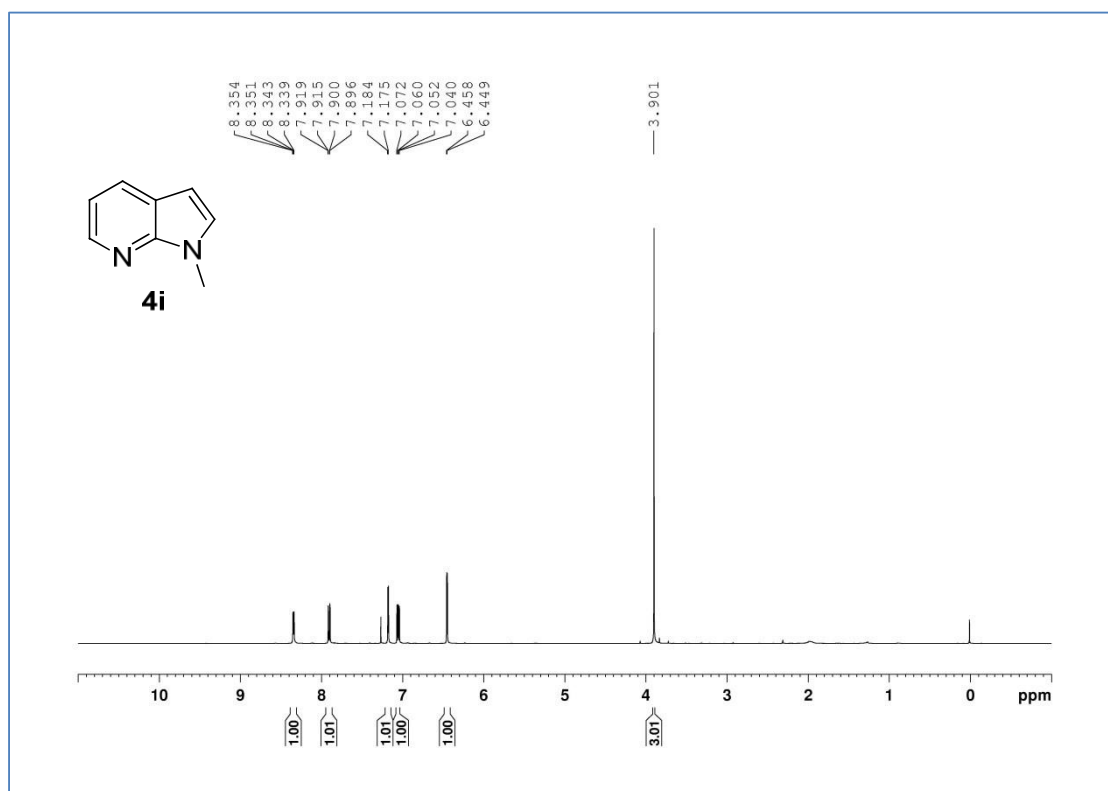


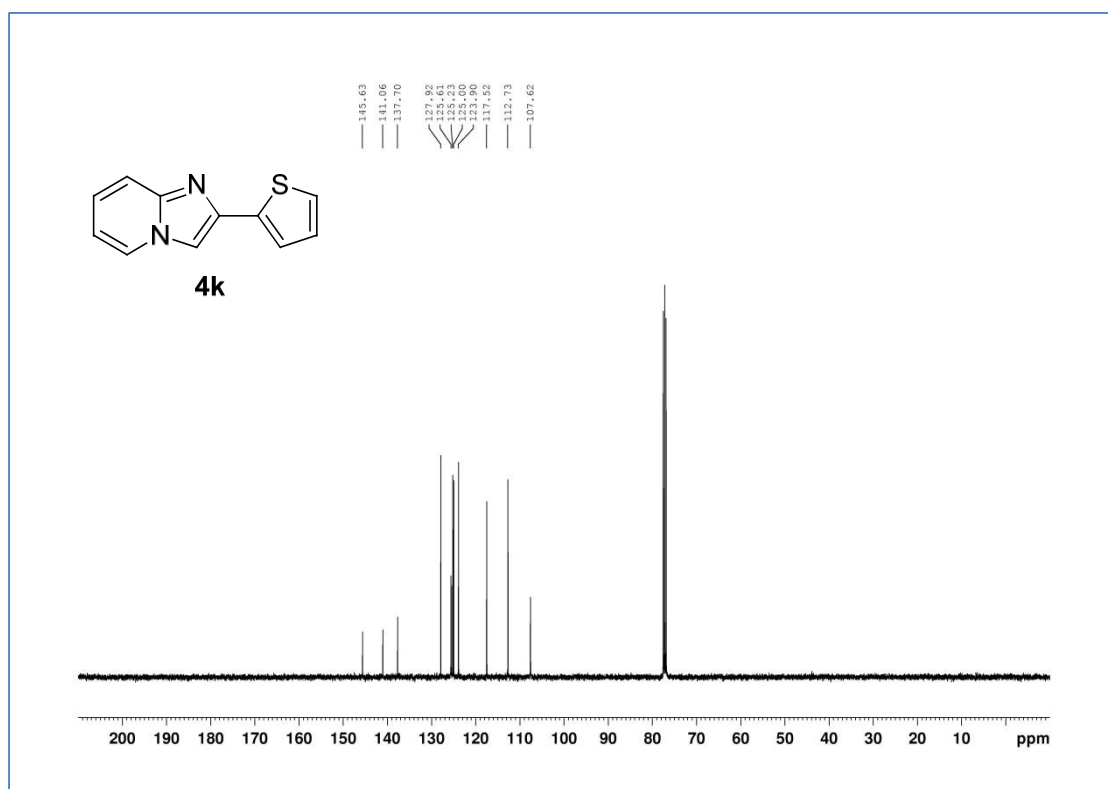
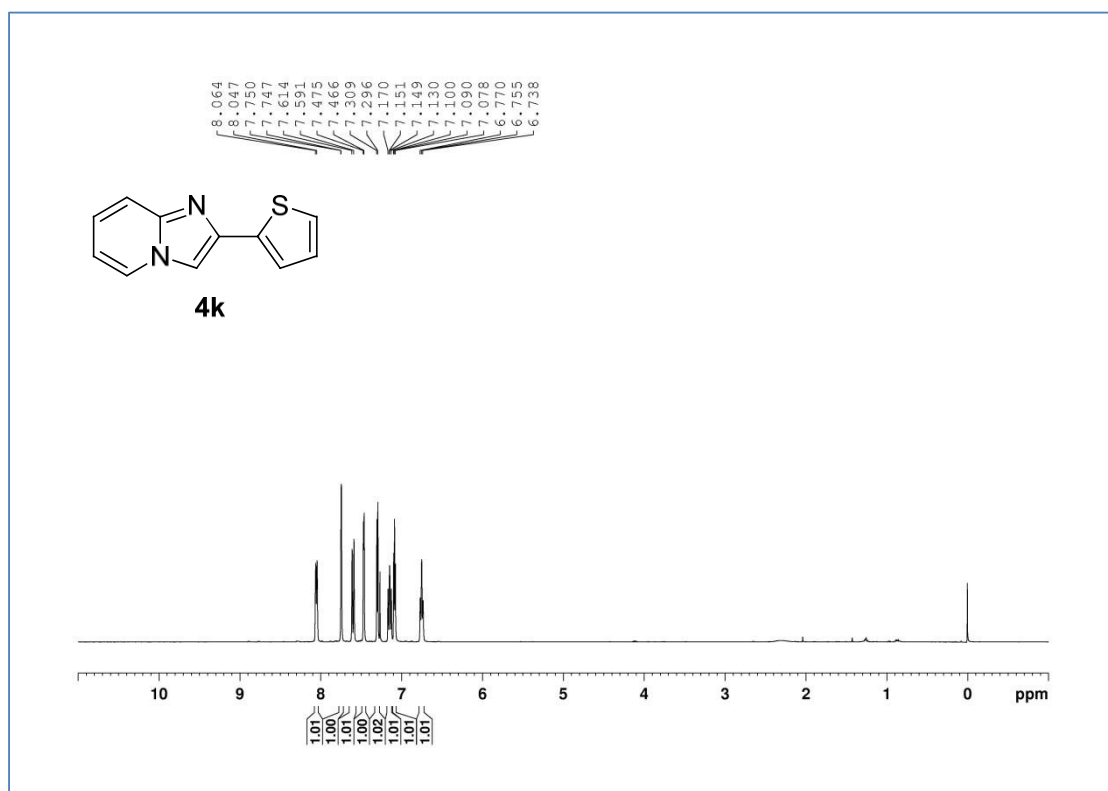


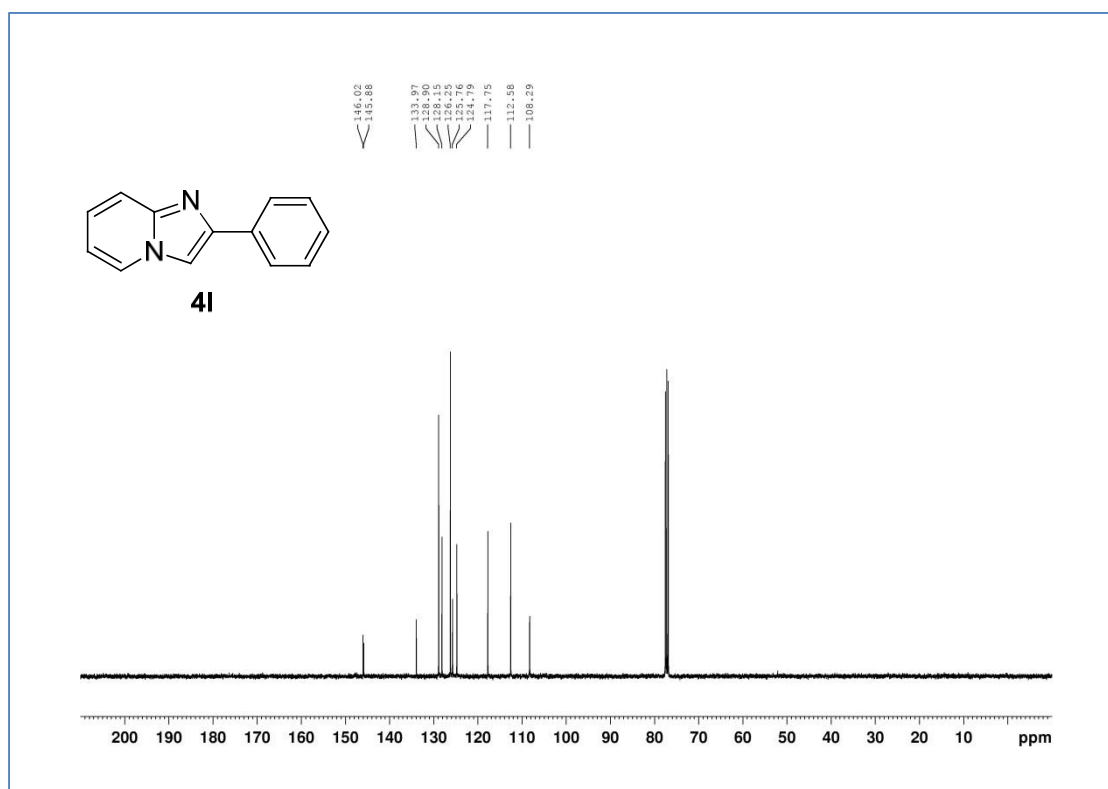
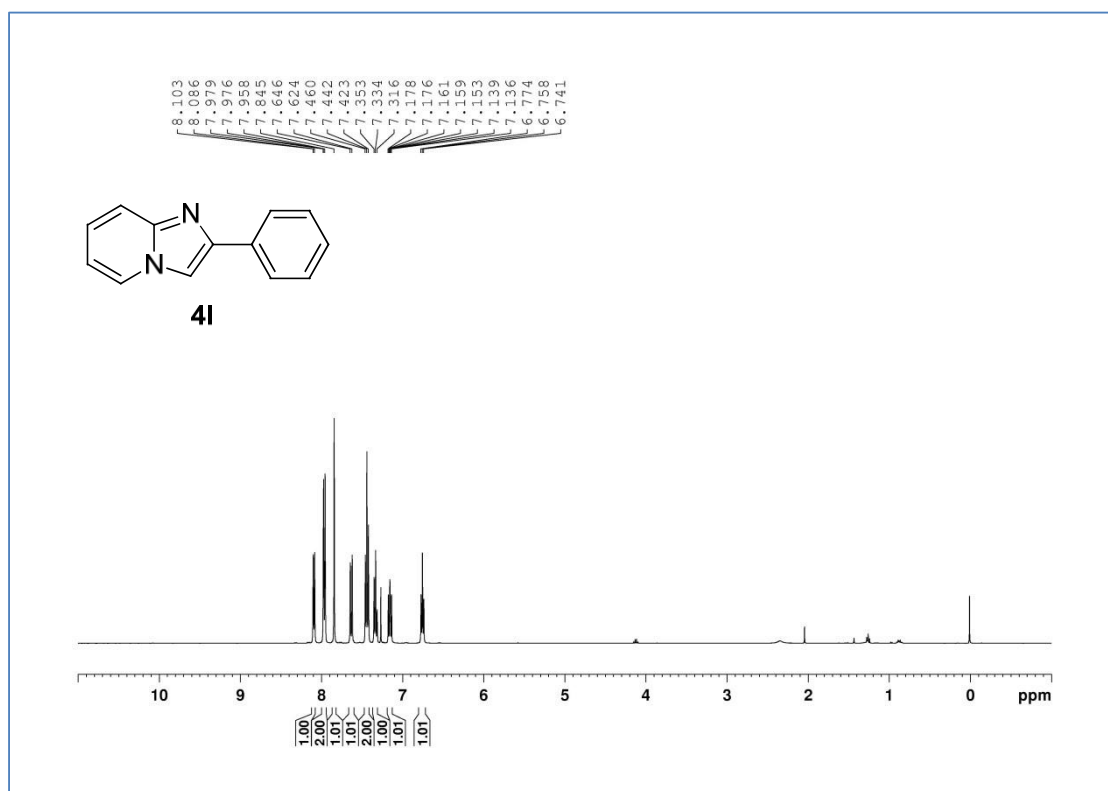












9.2 NMR spectra of products

