Supporting information for:

Dynamic Diselenide Containing Polyester from Alcoholysis/Oxidation of γ-Butyroselenolactone

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diethyl γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (1): Yellow liquid, yield >99%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.14-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.53, 61.09, 34.39, 29.44, 26.69, 14.91. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 302.81. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* $C_{12}H_{22}NaO_4Se_2$ [M+Na⁺]: 412.9746; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 412.9807.

dimethyl γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (2): Yellow liquid, yield >99%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.68 (s, 6H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.2Hz, 4H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.13-2.01 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.95, 52.29, 34.08, 29.35, 26.61. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 302.09. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* C₁₀H₁₈NaO₄Se₂[M+Na⁺]: 384.9433; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 384.9515.

dipropyl γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (3): Yellow liquid, yield 99%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.04 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.13-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.58 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.60, 66.73, 34.37, 29.44, 26.71, 22.64, 11.06. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 302.58. HR-ESI-MS: calculated m/z C₁₄H₂₆NaO₄Se₂ [M+Na⁺]: 441.0059; experimental m/z [M+Na⁺]: 441.0039.

dibutyl γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (4): Yellow liquid, yield 91%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.08 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.13-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.67-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.30 (m, 4H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.61, 65.03, 43.39, 31.33, 29.44, 26.71, 19.81, 14.37. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 302.60. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* C₁₆H₃₀NaO₄Se₂ [M+Na⁺]: 469.0372; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 469.0364.

dihexyl γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (5): Yellow liquid, yield 90%, ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.07 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.43 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.13-1.99 (m, 4H), 1.68-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.41-1.23 (m, 12H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.64, 65.36, 34.41, 32.11, 29.46, 29.27, 26.73, 26.28, 23.22, 14.68. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 302.49. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* C₂₀H₃₈NaO₄Se₂[M+Na⁺]: 525.0998; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 525.0866.

di(2-methylallyl) γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (6): Yellow liquid, yield 91%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.97 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 4H), 4.51 (s, 4H), 2.94 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.49 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.16-2.02 (m, 4H), 1.76 (s, 6H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.18, 140.55, 113.64, 68.70, 34.29, 29.35, 26.66, 20.20. ⁷⁷Se NMR (144 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 302.09. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* C₁₆H₂₆NaO₄Se₂[M+Na⁺]: 465.0059; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 464.9926.

diisopropyl γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (7): Yellow liquid, yield 24%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.08-4.92 (m, 2H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.12-1.99 (m, 4H), δ 1.22 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.03, 68.37, 34.74, 29.48, 26.77, 22.52. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114MHz, CDCl₃) δ 303.68. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated* $m/z C_{14}H_{26}NaO_4Se_2 [M+Na^+]$: 441.0059; *experimental* m/z [M+Na⁺]: 441.0116.

di(prop-2-yn-1-yl) γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (8): Yellow liquid, yield 83%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 4.68 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 4H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.50 (m, 6H), 2.16-2.01 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.67, 78.29, 75.59, 52.62, 33.99, 29.15, 26.48. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 302.45. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* C₁₄H₁₈NaO₄Se₂[M+Na⁺]: 432.9433; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 432.9455.

dibenzyl γ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (9): Yellow liquid, yield 98%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.30 (m, J = 9.08 Hz, 10H), 5.12 (s, 4H), 2.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.48 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.15-2.01 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.34, 136.57, 129.24, 128.90, 127.64, 66.98, 34.33, 29.33, 26.63. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 320.55. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* C₂₂H₂₆NaO₄Se₂[M+Na⁺]: 537.0059; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 537.0039.

dicyclohexylγ, γ'-diselenodibutyrate (10): Yellow liquid, yield 15%; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.80-4.69 (m, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.41 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 2.13-1.99 (m, 4H), 1.90-1.15 (m, 20H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.98, 73.36, 34.82, 32.32, 29.52, 26.86, 26.04, 24.42. ⁷⁷Se NMR (114 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 303.60. HR-ESI-MS: *calculated m/z* C₂₀H₃₄NaO₄Se₂[M+Na⁺]: 521.0685; *experimental m/z* [M+Na⁺]: 521.0708.



Figure S1. $^1\text{H},\,^{13}\text{C},\,\text{and}\,^{77}\text{Se}$ NMR spectra of diethyl $\gamma,\,\gamma'\text{-diselenodibutyrate}.$



Figure S2. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of dimethyl γ , γ' -diselenodibutyrate.



Figure S3. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of dipropyl γ , γ '-diselenodibutyrate.



Figure S4. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of dibutyl γ , γ '-diselenodibutyrate.



Figure S5. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of dihexyl γ , γ '-diselenodibutyrate.



Figure S6. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of di(2-methylallyl) γ , γ '-diselenodibutyrate.



Figure S7. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of diisopropyl γ , γ '-diselenodibutyrate.



Figure S8. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of di(prop-2-yn-1-yl) γ , γ '-diselenodibutyrate.



Figure S9. $^1\text{H},\,^{13}\text{C},\,\text{and}\,^{77}\text{Se}$ NMR spectra of dibenzyl $\gamma,\,\gamma'\text{-diselenodibutyrate}.$



Figure S10. $^1\text{H},\,^{13}\text{C},\,\text{and}\,^{77}\text{Se}$ NMR spectra of dicyclohexyl $\gamma,\,\gamma'\text{-diselenodibutyrate}.$

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Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectra of the reaction solution of γ -butyroselenolactone with ethylene glycol.



Figure S12. SEC curves of polymers from the reaction of ethylene glycol and γ -butyroselenolactone in THF (EGSe₂) (1 \times 10⁻³ mol L⁻¹).



Figure S13 ^{13}C NMR spectra of $\gamma\text{-butyroselenolactone, diethyl}$ $\gamma,$ $\gamma^{\prime}\text{-diselenodibutyrate and polyester}$ (EGSe_2).



Figure S14. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of EGSe₂.



Figure S15. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of BDOSe₂.







Figure S17. IR spectra of EGSe₂, BDOSe₂, HDOSe₂.



Figure S18. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of PEGSe₂1.



Figure S19. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of PEGSe₂2.



Figure S20. ¹H, ¹³C, and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of PEGSe₂3.



Figure S21. FTIR spectra of PEGSe₂1, PEGSe₂2, PEGSe₂3.



Figure S22. HRMS spectra of polyesters from the reaction of ethylene glycol and γ -butyroselenolactone with a ratio of [Se]₀: [EG]₀ = 2:0.9/2:1/2:1.1 in THF.

Entry	Structure	Calculated m/z	Calculated	Experimental
		(+H)	m/z (+Na)	m/z
1	Se O	210.9873	233.9771	210.9855
2	Se $Chemical Formula: C10H16O4Se2Exact Mass: 359.9379$	360.9457	382.9277	360.9435
3	Se O O O Se Se O CH_2 Chemical Formula: $C_{16}H_{26}O_6Se_3$ Exact Mass: 551.9233	552.9311	574.9131	553.0654
4	Se S	720.8836	740.8664	740.8715
5	$H_{2}C \xrightarrow{0} 0 $	916.9902	938.9720	917.0435

 Table S1. Mass Measurement of Different Chain Populations of Oligomers Detected by LC-MS.



Figure S23. FTIR spectrum for the polyesters obtaining form reaction of γ -butyroselenolactone and glycerol in THF.



Figure S24. TGA spectrum for the polyesters obtaining form reaction of γ -butyroselenolactone and glycerol in THF.



Figure S25. Rheological testing of polyester materials (PGOSe₂).



Figure S26. DSC curves of polyesters (PGOSe₂).