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## Metal-free switchable *ortho/ipso*-cyclization of *N*-aryl alkynamides: divergent synthesis of 3-selenyl quinolin-2-ones and azaspiro[4,5]trienones

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### **General Information:**

All non-aqueous reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glass ware and were stirred using a magnetic stir plate. All reactions were carried out using anhydrous solvent unless otherwise noted. DCE, MeCN, and DMSO were dried over calcium hydride. Dry toluene, and THF were prepared by distilling over sodium ketyl. Dried DMC and MeOH were purchased from FINAR. K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and DTBP were procured from Sigma Aldrich Company.

All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) on WhatmanPartisil<sup>®</sup> K6F TLC plates (silica gel 60 Å, 0.25 mm thickness) and visualized using a UV lamp (366 or 254 nm) or by use of one of the following visualization reagents: PMA: 10 g phosphomolybdic acid/ 100 mL ethanol, KMnO<sub>4</sub>: 0.75 g potassium permanganate, 5 g K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>/100mL water. Products were isolated by column chromatography (Merck silica gel 100-200µm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically homogenous materials unless noted otherwise. <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker 400 or Bruker 500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shift values ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm and calibrated to the residual solvent peak CDCl<sub>3</sub>  $\delta$  = 7.2600 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H,  $\delta$  = 77.16 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C and or calibrated to tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  = 0.00). All NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature (290 K) unless otherwise noted. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling constant, integration). The following abbreviations are used to indicate multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quint, quintet, sext, sextet, sept, septet, m, multiplet; dd, doublet of doublet; dt, doublet of triplet; dq, doublet of quartet; td, triplet of doublet; tt, triplet of triplet; dq, doublet of quartet; br, broad; app, apparent.

Mass spectra were recorded by electron spray ionization (ESI) method on a Q-TOF Micro with lock spray source. The crystal data were collected and integrated using a BrukerAxs kappa apex2 CCD diffractometer, with graphite monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation.

The *N*-arylpropiolamides **1** were synthesized following the previously published procedures (*Chem. Eur. J.* **2015**, *21*, 1468). Diselenide derivatives were prepared following the know procedure (*Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2014**, *12*, 9557).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of 3-Selenyl Quinolin-2-ones:



The *N*-arylpropiolamides **1** (0.20 mmol), diaryl diselenide derivatives **2** (0.30 mmol) and  $K_2S_2O_8$  (0.30 mmol) were taken in an oven dried reaction tube with a magnetic stir. Then DCE (1.5 mL) was added with a syringe and the reaction tube was purged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C

for 24 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC monitored), it was transferred to a round bottom flask after dilution with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of hexane and ethyl acetate to get pure products **3**.

### General Procedure for Selenylative Spirocyclization of N-arylpropiolamides:



The *N*-arylpropiolamides **1** (0.20 mmol), diaryl diselenide derivatives **2** (0.30 mmol) and  $K_2S_2O_8$  (0.30 mmol) were taken in an oven dried reaction tube with a magnetic stir. Then DCE (1.5 mL) was added with a syringe and the reaction tube was purged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC monitored), it was transferred to a round bottom flask after dilution with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of hexane and ethyl acetate to get pure products **4**.

### Gram Scale Synthesis of Product 3a/3h:



Synthesis of 3a: The *N*-methyl-*N*,3-diphenylpropiolamide 1a (1.1 g, 4.7 mmol), diphenyl diselenide 2a (2.2 g, 7.0 mmol) and  $K_2S_2O_8$  (7.0 mmol) were taken in an oven dried Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir. Then DCE (30 mL) was added with a syringe and the reaction tube was purged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC monitored), it was transferred to a round bottom flask after dilution with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane : ethyl acetate, 85 : 15) to provide pure 1-methyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one **3a** in 87% yield (1.6 g).

**Synthesis of 3h**: The *N*-benzyl-*N*,3-diphenylpropiolamide **1h** (1.2 g, 3.8 mmol), diphenyl diselenide **2a** (1.8 g, 5.7 mmol) and  $K_2S_2O_8$  (5.7 mmol) were taken in an oven dried Schlenk tube with a magnetic stir. Then DCE (30 mL) was added with a syringe and the reaction tube was purged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 80 °C for 24 h. After completion of the reaction (TLC monitored), it was transferred to a round bottom flask after dilution with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane : ethyl acetate, 85 : 15) to provide pure 1-benzyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one **3h** in 90% yield (1.6 g).

## **Post-functionalization:**

Synthesis of compound 5:



The compound **3h** (0.2 mmol) was taken in a dried reaction tube with a magnetic stir bar. Then DCM (2 mL) was added and cooled at 0 °C. After that, a solution of *m*-CPBA (2.2 equiv.) in DCM was added to the reaction mixture, and allowed to stir for 30 min at room temperature. After completion of the reaction (TLC monitored), the reaction was quenched with 10 mL of saturated Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution. The reaction mixture was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The crude reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (DCM : MeOH, 95 : 5) to provide product **5** (60 mg, 58%) as colorless solid.

## **Crystallographic Experimental Section:**

ORTEP diagram of compound 3a at 35% ellipsoid probability CCDC 1957705



Temperature	296(2) K								
Wavelength	0.71073 A								
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/c								
Unit cell dimensions	a = 22.670(5) A alpha = 90 deg.								
	b = 6.1798(10) A beta = 112.748(8) deg.								
	c = 17.778(4) A gamma = 90 deg.								
Volume	2297.0(8) A^3								
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.614 Mg/m^3								
Absorption coefficient	3.463 mm^-1								
F(000)	1100								
Crystal size	0.250 x 0.220 x 0.100 mm								
Theta range for data collection	1.948 to 24.995 deg.								
Limiting indices	-24<=h<=26, -5<=k<=7, -21<=l<=21								
Reflections collected / unique	13517 / 4041 [R(int) = 0.0659]								
Completeness to theta $= 24.995$	99.9 %								
Absorption correction	None								
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2								
Data / restraints / parameters	4041 / 0 / 271								
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.052								
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0586, wR2 = 0.1527								
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1196, wR2 = 0.1955								
Extinction coefficient	n/a								
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.912 and -0.761 e.A^-3								

## **Plausible Reaction Mechanism**



Plausible reaction mechanism for the cascade cyclization of *N*-aryl alkynamide with ArSeSeAr for the formation of 3-selenyl quinolin-2-ones



Plausible reaction mechanism for the spiro-cyclization process of N-aryl alkynamide

## **Spectroscopic Data:**

1-Methyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (3a): Pale yellow solid, Mp (148-150 °C), eluent (15% ethyl



, 126.3, 122.1, 121.6, 114.3, 31.0 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z:  $[M+Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{17}NOSeNa^+$  414.0373; Found 414.0369.

1-Methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-4-(p-tolyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (3b): Yellow solid, Mp (116-118 °C), eluent (15% ethyl



acetate in hexane). Yield: 88% (71 mg); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.14 – 6.96 (m, 6H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.6, 155.2, 139.9, 137.9, 135.2,

132.1, 131.9, 130.9, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 126.7, 126.2, 122.0, 121.7, 114.2, 30.9, 21.5 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOSeH<sup>+</sup> 406.0710; Found 406.0737.

1-Methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-4-(thiophen-2-yl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (3c): Yellow solid, Mp (182-184 °C), eluent (15%



ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 81% (64 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 4H), 7.10 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.2, 147.8, 139.6, 137.9, 132.5, 131.4, 131.1, 129.6, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.0 (2×C), 126.8, 122.3, 122.0, 114.2,

31.0 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOSSeH<sup>+</sup> 398.0118; Found 398.0118.

 $1,4-Dimethyl-3-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (3d): Pale yellow solid, Mp (96-98 °C), eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 73% (48 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) <math>\delta$  7.79 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, J = 8.6, 7.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 – 7.34 (m, 3H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.73 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.8, 151.4, 139.6, 132.2, 131.1, 131.0, 129.3, 126.6, 126.4, 126.3, 122.3, 121.2, 114.6, 30.9, 21.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NOSeNa<sup>+</sup> 352.0217; Found 352.0201.

7-Bromo-1-methyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (3e): White solid, Mp (160-162 °C), eluent (15%



ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 58% (54 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.26 (m, 7H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 5H), 3.77 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.5, 153.4, 142.2, 140.2, 132.1, 132.0, 130.7, 130.5, 130.3, 129.8, 129.0, 128.4, 128.1, 126.9, 122.4, 119.3, 114.4, 32.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for

C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNOSeH<sup>+</sup> 469.9659; Found 469.9660.

1,5,7-Trimethyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (3f): Pale yellow solid, eluent (15% ethyl acetate in



hexane). Yield: 72% (60 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.04 (m, 6H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 155.8, 142.6, 141.5, 141.1, 138.2, 132.9, 131.2, 128.9, 28 1, 126 4, 126 4, 126 1, 117.7, 112.5, 21.0, 24.6, 21.0, ppm. <sup>10</sup>DMS (ESUTOF O), m/r, DA: Not

128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 126.4, 126.1, 117.7, 113.5, 31.9, 24.6, 21.9 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z:  $[M+Na]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{21}NOSeNa^+$  442.0686; Found 442.0699.

(ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOSeNa<sup>+</sup> 428.0530; Found 428.0554.

1-Benzyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (3h): Yellow solid, Mp (134-136 °C), eluent (15% ethyl



acetate in hexane). Yield: 93% (87 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45 – 7.37 (m, 4H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 14H), 7.02 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (s, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.8, 155.6, 139.4, 138.2, 136.5, 132.3, 131.9, 130.9 (2×C), 128.9 (3×C), 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 126.9, 126.5, 122.2, 121.9, 115.1, 47.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for

 $C_{28}H_{21}NOSeH^+$  468.0867; Found 468.0886.

1-Methyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)benzo[h]quinolin-2(1H)-one (3i): Pale yellow solid, Mp (176-178 °C), eluent



(15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 63% (55 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.33 – 7.28 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.08 (m, 6H), 4.12 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.1, 154.9, 139.8, 138.5, 135.5, 132.6, 131.7, 129.0 (2×C), 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 126.9, 126.1, 125.7, 125.3,

124.5, 123.7, 123.5, 119.2, 41.8 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOSeH<sup>+</sup> 442.0710; Found 442.0706.

7-Phenyl-6-(phenylselanyl)-2,3-dihydro-1H,5H-pyrido[3,2,1-ij]quinolin-5-one (3j): White solid, Mp (178-180 °C),



eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 60% (50 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.31 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 7.06 (m, 5H), 6.99 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (quint, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.2, 155.0, 138.4, 136.8, 132.3, 131.9, 130.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.3, 128.0, 126.8, 126.7, 125.8,

124.9, 121.6, 121.5, 43.7, 27.9, 20.9 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOSeH<sup>+</sup> 418.0710; Found 418.0738.

3-((4-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3k): Pale yellow solid, Mp (155-157 °C), eluent



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(15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 95% (81 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.02 (m, 8H), 3.82 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.6, 155.1, 139.9, 138.0, 133.7, 133.0, 131.1, 129.9, 129.1, 128.8 (2×C), 128.4, 128.3, 126.1, 122.3, 121.5, 114.4, 31.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]+

Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNOSeNa<sup>+</sup> 447.9983; Found 447.9950.

3-((4-Bromophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3I): Yellow solid, Mp (168-170 °C), eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 69% (65 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.59 - 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.06 (m, 6H), 3.82 (s, 3H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.5, 155.2, 140.0, 138.0, 133.9, 132.0, 131.2, 130.7, 31 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 126.0, 122.3, 121.5, 121.1, 114.4, 31.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for

C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNOSeH<sup>+</sup> 469.9659; Found 469.9675.

3-((4-Fluorophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3m): White solid, Mp (119-121 °C), eluent (15%



ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 87% (78 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.58 - 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.15 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.83 – 6.76 (m, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.2, 161.0 (d, J = 75.8 Hz), 154.4, 139.8, 137.9, 135.1 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 131.0, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 126.6, 125.9 (d, J = 3.3 Hz),

122.2, 121.6, 116.0 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 114.3, 30.9 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -115.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNOSeH<sup>+</sup> 410.0459; Found 410.0458.

4-((1-Methyl-2-oxo-4-phenyl-1,2-dihydroquinolin-3-yl)selanyl)benzonitrile (3n): Brown solid, Mp (163-165 °C), Ph eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 57% (52 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

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7.63 - 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 - 7.41 (m, 4H), 7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.34 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.11 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 160.2, 156.7, 140.3, 140.0, 137.9, 132.2, 131.7, 131.0, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6 (2×C), 124.4, 122.5, 121.4, 119.0, 114.5, 109.7, 31.1 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSeH<sup>+</sup>417.0506; Found 417.0486.

1-Methyl-4-phenyl-3-(p-tolylselanyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (**30**): Pale yellow solid, Mp (130-131 °C), eluent (15% ethyl



acetate in hexane). Yield: 98% (87 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.56 - 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 5H), 7.11 – 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.92 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.7, 154.7, 139.9, 138.2, 136.8, 132.7, 130.8, 129.7, 128.8 (2×C), 128.3, 128.1, 127.9, 126.6, 122.1, 121.6,

114.3, 30.9, 21.2 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-O) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NOSeNa<sup>+</sup> 428.0530; Found 428.0536.

3-((4-Ethylphenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3p): Pale yellow solid, Mp (115-117 °C), eluent



(15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 78% (72 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 2H), 7.16 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 2.55 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR

 $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 160.8, 154.6, 143.1, 139.9, 138.1, 132.8, 130.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1 (2×C), 126.7, 122.1, 121.7, 114.3, 31.0, 28.6, 15.6 ppm.$ **HRMS**(ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NOSeH<sup>+</sup> 420.0867; Found 420.0878.

3-((4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (**3q**): Pale yellow solid, Mp (219-221 °C), eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 93% (83 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.56 - 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.43 - 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.22 - 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.15 - 7.03 (m, 6H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.8, 154.4, 149.9, 139.8, 138.0, 132.6, 130.8, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.9, 126.8, 126.0, 122.1, 121.7, 114.2, 34.5, 31.4, 30.9 ppm. HRMS

(ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NOSeH<sup>+</sup> 448.1180; Found 448.1205.

3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3r): Brown solid, Mp (108-110 °C), eluent



(15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 92% (77 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.17 – 7.02 (m, 4H), 6.70 – 6.61 (m, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.8, 159.1, 153.9, 139.7, 138.1, 135.3, 130.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.2, 122.1, 121.7, 121.5,

114.6, 114.2, 55.3, 30.9 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup> 444.0479; Found 444.0452.

1-Methyl-4-phenyl-3-((3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)selanyl) quinolin-2(1H)-one (3s): Yellow solid, Mp (100-102 °C),



eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 62% (57 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.61 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 3H), 7.41 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.23 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.6, 155.0, 140.0, 137.6, 135.8, 132.7, 131.2, 131.0 (d, *J* = 32.1 Hz), 129.2, 129.1 (q, *J* = 3.9 Hz), 128.8 (2×C), 128.4

(2×C), 126.0, 123.8 (q, J = 272.3 Hz), 123.7 (q, J = 3.5 Hz), 122.4, 121.6, 114.4, 31.0 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.7 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NOSeH<sup>+</sup> 460.0427; Found 460.0446.

 $\begin{array}{l} 3-((3-Fluorophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3t): Yellow solid, Mp (110-112 °C), eluent (15\%) \\ \hline \\ & \bullet \\$ 

125.7, 122.3, 121.6, 118.7 (d, *J* = 22.4 Hz), 114.4, 113.8 (d, *J* = 21.2 Hz), 31.1 ppm. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -112.7 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNOSeH<sup>+</sup> 410.0459; Found 410.0478.

3-((2-Bromophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3u): Brown solid, Mp (117-119 °C),



eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 68% (64 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.60 (ddd, J = 8.5, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.34 (m, 4H), 7.21 – 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.07 – 7.00 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.94 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.4, 156.3, 140.3, 137.9, 135.3, 132.7, 131.4, 131.3, 129.1, 128.5 (2×C), 127.7, 127.5, 125.5,

124.6, 122.3, 121.6, 114.4, 31.1 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNOSeH<sup>+</sup> 469.9659; Found 469.9658.

1-Ethyl-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3v): Yellow solid, Mp (106-108 °C),



eluent (15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 89% (77 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 4H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.15 – 7.08 (m, 3H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.43 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.1, 159.1, 153.7,

138.7, 138.1, 135.2, 130.5, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 121.9, 121.8, 121.4, 114.5, 114.0, 55.2, 38.6, 12.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup> 458.0635; Found 458.0629.

3-((4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)selanyl)-1-ethyl-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3w): Yellow solid, Mp (169-171 °C), eluent



(15% ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 91% (84 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (s, 3H), 7.19 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.16 – 7.07 (m, 5H), 7.04 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.2, 154.2, 149.8, 138.8, 138.0, 132.7, 130.6,

 $128.9, 128.8, 128.2, 127.9 (2 \times C), 126.9, 125.9, 122.0, 121.8, 114.1, 38.7, 34.5, 31.3, 12.8 \text{ ppm. } \textbf{HRMS} (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]^+ Calcd for C_{27}H_{27}NOSeH^+ 462.1336; Found 462.1348.$ 

1-Ethyl-3-((3-fluorophenyl)selanyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3x): Yellow solid, Mp (140-142 °C), eluent (15%



ethyl acetate in hexane). Yield: 80% (68 mg); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 6.0, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11 – 7.02 (m, 3H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.82 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.6

(d, J = 248.7 Hz), 159.9, 155.4, 139.1, 138.0, 133.7 (d, J = 7.0 Hz), 131.2, 130.0 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 129.2, 128.8, 128.4, 128.3, 127.6 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 125.9, 122.1, 121.8, 118.8 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 114.2, 113.8 (d, J = 21.3 Hz), 38.9, 12.8 ppm. <sup>19</sup>**F NMR** (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -112.8 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNOSeH<sup>+</sup> 424.0616; Found 424.0616.

1-Ethyl-3-(methylselanyl)-4-phenylquinolin-2(1H)-one (3y): Yellow solid, Mp (97-98 °C), eluent (15% ethyl acetate



in hexane). Yield: 77% (53 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.54 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 4.47 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.3, 151.9, 138.3 (2×C), 130.1, 129.1, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 125.9, 121.9 (2×C), 114.1, 38.6,

12.8, 8.3 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}NOSeH^+$  344.0554; Found 344.0552.

1-Methyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4a): White solid, eluent (30% ethyl



acetate in hexane). Yield: 80% (65 mg); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 – 7.33 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 4H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.0, 168.8, 154.2, 145.1, 133.9, 133.1, 131.2, 130.2, 129.5, 129.1, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2,

 $69.1,\,26.5 \text{ ppm. } \textbf{HRMS} \text{ (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: } [M+Na]^+ \text{ Calcd for } C_{22}H_{17}NO_2SeNa^+ \, 430.0322; \text{ Found } 430.0350.$ 

1-Methyl-4-phenyl-3-(p-tolylselanyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4b): Yellow solid, Mp (170-172



°C), eluent (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 73% (61 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.11 – 7.05 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.2, 169.0, 153.5, 145.3, 138.3, 134.5, 133.2, 131.4, 130.6, 129.9, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 123.2, 69.1, 26.5, 21.3 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-

Q) m/z:  $[M+H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{19}NO_2SeH^+$  422.0659; Found 422.0636.

3-((4-Ethylphenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4c): Yellow solid, eluent



(30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 69% (60 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.19 - 7.13 (m, 2H), 7.09 - 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.54 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.2, 169.1, 153.3, 145.3, 144.5, 134.6, 133.2, 131.3, 130.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.2 (2×C), 123.3,

69.2, 28.6, 26.5, 15.5 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]<sub>+</sub> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SeNa<sub>+</sub> 458.0635; Found 458.0667.

3-((4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4d): Yellow solid,



eluent (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 76% (70 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.03 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 9H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.2, 169.2, 152.9, 151.3, 145.3, 134.2, 133.2, 131.1, 130.7, 129.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.2, 123.0, 69.4, 34.6,

31.3, 26.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SeH<sup>+</sup> 464.1129; Found 464.1148.

3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4e): Yellow solid,



eluent (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 61% (53 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.07 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.65 – 6.60 (m, 2H), 6.48 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.2, 169.1, 160.0, 152.7, 145.3, 136.8, 133.2, 131.3, 131.0, 129.3, 128.3 (2×C), 116.6, 114.7, 69.2, 55.3, 26.5

ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SeH<sup>+</sup> 438.0608; Found 438.0625.

3-((4-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4f): Brown solid, eluent



(30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 74% (65 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.27 (m, 3H), 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.12 – 7.00 (m, 4H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.0, 168.7, 154.2, 144.9, 135.7, 134.6, 133.3, 131.1, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.4, 128.1, 125.0, 69.3, 26.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup>

463.9932; Found 463.9901.

3-((4-Bromophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4g): Yellow solid,



eluent (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 69% (67 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 2.91 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.0, 168.6, 154.3, 144.9, 135.9, 133.3, 132.2, 131.1, 130.0, 129.7, 128.4, 128.1, 125.8, 122.8, 69.3, 26.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub>SeH<sup>+</sup>

485.9608; Found 485.9610.

4-((1-Methyl-2,8-dioxo-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-trien-3-yl)selanyl)benzonitrile (4h): Yellow solid, Mp



(158-160 °C), eluent (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 53% (46 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.36 – 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 6.55 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  183.7, 168.1, 156.6, 144.4, 134.9, 133.4, 132.9, 132.3, 130.9, 130.0, 128.6, 128.5, 127.9, 118.4, 111.1, 69.2, 26.5

ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SeH<sup>+</sup> 433.0455; Found 433.0461.

3-((3-Fluorophenyl)selanyl)-1-methyl-4-phenyl-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4i): Yellow solid, Mp



(122-124 °C), eluent (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 56% (47 mg); <sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.29 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.22 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.18 – 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.12 – 7.07 (m, 3H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 6.90 – 6.82 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.0, 168.7, 162.4 (d, *J* = 250.0 Hz), 154.9, 144.9, 133.3 (2×C), 131.1, 130.3 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 129.8,

129.3 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 128.7 (d, J = 7.1 Hz), 128.4, 128.0, 120.7 (d, J = 22.5 Hz), 115.1 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 69.3, 26.6 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (471 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NFO<sub>2</sub>SeH<sup>+</sup> 426.0409; Found 426.0401.

1,4-dimethyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,6,9-triene-2,8-dione (4j): White solid, eluent (30% ethyl



acetate in hexanes). Yield: 61% (42 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.2, 169.3, 155.7, 145.7, 133.4, 133.0, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 69.4, 26.9, 13.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SeNa<sup>+</sup> 368.0166; Found 368.0191.

1-Methyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-1-azaspiro[4.5]deca-3,7,9-triene-2,6-dione (4k): Brown solid, Mp (109-111



°C), eluent (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes). Yield: 52% (42 mg); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 – 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23 – 7.08 (m, 8H), 6.97 – 6.81 (m, 1H), 6.55 – 6.38 (m, 1H), 6.13 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 2H), 2.78 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  195.2, 170.3, 155.9, 142.2, 137.7, 132.6, 131.3, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 127.0, 76.6, 27.0. HRMS (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SeH<sup>+</sup> 408.0503; Found

408.0505.

1-Benzyl-4-phenyl-3-(phenylseleninyl)quinolin-2(1H)-one (5): White solid, eluent (5% methanol in DCM). Yield:



58% (56 mg); <sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.78 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.26 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 3H), 7.11 – 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.57 (d, J = 18.6 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>**C** NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.1, 155.5, 139.8, 135.7, 132.4, 131.6, 130.7, 129.7, 129.2 (2×C), 129.0 (2×C), 128.9, 128.1, 128.0,

127.7, 126.8, 126.7, 122.8, 122.1, 115.3, 46.5 ppm. **HRMS** (ESI/TOF-Q) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>SeH<sup>+</sup> 484.0816; Found 484.0804.

## NMR Spectra:







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### 7.409 7.338 7.215 7.215 7.277 7.277 7.247 7.126 7.128 7.129 7.128 7.129 7.128 7.129 7.128 7.129 7.128 7.129 7.128 7.129 7.129 7.128 7.129





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### 77.598 7.577 7.577 7.577 7.577 7.577 7.589 7.589 7.589 7.7289 7.7289 7.7416 7.7417 7.7416 7.7417 7.7416 7.7417 7.7416 7.7417 7.7416 7.7417 7.7416 7.7417 7.7



### 77,573 77,550 77,550 77,552 77,552 77,552 77,552 77,1535 77,1535 77,1236 77,1266 77,257 77,256 77,257 77,256 77,257 77,256 77,257 77,256 77,257 77,257 77,257 77,257 77,257 77,257 77,257 77,257 77,256 77,257 77,25





-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	-70	-80	-90	-100	-110	-120	-130	-140	-150	-160	-170	-180	-190
									fl (ppn	n)								







## S32





### 7,613 7,592 7,592 7,592 7,597 7,597 7,597 7,597 7,597 7,597 7,598 7,598 7,598 7,738 7,749 7,749 7,748 7,749









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-60 -65 -70 -100 -105 f1 (ppm) -110 -90 -125 -130 -75 -95 -115 -120 -145 -80 -85 -135 -140























### 7,72945 7,72945 7,72672 7,72672 7,72673 7,72673 7,72478 7,72478 7,712498 7,712498 7,71409 7,71









### 7.3210 7.3077 7.3077 7.3073 7.30869 7.22869 7.22869 7.22869 7.22895 7.22855 7.2275 7.2275 7.2275 7.2275 7.2275 7.2275 7.72855 7.727575 7.727575 7.72757575 7.72757575 7.7275757575757575757575757575757









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-35 -40 -45 -50 -55 -60 -65 -70 -75 -80 -85 -90 -95 -100 -110 -120 -130 -140 -150 -160 -170 fl (ppm)





