Supporting Information

Using SeO₂ as a Selenium Source to Make RSe-Substituted Aniline and Imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyridine Derivatives

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General Information

All reactions were carried out in round-bottom flasks; stirring was achieved with an oven-dried magnetic stirring bar. Solvents were purified by standard methods unless otherwise noted. Commercially available reagents were purchased from Aladdin Company in China and used throughout without further purification other than those detailed below. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (200-300 mesh). All reactions were monitored by TLC analysis. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope laboratories. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-400 spectrometer operating at 400 MHz and 100 MHz respectively. HRMS spectrometry (LC-HRMS) was recorded on a LXQ Spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) operating on ESI-TOF (MeOH as a solvent).

Experimental Procedure





Arylaniline (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), SeO₂ (1.2 equiv.), phenylboronic acid (1.2 equiv.) and KI (1.0 equiv.) were added to a round bottom flask with DMSO (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80°C or 120°C under reflux. After 12 hrs, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 100: 1) to give product **3**.

General procedure for the syntheses of compounds 6a-6i



Imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.), SeO₂ (1.2 equiv.), phenylboronic acid (1.2 equiv.) and KI (1.0 equiv.) were added to a round bottom flask with DMSO (0.5 mL). The mixture was stirred at 80°C under reflux. After 12 hrs, the reaction was cooled to room temperature, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (petroleum ether : EtOAc = 15:1) to give product **6**.

Characterization data of the products

4-Methyl-2-(phenylselanyl)aniline (3a)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.44 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 - 7.15 (m, 5H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.18, 138.64, 131.85, 131.78, 129.28, 129.23, 128.18, 126.11, 115.11, 112.72, 20.15. **IR**: 3452, 2918, 1620, 1491, 1145, 814, 738 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₄NSe⁺ 264.0286 (M+H)⁺, found 264.0282.

4-Methyl-2-(p-tolylselanyl)aniline (3b)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.46 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.6 Hz, 3H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.29 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.00, 138.34, 136.13, 131.53, 130.08, 129.82, 128.12, 127.84, 115.11, 113.41, 21.02, 20.19. **IR**: 3452, 3061, 2971, 1748, 1608, 1448, 1259, 1071, 814, 710 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₄H₁₆NSe⁺ 278.0442 (M+H)⁺, found 278.0435.

2-((4-Methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-4-methylaniline (3c)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 (dd, J = 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.03 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.1, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 - 6.77 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.78,

145.66, 137.76, 132.14, 131.24, 128.14, 121.38, 115.15, 115.07, 114.45, 55.29, 20.20. **IR:** 3467, 2915, 1548, 1469, 1217, 1142, 814, 778 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{15}NNaOSe^+$ 316.0211 (M+Na)⁺, found 316.0208.

4-Methyl-2-(o-tolylselanyl)aniline (3d)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 (dd, J = 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15 - 7.05 (m, 2H), 7.04 - 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.91 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H).¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 146.45, 138.78, 136.87, 132.37, 131.78, 130.10, 128.33, 128.21, 126.70, 125.96, 115.12, 111.96, 21.50, 20.15. **IR:** 3436, 3014, 2945, 1579, 1492, 1234, 1045, 834, 747 cm⁻¹ **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₄H₁₆NSe⁺ 278.0442 (M+H)⁺, found 278.0430.

4-Methyl-2-(naphthalen-1-ylselanyl)aniline (3e)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.22 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dddd, J = 20.5, 8.1, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.34 - 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.35, 138.70, 134.05, 132.59, 131.84, 130.53, 128.67, 128.40, 127.01, 126.79, 126.38, 126.19, 125.77, 115.26, 112.16, 20.22. **IR**: 3481, 3087, 2859, 1788, 1564, 1482, 1236, 972, 837, 743 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₇H₁₅NNaSe⁺ 336.0262 (M+Na)⁺, found 336.0259.

4-Chloro-2-(p-tolylselanyl)aniline (3f)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.58 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 - 7.16 (m, 6H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.06, 137.17, 130.80, 130.77, 129.82, 129.40, 126.67, 122.53, 115.85, 113.97. **IR**: 3487, 2948, 1769, 1575, 1488, 1230, 841, 735, 708 cm⁻¹.

4-Chloro-2-((4-fluorophenyl)selanyl)aniline (3g)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.36 - 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 - 6.93 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (s, 2H).¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 163.35, 160.90, 146.80, 136.79, 132.23, 132.15, 130.76, 125.09, 125.05, 122.64, 116.69, 116.48, 115.93, 114.50. ¹⁹**F-NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -115.26. **IR**: 3423, 2977, 1751, 1593, 1497, 1221, 1141, 835, 733, 715 cm⁻¹.

2-((4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)selanyl)-4-chloroaniline (3h)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.57 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 - 7.03 (m, 5H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 1.31 (s, 9H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.96, 147.00, 137.05, 130.57, 129.80, 127.08, 126.54, 122.51, 115.79, 114.39, 34.49, 31.25. **IR**: 3477, 3098, 2957, 1747, 1582, 1493, 1228, 1076, 840, 737, 715 cm⁻¹.

4-Chloro-2-((3-fluorophenyl)selanyl)aniline (3i)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.59 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 - 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.05 (ddd, J = 7.9, 1.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dddd, J = 17.9, 8.6, 2.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (s, 2H).¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.34, 161.86, 147.23, 137.47, 133.00, 132.93, 131.31, 130.57, 130.49, 124.95, 124.92, 122.60, 116.41, 116.18, 115.99, 113.66, 113.44, 112.87. ¹⁹**F-NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -111.50. **IR:** 3421, 2956, 1737, 1564, 1482, 1225, 1123, 826, 745, 704 cm⁻¹.

4-(p-Tolylselanyl)aniline (3j)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.45 - 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 - 7.24 (m, 2H), 7.08 - 7.02 (m, 2H), 6.67 - 6.61 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.54, 136.46, 136.17, 133.99, 130.95, 129.88, 117.36, 115.99, 21.01. **IR:** 3459, 2919, 1544, 1482, 1287, 817, 792 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{14}NSe^+$ 264.0286 (M+H)⁺, found 264.0280.

N-Methyl-4-(phenylselanyl)aniline (3k)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.54 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.35 - 7.27 (m, 2H), 7.25 - 7.15 (m, 3H), 6.64 - 6.56 (m, 2H), 3.88 (s, 1H), 2.88 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.58, 137.32, 134.57, 134.30, 129.80, 129.00, 125.84, 113.27,

30.49. **IR**: 3428, 2892, 1607, 1532, 1188, 825, 737, 697 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for $C_{13}H_{14}NSe^+$ 284.0286 (M+H)⁺, found 264.0277.

N,N-dimethyl-4-(phenylselanyl)aniline (3l)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.57 - 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.74 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 3.01 (s, 6H).¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.55, 137.10, 134.60, 129.86, 129.00, 125.84, 113.82, 113.21, 40.31. **IR:** 3013, 2876, 1594, 1509, 1189, 824, 745, 703 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for $C_{14}H_{16}NSe^+278.0442$ (M+H)⁺, found 278.0439.

N-isopropyl-4-(phenylselanyl)aniline (3m)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.51 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.36 - 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.26 - 7.13 (m, 3H), 6.57 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (p, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 6H).¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.82, 137.40, 134.61, 129.82, 128.98, 125.83, 114.11, 113.97, 44.13, 22.94. **IR:** 3426, 2910, 1607, 1510, 1228, 828, 750, 708 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₈NSe⁺ 292.0599 (M+H)⁺, found 292.0609.

3-Methyl-5-(p-tolylselanyl)pyridin-2-amine (3n)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.19 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 2.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 - 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.97, 151.55, 144.47, 136.49, 130.91, 129.96, 129.14, 117.64, 114.49, 21.00, 16.98. **IR:** 3468, 2960, 1752, 1665, 1490, 1204, 831, 747 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₃H₁₅N₂Se⁺ 279.0395 (M+H)⁺, found 279.0403.

3-(p-Tolylselanyl)-1H-indole (30)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.67 (dq, J = 7.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.29 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 - 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.02 - 6.91 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 136.38, 135.49, 130.95, 129.99, 129.76, 129.09, 122.87, 120.79, 120.41, 111.30, 98.72, 20.93. **IR:** 3482, 2985, 1762, 1560, 1497, 1225, 844, 713 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₅H₁₃NNaSe⁺ 310.0105 (M+H)⁺, found 310.0102.

6-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6a)



¹H-NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 - 8.09 (m, 3H), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25 - 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.16 - 7.06 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.70, 146.81, 133.93, 131.30, 129.66, 129.57, 128.65, 128.30, 128.25, 128.04, 126.54, 123.31, 122.77, 116.88,

102.29, 18.40. **IR:** 3068, 2362, 1797, 1577, 1444, 1328, 1249, 819, 641 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{17}N_2Se^+$ 365.0551 (M+H)⁺, found 365.0550.

2-Phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6b)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.37 (dt, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.24 - 8.13 (m, 2H), 7.74 (dt, J = 9.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.33 (ddd, J = 9.0, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (qd, J = 4.4, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 7.17 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.87 (td, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.85, 147.76, 133.79, 130.91, 129.68, 128.76, 128.45, 128.31, 128.23, 126.68, 126.44, 125.62, 117.54, 112.99, 102.85. **IR:** 2932, 2362, 1645, 1578, 1441, 1349, 1228, 741, 690 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₅N₂Se⁺ 351.0395 (M+H)⁺, found 351.0397.

6-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-(p-tolylselanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6c)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.17 (dt, J = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 3H), 7.63 (dd, J = 9.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.49 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.32 (m, 1H), 7.17 (dd, J = 9.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 - 6.95 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.47, 146.72, 136.52, 134.00, 130.44, 129.47, 128.66, 128.28, 128.23, 127.36, 123.34, 122.67, 116.83, 102.68, 20.94, 18.41. **IR:** 2928, 2854, 1623, 1576, 1474, 1340, 1188, 803, 737 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₂₀H₁₆N₂OSe⁺ 379.0708 (M+H)⁺, found 379.0712.

6-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-1-ylselanyl)-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6d)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 - 8.07 (m, 4H), 7.89 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 - 7.65 (m, 2H), 7.60 (dddd, J = 17.9, 8.1, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 - 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.23 - 7.12 (m, 2H), 6.89 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.41, 147.17, 134.29, 133.90, 132.17, 129.66, 129.59, 128.80, 128.66, 128.38, 128.31, 127.00, 126.58, 126.44, 126.37, 125.19, 125.07, 123.44, 122.87, 116.93, 100.89, 18.34. **IR:** 3058, 1827, 1501, 1379, 1242, 1064, 771, 693, 602 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₂₄H₁₉N₂Se⁺ 415.0708 (M+H)⁺, found 415.0710.

3-((4-(tert-Butyl)phenyl)selanyl)-6-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6e)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 - 8.14 (m, 3H), 7.63 (dd, J = 9.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 - 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.18 (dd, J = 9.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.10 - 7.03 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 9H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.49, 149.78, 146.73, 134.01, 129.48, 128.68, 128.45, 128.23, 127.94, 127.64, 126.76, 123.42, 122.65, 116.83, 102.61, 34.45, 31.22, 18.41. **IR**: 3052, 2930, 1488, 1346, 1279, 1082, 937, 789, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₂Se⁺ 421.1177 (M+H)⁺, found 421.1173.

3-((3-Fluorophenyl)selanyl)-6-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6f)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 8.20 - 8.03 (m, 3H), 7.66 (dd, J = 9.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.26 - 7.07 (m, 2H), 6.94 - 6.84 (m, 2H), 6.81 (ddd, J = 8.7, 2.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 164.55, 162.07, 152.04, 146.97, 133.73, 133.43, 133.37, 130.93, 130.85, 129.82, 128.63, 128.45, 128.32, 123.47, 123.44, 123.15, 123.06, 117.01, 115.02, 114.79, 113.74, 113.53, 101.53, 18.42. ¹⁹**F-NMR** (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -110.94 .**IR**: 2929, 1507, 1469, 1462, 1337, 1282, 1077, 812, 679 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₂₀H₁₆BrN₂Se⁺ 383.0457 (M+H)⁺, found 383.0461.

3-((3-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-6-methyl-2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6g)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.12 (dt, J = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 7.66 (dd, J = 9.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.42 - 7.35 (m, 1H), 7.25 - 7.05 (m, 4H), 6.94 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.10, 146.98, 135.52, 133.70, 133.20, 130.63, 129.86, 128.62, 128.47, 128.33, 127.62, 126.83, 125.89, 123.15, 123.09, 117.00, 101.42, 18.42.**IR**: 2379, 1682, 1567, 1470, 1345, 1218, 1034, 829, 693 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₄ClN₂Se⁺ 399.0162 (M+H)⁺, found 399.0159.

6-Methyl-2-phenyl-3-(o-tolylselanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6h)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 (dt, J = 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 3H), 7.66 (dd, J = 9.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 - 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41 - 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.21 (td, J = 9.1, 8.7, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (td, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.21, 147.06, 136.35, 133.93, 131.82, 130.61, 129.60, 128.63, 128.30, 128.25, 127.17, 126.67, 126.29, 123.35, 122.80, 116.90, 101.22, 21.10, 18.41. **IR:** 2978, 2382, 2369, 1448, 1367, 1246, 1039, 779, 705 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{17}N_2OSe^+ 379.0708$ (M+H)⁺, found 379.0715.

2-Phenyl-3-(p-tolylselanyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine (6i)



¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.38 (dt, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 8.24 - 8.14 (m, 2H), 7.73 (dt, J = 9.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.51 - 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.44 - 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.36 - 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.09 - 6.99 (m, 4H), 6.87 (td, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³**C-NMR** (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.61, 147.67, 136.68, 133.86, 130.46, 128.76, 128.54, 128.50, 128.28, 126.96, 126.32, 125.64, 117.50, 112.91, 103.23, 20.94. **IR:** 3072, 2945, 2367, 1467, 1324, 1227, 1015, 757, 681 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI-TOF) m/z calculated for C₁₉H₁₄BrN₂Se⁺ 365.0051 (M+H)⁺, found 365.0058.

¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra

















































19 F NMR spectra



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