

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis and Structural Properties of para-Diselenopyrazines

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# 1 Experimental Procedures

## 1.1 General Information

Chemicals were bought from commercial suppliers (abcr, Acros, Alfa Aesar, BLDPharm, Carbolution, Chempur, Fluka, Merck, Sigma Aldrich and TCI) and used as delivered. Anhydrous solvents were dispensed from a solvent purification system MB SPS-800. Solvents were degassed by freeze-pump-thaw technique. Deuterated solvents were bought from Eurisotop and Sigma Aldrich.

Melting points (mp) were measured in open glass capillaries on a Stuart SMP10 melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

$R_f$ -values were determined by analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) on aluminium sheets coated with silica gel produced by Macherey-Nagel (ALUGRAM® Xtra SIL G/25 UV<sub>254</sub>). Detection was accomplished using UV-light (254 and 365 nm) or a TLC staining solution (vanillin and ninhydrine).

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were, if not mentioned otherwise, recorded at room temperature at the organic chemistry department of Heidelberg University under the supervision of Dr. J. Graf on the following spectrometers: Bruker Avance III 300 (300 MHz), Bruker Avance DRX 300 (300 MHz), Bruker Fourier 300 (300 MHz), Bruker Avance III 400 (400 MHz), Bruker Avance III 500 (500 MHz), Bruker Avance III 600 (600 MHz), Bruker Avance NEO 700 (700 MHz). Chemical shifts  $\delta$  are given in ppm and coupling constants  $J$  in Hz. Spectra were referenced to residual solvent protons according to Fulmer *et al.*<sup>[1]</sup> or for TCE-d<sub>2</sub> to 6.00 ppm (<sup>1</sup>H) and 73.8 ppm (<sup>13</sup>C) respectively. The following abbreviations were used to describe the observed multiplicities: for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qui = quintet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublets, td = triplet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, br = broad signal; for <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra: s = quaternary carbon, d = CH carbon, t = CH<sub>2</sub> carbon and q = CH<sub>3</sub> carbon. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectra are proton decoupled and interpreted with help of DEPT- and 2D spectra. All spectra were integrated and processed using MestreNova software.

High-resolution mass spectra (HR-MS) were recorded at the chemistry department of Heidelberg University under the supervision of Dr. J. Gross on the following spectrometers: JEOL AccuTOF GCx (EI), Bruker ApexQe hybrid 9.4 T FT-ICR (ESI, MALDI, DART), Finnigan LCQ (ESI), Bruker AutoFlex Speed (MALDI) and Bruker timsTOFleX (ESI, MALDI).

Infrared spectra were recorded from a neat powder or oil on a FT-IR spectrometer (Bruker LUMOS) with a Germanium ATR-crystal. For the most significant bands the wave numbers are given.

UV-Vis spectra were recorded on a Jasco UV-Vis V-660. Fluorescence spectra were recorded on a Jasco FP6500. Quantum yields (QY) were recorded on a PTI QuantaMaster 40 with Ulbricht Sphere.

Cyclic voltammograms were measured on a VERSASTAT3-200 potentiostat, using a glassy carbon working electrode, a silver reference electrode and a platinum/titanium counter electrode. Measurements were carried out in a 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate solution in anhydrous and degassed DCM. Ferrocene/ferrocenium was used as internal standard.

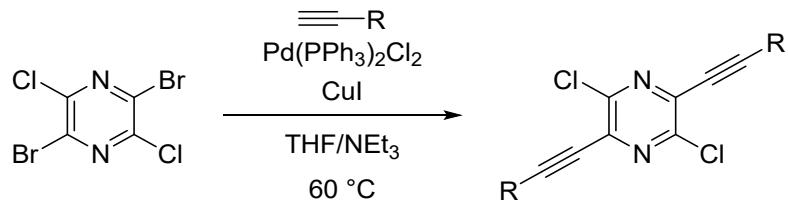
X-ray crystallography was carried out at the chemistry department of Heidelberg University under the supervision of Dr. F. Rominger on the following instruments: Bruker Smart APEX II Quazar (with Mo-microsource) and Stoe Stradivari (with Co-microsource and Pilatus detector). The structures were processed with Mercury 4.3.0.

For flash column chromatography silica gel (Sigma-Aldrich, pore size 60 Å, 70-230 mesh, 63-200 µm) or aluminium oxide (Honeywell, pore size 60 Å, activated, neutral) was used as stationary phase. As

eluent different mixtures of petroleum ether (PE), ethyl acetate (EA) or dichloromethane (DCM) were used.

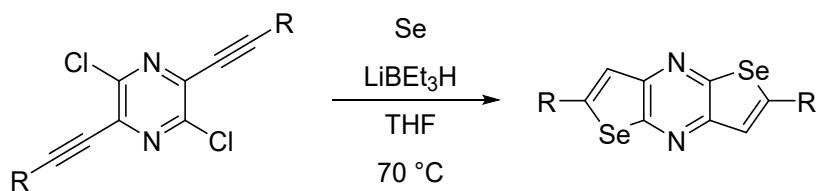
## 1.2 General Procedures

### General Procedure 1 (GP1): Sonogashira cross coupling



In a heat gun-dried Schlenk flask under an atmosphere of nitrogen, 2,5-dibromo-3,6-dichloropyrazine (1.00 eq.), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mol %) and CuI (3 mol %) were dissolved in a degassed mixture of THF (20 ml) and triethylamine (20 ml). After stirring for 5 min, the corresponding alkyne (2.05 eq.) was added. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight. The reaction was cooled and solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography.

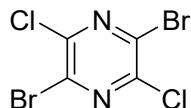
### General Procedure 2 (GP2): Nucleophilic cyclization to Diselenopyrazines



In a heat gun-dried Schlenk flask under an atmosphere of nitrogen, Selenium (2.30 eq.) was suspended in dry THF (20 ml). LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (2.50 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. Bis-alkynylpyrazine (1.00 eq.) was added and the mixture was stirred at 70 °C overnight. The crude product was purified by precipitation or column chromatography.

### 1.3 Synthesis of Compounds

#### 2,5-dibromo-3,6-dichloropyrazine (1)

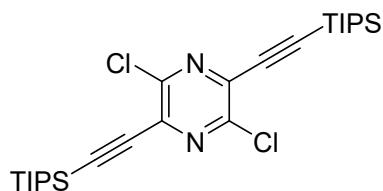


To a solution of 5-bromo-6-chloropyrazin-2-amine (10.0 g, 48.0 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in MeOH (100 ml) was added N-chlorosuccinimide (7.05 g, 52.8 mmol, 1.10 eq.) and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C overnight. Water (500 ml) was added and the colorless precipitate was collected by filtration and dried under reduced pressure. The compound was dissolved in HBr (48 wt%, 320 ml) and THF (160 ml). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and NaNO<sub>2</sub> (8.21 g, 119 mmol, 2.50 eq.) was added in small portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. Afterwards, KOH was added until neutralization of the mixture and the crude product was extracted with EA, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EA 30:1) yielded a colorless solid (8.10 g, 26.4 mmol, 56 %).

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 146.8 (s), 136.5 (s) ppm.

The spectroscopic data correspond to those previously reported in the literature.<sup>[2]</sup>

#### 2,5-Dichloro-3,6-bis(triisopropylsilyl)pyrazine (2a)

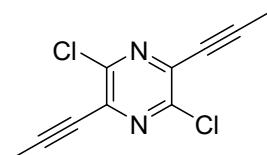


The reaction was carried out according to **GP1** with **1** (500 mg, 1.63 mmol, 1.00 eq.), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (34.3 mg, 48.9 µmol, 0.03 eq.), CuI (9.31 mg, 48.9 µmol, 0.03 eq.) and triisopropylsilylacetylene (609 mg, 3.34 mmol, 2.05 eq.). Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE) yielded a colorless solid (617 mg, 1.21 mmol, 75 %).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 1.23 – 1.12 (m, 42H) ppm.

The spectroscopic data correspond to those previously reported in the literature.<sup>[3]</sup>

#### 2,5-Dichloro-3,6-bis(methylethynyl)pyrazine (2c)



The reaction was carried out according to **GP1** with **1** (700 mg, 2.28 mmol, 1.00 eq.), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (48.1 mg, 68.5 µmol, 0.03 eq.), CuI (13.0 mg, 68.5 µmol, 0.03 eq.) and propyne (187 mg, 4.68 mmol, 2.05 eq.). Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/DCM 20:1) yielded a light brown solid (314 mg, 1.40 mmol, 61 %).

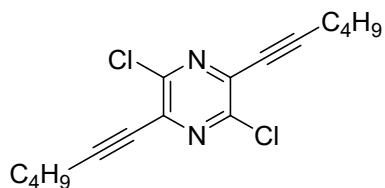
**Mp:** 156–159 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.43 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 2.20 (s, 6H) ppm;

<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  = 147.3 (s), 136.1 (s), 98.7 (s), 75.5 (s), 5.1 (q) ppm; **HR-MS** (EI+):

*m/z* calculated for [C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M]<sup>+</sup>: 223.99026, found: 223.99001; **IR** (ATR):  $\nu$  [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 2967, 2916,

2732, 2466, 2316, 2235, 1419, 1294, 1247, 1183, 1141, 1032, 997, 739, 686, 641; **UV-VIS** (DCM):  $\lambda_{\max}$  [nm] = 275, 340; **Fluorescence** (DCM):  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  [nm] = 340,  $\lambda_{\max}$  [nm] = 375; **Quantum yield** (DCM):  $\Phi$  = 7 %.

### **2,5-Dichloro-3,6-bis(butylethynyl)pyrazine (2d)**

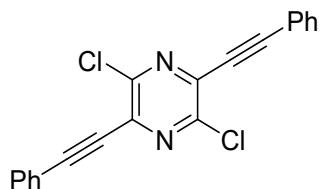


The reaction was carried out according to **GP1** with **1** (500 mg, 1.63 mmol, 1.00 eq.),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$  (34.3 mg, 48.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.03 eq.),  $\text{CuI}$  (9.31 mg, 48.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.03 eq.) and hexyne (275 mg, 3.34 mmol, 2.05 eq.). Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/DCM 10:1  $\rightarrow$  5:1  $\rightarrow$  2:1) yielded an orange solid (430 mg, 1.39 mmol, 85 %).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (700 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.54 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.65 (qui,  $J$  = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.51 (sext,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 0.95 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 6H) ppm.

The spectroscopic data correspond to those previously reported in the literature.<sup>[4]</sup>

### **2,5-Dichloro-3,6-bis(phenylethynyl)pyrazine (2e)**

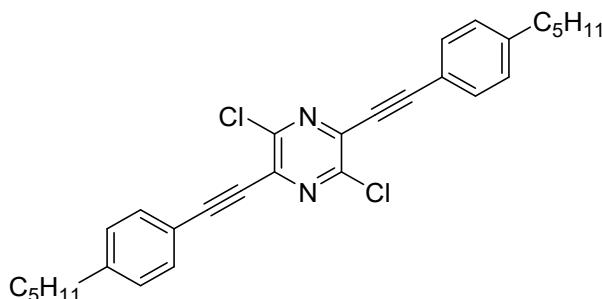


The reaction was carried out according to **GP1** with **1** (3.00 g, 9.78 mmol, 1.00 eq.),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$  (206 mg, 294  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.03 eq.),  $\text{CuI}$  (55.9 mg, 294  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.03 eq.) and phenylacetylene (2.10 g, 20.5 mmol, 2.05 eq.). Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/DCM 5:1  $\rightarrow$  DCM) yielded a pale yellow solid (3.40 g, 9.74 mmol, 99 %).

**$^1\text{H NMR}$**  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.52 – 7.36 (m, 6H) ppm.

The spectroscopic data correspond to those previously reported in the literature.<sup>[3]</sup>

### **2,5-Dichloro-3,6-bis(4-n-pentylphenylethynyl)pyrazine (2f)**

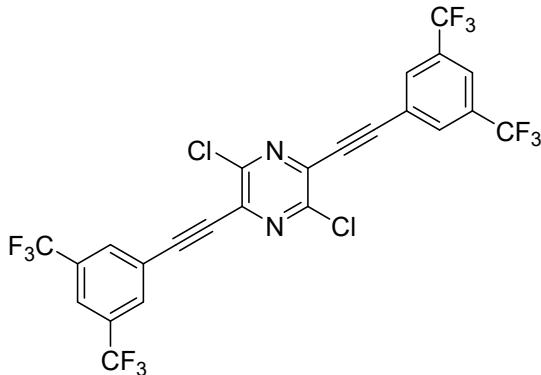


The reaction was carried out according to **GP1** with **1** (500 mg, 1.63 mmol, 1.00 eq.),  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{Cl}_2$  (34.3 mg, 48.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.03 eq.),  $\text{CuI}$  (9.31 mg, 48.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ , 0.03 eq.) and 4-n-pentylphenylacetylene (576 mg, 3.34 mmol, 2.05 eq.). Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/DCM 10:1) yielded a yellow solid (585 mg, 1.20 mmol, 73 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.56 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 4H), 1.63 (qui, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.38 – 1.28 (m, 8H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H) ppm.

The spectroscopic data correspond to those previously reported in the literature.<sup>[4]</sup>

### 2,5-Dichloro-3,6-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylethyneyl)pyrazine (2g)

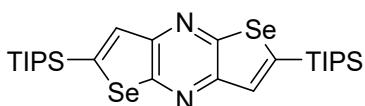


The reaction was carried out according to **GP1** with **1** (250 mg, 815  $\mu$ mol, 1.00 eq.), Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (17.2 mg, 24.5  $\mu$ mol, 0.03 eq.), Cul (4.67 mg, 24.5  $\mu$ mol, 0.03 eq.) and 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetylene (398 mg, 1.67 mmol, 2.05 eq.). Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/DCM 5:1) yielded a yellow solid (453 mg, 729  $\mu$ mol, 89 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 8.09 (s, 4H), 7.96 (s, 2H) ppm.

The spectroscopic data correspond to those previously reported in the literature.<sup>[4]</sup>

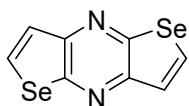
### 2,2'-Bis(triisopropylsilyl)diseleno[2,3-b:2',3'-e]pyrazine (3a)



The reaction was carried out according to **GP2** with **2a** (1.00 g, 1.96 mmol, 1.00 eq.), Se (356 mg, 4.51 mmol, 2.30 eq.) and LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (520 mg, 4.90 mmol, 2.50 eq., 1M in THF). The crude product was filtered over Celite® and precipitated with pentane to yield a light brown solid (400 mg, 668  $\mu$ mol, 34 %).

**Mp:** 215–217 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.76 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 7.97 (s, 2H), 1.43(sept, J = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 1.19 (s, 18H), 1.17 (s, 18H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 159.5 (s), 150.4 (s), 149.8 (s), 133.8 (d), 18.7 (q), 12.1 (d) ppm; **<sup>77</sup>Se{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ = 563.1 (s) ppm; **HR-MS** (EI+): *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M]<sup>+</sup>: 600.13680, found: 600.14056; **IR** (ATR):  $\nu$  [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 3053, 2939, 2886, 2862, 2832, 1735, 1508, 1461, 1411, 1366, 1291, 1230, 1176, 1118, 1072, 1015, 995, 904, 883, 827, 680, 649; **UV-VIS** (DCM):  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  [nm] = 283, 352.

### Diseleno[2,3-b:2',3'-e]pyrazine (3b)

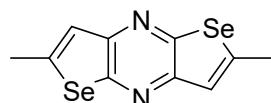


In a heatgun-dried Schlenk-flask under an atmosphere of nitrogen, **3a** (106 mg, 177  $\mu$ mol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in dry toluene. Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (278 mg, 1.06 mmol, 6.00 eq., 1M in

THF) was added and the mixture was stirred at 100 °C overnight. Purification by column chromatography (silica gel, PE/EA 5:1) yielded a yellow solid (46.0 mg, 161 µmol, 91 %).

**Mp:** 232-233 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.27 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.41 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 157.0 (s), 149.2 (s), 135.1 (d), 125.5 (d) ppm; **<sup>77</sup>Se{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 500.0 (s) ppm; **HR-MS** (EI+): m/z calculated for [C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M]<sup>+</sup>: 287.86994, found: 287.86898; **IR** (ATR): ν [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 3082, 3062, 2125, 1797, 1660, 1603, 1543, 1510, 1467, 1425, 1293, 1250, 1217, 1114, 1052, 901, 817, 757, 726, 643; **UV-VIS** (DCM): λ<sub>max</sub> [nm] = 271, 336.

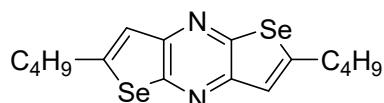
### 2,2'-Dimethyldiseleno[2,3-b:2',3'-e]pyrazine (3c)



The reaction was carried out according to **GP2** with **2c** (90 mg, 400 µmol, 1.00 eq.), Se (73 mg, 920 µmol, 2.30 eq.) and LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (106 mg, 1.00 mmol, 2.50 eq., 1M in THF). The crude product was filtered over Celite® and precipitated with pentane to yield a beige solid (29 mg, 92.3 µmol, 23 %).

**Mp:** 259-263 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.18 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.28 (q, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 2.76 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 6H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 157.2 (s), 150.5 (s), 149.7 (s), 122.8 (d), 20.4 (q) ppm; **<sup>77</sup>Se{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 519.4 (s) ppm; **HR-MS** (EI+): m/z calculated for [C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M]<sup>+</sup>: 315.90124, found: 315.89727; **IR** (ATR): ν [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 3126, 3032, 2963, 2910, 2840, 2727, 2228, 1710, 1566, 1454, 1426, 1377, 1298, 1253, 1205, 1118, 1098, 1033, 857, 839, 737, 660, 638; **UV-VIS** (DCM): λ<sub>max</sub> [nm] = 271, 343.

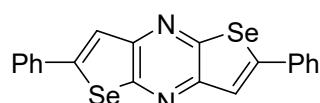
### 2,2'-Dibuylseleno[2,3-b:2',3'-e]pyrazine (3d)



The reaction was carried out according to **GP2** with **2d** (200 mg, 647 µmol, 1.00 eq.), Se (105 mg, 1.33 mmol, 2.30 eq.) and LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (158 mg, 1.49 mmol, 2.50 eq., 1M in THF). The crude product was filtered over Celite® to yield a dark brown amorphous solid (79 mg, 198 µmol, 31 %).

**R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.33 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.30 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 4H), 1.77 (qui, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.48 (sxt, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 156.9 (s), 149.5 (s), 121.6 (d), 34.3 (t), 33.6 (t), 22.3 (t), 13.9 (q) ppm; **<sup>77</sup>Se{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 504.4 (s) ppm; **HR-MS** (EI+): m/z calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M]<sup>+</sup>: 399.99514, found: 399.99671; **IR** (ATR): ν [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 2954, 2927, 2865, 2228, 1561, 1501, 1453, 1394, 1378, 1296, 1262, 1219, 1185, 1117, 1059, 818, 726, 624; **UV-VIS** (DCM): λ<sub>max</sub> [nm] = 273, 347.

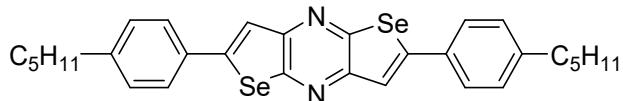
### 2,2'-Diphenyldiseleno[2,3-b:2',3'-e]pyrazine (3e)



The reaction was carried out according to **GP2** with **2e** (100 mg, 286 µmol, 1.00 eq.), Se (52.0 mg, 659 µmol, 2.30 eq.) and LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (75.8 mg, 716 µmol, 2.50 eq., 1M in THF). The crude product was filtered over Celite® and precipitated with pentane to yield a dark brown solid (41.0 mg, 93.6 mmol, 33 %).

**Mp:** 159-163 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.13 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.86 (s, 2H), 7.73-7.71 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.43 (m, 6H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 157.5 (s), 152.7 (s), 150.6 (s), 135.6 (s), 129.9 (d), 129.4 (d), 127.0 (d), 120.3 (d) ppm; **<sup>77</sup>Se{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 491.6 (s) ppm; **HR-MS** (EI+): *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M]<sup>+</sup>: 439.93254, found: 439.92785; **IR** (ATR): ν [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 3057, 2216, 1939, 1865, 1804, 1730, 1674, 1596, 1543, 1488, 1451, 1332, 1297, 1253, 1223, 1182, 1117, 1072, 1027, 904, 841, 832, 752, 682, 648; **UV-VIS** (DCM): λ<sub>max</sub> [nm] = 281, 299, 382.

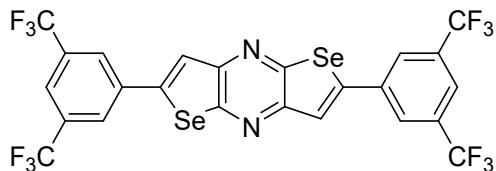
### 2,2'-Bis(4-pentylphenyl)diseleno[2,3-b:2',3'-e]pyrazine (3f)



The reaction was carried out according to **GP2** with **2f** (200 mg, 409 μmol, 1.00 eq.), Se (66.1 mg, 838 μmol, 2.30 eq.) and LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (100 mg, 940 μmol, 2.50 eq., 1M in THF). The crude product was filtered over Celite® and precipitated with pentane to yield a dark yellow solid (70.0 mg, 121 μmol, 30 %).

**Mp:** 209-210 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.47 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 7.80 (s, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 4H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 4H), 1.70-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.37-1.33 (m, 8H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 157.3 (s), 152.7 (s), 150.6 (s), 145.2 (s), 133.1 (s), 129.4 (d), 126.9 (d), 119.6 (d), 35.9 (t), 31.6 (t), 31.1 (t), 22.7 (t), 14.2 (q) ppm; **<sup>77</sup>Se{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 489.2 (s) ppm; **HR-MS** (EI+): *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M]<sup>+</sup>: 580.08904, found: 580.08751; **IR** (ATR): ν [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 3019, 2957, 2930, 2855, 1923, 1898, 1869, 1739, 1606, 1546, 1504, 1468, 1452, 1408, 1307, 1289, 1254, 1227, 1180, 1115, 1015, 913, 821, 800, 723, 657, 647, 616; **UV-VIS** (DCM): λ<sub>max</sub> [nm] = 281, 310, 396.

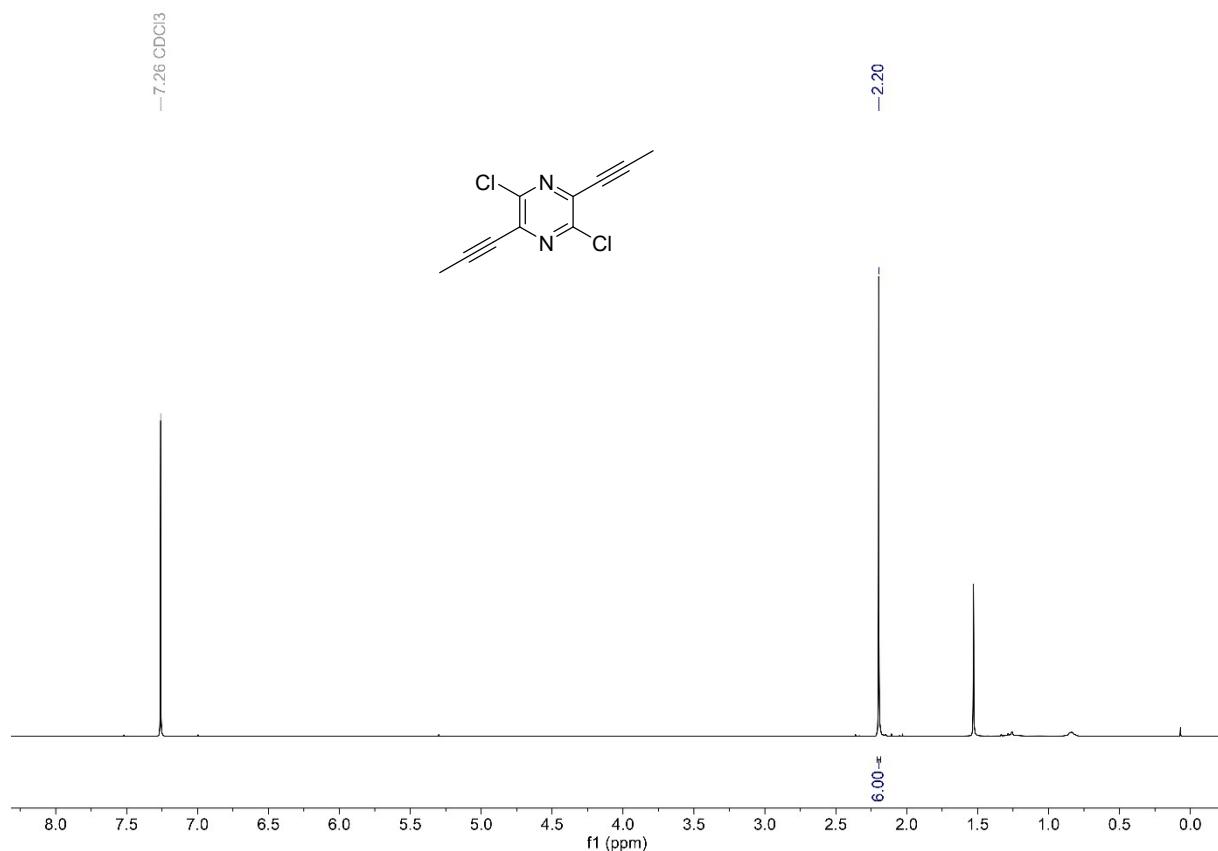
### 2,2'-Bis(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diseleno[2,3-b:2',3'-e]pyrazine (3g)



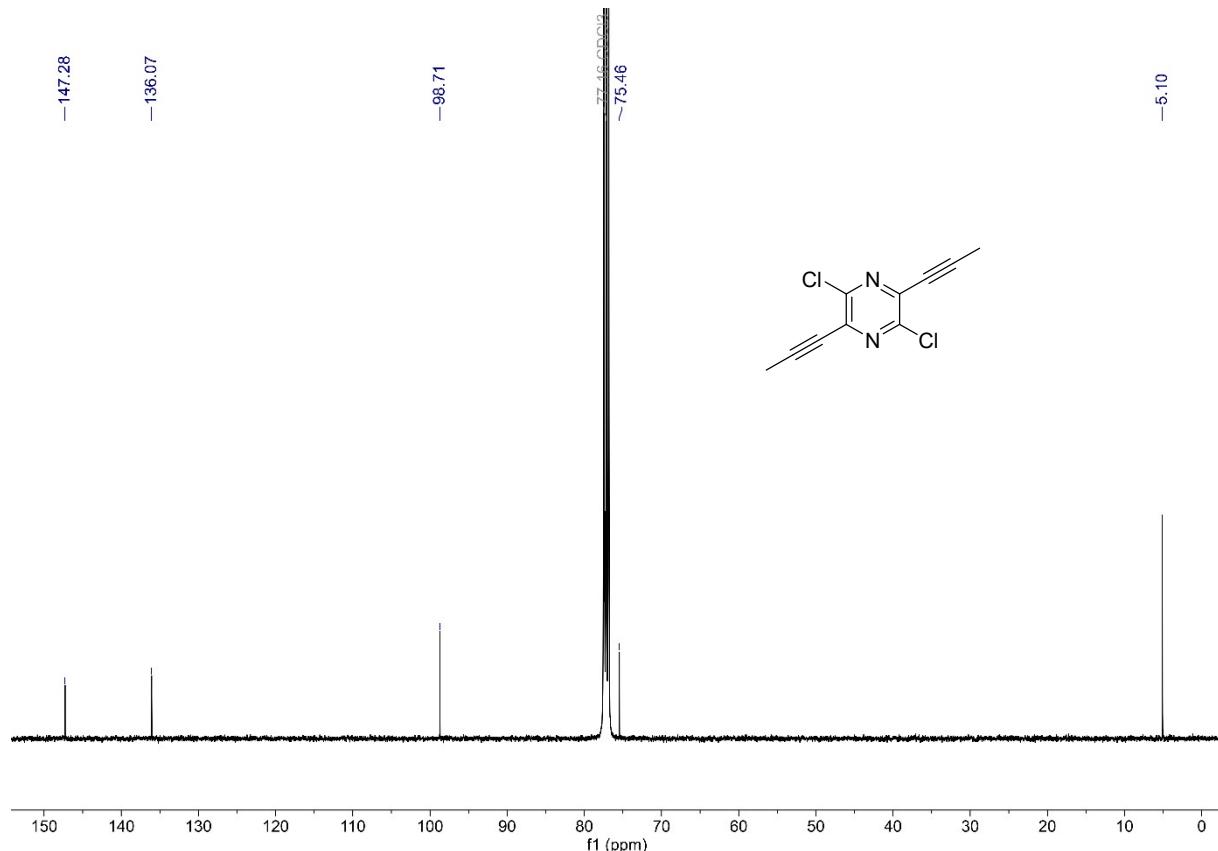
The reaction was carried out according to **GP2** with **2g** (100 mg, 161 μmol, 1.00 eq.), Se (29.2 mg, 370 μmol, 2.30 eq.) and LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (42.6 mg, 402 μmol, 2.50 eq., 1M in THF). The crude product was filtered over Celite® and precipitated with pentane to yield a brown solid (41.0 mg, 57.7 μmol, 36 %).

**Mp:** >300 °C; **R<sub>f</sub>:** 0.41 (silica gel, PE/EA 10:1); **<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 8.11 (s, 4H), 8.01 (s, 2H), 7.95 (s, 2H) ppm; **<sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 158.1 (s), 150.5 (s), 149.4 (s), 137.7 (s), 133.2 (s), 127.0 (d), 124.2 (s), 123.0 (d), 122.0 (s) ppm; **<sup>19</sup>F{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (283 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 62.9 (s) ppm; **<sup>77</sup>Se{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR** (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 503.7 (s) ppm; **HR-MS** (ESI+): *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>9</sub>F<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 712.89080, found: 712.88990; **IR** (ATR): ν [cm<sup>-1</sup>] = 3104, 3036, 1619, 1469, 1433, 1370, 1278, 1255, 1168, 1126, 983, 909, 894, 844, 753, 696, 680, 638; **UV-VIS** (DCM): λ<sub>max</sub> [nm] = 284, 381.

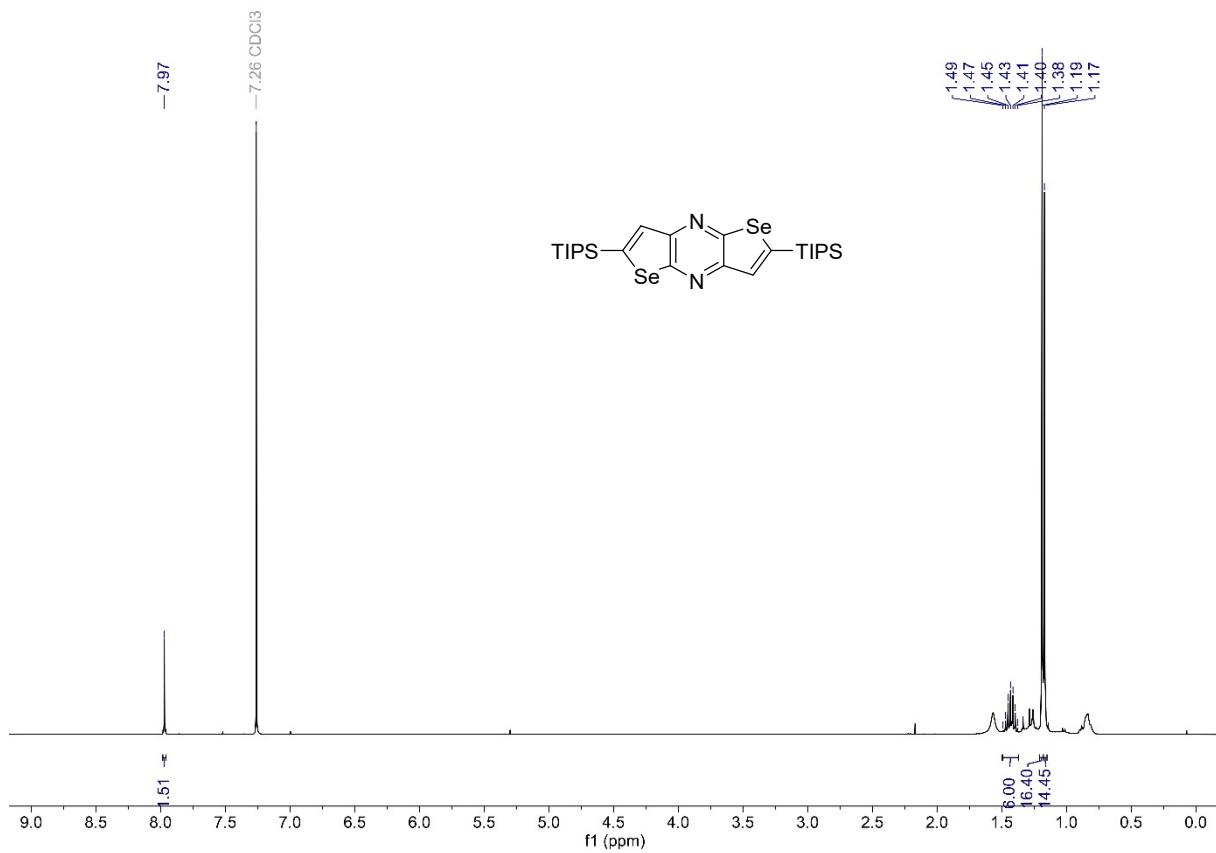
## 2 NMR Spectra



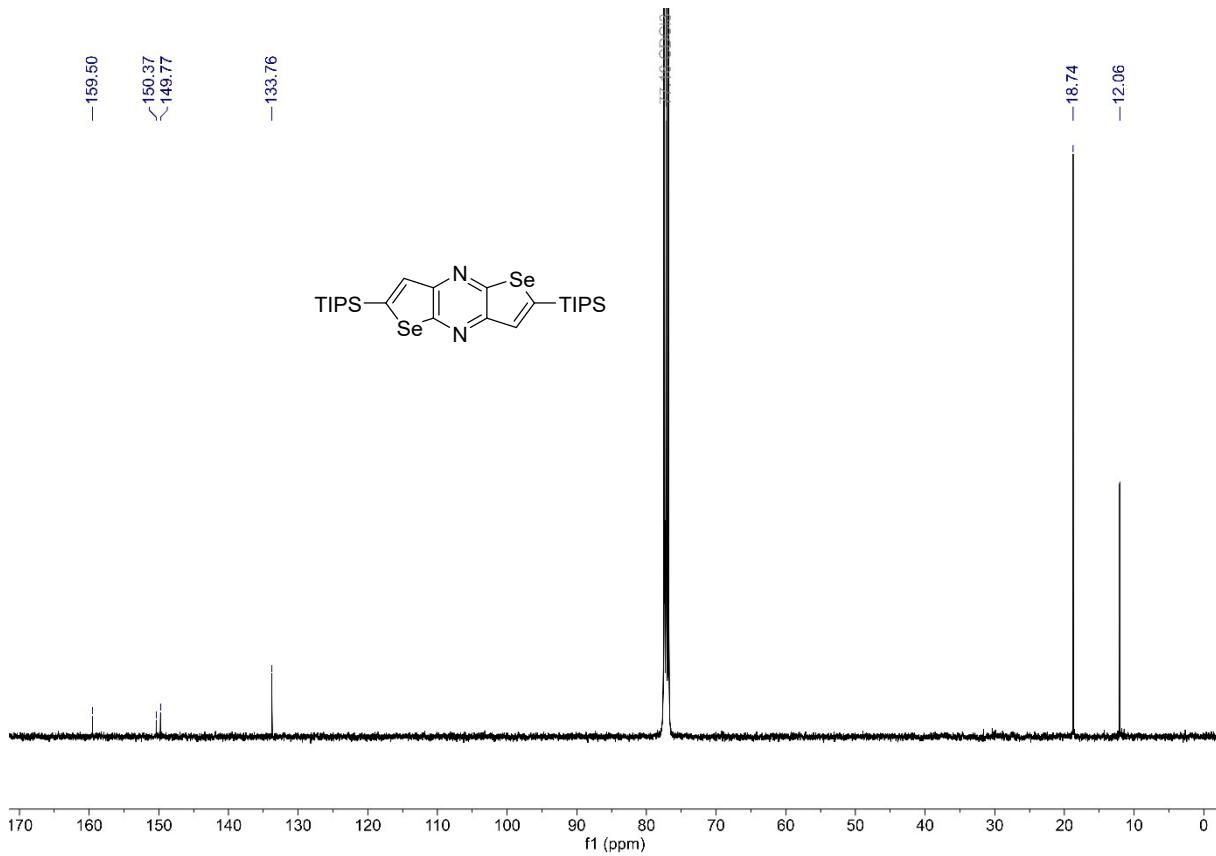
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **2c**.



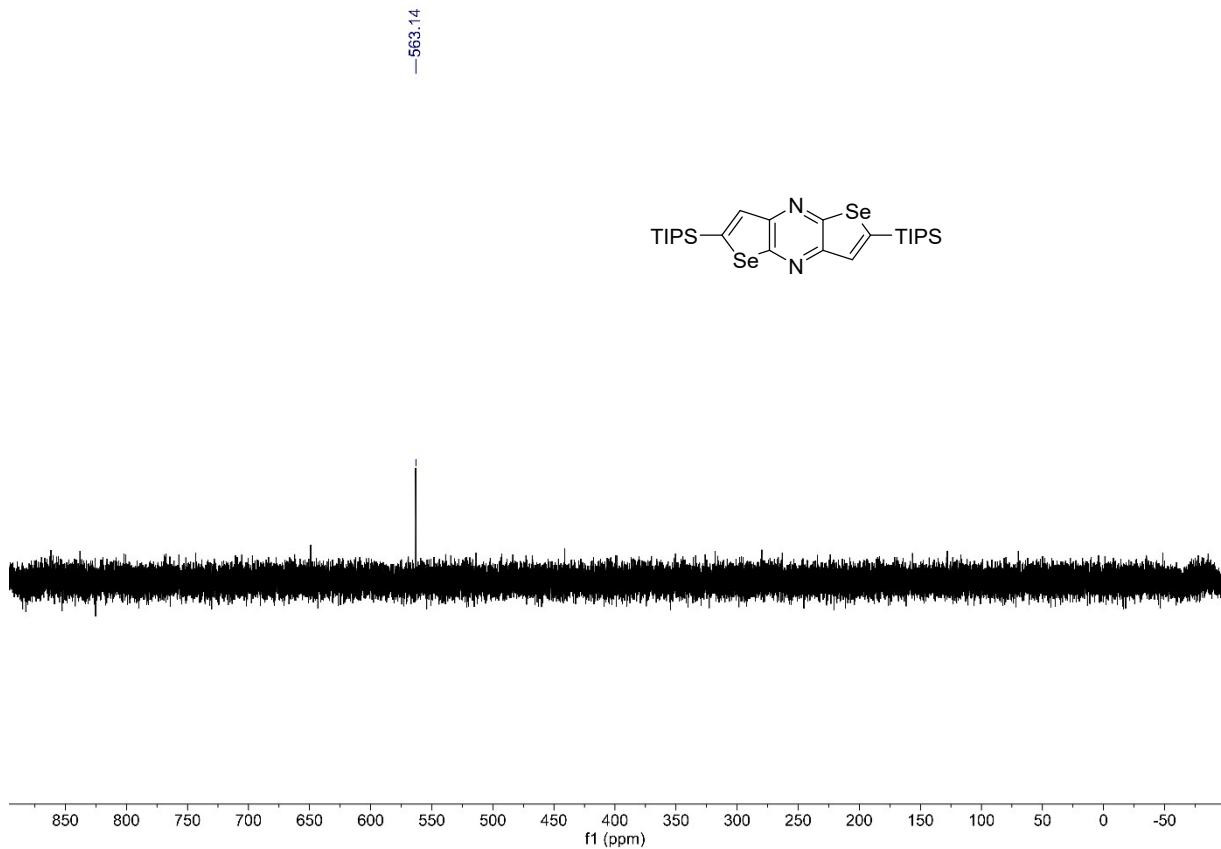
**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **2c**.



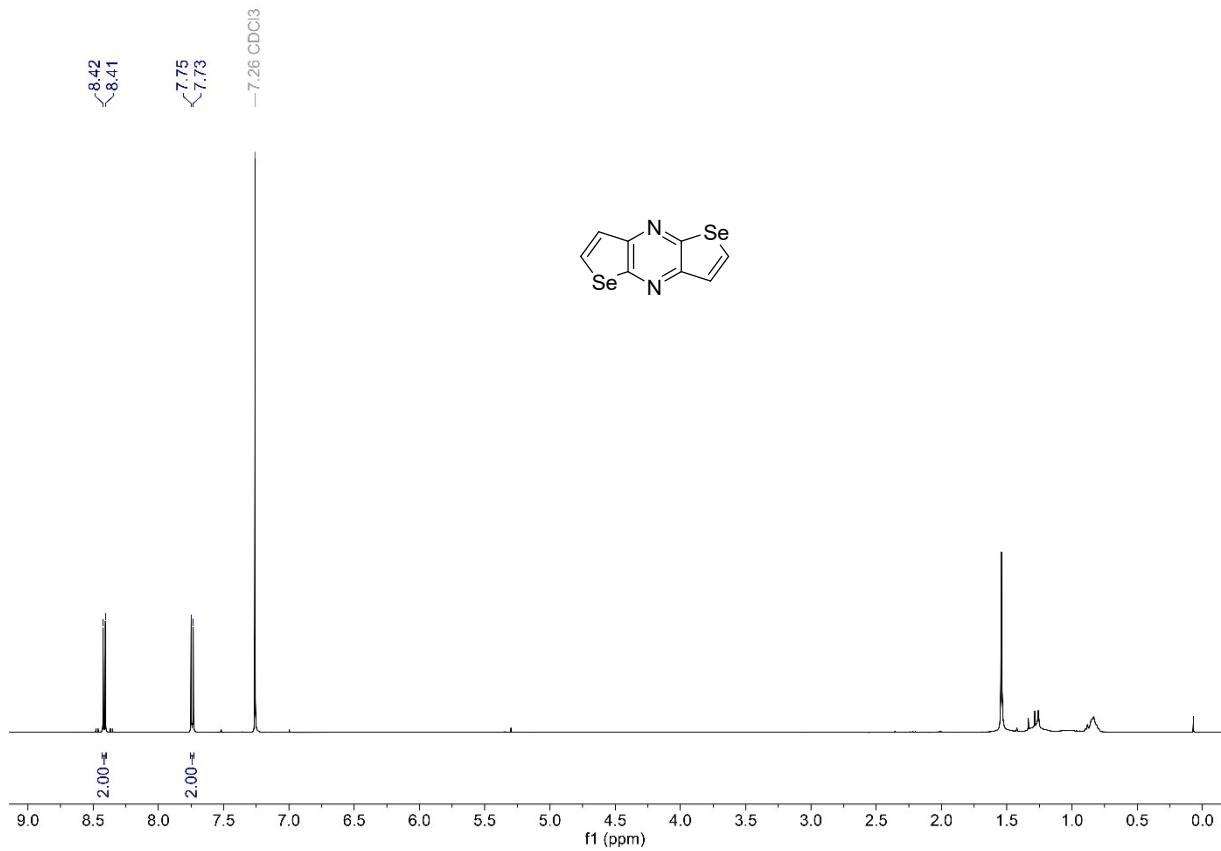
**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3a**.



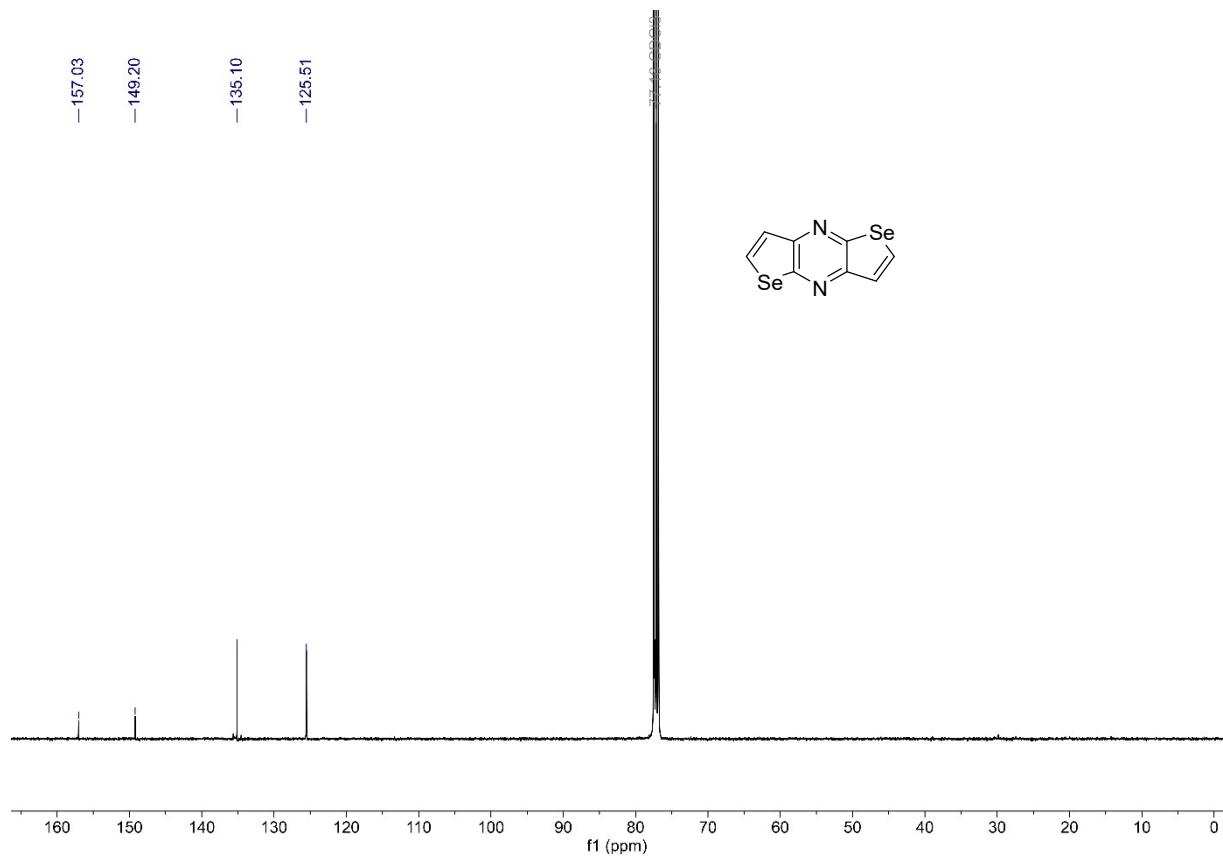
**Figure S4.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3a**.



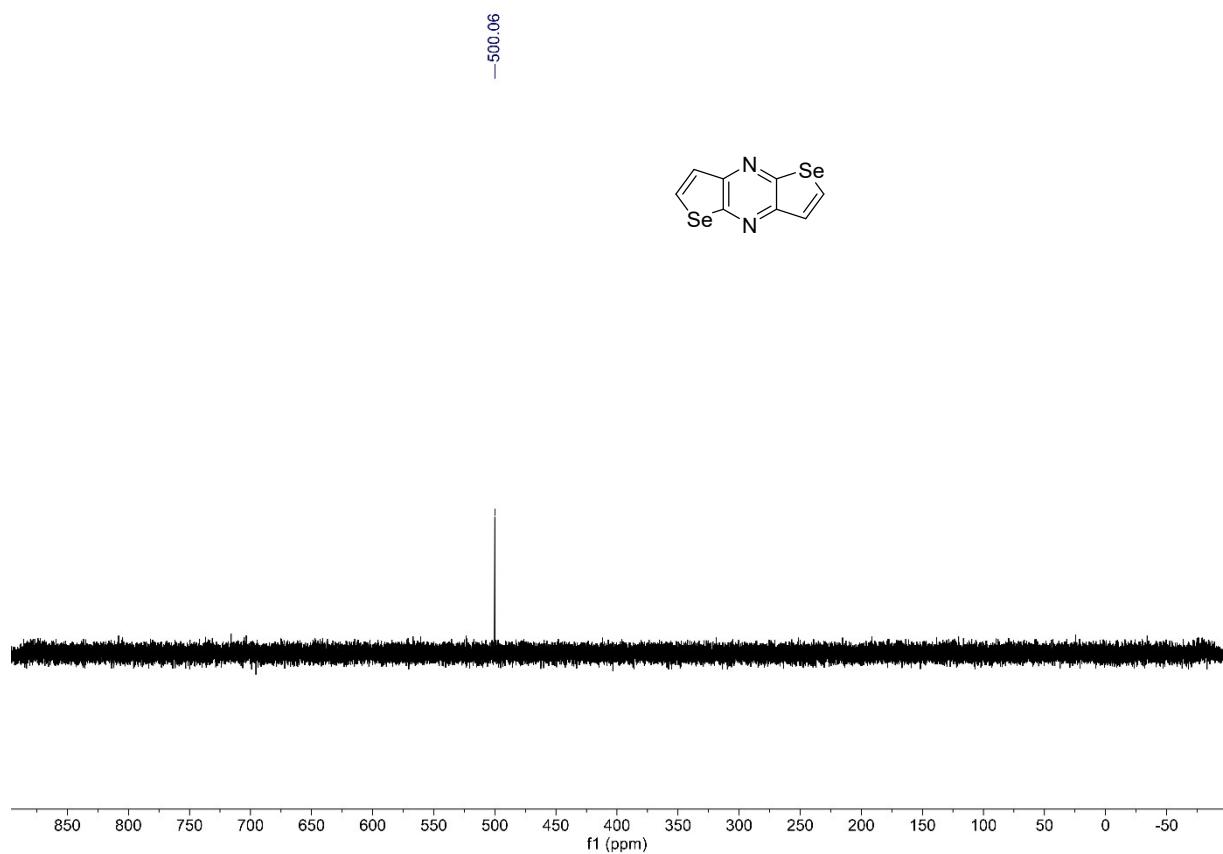
**Figure S5.**  $^{77}\text{Se}\{{}^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (76 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3a**.



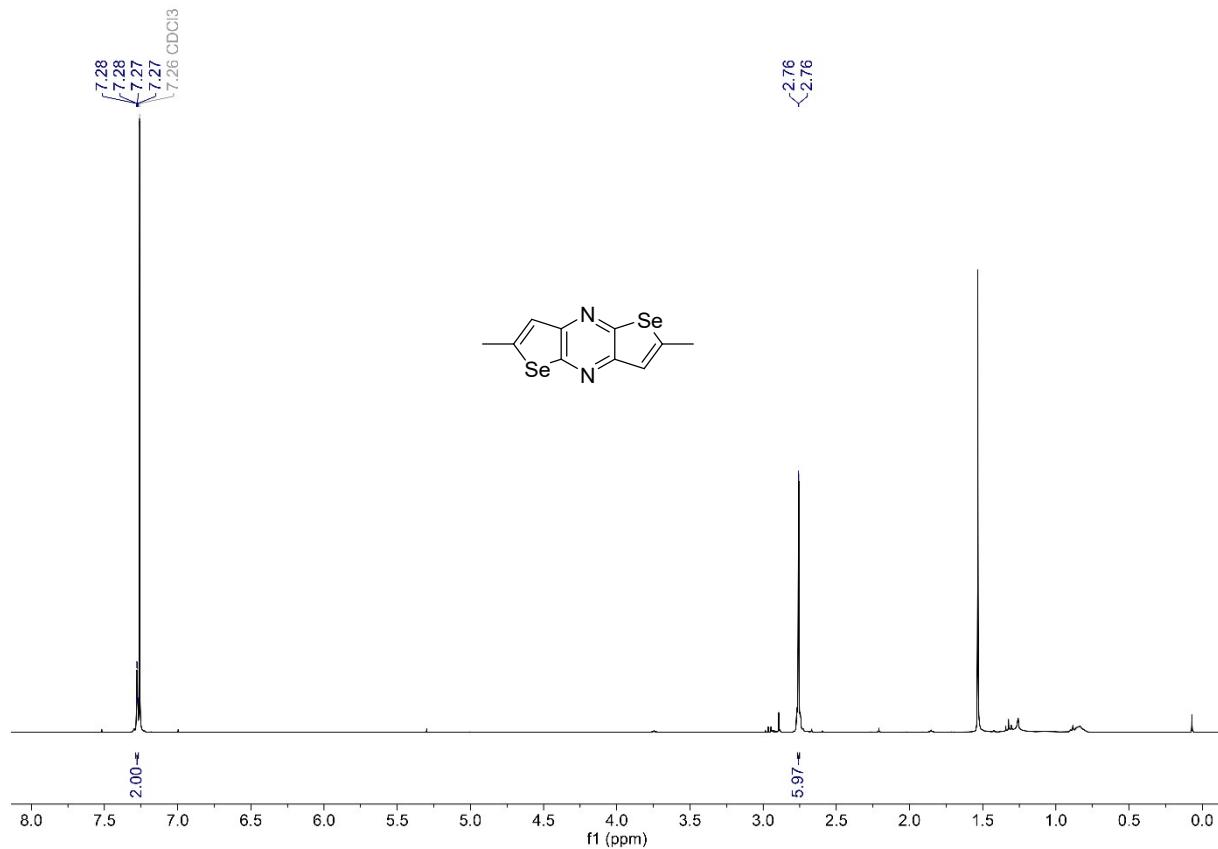
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3b**.



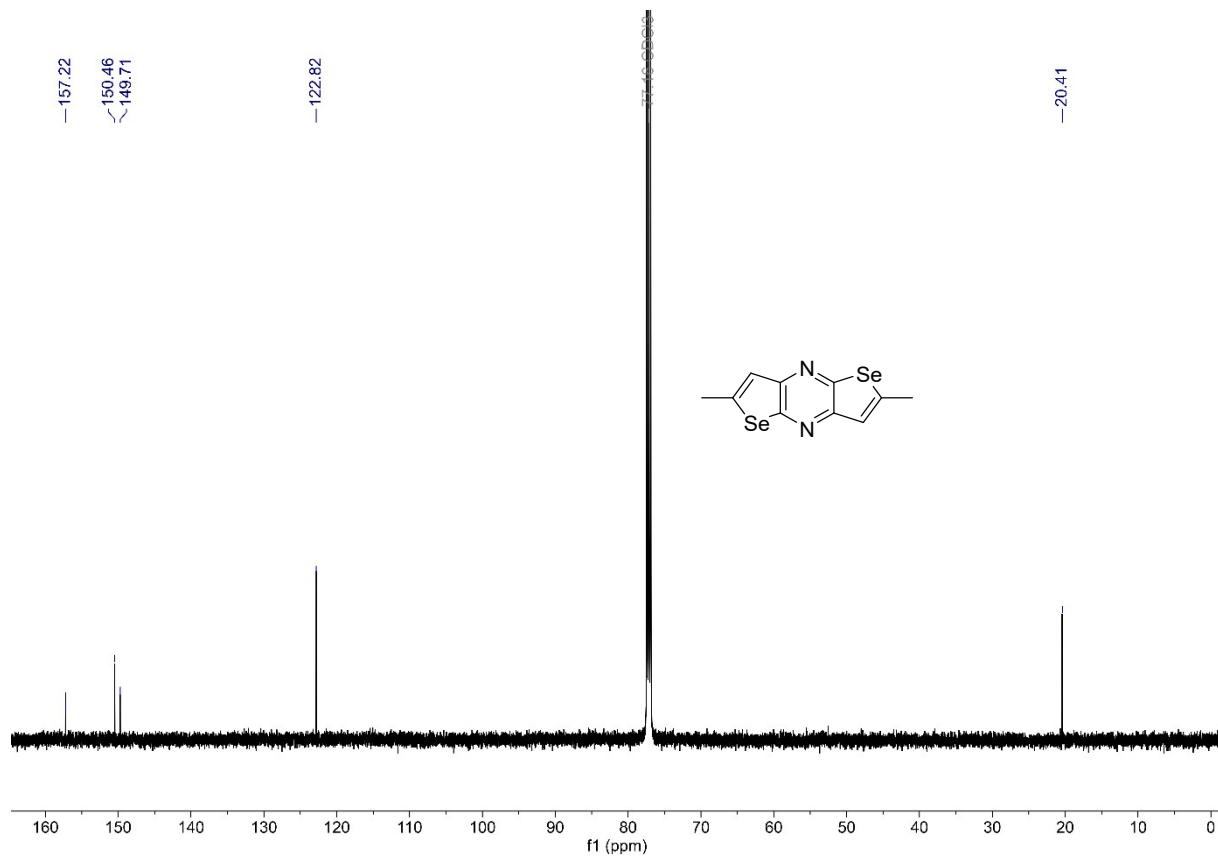
**Figure S7.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3b**.



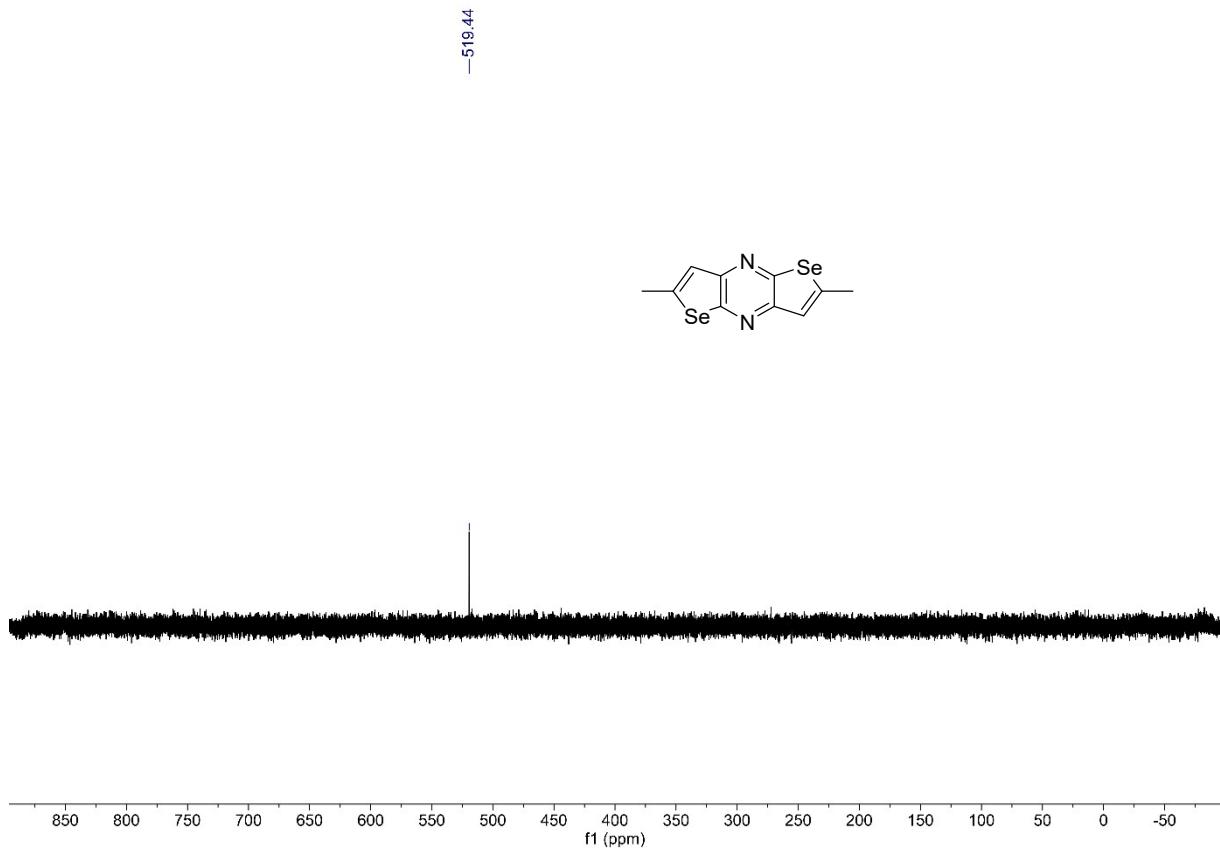
**Figure S8.**  $^{77}\text{Se}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (76 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3b**.



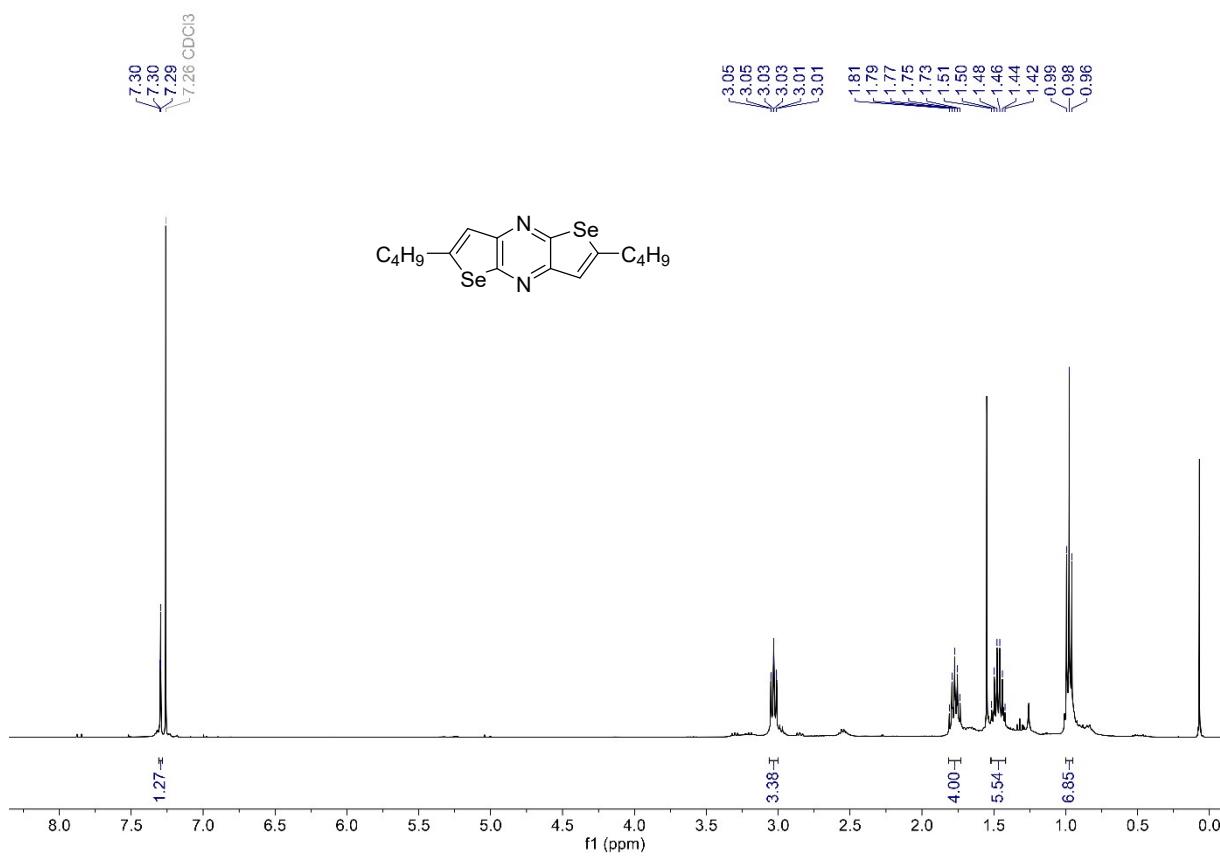
**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3c**.



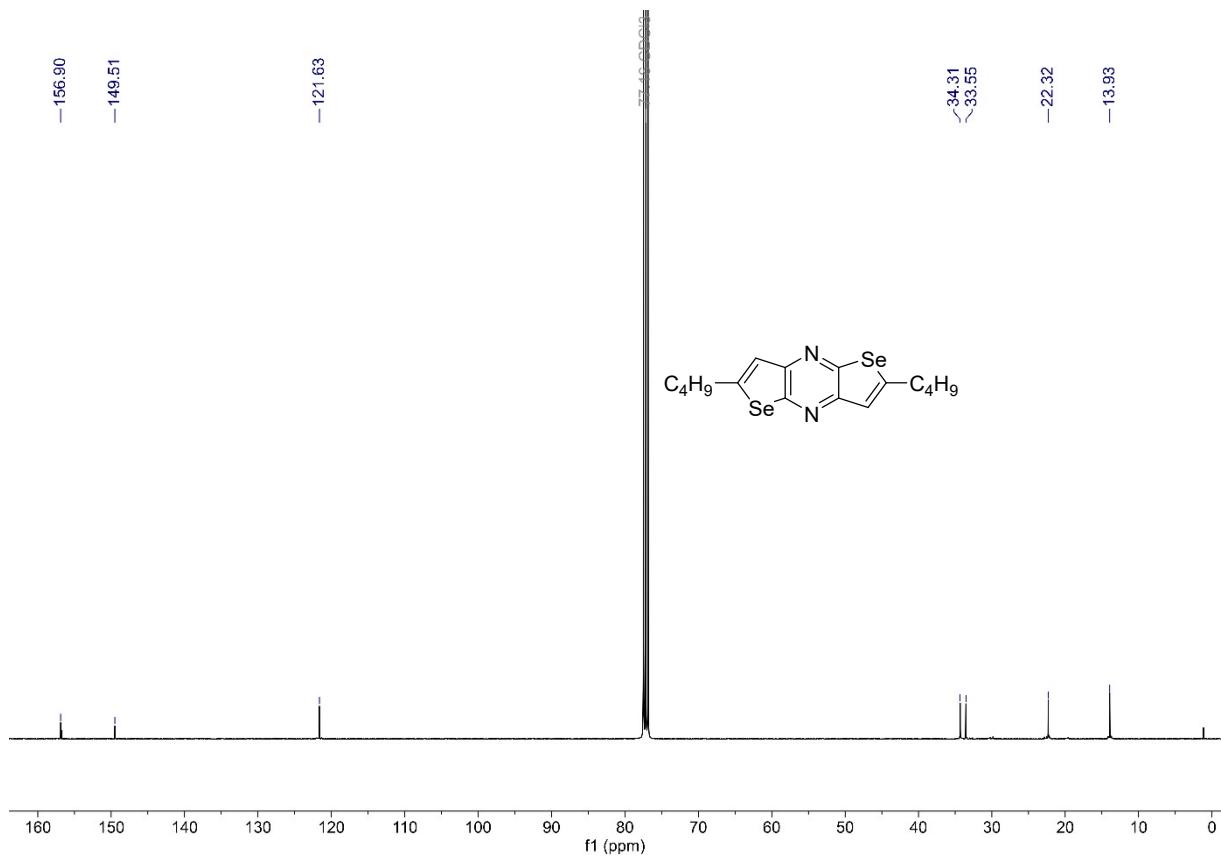
**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3c**.



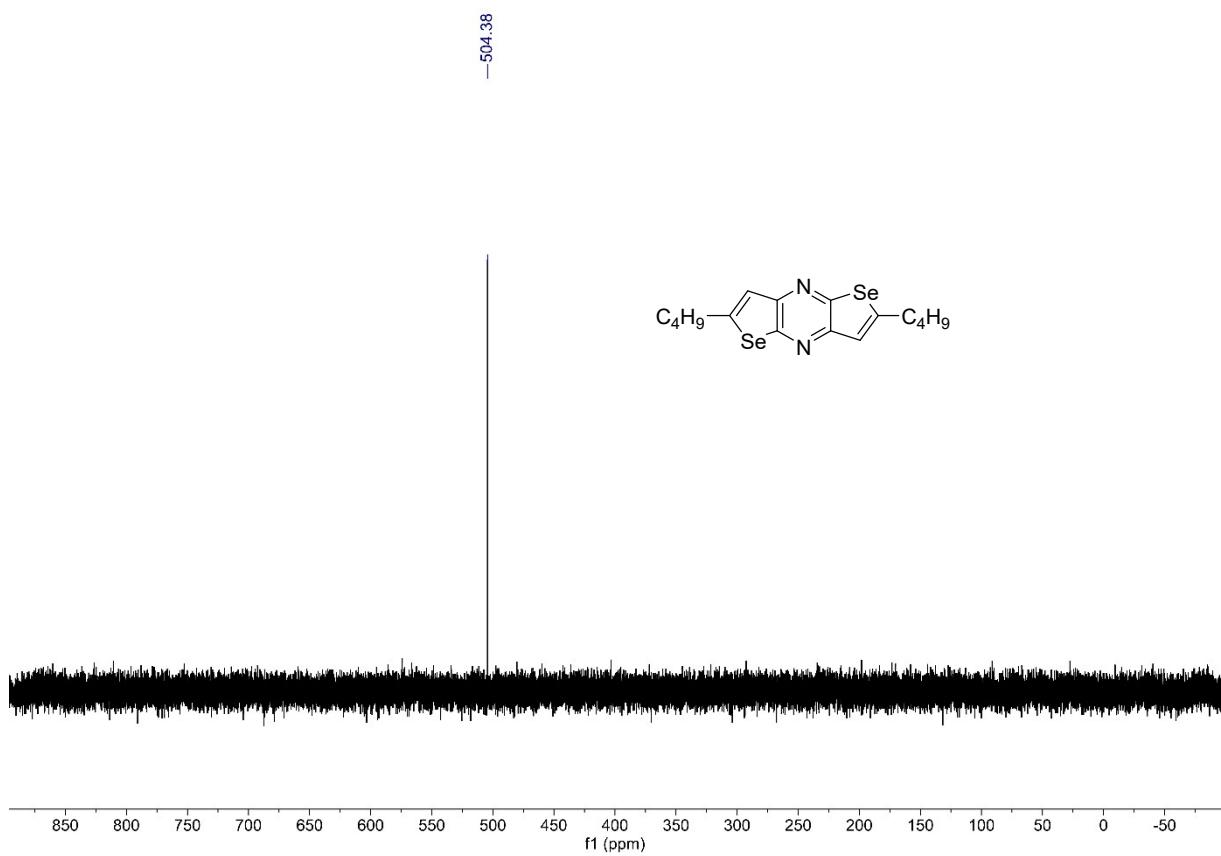
**Figure S11.**  $^{77}\text{Se}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (76 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3c**.



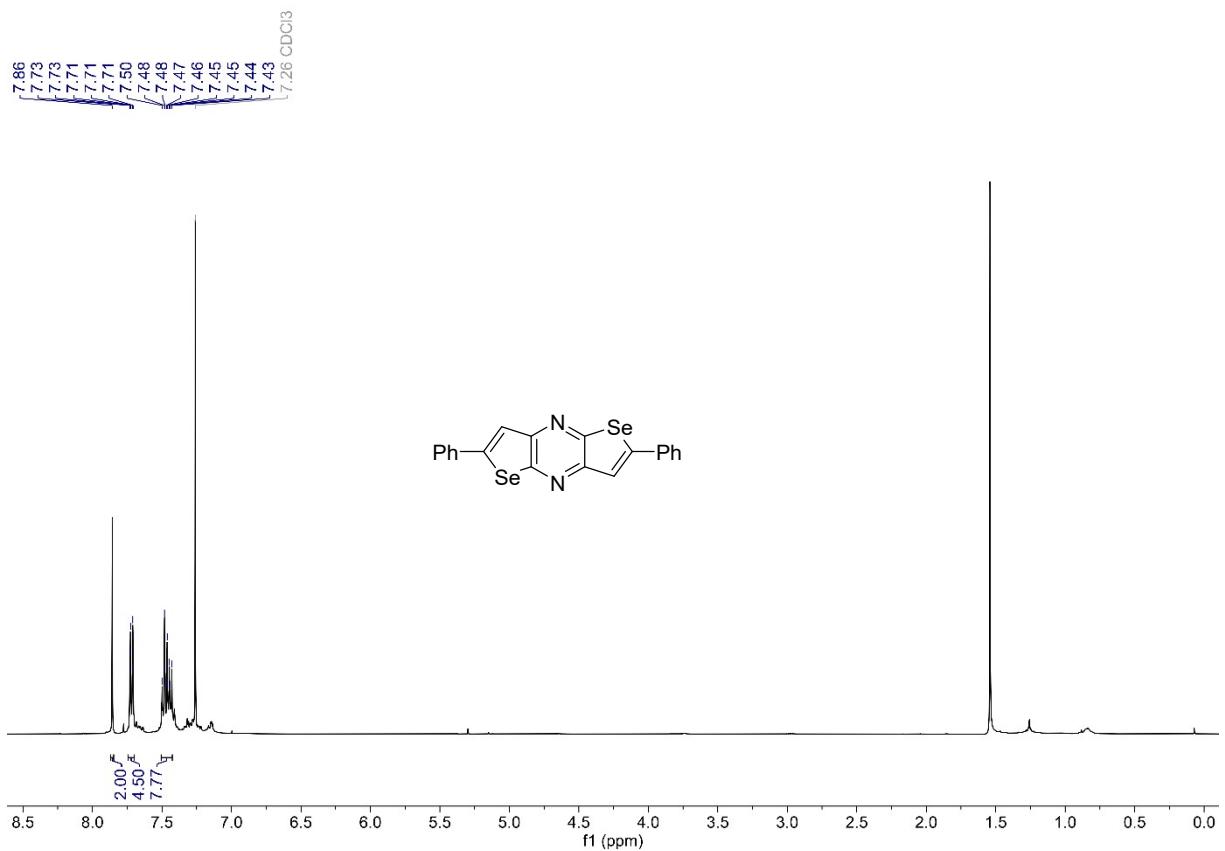
**Figure S12.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3d**.



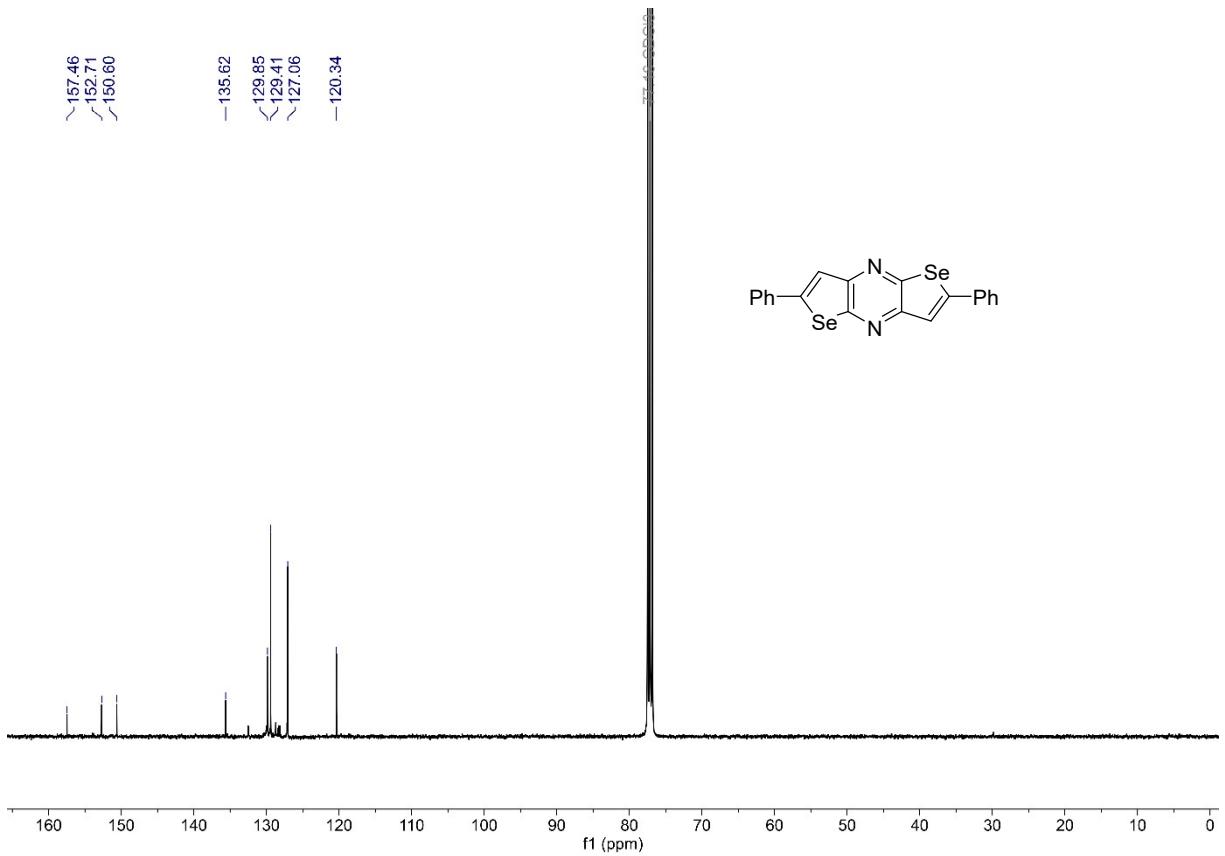
**Figure S13.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3d**.



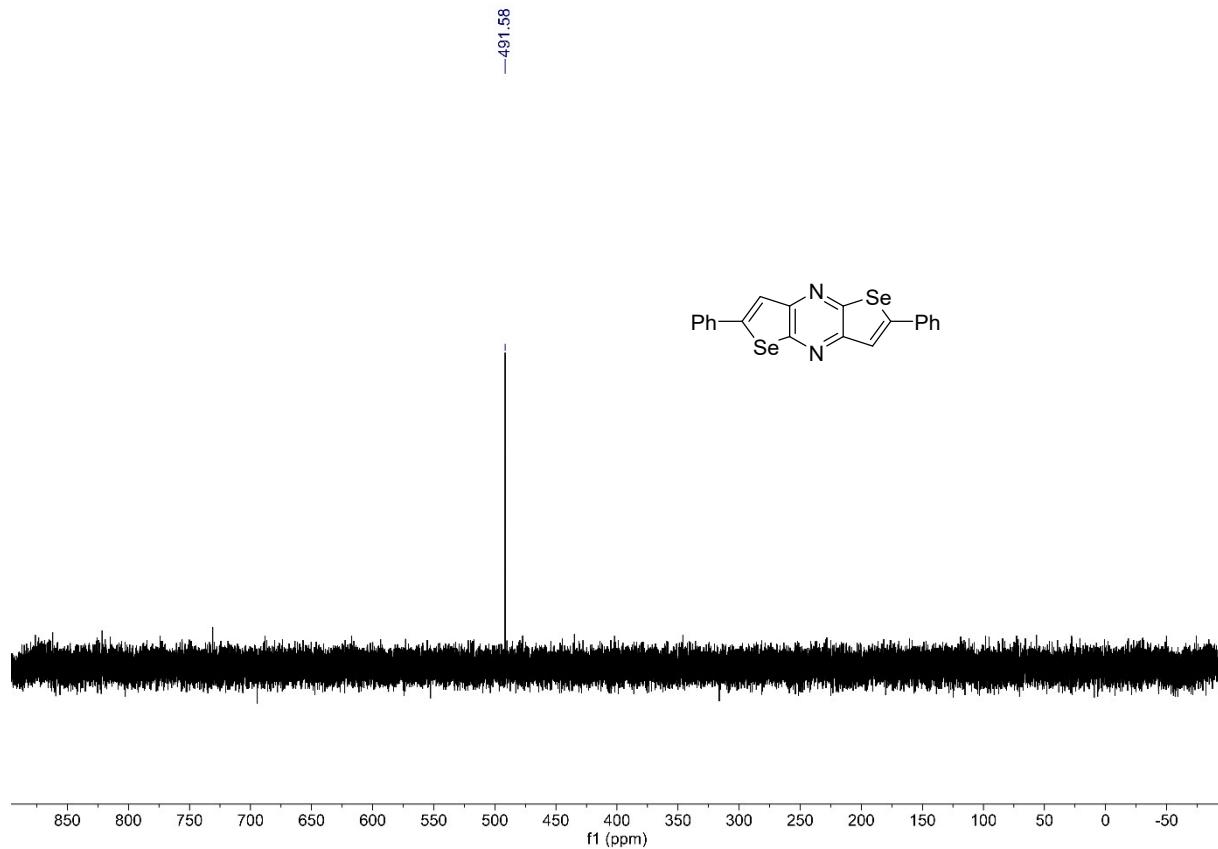
**Figure S14.**  $^{77}\text{Se}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (76 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3d**.



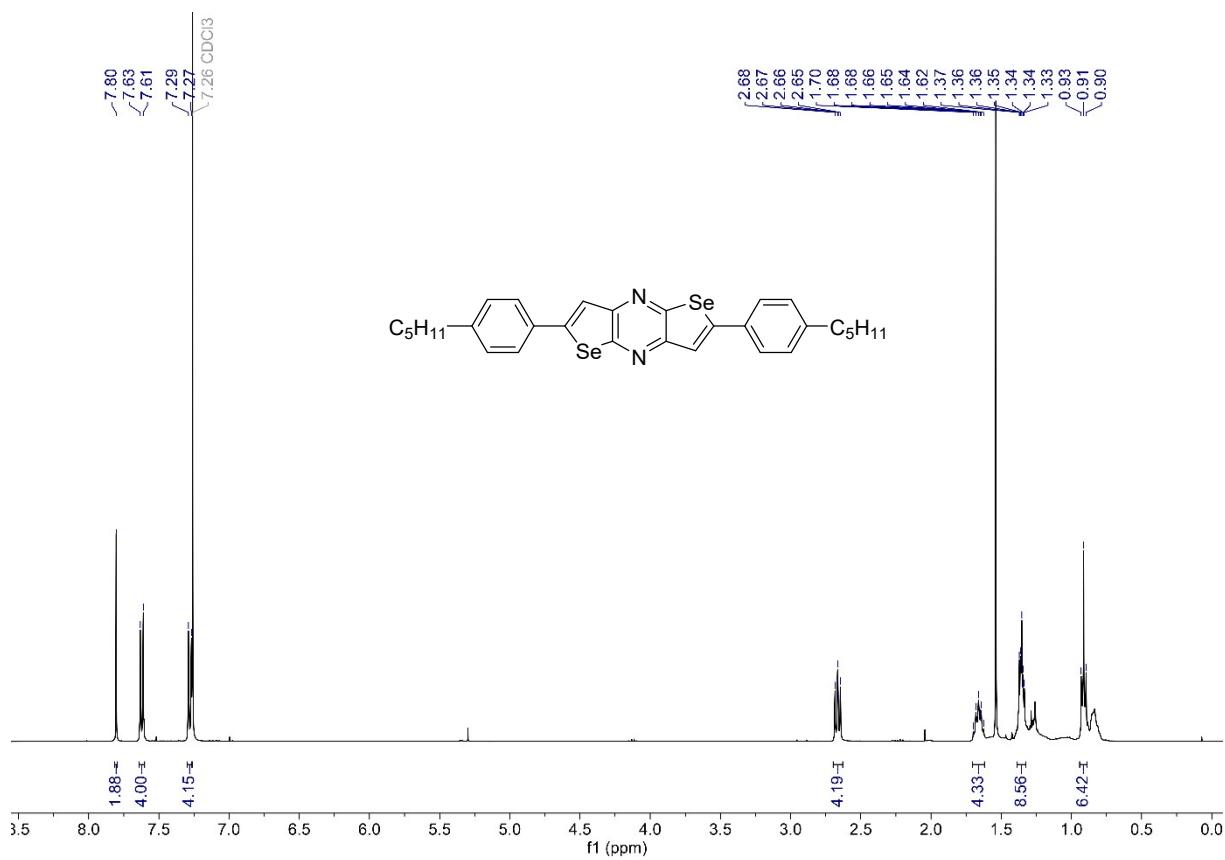
**Figure S15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3e**.



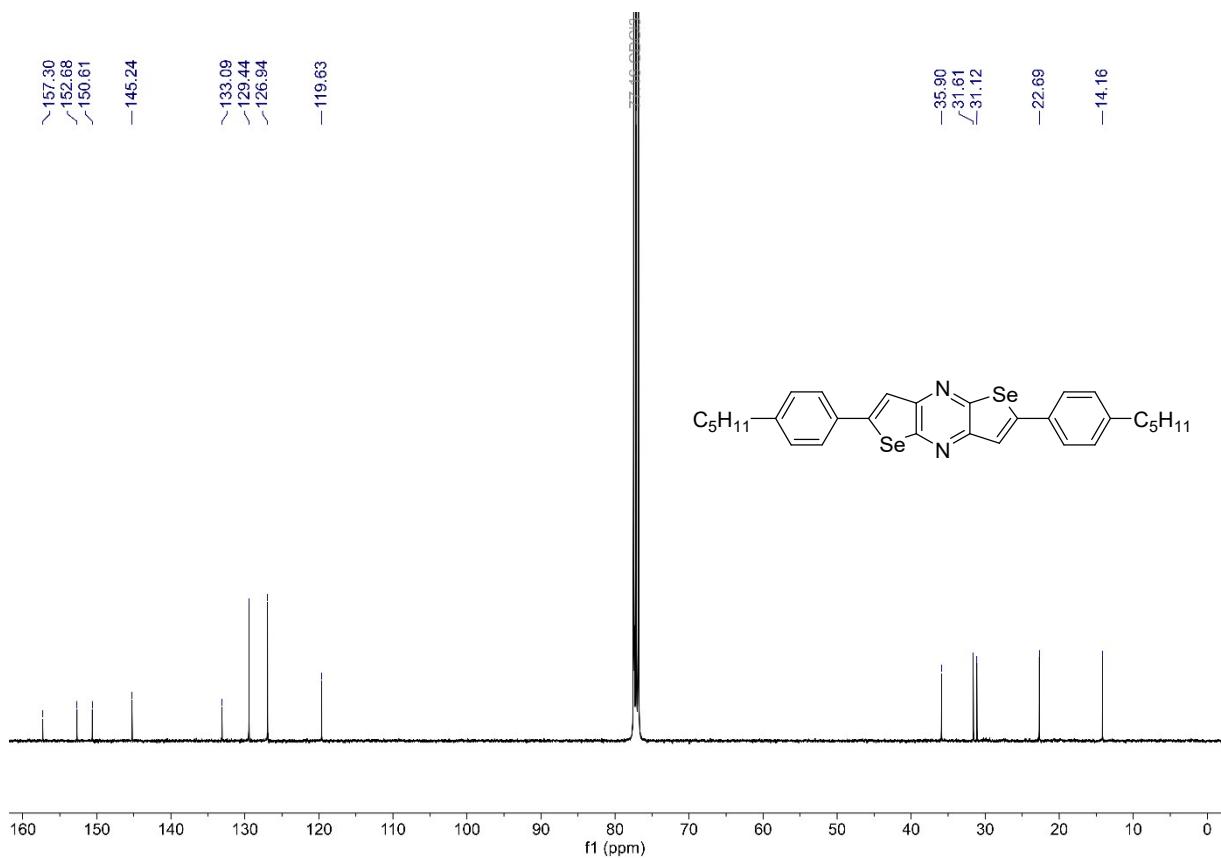
**Figure S16.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of **3e**.



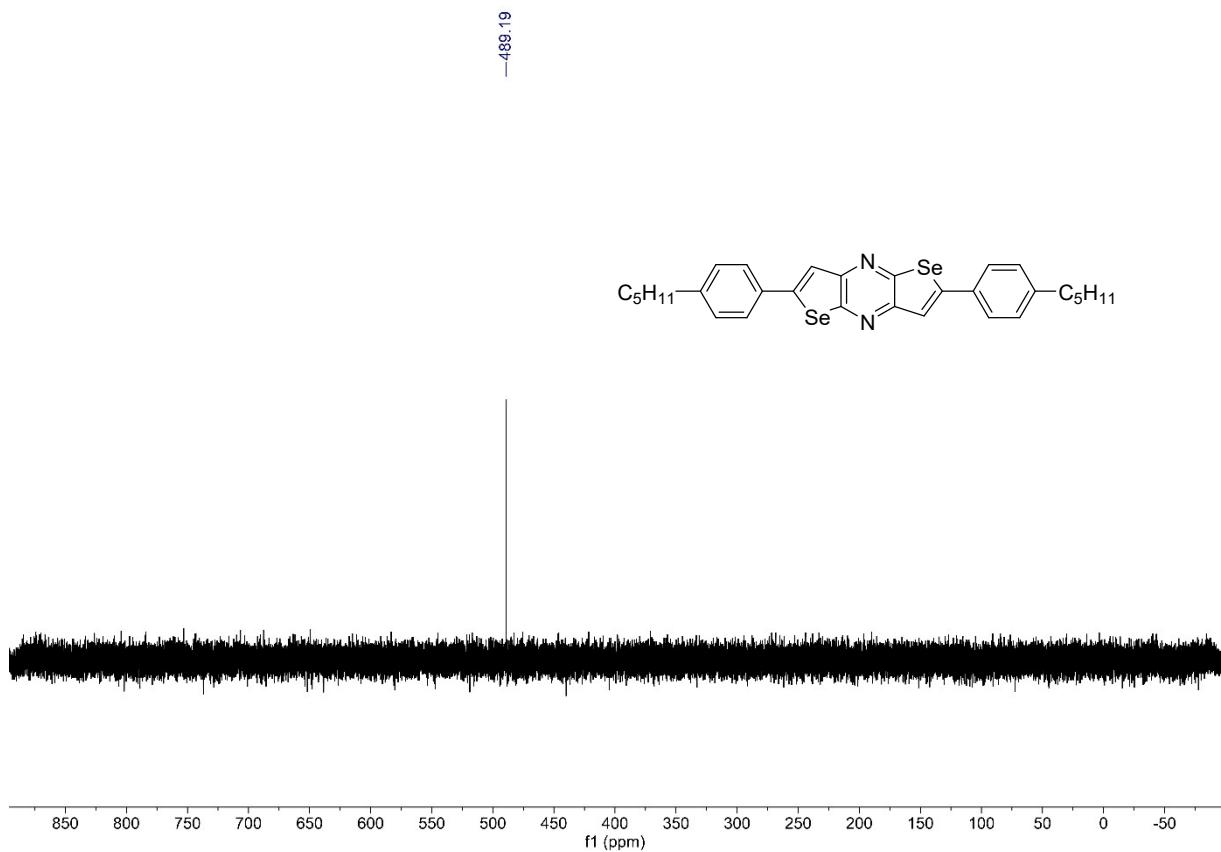
**Figure S17.**  $^{77}\text{Se}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (76 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3e**.



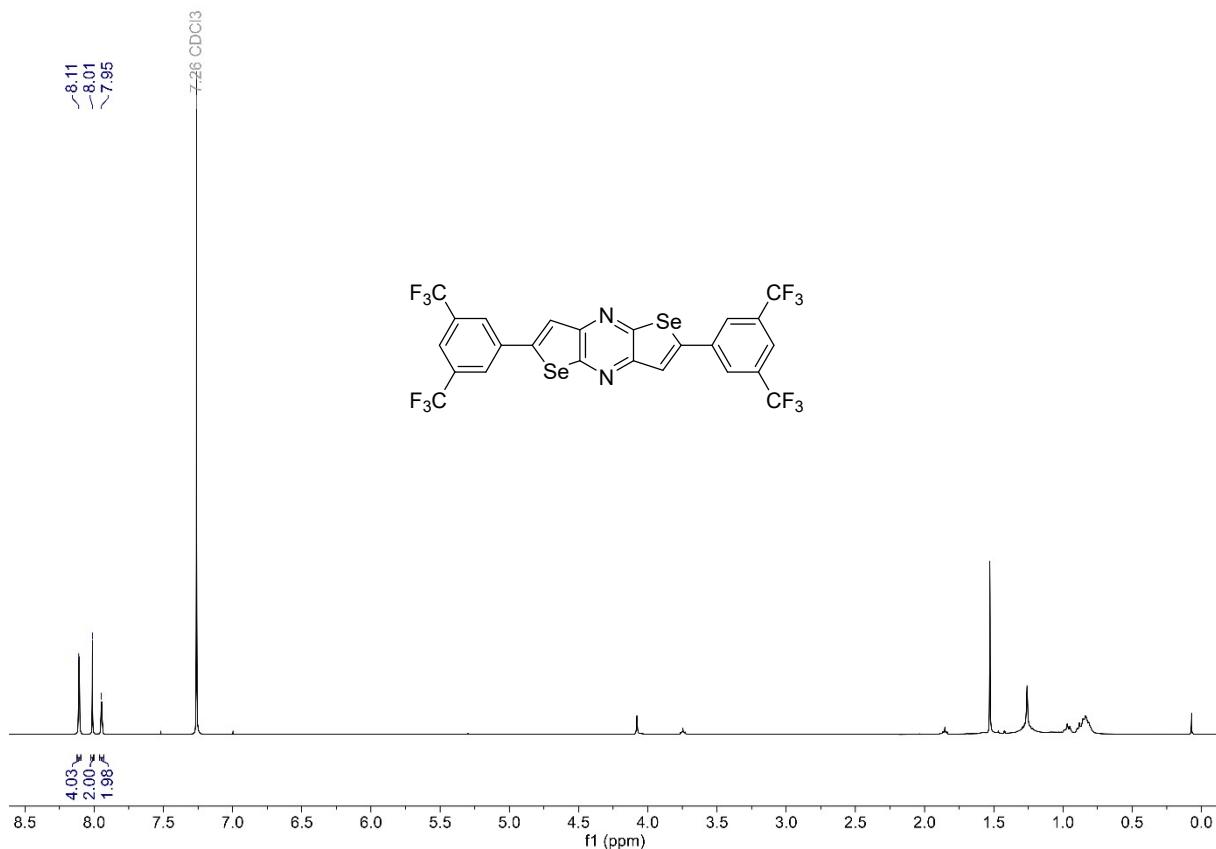
**Figure S18.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3f**.



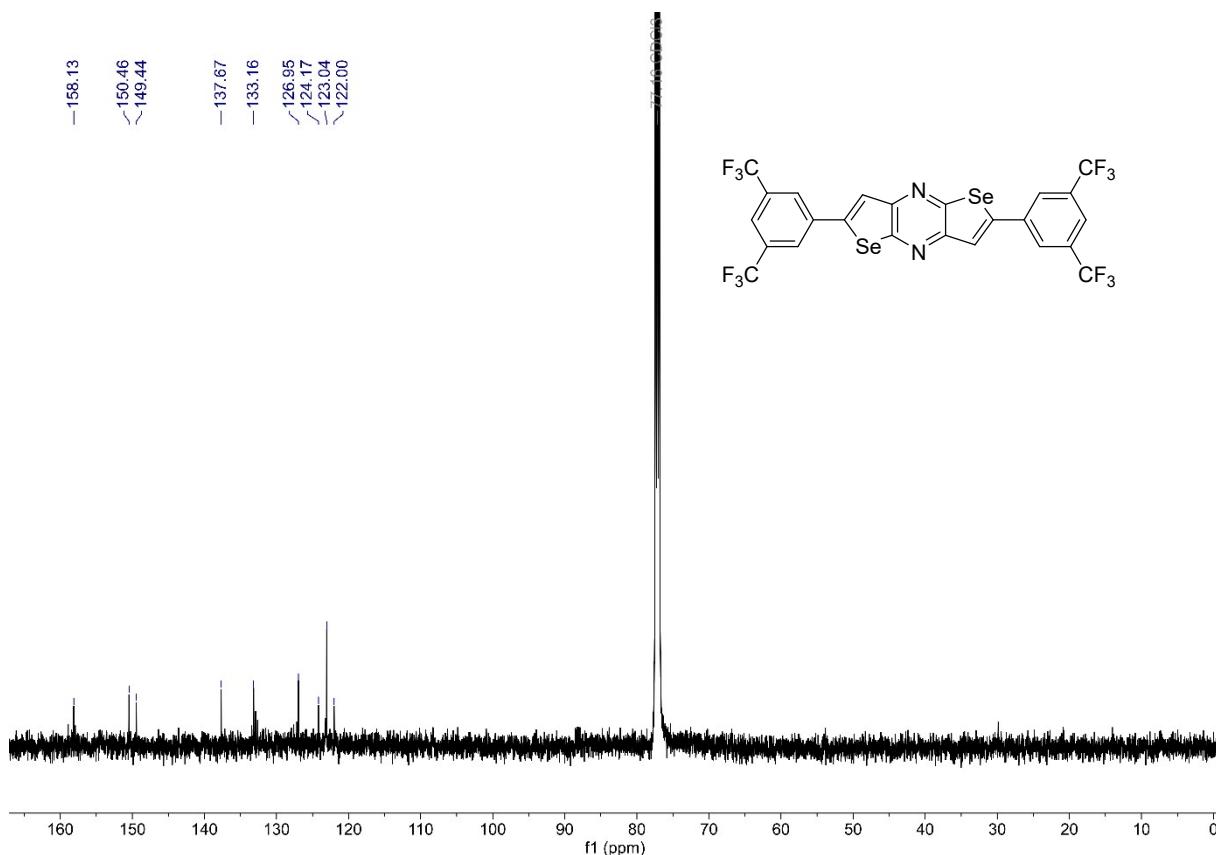
**Figure S19.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3f**.



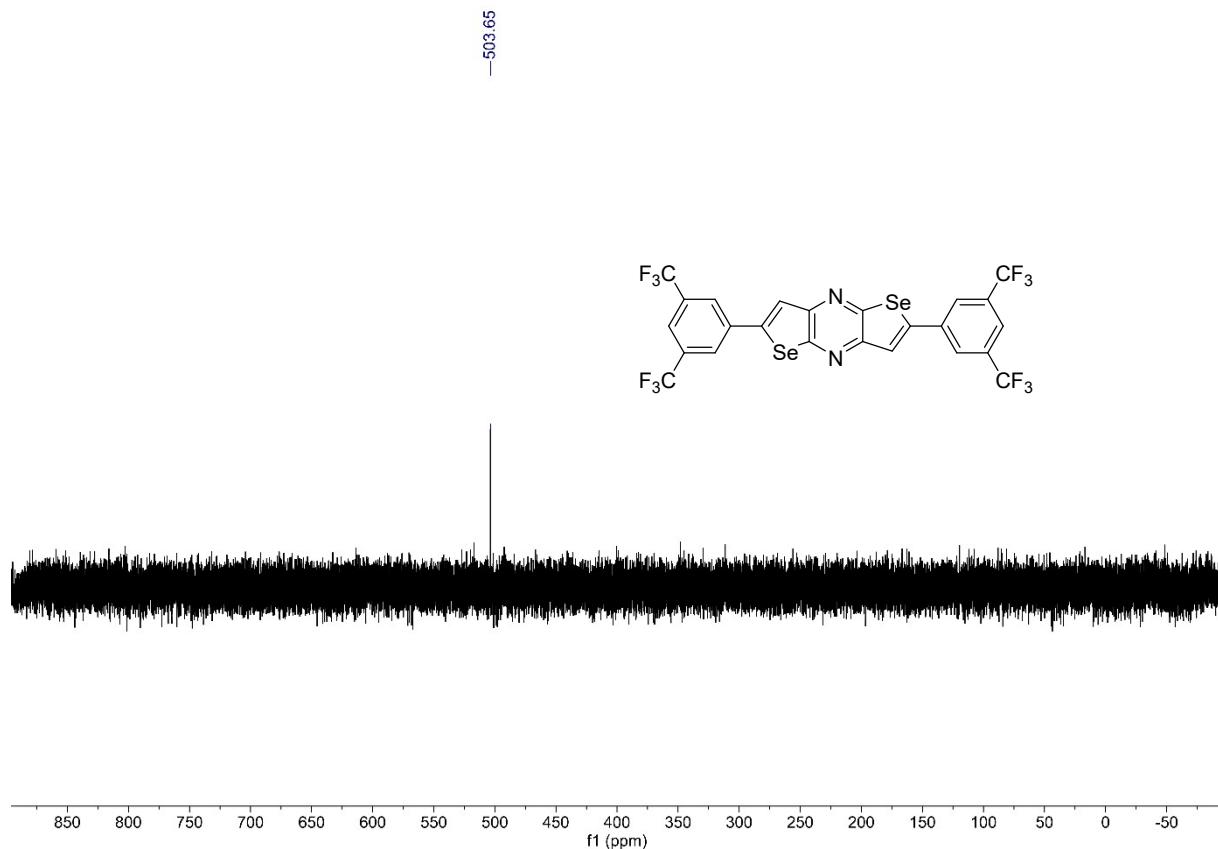
**Figure S20.**  $^{77}\text{Se}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (76 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3f**.



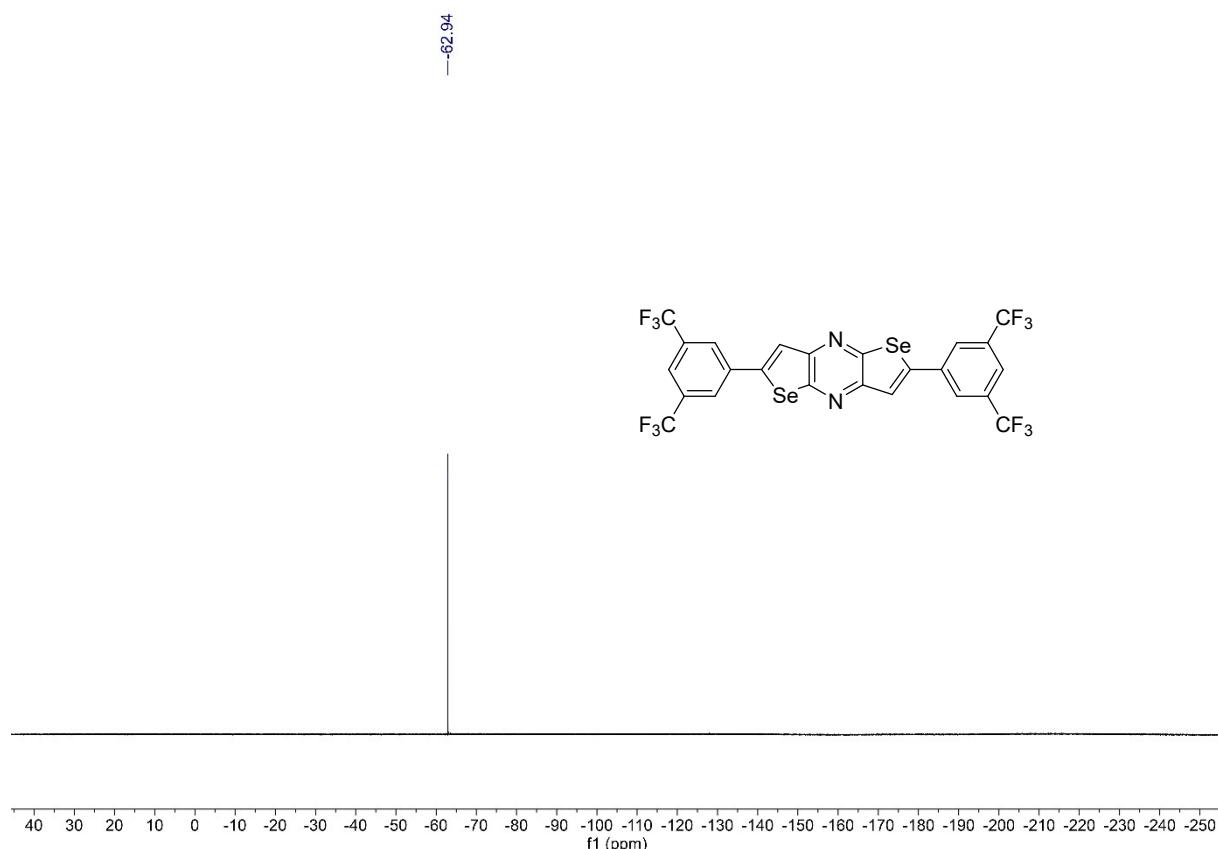
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3g**.



**Figure S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3g**.

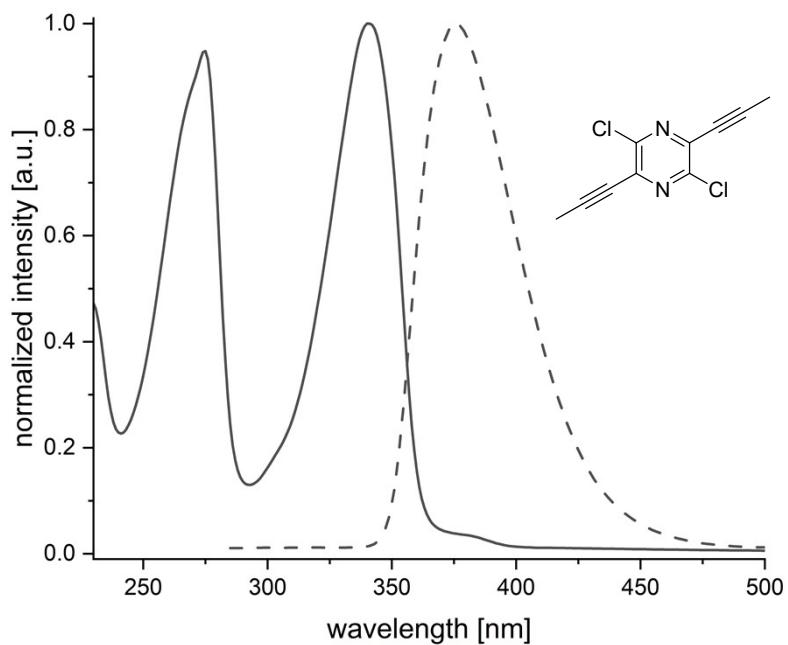


**Figure S23.**  $^{77}\text{Se}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (76 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3g**.

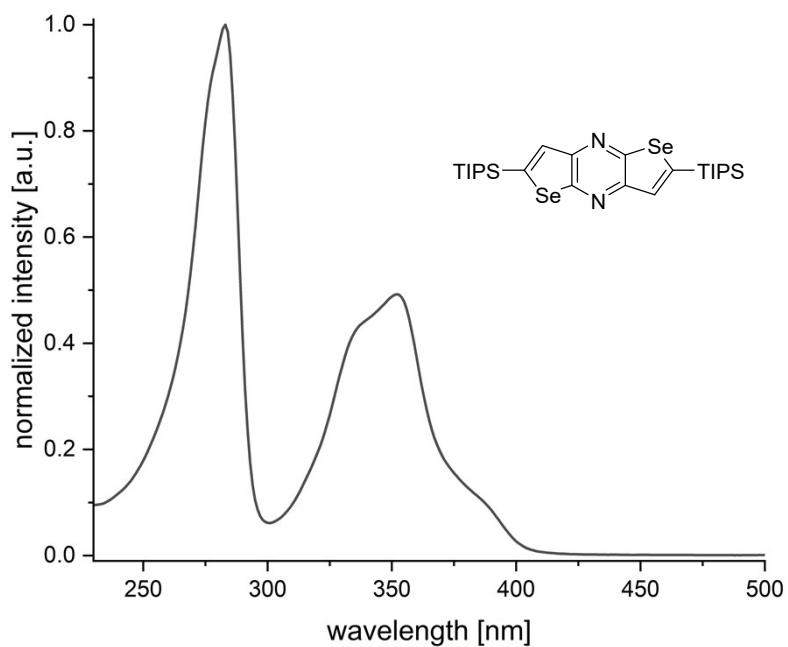


**Figure S24.**  $^{19}\text{F}\{\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum (283 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) of **3g**.

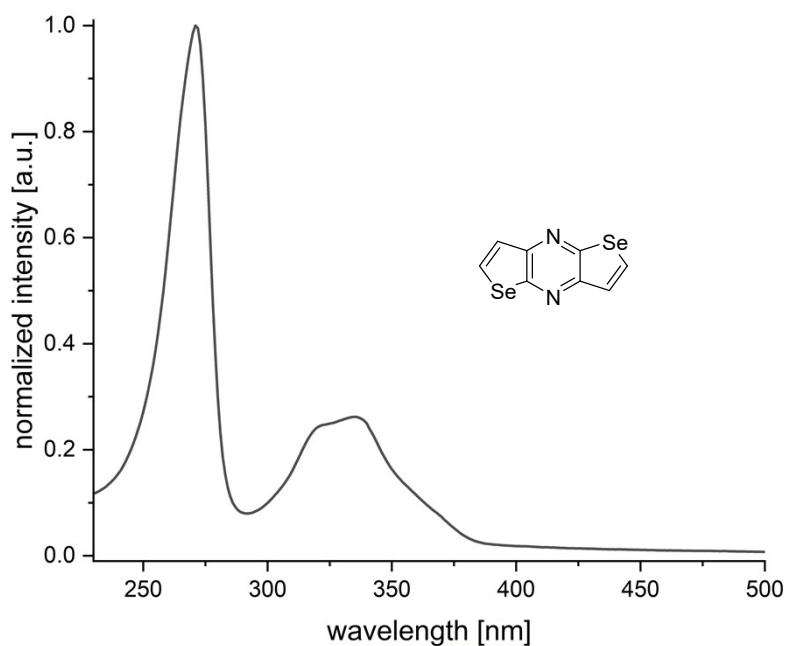
### 3 UV-Vis and Fluorescence Spectra



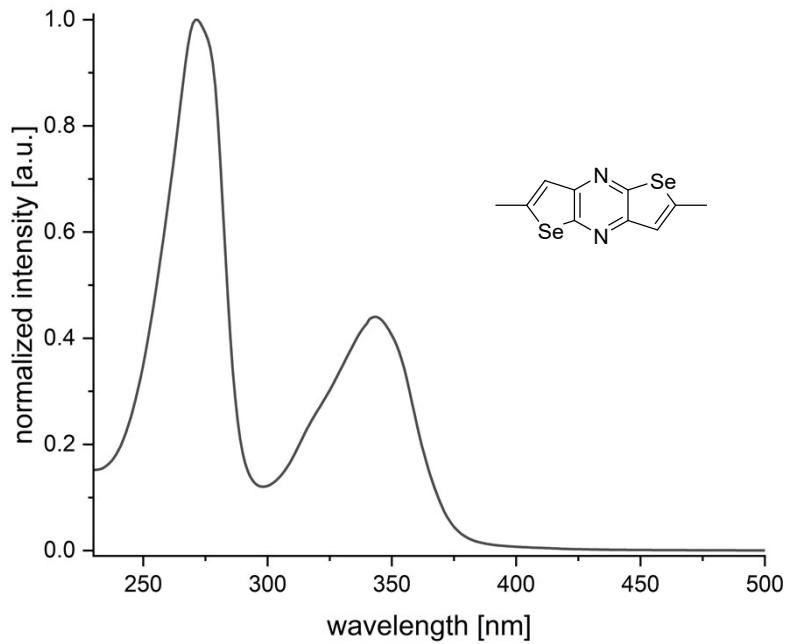
**Figure S25.** Absorption (solid line) and emission (dashed line) spectra of **2c** in DCM.



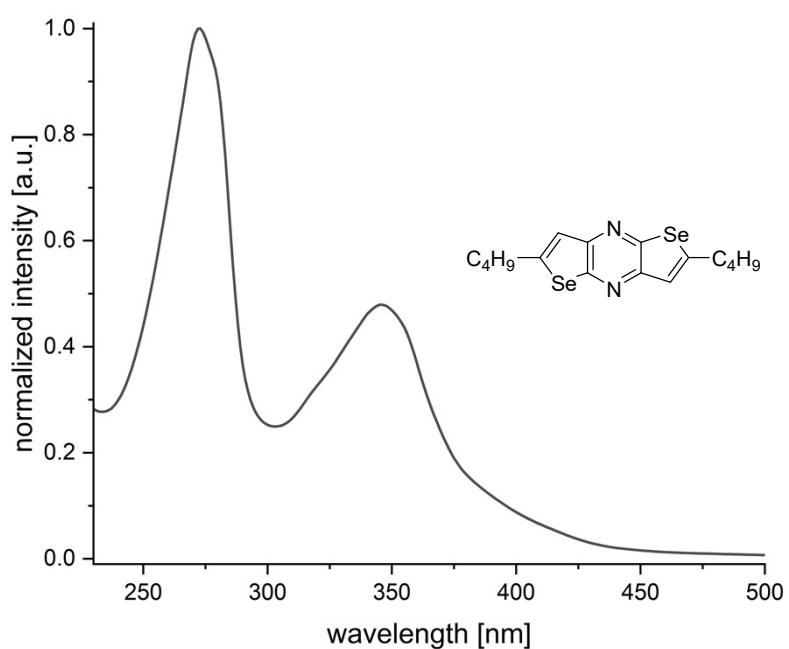
**Figure S26.** Absorption spectrum of **3a** in DCM.



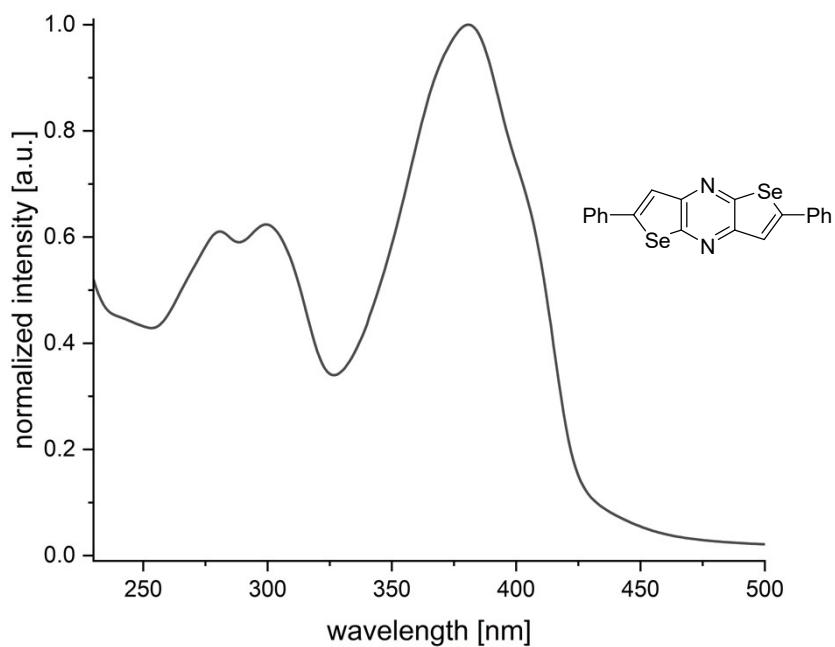
**Figure S27.** Absorption spectrum of **3b** in DCM.



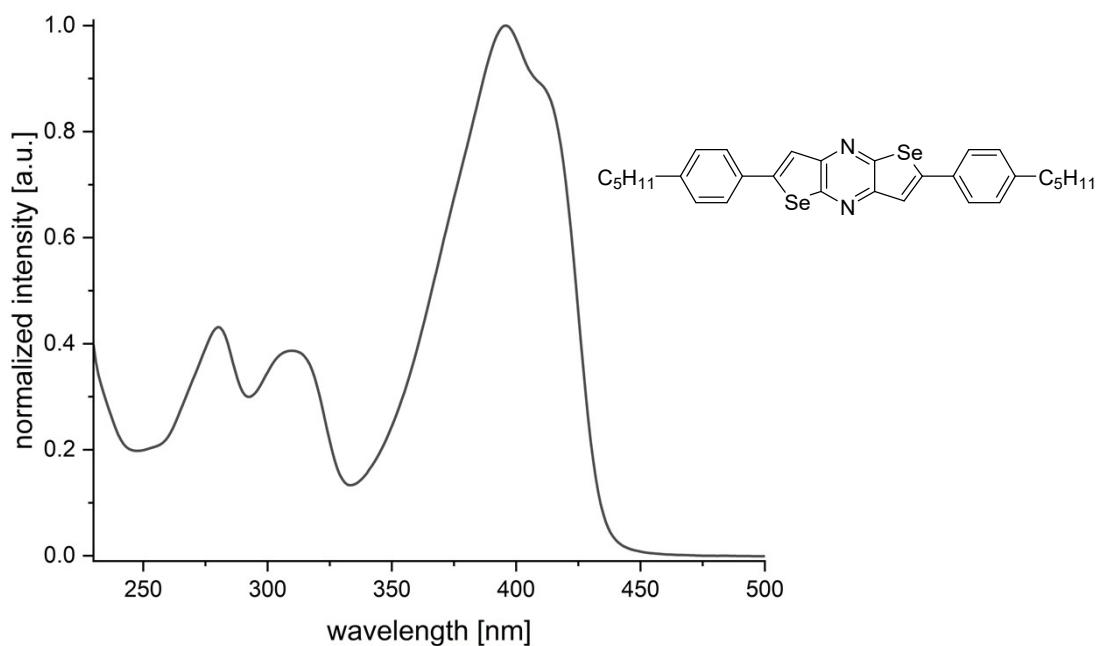
**Figure S28.** Absorption spectrum of **3c** in DCM.



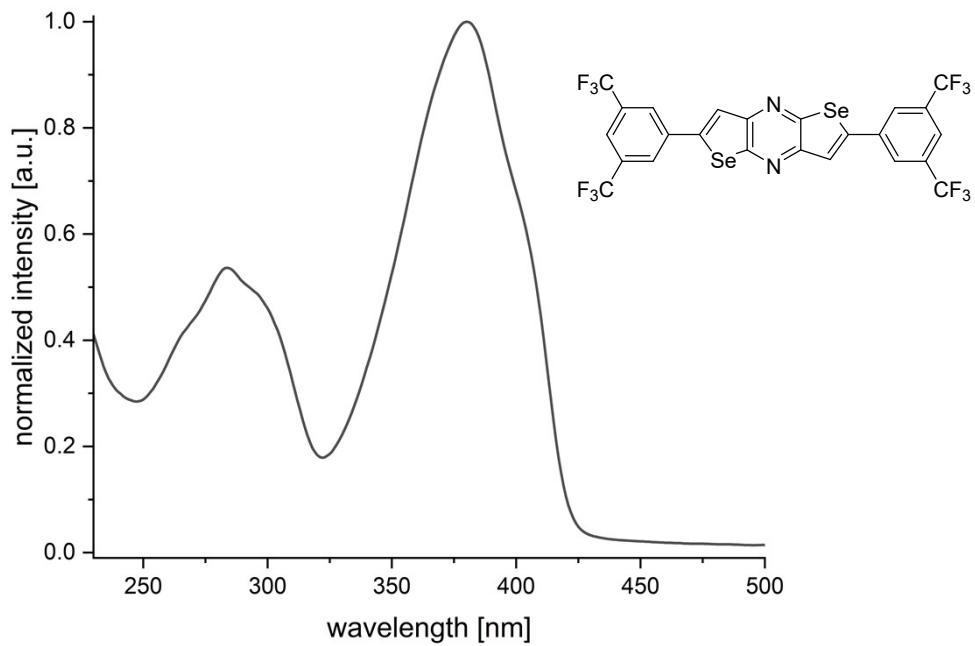
**Figure S29.** Absorption spectrum of **3d** in DCM.



**Figure S30.** Absorption spectrum of **3e** in DCM.

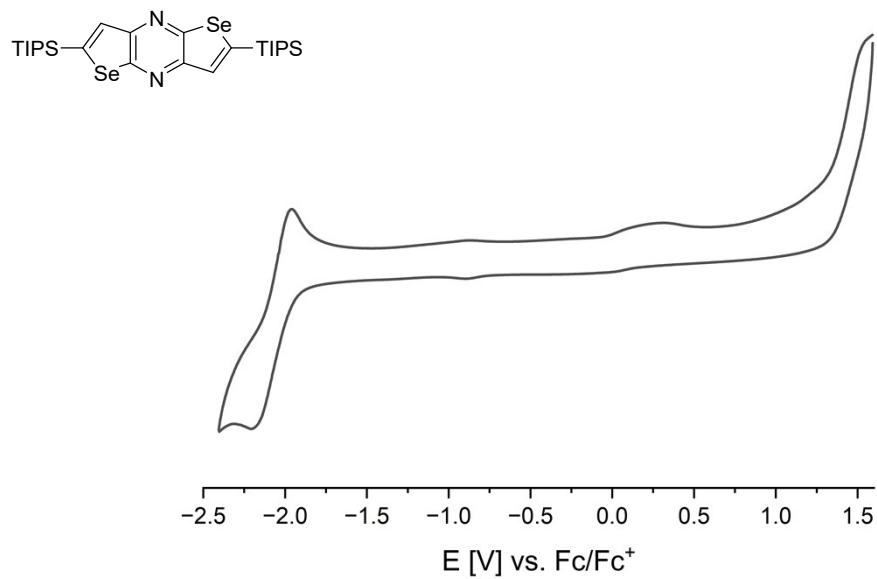


**Figure S31.** Absorption spectrum of **3f** in DCM.

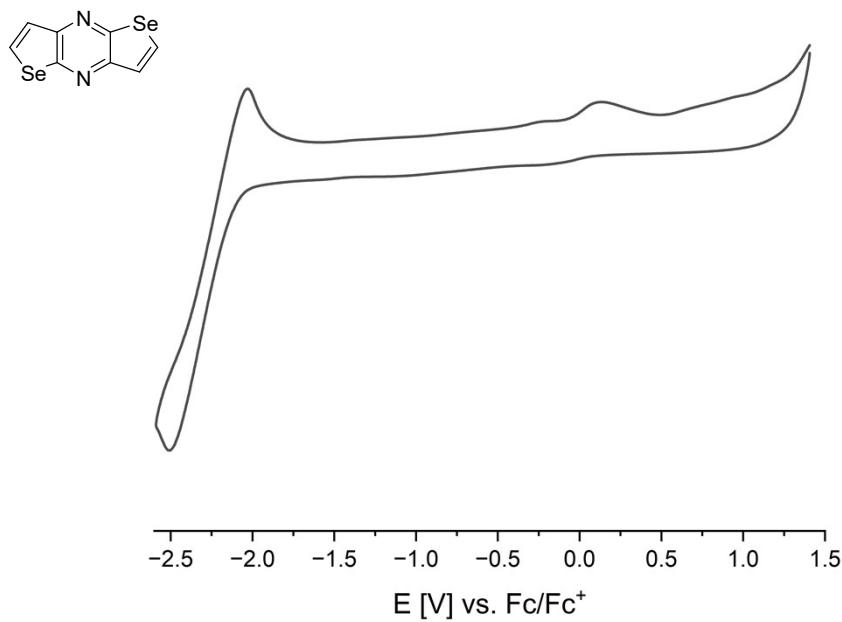


**Figure S32.** Absorption spectrum of **3g** in DCM.

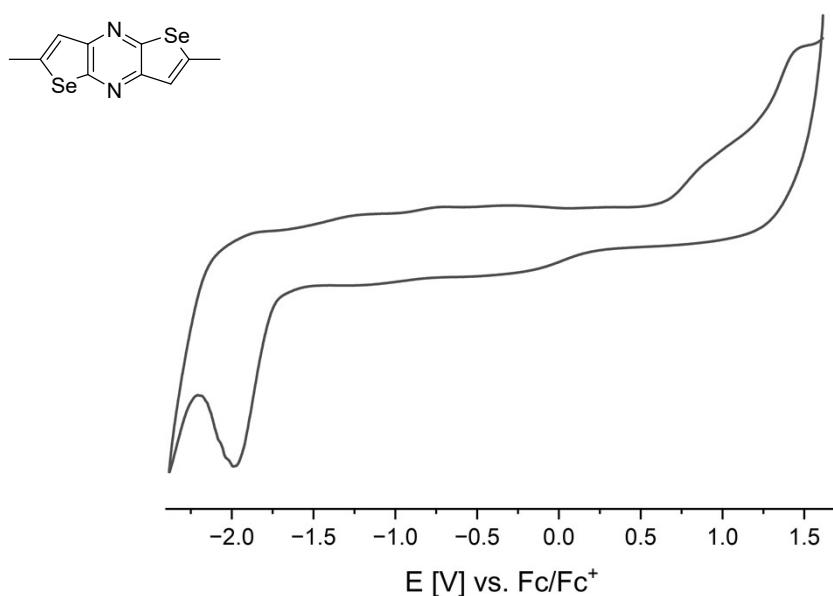
#### 4 Electrochemical Data



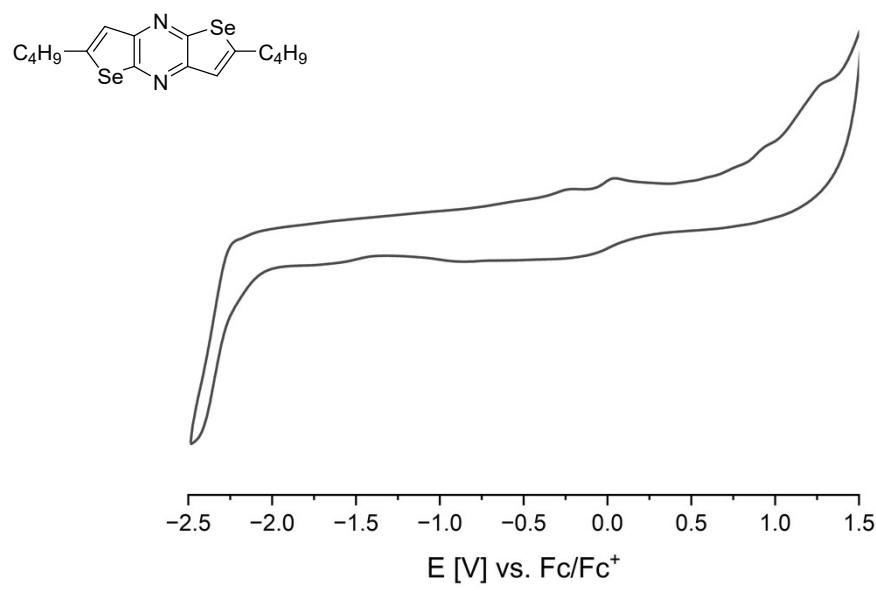
**Figure S33.** Cyclic voltammogram of **3a** in DCM/tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M), scan speed 500 mV/s at r.t.



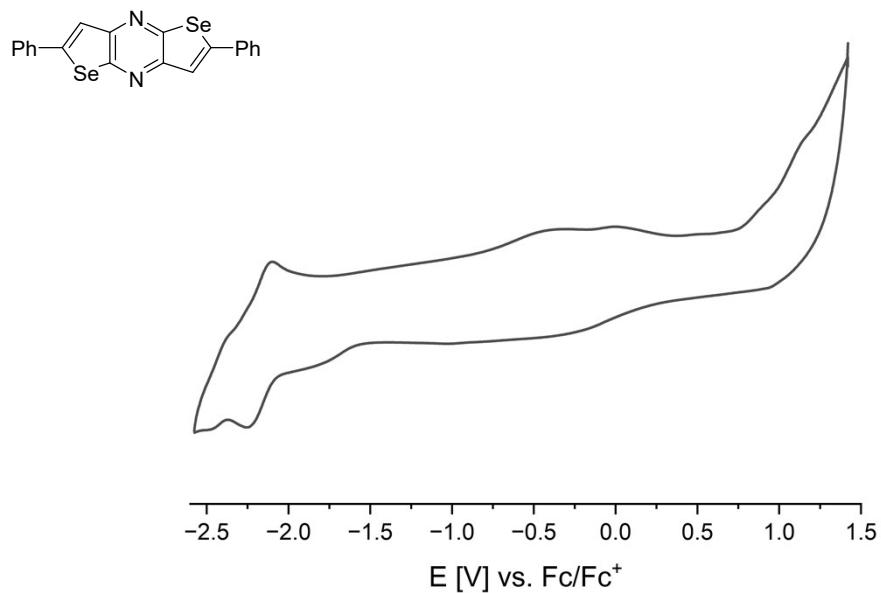
**Figure S34.** Cyclic voltammogram of **3b** in DCM/tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M), scan speed 500 mV/s at r.t.



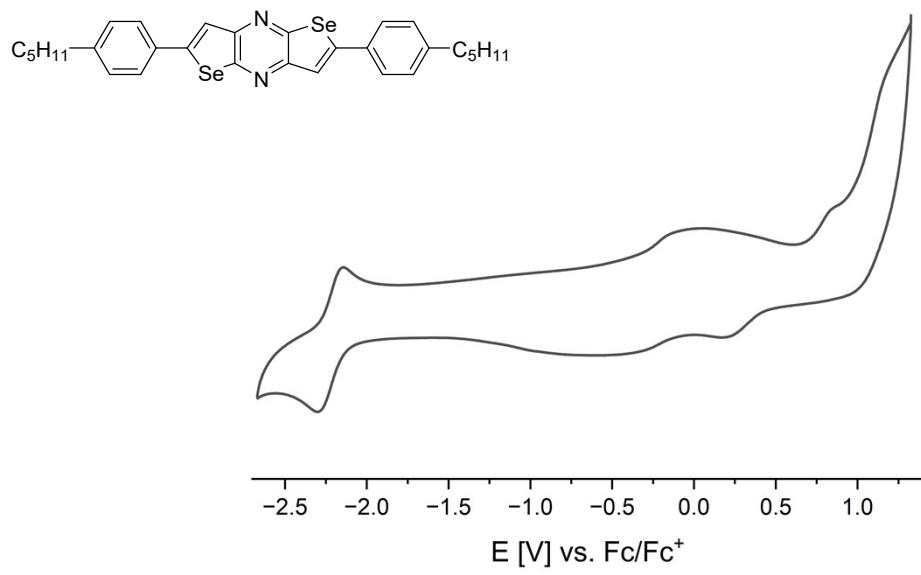
**Figure S35.** Cyclic voltammogram of **3c** in DCM/tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M), scan speed 500 mV/s at r.t.



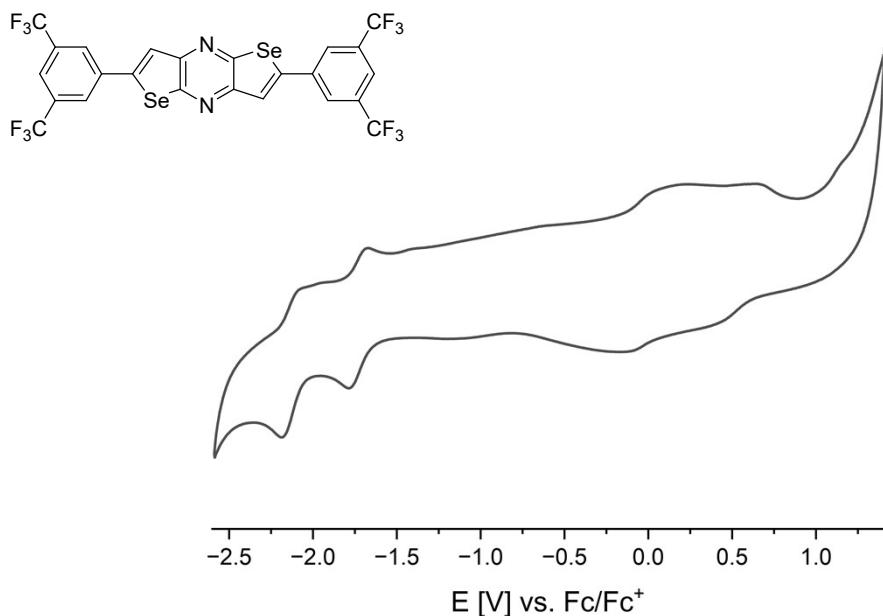
**Figure S36.** Cyclic voltammogram of **3d** in DCM/tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M), scan speed 500 mV/s at r.t.



**Figure S37.** Cyclic voltammogram of **3e** in DCM/tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M), scan speed 500 mV/s at r.t.



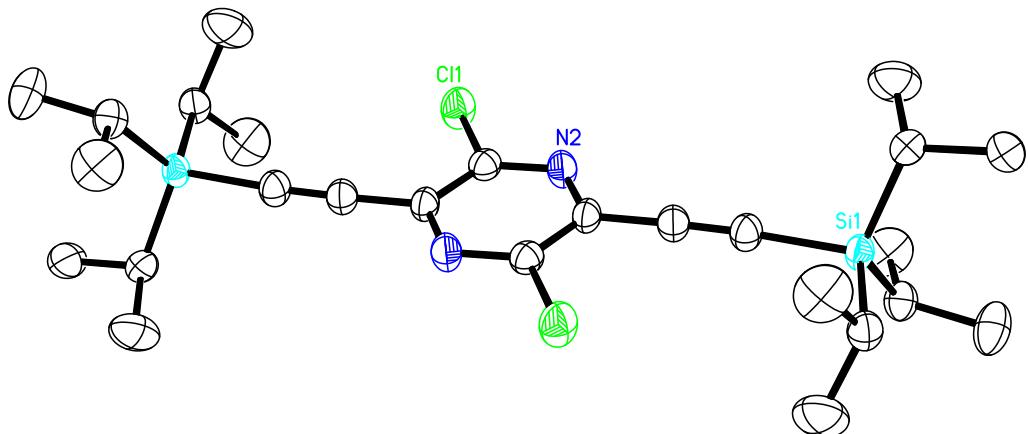
**Figure S38.** Cyclic voltammogram of **3f** in DCM/tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M), scan speed 500 mV/s at r.t.



**Figure S39.** Cyclic voltammogram of **3g** in DCM/tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (0.1 M), scan speed 500 mV/s at r.t.

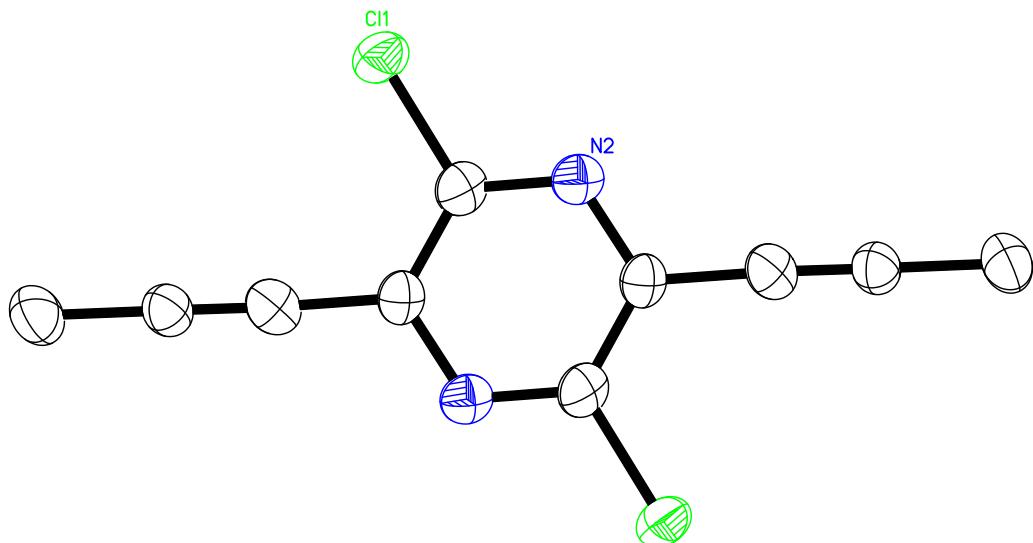
## 5 Crystallographic Data

**Table S1.** Crystal structure, crystal data and structure refinement of **2a** (CCDC 2313523).



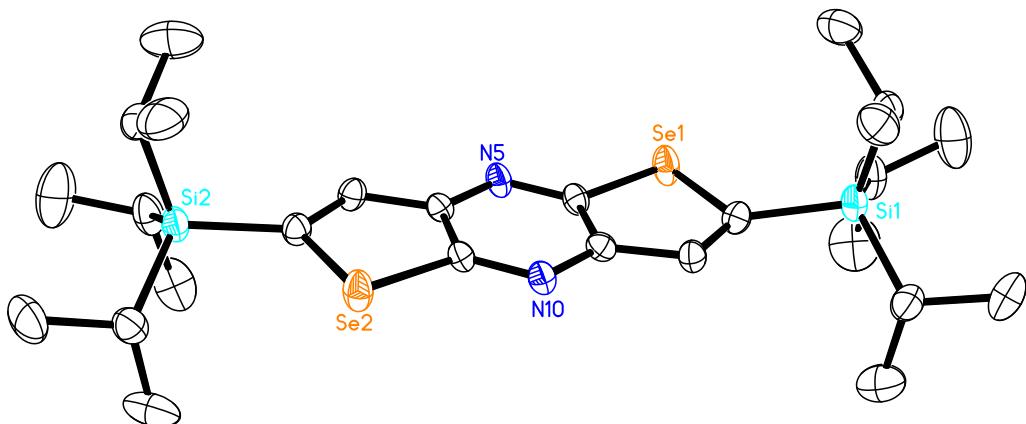
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Formula weight	509.69		
Temperature	200(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	monoclinic		
Space group	I2/m		
Z	2		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 10.530(2)$ Å	$\alpha = 90$ deg.	$b = 10.929(2)$ Å
	$c = 12.931(4)$ Å	$\beta = 96.525(4)$ deg.	$\gamma = 90$ deg.
Volume	$1478.5(6)$ Å <sup>3</sup>		
Density (calculated)	1.14 g/cm <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.32 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
Crystal shape	plate		
Crystal size	$0.106 \times 0.060 \times 0.016$ mm <sup>3</sup>		
Crystal colour	colourless		
Theta range for data collection	2.4 to 26.7 deg.		
Index ranges	$-13 \leq h \leq 13, -13 \leq k \leq 13, -16 \leq l \leq 16$		
Reflections collected	7854		
Independent reflections	1638 ( $R(\text{int}) = 0.1057$ )		
Observed reflections	1016 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.96 and 0.86		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$		
Data/restraints/parameters	1638 / 0 / 88		
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.03		
Final R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	$R_1 = 0.066, wR_2 = 0.101$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.27 and -0.31 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>		

**Table S2.** Crystal structure, crystal data and structure refinement of **2c** (CCDC 2313524).



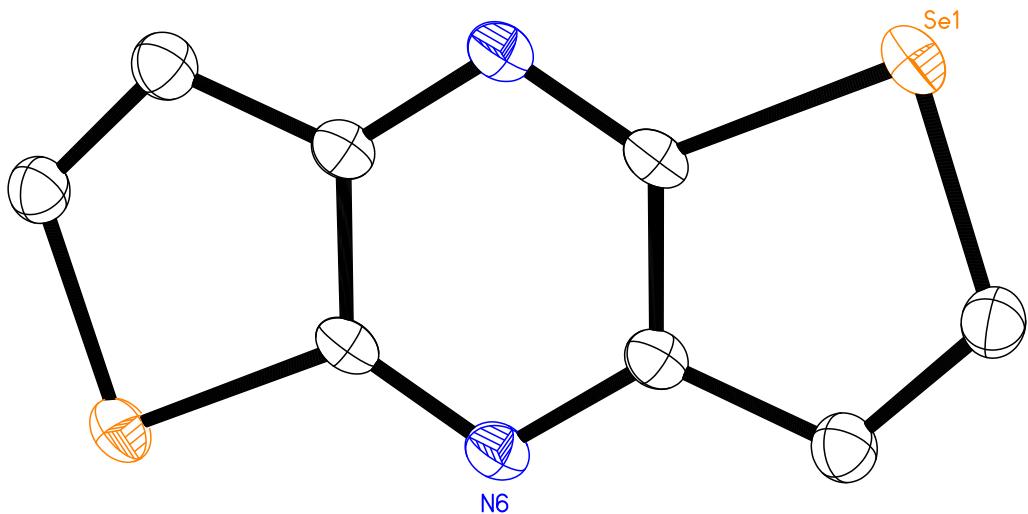
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Formula weight	225.07		
Temperature	200(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	monoclinic		
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n		
Z	2		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.833(11) Å	$\alpha$ = 90 deg.	
	b = 4.114(5) Å	$\beta$ = 106.095(14) deg.	
	c = 14.134(17) Å	$\gamma$ = 90 deg.	
Volume	493.5(11) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Density (calculated)	1.51 g/cm <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.61 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
Crystal shape	plate		
Crystal size	0.192 x 0.042 x 0.015 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Crystal colour	brown		
Theta range for data collection	2.5 to 27.6 deg.		
Index ranges	-11≤h≤11, -5≤k≤4, -18≤l≤18		
Reflections collected	3053		
Independent reflections	1059 ( $R(int) = 0.0752$ )		
Observed reflections	684 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.96 and 0.78		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$		
Data/restraints/parameters	1059 / 0 / 65		
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.04		
Final R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	$R1 = 0.077$ , $wR2 = 0.190$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.53 and -0.50 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>		

**Table S3.** Crystal structure, crystal data and structure refinement of **3a** (CCDC 2313525).



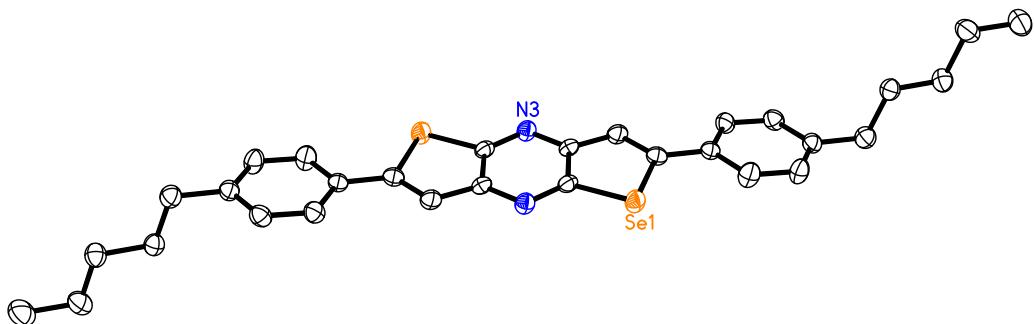
Empirical formula	$C_{26}H_{44}N_2Se_2Si_2$		
Formula weight	598.73		
Temperature	200(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	monoclinic		
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c		
Z	4		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 14.4080(14)$ Å	$\alpha = 90$ deg.	
	$b = 16.0163(16)$ Å	$\beta = 97.694(2)$ deg.	
	$c = 12.9816(13)$ Å	$\gamma = 90$ deg.	
Volume	2968.7(5) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Density (calculated)	1.34 g/cm <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	2.59 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
Crystal shape	plate		
Crystal size	0.160 x 0.057 x 0.010 mm <sup>3</sup>		
Crystal colour	yellow		
Theta range for data collection	1.4 to 28.2 deg.		
Index ranges	$-18 \leq h \leq 18, -21 \leq k \leq 21, -17 \leq l \leq 16$		
Reflections collected	33573		
Independent reflections	7194 ( $R(\text{int}) = 0.1121$ )		
Observed reflections	3804 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.96 and 0.85		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$		
Data/restraints/parameters	7194 / 0 / 301		
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	0.99		
Final R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	$R_1 = 0.050, wR_2 = 0.079$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.45 and -0.46 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>		

**Table S4.** Crystal structure, crystal data and structure refinement of **3b** (CCDC 2313526).



Empirical formula	$C_8H_4N_2Se_2$					
Formula weight	286.05					
Temperature	200(2) K					
Wavelength	0.71073 Å					
Crystal system	monoclinic					
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n					
Z	2					
Unit cell dimensions	a = 4.1984(7) Å	$\alpha$ = 90 deg.	b = 8.1335(12) Å	$\beta$ = 96.9877(19) deg.	c = 12.0157(18) Å	$\gamma$ = 90 deg.
Volume	407.26(11) Å <sup>3</sup>					
Density (calculated)	2.33 g/cm <sup>3</sup>					
Absorption coefficient	9.01 mm <sup>-1</sup>					
Crystal shape	plank					
Crystal size	0.187 x 0.046 x 0.013 mm <sup>3</sup>					
Crystal colour	brown					
Theta range for data collection	3.0 to 30.2 deg.					
Index ranges	-5≤h≤5, -11≤k≤11, -16≤l≤16					
Reflections collected	4782					
Independent reflections	1120 (R(int) = 0.0275)					
Observed reflections	969 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )					
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents					
Max. and min. transmission	0.75 and 0.45					
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$					
Data/restraints/parameters	1120 / 0 / 55					
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.11					
Final R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	R1 = 0.023, wR2 = 0.056					
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.48 and -0.37 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>					

**Table S5.** Crystal structure, crystal data and structure refinement of **3f** (CCDC 2313527).



Empirical formula	$C_{30}H_{32}N_2Se_2$		
Formula weight	578.49		
Temperature	200(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	triclinic		
Space group	$P\bar{1}$		
Z	1		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 4.7908(6)$ Å $\alpha = 75.701(4)$ deg. $b = 9.1049(13)$ Å $\beta = 89.134(3)$ deg. $c = 15.3497(18)$ Å $\gamma = 80.513(3)$ deg.		
Volume	$639.70(14)$ Å <sup>3</sup>		
Density (calculated)	1.50 g/cm <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	2.91 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
Crystal shape	plank		
Crystal size	$0.392 \times 0.029 \times 0.019$ mm <sup>3</sup>		
Crystal colour	yellow		
Theta range for data collection	1.4 to 26.7 deg.		
Index ranges	$-6 \leq h \leq 6, -11 \leq k \leq 11, -19 \leq l \leq 19$		
Reflections collected	11314		
Independent reflections	2689 ( $R(\text{int}) = 0.0945$ )		
Observed reflections	1875 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents		
Max. and min. transmission	0.96 and 0.71		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$		
Data/restraints/parameters	2689 / 0 / 155		
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.01		
Final R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	$R_1 = 0.047, wR_2 = 0.072$		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.48 and -0.43 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>		

## 6 Computational Investigation

### 6.1 Computational Details

All geometry optimizations, subsequent frequency analyses, and calculations concerning transition states were performed in the gas phase using Orca 5.0.3<sup>[5]</sup> on the bwForCluster Justus 2. The B3LYP<sup>[6-9]</sup> functional and the 6-311G(d,p)<sup>[10]</sup> basis set were employed.

### 6.2 Overview of the Computed Molecules

**Table S6.** Energies of all computed structures.

Compound	E <sub>HOMO</sub> [eV]	E <sub>LUMO</sub> [eV]	E <sub>g(calc)</sub> [eV]
<b>3a</b>	-5.96	-2.07	3.89
<b>3b</b>	-6.10	-2.06	4.11
<b>3c</b>	-5.99	-1.81	4.17
<b>3d</b>	-5.92	-1.78	4.14
<b>3e</b>	-5.80	-2.27	3.52
<b>3f</b>	-5.62	-2.15	3.47
<b>3g</b>	-6.51	-3.06	3.44

### 6.3 Coordinates of the Optimized Geometries

#### 3a

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6 -2.528687000 0.668802000 -0.192411000  
6 -2.071732000 -0.079015000 0.934788000  
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6 -0.410913000 1.337071000 -0.530532000  
7 -0.815601000 -0.131195000 1.334349000  
6 0.046378000 0.587173000 0.594779000  
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6 -4.650798000 -0.217737000 0.423642000  
6 -3.939324000 0.567151000 -0.432570000  
34 1.038907000 2.238884000 -1.367790000  
6 2.172709000 1.456164000 -0.029338000  
6 1.457972000 0.682354000 0.833341000  
1 -4.391056000 1.098803000 -1.262471000  
1 1.904688000 0.159737000 1.669861000  
14 -6.524828000 -0.463458000 0.409575000  
14 3.998256000 1.906338000 0.057515000

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1	5.469893000	1.444101000	2.759741000
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### **3b**

Xyz

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6	-4.607480000	-0.294731000	0.389210000
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1	-5.664939000	-0.512769000	0.380160000
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### **3c**

Xyz

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6	-3.961320000	0.578972000	-0.425539000
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### **3d**

Xyz

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1	5.679889000	4.265402000	-2.539612000
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1	5.663689000	4.877702000	-0.883121000

**3e**

Xyz

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6	4.145927000	2.996734000	-0.640341000
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1	4.127236000	-0.055001000	0.846327000
1	6.543790000	0.415716000	0.949710000
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1	7.444863000	2.532183000	0.016205000
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6	-6.560674000	-1.657342000	0.735232000

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**3f**

Xyz

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1	-15.996486000	-3.175501000	1.563982000
1	-15.548152000	-4.217632000	0.208791000
6	6.884821000	2.254667000	0.271822000
6	7.771182000	1.094139000	0.724042000
1	7.069194000	3.117885000	0.923989000
1	7.200886000	2.573643000	-0.729486000
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1	7.609725000	0.229371000	0.069578000
1	7.480515000	0.778090000	1.732918000
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### **3g**

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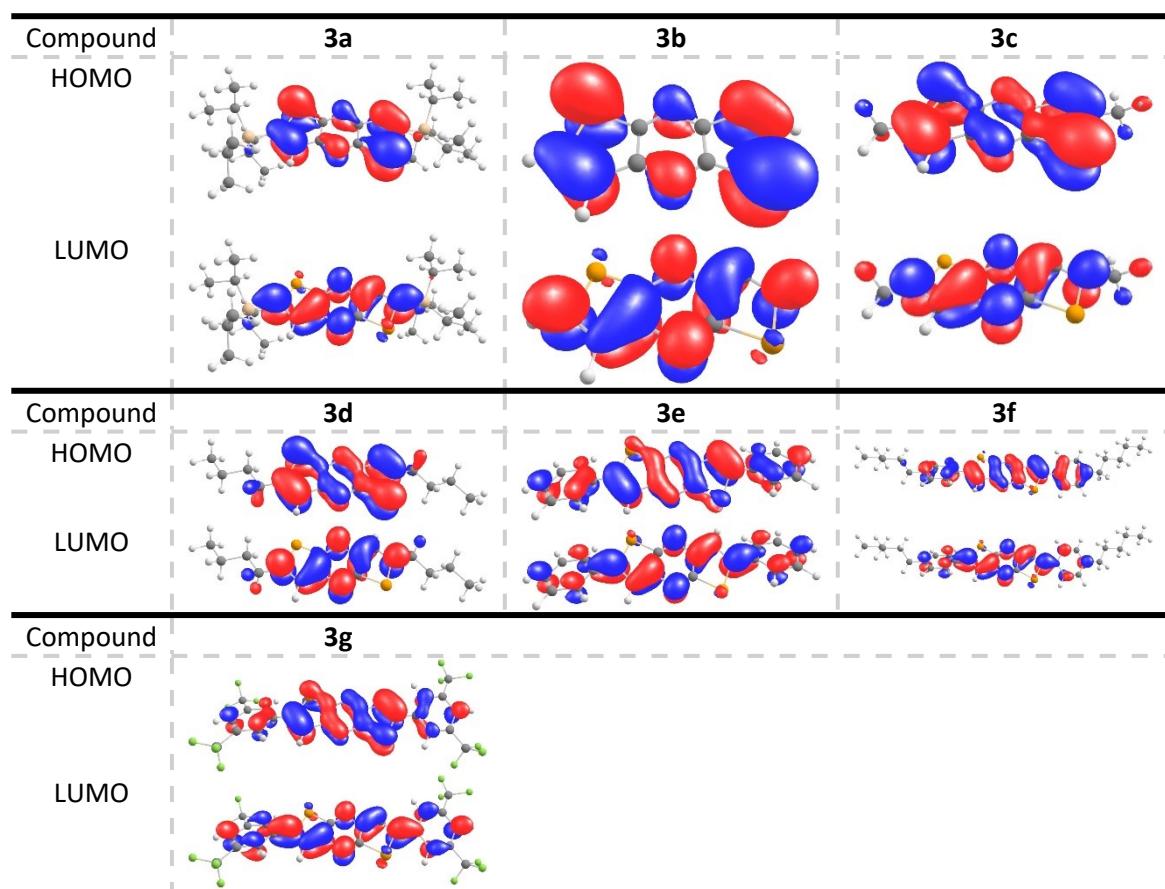
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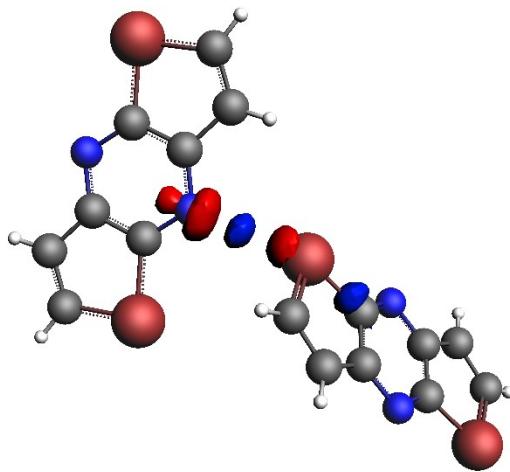
## 6.4 Visualization of the HOMO and LUMO Orbitals

Table S7. Visualization of the HOMO and LUMO Orbitals of 3a-g.



## 6.5 Investigation of Short-Contact Interactions by DFT calculation

A bond decomposition analysis<sup>[11]</sup> was performed with ADF.<sup>[12]</sup> This calculation was also performed on a BLYP-D3<sup>[13]</sup>/TZ2P<sup>[14]</sup>/ZORA<sup>[15-17]</sup> level of theory in the gas phase to determine the total bonding energy.



**Figure S40.** Visualization of the intermolecular non-bonding interacting orbitals of selenium and nitrogen in the single crystal structure of **3b**.

**Table S8.** Computed Energies of **3b**.

E <sub>Pauli</sub> [kcal/mol]	E <sub>el</sub> [kcal/mol]	E <sub>disp</sub> [kcal/mol]	E <sub>orb</sub> [kcal/mol]	E <sub>tot</sub> [kcal/mol]
11.87	-7.61	-6.72	-3.55	-6.01

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