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## **Supporting Information**

DivergentSynthesisofSelenide-ContainingSpirocarbocyclesandPhenanthrenesthroughCu(OTf)2-PromotedSelenylationofAlkyne-ContainingPhenol-Based Biaryls

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### **General information**

All commercially available reagents were used directly without purification unless otherwise stated. All solvents were used directly without purification. For chromatography, 200-300 mesh silica gel (Qingdao, China) was employed. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H } and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were recorded using CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $d_6$  at 500, 126 and 470 MHz Brucker Advanced III instrument respectively. IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR instrument. The HRMS analysis was obtained on a QTOF mass spectrometer. Melting points were determined with melting points apparatus and are uncorrected. Substrates 1 and 2 were synthesized in the lab by the reported procedures.

# General procedure for the synthesis of selenylated spirocyclohexadienones 3.

Aryl phenol-tethered alkyne **1** (0.12 mmol, 1.0 eq.), diselenide **2** (0.144 mmol, 1.2 eq.), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.24 mmol, 2.0 eq., 33.1 mg) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.144 mmol, 1.2 eq., 52.1 mg) were added to a reaction tube successively under an air atmosphere, and then MeCN (0.1 M, 1.2 mL) was added via syringe. The mixture was heated in an oil bath at 80 °C for 12 h until reaction completion (monitored by TLC). After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then, the solvent was removed in a vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified on a silica gel column (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) to afford the product **3**.

2'-Phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3a). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (50 mg, 98% yield). Mp 168-169 °C. IR 3937, 3889, 3842, 3794, 1660, 859, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.23 (m, 10H), 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 151.6, 148.0, 145.3, 140.8, 134.3, 132.1, 130.9, 129.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.2, 126.8, 123.5, 123.0, 62.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{18}NaOSe [M + Na]^+ 449.0417$ , found 449.0418.

3'-(*Phenylselanyl*)-2'-(*p*-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (**3b**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (49.9 mg, 95% yield). Mp 156-157 °C. IR 3926, 3797, 3665, 3504, 3346, 3177, 2934, 1630, 1439, 708 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.28 – 7.08 (m, 11H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.0, 151.9, 148.2, 145.3, 140.7, 138.7, 131.5, 131.4, 130.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.82, 128.75, 128.4, 127.0, 126.7, 123.4, 122.9, 62.2, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0575.

#### 2'-(4-Ethylphenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one

(3c). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (47.9 mg, 88% yield). Mp 125-126 °C. IR 3864, 3603, 2927, 2346, 1693, 1520 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42 – 7.08 (m, 13H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (s, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.0, 151.8, 148.3, 145.4, 144.9, 140.6, 131.6, 131.4, 130.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.2, 128.8, 128.5, 127.6, 127.0, 126.7, 123.4, 123.0, 62.2, 28.6, 15.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 477.0730, found 477.0748.

2'-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-on e (3d). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (45.4 mg, 83% yield). Mp 132-133 °C. IR 3838, 3753, 3610, 2916, 1667, 1502 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.31 (m, 4H), 7.28 – 7.16 (m, 6H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.0, 159.9, 151.5, 148.5, 145.5, 140.5, 130.9, 130.8, 130.7, 130.1, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 127.0, 126.74, 126.72, 123.4, 122.9, 113.6, 62.2, 55.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{20}NaO_2Se [M + Na]^+ 479.0522$ , found 479.0520.

2'-(4-Fluorophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3e). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (48.6 mg, 91% yield). Mp 136-137 °C. IR 3941, 3882, 3805, 3750, 1667, 1502, 1222, 1164, 1006, 829, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.22 (m, 7H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 7.00 – 6.94 (m, 2H), 6.57 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.7, 162.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 249.4 Hz), 150.2, 147.8, 145.1, 140.6, 132.6, 131.1, 131.0, 130.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.2 Hz), 130.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.3 Hz), 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 127.3, 126.9, 123.5, 123.0, 115.20 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.6 Hz), 62.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -111.98. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0320.

2'-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3f). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (48.9 mg, 89% yield). Mp 164-165 °C. IR 3790, 3669, 3357, 2908, 1663, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 – 7.23 (m, 9H), 7.21 – 7.13 (m, 4H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.7, 149.9, 147.7, 145.1, 140.7, 134.7, 133.0, 132.7, 131.13, 131.11, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 128.4, 127.4, 127.0, 123.5, 123.1, 62.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0017.

2'-(4-Bromophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3g). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (46.8 mg, 77% yield). Mp 152-154 °C. IR 3845, 3735, 3346, 2920, 1675, 1468 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.41 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.33 – 7.13 (m, 11H), 6.56 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.7, 149.9, 147.7, 145.1, 140.7, 133.2, 133.0, 131.3, 131.2, 131.1, 130.1, 129.5, 129.3, 128.9, 127.4, 127.1, 123.5, 123.1, 123.0, 62.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 526.9519, found 526.9512.

3'-(*Phenylselanyl*)-2'-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-d ien-4-one (**3h**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (42.7 mg, 72% yield). Mp 117-118 °C. IR 3948, 3900, 3838, 3761, 1663, 1325, 1164, 1127, 1053, 1002, 840, 734, 679 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.55 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 6.60 (d, J= 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.6, 149.1, 147.4, 144.9, 140.8, 137.9, 134.2, 131.4, 131.3, 130.5, 130.3, 129.4, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.7, 127.2, 125.07 (q,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 123.6, 123.2, 62.2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -62.75. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 517.0291, found 517.0294.

#### 2'-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one

(*3i*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (39.3 mg, 70% yield). Mp 166-167 °C. IR 3822, 3805, 2927, 1652, 1527 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.11 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.29 (m, 5H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.3, 147.7, 147.4, 147.1, 144.8, 141.0, 140.8, 135.6, 131.5, 131.4, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.4, 123.6, 123.33, 123.28, 62.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>Se [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 494.0267, found 494.0268.

3'-(*Phenylselanyl*)-2'-(*m*-tolyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (**3**j). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (43.6 mg, 83% yield). Mp 126-128 °C. IR 3926, 3636, 3349, 2908, 1648, 1468, 723 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.29 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.08 (m, 8H), 6.59 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.0, 151.8, 148.1, 145.3, 140.8, 137.6, 134.3, 132.0, 131.1, 130.9, 129.9, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.1, 126.8, 125.6, 123.5, 123.0, 62.3, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0576.

2'-(3-Fluorophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3k). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (45.6 mg, 86% yield). Mp 130-132 °C. IR 3970, 3908, 3772, 3706, 2916, 1656, 1461, 1255, 1178, 1009, 844, 741 cm<sup>-1.</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 – 7.21 (m, 6H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 4H), 7.09 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 – 6.96 (m, 2H), 6.59 – 6.54 (m, 2H), 6.53 – 6.48 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.7, 162.2 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 246.7$  Hz), 149.6, 147.6, 145.0, 140.7, 136.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.1$  Hz), 133.4, 131.3, 131.1, 129.7 (d,  $J_{C-F}$ = 8.4 Hz), 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 127.5, 127.1, 124.4 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.9$  Hz), 123.5, 123.1, 115.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 14.4$  Hz), 115.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 13.1$  Hz), 62.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -112.39. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0319.

2'-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3l). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (46.4 mg, 84% yield). Mp 157-159 °C. IR 2920, 1660, 1467 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.24 (m, 7H), 7.22 – 7.14 (m, 6H), 6.55 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.7, 149.2, 147.5, 145.0, 140.7, 136.0, 133.9, 133.7, 131.5, 131.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 127.2, 126.6, 123.5, 123.1, 62.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0036.

2'-(3-Bromophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one
(3m). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl)

acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (39.3 mg, 65% yield). Mp 148-150 °C. IR 3838, 3702, 3625, 1667, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 7.23 – 7.11 (m, 6H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.7, 149.0, 147.5, 145.0, 140.7, 136.3, 133.8, 131.7, 131.65, 131.55, 131.2, 129.6, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 127.5, 127.2, 127.0, 123.5, 123.1, 122.1, 62.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 526.9519, found 526.9512.

2'-(2-*Fluorophenyl*)-3'-(*phenylselanyl*)*spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3n*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (38.9 mg, 73% yield). Mp 145-147 °C. IR 3955, 3897, 3753, 1645, 866, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.35 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.12 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 6.62 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.9, 159.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 246.4$  Hz), 146.9, 145.1, 144.7, 141.7, 135.9, 131.9, 130.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 38.2$  Hz), 130.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 2.3$  Hz), 130.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.2$  Hz), 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 127.1, 123.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.7$  Hz), 123.6, 122.9, 121.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 16.1$  Hz), 115.8 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.4$  Hz), 62.7. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -111.11. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0327.

2'-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3o). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (39.3 mg, 71% yield). Mp 146-148 °C. IR 3742, 3382, 2927, 1667, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.47 – 7.12 (m, 12H), 7.05 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 147.8, 146.6, 145.2, 144.6, 141.6, 135.9, 134.0, 132.7, 132.0, 131.4, 130.9, 130.8, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 127.3, 127.1, 126.2, 123.6, 122.9, 63.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0038. 2'-(*Ferrocen-2-yl*)-3'-(*phenylselanyl*)*spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3p*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a red solid (25.4 mg, 40% yield). Mp 177-179 °C. IR 3728, 3474, 3342, 2931, 1667, 1461 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 – 7.17 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 5.15 (s, 2H), 4.36 (s, 2H), 4.03 (s, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.2, 152.6, 150.7, 147.0, 138.4, 130.8, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 129.0, 126.6, 126.4, 125.6, 123.1, 121.8, 78.0, 69.9, 69.8, 69.0, 61.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaFeOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 557.0080, found 557.0067.

4'-Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3q). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (38 mg, 72% yield). Mp 162-164 °C. IR 3827, 3551, 2934, 1593, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$  7.28 – 7.08 (m, 12H), 7.04 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.57 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 154.6, 147.8, 141.9, 141.4, 134.8, 133.9, 133.1, 132.3, 131.6, 130.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 127.9, 127.0, 126.2, 121.6, 62.1, 19.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0578.

4'-*Fluoro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3r*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (39.6 mg, 74% yield). Mp 138-140 °C. IR 3944, 3838, 3753, 1660, 1465, 1252, 1086, 862, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.23 (m, 6H), 7.18 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.02 (m, 1H), 7.01 – 6.99 (m, 1H), 6.63 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 6.52 – 6.47 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.6, 156.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 255.1 Hz), 151.6, 147.0, 143.7, 133.9, 131.7, 131.6, 131.1, 130.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.7 Hz), 129.1, 128.7, 128.67, 128.64, 128.5, 128.0, 126.8, 119.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.6 Hz), 116.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.1$  Hz), 62.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -118.98. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0331.

5'-Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3s). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (42.7 mg, 81% yield). Mp 133-135 °C. IR 3801, 2912, 1648, 1061, 822 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 – 7.25 (m, 7H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 32.0 Hz, 4H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.1, 151.9, 148.3, 145.5, 139.0, 137.7, 134.4, 132.1, 130.9, 130.8, 130.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.6, 128.08, 128.06, 126.8, 123.6, 123.2, 62.0, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0562.

5'-*Fluoro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3t*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (47.1 mg, 89% yield). Mp 143-144 °C. IR 3955, 3893, 3849, 3750, 1660, 1472, 1248, 1160, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.38 – 7.32 (m, 7H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.62 – 6.58 (m, 2H), 6.54 – 6.50 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.7, 163.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 246.4 Hz), 153.7, 147.6, 147.5, 136.2, 136.1, 134.1, 131.2, 131.1, 129.4, 129.3, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 124.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 9.3 Hz), 114.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 23.7 Hz), 110.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.8 Hz), 61.6. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -112.27. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0324.

5'-*Chloro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3u*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (50.5 mg, 92% yield). Mp 123-125 °C. IR 3904, 3706, 3559, 3342, 2931, 1663, 1531 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 7H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.23 (td, *J* = 5.7, 5.1, 1.9 Hz, 4H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.6, 153.4, 147.2, 147.1, 139.9, 139.6, 139.1, 135.0, 133.9, 131.2, 131.2, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 127.2, 124.5, 123.2, 61.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0037.

6'-*Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3v*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (41.3 mg, 78% yield). Mp 134-136 °C. IR 3900, 3735, 2912, 1660, 1509, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.20 – 7.12 (m, 4H), 7.09 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 6.51 – 6.46 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 186.0, 150.4, 148.4, 142.8, 140.8, 137.4, 134.5, 131.9, 130.9, 130.8, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.6, 128.1, 126.8, 124.2, 122.7, 62.1, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0584.

6'-*Fluoro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3w*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (42.5 mg, 80% yield). Mp 139-141 °C. IR 3897, 3820, 3753, 3691, 1663, 1476, 1255, 862, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 – 7.29 (m, 7H), 7.22 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 6.96 (td, *J* = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.6, 162.4 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 248.3 Hz), 151.4, 147.2, 143.1, 143.0, 141.1 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.4 Hz), 134.1, 131.3, 131.1, 129.5, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.2, 127.0, 124.0 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 8.5 Hz), 115.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.9 Hz), 111.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 24.1 Hz), 62.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -113.60. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0323.

6'-Chloro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3x). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (45.6 mg, 83% yield). Mp 137-138 °C. IR 3831, 3364, 2938, 1663, 1428, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.31 (m, 7H), 7.27 – 7.20 (m, 4H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.6, 151.9, 147.0, 143.7, 142.6, 134.0, 133.2, 131.4, 131.3, 131.1, 129.4, 129.3, 129.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.1, 123.9, 62.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0027.

2'-Phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)-6'-(trifluoromethyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-d ien-4-one (**3**y). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (52.9 mg, 89% yield). Mp 149-150 °C. IR 3952, 3886, 3772, 1641, 1333, 1171, 1166, 737, 686 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.57 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 9H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 6.62 – 6.54 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.4, 154.5, 148.5, 146.5, 141.8, 133.8, 131.7, 131.5, 131.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.20, 129.19, 128.5, 128.3, 127.3, 126.2 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.8 Hz), 123.2, 122.9, 120.4 (q, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.7 Hz), 62.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -61.77. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 517.0291, found 517.0305.

4-Oxo-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-diene-6'-carbo nitrile (3z). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (39 mg, 72% yield). Mp 160-162 °C. IR 3908, 3860, 3797, 3717, 1656, 866, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.37 – 7.29 (m, 8H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 6.55 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 185.1, 155.6, 149.5, 145.8, 142.1, 133.4, 133.1, 131.8, 131.2, 129.5, 129.4, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 127.4, 126.8, 123.5, 118.5, 110.5, 61.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 474.0369, found 474.0372.

#### 6'-Nitro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one

(3*a*'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (43.8 mg, 78% yield). Mp 178-179 °C. IR 3839, 3750, 3669, 3518, 3342, 2908, 1652, 1527 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.15 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H),

7.39 – 7.31 (m, 8H), 7.21 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 6.57 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.0, 157.1, 151.2, 146.9, 145.5, 142.4, 133.4, 132.0, 131.3, 131.2, 129.54, 129.48, 129.4, 128.8, 128.3, 127.5, 124.9, 123.1, 118.8, 61.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>Se [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 494.0267, found 494.0254.

7'-*Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3b'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (35 mg, 66% yield). Mp 144-145 °C. IR 3827, 3761, 3577, 3485, 3364, 2931, 1667, 1427, 1171 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.32 – 7.13 (m, 12H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.60 – 6.51 (m, 4H), 2.19 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.7, 151.4, 146.5, 145.4, 138.4, 135.1, 134.0, 133.1, 132.4, 130.9, 130.1, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 128.5, 127.9, 126.7, 120.7, 62.7, 16.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0570.

3-*Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one* (*3c'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (35.1 mg, 67% yield). Mp 108-110 °C. IR 3823, 3353, 2927, 1645, 1432, 1072 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.20 (m, 11H), 7.18 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.6, 152.3, 147.6, 145.2, 142.8, 141.3, 137.6, 134.5, 131.5, 130.9, 130.7, 130.0, 129.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 127.0, 126.8, 123.3, 123.0, 62.5, 16.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0563.

3-Chloro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3d'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (39 mg, 71% yield). Mp 102-103 °C. IR 3911, 3805, 3673, 1693, 1531 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.30 (dd, J = 6.9, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 7.23 – 7.18 (m, 5H), 6.81 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (dd, J = 9.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.9, 150.3, 148.1, 145.2, 143.6, 139.6, 134.5, 133.8, 133.0, 131.2, 130.1, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.5, 128.3, 127.4, 127.0, 123.5, 123.3, 63.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0039.

#### 2-Methyl-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one

(*3e'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (38 mg, 72% yield). Mp 104-106 °C. IR 3698, 3485, 3371, 3213, 3092, 2920, 1652, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.16 (m, 13H), 7.06 (s, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 22.5, 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.39 (s, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.9, 157.4, 151.8, 148.8, 145.7, 142.4, 134.1, 132.4, 131.0, 130.3, 130.0, 129.8, 129.3, 128.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 126.9, 123.1, 122.7, 64.9, 18.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0570.

# 2-Chloro-2'-phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one

(*3f*'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 30:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (49.7 mg, 90% yield). Mp 115-117 °C. IR 3893, 3735, 3540, 3357, 2920, 1637 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 – 7.26 (m, 11H), 7.22 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.17 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.0, 153.9, 150.3, 147.7, 145.6, 141.1, 134.0, 133.5, 131.6, 131.0, 129.8, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 126.8, 123.2, 122.7, 66.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0025.

(2'-Phenyl-3'-(p-tolylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (**3ab**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (40.7 mg, 77% yield). Mp 120-121 °C. IR 3853, 3658, 3375, 3169, 2931, 1637, 1450, 1270, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.31 – 7.28 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 3H), 7.14 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.60 – 6.56 (m, 2H), 6.51 – 6.46 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 151.0, 148.1, 145.4, 140.7, 136.9, 134.4, 132.5, 131.3, 130.9, 130.1, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.1, 125.8, 123.4, 123.1, 62.2, 21.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0576.

3'-((4-Methoxyphenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-on e (**3ac**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (29.8 mg, 55% yield). Mp 141-142 °C. IR 3834, 3739, 3573, 3313, 2912, 1648, 1468, 1255, 719 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.31 (s, 6H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.75 – 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.59 – 6.54 (m, 2H), 6.50 – 6.45 (m, 2H), 3.75 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 186.0, 159.2, 150.1, 148.2, 145.5, 140.8, 134.5, 133.7, 133.3, 130.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 127.0, 123.4, 122.9, 119.3, 115.0, 62.2, 55.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>Se [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 479.0522, found 479.0533.

3'-((4-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one. (3ad). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (40 mg, 73% yield). Mp 147-148 °C. IR 3886, 3357, 2920, 1649, 1439, 715 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33 – 7.22 (m, 10H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 151.9, 147.7, 144.9, 140.8, 134.1, 133.1, 132.3, 131.9, 131.1, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.3, 123.7, 122.8, 62.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0018.

3'-((4-Bromophenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3ae). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (42.7 mg, 71%) yield). Mp 152-153 °C. IR 3908, 3709, 3588, 3291, 2908, 1674, 1439 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.24 (m, 10H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 152.1, 147.7, 144.9, 140.8, 134.1, 132.5, 132.3, 131.7, 131.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 123.6, 122.9, 121.0, 62.2. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 526.9519, found 526.9524.

4-((4-Oxo-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-3'-yl)selanyl)benzonitril e (**3af**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (39.2 mg, 73% yield). Mp 163-165 °C. IR 3820, 3735, 2923, 1660, 1516 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39 – 7.30 (m, 7H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  185.0, 154.8, 147.9, 144.1, 141.1, 138.1, 133.9, 132.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.6, 123.8, 122.1, 118.6, 108.8, 62.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 474.0369, found 474.0367.

3'-((4-Nitrophenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3ag). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (34.3 mg, 61% yield). Mp 155-156 °C. IR 3878, 3750, 3346, 2912, 1645, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  8.05 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.40 – 7.31 (m, 7H), 7.23 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  185.0, 155.2, 147.8, 145.8, 144.1, 141.2, 141.0, 133.9, 130.7, 129.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 124.1, 123.8, 122.1, 62.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>Se [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 494.0267, found 494.0258.

2'-Phenyl-3'-(m-tolylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3ah). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (44 mg, 83% yield). Mp 129-130 °C. IR 3658, 2908, 1656, 1450 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35 – 7.23 (m, 8H), 7.20 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 151.3, 148.1, 145.4, 140.7, 139.0, 134.4, 132.3, 131.7, 130.9, 129.5, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.1, 123.4, 123.1, 62.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0578.

3'-((3-Fluorophenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3ai). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (32.5 mg, 61% yield). Mp 135-136 °C. IR 3860, 3753, 3338, 2905, 1656, 1487, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.33 – 7.26 (m, 8H), 7.18 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.10 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (ddd, J = 8.7, 2.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (tdd, J = 9.3, 2.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.61 – 6.57 (m, 2H), 6.52 – 6.49 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.9, 162.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 250.0$  Hz), 152.5, 147.7, 144.9, 140.8, 134.1, 131.7, 131.5, 131.1, 130.5 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 8.2$  Hz), 130.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.4, 126.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 3.1$  Hz), 123.6, 122.9, 117.7 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 22.9$  Hz), 113.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.2$  Hz), 62.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -111.41. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0327.

3'-((3-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3aj). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (44.2 mg, 80% yield). Mp 142-144 °C. IR 3871, 3728, 3551, 3353, 2920, 1674, 1520, 1061, 881, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.33 – 7.24 (m, 9H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 3H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.8, 152.3, 147.7, 144.9, 140.8, 134.9, 134.0, 131.5, 131.4, 131.2, 130.6, 130.2, 129.3, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.4, 127.1, 123.6, 122.8,
62.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0030.

2'-Phenyl-3'-(o-tolylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3ak). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (47.5 mg, 90% yield). Mp 150-151 °C. IR 3889, 3856, 3797, 3727, 1667, 1457, 1274, 862, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.34 – 7.31 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 5.8, 4.3 Hz, 3H), 7.25 (dt, J = 6.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.18 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 7.12 – 7.08 (m, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 10.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 151.6, 148.0, 145.3, 140.7, 138.3, 134.3, 132.1, 131.0, 130.9, 130.5, 130.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.2, 126.9, 126.7, 123.5, 122.9, 62.3, 21.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 463.0573, found 463.0574.

3'-((2-Fluorophenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3al). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (28 mg, 53% yield). Mp 145-146 °C. IR 3878, 3735, 3665, 3562, 3335, 2901, 1663, 1531, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.21 – 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.91 (m, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 185.9, 160.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 244.1 Hz), 152.2, 147.8, 145.1, 140.7, 134.2, 132.6 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.0 Hz), 131.1, 130.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 2.1 Hz), 128.98, 128.91, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 124.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.4 Hz), 123.5, 122.7, 116.5 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.8 Hz), 115.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 22.6 Hz), 62.3. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -104.44. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NaFOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 467.0322, found 467.0322.

3'-((2-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3am). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (25.5 mg, 46% yield). Mp 139-140 °C. IR 3860, 3761, 3669, 3540, 3338, 3169, 2905, 1630, 1424, 756 cm<sup>-1. 1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 – 7.24 (m, 9H), 7.19 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 1H), 7.02 – 6.97 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 6.52 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  185.9, 153.6, 147.8, 144.9, 140.9, 134.1, 134.0, 131.1, 130.7, 130.6, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.3, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 123.6, 122.9, 62.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 483.0024, found 483.0026.

3'-(*Naphthalen-1-ylselanyl*)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (*3an*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (22.4 mg, 39% yield). Mp 165-167 °C. IR 3797, 3684, 3364, 2920, 1637, 1450, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 1H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.33 (m, 3H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 4H), 7.24 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.15 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H), 6.51 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  186.0, 151.7, 148.0, 145.4, 140.8, 134.3, 133.9, 132.2, 132.1, 131.0, 129.9, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 127.2, 126.6, 126.1, 123.5, 123.1, 62.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 499.0574, found 499.0578.

3'-(Butylselanyl)-2'-phenylspiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (3ao). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (45 mg, 93% yield). IR 3886, 3750, 3606, 3493, 3327, 2927, 1663, 1513, 1435, 1226, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.36 (m, 2H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 3H), 7.28 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.55 – 6.51 (m, 2H), 6.48 – 6.42 (m, 2H), 2.67 – 2.60 (m, 2H), 1.50 (ddd, J = 14.9, 8.3, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.28 – 1.17 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 186.1, 148.7, 148.4, 146.4, 140.4, 134.8, 132.5, 130.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.1, 125.8, 123.5, 122.3, 62.4, 32.2, 26.7, 22.5, 13.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 429.0729, found 429.0714.

# General procedure for the synthesis of selenvlated-phenanthrenes 4.

Aryl phenol-tethered alkyne **1** (0.12 mmol, 1.0 eq.), diselenide **2** (0.144 mmol, 1.2 eq.) and Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> (0.144 mmol, 1.2 eq., 52.1 mg) were added to a reaction tube successively under an air atmosphere, and then MeCN (0.1 M, 1.2 mL) was added via syringe. The mixture was heated in an oil bath at 80 °C for 12 h until reaction completion (monitored by TLC). After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Then, the solvent was removed in a vacuum, and the resulting residue was purified on a silica gel column (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) to afford the product **4**.

*10-Phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol* (*4a*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (49.9 mg, 98% yield). Mp 171-173 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 – 8.70 (m, 1H), 8.70 – 8.66 (m, 2H), 7.68 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.28 – 7.24 (m, 3H), 7.09 (s, 5H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 145.8, 141.9, 134.2, 133.6, 131.4, 130.7, 130.6, 129.6, 129.1, 128.9, 128.4, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 125.5, 125.4, 124.6, 122.1, 117.4, 112.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>17</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 425.0450, found 425.0454.

9-(*Phenylselanyl*)-10-(*p*-tolyl)*phenanthren-2-ol* (4b). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (34.1 mg, 65% yield). IR 3827, 3728, 3526, 2934, 1656, 1502 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.63 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.62 – 8.58 (m, 2H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.18 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (s, 5H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 145.9, 139.0, 137.0, 134.3, 133.8, 131.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.5, 129.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 127.1, 126.6,

125.54, 125.46, 124.6, 122.1, 117.3, 112.4, 21.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0609.

*10-(4-Ethylphenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthrene-2-ol (4c).* Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (34.8 mg, 64% yield). IR 3842, 3346, 2916, 1641, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.63 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 8.7 Hz, 3H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 4H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 2.73 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 145.9, 143.2, 139.2, 134.3, 133.8, 131.4, 130.73, 130.65, 129.5, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 127.5, 127.1, 126.6, 125.5, 125.4, 124.6, 122.1, 117.3, 112.4, 28.6, 15.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 453.0763, found 453.0768.

10-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4d). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (30 mg, 55% yield). Mp 110-111 °C. IR 3889, 3691, 3522, 3298, 3198, 1637, 1524, 969, 845, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.66 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 8.64 – 8.60 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.25 (s, 2H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (s, 4H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 158.8, 154.2, 145.5, 134.4, 134.3, 134.0, 131.5, 130.8, 130.7, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 127.1, 126.6, 125.6, 125.5, 124.6, 122.1, 117.4, 113.5, 112.4, 55.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Se [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 455.0556, found 455.0560.

10-(4-Fluorophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4e). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (27.8 mg, 52% yield). IR 3900, 3786, 1604, 1487, 1211, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.64 (dd, J = 17.2, 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (q, J = 5.9, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14 – 6.98 (m, 8H), 6.75 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

162.11 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 246.2 Hz), 154.2, 144.7, 137.7, 134.0, 133.6, 131.4, 131.3 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 7.9 Hz), 130.8, 130.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.3, 126.7, 125.6, 125.5, 124.7, 122.2, 117.5, 115.1 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 21.4 Hz), 112.1. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -114.64. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OFSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 443.0356, found 443.0358.

10-(4-Chlorophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4f). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (33.6 mg, 61% yield). IR 3860, 3728, 3636, 2916, 1645, 1524, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.63 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04 – 6.98 (m, 4H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 144.5, 140.2, 134.0, 133.4, 133.3, 131.4, 131.0, 130.8, 130.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 127.4, 126.8, 125.7, 125.5, 124.7, 122.2, 117.6, 112.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup>459.0060, found 459.0062.

10-(4-Bromophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4g). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (44 mg, 73% yield). IR 3904, 3805, 1615, 1428, 1208, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.69 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 8.63 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.28 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 – 7.21 (m, 2H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1H), 7.06 – 7.03 (m, 3H), 7.02 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.2, 144.1, 143.8, 133.9, 133.3, 132.7, 131.5, 130.8, 130.7, 130.4, 129.6, 129.5, 129.0, 128.4, 127.4, 126.8, 125.9, 125.5, 124.7, 122.2, 117.6, 112.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OBrSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 502.9555, found 502.9557.

9-(Phenylselanyl)-10-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4h). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (45.2 mg, 76% yield). IR 3911, 3812, 3735, 1601, 1446, 1314, 1120, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.74 – 8.57 (m, 3H), 7.65 (dd, J = 16.5, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 7.53 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 7.00 (dd, J = 30.7, 7.7 Hz, 5H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.3, 145.4, 144.2, 133.8, 133.4, 133.1, 131.4, 130.8, 130.6, 130.1, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.6, 126.8, 125.8, 125.7, 125.0 (dd,  $J_{C-F} = 7.4$ , 3.7 Hz), 124.8, 122.2, 117.6, 111.8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -62.28. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OF<sub>3</sub>Se [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 493.0324, found 493.0327.

*10-(4-Nitrophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4i)*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (49 mg, 87% yield). Mp 124-126 °C. IR 3926, 3834, 3651, 3559, 3342, 3188, 2927, 1637, 1624, 730 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 – 8.64 (m, 3H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.73 – 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 7.07 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.96 (dq, *J* = 6.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.5, 148.7, 147.1, 143.4, 133.6, 132.7, 131.3, 130.9, 130.8, 130.5, 129.2, 129.1, 128.5, 127.8, 127.0, 126.0, 125.6, 125.0, 123.4, 122.3, 117.9, 111.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 470.0301, found 470.0302.

9-(*Phenylselanyl*)-10-(*m*-tolyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4j). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (40.9 mg, 78% yield). IR 3785, 3366, 2918, 1649, 1452, 1192, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  <sup>8.63</sup> (dd, J = 15.9, 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 – 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.03 (s, 6H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 145.9, 141.8, 137.6, 134.4, 133.7, 131.5, 130.7, 130.6, 130.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.1, 126.7, 126.6, 125.5, 124.6, 122.1, 117.4, 112.4, 21.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0604.

10-(3-Fluorophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4k). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (47.2 mg, 89% yield). IR 3889, 3801, 3735, 1612, 1435, 1219, 726 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.64 (dd, J = 17.6, 8.5 Hz, 3H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.07 (m, 1H), 7.05 – 7.01 (m, 4H), 6.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 162.6 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 246.8$  Hz), 154.2, 144.4, 143.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 7.9$  Hz), 133.9, 133.3, 131.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.7, 129.6, 129.3, 129.0, 128.7, 127.4, 126.8, 125.8, 125.6, 124.7, 122.2, 117.6, 116.9 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 21.4$  Hz), 114.3 (d,  $J_{C-F} = 20.9$  Hz), 112.0. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -113.15. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OFSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 443.0356, found 443.0357.

*10-(3-Chlorophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (41).* Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (42.7 mg, 77% yield). IR 3917, 3814, 3614, 2908, 1649, 1539, 710 cm<sup>-1.</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 – 8.57 (m, 3H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 7.08 – 6.96 (m, 6H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 144.2, 143.5, 134.0, 133.9, 133.3, 131.4, 130.8, 130.7, 129.9, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 129.0, 128.0, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 125.8, 125.5, 124.7, 122.2, 117.6, 112.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0063.

10-(3-Bromophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4m). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (41.4 mg, 68% yield). IR 3678, 3362, 3199, 2922, 1632, 1455, 1216, 717 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.62 – 8.48 (m, 3H), 7.58 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.17 – 7.13 (m, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 25.2, 6.9, 3.3 Hz, 7H), 6.65 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ

154.2, 144.5, 140.7, 134.0, 133.3, 131.4, 131.3, 130.8, 130.6, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.4, 127.4, 126.8, 125.9, 125.7, 125.6, 124.8, 122.2, 121.5, 117.6, 112.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OBrSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 502.9555, found 502.9557.

*10-(2-Fluorophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4n)*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (47.1 mg, 89% yield). IR 3805, 1615, 1446, 1200, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.72 – 8.63 (m, 3H), 7.70 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.27 (m, 1H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.15 – 7.04 (m, 5H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  159.95 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 245.6 Hz), 154.4, 139.7, 133.5, 133.2, 131.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.2 Hz), 131.4, 131.1, 130.7, 130.1, 129.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 7.9 Hz), 129.6, 129.3 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 17.0 Hz), 129.0, 127.5, 126.7, 125.8, 125.6, 124.8, 123.9 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 3.5 Hz), 122.3, 117.7, 115.7 (d, *J*<sub>C-F</sub> = 21.8 Hz), 111.5. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -113.23. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OFSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 443.0356, found 443.0357.

*10-(2-Chlorophenyl)-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (40)*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (43.8 mg, 79% yield). IR 3854, 3730, 3615, 3470, 2904, 1656, 1521, 1206, 849, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.69 – 8.56 (m, 3H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.45 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.00 (m, 5H), 6.65 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.4, 142.9, 140.5, 134.2, 133.5, 132.8, 131.4, 131.3, 131.0, 130.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 127.4, 126.61, 126.59, 125.7, 125.6, 124.8, 122.3, 117.6, 111.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0062.

7-*Methyl-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4p)*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (38.7 mg, 73% yield). IR 3854, 3740, 3605, 2915, 1646, 1525, 1205, 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.65 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H),

8.58 – 8.45 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.30 – 7.17 (m, 3H), 7.08 (s, 5H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.8, 145.7, 142.0, 136.3, 134.4, 133.2, 131.6, 130.1, 129.7, 129.3, 128.9, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 125.6, 125.5, 124.4, 122.1, 117.4, 112.3, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0608.

7-*Chloro-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4q)*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (42 mg, 76% yield). IR 3879, 3695, 3542, 3345, 3189, 2929, 1643, 1462, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.68 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (dd, *J* = 23.4, 8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 3H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 7.19 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 6.96 (m, 4H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.4, 147.0, 141.6, 133.64, 133.60, 132.9, 132.6, 129.8, 129.5, 129.1, 129.0, 128.1, 127.64, 127.61, 127.5, 125.9, 125.1, 124.6, 123.9, 117.8, 112.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0061.

6-Methyl-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4r). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (37.6 mg, 71% yield). IR 3899, 3747, 2929, 2693, 1643, 1466, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.64 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 7.39 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (td, J = 8.3, 7.5, 3.4 Hz, 3H), 7.02 (s, 5H), 6.74 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.0, 144.8, 142.0, 137.0, 134.3, 133.8, 130.8, 130.5, 129.7, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.0, 127.3, 125.4, 125.3, 124.6, 122.0, 117.2, 112.3, 21.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0608.

*6-Chloro-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4s).* Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (42.3 mg, 77% yield). IR 3915, 3786, 3731, 3654,

1608, 1483, 1424, 1204, 1083, 1020, 826, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.54 (dd, J = 8.9, 6.8 Hz, 3H), 7.40 (dq, J = 5.9, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 7.07 – 6.96 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (br, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.7, 146.0, 141.6, 134.0, 133.9, 133.4, 132.4, 131.8, 129.8, 129.6, 129.2, 129.0, 128.1, 128.0, 127.5, 127.0, 125.7, 124.7, 124.5, 121.8, 117.7, 112.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0063.

7-*Hydroxy-9-phenyl-10-(phenylselanyl)phenanthrene-3-carbonitrile (4t)*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (38.8 mg, 72% yield). Mp 170-171 °C. IR 3879, 3376, 2918, 1636, 1452, 1223, 1025, 713 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  10.09 (s, 1H), 9.37 – 9.30 (m, 1H), 8.92 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.34 – 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.16 – 6.97 (m, 5H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  157.3, 149.1, 141.2, 133.7, 132.9, 132.6, 130.9, 130.7, 129.4, 129.0, 128.7, 128.2, 127.64, 127.57, 126.3, 126.0, 125.5, 123.0, 119.2, 119.1, 111.8, 109.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ONSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 450.0403, found 450.0408.

5-Methyl-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4u). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (22 mg, 42% yield). IR 3854, 3736, 3355, 3203, 2911, 1646, 1445, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.83 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 8.73 – 8.66 (m, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 – 7.39 (m, 4H), 7.26 – 7.19 (m, 3H), 7.06 (dq, *J* = 5.7, 3.4, 2.9 Hz, 5H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.3, 145.8, 142.3, 135.0, 134.5, 134.2, 132.7, 131.9, 131.0, 129.6, 129.5, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.1, 127.3, 126.6, 125.8, 125.4, 115.6, 112.5, 27.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0609.

*3-Methyl-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol* (4v). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the

target compound as a yellow oil (32.4 mg, 61% yield). IR 3896, 3830, 3733, 3594, 3497, 3352, 2922, 1646, 1528, 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.66 – 8.58 (m, 2H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.65 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.21 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 5H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  153.1, 145.7, 142.2, 134.4, 132.1, 131.5, 130.6, 130.5, 129.6, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.9, 126.6, 126.5, 125.6, 125.4, 124.9, 122.2, 111.8, 16.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0609.

3-*Chloro-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4w)*. Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (36.5 mg, 66% yield). IR 3896, 3712, 3504, 3359, 2929, 1639, 1438, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.65 (s, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 6.96 (tt, *J* = 6.9, 3.8 Hz, 5H), 5.57 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  149.6, 145.6, 141.5, 134.0, 132.7, 131.7, 130.8, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3, 129.0, 128.9, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.1, 125.6, 123.3, 122.2, 122.1, 113.8. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0064.

*4-Methyl-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4x).* Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (35.9 mg, 68% yield). IR 3868, 3730, 3646, 3535, 3449, 3355, 2918, 1636, 1455, 717 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 – 8.65 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.20 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 5H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.7, 146.3, 142.7, 137.5, 135.3, 134.2, 132.4, 131.9, 130.5, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 127.3, 126.9, 126.0, 125.9, 125.8, 125.5, 121.4, 111.2, 27.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0609.

*4-Chloro-10-phenyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4y).* Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (44 mg, 80% yield). IR 3906, 3820, 3736, 3504, 3359, 2929, 1646, 1431, 1275, 745 cm<sup>-1.</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.76 – 9.64 (m, 1H), 8.69 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 5H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.6, 145.3, 142.1, 136.0, 133.9, 132.4, 132.3, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 129.7, 129.4, 129.0, 128.2, 127.5, 127.0, 126.6, 126.1, 125.7, 123.0, 120.9, 112.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0063.

9-(*Phenylselanyl*)-10-(thiophen-2-yl)phenanthren-2-ol (4z). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (33.1 mg, 64% yield). IR 3906, 3743, 3632, 3490, 3348, 3206, 2922, 1636, 1435, 693 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.67 – 8.55 (m, 4H), 7.64 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 7.09 – 7.02 (m, 5H), 7.00 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.4, 142.6, 138.1, 134.3, 134.2, 132.1, 131.2, 130.9, 129.3, 129.0, 128.2, 127.7, 126.7, 126.6, 125.8, 125.7, 125.4, 124.6, 122.2, 117.6, 112.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>15</sub>OSSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 431.0014, found 431.0015.

*10-Butyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol* (4*a'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (20.9 mg, 43% yield). IR 3872, 3733, 3629, 1660, 1528, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.67 – 8.62 (m, 2H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 4H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 3.58 – 3.51 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.52 (h, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.4, 144.2, 133.8, 132.4, 132.1, 130.6, 130.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.3, 126.4, 125.9, 125.5, 125.1,

122.0, 117.2, 110.0, 35.1, 33.0, 23.2, 14.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 405.0763, found 405.0763.

*10-Octyl-9-(phenylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol* (*4b'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (29.1 mg, 53% yield). IR 3875, 3799, 3730, 3653, 3601, 3293, 2894, 2312, 1646, 1525, 779 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.67 – 8.62 (m, 2H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.51 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (s, 1H), 7.14 – 7.03 (m, 5H), 5.15 (s, 1H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (p, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.49 (p, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 8H), 0.89 – 0.86 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.5, 144.3, 133.8, 132.4, 132.1, 131.5, 130.6, 130.2, 129.1, 128.7, 126.4, 125.9, 125.5, 125.1, 122.0, 117.2, 110.0, 35.4, 31.9, 30.9, 30.2, 29.4, 29.3, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 461.1389, found 461.1393.

*10-Phenyl-9-(p-tolylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol* (*4d'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (39.7 mg, 75% yield). IR 3823, 3719, 2922, 1653, 1528 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 – 8.59 (m, 3H), 7.71 – 7.59 (m, 1H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 3H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 5.8, 2.6 Hz, 3H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 145.6, 142.0, 135.3, 133.6, 131.4, 130.72, 130.70, 130.3, 129.8, 129.7, 129.3, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 125.5, 124.6, 122.1, 117.3, 112.3, 20.9. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0606.

9-((4-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-10-phenylphenanthren-2-ol (4e'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (48.9 mg, 89% yield). IR 3906, 3712, 3362, 2918, 1639, 1435, 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 – 8.56 (m, 3H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.38 (m, 4H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 33.4, 5.4 Hz, 3H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 36.7,

8.4 Hz, 4H), 6.80 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 145.9, 141.8, 134.3, 133.6, 132.4, 131.5, 131.2, 130.8, 130.42, 130.38, 129.6, 129.0, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 125.6, 124.7, 122.3, 117.6, 112.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0062.

4-((2-Hydroxy-10-phenylphenanthren-9-yl)selanyl)benzonitrile (4**f**). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 5:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (43.4 mg, 80% yield). Mp 191-193 °C. IR 3861, 3768, 3698, 3476, 3317, 2911, 1653, 1476, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.71 (dd, J = 14.8, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.53 – 8.45 (m, 1H), 7.75 – 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.27 (m, 4H), 7.22 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.10 – 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.5, 146.6, 142.4, 141.6, 133.5, 132.2, 131.0, 130.8, 129.9, 129.3, 128.8, 128.2, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.7, 125.7, 124.7, 122.4, 118.9, 118.1, 112.5, 108.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ONSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 450.0403, found 450.0407.

*10-Phenyl-9-(m-tolylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol* (*4g'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (38.9 mg, 74% yield). IR 3875, 3688, 3591, 3348, 3175, 3067, 2911, 1646, 1441, 1209, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.67 – 8.55 (m, 3H), 7.61 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.21 – 7.16 (m, 3H), 6.92 – 6.86 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.78 – 6.73 (m, 2H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 145.7, 141.9, 138.6, 133.9, 133.7, 131.5, 130.72, 130.70, 129.8, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 127.1, 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 125.5, 124.6, 122.1, 117.3, 112.3, 21.3. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0607.

9-((3-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-10-phenylphenanthren-2-ol (4h'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (43.1 mg, 78% yield). IR 3736, 3355,

2929, 1636, 1445, 707 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.68 – 8.55 (m, 3H), 7.64 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (qd, J = 4.6, 3.8, 1.1 Hz, 3H), 7.25 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 2H), 7.03 – 6.98 (m, 2H), 6.95 – 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.84 (dt, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 146.0, 141.7, 135.9, 134.6, 133.8, 131.2, 130.8, 130.3, 129.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.1, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 127.3, 126.8, 125.8, 125.6, 124.7, 122.3, 117.6, 112.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0064.

10-Phenyl-9-(o-tolylselanyl)phenanthren-2-ol (4i'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (33.2 mg, 63% yield). IR 3875, 3591, 3168, 2922, 1639, 1449, 1199, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.64 (dd, J = 17.2, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 8.55 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (ddd, J = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, J = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.39 - 7.32 (m, 3H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dq, J = 6.5, 2.3, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (td, J = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.76 - 6.70 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126) MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 154.1, 146.0, 141.9, 136.5, 135.2, 133.8, 131.6, 130.7, 130.6, 129.7, 129.5, 129.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 126.7, 126.4, 125.5, 125.4, 124.6, 122.2, 117.4, 112.3, 21.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 439.0607, found 439.0609.

9-((2-Chlorophenyl)selanyl)-10-phenylphenanthren-2-ol (4j'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (25.3 mg, 46% yield). IR 3915, 3055, 2916, 1656, 1457, 1233, 859, 745 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.69 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 8.2, 7.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 6.97 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.82 – 6.75 (m, 2H), 6.55 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 146.6, 141.6, 134.7, 133.7, 132.4, 131.2, 130.8, 130.4, 129.6, 129.3, 129.1, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.9, 126.3, 125.7, 124.7, 122.2, 117.7, 112.5. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>OClSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 459.0060, found 459.0063.

9-(*Naphthalen-1-ylselanyl*)-10-phenylphenanthren-2-ol (4k'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (14 mg, 25% yield). Mp 188-189 °C. IR 3910, 3775, 3345, 3192, 2915, 1643, 1445, 703 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.67 (ddd, J = 12.7, 11.6, 8.6 Hz, 3H), 7.69 – 7.59 (m, 2H), 7.54 – 7.43 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.32 (m, 5H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.2, 145.9, 141.9, 134.0, 133.7, 131.9, 131.6, 131.5, 130.8, 130.6, 129.7, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 127.34, 127.30, 127.2, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 125.7, 125.3, 124.7, 122.2, 117.5, 112.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>19</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 475.0607, found 475.0610.

*9-(Butylselanyl)-10-phenylphenanthren-2-ol* (*41'*). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (32.4 mg, 67% yield). IR 3924, 3844, 3698, 3348, 3189, 2915, 1643, 1455, 717 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.87 – 8.77 (m, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.71 – 7.54 (m, 2H), 7.47 (tdd, *J* = 8.6, 6.8, 3.7 Hz, 3H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 2.65 – 2.58 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.27 – 1.11 (m, 2H), 0.75 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 144.8, 142.4, 133.5, 131.9, 130.6, 130.5, 130.3, 129.4, 128.0, 127.2, 126.9, 126.4, 125.0, 124.5, 122.3, 116.9, 112.0, 32.2, 29.6, 22.8, 13.4. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 405.0763, found 405.0767.

9-(Cyclohexylselanyl)-10-phenylphenanthren-2-ol (4m'). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 20:1, v/v) afforded the

target compound as a yellow oil (25.1 mg, 48% yield). IR 3854, 3757, 3345, 3220, 3060, 2929, 1632, 1452, 1192, 717 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.86 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 8.68 – 8.53 (m, 2H), 7.74 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.51 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.05 (tt, J = 10.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.56 (dt, J = 7.5, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.49 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.19 – 1.05 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  154.1, 145.0, 142.4, 133.6, 132.4, 130.8, 130.5, 130.4, 129.5, 127.9, 127.1, 126.9, 126.3, 125.1, 124.5, 122.2, 116.8, 112.1, 44.8, 34.1, 26.7, 25.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>23</sub>OSe [M - H]<sup>-</sup> 431.0920, found 431.0918.

## General procedure for the synthesis of ketoxime 5.

The compound **3a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq., 42.5 mg) and methoxyamine hydrochloride (0.25 mmol, 2.5 eq., 21.0 mg) were placed into an oven dried reaction tube with a magnetic stir and a condenser within nitrogen atmosphere. Then, pyridine (1.0 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir in an oil bath at 120 °C for 20 h. After completion of the reaction, volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1, v/v) to provide ketoxime **5** (44.7 mg, 98% yield) as yellow solid.

2'-Phenyl-3'-(phenylselanyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one O-methyl oxime (5). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 100:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (44.7 mg, 98% yield). Mp 98-100 °C. IR 3897, 3845, 3728, 1454, 1050, 914, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.39 (dd, J = 6.3, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 7.34 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.25 – 7.12 (m, 7H), 7.08 (dd, J = 10.0, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 9.9, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (dd, J = 10.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.2, 147.9, 145.5, 144.2, 138.5, 135.1, 134.1, 130.6, 130.3, 129.9, 129.2, 128.8, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 126.8, 126.5, 125.1, 123.9, 122.6, 117.6, 62.2, 62.0. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NaNOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 478.0682, found 478.0680.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of selenoxide 6.

The compound **3a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq., 42.5 mg) and DCM (1.0 mL) were placed into an oven dried reaction tube. Then, *m*-CPBA (0.22 mmol, 2.2 eq., 38.1 mg) was added and the mixture was allowed to stir 10 min under 0 °C. After that, the mixture was allowed to stir 12 h under room temperature. After completion of the reaction, volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate) to provide ketoxime **6** (36 mg, 82% yield) as yellow solid.

2'-Phenyl-3'-(phenylseleninyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,1'-indene]-2,5-dien-4-one (6). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate) afforded the target compound as a yellow solid (36 mg, 82% yield). Mp 167-169 °C. IR 3853, 3720, 1663, 1461, 870, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.53 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.45 (m, 4H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 5H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  184.9, 155.3, 144.1, 144.0, 142.9, 140.3, 138.9, 133.7, 132.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 128.7, 128.6, 128.0, 126.5, 124.1, 124.0, 62.7. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>Se [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 465.0366, found 465.0359.

#### General procedure for the synthesis of compound 7.

To a stirred solution of **3a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 eq., 42.5 mg) in MeOH (1.0 mL) at room temperature was added CeCl<sub>3</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O (0.35 mmol, 3.5 eq., 0.131 g). After the reaction was cooled down to 0 °C, NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.25 mmol, 2.5 eq., 9.5 mg) was added to the reaction, and the reaction was stirred for 30 min, and then the reaction allowed to stir 12 h under room temperature. After completion of the reaction, volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the crude reaction mixture was directly purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate) to provide 7 (32 mg, 78% yield) as yellow oil.

*Phenyl(10-phenylphenanthren-9-yl)selane* (7). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10:1, v/v) afforded the target compound as a yellow oil (32 mg, 78% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.76 (dd, J = 11.0, 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.70 – 7.61 (m, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 5H), 7.23 (s, 2H), 7.03 (s, 5H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 146.8, 141.9, 134.3, 132.5, 132.2, 131.1, 130.7, 130.6, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 127.0, 126.7, 125.5, 122.7, 122.6. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>Se [M]<sup>+</sup> 410.0568, found 410.0567.

<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra












































































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## Single-crystal X-ray structure of 3t and 4a

The crystal of products 3t and 4a were obtained by slow evaporation in *n*-hexane and dichloromethane. The single crystal X-ray analysis determined the structure of products 3t and 4a as expected (Figure S1 and S2).



Figure S1. ORTEP illustration of compound 3t with thermal ellipsoids drawn at 50%

## probability level.

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0029 A			Wavelength=1.54184	
Cell:	a=10.2238(3	3)	b=10.1572(3)	c=21.0271(8)	
	alpha=90		beta=104.016(4)	gamma=90	
Temperature:	250 K				
		Calculated	Reported		
Volume		2118.55(12)	2118.56(13)		
Space group		P 21/n	P 1 21/n 1		
Hall group		-P 2yn	-P 2yn		
Moiety formula		C27 H20 O Se	C27 H20 O Se		
Sum formula		C27 H20 O Se	C27 H20 O Se		
Mr		439.39	439.39		
Dx,g cm-3		1.378	1.378		
Z		4	4		
Mu (mm-1)		2.501	2.501		
F000		896.0	896.0		
F000'		894.85			
h,k,lmax		12,12,26	12,12,25		

Nref	4275	4179		
Tmin,Tmax	0.759,0.779	0.789,1.000		
Tmin'	0.688			
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.789 Tmax=1.000				
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN				
Data completeness= 0.978		Theta(max)= 73.626		
R(reflections)= 0.0308( 3798)			wR2(reflections)=	
0.0838( 4179)				

S = 1.065

Npar=263



Figure S2. ORTEP illustration of compound 4a with thermal ellipsoids drawn at 50%

## probability level.

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.(	0091 A			Wavelength=0.71073
Cell:	a=26.615	5(3)	b=9.7502(10)		c=35.915(6)
	alpha=90		beta=112.221(16)		gamma=90
Temperature:	220 K				
		Calculated		Reported	
Volume		8628(2)		8628(2)	
Space group		C 2/c		C 1 2/c 1	
Hall group		-C 2yc		-C 2yc	
Moiety formula		C26 H18 O Se [+ solv	vent]	C26 H18	O Se
Sum formula		C26 H18 O Se [+ solv	vent]	C26 H18	O Se
Mr		425.36		425.36	
Dx,g cm-3		1.310		1.310	
Ζ		16		16	

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Mu (mm-1)	1.753		1.753
F000	3456.0		3456.0
F000'	3455.71		
h,k,lmax	31,11,42		31,11,42
Nref	7604		7580
Tmin,Tmax	0.810,0.854		0.579,1.000
Tmin'	0.810		
Correction method= # Repor AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN	rted T Limits: Tmin=0.579 Tn	nax=1.000	
Data completeness= 0.997			Theta(max)= 24.999
R(reflections)= 0.0634( 3699	9)		wR2(reflections)=
0.1417( 7580)			
S = 1.000		Npar = 506	