Supplementary Information

Dimethyl phosphorothioate and phosphoroselenoate ionic liquids as solvent media for cellulosic materials

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Experimental details of O,Se-dimethylphosphoroselenoate compounds

1-Allyl-3-methylimidazolium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate **1b.** 1-Allyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride (10.00 g, 63.04 mmol), sodium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (13.30 g, 63.04 mmol). Yield: 13.48 g, n_D^{20} : 1.5463, density: 1.299 g/ml. \Box_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3138, 3050, 2858, 1645, 1562, 1448, 1424, 1336, 1270, 1240, 1167, 1062, 1046, 995, 940, 736, 675, 623, 536. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.79 (1.83H, d, J=9.7 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 3.30 (1.9H, d, J=12.7 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 3.88 (2H, s, NCH₃), 4.89 (2H, d, J=6.0 Hz, NCH₂CH=CH₂), 5.28 (2H, m, NCH₂CH=CH₂), 6.01 (1H, m, NCH₂CH=CH₂), 7.83 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 7.85 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 9.53 (1H, s, NCHN) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.2 (d, J=4.5 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 35.7 (NCH₃), 50.6 (NCH₂CH=CH₂), 51.5 (d, J=6.4 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 120.0 (NCH₂CH=CH₂), 122.3 (NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 123.7, (NCHCHN) 131.9, (NCH₂CH=CH₂), 136.9 (NCHN) ppm.

1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate **2b.** 1-Butyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride (12.08 g, 57.25 mmol), sodium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (10.00 g, 57.25 mmol). Yield: 13.60 g, n_D^{20} : 1.5267, density: 1.229 g/ml.

 \Box_{max} /cm⁻¹: 3048, 2957, 2932, 2871, 1567, 1463, 1382, 1337, 1270, 1240, 1170, 1048, 901, 736, 654, 624, 535.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.85 (3H, t, J=7.5 Hz, (CH₂)₃CH₃), 1.22 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.75 (3.2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃ and P(SeCH₃), 3.29 (1.3H, d, J=12.7 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 3.87 (3H, s, NCH₃), 4.19 (2H, t, J=7 Hz, NCH₂-Pr), 7.82 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 7.90 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 9.59 (1H, s, NCHN) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.1 (d, J=4.3 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 13.3 ((CH₂)₃CH₃), 18.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 31.4 (CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 35.6 (NCH₃), 48.4 (NCH₂-Pr), 51.4 (d, J=6.4 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 122.3 (NCHCHN), 123.6 (NCHCHN), 136.89 (NCHN) ppm.

1-Methyl-3-propylimidazolium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate **3b.** 1-Methyl-3-propylimidazolium chloride (10.00 g, 62.25 mmol), sodium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (13.13 g, 62.25 mmol). Yield: 12.71 g, n_D^{20} : 1.5326, density: 1.274 g/ml.

 \Box_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3140, 3049, 2963, 2934, 2875, 1567, 1456, 1386, 1337, 1270, 1241, 1172, 1062, 1047, 901, 801, 736, 653, 624, 535.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 0.80 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.78 (2H, m, NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.79 (1.2H, d, J=9.7 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 3.29 (1.4H, d, J=12.7 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 3.87 (3H, s, NCH₃), 4.16 (2H, t, J=7.1 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 7.84 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 7.92 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 9.61 (1H, s, NCHN) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.1 (d, J=4.5 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 10.4 (NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 22.9 (NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 35.7 (NCH₃), 50.2 (NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 51.4 (d, J=5.9 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 122.3 (NCHCHN), 123.6 (NCHCHN), 136.8 (NCHN) ppm.

1-Benzyl-3-methylimidazolium *O,Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate **4b.** 1-Benzyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride (1.15 g, 5.51 mmol), sodium *O,Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (1.16 g, 5.51 mmol) were suspended in 25 ml of acetone (differing from the general synthetic procedure) and stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. Afterwards, the mixture was ultrasonicated for 2 hours, and again stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. The suspension was filtered without the Celite layer, deviant from the general synthetic procedure. The remaining sodium chloride in the filter was very stroppy, so it had to be washed seven times with acetone. After the solvent was removed with a rotary evaporator and by means of an oil pump vacuum at 80 °C (oil bath), a colourless viscous liquid was obtained. Yield: 1.17 g, n_D^{20} : 1.5832.

 \Box_{max} /cm⁻¹: 2934, 2832, 1708, 1561, 1497, 1455, 1363, 1334, 1270, 1238, 1181, 1082, 1045, 903, 822, 719, 697, 662, 624, 535. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.80 (1.7H, d, J=9.6 Hz, P(SeC*H*₃)), 3.30 (1.9H, d, J=12.8 Hz, P(OC*H*₃)), 3.86 (3H, s, NC*H*₃), 5.46 (2H, s, NC*H*₂Ph), 7.40 (5H, m, C*H*_{0,m,p}), 7.76 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 7.87 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 9.52 (1H, s, NCHN) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.2 (d, J=4.2 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 35.8 (NCH₃), 51.4 (d, J=6.2 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 51.7 (NCH₂Ph), 122.3 (NCHCHN), 124.0 (NCHCHN), 128.4 ($C_{\rm m}$), 128.7 ($C_{\rm p}$), 128.9 ($C_{\rm o}$), 135.1 ($C_{\rm i}$), 136.9 (NCHN) ppm.

1-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-3-methylimidazoliumO,Se-dimethylphosphoroselenoate5b.1-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-3-methylimidazolium chloride (1.15 g, 7.07 mmol), sodium O,Se-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (1.49 g, 7.07 mmol). Yield: 1.77 g, n_D^{20} : 1.5410.

□_{max}/cm⁻¹: 3147, 3093, 2934, 1567, 1449, 1339, 1271, 1223, 1167, 1040, 672, 743, 652, 622, 535.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.81 (2.4H, d, J=9.7 Hz, P(SeC*H*₃)), 3.30 (2.5H, d, J=12.7 Hz, P(OC*H*₃)), 3.69 (2H, t, J=4.9 Hz, NCH₂CH₂OH), 3.86 (3H, s, NC*H*₃), 4.23 (2H, t, J=5.0 Hz, NCH₂CH₂OH), 7.71 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 7.76 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 9.23 (1H, s, NCHN) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.2 (d, J=4.3 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 35.6 (NCH₃), 51.5 (d, J=5.7 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 51.5 (NCH₂CH₂OH), 59.4 (NCH₂CH₂OH), 122.7 (NCHCHN), 123.3 (NCHCHN), 137.0 (NCHN) ppm.

1-Allyl-3-butylimidazolium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate **7b.** 1-Allyl-3-butylimidazolium chloride (4.59 g, 22.9 mmol), sodium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (4.82 g, 22.9 mmol). Yield: 6.08 g, n_D²⁰: 1.5281, density: 1.21 g/ml.

 \Box_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3048, 2958, 2932, 2871, 1561, 1462, 1270, 1240, 1166, 1049, 994, 940, 735, 629, 535.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.86 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz, (CH₂)₃CH₃), 1.22 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.76 (2H, m,

CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.79 (1.76H, d, J=96 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 3.29 (1.7H, d, J=12.6 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 4.21 (2H, t, J=7.1 Hz, NCH₂-Pr), 4.89 (2H, d, J=5.7 Hz, NCH₂CH=CH₂), 5.30 (2H, m, NCH₂CH=CH₂), 6.05 (1H, m, NCH₂CH=CH₂), 7.83 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 7.94 (1H, s, NCHCHN), 9.62 (1H, s, NCHN) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 3.1 (d, J=4.1 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 13.3 ((CH₂)₃CH₃), 18.8 (CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 31.4 (CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 48.5 (CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 50.7 (NCH₂CH=CH₂), 51.4 (d, J=5.9 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 120.0 (NCH₂CH=CH₂), 122.5 (NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 122.6 (NCHCHN), 131.9 (NCH₂CH=CH₂), 136.4 (NCHN) ppm.

1-Butyl-3-methylpyridinium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate **8b.** 1-Butyl-3-methylpyridinium chloride (10.00 g, 53.85 mmol), sodium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (11.36 g, 53.85 mmol). Yield: 15.19 g, n_D^{20} : 1.5502, density: 1.256 g/ml.

 \Box_{max}/cm^{-1} : 3010, 2957, 2931, 2872, 1633, 1505, 1465, 1505, 1465, 1384, 1269, 1242, 1158, 1048, 919, 814, 733, 690, 532. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.88 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz, (CH₂)₃CH₃), 1.27 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.79 (1.7H, d, J=9.5 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 1.88 (2H, m, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 2.50 (3H, s, CCH₃), 3.29 (1.9H, d, J=12.7 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 4.61 (2H, t, J=7.3 Hz, NCH₂-Pr), 8.06 (1H, t, J=6.9 Hz, NCHCHCHC), 8.47 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, NCHCHCHC), 9.09 (1H, d, 5.5 Hz, NCHCHCHC), 9.21 (1H, s, NCHC) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.1 (d, J=4.6 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 13.3 ((CH₂)₃CH₃), 17.8 (CCH₃), 18.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 32.7 (CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃), 51.4 (d, J=6.2 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 60.2 (NCH₂-Pr), 127.3 (NCHCHCHC), 138.7 (NCHC), 142.1 (NCHCHCHC), 144.4 (NCHCHCHC), 145.7 (NCHC) ppm.

1-Methyl-1-propylpyrrolidinium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate **9b.** 1-Methyl-1-propylpyrrolidinium chloride (7.76 g, 47.4 mmol), sodium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (10.00 g, 47.40 mmol). Yield: 9.20 g, mp: 40-46°C.

 $\Box_{max}/cm^{-1}: 3004, 2962, 2877, 1459, 1270, 1246, 1049, 1006, 976, 943, 905, 731, 532.$

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 0.87 (3H, t, J=7.3 Hz, NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.69 (2H, m, NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 1.78 (2.2H, d, J=9.5 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 2.05 (4H, s, CH₂), 3.00 (3H, s, NCH₃), 3.27 (2.6H, d, J=12.7 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 3.32 (2H, m, NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 3.49 (4H, broad s, NCH₂) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.1 (d, J=4.5 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 10.7 (NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 16.6 (NCH₂CH₂CH₃), 21.1 (2C, CH₂), 47.3 (NCH₃), 51.3 (d, J=6.0 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 63.3 (2C, NCH₂), 64.3 (NCH₂) ppm.

4-Ethyl-4-methylmorpholinium O, Se-dimethylphosphoroselenoate 10b.

4-Ethyl-4-methylmorpholinum chloride (8.07 g, 48.7 mmol), sodium *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (10.28 g, 48.74 mmol). Yield: 11.87 g.

 \Box_{max} /cm⁻¹: 2972, 2881, 1462, 1303, 1270, 1242, 1183, 1130, 1108, 1090, 1045, 953, 883, 847, 815, 732, 622, 533.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 1.22 (3H, t, J=7.0 Hz, NCH₂CH₃), 1.78 (1.2H, d, J=9.5 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 3.14 (3H, s, NCH₃), 3.27 (1.4H, d, J=12.6 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 3.44 (4H, s, N(CH₂CH₂)₂O), 3.58 (2H, q, J=7.2 Hz, NCH₂CH₃), 3.89 (4H, s, N(CH₂CH₂)₂O) ppm.

¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 3.2 (d, J=4.4 Hz, P(SeCH₃)), 6.9 (NCH₂CH₃), 45.2 (NCH₃), 51.6 (d, J=5.8 Hz, P(OCH₃)), 58.4 (2C, N(CH₂CH₂)₂O), 59.2 (NCH₂CH₃), 59.8 (2C, N(CH₂CH₂)₂O) ppm.

4-Ethyl-4-methylmorpholinium chloride [6343-87-9]. 3 ml of hydrochloric acid (37 %, 97.92 mmol) were added to a solution of 4-ethyl-4-methylmorpholinum methyl carbonate [947601-93-6] in methanol (50 w/w-%, 20.00 g, 48.72 mmol) and stirred at room temperature. As soon as the gas evolution had ceased, the mixture was heated to 100 °C by means of an oil bath and stirred for an additional hour. Subsequently, all volatile compounds were removed by means of a rotary vane oil pump. The residual gelatinous paste was dissolved in 30 ml of acetonitrile and dried again by applying vacuum. Yield 7.93 g (47.8 mmol, 98.3 %). The product was immediately subjected to metathesis to give the respective O,S-dimethylphosphorothioate and O,Se-dimethylphosphoroselenoate ILs.

Thermogravimetric analysis:



Fig. S1 Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of imdazolium (left) and non-imidazolium (right) *O*,*Se*-dimethylphosphoroselenoate (dmpSe)-ILs.

Moisture sorption analysis:

The left figure shows the weight change as a function of time upon stepwise in- and decrease of relative humidity (r.H.). The right figure depicts the same data as sorption isotherm (the X indicates that the system did not reach the equilibrium state within the measurement interval).



Fig. S2 1-Allyl-3-methylimidazolium O,S-dimethylphosphorothioate AMIM dmpt (1a).



Fig. S3 1-Methyl-3-propylimidazolium O,S-dimethylphosphorothioate MPIM dmpt (3a).



Fig. S4 1-Benzyl-3-methylimidazolium O,S-dimethylphosphorothioate BnMIM dmpt (4a).



Fig. S5 1-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-3-methylimidazolium *O*,*S*-dimethylphosphorothioate (HOEt)MIM dmpt (5a).



Fig. S6 1-Allyl-3-butylimidazolium *O*,*S*-dimethylphosphorothioate ABIM dmpt (7a).



Fig. S7 1-Butyl-3-methylpyridinium *O*,*S*-dimethylphosphorothioate BMPy dmpt (8a).



Fig. S8 1-Methyl-1-propylpyrrolidinium *O*,*S*-dimethylphosphorothioate MPPyrr dmpt (9a).



Fig. S9 1-Ethyl-1-methylmorpholinium *O*,*S*-dimethylphosphorothioate EMMorph dmpt (10a).