A New Selena-Aza-Payne-Type Rearrangement of Aziridinylmethyl Tosylates Mediated by Tetraselenotungstate

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Tetraselenotungstate 1 reacts with simple (*N*-tosylaziridinyl)methyl tosylate derivatives to give allylamine derivatives as the only products by an unprecedented selena-aza-Paynetype rearrangement. When the methodology is extended to disubstituted (*N*-tosylaziridinyl)methyl tosylates, regio- and stereospecific ring-opening of the aziridines occurs to afford allylamine derivatives as the major products and cyclic fivemembered diselenides as the minor products in good yields under mild reaction conditions without using any Lewis acid or base.

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Introduction

Intramolecular nucleophilic displacement of aziridines/epoxides with oxygen (Payne rearrangement),^[1] nitrogen (aza-Payne),^[2] sulfur (thia-Payne),^[1c,3] selenium^[4] and tellurium nucleophiles^[5] are well demonstrated in the literature (Scheme 1). Ring-opening of aziridines with nucleophiles and subsequent reaction manipulation have found wide-spread application in the synthesis of biologically important acyclic and cyclic compounds.^[6] We recently reported a



Scheme 1. Different types of Payne rearrangement.

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thia-aza-Payne-type rearrangement of aziridinylmethyl tosylate derivatives using benzyltriethylammonium tetrathiomolybdate.^[7]

In continuation of our work on the use of tetraethylammonium tetraselenotungstate^[8] ($[Et_4N]_2WSe_4$, 1) as an efficient selenium transfer reagent, it was of interest to study



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Scheme 2. New selena-aza-Payne-type rearrangement.



Scheme 3. Selena-aza-Payne-type rearrangement of aziridinylmethyl tosylates.

the ring-opening of (*N*-tosylaziridinyl)methyl tosylate derivatives using tetraselenotungstate 1.^[9] We found that (*N*-tosylaziridinyl)methyl tosylates undergo an unusual rearrangement with 1 to give allylamine derivatives with excellent regio- and stereocontrol (Scheme 2).

In this article we report the results of regio- and stereospecific nucleophilic ring-openings of aziridinylmethyl tosylate derivatives 2 with 1 to afford a number of allylamine derivatives 3 (by a selena-aza-Payne-type rearrangement) in good yields as the major products, together with cyclic diselenides 4 as the minor products (Scheme 3). The overall result of this rearrangement is that nitrogen migration occurs from C2/C3 to the C1 carbon atom to form the allylamine derivative through the formation of a selenirane intermediate. This rearrangement is totally different from the well-known Payne,^[1] aza-Payne,^[2] thia-Payne^[3] and telluride-mediated^[5] rearrangements reported in the literature so far. In all the previously reported cases,^[1-5] leaving groups such as tosylate or mesylate undergo reaction first, followed by aziridine ring-opening to give 2-substituted allylamine or allyl alcohol derivatives, whereas in the present case the ring-opening of the aziridine takes place first, followed by the reaction of the tosylate to give 2,3-disubstituted allylamine derivatives 3 as the major products and cyclic fivemembered diselenides 4 as the minor products (Scheme 3).

Results and Discussion

Ring-Opening of Mono- and 2,2-Disubstituted (*N*-Tosylaziridinyl)methyl Tosylates with 1

Treatment of simple (\pm)-aziridinylmethyl tosylate **2a**^[10] with tetraselenotungstate **1** (1.1 equiv., CH₃CN, 28 °C, 7 h) led to the formation of allylamine derivative^[11] **3a** as the only product in almost quantitative yield. In the reaction of the 2,2-disubstituted aziridinylmethyl tosylate **2b**, allylamine derivative **3b** was also the only product (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4. Ring-opening of mono- and 2,2-disubstituted aziridinylmethyl tosylates with **1**.

Ring-Opening of 2,3-Disubstituted (*N*-Tosylaziridinyl) methyl Tosylates with 1

In order to address the issue of whether the reaction of **1** takes place at the tosylate first or the aziridine ring opens first, and also to assess the regio- and stereospecificity of aziridine ring-opening, this methodology was then extended to the reaction of the *trans*-2,3-disubstituted aziridinylmeth-yl tosylate^[5b,12] **2c** with **1** (1.1 equiv., CH₃CN, 28 °C, 11 h). This led to the formation of the *trans*-allylamine derivative **3c** as the major product and the cyclic diselenide **4c** as the minor product (4:1) with excellent regio- and stereocontrol (Scheme 5).



Scheme 5. Regio- and stereospecific ring-opening of aziridinylmethyl tosylate **2c** with **1**.



Table 1. Synthesis of trans-allylamine and cyclic diselenide derivatives.



Scheme 6. Ring-opening of *cis*-aziridinylmethyl tosylates 2g and 2h with 1.

Subsequently, the reactions between 1 and a number of *trans*-2,3-disubstituted aziridinylmethyl tosylates (2d-2f) were studied, and in all the cases the reactions proceeded smoothly to give the *trans*-allylamine derivatives (3d-3f) as the major products and the cyclic diselenides (4d-4f) as the minor products, with excellent regio- and stereocontrol (Table 1).



Scheme 7. Ring-opening of *cis*-aziridinylmethyl tosylate 2i with 1.



Figure 1. X-ray CAMERON diagram of compound 4i.

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The reaction between the *cis*-2,3-disubstituted aziridinylmethyl tosylate 2g and 1 (1.1 equiv., CH₃CN, 28 °C, 13 h) led to the formation of a mixture of allylamine derivatives 3g and 3g' as major products and the cyclic diselenide 4gas the minor product (2:2:1). Similarly, 2h gave 3h, 3h' and 4h in 2:2:1 ratio on treatment with 1 (Scheme 6).

The *cis*-2,3-disubstituted aziridinylmethyl tosylate **2i** failed to undergo the rearrangement, but gave the cyclic diselenide **4i** as the only product in 50% yield (Scheme 7). The regio- and stereochemical outcome of the reaction was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis of compound **4i**^[13] (Figure 1).

Ring-Opening of 2,3,3-Trisubstituted (*N*-Tosylaziridinyl)methyl Tosylate 2j with 1

The reaction between the 2,3,3-trisubstituted aziridinylmethyl tosylate 2j and 1 (1.1 equiv., CH₃CN, 28 °C, 8 h) furnished the tertiary allylamine derivative 3j as the major product in good yield, together with the cyclic diselenide 4j



Scheme 8. Ring-opening of the trisubstituted aziridinylmethyl tosylate 2j with 1.

(4:1) as the minor product (Scheme 8). The structure of cyclic diselenide $4j^{[14]}$ was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis (Figure 2).



Figure 2. X-ray PLATON diagram of compound 4j.

Tentative Mechanism of the Selena-Aza-Payne Type Rearrangement

A tentative mechanism for the formation of products **3** and **4**, based on the results of this investigation, is presented in Scheme 9. In the course of this selena-aza-Payne-type re-



Scheme 9. Tentative mechanism for the formation of 3 and 4.



arrangement to form 3, nitrogen migration occurs from C2/ C3 to the C1 position, with the elimination of elemental selenium from selenirane intermediate X_3 under the given reaction conditions.^[4] During the formation of 3, the reaction follows Path a in all the substrates, except in the case of 2j. In Path a, tetraselenotungstate 1 attacks the aziridine at C3 in an S_N 2 fashion to give intermediate X_1 , which can further undergo two types of reactions, along Path a_1 or Path a_2 . In Path a_1 , intramolecular displacement of a tosyl (OTs) group by a nitrogen nucleophile would give a new aziridine intermediate X_2 , which would be followed by ringopening of the newly formed aziridine by the selenium nucleophile to give selenirane intermediate X_3 with the elimination of WSe3 as the byproduct, with X3 finally undergoing elimination of selenium to give allylamine derivatives 3 (observed experimentally) under the given reaction conditions (Path a_1). In Path a_2 , intramolecular displacement of the tosyl group by the selenium nucleophile would give the six-membered intermediate X_4 , which could undergo Se–Se bond formation by an internal redox process^[15] with the elimination of WSe₂ as byproduct to give the cyclic diselenide derivatives 4 (observed experimentally).

The reaction between compound 2j and 1 appears to follow Path **b** exclusively. In Path **b**, tetraselenotungstate 1 at-



Figure 3. The three molecules in the asymmetric unit of compound **4i**.



X-ray Crystallographic Studies of Compounds 4i and 4j

Single crystals of cyclic diselenides **4i** and **4j** were grown at room temperature and under ambient pressure by slow concentration of their dilute solutions in chloroform and



Figure 5. The pseudoaxial conformer of **4j** forms a centrosymmetric dimer through N–H···O hydrogen bonding.



Figure 4. CAMERON diagram of compound 4j showing two conformers in the asymmetric unit.



Figure 6. The pseudoequatorial conformer of 4j forms a hexamer through N-H…O hydrogen bonding and Se…Se interaction.

methanol mixtures. In each case a crystal of suitable size and well-defined morphology was selected from the batch obtained and was then mounted inside a Lindemann capillary. Common features of the crystal analyses are that all compounds crystallize in the anhydrous state and that N-H···O hydrogen bonds are responsible for the supramolecular assembly of the molecules.

In compound **4i**, there are three molecules in the asymmetric unit, in which molecules A and B exist in similar conformations (i.e., tosyl group and propyl groups are *cis* to each other), whereas in the case of molecule C, tosyl and propyl groups are *trans* to each other as shown in Figure 3.

Interestingly, in compound 4j we observed that there are two conformers present in the asymmetric unit. In one conformer the *N*-substituent exists in a pseudoaxial position, while in the other it exists in a pseudoequatorial position, as shown in Figure 4.

In the X-ray structure of **4j**, the pseudoaxial conformer forms a dimer through intermolecular N–H···O (N2– H2A···O4: 2.271 Å; 142.44°) hydrogen bonding with another pseudoaxial conformer (Figure 5), whereas the pseudoequatorial conformer forms a hexamer through both intermolecular N–H···O (N1–H1···O2: 2.291 Å; 130.17°) hydrogen bonding and Se···Se (Se3···Se3: 3.423 Å; 149.99°) interaction with other pseudoequatorial conformers as shown in Figure 6.

Conclusions

We have shown that (N-tosylaziridinyl)methyl tosylates undergo a new type of selena-aza-Payne rearrangement with 1 to give allylamine derivatives as the major products and cyclic diselenides as the minor products with good regio- and stereocontrol. Reasonable mechanisms for the formation of the products have been postulated. The ready availability of aziridines both in racemic and in optically pure form and the ease and effectiveness of this methodology should make this a useful addition for the synthesis of allylamine derivatives with excellent regio- and stereocontrol.

Experimental Section

General Experimental Procedures: All reactions were performed in oven-dried apparatus, and reaction mixtures were stirred magnetically. Melting points reported are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded using an FT-IR instrument and the frequencies are reported in wave number (cm⁻¹). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a 300 MHz/400 MHz and 75 MHz/100 MHz spectrometer, respectively. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from the internal reference (tetramethylsilane). Multiplicity is indicated using the following abbreviations: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quint (quintet), m (multiplet), br (broad). Coupling constants are reported wherever necessary in Hertz (Hz). Mass spectra were recorded with a Q-TOF electrospray instrument.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of (*N*-Tosylaziridinyl)methyl Tosylates:^[5,10] Pyridine (0.17 mL, 2.1 mmol), DMAP (10 mg, 0.08 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (0.270 g, 1.4 mmol) were added at -15 °C to a solution of the appropriate aziridinyl-methanol^[7,12] (0.68 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). After stirring at -15 °C for 24 h, the solution was diluted with diethyl ether (50 mL) and washed with water, HCl (1 M), saturated NaHCO₃ and water. The organic phase was dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. Chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc/hexanes 20%) gave the corresponding tosylates **2** in high purity.

Compound 2b: $R_{\rm f} = 0.60$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.281 g, 91%; m.p. 90 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4 H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.03 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.93 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.61 (s, 1 H), 2.46 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.37 (s, 1 H), 1.67 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.2$, 144.4, 136.9, 132.5, 129.9, 129.6,



127.9, 127.5, 72.9, 46.6, 39.0, 21.7, 21.6, 15.9 ppm. IR (neat): \tilde{v}_{max} = 1596, 1367, 1321, 1161, 972, 832, 670 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁NO₅S₂ [M + Na]⁺ 418.0759; found 418.0766.

Compound 2c: $R_{\rm f} = 0.65$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.210 g, 78%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 4 H), 4.17 (dd, J = 11.0, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.04–2.99 (m, 1 H), 2.79–2.71 (m, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 6 H), 1.56 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.1$, 144.3, 137.0, 132.4, 129.8, 129.5, 127.8, 127.4, 68.4, 45.0, 43.6, 21.7, 21.6, 14.1 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}_{\rm max} = 1597$, 1495, 1453, 1361, 1324, 1177, 1092, 970, 815, 709, 685, 664 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁NO₅S₂ [M + Na]⁺ 418.0759; found 418.0768.

Compound 2d: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.218 g, 76%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.26 (dd, J = 11.4, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.4, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.98–2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.73–2.67 (m, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.85–1.63 (m, 2 H), 1.46–1.23 (m, 2 H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.1$, 144.3, 136.7, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 127.9, 127.5, 68.0, 47.5, 44.9, 30.9, 21.6, 21.5, 20.6, 13.5 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 1597$, 1365, 1323, 1160, 966, 814, 693 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₅NO₅S₂ [M + Na]⁺ 446.1072; found 446.1086.

Compound 2e: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.213 g, 72%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.27 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.14 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.98–2.93 (m, 1 H), 2.71–2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.77–1.70 (m, 2 H), 1.29–1.27 (m, 4 H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.1$, 144.3, 136.7, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 127.9, 127.5, 127.4, 68.0, 47.7, 44.9, 29.4, 28.8, 22.0, 21.6, 21.5, 13.8 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 1597$, 1364, 1324, 1160, 1094, 965, 814, 693, 667 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₂₁H₂₇NO₅S₂ [M + Na]⁺ 460.1228; found 460.1239.

Compound 2f: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.184 g, 60%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.27 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (dd, J = 10.2, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.69 (dd, J = 10.2, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.74–1.69 (m, 1 H), 1.28–1.24 (m, 7 H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.1$, 144.3, 136.7, 132.4, 129.9, 129.5, 127.8, 127.5, 67.9, 47.7, 44.9, 31.0, 29.0, 26.9, 22.3, 21.6, 21.5, 13.8 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 1597$, 1365, 1325, 1160, 1095, 969, 814, 693, 666 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₂₂H₂₉NO₅S₂ [M + Na]⁺ 474.1385; found 474.1385.

Compound 2g: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.188 g, 70%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.76$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.68 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4 H), 3.99 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.03–2.92 (m, 2 H), 2.45 (s, 6 H), 1.17 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.2$, 144.8, 134.5, 132.3, 129.9, 129.7, 127.8, 65.9, 40.7, 38.9, 21.6, 11.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 1592$, 1371, 1331, 1168, 966, 835, 671 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for $C_{18}H_{21}NO_5S_2$ [M + Na]⁺ 418.0759; found 418.0759.

Compound 2h: $R_{\rm f} = 0.65$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.232 g, 68%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.28–7.21 (m, 9 H), 4.38 (brs, 2 H), 4.09 (dd, J = 11.4, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.99 (dd, J = 11.4, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.49 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.15–3.04 (m, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.1$, 144.9, 137.2, 133.9, 132.1, 129.8, 129.6, 128.3, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 72.9, 66.3, 65.9, 41.6, 39.9,

21.5 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 1597, 1366, 1330, 1189, 1093, 972, 815, 727, 666 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for <math>C_{25}H_{27}NO_6S_2$ [M + Na]⁺ 524.1177; found 524.1191.

Compound 2i: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.186 g, 65%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 4 H), 3.99 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2 H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.86 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (s, 6 H), 1.44–1.17 (m, 4 H), 0.84 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.2$, 144.8, 134.3, 132.2, 129.9, 129.6, 127.9, 127.8, 66.1, 43.6, 40.8, 28.6, 21.6, 20.4, 13.5 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 1597$, 1366, 1328, 1161, 1092, 975, 815, 720, 667 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₂₀H₂₅NO₅S₂ [M + Na]⁺ 446.1072; found 446.1081.

Compound 2j: $R_{\rm f} = 0.60$ (EtOAc/hexanes, 3:7). Yield: 0.183 g, 66%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.02 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.86 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.22 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 145.1$, 144.0, 137.5, 132.3, 129.9, 129.5, 127.8, 127.3, 67.3, 51.2, 48.1, 21.6, 21.5, 21.2, 20.8 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 1595$, 1366, 1326, 965, 816, 682, 665 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₉H₂₃NO₅S₂ [M + Na]⁺ 432.0915; found 432.0927.

General Procedure for the Selena-Aza-Payne-Type Rearrangement: Tetraselenotungstate 1 (0.417 g, 0.55 mmol) was added in one portion to a well-stirred solution of the appropriate aziridinylmethyl tosylate 2 (0.50 mmol) in CH₃CN (7 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature (28 °C) for the given time (7–13 h). The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the black residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂/Et₂O (1:5, 3×10 mL) and filtered through a Celite pad. The filtrate was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and toluene (2%) as eluent to give the corresponding allylamine derivatives **3** and cyclic diselenides **4** in good yields.

Compound 3a: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.100 g, 95%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.76–5.65 (m, 1 H), 5.17 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.09 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.84 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.58 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.4$, 136.8, 132.9, 129.7, 127.1, 117.6, 45.7, 21.5 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{\nu}_{\rm max} = 3283$, 1429, 1323, 1159, 1093, 814, 666 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₀H₁₃NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 234.0565; found 234.0568.

Compound 3b: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.104 g, 92%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.76$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 4.93 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.47 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.68 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.3$, 140.4, 136.8, 129.6, 127.0, 112.6, 48.9, 21.4, 20.0 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 3284$, 1446, 1324, 1159, 1093, 813, 662 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 248.0721; found 248.0718.

Compound 3c: $R_{\rm f} = 0.60$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.072 g, 64%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.75$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.61–5.51 (m, 1 H), 2.63 (s, 1 H), 5.37–5.30 (m, 1 H), 4.45 (brs, 3 H), 3.50 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.60 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.4$, 136.9, 129.8, 129.6, 127.1, 125.6, 45.3, 21.5, 17.6 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 3283$, 1434, 1324, 1159, 1093, 814, 660 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 248.0721; found 248.0718.

Compound 4c: $R_{\rm f} = 0.65$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.031 g, 16%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.78$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.33

(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.69 (m, 1 H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 143.8, 138.1, 129.9, 126.9, 66.2, 51.9, 34.6, 22.8, 21.6 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 360.4, 205.4 ppm. IR (neat): \tilde{v}_{max} = 3275, 1333, 1159, 1092, 1040, 814, 658 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 407.9052; found 407.9058.

Compound 3d: $R_{\rm f} = 0.65$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.082 g, 65%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.75$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.59–5.48 (m, 1 H), 5.36–5.26 (m, 1 H), 4.39 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.93 (q, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 1.37–1.22 (m, 2 H), 0.84 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.4$, 137.0, 134.9, 129.7, 127.1, 124.5, 45.4, 34.1, 22.0, 21.5, 13.6 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3283$, 1325, 1159, 1094, 813, 667 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 276.1034; found 276.1040.

Compound 4d: $R_f = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.031 g, 15%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.78$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.20 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.73 (brd, J = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.52–3.48 (m, 1 H), 3.19 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.6 Hz, 3 H), 3.07 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.53–1.21 (m, 4 H), 0.83 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.8$, 138.2, 129.9, 64.9, 58.9, 38.1, 35.3, 21.5, 21.4, 13.4 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 330.2$, 203.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3278$, 1334, 1160, 1095, 816, 672 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 435.9365; found 435.9386.

Compound 3e: $R_f = 0.65$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.092 g, 69%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.76$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.59–5.49 (m, 1 H), 5.34–5.22 (m, 1 H), 4.67 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (dt, J = 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.93–191 (m, 2 H), 1.27–1.21 (m, 4 H), 0.65 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.3$, 137.0, 134.9, 129.6, 127.1, 124.2, 45.3, 34.7, 30.9, 22.0, 21.4, 13.8 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3282$, 1326, 1168, 1094, 813, 664 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₄H₂₁NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 290.1191; found 290.1190.

Compound 4e: $R_f = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.036 g, 17%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.78$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.23 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.50–3.45 (m, 1 H), 3.20 (dd, J = 11.1, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.08 (dd, J = 11.1, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.57–1.35 (m, 3 H), 1.28–1.19 (m, 3 H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.8$, 138.1, 129.9, 126.9, 64.9, 59.1, 35.7, 35.3, 30.4, 21.9, 21.5, 13.8 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 331.9$, 205.1 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} =$ 3281, 1336, 1165, 1094, 817, 673 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₄H₂₁NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 449.9521; found 449.9549.

Compound 3f: $R_{\rm f} = 0.65$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.089 g, 64%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.75$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.59–5.49 (m, 1 H), 5.34–5.25 (m, 1 H), 4.48 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.95–1.89 (m, 2 H), 1.31–1.16 (m, 6 H), 0.66 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.3$, 137.1, 135.2, 129.6, 127.1, 124.2, 45.4, 32.0, 31.2, 28.5, 22.4, 21.5, 13.9 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3279$, 1326, 1159, 1094, 813, 665 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₅H₂₃NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 304.1347; found 304.1343.

Compound 4f: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.035 g, 16%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.78$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.21 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.75–4.69 (m, 1 H), 3.51–3.45 (m, 1 H), 3.20 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.08 (dd, J = 10.8, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.54–1.35 (m, 2 H), 1.32–1.13 (m, 6 H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃):

δ = 143.8, 138.2, 129.9, 126.9, 64.9, 59.2, 35.9, 35.3, 31.0, 21.5, 13.9 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 332.2, 205.5 ppm. IR (neat): \tilde{v}_{max} = 3275, 1337, 1159, 1092, 814, 659 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₅H₂₃NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 463.9678; found 463.9680.

Compounds 3g and 3g': $R_f = 0.65$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.063 g, 56%. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77-7.74$ (m, 4 H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 4 H), 5.63–5.25 (m, 2 H), 5.05 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.96 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.93–3.86 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.54 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.4$, 143.2, 138.9, 137.9, 136.9, 129.6, 128.8, 127.2, 127.1, 115.1, 51.6, 39.8, 21.5, 21.4, 12.8 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3283$, 1456, 1166, 1092, 817, 651 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 248.0721; found 248.0725.

Compound 4g: $R_{\rm f} = 0.65$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.027 g, 14%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 5.21 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.97–4.73 (m, 1 H), 3.99–3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.21 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.84 (dd, J = 10.6, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.5$, 138.3, 129.5, 126.1, 62.7, 53.7, 35.4, 23.3, 21.5 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 245.3$, 297.6 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3280$, 1335, 1163, 1096, 1039, 816, 654 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 407.9052; found 407.9056.

Compound 3h: $R_{\rm f} = 0.65$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.051 g, 31%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.70$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.37–7.26 (m, 7 H), 5.72–5.65 (m, 1 H), 5.54–5.46 (m, 1 H), 4.43 (s, 2 H), 3.95 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2 H), 3.59 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.4$, 137.7, 136.8, 130.0, 129.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.7, 127.1, 72.5, 65.4, 40.3, 21.5 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 3279$, 1597, 1330, 1160, 1093, 814, 699, 665 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for $C_{18}H_{21}NO_2S$ [M + Na]⁺ 354.1140; found 354.1125.

Compound 3h': $R_f = 0.60$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.052 g, 32%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.71$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.37–7.21 (m, 7 H), 5.75–5.63 (m, 1 H), 5.19–5.07 (m, 2 H), 5.01 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.40 (s, 3 H), 3.96–3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.44–3.35 (m, 2 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.2$, 137.6, 137.4, 135.1, 129.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 117.4, 73.1, 71.7, 55.7, 21.5 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3284$, 1328, 1160, 1091, 815, 666 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for $C_{18}H_{21}NO_2S$ [M + Na]⁺ 354.1140; found 354.1146.

Compound 4h: $R_f = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.036 g, 15%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.76$ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.39–7.28 (m, 7 H), 5.43 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.92–4.86 (m, 1 H), 4.45 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.04 (dt, J = 9.9, 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.89 (dd, J = 9.9, 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.61 (dd, J = 9.9, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.23 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.8$, 137.9, 137.4, 129.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.7, 126.9, 73.5, 69.3, 60.9, 53.4, 35.9, 21.6 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 287.0$, 212.3 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{max} = 3281$, 1335, 1157, 1093, 812, 663 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₈H₂₁NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 513.9470; found 513.9486.

Compound 4i: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.103 g, 50%; m.p. 128 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.79$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.23 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.82 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.87–3.81 (m, 1 H), 3.17 (dd, J = 10.0, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (dd, J = 11.1, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.83– 1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.33–1.21 (m, 2 H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.7$, 138.3, 129.8, 126.9, 62.1,



56.9, 36.0, 32.0, 23.8, 21.5, 13.9 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 281.1, 217.8 ppm. IR (neat): \tilde{v}_{max} = 3274, 1332, 1155, 1091, 812, 669 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₃H₁₉NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 435.9365; found 435.9370.

Compound 3j: $R_{\rm f} = 0.70$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.084 g, 70%. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.78 (dd, J = 17.3, 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.09 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.06 (s, 1 H), 4.94 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 1.29 (s, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.5$, 142.8, 140.1, 129.3, 127.1, 112.7, 57.1, 27.7, 21.4 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 3274$, 1323, 1147, 1093, 664 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₂H₁₇NO₂S [M + Na]⁺ 262.0878; found 262.0876.

Compound 4j: $R_{\rm f} = 0.75$ (EtOAc/toluene, 3:7). Yield: 0.036 g, 18%; m.p. 139 °C. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.78$ (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.32 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 5.08 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.27– 4.21 (m, 1 H), 3.26 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (dd, J = 10.6, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 1.59 (s, 3 H), 1.47 (s, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 143.7$, 138.2, 129.9, 126.9, 69.3, 62.3, 33.7, 30.7, 23.4, 21.6 ppm. ⁷⁷Se NMR (76 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 419.8$, 219.6 ppm. IR (neat): $\tilde{v}_{\rm max} = 3275$, 1333, 1158, 1091, 813, 670 cm⁻¹. HR-MS: calcd. for C₁₂H₁₇NO₂SSe₂ [M + Na]⁺ 421.9208; found 421.9248.

CCDC-292063 (4i) and -292057 (4j) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Supporting Information (see footnote on the first page of this article): Copies of ¹H, ¹³C and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of all the new compounds.

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- [14] Crystal structure data for compound **4j**: Crystal system: monoclinic, space group: $P\bar{1}$, cell parameters: a = 23.244(14), b = 17.470(11), c = 7.518(5) Å, $\beta = 90.471(12)^{\circ}$, V = 3053(3) Å³, Z = 8, $\rho_{calcd.} = 1.73$ g cm⁻³, F(000) = 1568, $\mu = 4.975$ mm⁻¹, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å. Total number of least-squares parameters = 331. $R_1 = 0.043$ for 6355 $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ and 0.078 for all 23643 data. $wR_2 = 0.104$, GOF = 1.013, restrained GOF = 1.013 for all data.
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