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## METAL TRIFLATE-CATALYZED Se-Se BOND CLEAVAGE AND THE SELECTIVE ADDITIONS UNDER MILD CONDITIONS

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**GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT** 



Abstract Metal triflate-catalyzed Se-Se bond cleavage would generate selenyl cations, which could add to activated C=C double bond selectively. The reaction conditions were mild and could be easily handled. The cleavage of Se-Se bond in this novel way under mild conditions might expand the view of organic synthesis and facilitate new synthetic strategies.

Keywords Allenes; electrophilic addition; regioselectivity; selenium; stereoselectivity

Selenium-containing organic compounds have attracted chemists' attention for a long period because of their wide applications in organic synthesis and their activity in bioorganic chemistry.<sup>[1]</sup> Ordinarily, the free radical additions or transition metalcatalyzed additions of diphenyldiselenide to unsaturated organic compounds are convenient methods of introducing selenium atoms.<sup>[2]</sup> Besides these methods. recently we have found that Lewis acids could also catalyze Se-Se bond cleavage. Because of the totally different mechanisms, the Lewis acid-catalyzed additions of diphenyldiselenide might bring quite different results. The Lewis acid-catalyzed addition of diphenyldiselenide to methylenecyclopropanes (MCPs) leads to cyclobutane-1,1-diylbis(phenylselane) derivatives,<sup>[3]</sup> which are different from the products of free radical addition (Scheme 1).<sup>[2h,2k]</sup> Encouraged by previous works, we are interested in investigating the Lewis acid-catalyzed additions of diphenyldiselenide to other activated olefins.

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Scheme 1. Reaction of MCPs with PhSeSePh under different conditions.

Allenes are a kind of organic compounds that have attracted attentions from chemists for years.<sup>[4]</sup> Containing cumulated carbon–carbon double bonds, allenes are highly activated and could undergo a variety of reactions with high selectivity under mild conditions. These include electrophilic additions,<sup>[5]</sup> free radical additions,<sup>[6]</sup> transition metal–catalyzed reactions,<sup>[7]</sup> and so on. Herein, we report the Lewis acid–catalyzed addition of diphenyldiselenide to allenes.

We initially investigated the reaction of 1-phenylallene (1a) with diphenyldiselenide catalyzed by TiCl<sub>4</sub> at -75 °C to rt. However, no desired adduct was observed (Table 1, entry 1). Metal triflates are a kind of Lewis acids that could catalyze a variety of reactions under mild conditions.<sup>[8]</sup> Therefore, we tried to employ Cu(OTf)<sub>2</sub> as Lewis acid catalyst. After stirring in dichloromethane (DCM) for 9 h, the regioselective 2,3-adduct **2a** could be separated in 21% yield with poor stereoselectivity

Table 1. Addition of PhSeSePh to 1-phenylallene (1a) catalyzed by different Lewis acids<sup>a</sup>

Ph = + PhSeSePh  $\xrightarrow{LA, DCM, N_2}$  Ph

SePh

	1a	2a			
Entry	$LA^b$	Temperature	Time $(h)^c$	Yield of <b>2a</b> $(Z/E)^d$	
1	TiCl <sub>4</sub>	−75°C to rt	Overnight	0	
2	$Cu(OTf)_2$	rt	9	21 (63/37)	
3	$Zn(OTf)_2$	rt	24	36 (82/18)	
4	$Co(OTf)_2$	rt	24	37 (81/19)	
5	$Be(OTf)_2$	rt	10	Trace	
6	Mg(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	rt	10	44 (74/26)	
7	Y(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	rt	24	56 (79/21)	
8	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	rt	30	58 (90/10)	
9	Sm(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	rt	20	58 (78/22)	

<sup>*a*</sup>0.24 mmol of **1a** (20% excess), 0.2 mmol of PhSeSePh, and 1 mL of DCM were employed. The dosage of LA was 0.5 equiv in entry 1 and 0.2 equiv in entries 2 to 9.

 $^{b}LA = Lewis$  acid.

<sup>c</sup>The reaction was monitored by TLC (eluent: petroleum ether).

<sup>d</sup>Isolated yields based on PhSeSePh. Z/E ratio was calculated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.



Scheme 2. Configuration of Z-2a.

(Z/E=63/37), Table 1, entry 2). The configuration of **2a** was established by the nuclear overhauser effect spectroscopy (NOESY) spectrum studies (Scheme 2). Further screening demonstrated that the stereoselectivity could be obviously enhanced when Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, Co(OTf)<sub>2</sub>, or Mg(OTf)<sub>2</sub> was employed (Table 1, entries 3, 4, and 6). Catalyzed by rare-earth metal triflates, the reaction could be further optimized (Table 1, entries 7–9), especially when Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> was employed (Table 1, entry 8).

We then tried to examine the Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>-catalyzed reactions under different conditions. The experimental results showed that dichloroethane (DCE) was a better solvent, and the reaction could be further optimized at a higher temperature (Table 2, entries 5–7). The dosage of Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> could be cut to 5% without the decrease of product yield (Table 2, entries 7–9). The Lewis acid catalyst was essential, and the reaction did not happen in the absence of Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (Table 2, entry 10).

Allyl derivatives are important building blocks in organic synthesis.<sup>[9]</sup> Containing selenium element and an allyl structure unit, 2,3-diphenylselenyl-1-propene

	C= Ph	= + PhSeS	ePh conditions	Ph SePh	
	1a			2a	
Entry	Solvent	LA (%)	Temperature (°C)	Time $(h)^b$	Yield of $2a (Z/E)^c$
1	DCM	20	rt	30	58 (90/10)
2	THF	20	rt	24	0
3	Cyclohexane	20	rt	48	21 (80/20)
4	CCl <sub>4</sub>	20	rt	50	30 (75/25)
5	DCE	20	rt	36	52 (86/14)
6	DCE	20	40	28	56 (85/15)
7	DCE	20	60	10	63 (80/20)
8	DCE	10	60	10	61 (80/20)
9	DCE	5	60	10	67 (83/17)
10	DCE	0	60	24	NR

**Table 2.** Optimization of the reactions catalyzed by  $Yb(OTf)_3^a$ 

Yh(OTf)<sub>2</sub>

ی—SePh

<sup>a</sup>0.24 mmol of 1a (20% excess), 0.2 mmol of PhSeSePh, and 1 mL of solvent were employed.

<sup>b</sup>The reaction was monitored by TLC (eluent: petroleum ether).

<sup>c</sup>Isolated yields based on PhSeSePh. Z/E ratio was calculated from <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

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Table 3. Synthesis of 2,3-diphenylselenyl-1-propenes



Yield of $2 (Z/E)^a$	
(17) ( <b>2</b> a)	
(30) ( <b>2b</b> )	
/19) ( <b>2c</b> )	
(25) ( <b>2d</b> )	
/26) ( <b>2e</b> )	
) (2f)	
(/13) ( <b>2</b> g)	
/2) ( <b>2h</b> )	
3) 154 278	

<sup>*a*</sup>Isolated yields. The configuration of **2** was established by the NOESY spectrum studies as well as Ref. 2i, and the Z/E ratio was calculated from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

might be of potential applicable value.<sup>[10]</sup> Therefore, we then tried to examine the application scope of this reaction. A series of allenes were employed to give the corresponding 2,3-diphenylselenyl-1-propenes, and the results are listed in Table 3. It is notable that the reaction had excellent regioselectivity and only 2,3-adducts were generated. Meanwhile, in most cases, the stereoselectivity of this reaction was high, especially when disubstituted allenes were employed (Table 3, entries 7 and 8). Disulfides have properties similar to diselenides. However, when diaryl disulfide was employed, no reaction was observed.



Scheme 3. Possible mechanism for the Yb(OTf)3-catalyzed addition of PhSeSePh to allenes.

Table 4. Additions of PhSeSePh to MCPs catalyzed by Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>



Entry	$R^1, R^2$	Yield of $6 (Z/E)^a$
1	H, $C_7H_{15}$ (5a)	56 (36/64) ( <b>6a</b> )
2	H, $C_9H_{19}$ (5b)	81 (39/61) ( <b>6b</b> )
3	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> - ( <b>5</b> c)	30 (-) ( <b>6c</b> )
4	-CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH(Ph)CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> - (5d)	24 (-) (6d)
5	p-BrC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> (5e)	$0^b$

<sup>*a*</sup>Isolated yields. The configuration of **6** was established by the NOESY spectrum studies as well as Ref. 2 h, and the Z/E ratio was calculated from the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum.

<sup>b</sup>Compound 7 was obtained (Fig. 1).

On the basis of references as well as the experimental results mentioned previously, here we propose the possible mechanisms. Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>-mediated reaction of diphenyldiselenide with allenes 1 gave the intermediate allylic carbon cation 3 and Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>SePh anion,<sup>[3,11]</sup> which could be transformed to the  $\pi$ -allylic metal complex 4. When R<sup>1</sup> > R<sup>2</sup>, the intermediate 4A should be the more stable than 4B. Further reductive elimination led to 2 with Z-configuration as the major product (Scheme 3).

 $Yb(OTf)_3$  is an environmentally friendly Lewis acid catalyst that is tolerance to moisture. Compared with the traditional Lewis acid catalysts (e.g., AlCl<sub>3</sub>, TiCl<sub>4</sub>, ZnCl<sub>2</sub>), the dosage of  $Yb(OTf)_3$  could be lower. Therefore, we also tried to optimize the Lewis acid–catalyzed addition of diphenyldiselenide to MCPs, reported by us recently,<sup>[3]</sup> by employing  $Yb(OTf)_3$  as catalyst. However, the products were quite different from that of the TiCl<sub>4</sub>-catalyzed reaction. Instead of the ring-enlarged product cyclobutane-1,1-diylbis(phenylselane) derivatives, ring-opened product 2,4diphenylselenyl-1-butene derivatives **6** were obtained when alkyl-substituted MCPs were employed (Table 4, entries 1–4). Compared with the reported free radical additions,<sup>[2h,2k]</sup> the stereoselectivity was slightly higher when unsymmetric MCPs



Figure 1. Structure of compound 7.

were employed (Table 4, entries 1 and 2). When aryl-substituted MCP **5e** was employed, only cyclopropyl ring intact adduct **7** was obtained in 20% yield (entry 5, Table 4; Fig. 1).

In conclusion, we found that, when catalyzed by Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, diphenyldiselenide could add to allenes through electrophilic addition, providing a novel and efficient method for the synthesis of 2,3-diphenylselenyl-1-propene derivatives. The mild conditions, the high regio- and stereoselectivities, and the low dosage of the catalyst are the advantages. We also found that when Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> was employed as Lewis acid catalyst, the products were different from those of the TiCl<sub>4</sub>-catalyzed addition of diphenyldiselenide to MCPs. The cleavage of Se-Se bond in this novel way under mild conditions will expand the view of organic synthesis and facilitate new synthetic strategies.

## **EXPERIMENTAL**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance (600-MHz) spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as the internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance (150 MHz) spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IR-408 spectrometer. Electron impact mass spectrometry (EIMS) was run on an HP 5989B mass spectrometer.

## General Procedure for the Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Additions of Diphenyldiselenide to Allenes

In a Schlenk tube, 0.24 mmol of 1, 0.2 mmol of diphenyldiselenide (62.4 mg), 0.01 mmol of Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (5%, 6.2 mg), and 1 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) were added. The mixture was stirred at 60 °C under a nitrogen atmosphere and was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC; eluent: petroleum ether). When the reaction terminated, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was isolated by preparative TLC (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAC 20:1) to give the corresponding adduct **2**.

## General Procedure for the Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>-Catalyzed Additions of Diphenyldiselenide to MCPs

In a Schlenk tube, 0.24 mmol of **5**, 0.2 mmol of diphenyldiselenide (62.4 mg), 0.01 mmol of Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (5%, 6.2 mg), and 1 mL of DCE were added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere and was monitored by TLC (eluent: petroleum ether). When the reaction terminated, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was isolated by preparative TLC (eluent: petroleum ether/EtOAC 12:1) to give the corresponding adduct **6** (for substrate **5a**–**5d**) or **7** (for substrate **5e**).

#### Data

**Compound 2a.** Oil. IR (film): 3055, 1637, 1578, 1476, 1438, 1022, 913, 738, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.22–7.55 (m, 15H), 6.68 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  38.3, 127.5, 127.6, 127.9, 128.0,

128.6, 128.9(d), 129.2, 129.9, 131.2, 133.5,134.6, 134.7, 137.0. MS (apci): *m*/*z* (%) 430 (8) [M<sup>+</sup>], 390 (100), 273 (14) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe].

**Compound 2b.** Oil. IR (film): 3055, 1657, 1578, 1507, 1475, 1437, 1388, 1067, 1021, 999, 800, 780, 737, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): (*Z* isomer)  $\delta$  7.05–7.82 (m, 18H), 3.86 (s, 2H). (*E* isomer)  $\delta$ 7.05–7.82 (m, 18H), 3.94 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (*Z* and *E* mixtures)  $\delta$  32.2, 36.9, 124.7(d), 125.1, 125.3, 125.8, 126.0, 126.2, 126.9, 127.3, 127.7, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.4, 128.9, 129.1, 129.5, 131.4, 133.2, 133.6, 134.2, 134.5, 134.7, 134.9. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 480 (3) [M<sup>+</sup>], 323 (25) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 165 (100). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: C, 62.77; H, 4.21. Found: C, 62.50; H, 4.53.

**Compound 2c.** Oil. IR (film): 3058, 3026, 2976, 2925, 1476, 1437, 1180, 1121, 1069, 1022, 736, 692 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.00–7.48 (m, 15H), 5.92 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.569 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  37.8, 38.4, 126.1, 127.2, 127.4, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5(d), 128.9, 129.0, 129.2, 129.3, 132.8, 134.2, 136.3. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 444 (3) [M<sup>+</sup>], 286 (16) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe-1], 129 (100).

**Compound 2d.** Oil. IR (film): 3057, 2976, 2924, 2860, 1578, 1475, 1440, 1411, 1120, 1069, 1022, 736, 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$ 7.24–7.45 (m, 10H), 5.54 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.47–2.48 (m, 1H), 0.95–1.63 (m, 10H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  25.6, 25.9, 32.5, 37.9, 41.0, 126.5, 127.0, 127.4, 128.8, 129.0, 129.2, 132.3, 132.7, 134.6, 144.1. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 436 (6) [M<sup>+</sup>], 279 (18) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 79 (100).

**Compound 2e.** Oil. IR (film): 3057, 2955, 2926, 2855, 1578, 1475, 1437, 1067, 1022, 999, 736, 690, 669 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.24–7.47 (m, 10H), 5.76 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 0.85–2.19 (m, 11H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  14.0, 22.5, 28.7, 31.3, 32.0, 38.0, 126.9, 127.3, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 132.6, 132.7, 134.1, 134.6, 138.6. MS (apci): *m*/*z* (%) 425 (100) [M<sup>+</sup> + 1], 424 (50) [M<sup>+</sup>]. Anal. calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: C, 56.88; H, 5.73. Found: C, 57.13; H, 5.44.

**Compound 2f.** Oil. IR (film): 3055, 2978, 2867, 1578, 1476, 1440, 1383, 1123, 1073, 1022, 1000, 763, 737, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  6.98–7.52 (m, 20H), 3.87 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  34.1, 127.1, 127.3, 127.4, 127.6, 127.8, 128.1, 128.8, 129.0, 129.2(d), 129.3, 129.7, 130.1, 131.0, 134.4, 141.1, 143.0, 146.6. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 506 (1) [M<sup>+</sup>], 349 (27) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 192 (100). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: C, 64.29; H, 4.40. Found: C, 63.94; H, 4.57.

**Compound 2g.** Oil. IR (film): 3056, 2967, 2930, 2871, 1577, 1476, 1438, 1381, 1180, 1069, 1022, 765, 737, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  6.96–7.52 (m, 15H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.71 (q, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 0.85 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  12.6, 32.8, 35.4, 126.4, 127.0(d), 127.1, 128.1, 128.2, 128.8, 129.2, 130.5, 130.7, 132.5, 134.0, 140.7, 150.9. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 458 (3) [M<sup>+</sup>], 301 (24) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 143 (100). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: C, 60.54; H, 4.86. Found: C, 60.37; H, 4.60.

**Compound 2h.** Oil. IR (film): 3055, 2926, 2851, 2361, 2338, 1640, 1577, 1475, 1440, 1384, 1069, 1022, 976, 913, 774, 737, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>,

TMS):  $\delta 6.76-7.54$  (m, 15H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 12 Hz, 1H), 1.53-1.65 (m, 6H), 1.23-1.28 (m, 2H), 0.90-0.96 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  27.0, 27.5, 32.8, 36.6, 47.3, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.4, 129.0, 130.0(d), 130.4, 131.7, 132.1, 134.0, 135.5, 140.1, 155.0. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 512 (4) [M<sup>+</sup>], 355 (36) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 115 (100). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: C, 63.53; H, 5.53. Found: C, 63.38; H, 5.27.

**Compound 6a.** Oil. IR (film): 2925, 2863, 1636, 1579, 1475, 1438, 1383, 1069, 1022, 735, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): (*E* isomer)  $\delta$  7.19–7.42 (m, 10H), 6.07 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.58–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.02–2.04 (m, 2H), 0.86–1.38 (m, 13H); (*Z* isomer)  $\delta$  7.19–7.42 (m, 10H), 5.90 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.58–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.31 (m, 2H), 0.86–1.38 (m, 13H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (*E* and *Z* mixture)  $\delta$  14.1, 18.2, 22.7, 26.3, 27.0, 28.5, 29.1, 29.2(d), 29.3, 29.4(d), 29.6, 31.8, 31.9, 33.5, 36.1, 39.9, 126.6, 126.7(d), 126.9, 128.8, 128.9, 129.0(d), 129.1, 130.0, 130.2, 130.6, 131.2, 132.2, 132.3(d), 133.8, 134.5, 137.9, 140.7. MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%) 466 (12) [M<sup>+</sup>], 309 (45) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 67 (100). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: C, 59.48; H, 6.51. Found: C, 59.17; H, 6.26.

**Compound 6b.** Oil. IR (film): 3070, 2924, 2853, 1579, 1475, 1437, 1144, 1070, 1022, 1000, 735, 691, 669 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): (*E* isomer)  $\delta$  7.19–7.41 (m, 10H), 6.06 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.01–3.04 (m, 2H), 2.59–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.01–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.36 (m, 14H), 0.86–0.90 (m, 3H). (*Z* isomer)  $\delta$  7.19–7.41 (m, 10H), 5.89 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01–3.04 (m, 2H), 2.59–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.29–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.36 (m, 14H), 0.86–0.90 (m, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (*E* and *Z* mixture)  $\delta$  14.1, 18.2, 22.7, 26.3, 27.0, 28.4, 29.2, 29.3(d), 29.4, 29.5(d), 29.6(d), 31.9, 33.5, 36.1, 39.9, 126.5, 126.6, 126.7, 126.9, 128.8, 128.9(d), 129.0, 129.1, 130.0, 130.2, 130.5, 131.2, 132.2(d), 132.3, 133.8, 134.5, 137.9, 140.7. MS (EI, 70 eV): *m/z* (%) 494 (9) [M<sup>+</sup>], 337 (45) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 67 (100). Anal. calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>: C, 60.97; H, 6.96. Found: C, 60.79; H, 6.73.

**Compound 6c.** Oil. IR (film): 3069, 2926, 2851, 1578, 1476, 1438, 1384, 1022, 998, 734, 690, 669 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.20–7.42 (m, 10H), 3.03 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.56 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 1.56–1.57 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  26.6, 26.7, 28.3, 28.4, 31.3, 35.8, 36.2, 121.8, 126.2, 126.5, 129.0, 129.1, 130.5, 131.0, 132.0, 132.1, 148.9. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 436 (11) [M<sup>+</sup>], 279 (45) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 79 (100).

**Compound 6d.** Oil. IR (film): 3058, 2924, 2853, 1631, 1579, 1476, 1437, 1384, 1119, 1068, 1022, 1000, 735, 693, 668 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$ 7.20–7.44 (m, 15H), 3.36–3.38 (m, 1H), 3.06 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.72–2.82 (m, 4H), 1.99–2.12 (m, 4H), 1.51–1.55 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  26.8, 30.9, 35.3, 35.5, 35.8, 35.9, 44.4, 122.8, 126.2, 126.3, 126.6, 126.8, 128.4, 129.0, 129.1, 130.4, 131.3, 131.8, 132.2, 146.3, 147.2. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 512 (7) [M<sup>+</sup>], 355 (27) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 91 (100).

**Compound 7.** Oil. IR (film): 1638, 1479, 1436, 1385, 1134, 1070, 1015, 913, 740, 691. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS):  $\delta$  7.15–7.34 (m, 14H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 1.13–1.39 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): (*E* and *Z* mixture)  $\delta$  14.5, 15.6, 27.1, 56.3, 121.0, 127.3, 127.4, 128.7, 128.9, 129.0, 130.1, 130.3, 131.3, 133.3,

133.5, 140.8. MS (EI, 70 eV): m/z (%) 522 (2) [M<sup>+</sup>], 365 (29) [M<sup>+</sup>-PhSe], 128 (100). HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>BrNaSe<sub>2</sub> (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 544.8898, Found 544.8885.

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