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# **Antioxidant Activity of the Anti-inflammatory Compound Ebselen: A Reversible Cyclization Pathway via Selenenic and Seleninic Acid Intermediates**

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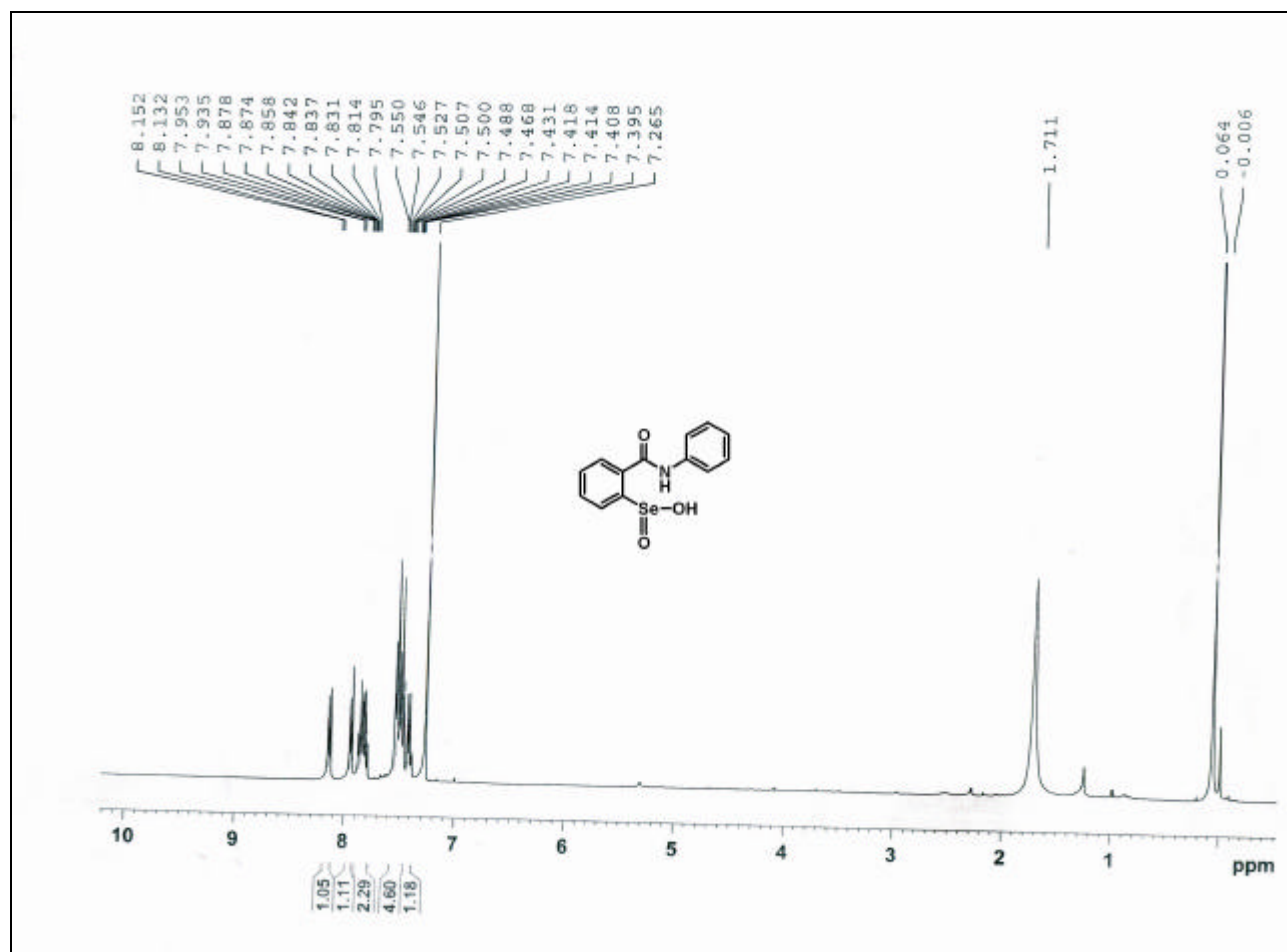


Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of pure seleninic acid (**9**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

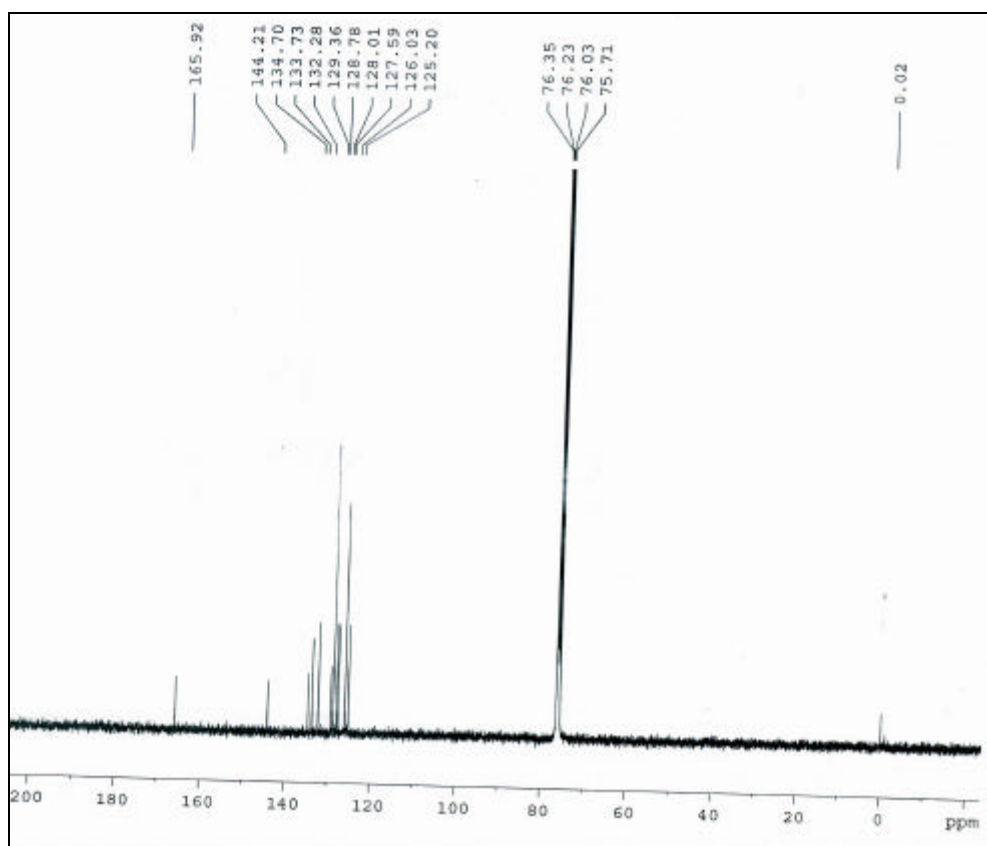


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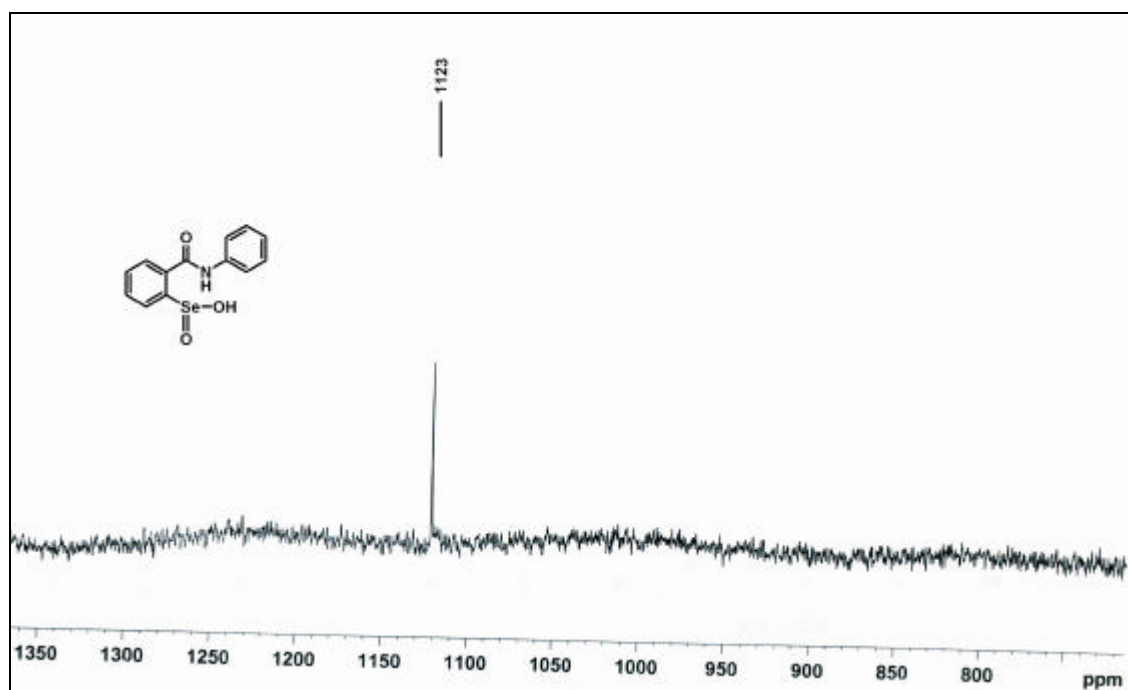


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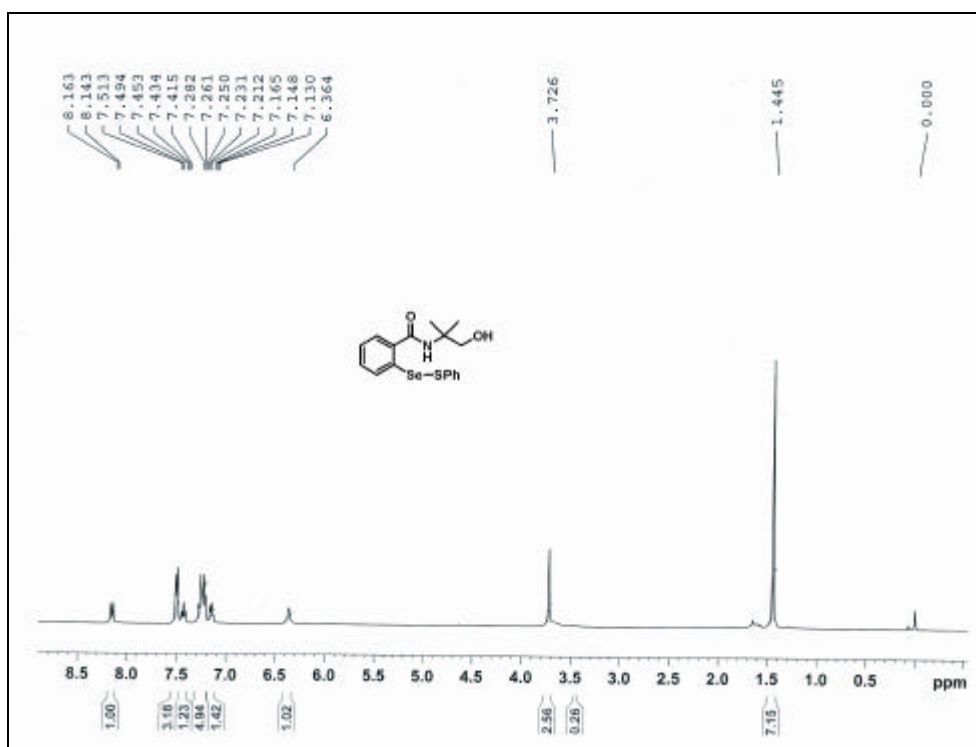


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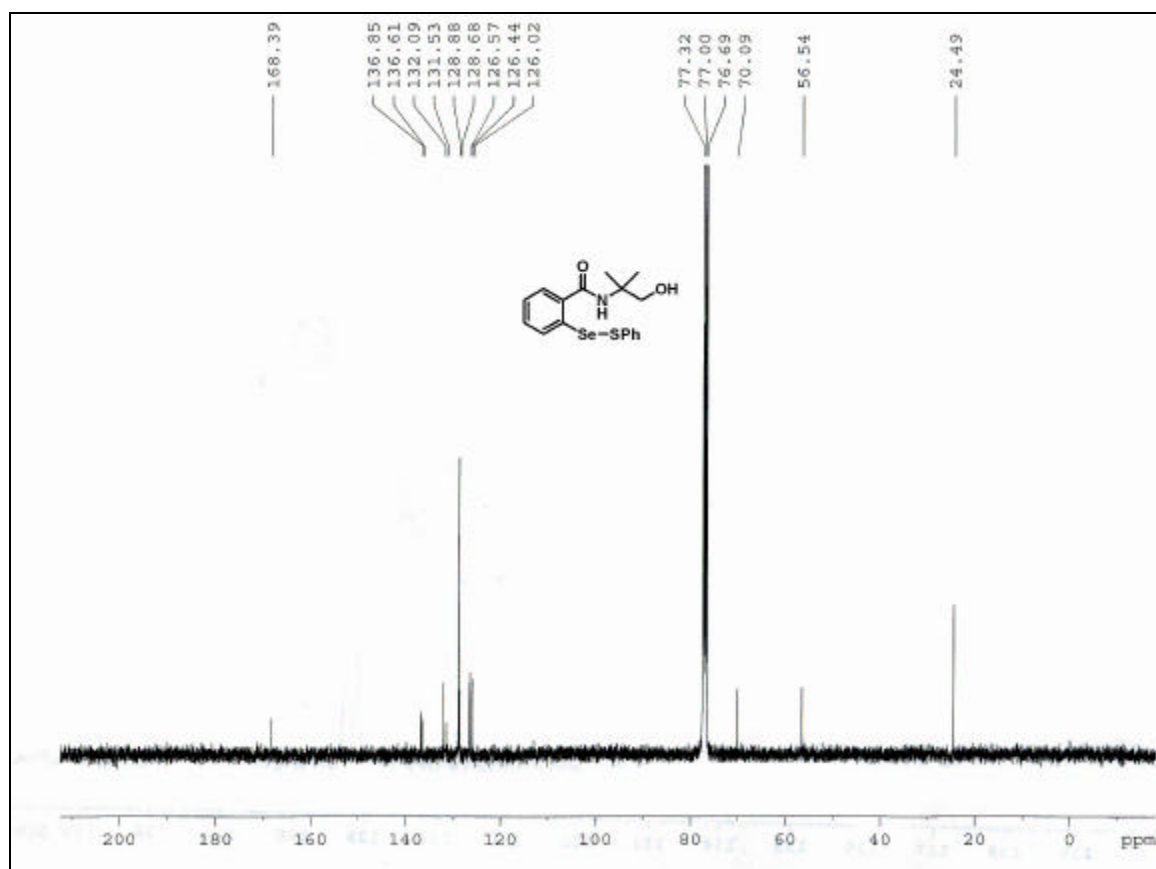


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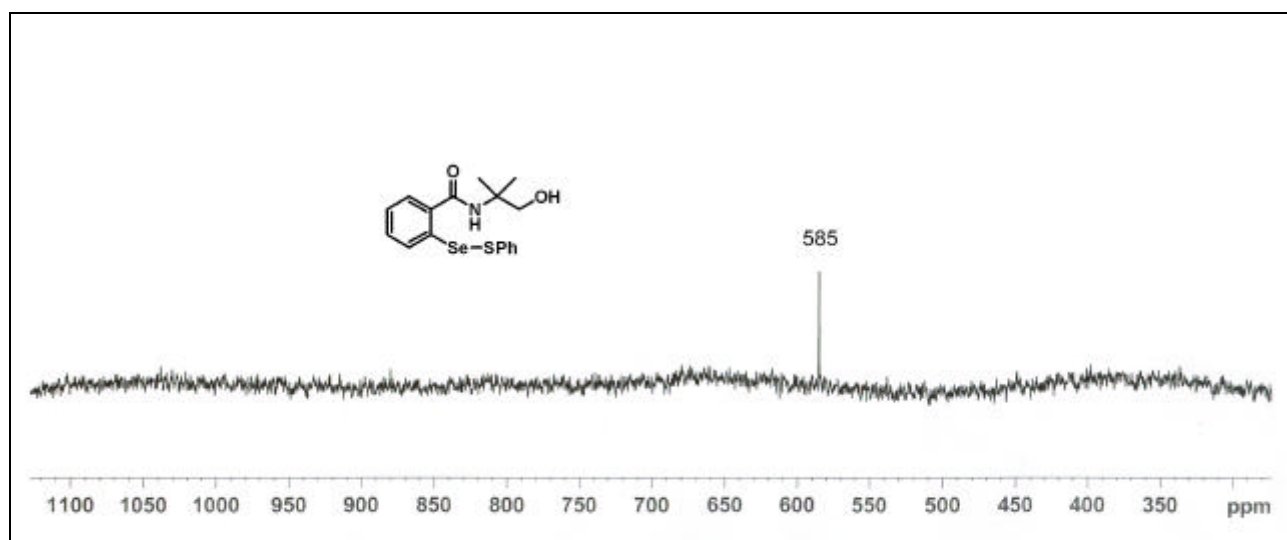


Figure S6.  $^{77}\text{Se}$ -NMR spectra of pure selenenyl sulfide (**14**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

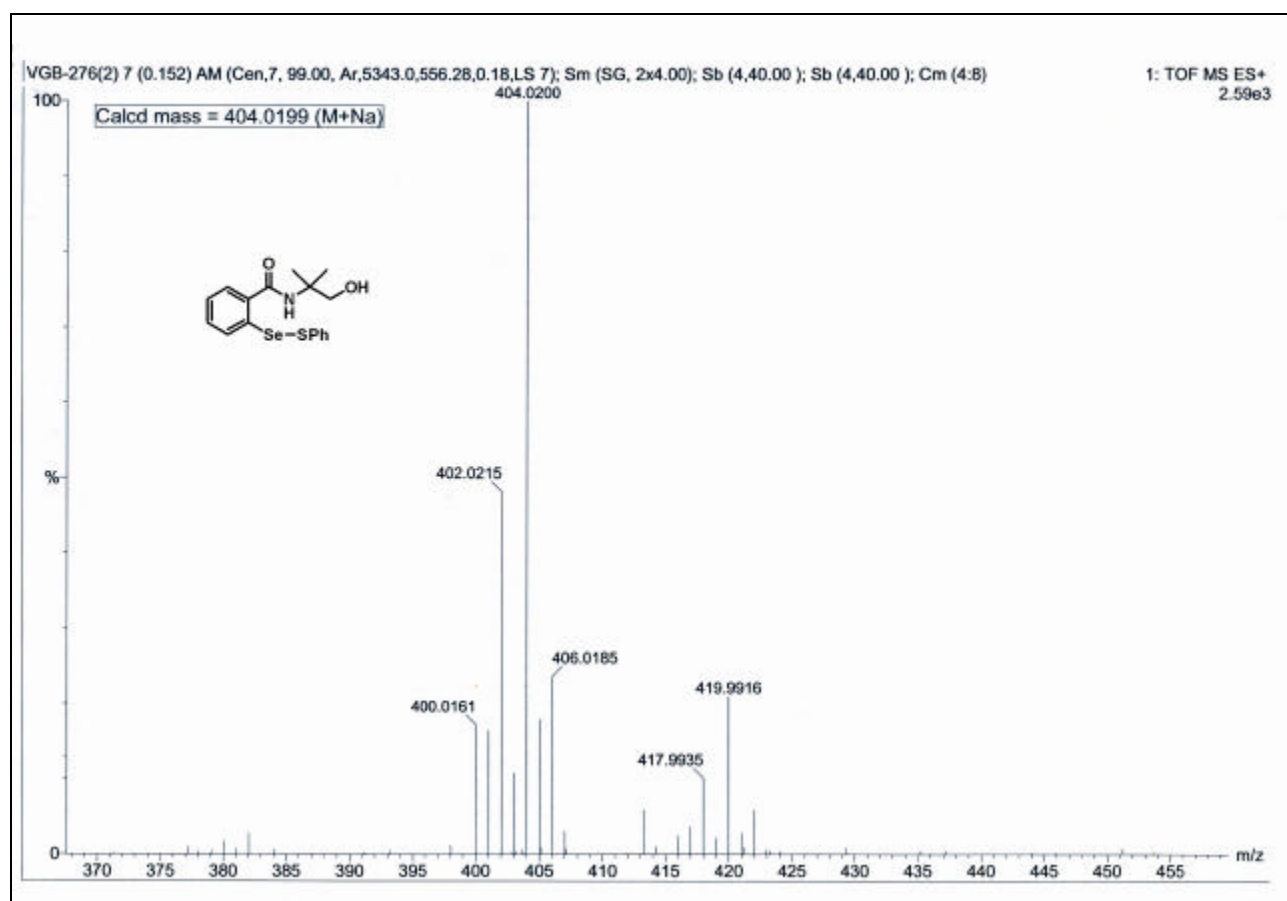


Figure S7. ESI-HRMS spectra of pure selenenyl sulfide (**14**).

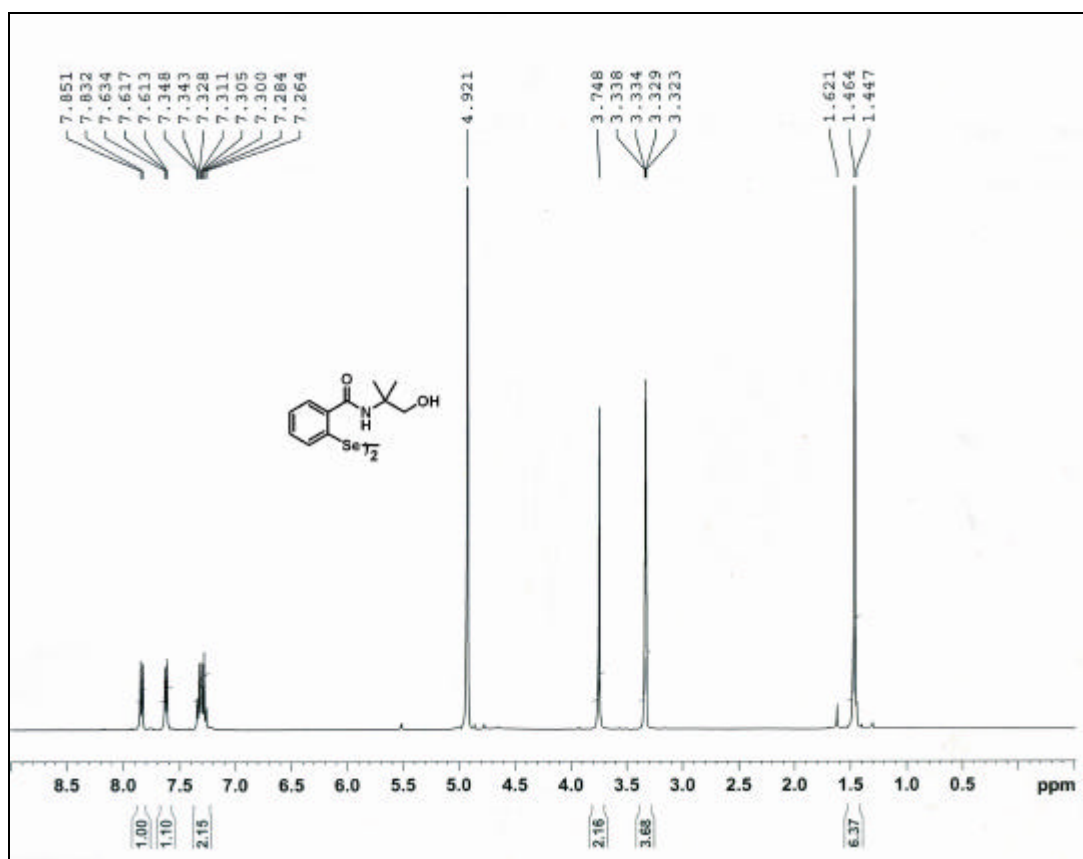


Figure S8.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of pure diselenide (16) in  $\text{MeOH-d}_4$ .

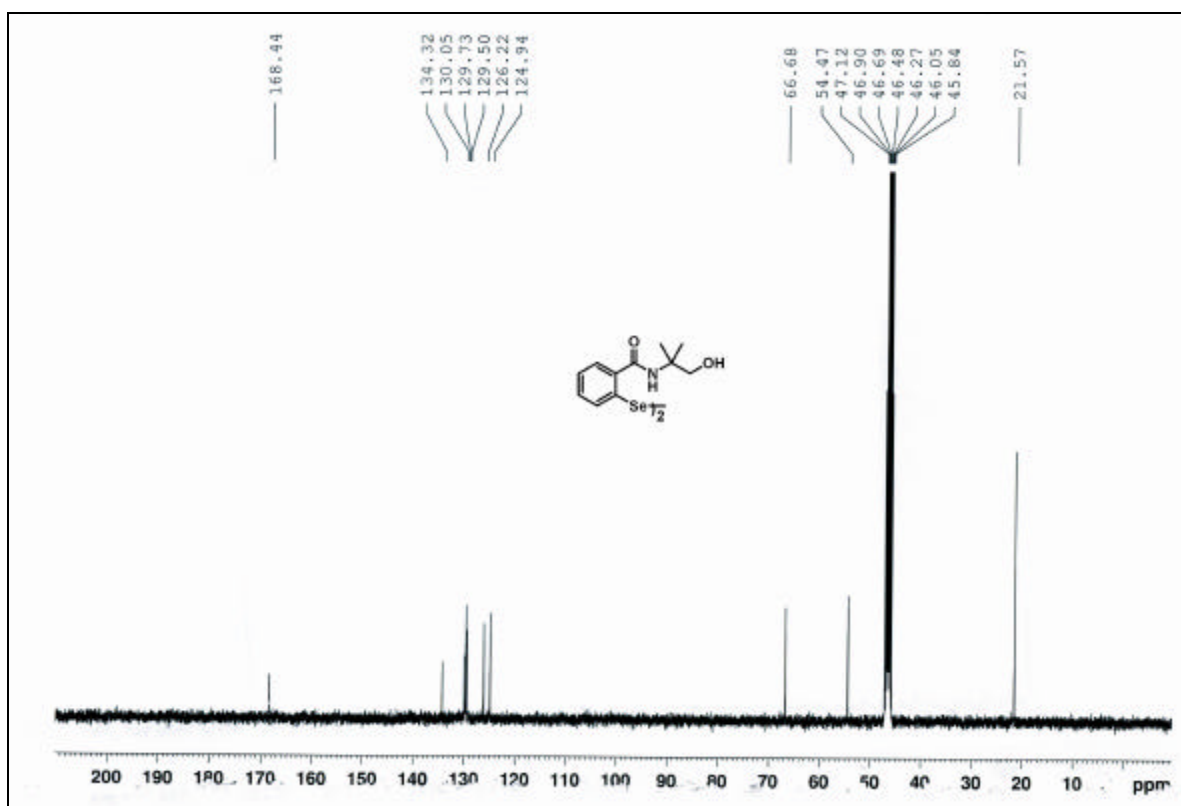


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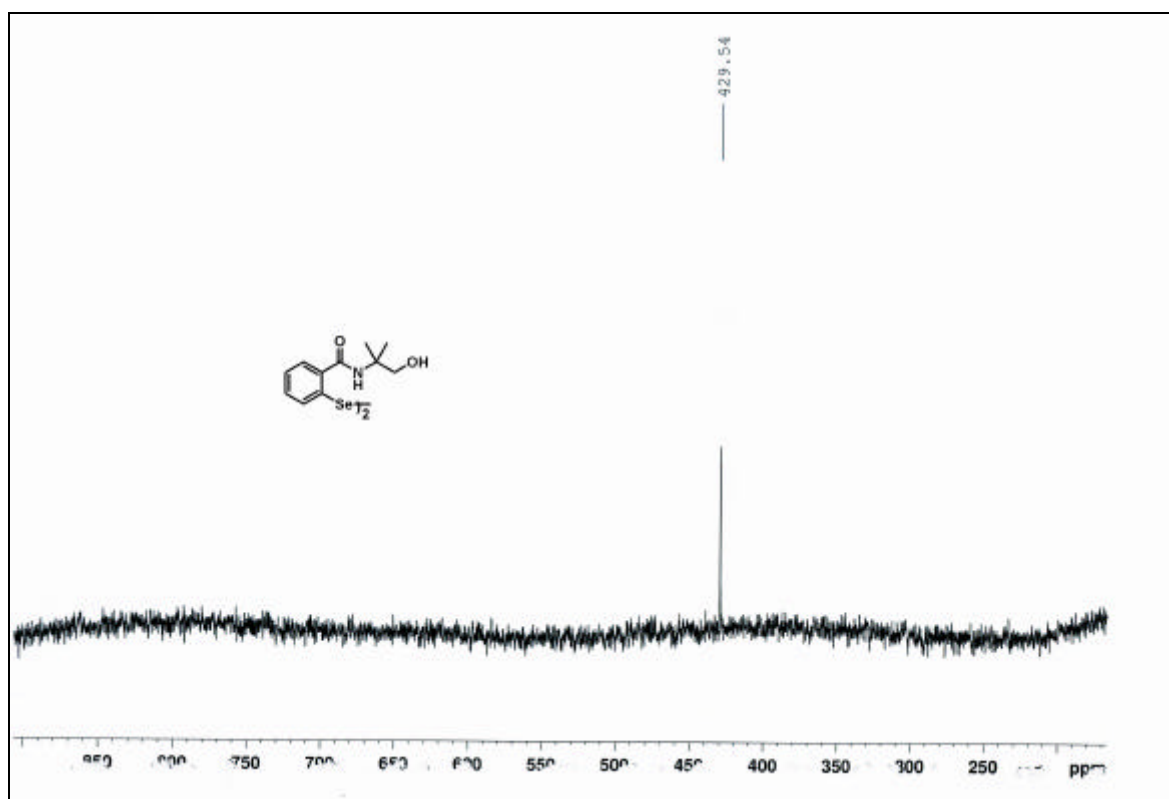


Figure S10.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of pure diselenide (**16**) in MeOH- $d_4$ .

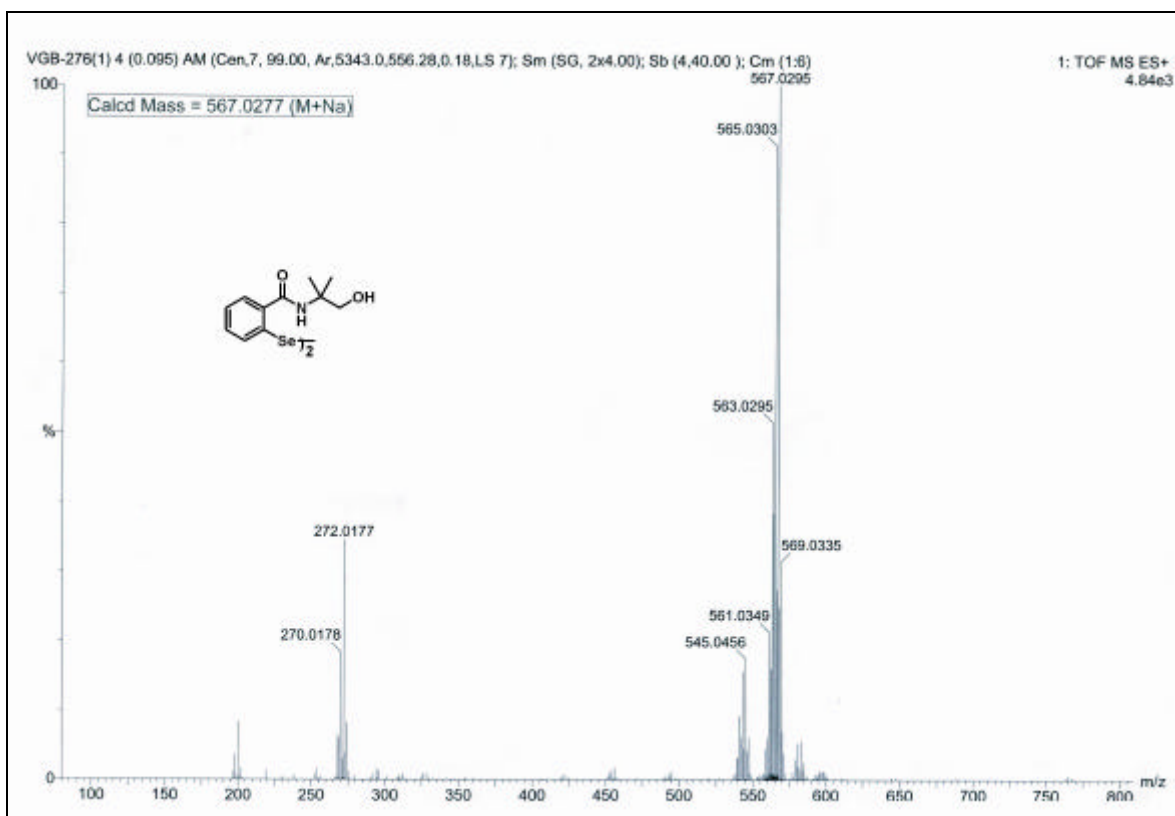


Figure S11. ESI-HRMS spectra of pure diselenide (**16**).



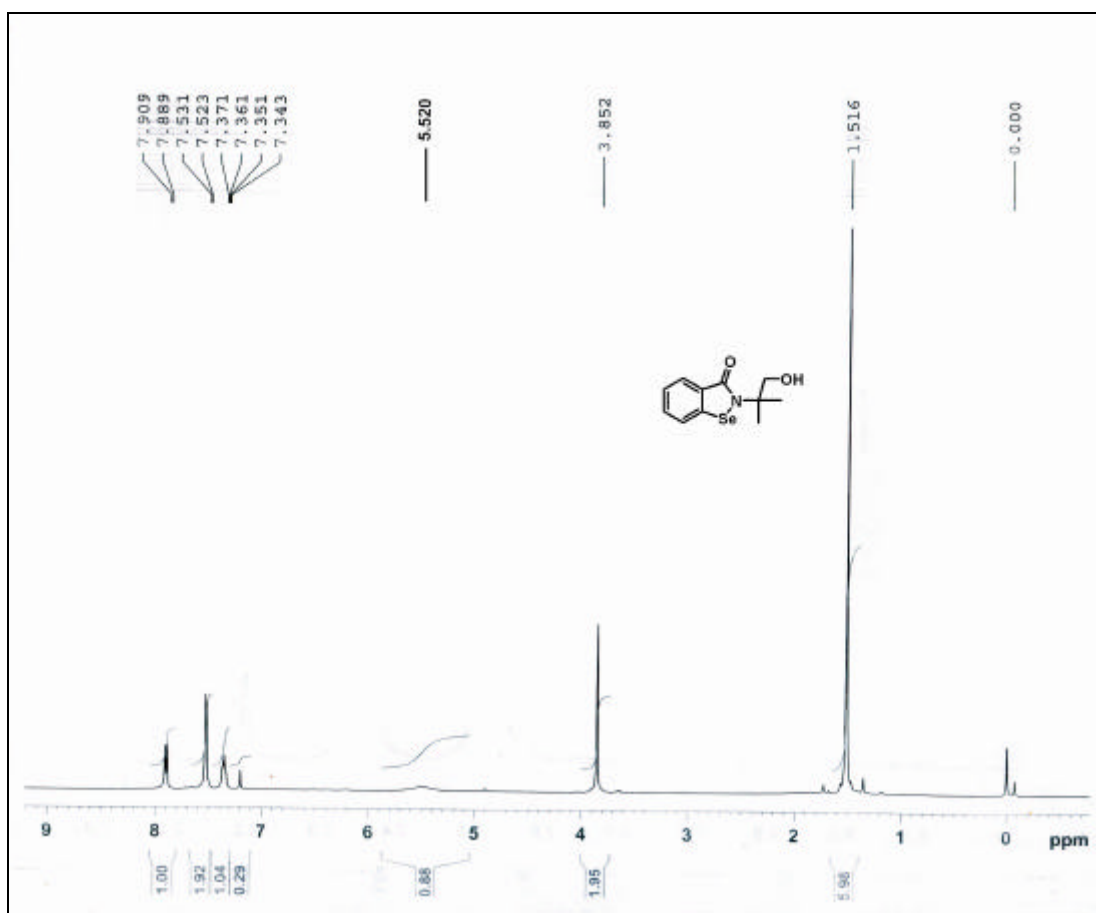


Figure S12.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of pure selenenyl amide (**17**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

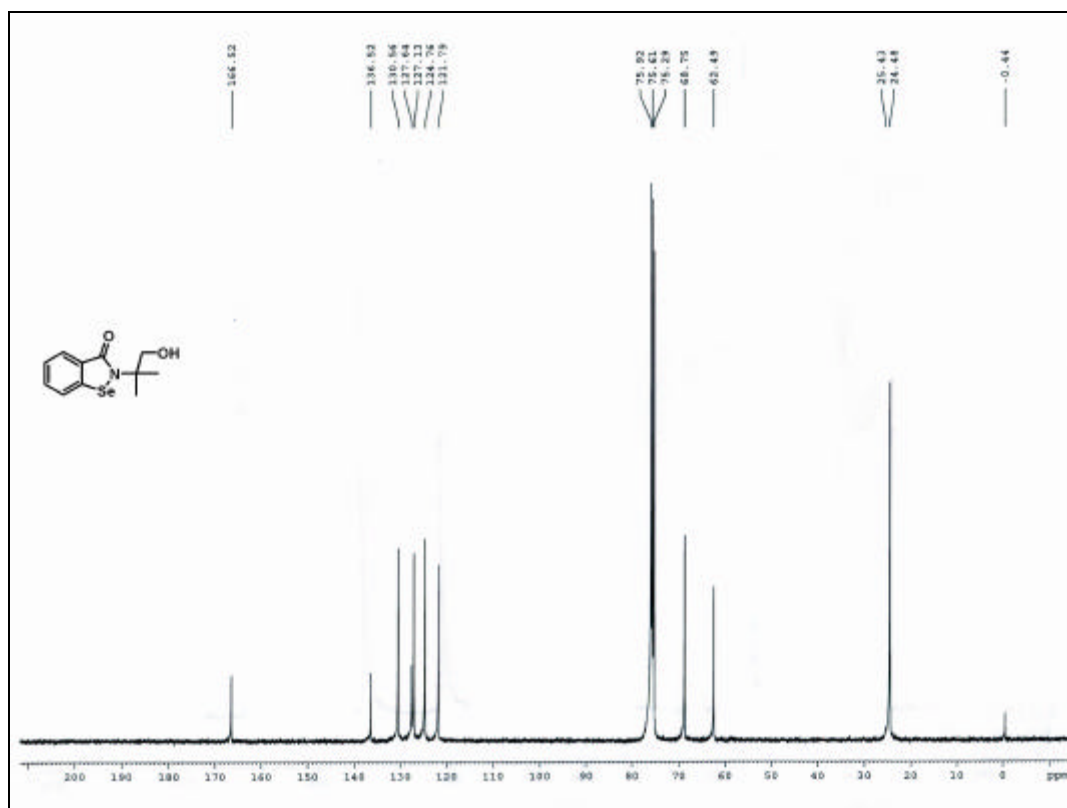


Figure S13.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR spectra of pure selenenyl amide (**17**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

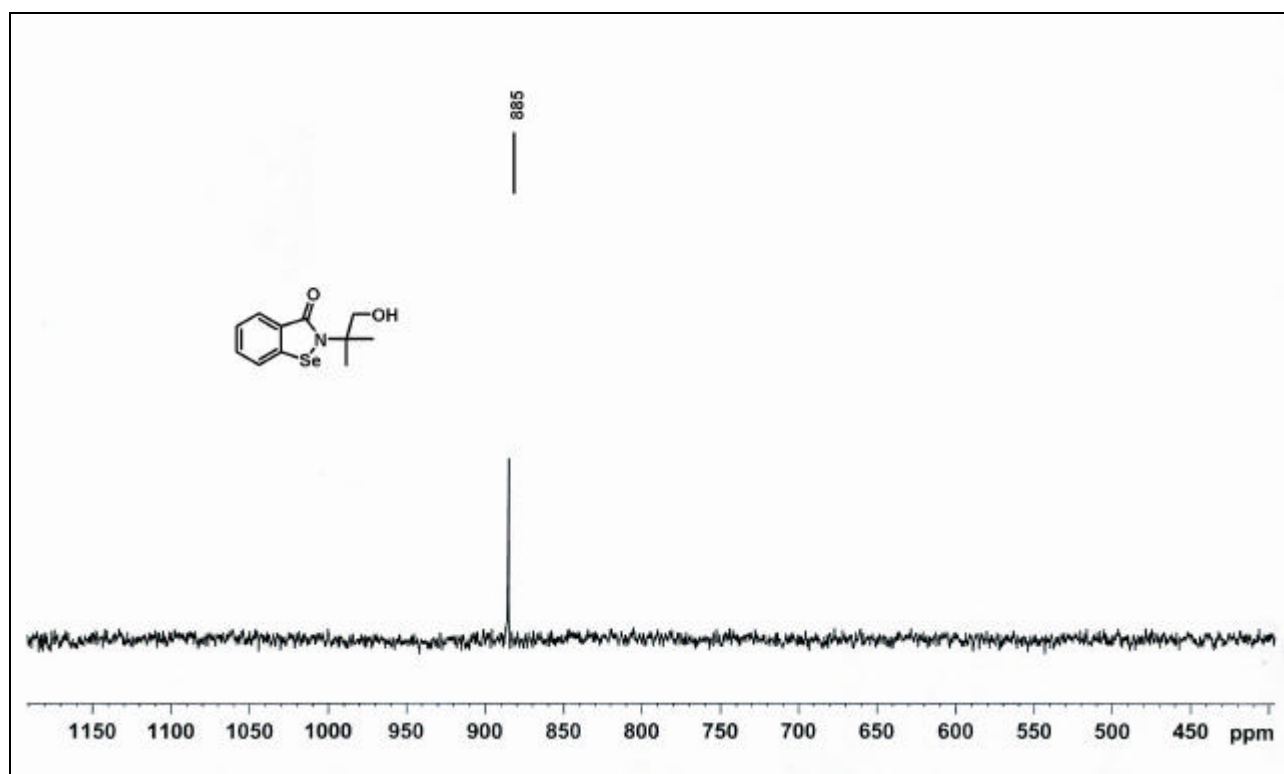


Figure S14.  $^{77}\text{Se}$ -NMR spectra of pure selenenyl amide (**17**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

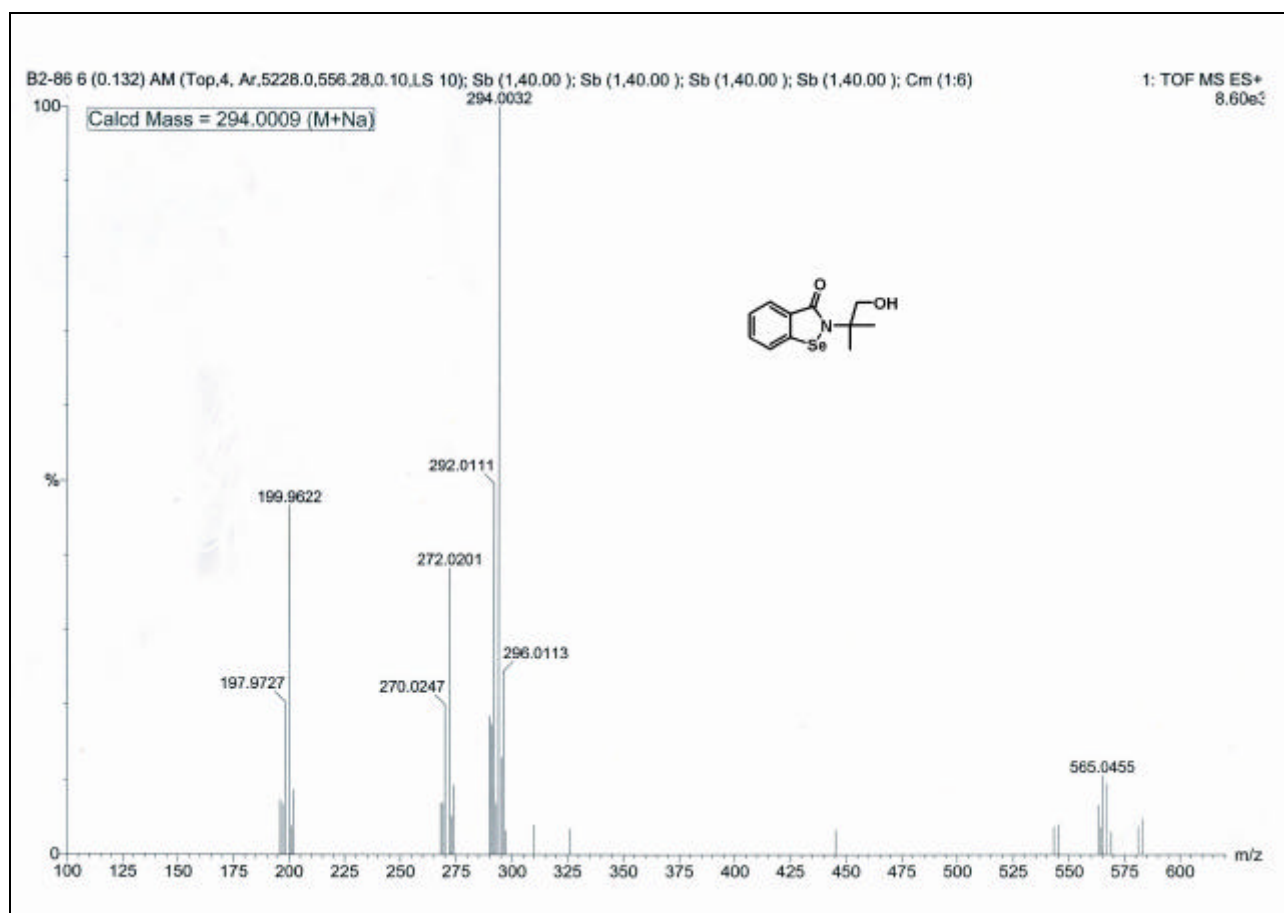


Figure S15. ESI-HRMS spectra of pure selenenyl amide (**17**).

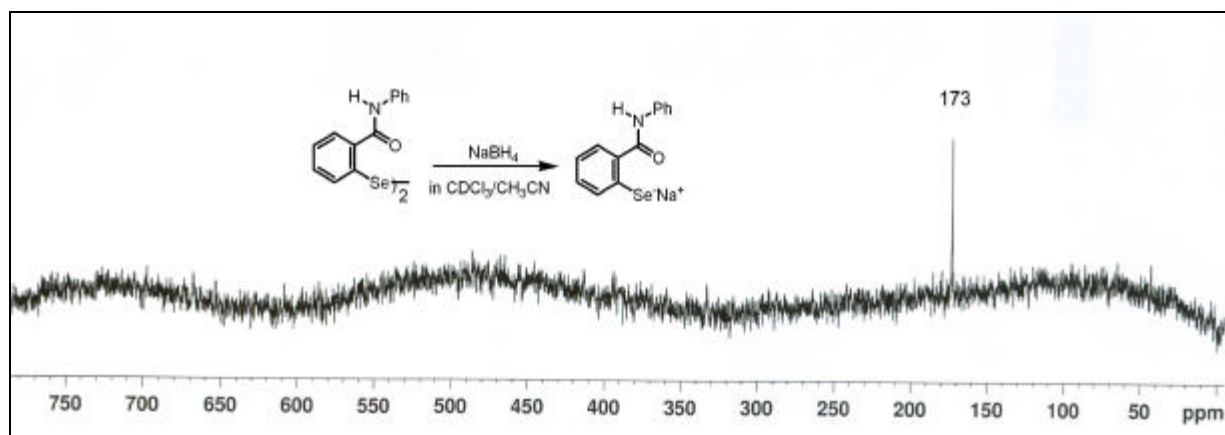


Figure S16.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra for the reaction of ebselen diselenide (**6**) with  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  mixture.

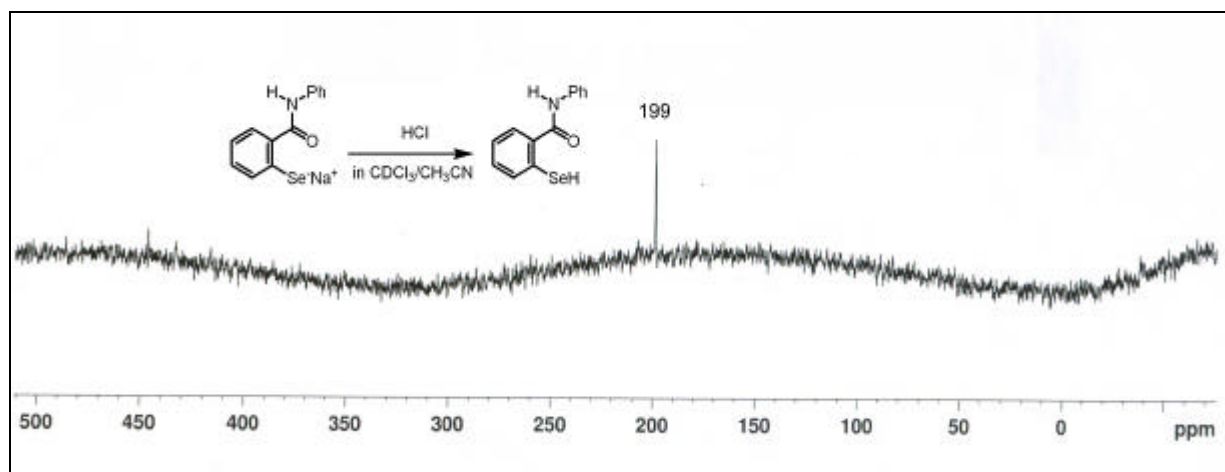


Figure S17.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of ebselen selenol (**8**) obtained from the acidification of the sodium selenolate (in  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  mixture).

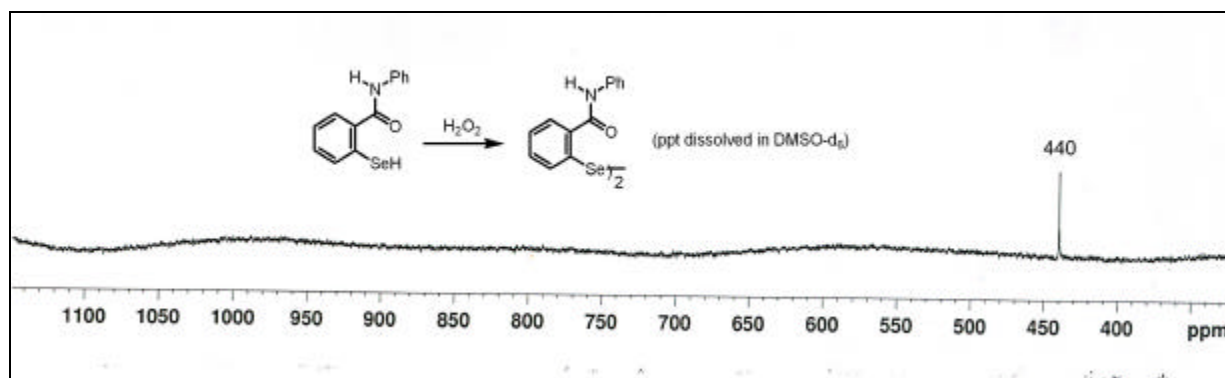


Figure S18.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of ebselen diselenide (**6**) obtained from the reaction of ebselen selenol (**8**) with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . The diselenide (**6**) precipitates out in  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  mixture. The precipitate was dissolved in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  and  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR was recorded.

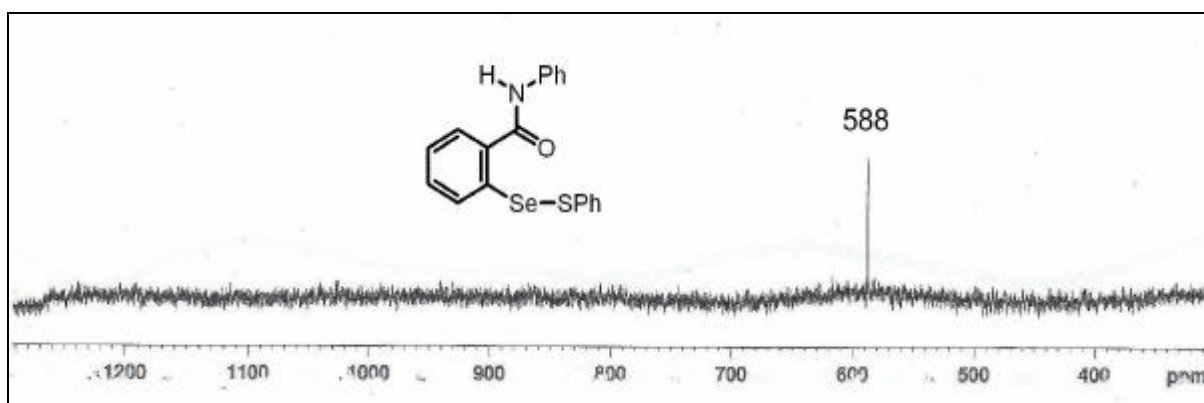


Figure S19.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of ebselen selenenyl sulfide (**5**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

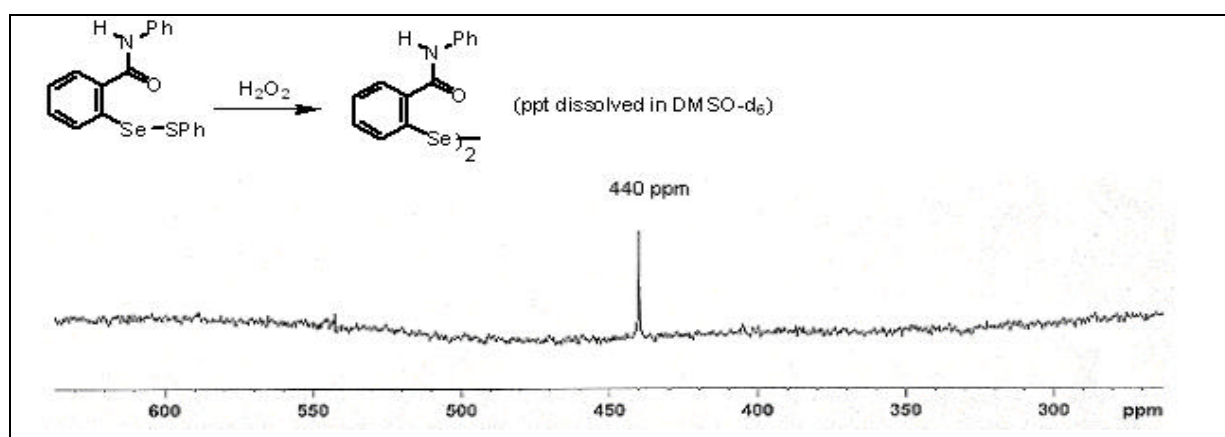


Figure S20.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of ebselen diselenide (**6**) obtained from the reaction of ebselen selenenyl sulfide (**5**) with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . The diselenide precipitates out in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The precipitate was dissolved in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  and  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR was recorded.

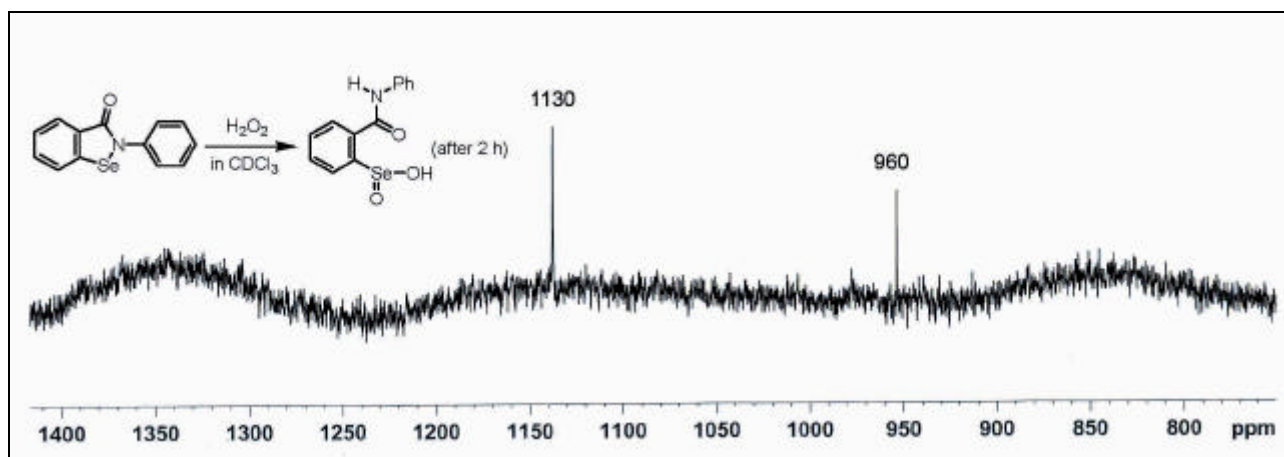


Figure 21.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of ebselen (**1**) with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to regenerate the seleninic acid (**9**) recorded after 2 h.

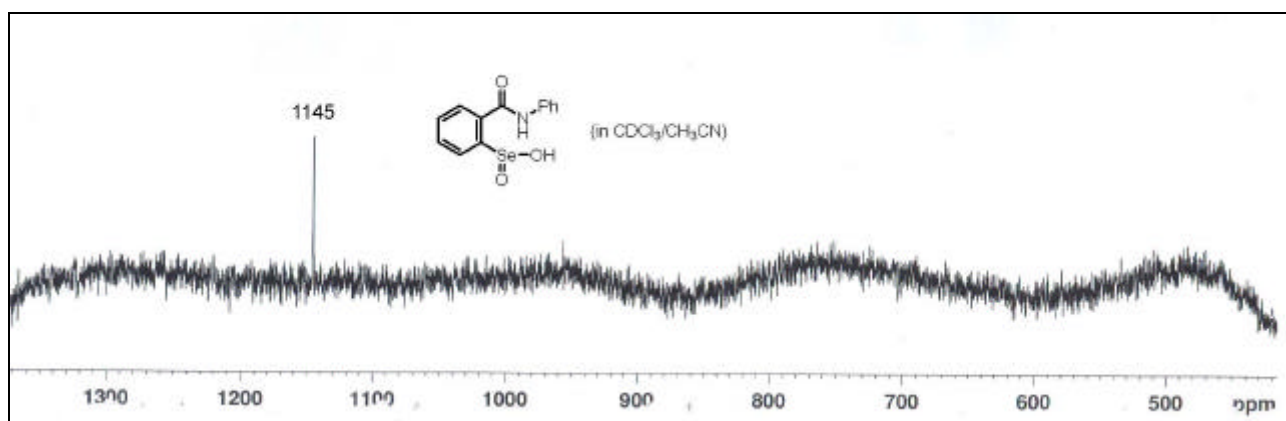


Figure S22.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of pure ebselen seleninic acid (**9**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ .

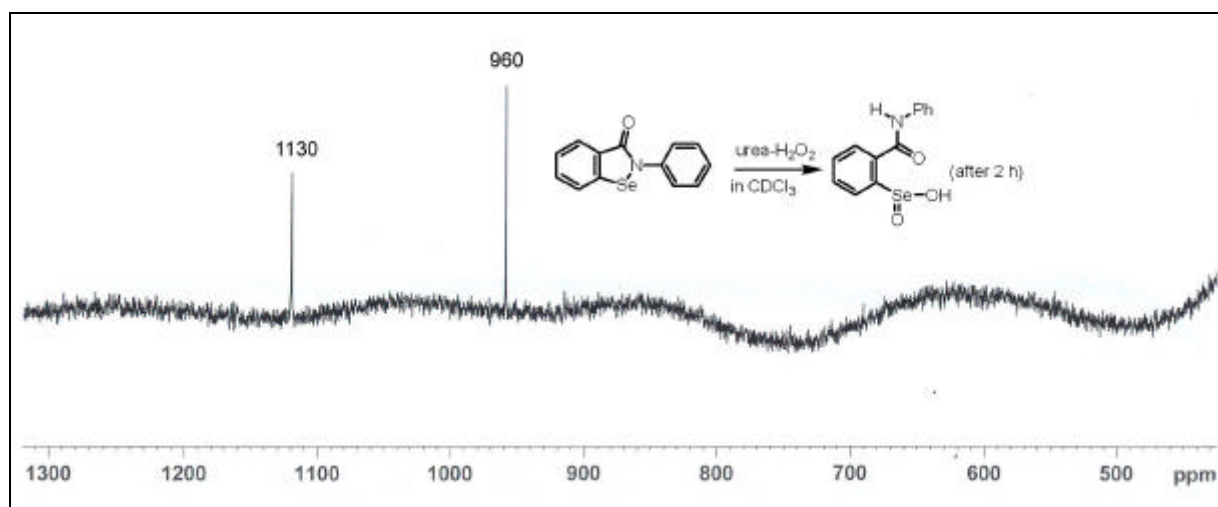


Figure S23.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of ebselen (**1**) with urea- $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  adduct to regenerate the seleninic acid (**9**) recorded after 2 h.

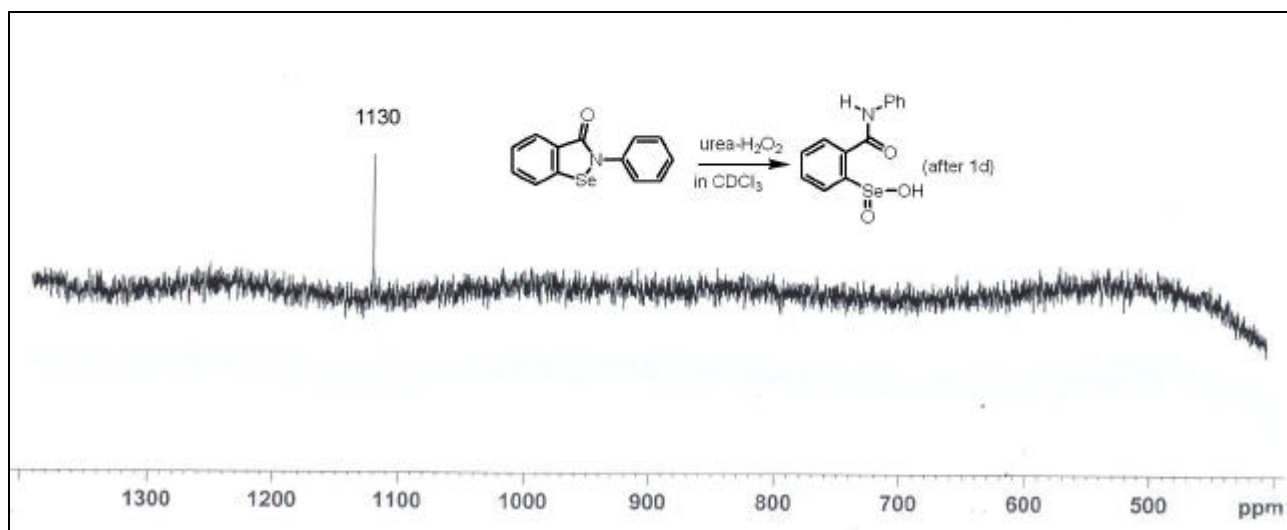


Figure S24.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra for the reaction of ebselen (**1**) with urea- $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  adduct in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . Ebselen (**1**) completely converts to seleninic acid (**9**) after 1 day.

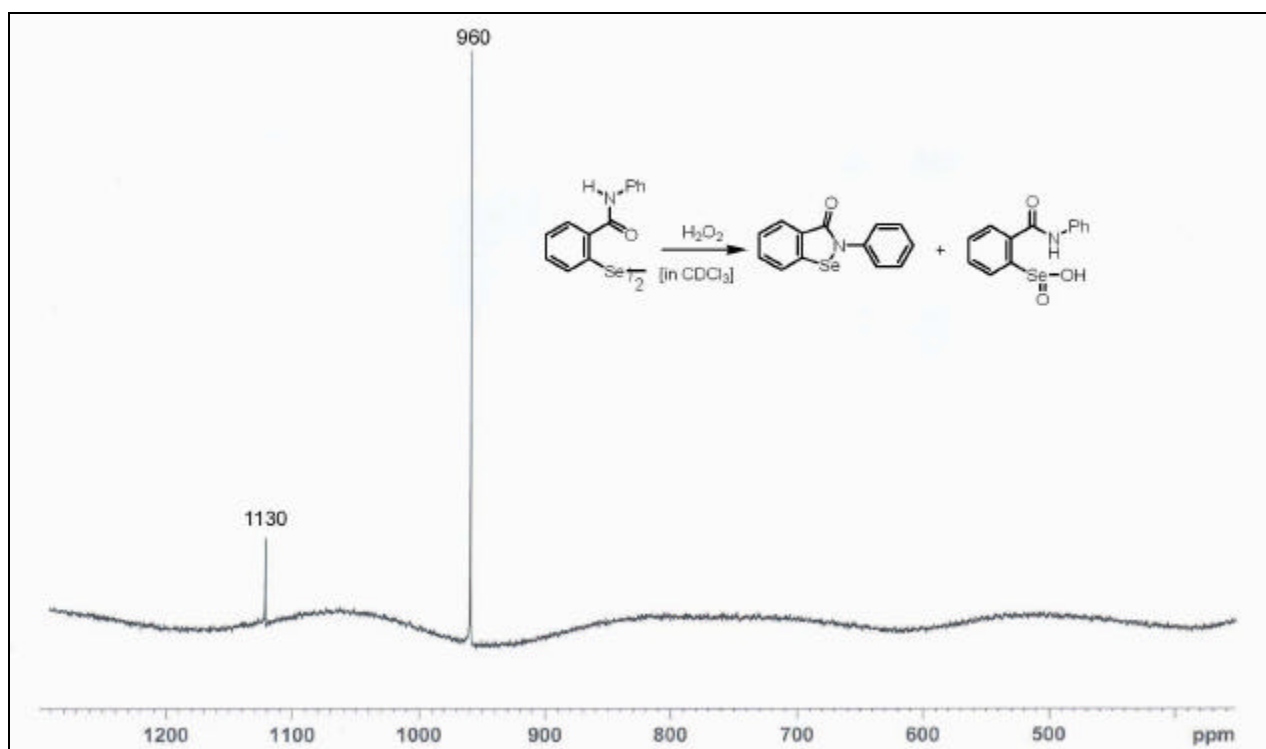


Figure S25.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of diselenide **6** with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to regenerate the seleninic acid (**9**) and ebselen (**1**).

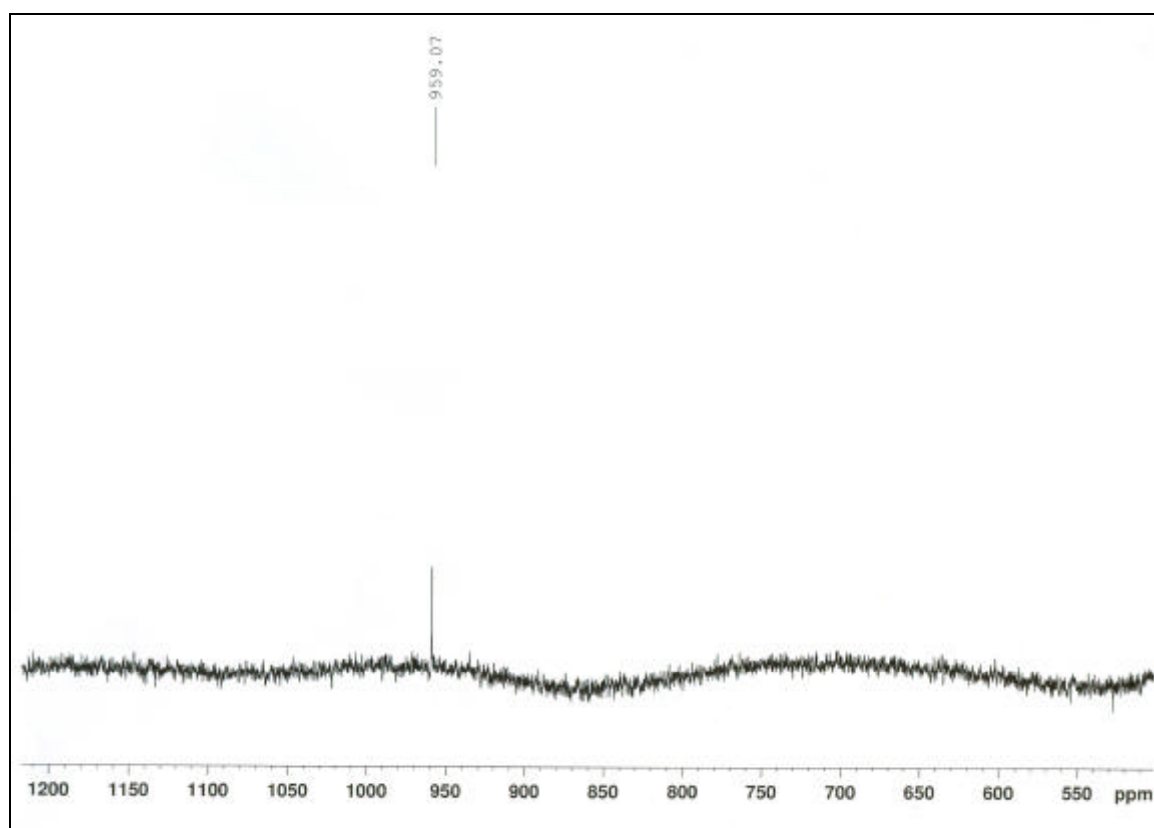


Figure S26.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra obtained after refluxing the seleninic acid **9** in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{MeOH}$  for 24 h. The  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra clearly indicate the formation of ebselen (**1**).

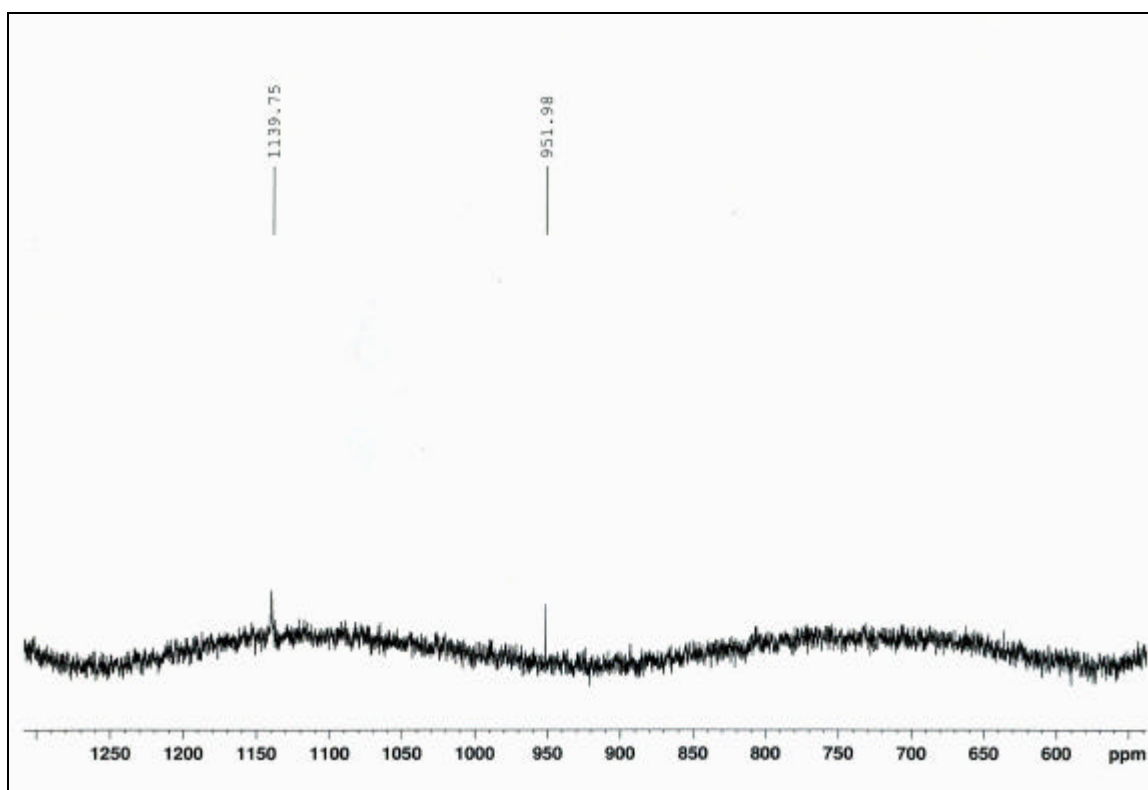


Figure S27.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of the seleninic acid **9** with 1 equiv of PhSH. The  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra clearly indicate the formation of ebselen (**1**).

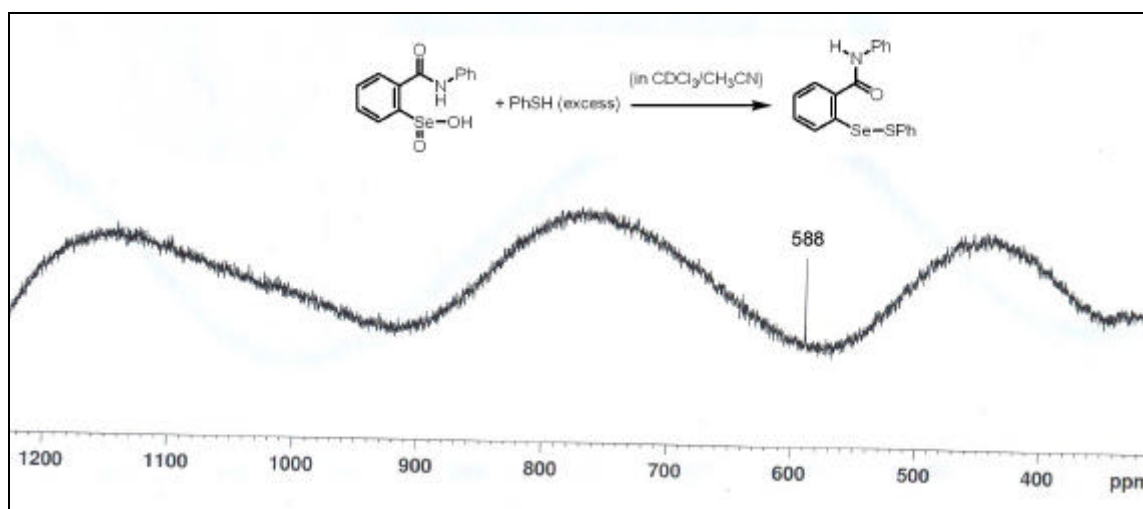


Figure S28.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of seleninic acid **9** with excess PhSH. The  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra clearly indicate the formation of the selenenyl sulfide **5**.

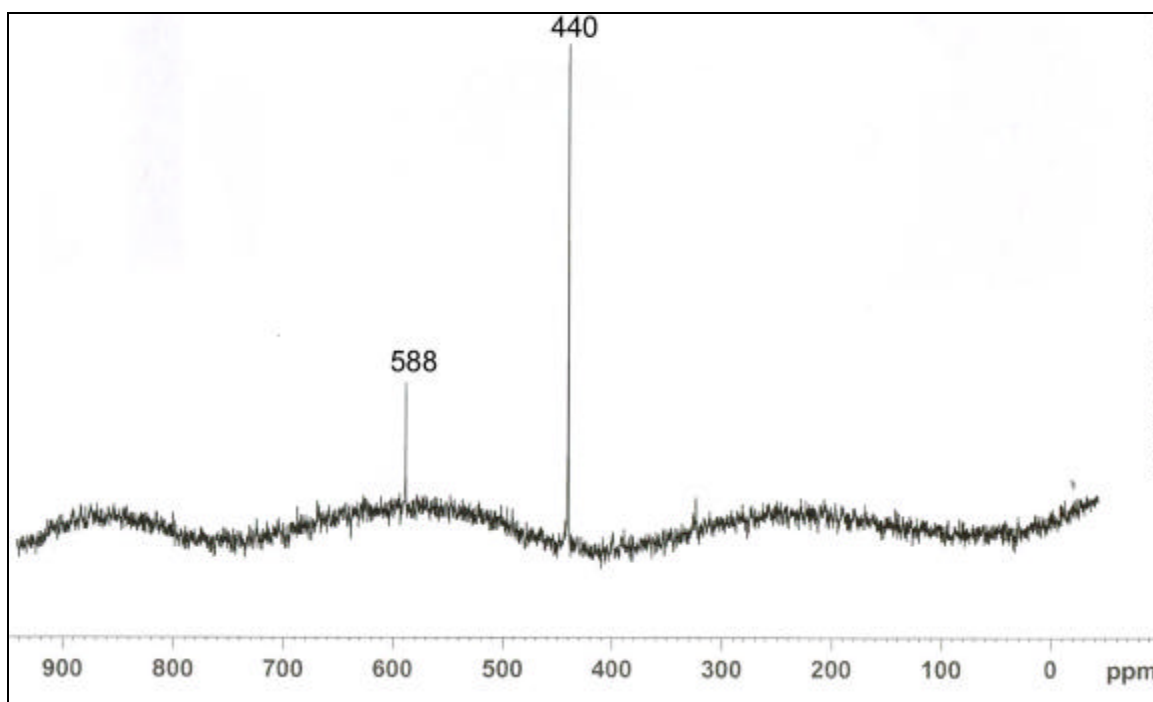


Figure S29.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of diselenide (**6**) with PhSH in DMSO- $d_6$ . The  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra clearly indicate the formation of the selenenyl sulfide **5**.

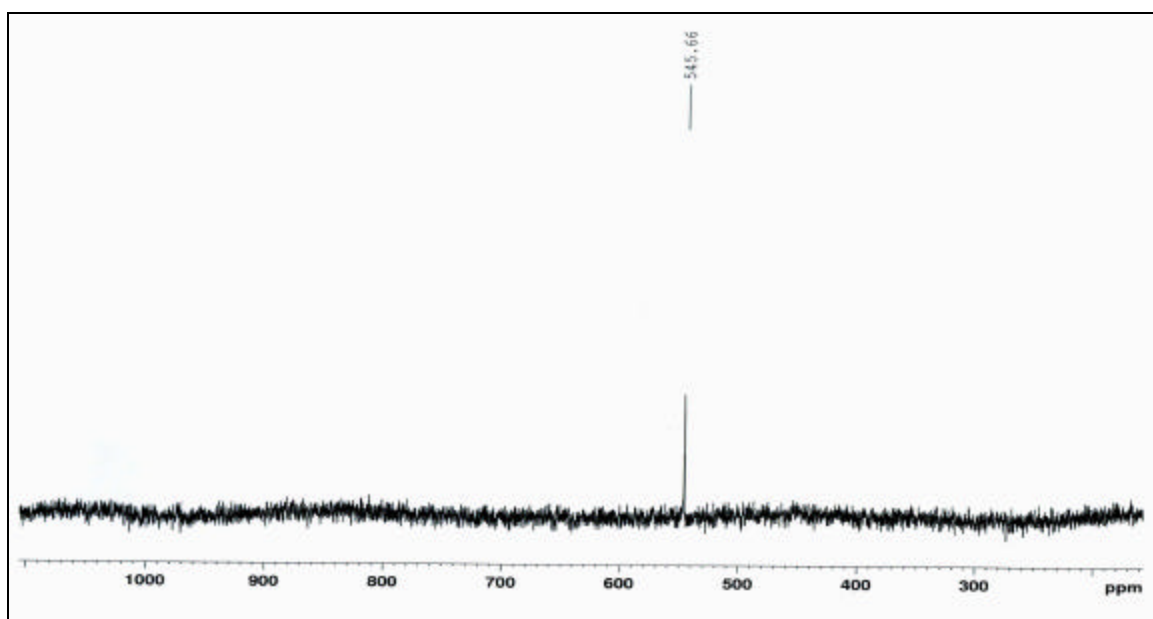


Figure 30.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR Spectra of pure selenenyl sulfide (**5**) in DMSO- $d_6$ .



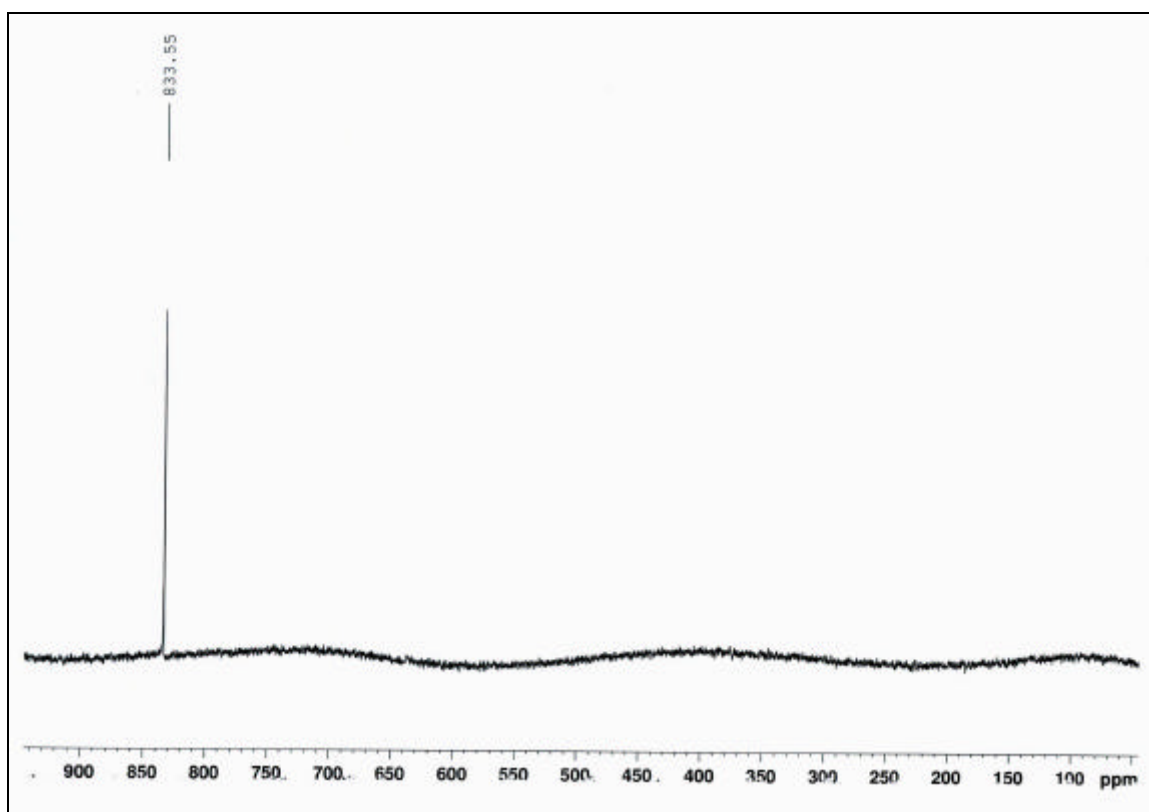


Figure 31.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR Spectra of pure methyl selenoxide **19** in  $\text{MeOH-d}_4$ .

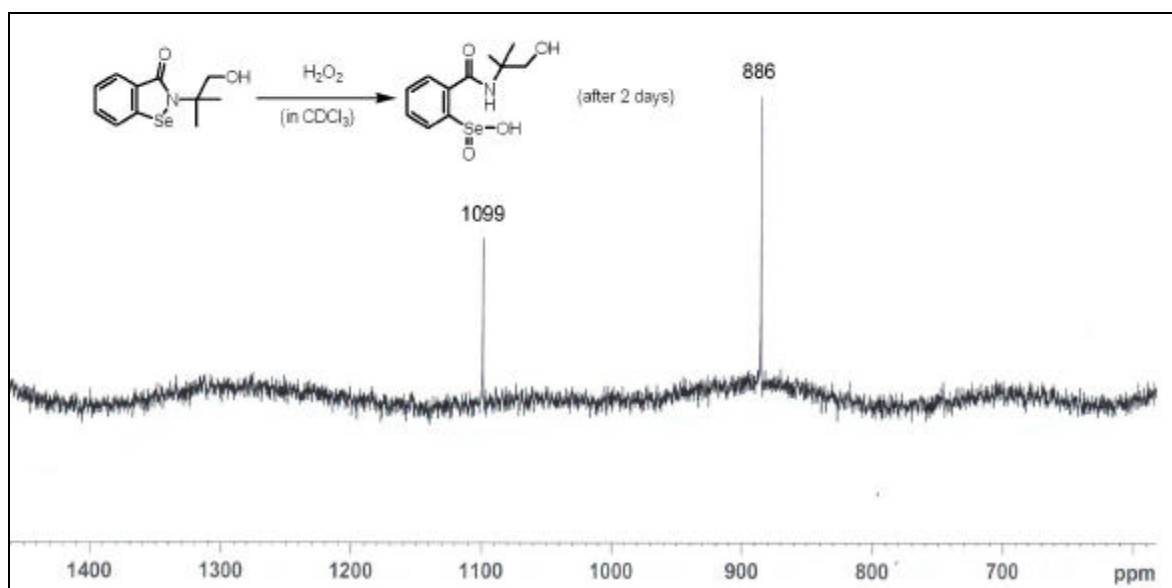


Figure 32.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of selenenyl amide **17** with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  recorded after 2 h. The  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra clearly indicate the formation of the seleninic acid **24**.

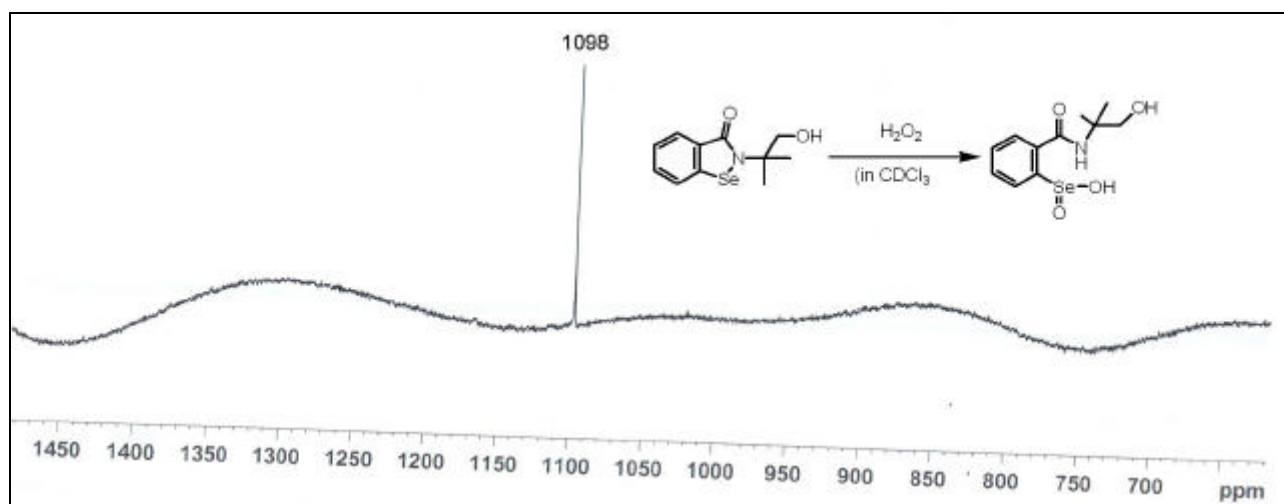


Figure S33.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of selenenyl amide **17** with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  recorded after 1 day. The  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra clearly indicate the complete conversion of **17** to **24** after 1 day.

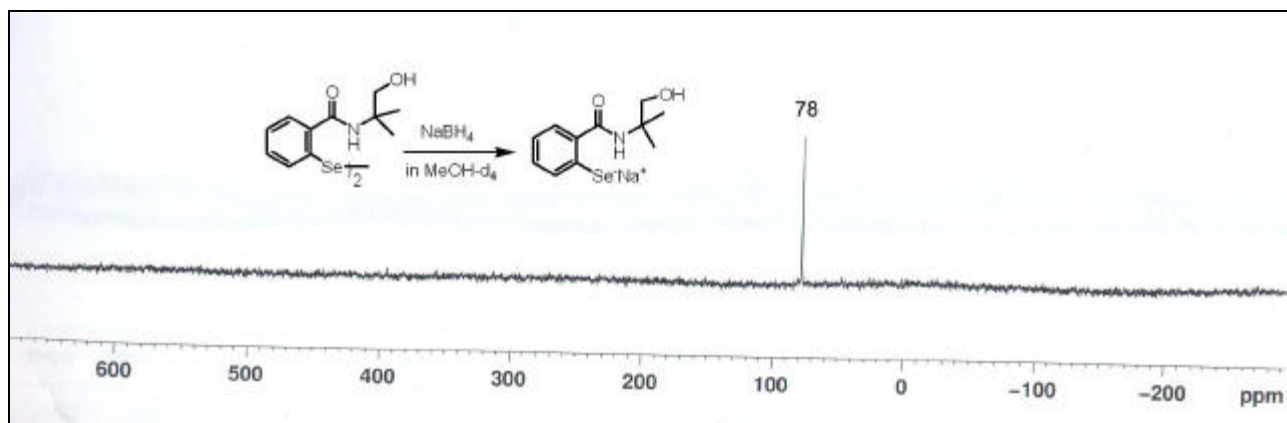


Figure S34.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra for the reaction of diselenide (**16**) with  $\text{NaBH}_4$  in  $\text{MeOH-d}_4$ .

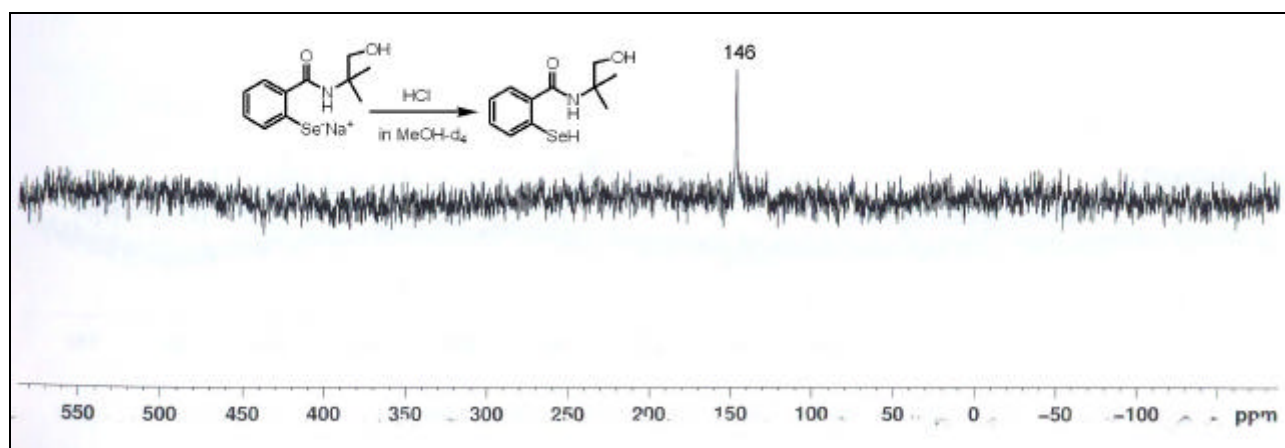


Figure S35.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of selenol (**15**) obtained from the acidification of the sodium selenolate (in  $\text{MeOH-d}_4$ ).

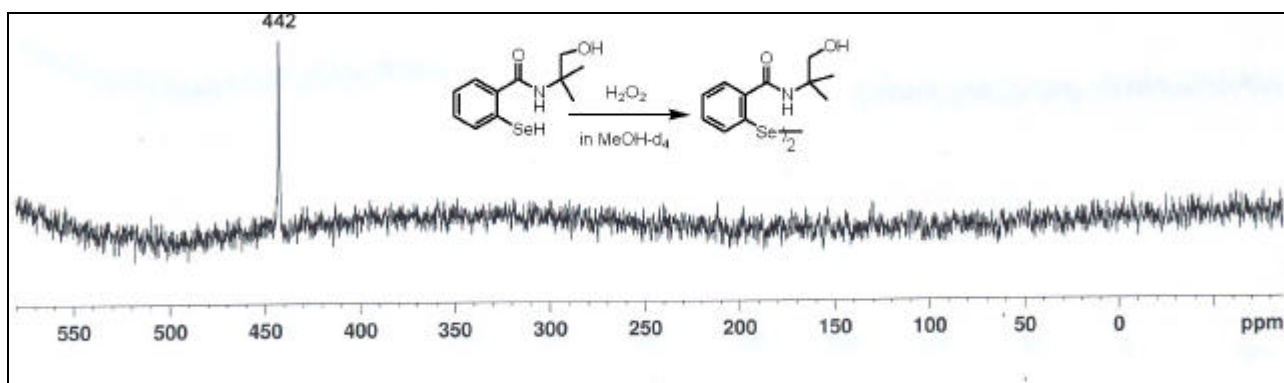


Figure S36.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of diselenide (**16**) obtained from the reaction of selenol (**15**) with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in  $\text{MeOH-d}_4$ .

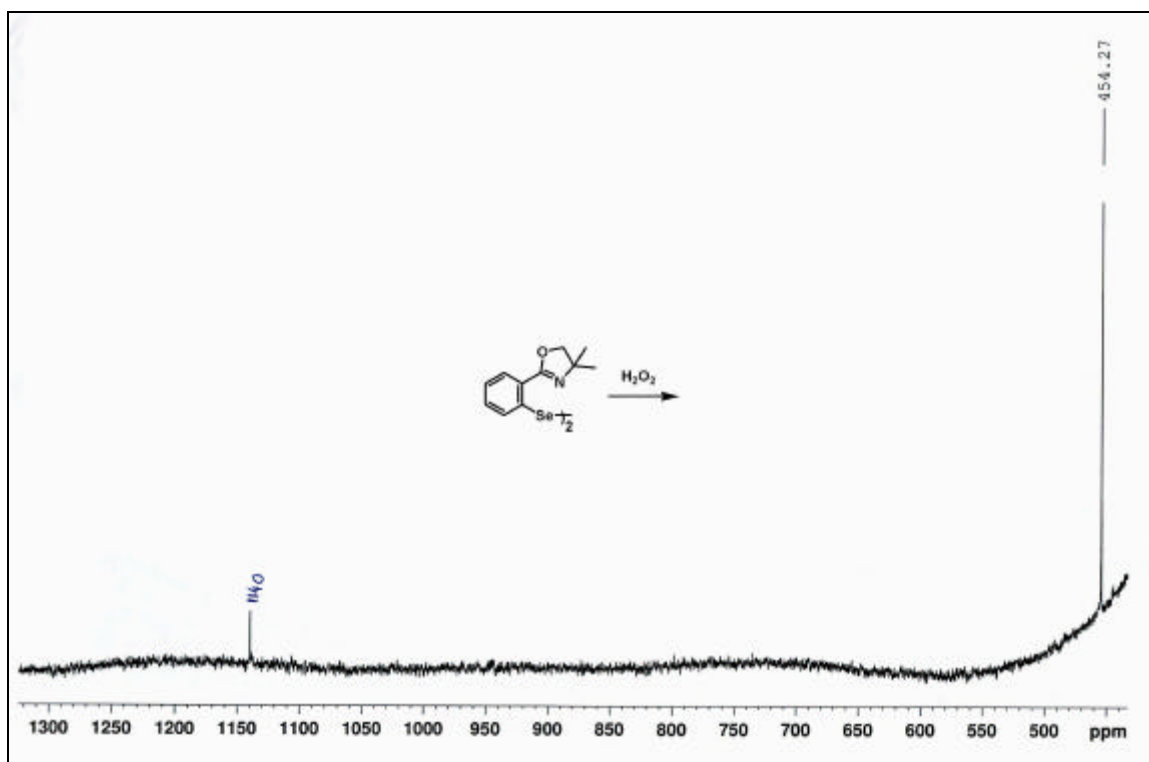


Figure S37.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectra of the reaction of diselenide (**27**) with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  recorded after 5 h in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

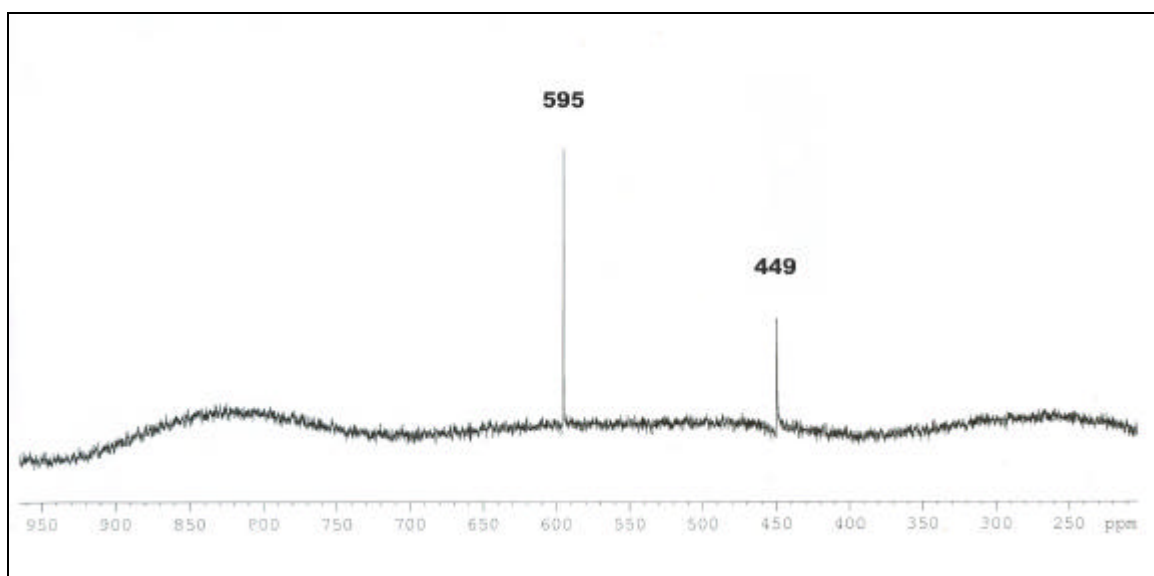


Figure S38. Pure selenenyl sulfide **5** when kept in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , diselenide **6** precipitated out in solution. DMSO- $d_6$  was added to the reaction mixture and  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectrum was recorded.

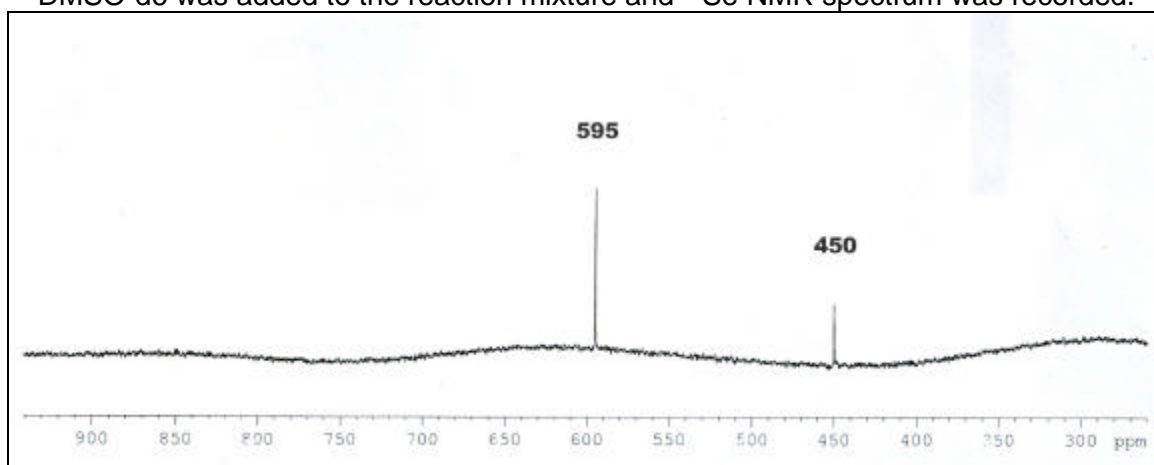


Figure S39. Pure selenenyl sulfide **5** was dissolved in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $10\ \mu\text{L}$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added. Diselenide **6** precipitated out in solution. DMSO- $d_6$  was added to the reaction mixture and  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR spectrum was recorded.

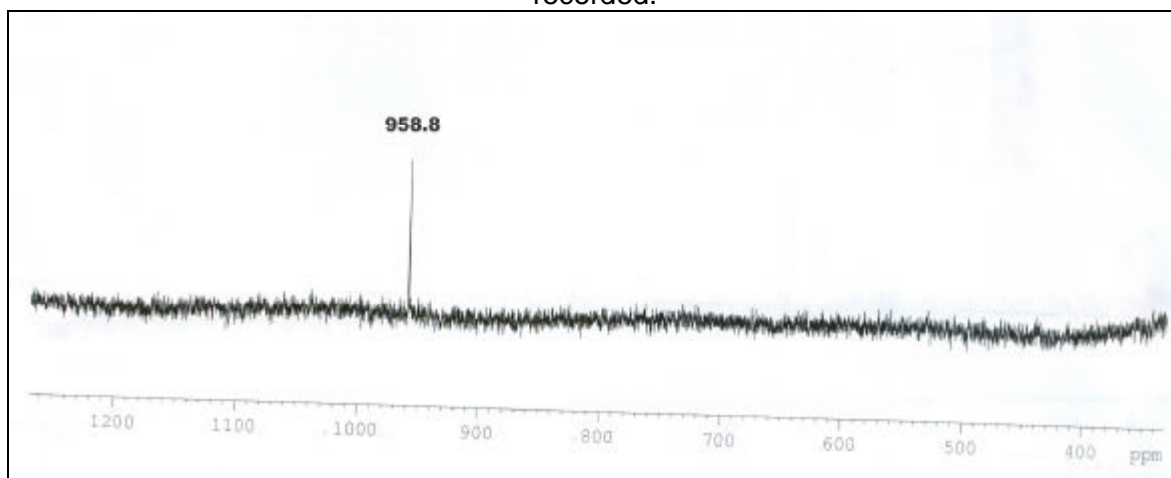


Figure S40. When the precipitate of diselenide **6** obtained from the reaction of **5** with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  was stirred or mixed thoroughly with the remaining solution, ebselen was isolated in quantitative yield.

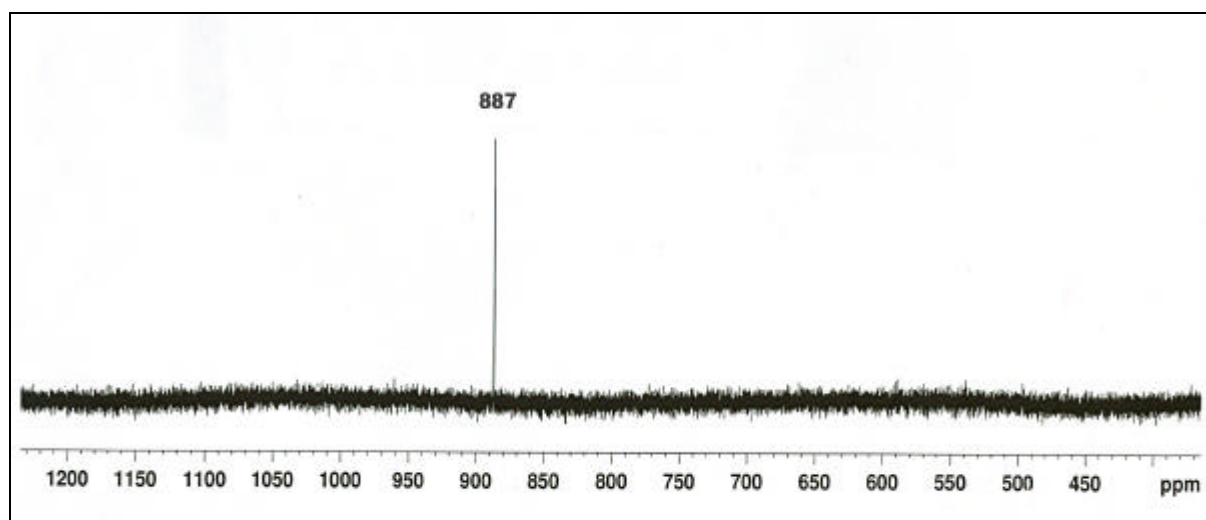


Figure S41. The reaction of **14** with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  produced the selenenyl amide **17** in quantitative yield. The diselenide **16** produced *in situ* being soluble in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  immediately reacted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  to produce **17** and hence **16** could not be detected in the reaction of **14** with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ .

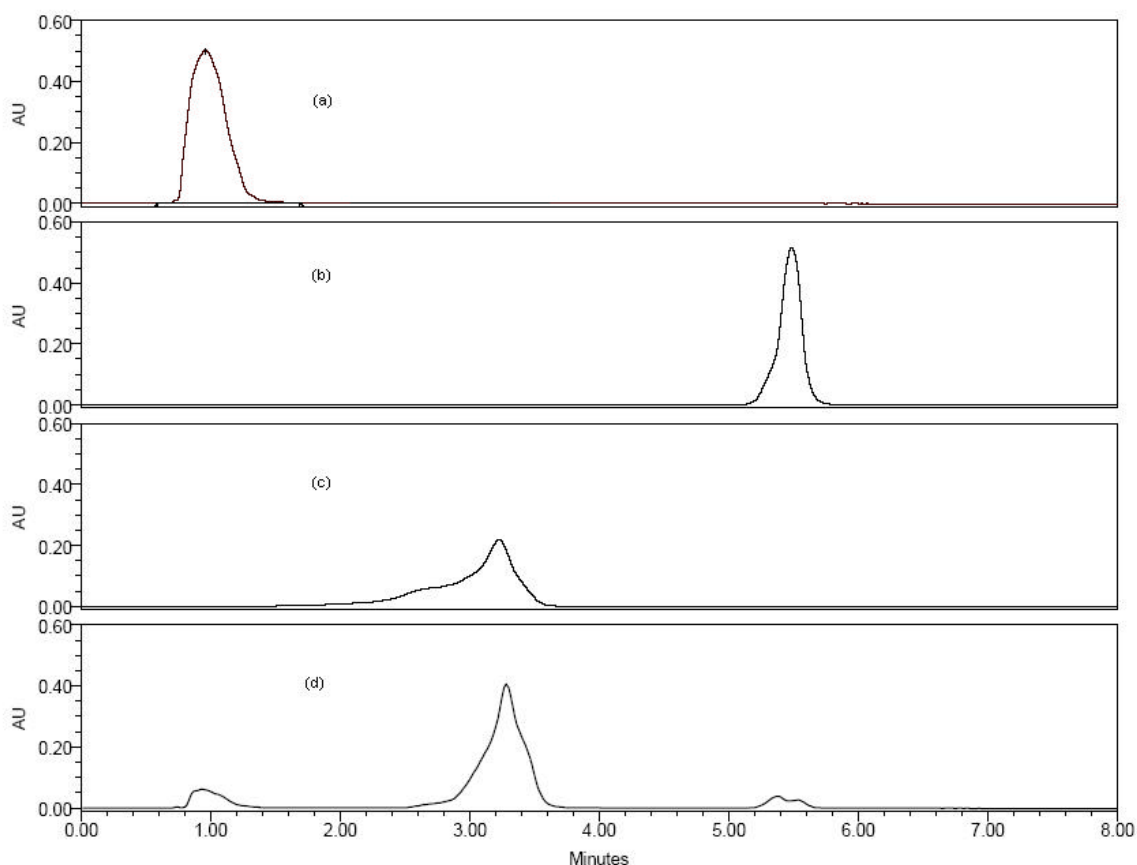


Figure S42. HPLC chromatogram for (a) pure **9** (b) pure **6** (c) pure ebselen (**1**) (d) reaction of **9** with 1 equiv of **6** to form ebselen (**1**).

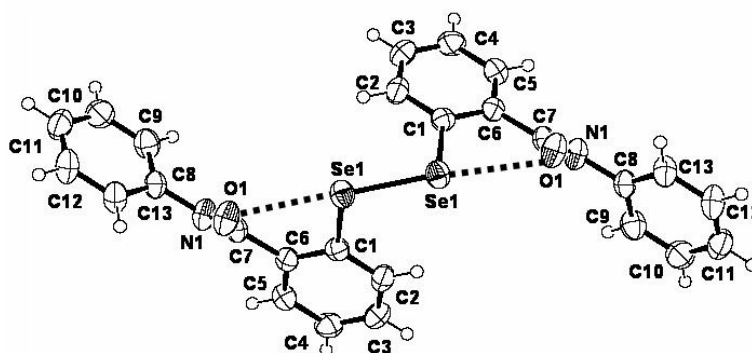


Figure S43. Molecular structure of diselenide **6**.

Table S1. Important Bond Length (Å), Bond Angles (°) and Torsion Angles (°) of diselenide **6**.

Se1-C1	1.938(2)	C8-C9	1.382(4)
Se1-Se1_a	2.3262(10)	C9-C10	1.386(4)
O1-C7	1.230(3)	C10-C11	1.368(4)
N1-C7	1.349(3)	C11-C12	1.373(4)
N1-C8	1.422(4)	C12-C13	1.379(4)
C1-C6	1.398(3)	Se1_a-Se1-C1	102.46(7)
C1-C2	1.393(4)	C7-N1-C8	124.7(2)
C2-C3	1.379(4)	C8-N1-H5	118(2)
Se1...O1	2.854(2)	C7-N1-H5	116(2)
C4-C5	1.381(4)	Se1-C1-C6	119.60(18)
C5-C6	1.393(3)	C2-C1-C6	118.9(2)
C6-C7	1.498(4)	Se1-C1-C2	121.55(18)
C8-C13	1.380(3)	C1-C2-C3	120.4(2)
C2-C3-C4	121.2(3)	N1-C8-C13	121.8(2)
C3-C4-C5	119.1(2)	C8-C9-C10	120.1(2)
C4-C5-C6	120.9(2)	C9-C10-C11	120.2(3)
C5-C6-C7	120.2(2)	Se1_a-Se1-C1-C2	18.7(2)
C1-C6-C7	120.19(19)	Se1_a-Se1-C1-C6	-161.47(16)
C1-C6-C5	119.6(2)	C1-Se1-Se1_a-C1_a	86.19(9)
C10-C11-C12	119.8(3)	C8-N1-C7-O1	0.6(4)
C11-C12-C13	120.7(3)	C8-N1-C7-C6	-178.4(2)
C8-C13-C12	119.8(2)	C7-N1-C8-C9	135.3(3)
O1-C7-N1	123.4(2)	C7-N1-C8-C13	-46.0(4)
O1-C7-C6	121.3(2)	Se1-C1-C2-C3	178.74(19)

N1-C7-C6	115.36(19)	C6-C1-C2-C3	-1.1(3)
N1-C8-C9	118.7(2)	Se1-C1-C6-C5	-179.01(17)
C9-C8-C13	119.5(2)	Se1-C1-C6-C7	-0.5(3)
C2-C1-C6-C5	0.8(3)	C5-C6-C7-O1	140.4(2)
C2-C1-C6-C7	179.3(2)	C5-C6-C7-N1	-40.7(3)
C1-C2-C3-C4	0.3(4)	N1-C8-C9-C10	-179.8(2)
C2-C3-C4-C5	0.7(4)	C13-C8-C9-C10	1.5(4)
C3-C4-C5-C6	-1.0(4)	N1-C8-C13-C12	179.9(3)
C4-C5-C6-C1	0.2(3)	C9-C8-C13-C12	-1.4(4)
C4-C5-C6-C7	-178.3(2)	C8-C9-C10-C11	-0.5(4)
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C1-C6-C7-N1	140.8(2)		

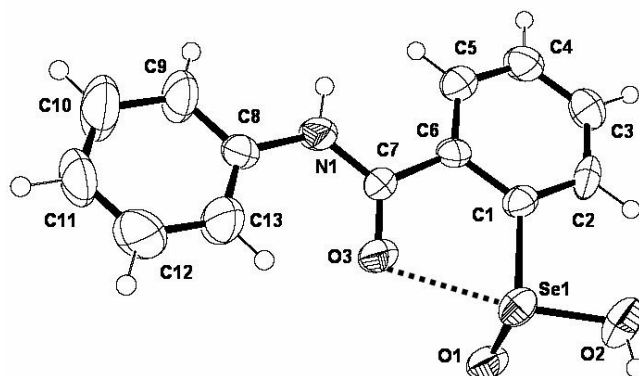


Figure S44. Molecular structure of seleninic acid **9**.

Table S2. Important Bond Length (Å), Bond Angles (°) and Torsion Angles (°) of seleninic acid **9**.

Se1-O1	1.658(3)	Se1-C1-C6	120.0(3)
Se1-O2	1.753(4)	C1-C2-C3	119.9(5)
Se1-C1	1.959(4)	C2-C3-C4	120.1(5)
O3-C7	1.229(5)	C3-C4-C5	120.4(5)
N1-C8	1.419(7)	C4-C5-C6	121.1(4)
N1-C7	1.335(6)	C5-C6-C7	125.2(4)
C1-C6	1.399(6)	C1-C6-C7	116.5(4)
C1-C2	1.384(6)	C1-C6-C5	118.3(4)
C2-C3	1.373(7)	O3-C7-N1	122.8(4)
C3-C4	1.374(7)	O3-C7-C6	118.4(4)

C4-C5	1.360(8)	N1-C7-C6	118.8(4)
C5-C6	1.382(7)	N1-C8-C9	117.6(5)
C6-C7	1.496(5)	N1-C8-C13	124.1(5)
C8-C13	1.370(8)	C9-C8-C13	118.3(5)
C8-C9	1.355(7)	C8-C9-C10	120.5(6)
C9-C10	1.370(8)	C9-C10-C11	121.4(6)
C10-C11	1.367(9)	C10-C11-C12	117.9(6)
C11-C12	1.333(9)	C11-C12-C13	121.9(6)
Se1...O3	2.460(3)	C8-C13-C12	120.1(6)
O1-Se1-O2	98.23(17)	O1-Se1-C1-C2	-89.0(4)
O1-Se1-C1	102.89(17)	O2-Se1-C1-C2	10.3(4)
O2-Se1-C1	93.53(17)	O1-Se1-C1-C6	90.2(4)
Se1-O2-H14	109.00	O2-Se1-C1-C6	-170.6(4)
C7-N1-C8	127.1(3)	C8-N1-C7-O3	3.1(8)
C8-N1-H1	116.00	C8-N1-C7-C6	-178.4(5)
C7-N1-H1	116.00	C7-N1-C8-C9	-167.6(5)
C2-C1-C6	120.2(4)	C7-N1-C8-C13	14.8(9)
Se1-C1-C2	119.8(3)	C2-C1-C6-C5	0.0(7)
C2-C1-C6-C7	178.8(4)	C5-C6-C7-O3	165.7(4)
C6-C1-C2-C3	-0.5(7)	C5-C6-C7-N1	-12.9(7)
Se1-C1-C6-C5	-179.2(3)	C1-C6-C7-O3	-12.9(6)
Se1-C1-C2-C3	178.7(4)	N1-C8-C9-C10	-178.5(6)
Se1-C1-C6-C7	-0.4(5)	C13-C8-C9-C10	-0.8(9)
C1-C2-C3-C4	-0.2(8)	N1-C8-C13-C12	178.9(6)
C2-C3-C4-C5	1.4(8)	C9-C8-C13-C12	1.4(10)
C3-C4-C5-C6	-1.9(8)	C8-C9-C10-C11	0.3(10)
C4-C5-C6-C1	1.2(7)	C9-C10-C11-C12	-0.4(10)
C4-C5-C6-C7	-177.5(4)	C10-C11-C12-C13	1.0(11)
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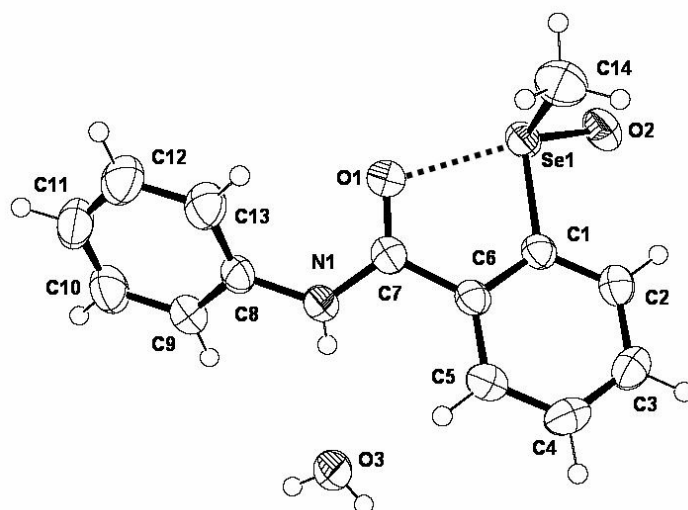


Figure S45. Molecular structure of selenoxide **19**.

Table S3. Important Bond Length (Å), Bond Angles (°) and Torsion Angles (°) of selenoxide **19**.

Se1-O2	1.6730(19)	Se1-C1-C2	117.18(17)
Se1-C1	1.949(2)	Se1-C1-C6	121.09(16)
Se1-C14	1.927(3)	C1-C2-C3	118.9(2)
O1-C7	1.224(3)	C2-C3-C4	120.2(2)
N1-C8	1.417(3)	C3-C4-C5	120.7(2)
N1-C7	1.345(3)	C4-C5-C6	119.9(2)
N1-H5	0.71(3)	C5-C6-C7	123.3(2)
C1-C2	1.377(3)	C1-C6-C7	118.1(2)
C1-C6	1.385(3)	C1-C6-C5	118.6(2)
C2-C3	1.390(3)	O1-C7-N1	124.1(2)
C3-C4	1.372(4)	O1-C7-C6	119.0(2)
C4-C5	1.379(3)	N1-C7-C6	116.9(2)
C5-C6	1.394(3)	N1-C8-C9	117.9(2)
C6-C7	1.499(3)	N1-C8-C13	122.2(2)
C8-C9	1.385(4)	C9-C8-C13	120.0(2)
C8-C13	1.386(4)	C8-C9-C10	119.6(3)
C9-C10	1.379(4)	C9-C10-C11	120.6(3)
C10-C11	1.372(5)	C10-C11-C12	119.8(3)
C11-C12	1.372(5)	O1-Se1-O2	172.28
C12-C13	1.384(4)	O2-Se1-C1-C2	17.0(2)
O1...Se1	2.6879(19)	O2-Se1-C1-C6	-160.28(19)

O2-Se1-C1	101.94(10)	C14-Se1-C1 -C2	-86.8(2)
O2-Se1-C14	102.45(11)	C14-Se1-C1-C6	96.0(2)
C1-Se1-C14	94.43(12)	C8-N1-C7-O1	2.1(4)
C7-N1-C8	125.5(2)	C8-N1-C7-C6	-175.0(2)
C11-C12-C13	120.7(3)	C7-N1-C8-C9	146.7(3)
C8-C13-C12	119.4(3)	C7-N1-C8-C13	-33.8(4)
C2-C1-C6	121.7(2)	Se1-C1-C2-C3	-179.11(18)
C6-C1-C2-C3	-1.9(4)	C1-C6-C7-N1	148.8(2)
Se1-C1-C6-C5	178.67(17)	C5-C6-C7-O1	149.8(2)
Se1-C1-C6-C7	-3.0(3)	C5-C6-C7-N1	-32.9(3)
C2-C1-C6-C5	1.6(4)	N1-C8-C9-C10	179.5(3)
C2-C1-C6-C7	179.9(2)	C13-C8-C9-C10	-0.1(4)
C1-C2-C3-C4	0.7(4)	N1-C8-C13-C12	179.9(3)
C2-C3-C4-C5	0.7(4)	C9-C8-C13-C12	-0.5(4)
C3-C4-C5-C6	-1.1(4)	C8-C9-C10-C11	0.0(5)
C4-C5-C6-C1	-0.1(4)	C9-C10-C11-C12	0.7(5)
C4-C5-C6-C7	-178.4(2)	C10-C11-C12-C13	-1.4(5)
C1-C6-C7-O1	-28.5(3)	C11-C12-C13-C8	1.3(5)

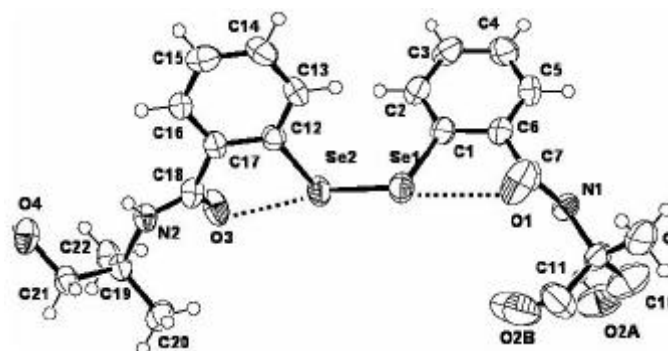


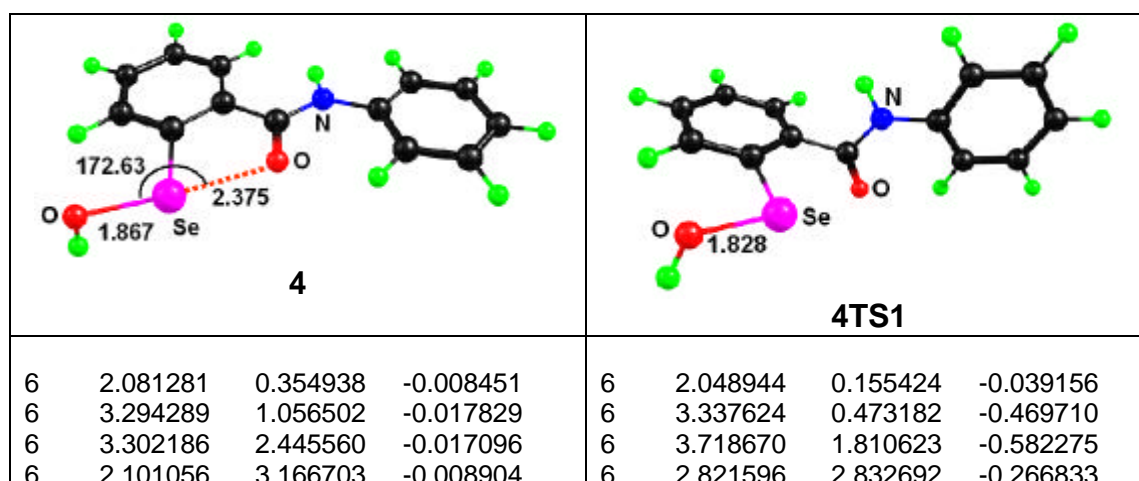
Figure S46. Molecular structure of diselenide **16**.

Table S4. Important Bond Length (Å), Bond Angles (°) and Torsion Angles (°) of diselenide **16**.

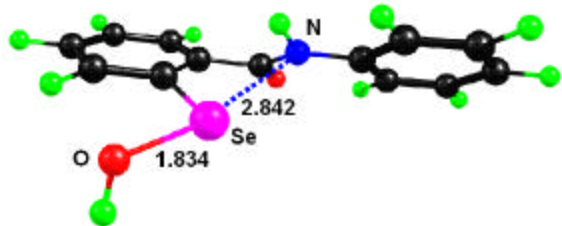
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Se2-C12	1.940(5)	N2-C18-C17	118.4(4)
O1-C7	1.239(6)	N2-C19-C20	108.7(4)
O2A-C10	1.249(14)	N2-C19-C21	106.5(4)

O2B-C11	1.161(17)	N2-C19-C22	111.9(4)
O3-C18	1.244(6)	Se1-C1-C2 -C3	176.1(4)
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N1-C8	1.494(7)	Se1-C1-C6-C5	-177.1(4)
N1-C7	1.326(7)	Se1-C1-C6-C7	0.9(6)
N2-C18	1.336(6)	C8-N1-C7-O1	1.4(8)
N2-C19	1.474(6)	C8-N1-C7-C6	-176.0(4)
C17-C18	1.486(7)	C7-N1-C8-C9	-66.2(6)
Se1...O1	2.973(4)	C7-N1-C8-C10	176.1(5)
Se2...O3	2.720(4)	Se2-C12-C13-C14	179.0(4)
Se2-Se1-C1	103.43(16)	C17-C12-C13-C14	-2.1(8)
Se1-Se2-C12	100.59(16)	Se2-C12-C17-C16	179.6(4)
C7-N1-C8	125.3(4)	Se2-C12-C17-C18	-1.3(6)
N1-C8-C11	112.1(4)	C-Se1-Se2-C12	-91.3(2)
O2A-C10-C8	116.9(6)	Se2-Se1-C1-C2	24.7(5)
O2B-C11-C8	118.3(9)	Se2-Se1-C1-C6	-157.9(4)
Se2-C12-C17	119.4(4)	Se1-Se2-C12-C13	29.6(4)
Se1-C1-C6	117.8(4)	Se1-Se2-C12-C17	-149.3(4)
O1-C7-C6	119.3(4)		
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C9-C8-C10	108.4(5)		

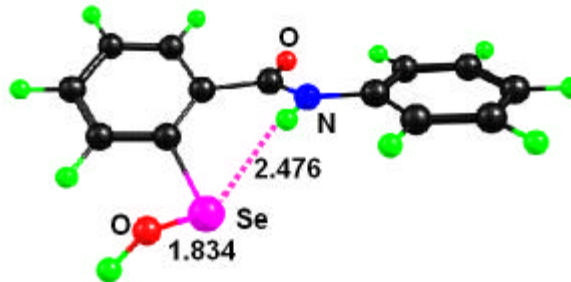
Table S5. B3LYP/6-31G(d) level optimized geometries of reactants, intermediates, transition states and products involved in the cyclization of the selenenic acid **4** to the cyclic selenenyl amide **1**.



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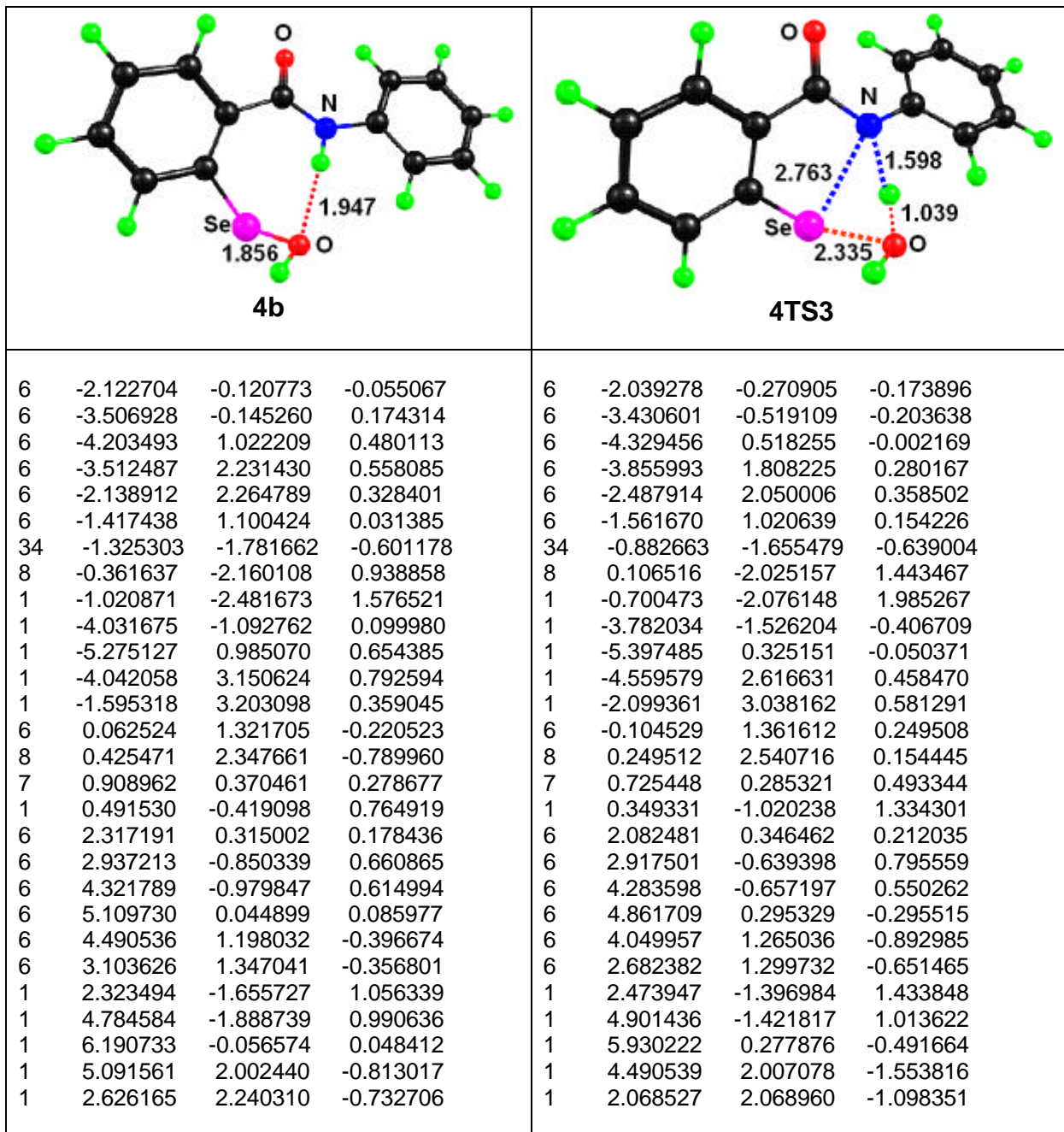
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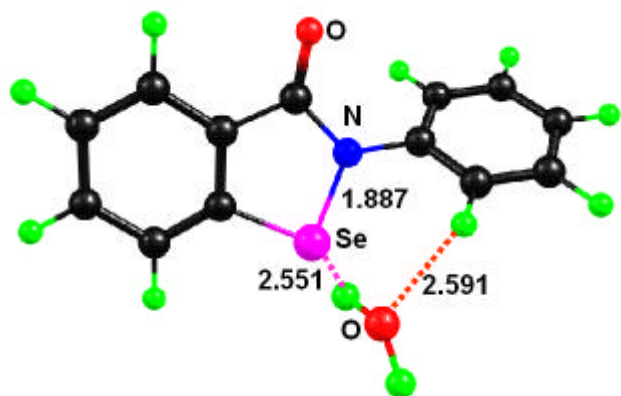


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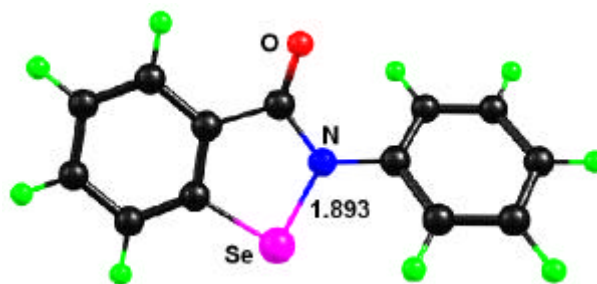
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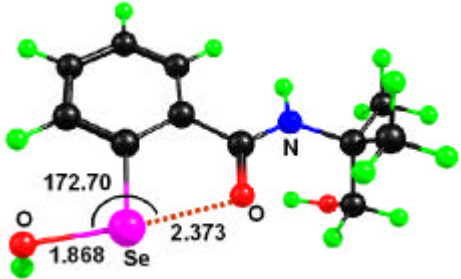
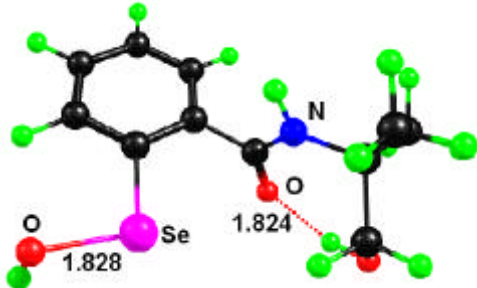
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Table S6. Relative Electronic  $\Delta$  (E + ZPE) and relative Gibbs Free Energy  $\Delta$  (G + ZPE) for the cyclization of selenenic acid **4** to the corresponding selenenyl amide **1** calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

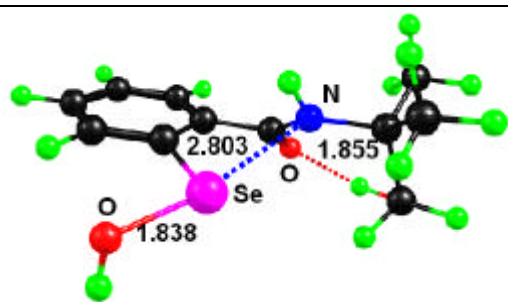
<b>4</b> $\rightarrow$ <b>1</b> + H <sub>2</sub> O		
Structure	$\Delta$ (E + ZPE) kcal/mol	$\Delta$ (G + ZPE) kcal/mol
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<b>4TS1</b>	11.74	11.63
<b>4a</b>	7.35	7.12
<b>4TS2</b>	9.91	9.95
<b>4b</b>	6.56	6.44
<b>4TS3</b>	46.84	47.35
<b>4c</b>	2.29	1.33
<b>1 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	7.79	-1.31

Table S7. B3LYP/6-31G(d) level optimized geometries of reactants, intermediates, transition states and products involved in the cyclization of the selenenic acid **23** to the cyclic selenenyl amide **17**.

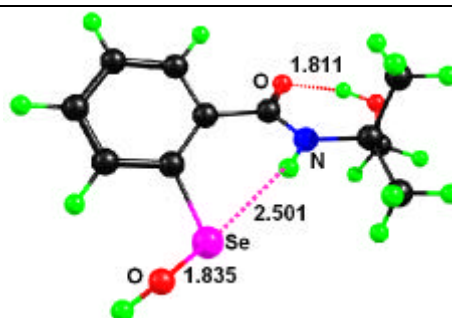
							
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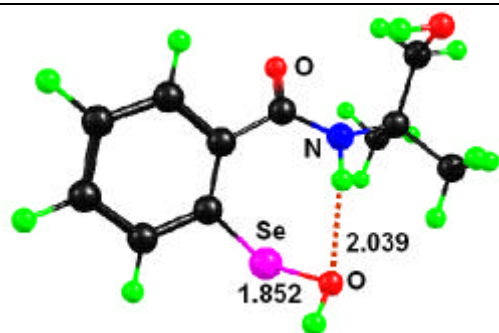


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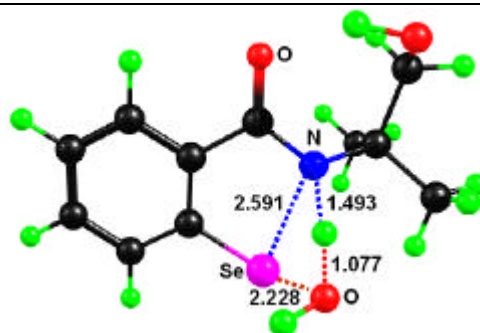


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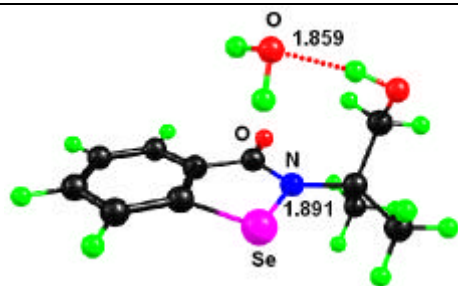
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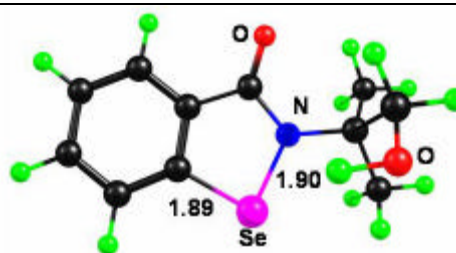
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23c



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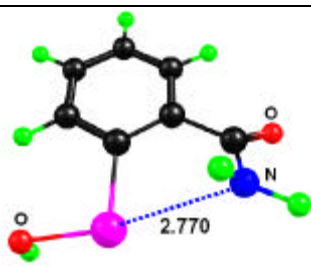
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8	0.257537	-0.645858	2.808392				
1	-0.380897	0.083702	2.786659				
1	0.069481	-1.154338	1.997395				

Table S8. Relative Electronic  $\Delta$ (E + ZPE) and relative Gibbs Free Energy  $\Delta$ (G + ZPE) for the cyclization of selenenic acid **23** to the corresponding selenenyl amide **17** calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level.

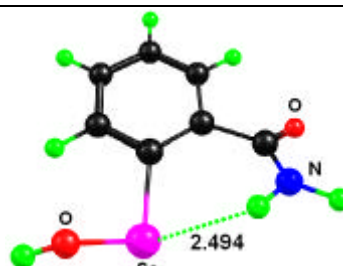
<b>23</b>	<b>?</b> <b>17</b> + <b>H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	
Structure	$\Delta$ (E + ZPE) kcal/mol	$\Delta$ (G + ZPE) kcal/mol
<b>23</b>	0	0
<b>23TS1</b>	8.70	9.39
<b>23a</b>	3.76	4.56
<b>23TS2</b>	7.87	8.63
<b>23b</b>	6.82	7.10
<b>23TS3</b>	49.48	51.01
<b>23c</b>	-2.91	-2.29
<b>17 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	6.77	-1.57

Table S9. B3LYP/6-31G(d) level optimized geometries of reactants, intermediates, transition states and products involved in the cyclization of the selenenic acid **35** to the cyclic selenenyl amide **41**.

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6	-1.254	2.633891	-0.010977	6	-1.545175	-2.503381	0.037830
6	-2.467596	1.939975	-0.012077	6	-2.667885	-1.675082	-0.005724
6	-2.457953	0.552252	-0.011858	6	-2.501871	-0.290218	-0.044634
6	-1.244583	-0.156210	-0.003139	6	-1.221752	0.269791	-0.044216
1	0.903765	2.482079	-0.032769	1	0.613784	-2.595937	0.080321
1	-1.247720	3.720904	-0.018159	1	-1.665067	-3.582897	0.076209
1	-3.409502	2.480101	-0.021595	1	-3.666235	-2.102721	-0.006110
1	-3.405578	0.019774	-0.037417	1	-3.368107	0.365426	-0.076672
34	1.627078	-0.419521	-0.030980	34	1.642437	0.245762	-0.032301
8	2.731815	1.086062	0.019940	8	2.661306	-1.259658	0.167061
1	2.911902	1.224199	0.964575	1	2.884288	-1.529887	-0.739854
6	-1.139356	-1.625907	0.002070	6	-1.034633	1.770321	-0.119347
8	-0.013410	-2.150804	-0.058837	8	-0.939064	2.376225	-1.176382
7	-2.259911	-2.397981	0.049795	7	-0.962055	2.382508	1.100022
1	-3.150970	-2.019824	0.330964	1	-0.935778	1.850324	1.957126
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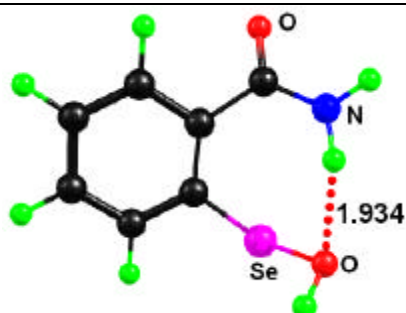
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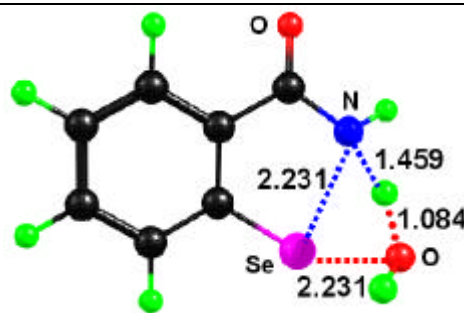
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8	2.181180	-2.336575	-0.587660
7	0.193434	-2.316685	0.545816
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1	0.242160	-3.330382	0.537491

6	0.010842	0.548448	-0.094194
6	0.024661	1.949649	-0.094545
6	1.216672	2.654061	0.035389
6	2.423951	1.956867	0.115704
6	2.418247	0.567307	0.090236
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**35b**



**35TS3**

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1	2.240787	-0.661614	1.790828
6	-0.623240	1.942367	-0.086305
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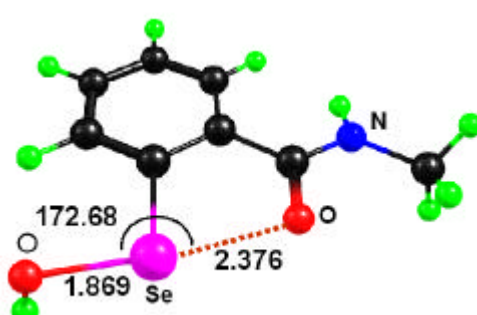

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1	-4.270021	-0.286930	0.374184
1	-2.838523	1.764284	0.202975
34	1.400828	-0.826782	-0.434434
8	2.618518	0.023991	1.230400
1	2.281611	-0.479841	1.992964
6	-0.176611	1.891914	-0.091701
8	-0.655410	2.993983	-0.366533
7	1.153446	1.637117	0.114066
1	1.967174	0.872586	1.053287
1	1.720603	2.374168	-0.310547

<b>35c</b>				<b>41</b>			
6	-0.780137	-0.639738	-0.001374	6	0.338375	-0.918683	-0.248520
6	-1.770660	-1.622150	0.003608	6	-0.897723	-1.523300	-0.476691
6	-3.104945	-1.218450	0.009649	6	-2.048027	-0.754628	-0.306616
6	-3.449420	0.141803	0.010644	6	-1.969370	0.591138	0.083413
6	-2.453218	1.113005	0.005539	6	-0.729861	1.181320	0.307329
6	-1.113169	0.719695	-0.000622	6	0.430520	0.421672	0.139962
1	-1.517088	-2.678644	0.002888	1	-0.970143	-2.564070	-0.779043
1	-3.887508	-1.972540	0.013670	1	-3.019471	-1.209477	-0.480339
1	-4.495592	0.433641	0.015354	1	-2.879344	1.170182	0.209620
1	-2.682683	2.174715	0.006231	1	-0.632354	2.219935	0.609768
34	1.103583	-0.895502	-0.009741	34	2.051119	-1.724500	-0.404066
8	4.026189	0.125801	0.027230	6	1.799169	0.951170	0.351062
1	4.285025	-0.423778	-0.728034	8	2.108244	2.085501	0.692121
6	0.026137	1.672784	-0.005547	7	2.713867	-0.052476	0.102328
8	-0.042595	2.896645	-0.002454	1	3.705001	0.126214	0.199672
7	1.204459	0.963968	-0.014882				
1	4.229651	-0.414918	0.805516				
1	2.118883	1.399546	-0.009854				

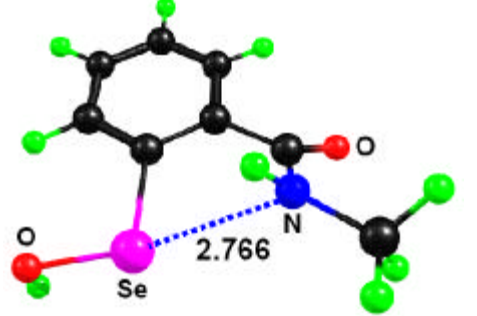
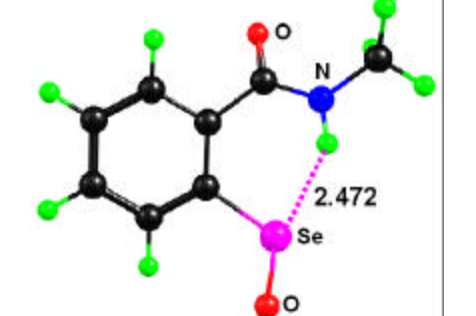
Table S10. Relative Electronic  $\Delta(E + ZPE)$  and relative Gibbs Free Energy  $\Delta(G + ZPE)$  for the cyclization of selenenic acid **35** to the corresponding selenenyl amide **41** calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

<b>35 <math>\rightarrow</math> 41 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>		
Structure	$\Delta(E + ZPE)$ kcal/mol	$\Delta(G + ZPE)$ kcal/mol
<b>35</b>	0	0
<b>35TS1</b>	12.69	12.10
<b>35a</b>	7.33	7.15
<b>35TS2</b>	10.74	10.57
<b>35b</b>	7.60	7.13
<b>35TS3</b>	50.84	51.04
<b>35c</b>	3.20	0.32
<b>41 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	9.52	-0.23

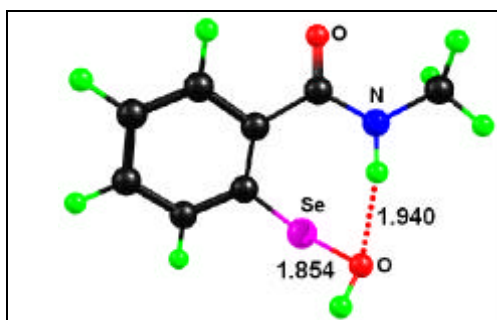
Table S11. B3LYP/6-31G(d) level optimized geometries of reactants, intermediates, transition states and products involved in the cyclization of the selenenic acid **37** to the cyclic selenenyl amide **43**.

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>37</b></p>				 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>37TS1</b></p>			
6	0.667191	0.510516	-0.007524	6	0.790989	0.340035	0.007255
6	1.624476	1.533621	-0.005048	6	2.025907	0.955088	-0.200187
6	1.227305	2.865373	-0.000021	6	2.104095	2.347483	-0.247569
6	-0.131383	3.206984	-0.003586	6	0.957190	3.127383	-0.089289
6	-1.085284	2.198625	-0.011607	6	-0.277172	2.506976	0.107880
6	-0.703187	0.846529	-0.009403	6	-0.370072	1.113554	0.151956
34	1.192231	-1.329563	-0.031424	34	0.607032	-1.572722	0.092085
8	3.031690	-0.999451	0.021066	8	2.332035	-2.038265	-0.298819
1	3.256895	-1.027506	0.965641	1	2.763977	-2.137277	0.566497
1	2.674149	1.262905	-0.021577	1	2.912189	0.344437	-0.336218
1	1.981864	3.647848	-0.000768	1	3.068117	2.822515	-0.409644
1	-0.438050	4.248648	-0.007203	1	1.021497	4.211105	-0.122341
1	-2.136412	2.477105	-0.032597	1	-1.177449	3.103452	0.230857
6	-1.643943	-0.292602	-0.017585	6	-1.697199	0.428111	0.396112
8	-1.180493	-1.449451	-0.068106	8	-2.097339	0.146996	1.519941
7	-2.982700	-0.076265	0.017483	7	-2.378390	0.127679	-0.748821
1	-3.318588	0.861620	0.172801	1	-1.936886	0.347783	-1.630644
6	-3.943243	-1.166976	0.062694	6	-3.639136	-0.593979	-0.750193
1	-3.504665	-2.033049	-0.434023	1	-3.976845	-0.663431	0.284693
1	-4.196372	-1.448676	1.093039	1	-4.390554	-0.060820	-1.342620
1	-4.856940	-0.871094	-0.460483	1	-3.519595	-1.606709	-1.154487

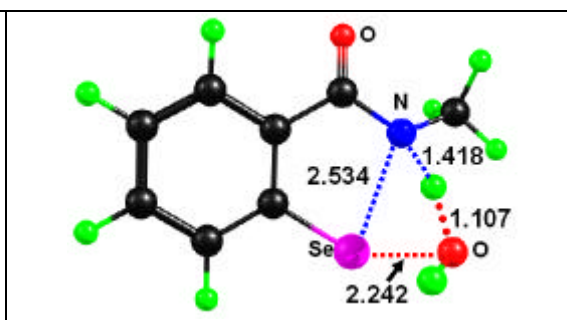
  

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6	0.809824	0.062381	-0.068407	6	-0.717593	0.440484	-0.102029
6	2.200962	0.113986	-0.195253	6	-1.870154	1.233820	-0.022148
6	2.854349	1.345185	-0.225143	6	-1.782999	2.611193	0.148840
6	2.133288	2.537473	-0.114801	6	-0.527386	3.220109	0.192220
6	0.749273	2.487730	0.013468	6	0.618813	2.441103	0.086408
6	0.074817	1.260014	0.018567	6	0.555933	1.042535	-0.034780
34	-0.070739	-1.661255	0.056393	34	-0.994809	-1.452706	-0.386954
8	1.443970	-2.699434	0.187813	8	-2.201568	-1.761985	0.961208
1	1.645328	-2.729955	1.138741	1	-3.072928	-1.755542	0.532351
1	2.761079	-0.812331	-0.263287	1	-2.845280	0.762168	-0.094027

1	3.936055	1.370409	-0.329391	1	-2.689647	3.205443	0.222917
1	2.647213	3.494111	-0.127560	1	-0.442384	4.297496	0.302062
1	0.160356	3.394025	0.116461	1	1.604193	2.893488	0.100971
6	-1.413035	1.273751	0.158850	6	1.923145	0.376516	-0.082829
8	-2.026619	2.114636	0.799406	8	2.900520	1.006954	-0.482884
7	-2.047192	0.204097	-0.459700	7	2.038902	-0.893636	0.383047
1	-1.617997	-0.125188	-1.318244	1	1.218104	-1.383807	0.713509
6	-3.498139	0.084875	-0.381046	6	3.331864	-1.555959	0.415157
1	-3.804813	0.220411	0.657149	1	3.989726	-1.113959	1.172970
1	-4.009395	0.841224	-0.989496	1	3.178579	-2.612528	0.647156
1	-3.789185	-0.912700	-0.718991	1	3.829478	-1.463875	-0.554422



**37b**



**37TS3**

6	-0.883334	-0.398430	-0.057296	6	-0.819242	-0.562879	-0.092277
6	-2.206018	-0.844850	0.089690	6	-1.965215	-1.379232	-0.022778
6	-3.251942	0.059250	0.263867	6	-3.219102	-0.793810	0.103310
6	-2.977615	1.426718	0.293546	6	-3.340868	0.599399	0.215348
6	-1.667545	1.877236	0.147124	6	-2.205422	1.403837	0.197024
6	-0.600199	0.984778	-0.018811	6	-0.936418	0.833620	0.059672
34	0.423765	-1.753949	-0.442198	34	0.847214	-1.363962	-0.423970
8	1.381259	-1.725365	1.145266	8	2.128246	-1.024396	1.385334
1	0.815057	-2.187033	1.786003	1	1.560766	-1.411169	2.075460
1	-2.404064	-1.911826	0.056602	1	-1.861905	-2.458885	-0.082183
1	-4.269926	-0.303524	0.375416	1	-4.105016	-1.422166	0.131400
1	-3.783146	2.143835	0.425696	1	-4.322622	1.048266	0.337214
1	-1.442239	2.938480	0.140232	1	-2.270065	2.483700	0.287251
6	0.756172	1.641939	-0.184091	6	0.276266	1.698659	0.005805
8	0.849707	2.715609	-0.778488	8	0.214523	2.900239	-0.266624
7	1.822511	1.038537	0.395518	7	1.442725	1.009699	0.233744
1	1.714146	0.172206	0.912828	1	1.795951	0.010784	1.175958
6	3.145276	1.628736	0.279940	6	2.651850	1.638359	-0.279217
1	3.180767	2.613491	0.759748	1	2.850433	2.573361	0.261203
1	3.865610	0.964904	0.762819	1	3.495886	0.958208	-0.136550
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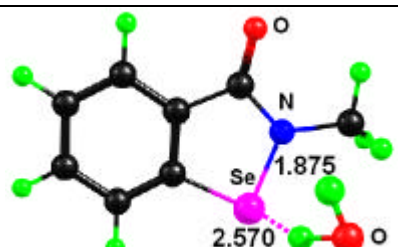
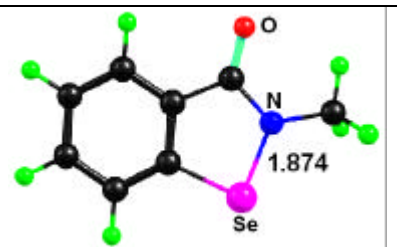
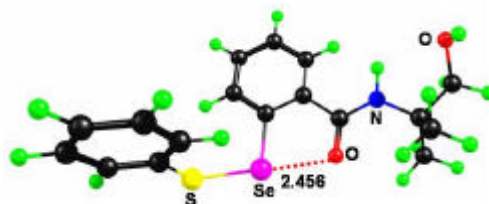
							
<b>37c</b>				<b>43</b>			
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6	-2.055457	-1.431945	-0.005708	6	-1.800440	-1.453172	-0.444807
6	-3.277974	-0.833631	0.298697	6	-2.883542	-0.665422	-0.057105
6	-3.387281	0.557954	0.439864	6	-2.693673	0.632512	0.440922
6	-2.267098	1.367684	0.277958	6	-1.409248	1.154762	0.555475
6	-1.037350	0.779754	-0.027864	6	-0.316378	0.374513	0.170620
34	0.833042	-1.132630	-0.581064	34	1.125989	-1.747496	-0.768680
8	2.548688	-0.694780	2.406608	1	-1.959437	-2.456541	-0.829237
1	1.892858	-1.002660	1.757078	1	-3.889301	-1.067606	-0.143981
1	-1.980668	-2.510011	-0.114251	1	-3.552376	1.227970	0.736602
1	-4.156765	-1.459331	0.428306	1	-1.225017	2.154917	0.936605
1	-4.349745	1.001732	0.676475	6	1.089422	0.834252	0.252596
1	-2.315767	2.447485	0.383501	8	1.474197	1.927868	0.654858
6	0.222148	1.544901	-0.194524	7	1.940693	-0.159901	-0.196173
8	0.356228	2.755529	-0.053000	6	3.381841	-0.001641	-0.241997
7	1.259716	0.693064	-0.532619	1	3.599490	0.994577	0.149023
1	2.104624	0.043192	2.851454	1	3.881010	-0.753976	0.379859
6	2.653635	1.114203	-0.561632	1	3.755475	-0.078567	-1.269923
1	2.651114	2.204796	-0.509113				
1	3.195326	0.701464	0.297247				
1	3.132476	0.796508	-1.493904				

Table S12. Relative Electronic  $\Delta$  (E + ZPE) and relative Gibbs Free Energy  $\Delta$  (G + ZPE) for the cyclization of selenenic acid **37** to the corresponding selenenyl amide **43** calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory.

<b>37 <math>\Delta</math> 43 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>		
Structure	$\Delta$ (E + ZPE) kcal/mol	$\Delta$ (G + ZPE) kcal/mol
<b>37</b>	0	0
<b>37TS1</b>	12.20	12.25
<b>37a</b>	6.97	7.39
<b>37TS2</b>	10.57	10.91
<b>37b</b>	7.42	7.45
<b>37TS3</b>	49.03	49.89
<b>37c</b>	1.07	0.48
<b>43 + H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	6.79	-1.64

Table S13. B3LYP/6-31G(d) level optimized geometry of the selenenyl sulfide **14**.



16	-2.983670000	0.026935000	-1.569645000
34	-0.785590000	-0.419625000	-1.341586000
8	5.322524000	0.092060000	2.046108000
1	5.112501000	-0.616151000	2.674622000
8	1.616521000	-0.822144000	-1.027140000
7	3.309974000	0.096611000	0.193853000
1	3.513430000	0.728595000	0.959375000
6	5.554537000	-0.500476000	0.769893000
1	6.288178000	-1.316269000	0.831556000
1	5.983453000	0.297925000	0.156636000
6	-1.025722000	2.268662000	-0.176267000
1	-2.067884000	2.210219000	-0.470181000
6	-5.144415000	-0.354245000	0.062491000
6	1.181333000	1.278059000	-0.051411000
6	-3.750636000	-0.484986000	-0.018589000
6	-0.173898000	1.192712000	-0.442304000
6	4.263734000	-1.025804000	0.101835000
1	-5.702198000	0.038189000	-0.784082000
6	1.648994000	2.451779000	0.563183000
1	2.699320000	2.549208000	0.822685000
6	-3.038768000	-0.990607000	1.072947000
1	-1.961259000	-1.098947000	1.000364000
6	2.056560000	0.106727000	-0.325115000
6	-0.548150000	3.416275000	0.449966000
1	-1.230009000	4.240319000	0.642545000
6	-3.718379000	-1.361855000	2.233966000
1	-3.154290000	-1.755044000	3.076194000
6	-5.814093000	-0.728282000	1.226802000
1	-6.894937000	-0.623732000	1.278030000
6	-5.105199000	-1.233090000	2.319195000
1	-5.628928000	-1.523101000	3.225874000
6	3.721434000	-2.258218000	0.852128000
1	3.527095000	-2.028157000	1.907312000
1	4.438399000	-3.086213000	0.803748000
1	2.780865000	-2.586108000	0.403917000
6	0.795944000	3.517748000	0.817362000
1	1.174406000	4.419116000	1.290052000
6	4.579821000	-1.372843000	-1.361090000
1	4.929582000	-0.485949000	-1.900512000
1	3.693350000	-1.757582000	-1.867140000
1	5.366956000	-2.134964000	-1.401427000