

# Studies on the highly regio- and stereoselective selenohydroxylation of 1,2-allenylic sulfoxides with PhSeCl

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**Abstract**—The selenohydroxylation of 1,2-allenyl sulfoxides with PhSeCl in MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O (10/1) afforded *E*-3-hydroxy-2-phenylseleno-1-alkenyl sulfoxides in good yields and high regio-/stereoselectivities.

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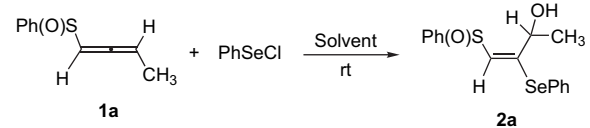
## 1. Introduction

Electrophilic addition of allenes is synthetically promising since two functionalities can be introduced within one preparative operation provided the issues of regio- and stereoselectivity can be addressed.<sup>1</sup> Recently, we have developed the halohydroxylation of sulfur-substituted allenes.<sup>2,3</sup> In these reactions the regioselectivity is the same by introducing the hydroxy group and halogen atom to the carbon–carbon double bond at the 2-position. However, the stereoselectivity depends on the nature of the sulfur-containing functionality providing *Z*- or *E*-isomer highly selective. In this paper, we wish to report the highly regio- and stereoselective selenohydroxylation of 1,2-allenylic sulfoxides.<sup>3</sup>

## 2. Results and discussion

The reaction of 1,2-butadienyl phenyl sulfoxide with PhSeCl in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, THF, or toluene afforded the related selenohydroxylation product **2a** in low yields (19–50%; Table 1, entries 1–3); no reaction was observed in MeCN (entry 4). Since a hydroxyl group was introduced, we proceeded to study the effect of water on this reaction. In fact, the reaction in aqueous organic solvents, such as THF, DMF, or CH<sub>3</sub>CN all afforded **2a** in higher yields with MeCN being the best (entries 5–7). Furthermore, it was observed that the amounts of both water and PhSeCl are important for a high-yielding reaction. The optimized reaction conditions are listed in entry 11 of Table 1. The structure of **2a** was confirmed by its X-ray diffraction study (Fig. 1).<sup>4</sup>

**Table 1.** Selenohydroxylation of 1,2-butadienyl phenyl sulfoxide with PhSeCl



Entry	PhSeCl (equiv)	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Time (min)	Isolated yield of <b>2a</b> (%)	dr
1	2	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	10	10	32	72/28
2	2	THF	8	25	19	63/37
3	2	Toluene	8	30	50	63/37
4	2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	12	90	0	—
5	2	THF/H <sub>2</sub> O=10/1	10	90	77	60/40
6	2	DMF/H <sub>2</sub> O=10/1	10	90	81	61/39
7	2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O=10/1	11	10	84	60/40
8	2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O=20/1	11	15	66	61/39
9	1.2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O=10/1	15	14	78	60/40
10	2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O=3/1	12	240	77	59/41
11	1.5	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O=10/1	15	14	86	60/40
12	2.5	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O=10/1	15	6	67	60/40

<sup>a</sup> The reaction was conducted under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

Then the scope of this reaction was studied with some of the most representative results being summarized in Table 2. In fact, the scope of this reaction is very broad: the reaction can proceed with the 3-monosubstituted (entries 1–8), 3,3-disubstituted (entries 9–12), 1,3-disubstituted (entry 13), and fully substituted (entry 14) 1,2-allenyl sulfoxides with the yields ranging from 48 to 93%. In all the cases, the reaction proceeded smoothly at ambient temperature to afford *E*-3-hydroxy-2-phenylseleno-1-alkenyl sulfoxides with high regio- and stereoselectivity.

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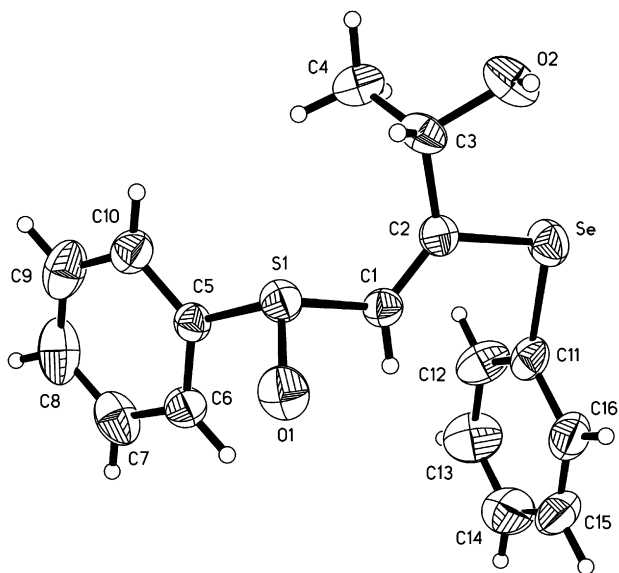
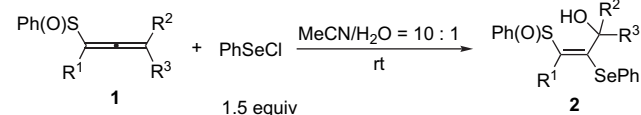


Figure 1. ORTEP representation of **2a**.

Table 2. The reaction of differently substituted 1,2-allenyl sulfoxides with PhSeCl



Entry	1			Time (min)	Isolated yield of <b>2</b> (%)	dr
	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>			
1	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	14	86 ( <b>2a</b> )	60/40
2	H	H	H	10	48 ( <b>2b</b> )	—
3	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	H	15	76 ( <b>2c</b> )	50/50
4	H	<i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	H	19	80 ( <b>2d</b> )	50/50
5	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	H	60	85 ( <b>2e</b> )	76/24
6	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub>	H	18	76 ( <b>2f</b> )	60/40
7	H	Ph	H	18	71 ( <b>2g</b> )	65/35
8	H	Bn	H	12	80 ( <b>2h</b> )	50/50
9	H	CH <sub>3</sub>	<i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	15	77 ( <b>2i</b> )	69/31
10	H	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	11	85 ( <b>2j</b> )	—
11	H	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub>		14	89 ( <b>2k</b> )	—
12	H	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	11	75 ( <b>2l</b> )	—
13	<i>n</i> -C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>15</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	21	93 ( <b>2m</b> )	50/50
14	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	15	51 ( <b>2n</b> )	—

### 3. Conclusion

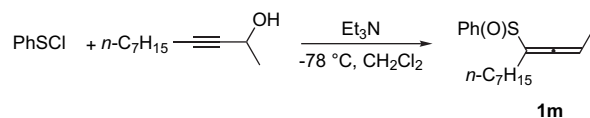
In conclusion, we have established a highly regio- and stereo-selective *E*-selenohydroxylation of the relatively electron-rich carbon–carbon double bond in 1,1-allenyl sulfoxides. Due to the presence of carbon–carbon double bond, C–Se bond, and the hydroxyl group this reaction will be useful in organic synthesis. Further studies in this area are being conducted in our laboratory.

### 4. Experimental

#### 4.1. Starting materials

Compounds **1a–l** and **1n** were prepared according to known procedures.<sup>5</sup> Compound **1m** was prepared as follows.

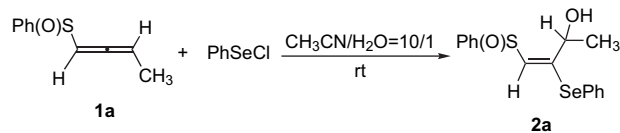
#### 4.1.1. Undeca-2,3-dien-4-yl phenyl sulfoxide (**1m**).



**Typical procedure:**<sup>5</sup> A dried three-neck round-bottom flask was charged with undec-3-yn-2-ol (6.72 g, 40 mmol) and triethylamine (5.5 mL, 40 mmol) in methylene chloride (150 mL) with stirring. After the mixture was cooled to  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a solution of sulfenyl chloride (5.50 g, 38 mmol) was added dropwise. After being stirred at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 8 min, methyl iodide (0.5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm naturally to room temperature followed by quenching with water (20 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with methylene chloride ( $20 \times 2$  mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation of the solvent, chromatography on silica gel (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=20/1) of the crude product afforded 7.82 g (75%) of **1m** as an oil. Liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63–7.58 (m, 2H), 7.57–7.42 (m, 3H), 5.72–5.60 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.82 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.80 (d,  $J=4.8$  Hz, 2H), 1.40–1.23 (m, 2H), 1.23–1.10 (m, 8H), 0.85 (t,  $J=7.0$  Hz, 3H); MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 277 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 15.56), 276 ( $M^+$ , 75.04), 149 (100); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  2927, 2856, 1958, 1581, 1458, 1443, 1083, 1050, 749, 694. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>OS: C 73.86, H 8.75. Found: C 73.96, H 8.69.

#### 4.2. Typical procedure

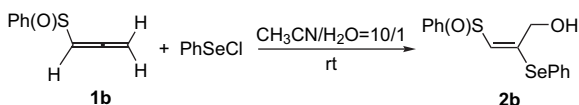
#### 4.2.1. *E*-3-Phenylselanyl-4-phenylsulfinyl-3-buten-2-ol (*E*-**2a**).



To a solution of PhSeCl (57.2 mg, 0.3 mmol) in 3 mL of MeCN was added 0.4 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. Then a solution of **1a** (35.4 mg, 0.2 mmol) in MeCN (1 mL) was subsequently added at room temperature and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 min. After complete consumption of the starting material as monitored by TLC (eluent: petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=2/1), the mixture was quenched with 10 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, extracted with diethyl ether ( $3 \times 20$  mL), washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration, evaporation, and flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate=2/1) afforded *E*-**2a** (59.8 mg, 86%, dr=60/40) as a solid. Mp 152–154 °C (hexane/acetone). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.58–7.50 (m, 1H), 7.50–7.39 (m, 6H), 7.37–7.28 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 2H), [5.64 (s, 40%), 5.60 (s, 60%), 1H], [5.43 (q,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 60%), 5.37 (q,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 40%), 1H], 3.89 (br s, 1H), [1.64 (d,  $J=6.8$  Hz, 40%), 1.54 (d,  $J=6.8$  Hz, 60%), 3H]; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 339 ( $M^+$ (<sup>82</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 1.36), 338 ( $M^+$ (<sup>82</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H, 5.49), 337 ( $M^+$ (<sup>80</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 24.24), 336 ( $M^+$ (<sup>80</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H, 39.59), 335 ( $M^+$ (<sup>78</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 100), 334 ( $M^+$ (<sup>78</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H or  $M^+$ (<sup>77</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 98.04), 333 ( $M^+$ (<sup>77</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H or  $M^+$ (<sup>76</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 51.80),

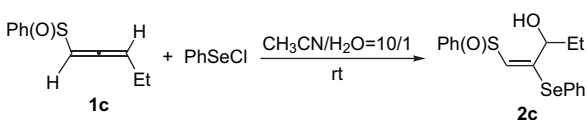
332 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 59.06), 331 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 31.15), 330 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 16.62); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3275, 1572, 1475, 1447, 1122, 1014. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 54.70, H 4.59. Found: C 54.69, H 4.59.

#### 4.2.2. *E*-2-Phenylselanyl-3-phenylsulfinyl-2-propen-1-ol (*E*-2b).



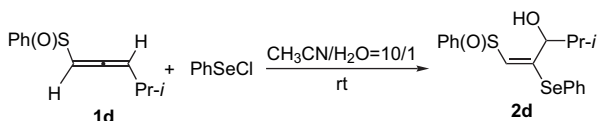
The reaction of 48.5 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1b** and 86.1 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 6 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2b** (48.3 mg, 48%) as a solid. Mp 93–95 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.57–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.51–7.42 (m, 5H), 7.38–7.22 (m, 3H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 4.84 (d,  $J=14.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.66 (d,  $J=14.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.29 (br s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  153.7, 143.4, 136.2, 130.8, 129.9, 129.4, 129.33, 129.30, 125.9, 124.4, 62.5; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 323 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 3.62), 322 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{OH}-\text{H}$ , 14.49), 321 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 16.67), 320 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{OH}-\text{H}$ , 50.72), 319 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 8.70), 318 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{OH}-\text{H}$  or  $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 26.81), 317 ( $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{OH}-\text{H}$  or  $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 8.70), 316 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{OH}-\text{H}$ , 8.70), 77 (100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3281, 1586, 1560, 1476, 1442, 1008. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 53.41, H 4.18. Found: C 53.25, H 4.09.

#### 4.2.3. *E*-2-Phenylselanyl-1-phenylsulfinyl-1-penten-3-ol (*E*-2c).



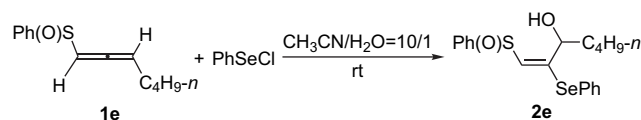
The reaction of 38.4 mg (0.20 mmol) of **1c** and 58.2 mg (0.30 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.4 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 4 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2c** (55.2 mg, 76%, dr=50/50) as a solid. Mp 120–122 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.56–7.49 (m, 1H), 7.49–7.35 (m, 6H), 7.34–7.18 (m, 3H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 5.20–5.09 (m, 1H), [4.77 (br s, 50%), 4.12 (br s, 50%), 1H], [2.09–1.90 (m), 1.80–1.66 (m), 2H], [1.11 (t,  $J=7.4$  Hz, 50%), 1.05 (t,  $J=7.4$  Hz, 50%), 3H]; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 353 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 4.27), 352 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 23.27), 351 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 19.56), 350 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 100), 349 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 10.62), 348 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$  or  $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 50.76), 347 ( $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$  or  $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 18.70), 346 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 18.27), 344 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 1.77); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3293, 1577, 1561, 1476, 1439, 1006; Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 55.89, H 4.97. Found: C 55.93, H 4.90.

#### 4.2.4. *E*-4-Methyl-2-phenylselanyl-1-phenylsulfinyl-1-penten-3-ol (*E*-2d).



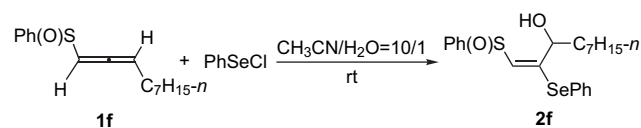
The reaction of 61.7 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1d** and 87.0 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 6 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2d** (90.8 mg, 80%, dr=50/50) as a solid. Mp 114.5–116.5 °C (hexane/acetone).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.52–7.35 (m, 7H), 7.35–7.20 (m, 3H), [5.77 (s, 50%), 5.74 (s, 50%), 1H], [4.87 (d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, 50%), 4.82 (d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, 50%), 1H], 3.53 (br s, 1H), 2.18–2.10 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 3H), [1.11 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 50%), 0.95 (d,  $J=6.4$  Hz, 50%), 3H]; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 367 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 3.05), 366 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 15.53), 365 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 12.56), 364 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 61.54), 363 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 6.86), 362 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$  or  $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 32.20), 361 ( $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$  or  $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 11.97), 360 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 10.64), 359 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 1.04), 358 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 1.80), 134 (100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3226, 2965, 1579, 1545, 1475, 1439, 1005. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 56.99, H 5.31. Found: C 56.88, H 5.20.

#### 4.2.5. *E*-2-Phenylselanyl-1-phenylsulfinyl-1-hepten-3-ol (*E*-2e).



The reaction of 65.5 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1e** and 86.8 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 6 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2e** (99.4 mg, 85%, dr=76/24) as a solid. Mp 82.5–84 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.55–7.42 (m, 7H), 7.36–7.23 (m, 3H), [5.69 (s, 24%), 5.68 (s, 76%), 1H], [5.26–5.20 (m, 76%), 5.17 (t,  $J=7.0$  Hz, 24%), 1H], 2.06–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.80–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.46 (m, 1H), 1.46–1.32 (m, 3H), 1.00–0.90 (m, 3H); MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 397 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})+1$ , 1.18), 396 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})$ , 4.10), 395 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})+1$ , 3.90), 394 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})$ , 18.29), 393 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})+1$ , 2.53), 392 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})$  or  $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})+1$ , 10.26), 391 ( $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})$  or  $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})+1$ , 4.15), 390 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})$ , 3.09), 388 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})$ , 0.61), 85 (100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3221, 2952, 2928, 1578, 1560, 1475, 1440, 1006. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 58.01, H 5.64. Found: C 57.72, H 5.51.

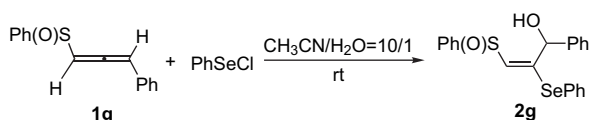
#### 4.2.6. *E*-2-Phenylselanyl-1-phenylsulfinyl-1-decen-3-ol (*E*-2f).



The reaction of 52.6 mg (0.20 mmol) of **1f** and 57.9 mg (0.30 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.4 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 4 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2f** (66.2 mg, 76%, dr=60/40) as a solid. Mp 87–89 °C (hexane/acetone).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.47–7.30 (m, 7H), 7.30–7.15 (m, 3H), [5.62 (s, 40%), 5.60 (s, 60%), 1H], [5.16–5.10 (m, 60%), 5.07 (t,  $J=6.8$  Hz, 40%), 1H], 3.94 (br s, 1H), 1.93–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.17 (m, 11H), 0.84–0.75 (m, 3H); MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 423 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 5.64), 422 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 23.95), 421 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 24.57), 420 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3-\text{H}$ , 100),

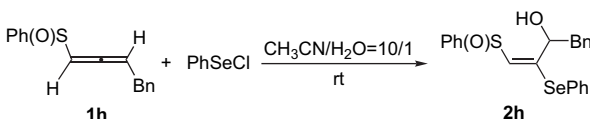
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#### 4.2.7. *E*-1-Phenyl-2-phenylselanyl-3-phenylsulfinyl-2-propen-1-ol (*E*-2g).



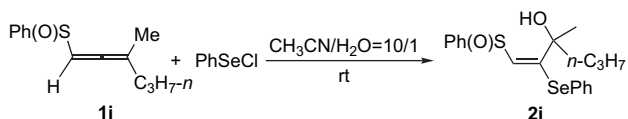
The reaction of 72.7 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1g** and 86.4 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 6 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2g** (88.7 mg, 71%,  $\text{dr}=65/35$ ) as a solid. Mp 144–145 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.70–7.51 (m, 3H), 7.51–7.35 (m, 7H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.12 (d,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), [6.36 (s, 65%), 6.33 (s, 35%), 1H], [5.85 (s, 35%), 5.73 (s, 65%), 1H], 2.49 (br s, 1H); MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 399 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 2.88), 398 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{OH-H}$ , 5.04), 397 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 6.47), 396 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{OH-H}$ , 12.95), 395 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 3.60), 394 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{OH-H}$  or  $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 6.47), 393 ( $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{OH-H}$  or  $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{OH}$ , 2.88), 392 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{OH-H}$ , 1.80), 55 (100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3214, 1560, 1475, 1439, 1005. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 61.01, H 4.39. Found: C 60.93, H 4.30.

#### 4.2.8. *E*-1-Phenyl-3-phenylselanyl-4-phenylsulfinyl-3-buten-2-ol (*E*-2h).



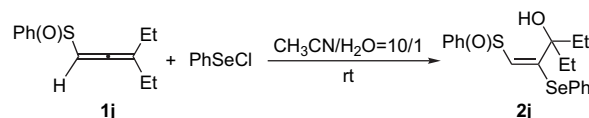
The reaction of 75.9 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1h** and 85.7 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 6 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2h** (101.9 mg, 80%,  $\text{dr}=50/50$ ) as a solid. Mp 130–132 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.55–7.20 (m, 14H), 6.89 (d,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 1H), [5.68 (s, 50%), 5.64 (s, 50%), 1H], [5.53 (t,  $J=7.2$  Hz, 50%), 5.38 (dd,  $J=8.8$ , 4.4 Hz, 50%), 1H], 3.36–3.10 (m, 2H); MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 415 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 1.27), 414 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 7.26), 413 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 32.98), 412 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 100), 411 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 9.86); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3338, 1578, 1475, 1438, 1027, 1007. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 61.82, H 4.72. Found: C 61.82, H 4.71.

#### 4.2.9. *E*-3-Methyl-2-phenylselanyl-1-phenylsulfinyl-1-hexen-3-ol (*E*-2i).



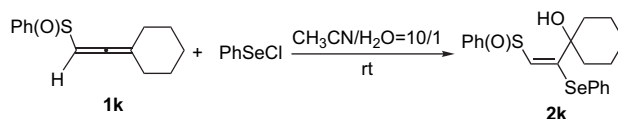
The reaction of 45.0 mg (0.20 mmol) of **1i** and 58.1 mg (0.30 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.4 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 4 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2i** (62.2 mg, 77%,  $\text{dr}=69/31$ ) as a solid. Mp 117–119 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.57–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.50–7.37 (m, 5H), 7.35–7.21 (m, 3H), [5.57 (s, 31%), 5.56 (s, 69%), 1H], [4.28 (s, 69%), 3.96 (s, 31%), 1H], 1.96–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.72 (m, 1H), [1.64 (s, 71%), 1.61 (s, 29%), 3H], 1.55–1.30 (m, 2H), 0.96–0.80 (m, 3H); MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 381 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 3.51), 380 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 16.41), 379 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 14.61), 378 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 71.05), 377 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 8.09), 376 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$  or  $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 35.42), 375 ( $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$  or  $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 13.22), 374 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 12.73), 373 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 0.31), 372 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 1.22), 43 (100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3280, 2955, 1570, 1475, 1439, 1011. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 58.01, H 5.64. Found: C 58.01, H 5.59.

#### 4.2.10. *E*-3-Ethyl-2-phenylselanyl-1-phenylsulfinyl-1-penten-3-ol (*E*-2j).



The reaction of 44.8 mg (0.20 mmol) of **1j** and 58.3 mg (0.30 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.4 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 4 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2j** (68.2 mg, 85%) as a solid. Mp 125–126 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.57–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41–7.36 (m, 3H), 7.35–7.23 (m, 3H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.41 (s, 1H), 2.09–1.91 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.05 (t,  $J=7.3$  Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t,  $J=7.3$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  157.1, 145.6, 136.5, 131.0, 130.4, 129.8, 129.3, 128.9, 127.5, 124.7, 81.3, 35.0, 34.5, 7.7, 7.6; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 381 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 1.52), 380 ( $M^+(^{82}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 8.59), 379 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 6.62), 378 ( $M^+(^{80}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 34.11), 377 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 4.76), 376 ( $M^+(^{78}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$  or  $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 18.26), 375 ( $M^+(^{77}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$  or  $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 6.43), 374 ( $M^+(^{76}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 6.63), 373 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3$ , 0.37), 372 ( $M^+(^{74}\text{Se})-\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$ , 0.93), 57 (100); IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu$  3303, 2962, 1577, 1479, 1459, 1009. Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_2\text{SSe}$ : C 58.01, H 5.64. Found: C 58.02, H 5.65.

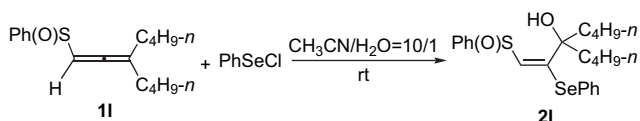
#### 4.2.11. *E*-1,1-(Pentamethylene)-2-phenylselanyl-3-phenylsulfinyl-2-propenol (*E*-2k).



The reaction of 46.4 mg (0.20 mmol) of **1k** and 57.6 mg (0.30 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.4 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 4 mL of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  afforded *E*-**2k** (72.2 mg, 89%) as a solid. Mp 133–135 °C (hexane/dichloromethane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.58–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.42–7.35 (m, 5H), 7.30–7.19 (m, 3H), 5.54 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 1H), 2.07–1.90 (m, 3H), 1.82–1.58 (m, 6H), 1.31–1.19 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR

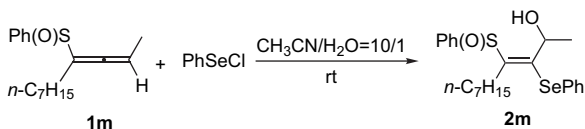
(100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  160.2, 145.0, 136.1, 130.4, 129.9, 129.7, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 124.8, 77.2, 37.7, 36.7, 24.9, 21.5, 21.3; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 405 (2.14), 396 (1.25), 394 (2.21), 392 (7.87), 390 (2.54), 389 (1.32), 374 (24.08), 373 (19.54), 372 (100), 371 (14.20), 370 (43.99), 369 (14.66), 368 (21.12); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3179, 2935, 1649, 1578, 1474, 1437, 1008. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SSe: C 59.25, H 5.47. Found: C 59.12, H 5.58.

#### 4.2.12. *E*-3-*n*-Butyl-2-phenylselanyl-1-phenylsulfinyl-hepten-3-ol (*E*-2l).



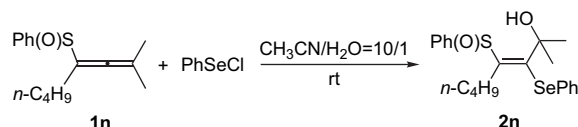
The reaction of 83.4 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1l** and 87.2 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and 6 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded *E*-**2l** (102.1 mg, 75%) as a liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.58–7.22 (m, 10H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 2.05–1.85 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.44–1.20 (m, 7H), 0.96–0.81 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.1, 145.7, 136.4, 131.1, 130.3, 129.7, 129.1, 128.8, 127.6, 124.8, 80.8, 42.2, 41.7, 25.3, 25.0, 22.8, 22.7, 13.9; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 437 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>82</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 2.41), 436 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>82</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H, 6.05), 435 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>80</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 5.40), 434 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>80</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H, 22.65), 433 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>78</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 3.00), 432 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>78</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H or M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>77</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 11.71), 431 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>77</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H or M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>76</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>, 5.60), 430 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>76</sup>Se)–CH<sub>3</sub>–H, 4.44), 85 (100); IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3300, 2955, 2932, 1578, 1475, 1440, 1014. HRMS for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sup>80</sup>SeNa<sup>+</sup> (M<sup>+</sup>+Na): 473.1036. Found: 473.1036.

#### 4.2.13. *E*-3-Phenylselanyl-4-phenylsulfinyl-3-undecen-2-ol (*E*-2m).



The reaction of 82.5 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1m** and 85.9 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and 6 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded *E*-**2m** (125.5 mg, 93%, dr=50/50) as a liquid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.75–7.67 (m, 1H), 7.67–7.58 (m, 1H), 7.54–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.40–7.29 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.11 (m, 3H), [5.48 (q,  $J$ =6.4 Hz, 50%), 5.37 (q,  $J$ =6.4 Hz, 50%), 1H], 3.02 (br s, 1H), 2.29–2.10 (m, 2H), [1.50 (d,  $J$ =6.4 Hz, 50%), 1.46 (d,  $J$ =6.4 Hz, 50%), 3H], 1.43–0.87 (m, 10H), 0.82 (t,  $J$ =7.2 Hz, 3H); MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 327 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>82</sup>Se)–PhSO, 0.14), 326 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>82</sup>Se)–PhSO–H, 1.98), 325 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>80</sup>Se)–PhSO, 1.65), 324 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>80</sup>Se)–PhSO–H, 8.48), 323 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>78</sup>Se)–PhSO, 0.95), 322 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>78</sup>Se)–PhSO–H or M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>77</sup>Se)–PhSO, 5.56), 321 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>77</sup>Se)–PhSO–H or M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>76</sup>Se)–PhSO, 1.59), 320 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>76</sup>Se)–PhSO–H, 2.16), 318 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>74</sup>Se)–PhSO–H, 0.41), 43 (100); IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3375, 2925, 2851, 1577, 1475, 1439, 1069, 1039, 1022. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SSe: C 61.46, H 6.73. Found: C 61.47, H 6.68.

#### 4.2.14. *E*-1-Methyl-3-phenylselanyl-4-phenylsulfinyl-3-octen-2-ol (*E*-2n).



The reaction of 74.0 mg (0.30 mmol) of **1n** and 88.1 mg (0.45 mmol) of PhSeCl in 0.6 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and 6 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>CN afforded *E*-**2n** (64.1 mg, 51%) as a solid. Mp 148–150 °C (hexane/tetrahydrofuran). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>):  $\delta$  8.01–7.96 (m, 2H), 8.50–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.17–7.09 (m, 5H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 2.48–2.34 (m, 2H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.58–1.50 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.22–1.06 (m, 2H), 1.03–0.92 (m, 1H), 0.73 (t,  $J$ =7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, THF-*d*<sub>8</sub>):  $\delta$  156.6, 146.9, 142.4, 133.2, 130.0, 129.7, 129.3, 128.8, 126.6, 126.0, 78.2, 34.0, 31.5, 31.3, 28.6, 23.3, 13.6; MS (EI, 70 eV):  $m/z$  (%) 299 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>82</sup>Se)–PhSO, 5.07), 298 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>80</sup>Se)+1-PhSO, 3.77), 297 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>80</sup>Se)–PhSO, 23.91), 296 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>78</sup>Se)+1-PhSO, 1.81), 295 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>78</sup>Se)–PhSO or M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>77</sup>Se)+1-PhSO, 11.59), 294 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>77</sup>Se)–PhSO or M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>76</sup>Se) +1-PhSO, 3.77), 293 (M<sup>+</sup>(<sup>76</sup>Se)–PhSO, 5.07), 59 (100); IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu$  3205, 2956, 2929, 1578, 1476, 1027, 1020. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SSe: C 59.85, H 6.22. Found: C 59.89, H 6.19.

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