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Synthesis of 2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-ones via diselenocarbamate intermediates

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ABSTRACT

The reactions of the diselenocarbamates, generated from isoselenocyanates and sodium hydroselenide, with acryloyl chlorides afforded 2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-ones. The structure of the product was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis.

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1. Introduction

In recent years, interest in synthesis of selenium-containing compounds has increased because of their interesting reactivities and their potential biological activity. The biological and medicinal properties of selenium and organoselenium compounds are increasingly appreciated, mainly due to their antioxidant, antitumor, antimicrobial, and antiviral properties.² For example, 1,3-selenazine derivatives have been reported to show antibacterial and antitumor effects.³ The results of the investigation of the structure-biological activity relationship studies indicate that the 1.3-selenazine skeleton bearing specific substituent groups strongly influences their activity. Therefore the preparation of many substituted variety of 1,3-selenazines is desired for the development of potential agents. In recent years, our group has reported the synthesis of variety of 1,3-selenazines from the selenoureas⁴ or selenoamides.⁵ Recently, isoselenocyanates have been emerged as a powerful tool for the synthesis of the selenium-containing heterocycles.⁶ However, we have reported the synthesis of 1,3-selenazines from the acylisoselenocyanates via diselenocarbamate intermediate.⁷ In continuation of the above investigations, we were interested to find out a new synthetic strategy for the preparation of the novel 1,3-selenazines from isoselenocyanates via diselenocarbamate intermediates. Only

* Corresponding author. Tel./fax: +81 58 293 2619. E-mail address: koketsu@gifu-u.ac.jp (M. Koketsu). a few examples on the reactivity of diselenocarbamate have been described in literature.^{7,8} For example, the treatment of phenyl isoselenocyanate **1a** with selenating reagent NaSeH resulted in the formation of the diselenocarbamate **2a**, which on in situ reaction with the ethyl iodide resulted in the formation of compound **3** (Scheme 1). The first step in the reaction is reversible and formed diselenocarbamate intermediate **2a** converts back into the starting isoselenocyanates, which is the main reason for the low yield of the product **3**.⁷ These results stimulated us to study the reactivity of diselenocarbamate intermediates **2** in detail, in order to synthesize 1,3-selenazines **4** via intramolecular Michael addition. Herein we describe the new synthesis of 1,3-selenazines **4** via diselenocarbamate intermediates **2**.



2. Results and discussion

Substituted alkyl and arylisoselencyanates **1** for our approach were prepared by reactions of *N*-substituted formamides with an excess of triphosgene, selenium and triethylamine according to the previous literature.⁹ First, the treatment of selenating reagent





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NaSeH, generated by the reaction of NaBH₄ and Se, with phenylisoselencyanate **1a** and further with acryloyl chloride at room temperature was examined (Scheme 2, Table 1, entry 2). To our delight the reaction took place readily at room temperature and the cyclization product **4a** was obtained by the intramolecular cyclization reaction in 44% yield after work-up of the reaction mixture (entry 2). The structure of **4a** was elucidated by studies of IR, ¹H-, ¹³C-, ⁷⁷Se NMR, COSY, HMQC, HMBC, MS, and elemental analysis.



 Table 1

 Optimization of the reaction conditions for 4a

Entry	Solvent	Temp (°C)	Yield ^a (%)
1	THF	+40	42
2	THF	rt	44
3	THF	0	46
4	THF	-20	52
5	THF	-40	67
6	THF	-60	71
7	THF	-80	68
8	DMF	-60	63
9	CH ₃ CN	-60	52
10	Toluene	-60	52
11	DCM	-60	75
12	Chloroform	-60	47
13	Acetone	-60	46

^a Isolated yields.

The reactions using NaSeH afforded a slightly higher yield of product **4a** than yield of reaction using LiAlHSeH.¹⁰ Therefore, to improve the yield of cyclization, various conditions using NaSeH were then screened (Table 1). At 40 °C and room temperature isoselenocyanate **1a** was recovered (entries 1 and 2). As shown in Table 1, -60 °C was the suitable temperature for the cyclization reaction (entry 6). Furthermore, the reaction was influenced by the solvent used and the best result was obtained when reaction was carried out in CH₂Cl₂ (entry 11). Longer reaction time resulted in the decomposition of the product **4a**.

Under the optimized conditions (Table 1, entry 11), the reactions of other substituted isoselenocyanates **1** with various acryloyl chlorides were investigated and the results are summarized in Table 2. First, the effect of the substitution on isoselenocyanate was examined (entries 1–8). In most cases isoselenocyanates gave the corresponding 1,3-selenazines **4** in moderate to high yields (entries 1–3, 6 and 7). However, reactions of o-chlorophenyl- and o-tolylisoselenocyanates gave the corresponding **4** in low yields because of steric hindrance (entries 4 and 5). The reaction was strongly influenced by the substitution pattern on the isoselenocyanate skeleton (entries 1–6). The benzyl isoselenocyanate (**1g**) afforded 1,3-selenazine **4g** in 72% yield (entry 7). In the case of cyclohexyl isoselenocyanate the reaction was complicated and the corresponding product **4h** was isolated in low yield 4% (entry 8). Next, the effect on the acryloyl chloride part was examined (entries 9–13). The β -monosubstituted aromatic acryloyl chlorides afforded 1,3-selenazines **4i** and **4j** in low yields (entries 9 and 10). Bulky groups such as Ph and *p*-NO₂C₆H₄ at β carbon may block the attack of selenium and make the yield lower. α , β -Dimethyl acryloyl chloride gave good yields of 1,3-selenazine **4l** (entry 12). The β -dimethyl- and cyclohexyl acryloyl chlorides afforded 1,3-selenazines **4k** and **4m** in 9% and 19% yield, respectively (entries 11 and 13).

The structures of the products were established on the basis of their spectroscopic data. The ¹H NMR spectra of **4** in CDCl₃, protons of C6 carbon, show the selenium coupling at ^{2}I $(^{77}\text{Se}^{-1}\text{H})=35.8\pm11.0$ Hz, the values are for the protons on the carbon which is directly attached to selenium. The ¹³C NMR of the product shows two carbonyl peaks for the C=O at δ 168.7±1.9 and for the C=Se at δ 203.4±2.0, respectively. In the ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra of the 1,3-selenazines **4**, two ⁷⁷Se signals were observed for C-Se and C=Se bonds in the range of δ 614.7±56.5 and δ 1180.4±48.6, respectively. The values δ 1180.4 \pm 48.6 are typical for a C=Se single bond with an sp² selenium atom, i.e., for selenocarbonyl compounds.¹¹ The values δ 614.7±56.5 are at a higher field compared with ⁷⁷Se signals of selenocarbonyl compounds. The values are typical for a C-Se single bond with an sp³ selenium atom not for a C=Se double bond with an sp^2 selenium atom.¹² These values confirm the presence of diselenocarbamate linkage in the structure of **4**.

In order to confirm the structure of **4c**, we carried out the X-ray analysis of this compound. An ORTEP drawing, depicted in Figure 1, shows the molecular structure of **4c**.¹³ The bond angle of the selenium atom C1–Se1–C4 was 101.3(4)°. The length of Se1–C1 bond in **4c** is 1.857(9) Å, which is shorter than a typical C–Se single bond (1.94 Å).¹⁴ The bond angle of the nitrogen atom C1–N1–C2 was 126.9(3)°. The two C–N bond lengths of both N1–C1 (1.366(5) Å) and N1–C2 (1.420(5) Å) in **4c** are shorter than the usual single bond length of 1.47 Å.¹⁵

The formation of the 1,3-selenazine derivatives **4** can be explained by the reaction mechanism shown in Scheme 3. In the presence of NaSeH, diselenocarbamate **2** was generated. The reaction proceeds via intermediate **5** or **7**. The intermediate **5**, which is formed by the nucleophilic substitution of the acryloyl chloride by the Se-atom of **2** undergoes a base catalyzed 1,3-acyl shift to give the rearranged intermediate **6**. Similar Se \rightarrow N^{7,16} or S \rightarrow N migrations of the acetyl group are known and S \rightarrow N migrations of the acetyl group have been studied in depth kinetically¹⁷ and were described recently by Pihlaja and co-workers.¹⁸ Finally, the Se-atom attacks the β -carbon of the acrylamide group **6** and the 1,3-selenazines **4** are formed by intramolecular Michael addition.

3. Conclusion

In conclusion, we report the one pot synthesis of 2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-ones **4** by the reaction of the diselenocarbamates, generated from isoselenocyanates and sodium hydroselenide, with acryloyl chlorides. The structure of product **4c** was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis. Further investigation into the scope and limitations of this reaction is underway.

4. Experimental

4.1. General

All solvents and reagents were purchased from the suppliers and used without further purification. All reactions were performed in round-bottom flask fitted with balloon filled with argon, otherwise specified. Transfer of air- and moisture-sensitive liquids was performed via cannula under a positive pressure of argon. TLC analysis was performed on Merck TLC (silica gel 60F₂₅₄ on glass

 Table 2

 Synthesis of 2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one 4

Entry	Isoselenocyanate	Acryloyl chloride	Time	Product	⁷⁷ Se NMR (δ)		Yield (%)
					C–Se	C=Se	
1	Se=C=N	CI	20 min	Se N Se 4a	578.4	1208.2	75
2	Se=C=N Cl	CI	20 min	Cl N Se 4b	582.3	1225.5	70
3	Se=C=N	CI	20 min	Se N Se O 4c	577.2	1197.5	60
4	Se=C=N	CI	20 min	CI Se N Se O 4d	581.1	1206.2	15
5	Se=C=N	CI	20 min	Se N Se 0 4e	574.6	1195.8	8
6	Se=C=N	CI	20 min	Se N Se 4f	580.3	1213.0	68
7	Se=C=N	CI	20 min	Se N Se 4g	574.7	1109.3	72
8	Se=C=N	CI	20 min	Se N Se 4h	576.3	1051.3	4
9	Se=C=N	CI CI	1 h	Se N Se O 4i	678.9	1186.0	11
10	Se=C=N 1a		40 min	Se N Se O 4j NO ₂	675.0	1216.7	10
11	Se=C=N	cl Cl	1 h	Se N Se O	631.3	1181.4	9
				4K		(continued	on next page)

Table 2 (continued)

Entry	Isoselenocyanate	Acryloyl chloride	Time	Product	⁷⁷ Se NMR	⁷⁷ Se NMR (δ)	
					C–Se	C=Se	
12	Se=C=N	CI CI	20 min	Se N Se O 4	627.4	1167.1	48
13	Se=C=N		50 min	Se N Se O 4m	753.6	1187.2	19



Figure 1. Crystal structure of 3-(p-tolyl)-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (4c).





plate). Melting points were measured by a Yanagimoto micromelting point apparatus (uncorrected). IR spectra were measured on JASCO FT/IR-410 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer. The ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR spectra and ⁷⁷Se NMR spectra were measured on JEOL:JNM ECX-400 P, JEOL:JNM ECA-600 spectrometers in CDCl₃. Chemical shifts of protons are reported in δ values referred to TMS as an internal standard, and the following abbreviations were used as follows: s: singlet, d: doublet, t: triplet, m: multiplet. The ⁷⁷Se chemical shifts were expressed in δ values deshielded with respect to neat Me₂Se. ${}^{2}J$ (${}^{77}Se{-}^{1}H$) and ${}^{1}J$ (${}^{77}Se{-}^{13}C$) values are observed as ${}^{77}Se$ satellites of the ${}^{1}H$ NMR and ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectra. MS were measured on a JEOL JMS-700.

4.2. Representative experimental procedure

A NaSeH solution was prepared by the reaction of NaBH₄ (62.3 mg, 1.65 mmol) with elemental selenium (65.1 mg, 0.82 mmol) in anhyd EtOH (2 mL) at 0 °C for 30 min under an argon atmosphere. To a stirred solution of phenylisoselenocyanate (100 mg, 0.55 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added NaSeH solution at -60 °C and stirring was continued for additional 10 min at this temperature. Acryloyl chloride (98.2 µL, 1.10 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at -60 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 20 min, the reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O and washed with water. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel using ether/hexane (3:2 \rightarrow 1:1) as eluent to give compound **4a** (127 mg, 75%).

4.2.1. 3-Phenyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (4a)

Red crystals. Mp 185–186 °C. IR (KBr): 1709, 1590, 1302, 1239, 1134 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.15 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se-¹H)=28.4 Hz, Se–CH₂), 3.55 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, O=C–CH₂), 7.15 (2H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz, Ar–H), 7.40–7.49 (3H, m, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.6 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=63.3 Hz), 35.4, 128.5, 128.8, 129.4, 141.1, 167.2, 203.1. ⁷⁷Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 578.4, 1208.2. MS (EI): *m/z*=319 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₉NOSe₂: C, 37.88; H, 2.86; N, 4.42. Found: C, 37.86; H, 3.20; N, 4.49.

4.2.2. 3-(*p*-Chlorophenyl)-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (**4b**)

Red crystals. Mp 143–144 °C. IR (KBr): 1720, 1710, 1653, 1487, 1237, 1118 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.16 (2H, t, *J*=6.7 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹H)=28.4 Hz, Se=CH₂), 3.56 (2H, t, *J*=6.7 Hz, O=C-CH₂), 7.09 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz, Ar), 7.43 (2H, d, *J*=8.7 Hz, Ar). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.6 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=63.6 Hz), 35.4, 129.7, 130.0, 134.8, 139.4, 167.1, 203.0. ⁷⁷Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 582.3, 1225.5. MS (EI): *m/z*=353 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₈ClNOSe₂: C, 34.17; H, 2.29; N, 3.98. Found: C, 34.03; H, 2.54; N, 3.95.

4.2.3. 3-(p-Tolyl)-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (4c)

Red crystals. Mp 170–171 °C. IR (KBr): 1714, 1677, 1509, 1235, 1126 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.39 (3H, s, Ar–CH₃), 3.14 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹H)=27.9 Hz, Se–CH₂), 3.55 (2H, t, *J*=6.6 Hz, O=C–CH₂), 7.03 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H), 7.27 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.3, 21.6 (¹*J*)

 $({}^{77}\text{Se}-{}^{13}\text{C})=55.6 \text{ Hz})$, 35.4, 128.1, 130.1, 138.9, 138.7, 167.2, 203.3. ${}^{77}\text{Se}$ NMR (95 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 577.2, 1197.5. MS (EI): m/z=333 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NOSe₂: C, 39.90; H, 3.35; N, 4.23. Found: C, 39.68; H, 3.43; N, 4.19.

4.2.3.1. 4c: X-ray crystallographic data¹³. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction: Rigaku AFC7R Mercury CCD area-detector diffractometer using graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation (λ =0.71069 Å). The structures were solved by direct methods (SIR97, Altomare, A., Burla, M., Camalli, M., Cascarano, G., Giacovazzo, C., Guagliardi, A., Moliterni, A., Polidori, G., Spagna, R. J. Appl. Crystallogr. 1999, 32, 115) and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (SHELEX-97, Program for Crystal Structure Refinement, G. M. Sheldrick, Universitat Göttingen, 1997). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were refined by a riding model. Empirical absorption corrections were applied. Single crystal was grown from Et₂O-hexane: C₁₁H₁₁NOSe₂, M_r=331.13, Red color crystal (0.29×0.20×0.10 mm³), Crystal system: trigonal, space group: 'P3₂', *a*=11.4194(9), *b*=11.4194(9), *c*=7.7246(8)Å, $\gamma = 120^{\circ}$, V=872.35(13) Å³, Z=3, $\mu = 6.330$ mm⁻¹, D_{calcd}=1.891 Mg/ m³, Reflections collected: 7120, independent reflections: 2104 unique (R_{int} =0.0431), 183 parameters, θ range for data collection 3.35–27.49°. Limiting indices –14h14, –14k14, –7l10, largest max./ min. in the final difference Fourier synthesis $0.312 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}/\text{ }$ -0.247 e Å⁻³, max./min. transmission 0.5702/0.2611, T=296(2) K, $R_1=0.0293$ [I>2 σ (I)], $wR_2=0.0595$. *R* indices (all data) $R_1=0.0323$, $wR_2 = 0.0607$.

4.2.4. 3-(o-Chlorophenyl)-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (**4d**)

Red oil. IR (neat): 1716, 1473, 1234, 1129 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.18 (2H, td, *J*=2.3, 6.4 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se⁻¹H)=29.8 Hz, Se=CH₂), 3.55 (2H, t, *J*=6.4 Hz, O=C-CH₂), 7.23–7.27 (1H, m, Ar), 7.35–738 (2H, m, Ar), 7.50 (1H, m, Ar). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se⁻¹³C)=60.4 Hz), 35.3, 127.9, 130.3, 130.4, 130.6, 132.1, 138.7, 166.7, 202.0. ⁷⁷Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 581.1, 1206.2. MS (EI): *m*/*z*=353 [M⁺], 318 [M⁺-Cl]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₈ClNOSe₂: C, 34.17; H, 2.29; N, 3.98. Found: C, 33.99; H, 2.42; N, 3.98.

4.2.5. 3-(o-Tolyl)-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (4e)

Red crystals. Mp 115–116 °C. IR (KBr): 1712, 1234, 1130 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.12 (3H, s, Ar–CH₃), 3.09–3.23 (2H, m, Se–CH₂), 3.48–3.62 (2H, m, O=C–CH₂), 7.06 (1H, d, *J*=7.8 Hz, Ar–H), 7.25–7.36 (3H, m, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 17.6, 21.7 (¹*J*) (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=56.6 Hz), 35.5, 127.3, 128.4, 129.3, 131.2, 135.4, 140.2, 167.0, 202.0. ⁷⁷Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 574.6, 1195.8. MS (EI): *m/z*=333 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NOSe₂: C, 39.90; H, 3.35; N, 4.23. Found: C, 40.24; H, 3.47; N, 4.09.

4.2.6. 3-(2-Naphtyl)-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (4f)

Red crystals. Mp 187–188 °C. IR (KBr): 1714, 1653, 1598, 1508, 1234, 1128 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.07–3.27 (2H, m, Se–CH₂), 3.52–3.65 (2H, m, O=C–CH₂), 7.24 (1H, dd, *J*=1.9, 6.4 Hz, Ar–H), 7.46–7.55 (2H, m, Ar–H), 7.66 (1H, d, *J*=1.9 Hz, Ar–H), 7.81–7.94 (3H, m, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.7 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=63.3 Hz), 35.4, 126.1, 126.5, 126.9, 127.3, 127.9, 128.2, 129.2, 133.0, 133.5, 138.4, 167.3, 203.1. ⁷⁷Se NMR (95 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 580.3, 1213.0. MS (EI): *m/z*=369 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁NOSe₂: C, 45.80; H, 3.02; N, 3.81. Found: C, 45.72; H, 3.14; N, 3.76.

4.2.7. 3-Benzyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (4g)

Red crystals. Mp 108–109 °C. IR (KBr): 1714, 1603, 1341, 1324, 1133 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.98 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹H)=28.0 Hz, Se–CH₂), 3.41 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, O=C–CH₂), 5.85

(2H, s, N–CH₂), 7.30–7.35 (5H, m, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.3 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=63.3 Hz), 35.7, 52.5, 127.6, 128.0, 128.4 135.9, 166.8, 203.8. ⁷⁷Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 574.7, 1109.3. MS (EI): *m*/*z*=333 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NOSe₂: C, 39.90; H, 3.35; N, 4.23. Found: C, 39.85; H, 3.42; N, 4.25.

4.2.8. 3-Cyclohexyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (**4h**)

Orange crystals. Mp 87–89 °C. IR (KBr): 2929, 1723, 1523, 1297, 1220, 1127 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.15–1.45 (4H, m, cyclohexyl), 1.60–1.90 (4H, m, cyclohexyl), 2.21–2.34 (2H, m, cyclohexyl), 2.96 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹H)=28.0 Hz, Se–CH₂), 3.36 (2H, t, *J*=6.9 Hz, O=C–CH₂), 5.70 (1H, tt, *J*=3.2, 11.9 Hz, cyclohexyl). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 22.3 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=63.3 Hz), 25.2, 26.3, 29.3, 37.7, 66.4, 167.1, 205.4. ⁷⁷Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 576.3, 1051.3. MS (EI): *m*/*z*=325 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₅NOSe₂: C, 37.17; H, 4.68; N, 4.33. Found: C, 37.28; H, 5.03; N, 4.22.

4.2.9. 3,6-Diphenyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (4i)

Purple crystals. Mp 195–196 °C. IR (KBr): 1706, 1591, 1231, 1209, 1194, 1121 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.77–3.90 (2H, m, O=C-CH₂), 4.90 (1H, dd, *J*=3.4, 12.2 Hz, Se–CH), 7.19 (2H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz, Ar–H), 7.33–7.39 (3H, m, Ar–H), 7.41 (2H, d, *J*=7.6 Hz, Ar–H), 7.45 (1H, t, *J*=7.6 Hz, Ar–H), 7.49 (2H, t, *J*=7.6 Hz, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 41.8 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=60.7 Hz), 42.3, 127.3, 128.4, 128.8, 128.9, 129.4, 129.6, 136.2, 141.0, 167.9, 203.6. ⁷⁷Se NMR (95 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 678.9, 1186.0. MS (EI): *m/z*=395 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃NOSe₂: C, 48.87; H, 3.33; N, 3.56. Found: C, 48.52; H, 3.47; N, 3.54.

4.2.10. 6-(p-Nitrophenyl)-3-phenyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3selenazin-4-one (**4j**)

Purple crystals. Mp 202–203 °C. IR (KBr): 1706, 1598, 1522, 1349, 1236, 1198, 1114 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.82–3.92 (2H, m, O=C-CH₂), 4.98 (1H, dd, *J*=4.0, 11.0 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se⁻¹H)=24.8 Hz, Se–CH), 7.18 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H), 7.44–7.52 (3H, m, Ar–H), 7.56 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H), 8.29 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 40.9 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se⁻¹³C)=63.6 Hz), 41.6, 124.7, 128.3, 128.6, 129.1, 129.6, 140.5, 143.7, 147.9, 166.9, 201.4. ⁷⁷Se NMR (95 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 675.0, 1216.7. MS (EI): *m/z*=440 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂N₂O₃Se₂: C, 43.85; H, 2.76; N, 6.39. Found: C, 43.91; H, 3.09; N, 6.40.

4.2.11. 6-Cyclohexyl-3-phenyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (**4k**)

Pink crystals. Mp 205–207 °C. IR (KBr): 1705, 1222, 1132 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.03–1.31 (5H, m, cyclohexyl), 1.68– 1.92 (6H, m, cyclohexyl), 3.40–3.48 (5H, m, cyclohexyl), 3.40–3.48 (2H, m, O=C-CH₂), 3.57–3.62 (1H, m, Se–CH₂), 7.13 (2H, d, *J*=6.8 Hz, Ar–H), 7.40–7.49 (3H, m, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.9, 26.0, 30.8, 39.8, 41.8 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=60.4 Hz), 45.9, 128.6, 128.9, 129.5, 141.3, 168.4, 202.5. ⁷⁷Se NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 631.3, 1181.4. MS (EI): *m/z*=401 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₁NOSe₂: C, 48.13; H, 4.80; N, 3.51. Found: C, 48.32; H, 5.03; N, 3.24.

4.2.12. 5,6-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (41)

Red crystals. Mp 138–139 °C. IR (KBr): 1719, 1587, 1305, 1211, 1124 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.53 (3H, d, *J*=6.9 Hz, CH₃), 1.67 (3H, d, *J*=6.9 Hz, CH₃), 3.25 (1H, quin., *J*=6.9 Hz, O=C-CH), 3.33 (1H, quin., *J*=6.9 Hz, ²*J* (⁷⁷Se⁻¹H)=46.7 Hz, Se-CH), 7.12 (2H, d, *J*=8.3 Hz, Ar-H), 7.40–7.48 (3H, m, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 15.7, 20.4, 40.2 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se⁻¹³C)=62.1 Hz), 46.1, 128.5, 128.7, 129.3, 141.7, 170.5, 202.1. ⁷⁷Se NMR (95 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 627.4, 1167.1. MS (EI): *m/z*=347 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NOSe₂: C, 41.76; H, 3.80; N, 4.06. Found: C, 41.68; H, 3.94; N, 4.05.

4.2.13. 6,6-Dimethyl-3-phenyl-2-selenoxoperhydro-1,3-selenazin-4-one (**4m**)

Red crystals. Mp 170–171 °C. IR (KBr): 1712, 1590, 1257, 1224, 1203 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.70 (6H, s, 2×CH₃), 3.40 (2H, s, O=C-CH₂), 7.15 (2H, d, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H), 7.43 (1H, t, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H), 7.48 (2H, t, *J*=8.2 Hz, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 29.0, 44.1 (¹*J* (⁷⁷Se–¹³C)=60.7 Hz), 50.8, 128.6, 128.8, 129.5, 141.1, 168.0, 203.3. ⁷⁷Se NMR (95 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 753.6, 1187.2. MS (EI): *m/z*=347 [M⁺]. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NOSe₂: C, 41.76; H, 3.80; N, 4.06. Found: C, 41.71; H, 3.94; N, 4.06.

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