

Synthesis, Chemistry, and Characterization of Perfluoroaromatic Selenium Derivatives

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Dedicated to Professor W.-P. Fehlhammer on the occasion of his 60th birthday

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The reaction of perfluoroaryllithium $\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Li}$, where $\text{R} = \text{F}$ or $4\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{O}$, respectively, with selenium gives the known diselanes $(\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se})_2$ (**1a**, **1b**). Redox reactions of **1** with hydrogen peroxide result in the formation of the seleninic acids $\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4\text{SeOOH}$ which crystallize as hydrates (**2a**, **2b**); with mercury give the bis(arylseleno)mercuries $(\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se})_2\text{Hg}$ (**3a**, **3b**); with sulfonyl chloride or bromine give the selenenyl chlorides (**4a**, **4b**) or selenenyl bromides (**5a**, **5b**). Selenenyl chlorides (**4a**, **4b**) react with a variety of

trimethylsilyl reagents Me_3SiX ($\text{X} = \text{Br}$, CN , NMe_2 , NEt_2) to form **5a**, **5b**; selenocyanates $\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4\text{SeCN}$ (**6a**, **6b**); selenenyl amides $\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4\text{SeNMe}_2$ (**7a**, **7b**) and $\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4\text{SeNEt}_2$ (**8a**, **8b**). A new synthetic route to diorgano selanes is developed by reaction of **4a**, **4b** with perfluoroaryllithium to give the symmetric $(\text{RC}_6\text{F}_4)_2\text{Se}$ (**9a**, **9b**). All derivatives are thoroughly characterized and in addition the molecular structures of **2a**, **6a**, and **9a** are established by X-ray crystallography.

Introduction

Selenium compounds with perfluorinated substituents have been known for three decades.^{[1][2]} A considerable part consists of selenium species bound to perfluoroalkyl groups, which is reviewed by Haas.^[3] However, the chemistry of perfluoroaromatic selenium species is rather limited to a few compounds. The diselanes $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeSeC}_6\text{F}_5$ and $(4\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4)_2\text{Se}_2$, as well as the selane $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeC}_6\text{F}_5$, have been reported to be synthesized by either rather low yield methods and/or requiring high temperatures,^[4] or by reaction of the appropriate Grignard $\text{R}_\text{F}\text{MgBr}$ ($\text{R}_\text{F} = \text{C}_6\text{F}_5$ or $4\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4$) where in addition considerable amounts of the unwanted selane $(\text{R}_\text{F})_2\text{Se}$ are formed.^[5] Very recently, a high-yield synthesis of a new diselane $[4\text{-(4'-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{O)C}_6\text{F}_4]_2\text{Se}_2$ was reported by reaction of in situ generated $4\text{-(4'-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{O)C}_6\text{F}_4\text{Li}$ with selenium.^[6] This method is extended in this report to the synthesis of the known $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeSeC}_6\text{F}_5$. Our findings show, that in the reaction of $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{MgBr}$, which is easily formed by reacting $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Br}$ and magnesium, with selenium no formation of the diselane is observed. This fact is likely to be attributed to the significantly increased reactivity of $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Li}$ than $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{MgBr}$ towards selenium.

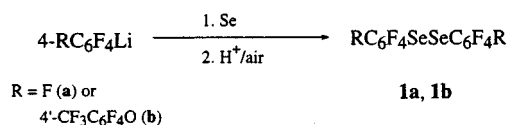
Pentafluorobenzeneselenenyl chloride, $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeCl}$, is reported to be synthesized by chlorination of $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeH}$ as well as pentafluorobenzeneseleninic acid, $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeOOH}$, by hydrolysis of $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeCl}_3$.^[5] The preparation of the bis(arylseleno)mercury $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se})_2\text{Hg}$ is reported to proceed at elev-

ated temperatures.^[2] For those materials simplified routes were found and employed.

For some of the mentioned derivatives NMR data have been published.^[7–10] The to date only crystal structure of a pentafluorophenylselenium derivative is established for the diselane $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeSeC}_6\text{F}_5$.^[11]

Results and Discussion

Suitable stable starting materials for the chemistry done in this work are the diselanes $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeSeC}_6\text{F}_5$ (**1a**) and $[4\text{-(4'-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{O)C}_6\text{F}_4]_2\text{Se}_2$ (**1b**). As already indicated, they are accessible via the respective aryllithium reagents, generated in situ by lithiation of $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{H}$, respectively $4\text{-(4'-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{O)C}_6\text{F}_4\text{H}$,^[12] with *n*-butyllithium (Scheme 1).



Scheme 1

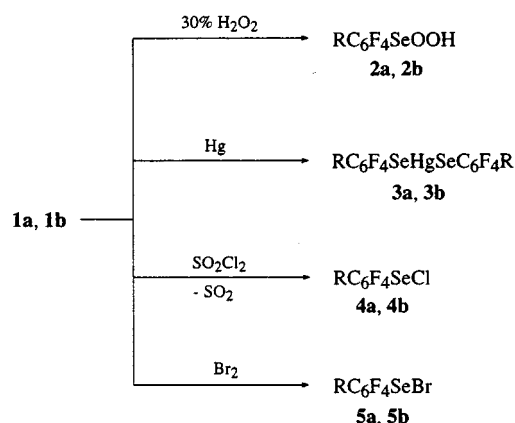
The diselanes **1a**, **1b** undergo oxidation reactions with hydrogen peroxide, sulfonyl chloride, and bromine to give the seleninic acids **2a**, **2b**, the selenenyl chlorides **4a**, **4b**, and bromides **5a**, **5b**. Reduction with elemental mercury results in the formation of the bis(arylseleno)mercuries **3a**, **3b**. All reactions occur readily at ambient temperature. Sulfonyl chloride and bromine have to be employed in large excess, otherwise the back reaction occurs (Scheme 2).

The selenenyl chlorides **4a**, **4b** are useful precursors for further chemistry at the selenium center.

The trimethylsilyl nucleophiles Me_3SiX ($\text{X} = \text{Br}$, CN , NMe_2 , NEt_2) react readily at 25°C under loss of trimethyl-

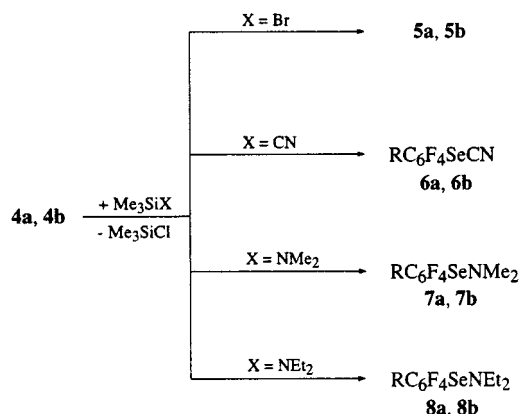
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Scheme 2

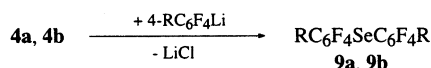
silylchloride to give **5a**, **5b**, the selenocyanates **6a**, **6b**, and the selenenylamides **7a**, **7b** and **8a**, **8b** (Scheme 3).



Scheme 3

Compounds **5**, **7**, and **8** are extremely moisture and light sensitive materials and tend to decompose at 25°C under re-formation of **1**, which can be suppressed by storage in the dark at 0°C. The reaction of **4** with Me₃SiBr displays an alternative route to synthesize **5**.

The reaction of **4a**, **4b** with 4-RC₆F₄Li is a new straightforward synthesis of diorganoselenanes, here shown for the symmetric (C₆F₅)₂Se (**9a**) and the new [4-(4'-CF₃C₆F₄O)C₆F₄]₂Se (**9b**) (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4

Spectra

Table 1 illustrates the influence of the substituent attached to selenium for RC₆F₄Se derivatives on the ⁷⁷Se- and ¹⁹F-NMR shift. For ¹⁹F NMR are listed the resonances of the *ortho*-fluorine atoms (in 2- and 5-position to Se). In general, the resonances of the aromatic fluorine atoms appear in the ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum as parts of AA'BB', respec-

tively AA'BB'X for C₆F₅Se, patterns. While the *ortho*- and *meta*-fluorine resonances were referred to multiplets, the resonances of the *para*-fluorine atoms in C₆F₅Se derivatives **1a–9a** can be solved first order (triplets of triplets, see Experimental Section). Changing from R = F to 4-CF₃C₆F₄O results in a small but significant low field shift of 0.1–0.5 ppm for the *ortho*-fluorine resonances in the ¹⁹F-NMR spectrum. This effect is much more pronounced for the ⁷⁷Se resonances (0–11 ppm). The ⁷⁷Se resonances are split into triplets due to coupling to the *ortho*-fluorine atoms (pentets for **9a/b**); the value for the ³J_{SeF} coupling constant is in the range 13–28 Hz. A high field shift of the ⁷⁷Se resonance occurs for the here investigated derivatives in the following order: –SeCl (**4a/b**), –SeNMe₂ (**7a/b**), –SeNEt₂ (**8a/b**), –SeBr (**5a/b**), –SeSe– (**1a/b**), –SeCN (**6a/b**), –Se– (**9a/b**). A similar tendency is observed and discussed in detail for CF₃Se derivatives.^[13] The derivatives –SeOOH (**2a/b**) and –SeHgSe– (**3a/b**) represent the most extreme ⁷⁷Se-NMR shifts in this work, but are measured in different solvents than the above.

Table 1. ⁷⁷Se and *ortho*-F ¹⁹F-NMR data [ppm] of RC₆F₄Se derivatives, ³J_{SeF} in parentheses [Hz]^[a]

R	⁷⁷ Se		¹⁹ F	
	F	4-CF ₃ C ₆ F ₄ O	F	4-CF ₃ C ₆ F ₄ O
(RC ₆ F ₄ Se) ₂ (1)	373 (20.8)	377 (19.7)	–125.6	–125.4
RC ₆ F ₄ SeCl (4)	801 (20.5)	801 (20.8)	–122.5	–122.3
RC ₆ F ₄ SeBr (5)	619 (21.6)	617 (21.6)	–122.3	–122.1
RC ₆ F ₄ SeCN (6)	184 (14.9)	189 (14.6)	–124.4	–124.2
RC ₆ F ₄ SeNMe ₂ (7)	768 (26.3)	774 (27.6)	–122.9	–122.8
RC ₆ F ₄ SeNEt ₂ (8)	633 (br)	640 (br)	–123.1	–123.0
(RC ₆ F ₄) ₂ Se (9)	122 (14.0)	133 (13.4)	–126.6	–126.4
RC ₆ F ₄ SeOOH ^[b] (2)	1215 (br)	1220 (br)	–142.4	–142.1
(RC ₆ F ₄ Se) ₂ Hg ^[c] (3)	55 (22.7)	64 (br)	–126.2	–125.7

[a] CDCl₃. – [b] CD₃CN. – [c] C₆D₆.

Table 2 summarizes the ¹³C-NMR data of C₆F₅Se derivatives **1a–9a** (from recording of ¹³C-NMR data of the CF₃C₆F₄OC₆F₄Se derivatives **1b–9b** was refrained due to the increased complexity of the resonances, requiring significantly higher number of accumulations). All resonances are split into multiplets due to couplings to the entire fluorine atoms present in the ring. Remarkable are the shift differences of the resonances of the C-1 carbon atoms, depending on the nature of the substituent bonded to selenium (range of δ = 95–123). The resonances of C-2/3/4 appear mainly at the same position (C-2 δ = ca. 137, C-3 δ = ca. 147 and C-4 δ = ca. 143). The values of the ⁿJ_{CF} coupling constants are in the range of ca. 2–260 Hz (*n* = 1–4) (omitted in the Experimental Section). Further NMR characterization include ¹⁴N/¹⁵N NMR data of **6a**, **7a** and **8a**, as well as ¹⁹⁹Hg-NMR shifts for **3a/3b** (see Experimental Section).

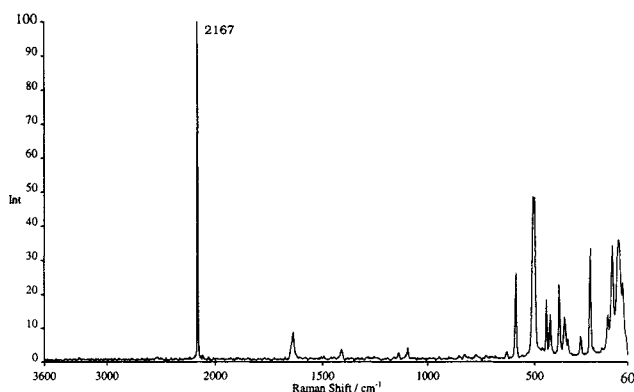
Additionally to IR spectra the Raman spectra were recorded. In the Raman spectra are some important selenium containing vibrations visible which are difficult to observe in IR. Figure 1 depicts the Raman spectrum of the selenocyanate **6a** as a representative example. The CN stretching frequency is very intense at 2167 cm^{–1} (of medium to weak

Table 2. ^{13}C NMR data [ppm] of $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}$ derivatives^[a]

	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4
$(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se})_2$ (1a)	102.9	137.3	147.3	143.1
$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeCl}$ (4a)	104.3	137.5	147.0	144.6
$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeBr}$ (5a)	101.8	137.4	147.5	144.3
$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeCN}^{[\text{d}]}$ (6a)	94.9	137.9	146.8	143.9
$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeNMe}_2^{[\text{e}]}$ (7a)	99.6	137.2	147.1	142.8
$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeNEt}_2^{[\text{f}]}$ (8a)	101.1	137.1	147.4	142.5
$(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Se}$ (9a)	100.5	137.6	147.0	142.7
$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeOOH}^{[\text{b}]}$ (2a)	122.6	138.6	146.5	144.7
$(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se})_2\text{Hg}^{[\text{c}]}$ (3a)	100.1	137.8	146.6	140.1

[a] CDCl_3 . – [b] CD_3CN . – [c] C_6D_6 . – [d] $\delta = 97.2$ (SeCN, s, $^1J_{\text{C-Se}} = 241.3$ Hz). – [e] $\delta = 52.2$ (SeNC, s, $^2J_{\text{C-Se}} = 9.3$ Hz). – [f] $\delta = 54.7$ (SeNC, s, $^2J_{\text{C-Se}} = 8.5$ Hz), 14.9 (CH_3 , s).

intensity in IR). The frequencies of νSeSe 282 (**1a**)/284 (**1b**) cm^{-1} , νSeCl 398 (**4a**)/375 (**4b**) cm^{-1} , νSeBr 289 (**5a**)/292 (**5b**) cm^{-1} , and νSeN 552 (**7a**) are assigned and appear as the strongest absorptions in Raman and very weak or not observable in IR. The SeN vibration for **8a** is tentatively assigned at 515 cm^{-1} . Definite assignment of the νSeC vibration is not possible.

Figure 1. Raman spectrum of **6a**

Crystal Structures

As already indicated, the only crystal structure available of a selenium species having attached a C_6F_5 group, is established for the diselane $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeSeC}_6\text{F}_5$.^[11] The seleninic acid **2a** is recrystallized from water and forms crystals of a monohydrate. A view of the unit cell is shown in Figure 2. Strong hydrogen bonding is present on $\text{H}(1)\cdots\text{O}(3) = 1.76$ Å and weak on $\text{O}(2)\cdots\text{H}(3Z) = 2.09$ Å. The SeC distance $\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(1) = 1.962$ Å is slightly lengthened compared to regular SeC bonds (see below), probably due to the strong electron-withdrawing effect of the SeOOH moiety. Interestingly, the molecular structure of the nonfluorinated analogue, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SeOOH}$, is anhydrous, though crystallized from water.^[14] Here, as well as in $p\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{SeOOH}$,^[15] strong intermolecular hydrogen bonds between two discrete SeOOH moieties are present.

The structure of the selenocyanate **6a**, shown in Figure 3, consists of two independent molecules. The phenyl rings

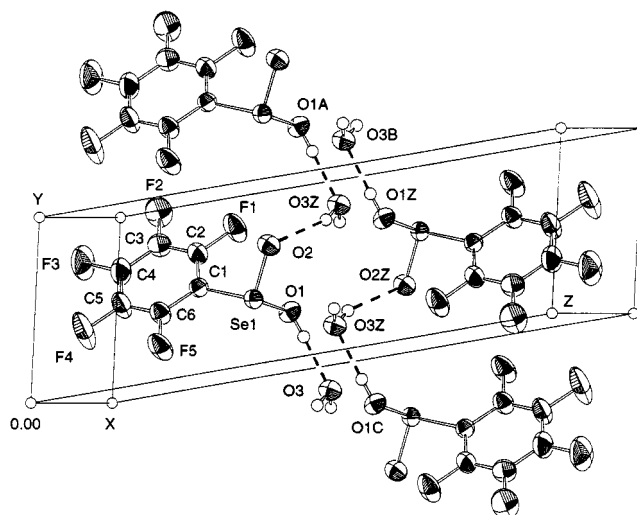


Figure 2. ORTEP plot of **2a** (unit cell); selected bond lengths [Å], angles [°]: $\text{Se}(1)-\text{O}(1) 1.741(3)$, $\text{Se}(1)-\text{O}(2) 1.638(3)$, $\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(1) 1.962(4)$, $\text{O}(1)-\text{H}(1) 0.82$, $\text{H}(1)\cdots\text{O}(3) 1.76$, $\text{O}(2)\cdots\text{H}(3Z) 2.09$; $\text{O}(2)-\text{Se}(1)-\text{O}(1) 102.0(2)$, $\text{O}(1)-\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(1) 94.2(2)$, $\text{C}(6)-\text{C}(1)-\text{Se}(1) 119.5(3)$, $\text{C}(2)-\text{C}(1)-\text{Se}(1) 122.8(3)$, $\text{C}(6)-\text{C}(1)-\text{C}(2) 117.6(4)$, $\text{F}(1)-\text{C}(2)-\text{C}(1) 120.5(4)$, $\text{F}(5)-\text{C}(6)-\text{C}(1) 119.7(4)$

of both molecules are tilt by 35.0° to each other. The out of plane angle between the SeCN moiety and the phenyl ring is 71.5° , respectively 69.9° . There are two short intermolecular contacts involving the Se and N atom in each chain of identical molecules of $\text{N}(1)\cdots\text{Se}(1\text{B}) = 2.964$ Å and $\text{N}(1\text{A})\cdots\text{Se}(1\text{C}') = 2.957$ Å. Between the two independent molecules exist no direct $\text{Se}\cdots\text{N}$ contacts. The $\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(7)$ distance of 1.850 Å, respectively $\text{Se}(1\text{A})-\text{C}(7\text{A})$ of 1.850 Å, is significantly shorter than a regular SeC bond, than expected, due to the greater contribution of *s* character by the cyano C atom, creating partial double-bond character. The $\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(1)$ bond length of 1.920 Å, respectively, $\text{Se}(1\text{A})-\text{C}(1\text{A})$ of 1.906 Å, represents a typical SeC single bond. The CN bond length for $\text{N}(1)-\text{C}(7) = 1.120$ Å, respectively $\text{N}(1\text{A})-\text{C}(7\text{A}) = 1.111$ Å, is consistent with cyano triple bonds. The only other existing crystal structures of aromatic selenocyanates are of 1,4-diselenocyanatobenzene, $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{SeCN})_2$,^[16] and of 3-selenocyanatopyridine, $m\text{-C}_5\text{H}_4\text{N}(\text{SeCN})$.^[17] Both structures show similar features and intermolecular SeN contacts of 3.06/3.32 Å^[16] and 2.84/3.39 Å.^[17]

The crystal structure of the selane **9a** is shown in Figure 4. Compound **9a** crystallizes in the noncentrosymmetric space group $P2_1$, allowing the determination of the absolute configuration of the structure. Flack's parameter refined to $-0.006(9)$ which suggests the correctness of the absolute configuration. The SeC distances $\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(1) = 1.920$ Å, $\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(7) = 1.903$ Å are similar to those found for $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeSeC}_6\text{F}_5$ 1.899/1.921 Å.^[11] The dihedral angle $\text{C}(2)-\text{C}(1)-\text{Se}(1)-\text{C}(7)$ is 60.9° ; the angle between the planes of both rings is 82.8° . The CSeC angle of $96.61(14)^\circ$, is as expected smaller than found for $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{S}$ [CSC $100.6(5)^\circ$]^[18] and $4\text{-CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{OC}_6\text{F}_5$ [COC $116.2(2)^\circ$]^[12] but larger than found for $(\text{C}_6\text{F}_5)_2\text{Te}$ [CTeC $93.3(5)^\circ$].^[19]

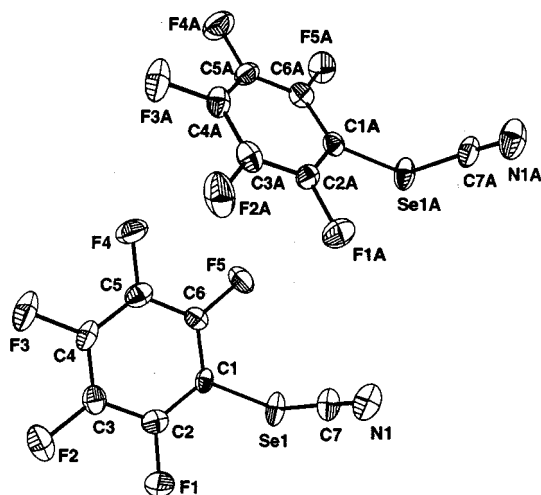


Figure 3. ORTEP plot of **6a**; selected bond lengths [Å], angles [°]: Se(1)–C(7) 1.850(10), Se(1)–C(1) 1.920(7), N(1)–C(7) 1.120(11), Se(1A)–C(7A) 1.856(11), Se(1A)–C(1A) 1.906(8), N(1A)–C(7A) 1.111(12); C(7)–Se(1)–C(1) 95.3(4), N(1)–C(7)–Se(1) 177.4(9), C(7A)–Se(1A)–C(1A) 94.7(4), N(1A)–C(7A)–Se(1A) 175.4(9)

Conclusion

Perfluoroaromatic dislanes, obtained in high yields from perfluoroaromatic lithium reagents, were used to prepare selenenyl chlorides and related derivatives. Further exploration of their synthetic potential is underway.

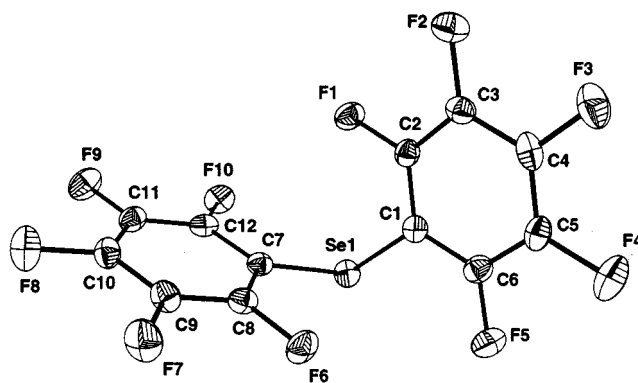


Figure 4. ORTEP plot of **9a**; selected bond lengths [Å], angles [°]: Se(1)–C(1) 1.920(4), Se(1)–C(7) 1.903(4); C(7)–Se(1)–C(1) 96.61(14), C(6)–C(1)–C(2) 117.4(4), C(6)–C(1)–Se(1) 121.0(3), C(2)–C(1)–Se(1) 121.6(3), C(2)–C(1)–Se(1)–C(7) 60.91

Experimental Section

General: The solvents were dried with common methods. Commercially available chemicals were used as received. – NMR: JEOL GSX270 and EX400; chemical shifts are reported with respect to (CH₃)₄Si (¹H, ¹³C), CH₃NO₂ (¹⁴N, ¹⁵N), CFCl₃ (¹⁹F), (CH₃)₂Se (⁷⁷Se) and (CH₃)₂Hg (¹⁹⁹Hg). – IR: Nicolet 520 FT-IR (as KBr pellets or neat liquids). – Raman: Perkin–Elmer Spectrum 2000R NIR FT (Nd: YAG laser, 1064 nm). – MS: Finnigan MAT 90. Multi-isotope containing fragments refer to the isotope with the highest abundance (for example ⁸⁰Se). – Elemental analyses: C, H, N: in-house; F: Mikroanalytisches Labor Beller, Göttingen. – All reactions are carried out under dry nitrogen atmosphere.

Table 3. Crystal data and structure refinements for **2a**, **6a**, and **9a**

Compound	2a	6a	9a
Empirical Formula	C ₆ H ₃ F ₅ O ₃ Se	C ₇ F ₅ NSe	C ₁₂ F ₁₀ Se
Formula mass	297.04	272.04	413.08
Temperature [K]	293(2)	293(2)	293(2)
Crystal size [mm]	0.40 × 0.30 × 0.27	0.43 × 0.33 × 0.07	0.53 × 0.27 × 0.13
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /c	<i>P</i> 2 ₁
<i>a</i> [Å]	4.6849(6)	9.946(3)	9.2495(9)
<i>b</i> [Å]	5.3270(8)	5.9196(12)	7.4686(8)
<i>c</i> [Å]	17.427(4)	29.154(9)	9.3933(9)
<i>α</i> [°]	81.42(2)		
<i>β</i> [°]	88.49(2)	98.87(3)	106.508(8)
<i>γ</i> [°]	84.608(12)		
Volume [Å ³]	428.10(13)	1696.0(8)	622.15(11)
<i>Z</i>	2	8	2
<i>ρ</i> (calcd.) [mg/m ³]	2.304	2.131	2.205
<i>μ</i> _{Mo} [mm ^{−1}]	4.455	4.466	3.138
<i>F</i> (000)	284	1024	392
<i>θ</i> range [°]	3.55–23.97	2.68–23.97	2.73–23.97
Index ranges	−5 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 5 −6 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 0 −19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19	0 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11 0 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 6 −33 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 32	−10 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 10 −8 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 8 0 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 10
Reflections collected	1509	2827	2082
Independent reflections	1343 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0107)	2656 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0374)	1953 (<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0114)
Observed reflections	1228	1720	1758
Max. and min. transmission	0.9994 and 0.8719	0.9985 and 0.3956	0.9990 and 0.7133
Data/restraints/parameters	1343/0/137	2656/0/253	1953/1/208
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.187	1.166	1.039
<i>R</i> 1, <i>wR</i> 2 [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	0.0302, 0.0753	0.0582, 0.1106	0.0235, 0.0534
<i>R</i> 1, <i>wR</i> 2 (all data)	0.0352, 0.0789	0.0927, 0.1239	0.0300, 0.0577
Larg. Diff. peak/hole [e/Å ³]	0.557/−0.483	0.550/−0.408	0.209/−0.301
Flack parameter			−0.006(9)

X-ray Crystallography: An Enraf Nonius CAD 4 diffractometer was employed for data collection using Mo- K_α radiation. The structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXS86) and were refined by means of the full-matrix least squares procedures using SHELXL93 (Table 3). All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. For the hydrogen atoms in **2a** a riding model was employed. Further details of the crystal-structure investigations may be obtained from the Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe, D-76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen, Germany, on quoting the depository numbers CSD-410719, -410718 and -410720 for **2a**, **6a**, and **9a**, respectively.

CAUTION! Experiments involving perfluoroaromatic lithium reagents should be handled with care, conducted at low temperatures and under strict exclusion of moisture!

Bis(pentafluorophenyl)disilane (1a): Into a solution of 30 mmol of pentafluorobenzene in 150 mL of anhydrous ether, 30 mmol of *n*BuLi (2.5 M in hexane) is added dropwise at -70°C during a period of 30 min. After 1 h stirring at -70°C , 35.5 mmol of selenium is added in one portion. The resulting mixture is allowed to warm up to ambient temperature within 4 h. 20 mL of 10% HCl and 20 mL of H_2O are added for hydrolysis. After filtration from excess selenium and several extractions with ether/water the combined ethereal extracts are dried with anhydrous MgSO_4 . The ethereal solution is stirred for 24 h in the presence of air. After removal of the solvent the residue is sublimed at $40^\circ\text{C}/0.01$ Torr and yielded orange needles of **1** (81%), m.p. $52\text{--}54^\circ\text{C}$ (ref.^[5] $49\text{--}50^\circ\text{C}$). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -125.6$ (2-F, m, 2 F), -149.0 (4-F, tt, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}} = 20.8$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 3.5$ Hz), -159.7 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 1641$ m, 1633 m, 1587 w, 1513 s, 1489 s, 1393 m, 1376 m, 1349 w, 1282 m, 1249 w, 1146 m, 1105 m, 1086 s, 1081 s, 1029 w, 1014 m, 974 s, 819 s, 722 w, 626 w, 379 w, 310 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1634$ (34), 1494 (8), 1395 (32), 1284 (10), 821 (30), 626 (9), 588 (43), 498 (54), 444 (31), 390 (34), 362 (18), 282 (100) [vSeSe], 242 (30), 225 (21), 164 (35), 100 (18) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 494 (28) [M^+], 414 (1) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Se}$], 334 (13) [$\text{M}^+ - 2\text{Se}$], 327 (2) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}_2^+$], 247 (100) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+$], 197 (24) [$\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+$], 167 (79) [C_6F_5^+], 155 (24) [C_5F_5^+], 117 (21) [C_5F_3^+], 93 (9) [C_3F_3^+]. – ^{19}F NMR data in CCl_4 given in ref.^[2]; elemental analysis given in ref.^[4]

Bis(4-(4'-trifluoromethyl-tetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorophenyl)disilane (1b): **1b** is prepared analogously and fully characterized according to ref.^[6] – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1661$ (47), 1632 (61), 1489 (6), 1432 (7), 1394 (64), 1344 (6), 1279 (7), 1226 (5), 1142 (5), 878 (5), 825 (22), 801 (9), 719 (18), 656 (6), 642 (8), 539 (16), 498 (82), 443 (30), 389 (42), 361 (13), 284 (100) [vSeSe], 246 (27), 162 (22), 151 (24), 116 cm^{-1} .

Pentafluorobenzeneseleninic Acid Monohydrate (2a), 4-(4'-Trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorobenzeneseleninic Acid Monohydrate (2b): Into a solution of 1.0 mmol **1a** in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 is added 3 mL of H_2O_2 (30% in water). Immediate decolorization occurred and the mixture is stirred for 1 h. After removal of all volatiles in vacuum, the residue is recrystallized from water.

2a is obtained as colorless crystals (80%), m.p. $132\text{--}133^\circ\text{C}$ (ref.^[5] $123\text{--}123.5^\circ\text{C}$). – ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): $\delta = 3.65$ (s). – ^{19}F NMR (CD_3CN): $\delta = -142.4$ (2-F, m, 2 F), -150.6 (4-F, tt, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}} = 19.9$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 5.2$ Hz), -161.9 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3480/3258/2900/2408$ vbr [vOH], 1672 m, 1640 m, 1588 w, 1521 s, 1486 s, 1470 m, 1385 m, 1379 m, 1349 w, 1294 m, 1276 w, 1110 m, 1099 s, 1040 w, 1016 m, 974 s, 931 m, 862 s, 841 m, 804 w, 756 w, 722 w, 684 m, 622 m, 586 w, 550 w, 495 w, 391 m, 353 m, 318 m, 300 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 3250$ (6), 1640 (22), 1140 (9), 1102 (14), 859 (99), 807 (17), 685 (62), 586 (69), 497 (83), 443

(46), 392 (100), 357 (39), 301 (22), 279 (21), 242 (30), 202 (71), 185 (48), 166 (27), 118 (32) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 264 (19) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeOH}^+$], 247 (44) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+$], 197 (9) [$\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+$], 184 (36) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{OH}^+$], 168 (100) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{H}^+$], 155 (15) [C_5F_5^+], 117 (13) [C_5F_3^+], 93 (7) [C_3F_3^+]. Elemental analysis given in ref.^[5]

2b (colorless powder, 72%, m.p. $152\text{--}155^\circ\text{C}$ (dec.) is prepared from **1b** in a similar fashion and recrystallized from acetonitrile/water. – ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): $\delta = 3.52$ (s). – ^{19}F NMR (CD_3CN): $\delta = -57.4$ (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -142.1 (2-F, m, 2 F), -142.5 (3'-F, m, 2 F), -155.7 (2'-F, m, 2F), -156.6 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 3480 / 2870 / 2413$ vbr [vOH], 1661 m, 1635 m, 1512 s, 1489 s, 1430 m, 1390 m, 1350 s, 1278 w, 1234 s, 1192 m, 1153 s, 1125 m, 1029 m, 1003 s, 979 s, 921 w, 878 m, 857 m, 837 m, 795 w, 718 m, 695 m, 643 w, 496 w, 420 w, 373 m, 320 m, 297 w cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1663$ (20), 1637 (17), 1490 (7), 1429 (7), 1392 (9), 1352 (8), 1134 (7), 916 (7), 861 (9), 816 (27), 789 (12), 721 (20), 705 (18), 540 (17), 496 (62), 443 (28), 413 (20), 388 (37), 308 (14), 286 (17), 215 (16), 145 (26), 85 (100) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 478 (2) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{SeOH}^+$], 461 (23) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+$], 382 (100) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{H}^+$], 363 (39) [$382 - \text{F}^+$], 313 (19) [$382 - \text{CF}_3^+$], 244 (6) [$\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+$], 217 (7) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+$], 149 (16) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{H}^+$], 117 (5) [C_5F_3^+]. – $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_3\text{F}_{11}\text{O}_4\text{Se}$ (511.12): calcd. C 30.55, H 0.59, F 40.89; found C 30.49, H 0.38, F 40.6.

Bis(pentafluorophenylseleno)- and Bis[4-(4'-trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorophenylseleno]mercury (3a) and (3b): Into a solution of 1.0 mmol of **1a** in 10 mL of benzene is added 2.2 mmol of mercury. After stirring for 24 h the mixture is filtered from excess mercury. After removal of the solvent, the residue is recrystallized from chloroform to give pale yellow-green crystals **3a**, m.p. $173\text{--}175^\circ\text{C}$ (ref.^[2] $171\text{--}173^\circ\text{C}$) (86%). – ^{19}F NMR (C_6D_6): $\delta = -126.2$ (2-F, m, 2 F), -156.1 (4-F, t, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -161.4 (3-F, m, 2 F). ^{19}F -NMR data in ether given in ref.^[2] – ^{199}Hg NMR (C_6D_6): $\delta = -1562$ (s). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 1638$ m, 1633 m, 1586 w, 1518 s, 1483 s, 1394 m, 1369 m, 1343 w, 1293 w, 1141 m, 1101 m, 1094 m, 1086 m, 1014 m, 972 s, 821 s, 722 w, 622 w, 370 w, 312 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1636$ (25), 1395 (31), 1289 (10), 824 (42), 625 (11), 588 (45), 499 (47), 445 (27), 396 (33), 373 (16), 364 (19), 284 (8), 243 (42), 228 (19), 202 (100), 177 (47), 151 (31), 100 (24) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 696 (15) [M^+], 616 (1) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Se}$], 494 (30) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Hg}$], 414 (1) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{HgSe}$], 334 (2) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Hg} - 2\text{Se}$], 327 (2) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}_2^+$], 247 (100) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+$], 202 (12) [Hg^+], 197 (14) [$\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+$], 167 (37) [C_6F_5^+], 155 (15) [C_5F_5^+], 117 (9) [C_5F_3^+], 93 (4) [C_3F_3^+]. – $\text{C}_{12}\text{F}_{10}\text{HgSe}_2$ (692.63): calcd. C 20.81, F 27.43; found C 20.92, F 27.6.

3b (pale yellow powder, m.p. $175\text{--}177^\circ\text{C}$ (dec.) (71%) is prepared from **1b** in a similar fashion and recrystallized from dichloromethane. – ^{19}F NMR (C_6D_6): $\delta = -56.4$ (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -125.7 (2-F, m, 2 F), -140.8 (3'-F, m, 2 F), -155.9 (2'-F/3-F, m, 4 F). – ^{199}Hg NMR (C_6D_6): $\delta = -1573$ (s). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 1658$ m, 1630 w, 1513 s, 1483 s, 1430 m, 1394 w, 1352 s, 1273 w, 1232 s, 1193 m, 1160 m, 1127 m, 1026 m, 997 s, 972 m, 879 m, 824 w, 797 w, 719 m, 641 w, 378 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1660$ (4), 1630 (5), 1394 (5), 826 (4), 725 (3), 540 (4), 503 (15), 440 (6), 394 (15), 280 (6), 245 (13), 226 (9), 198 (47), 148 (24), 83 (100) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 1124 (6) [M^+], 1105 (1) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{F}$], 1044 (2) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Se}$], 964 (4) [$\text{M}^+ - 2\text{Se}$], 922 (24) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Hg}$], 903 (2) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Hg} - \text{F}$], 842 (4) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{HgSe}$], 762 (18) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Hg} - 2\text{Se}$], 461 (100) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+$], 442 (5) [$461 - \text{F}^+$], 381 (74) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{H}^+$], 362 (29) [$381 - \text{F}^+$], 312 (17) [$381 - \text{CF}_3^+$], 244 (14) [$\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+$], 228 (6) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+$], 217 (11) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+$], 202 (42) [Hg^+], 148 (13) [C_6F_4^+], 117 (11) [C_5F_3^+], 69

(7) $[\text{CF}_3^+]$. – $\text{C}_{26}\text{F}_{22}\text{HgO}_2\text{Se}_2$ (1120.77): calcd. C 27.86, F 37.30; found C 27.75, F 37.3.

Pentafluorobenzeneselenenyl Chloride (4a), 4-(4'-Trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorobenzeneselenenyl Chloride (4b): Into a solution of 8.5 mmol of **1a** in 50 mL of CH_2Cl_2 is added 35 mL of sulfuryl chloride and heated 1 h to reflux. Then the solvent and excess sulfuryl chloride is slowly distilled off (under SO_2 evolution and darkening of the solution). The liquid residue is distilled in vacuum, the receiving flask is cooled with ice. Dark red **4a** is obtained in 70% yield, b.p. $25-26^\circ\text{C}/0.01$ Torr (ref.^[5] $80^\circ\text{C}/10$ Torr). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -122.5$ (2-F, m, 2 F), -145.5 (4-F, tt, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}} = 20.8$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 5.2$ Hz), -159.1 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (liquid film/KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 1633$ m, 1514 s, 1492 s, 1396 m, 1377 w, 1350 w, 1288 m, 1259 w, 1152 w, 1108 m, 1091 s, 1013 w, 980 s, 824 m, 724 w, 627 w, 393 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1635$ (31), 1494 (4), 1398 (26), 1290 (7), 1152 (4), 826 (20), 588 (37), 499 (51), 444 (22), 398 (100) $[\text{vSeCl}]$, 381 (65), 283 (9), 245 (17), 225 (12), 156 (14), 133 (19) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 282 (1) $[\text{M}^+]$, 263 (1) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{F}]$, 247 (100) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+]$, 197 (11) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+]$, 167 (18) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_5^+]$, 155 (6) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$, 117 (5) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$, 93 (3) $[\text{C}_3\text{F}_3^+]$. Elemental analysis given in ref.^[5]

4b: (red-brown crystals, m.p. $50-52^\circ\text{C}$) is prepared from **1b** in a similar fashion and purified by sublimation at $40-50^\circ\text{C}/0.01$ Torr (91%). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -56.4$ (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -122.3 (2-F, m, 2 F), -139.6 (3'-F, m, 2 F), -154.0 (2'-F, m, 2 F), -154.6 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 1659$ m, 1630 m, 1605 w, 1513 s, 1490 s, 1431 m, 1394 m, 1344 s, 1262 w, 1229 s, 1193 m, 1156 m, 1122 m, 1029 m, 1002 s, 980 s, 877 m, 822 w, 798 w, 717 m, 643 w, 498 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1662$ (8), 1630 (14), 1483 (2), 1429 (3), 1395 (17), 1348 (3), 1268 (2), 1232 (2), 1145 (3), 1117 (2), 827 (8), 719 (8), 658 (2), 647 (2), 633 (2), 568 (5), 538 (12), 500 (27), 452 (9), 441 (15), 412 (6), 390 (46), 375 (100) $[\text{vSeCl}]$, 305 (5), 281 (8), 246 (10), 232 (5), 169 (12), 144 (14), 128 (19) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 496 (9) $[\text{M}^+]$, 477 (1) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{F}]$, 461 (31) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{Cl}]$, 381 (100) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{SeCl}]$, 362 (41) $[381 - \text{F}^+]$, 312 (23) $[381 - \text{CF}_3^+]$, 244 (5) $[\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+]$, 228 (2) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+]$, 217 (6) $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+]$, 148 (16) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+]$, 117 (7) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$, 69 (13) $[\text{CF}_3^+]$. – $\text{C}_{13}\text{ClF}_{11}\text{OSe}$ (495.54): calcd. C 31.51, F 42.18; found C 31.39, F 41.9.

Pentafluorobenzeneselenenyl Bromide (5a), 4-(4'-Trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorobenzeneselenenyl Bromide (5b): A solution of 25 mmol of bromine in 3 mL of CH_2Cl_2 is added to a solution of 3 mmol of **1a** in 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 25°C . The mixture is stirred for 2 h (^{19}F NMR shows reaction completed after 1 h) and all volatile materials are removed in vacuum at 25°C . The remaining residue is distilled under light exclusion (nevertheless under decomposition) to give **5a** as a black-red liquid, b.p. ca. $38^\circ\text{C}/0.01$ Torr (59%). The solid yellow residue consisted of the dislane **1a**, which can be recovered and rebrominated to form **5a**.

Alternative procedure: Into a solution of 1.0 mmol of **4a** in 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 is added 2.0 mmol of Me_3SiBr at 25°C . The mixture is stirred for 10 h and after removal of all volatile materials in vacuum, the residue is distilled under light exclusion to give **5a** (60%). The yellow residue consisted of the dislane **1a**, which can be recovered and recycled to form **4a**.

5a: ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -122.3$ (2-F, m, 2 F), -146.2 (4-F, tt, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}} = 19.9$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 5.2$ Hz), -159.3 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (liquid film/KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 1633$ m, 1513 s, 1491 s, 1395 m, 1377 w, 1349 w, 1287 m, 1255 w, 1150 w, 1107 m, 1090 s, 1033 w, 1012 m, 980 s, 823 m, 723 w, 626 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1633$ (25), 1397 (25), 1289 (13), 825 (19), 588 (26), 498 (32), 444 (17), 383 (16), 289 (100) $[\text{vSeBr}]$, 243 (17), 223 (15), 153 (14), 119 (14)

cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 326 (7) $[\text{M}^+]$, 247 (100) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+]$, 197 (15) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+]$, 167 (8) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_5^+]$, 155 (18) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$, 117 (11) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$, 93 (5) $[\text{C}_3\text{F}_3^+]$. – $\text{C}_6\text{BrF}_5\text{Se}$ (325.92): calcd. C 22.11, F 29.15; found C 22.03, F 29.1.

5b: (chocolate-brown solid, m.p. $64-66^\circ\text{C}$) is prepared from **1b** (and alternatively **4b**) in a similar fashion and purified by vacuum sublimation (51%). Compound **5b** as well partly decomposes under bromine evolution and formation of **1b** (residue). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -56.4$ (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -122.1 (2-F, m, 2 F), -139.6 (3'-F, m, 2 F), -154.1 (2'-F, m, 2 F), -154.6 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 1659$ m, 1629 m, 1608 w, 1513 s, 1490 s, 1431 m, 1394 m, 1344 s, 1278 w, 1263 w, 1229 s, 1193 m, 1156 m, 1122 m, 1029 m, 1001 s, 979 s, 877 m, 824 w, 797 w, 717 m, 644 w, 498 cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 1660$ (16), 1630 (20), 1429 (5), 1393 (22), 1344 (6), 828 (11), 724 (11), 539 (9), 501 (39), 440 (12), 392 (31), 358 (6), 292 (100) $[\text{vSeBr}]$, 279 (17), 245 (15), 160 (12), 141 (16), 127 (12) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 540 (3) $[\text{M}^+]$, 461 (14) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{Br}]$, 381 (100) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{SeBr}]$, 362 (44) $[381 - \text{F}^+]$, 313 (21) $[381 - \text{CF}_3^+]$, 217 (4) $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+]$, 148 (17) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+]$, 117 (5) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$. – $\text{C}_{13}\text{BrF}_{11}\text{OSe}$ (539.99): calcd. C 28.91, F 38.70; found C 29.16, F 38.8.

Pentafluorophenylselenocyanate (6a), 4-(4'-Trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorophenylselenocyanate (6b): Into a solution of 1.5 mmol of **4a** in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 is added 2.0 mmol of Me_3SiCN at 25°C . Immediate decolorization occurred and the mixture is stirred for 30 min. After removal of all volatiles in vacuum, the residue is sublimed at $35^\circ\text{C}/0.01$ Torr. **6a** is obtained as colorless crystals, m.p. $41-42^\circ\text{C}$ (83%). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -124.4$ (2-F, m, 2 F), -146.2 (4-F, tt, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}} = 20.8$ Hz, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 5.2$ Hz), -157.8 (3-F, m, 2 F). – ^{14}N NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -91$ (br, $\Delta\nu_{1/2} = 800$ Hz). – ^{15}N NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -91.1$ (s). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 2167$ m $[\text{vCN}]$, 1646 m, 1638 m, 1589 w, 1519 s, 1493 s, 1409 m, 1379 m, 1352 w, 1293 w, 1255 w, 1147 w, 1108 m, 1096 s, 1083 m, 1015 m, 1006 w, 975 s, 825 s, 722 m, 628 m, 507 m, 426 w, 353 w, 344 w, 312 w cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 2167$ (100) $[\text{vCN}]$, 1639 (9), 1412 (4), 1099 (4), 629 (3), 588 (26), 507 (48), 500 (48), 445 (18), 428 (14), 386 (23), 362 (13), 346 (4), 285 (8), 241 (33), 157 (14), 136 (34), 107 (36) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 273 (100) $[\text{M}^+]$, 254 (1) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{F}]$, 247 (53) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+]$, 197 (26) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+]$, 193 (73) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{Se}]$, 167 (21) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_5^+]$, 155 (24) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$, 117 (56) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$, 93 (18) $[\text{C}_3\text{F}_3^+]$, 80 (38) $[\text{Se}^+]$. – $\text{C}_7\text{F}_5\text{NSe}$ (272.04): calcd. C 30.90, F 34.92, N 5.15; found C 30.70, F 35.0, N 5.14.

6b is prepared from **4b** in a similar fashion and obtained as colorless crystals, purified by vacuum sublimation at $70^\circ\text{C}/0.01$ Torr, m.p. $85-87^\circ\text{C}$ (85%). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = -56.4$ (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}} = 21.7$ Hz), -124.2 (2-F, m, 2 F), -139.4 (3'-F, m, 2 F), -152.7 (2'-F, m, 2 F), -154.5 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu} = 2164$ w $[\text{vCN}]$, 1660 m, 1632 m, 1519 s, 1477 s, 1431 m, 1406 w, 1343 s, 1280 w, 1228 s, 1197 m, 1158 m, 1126 m, 1029 m, 1005 s, 981 s, 877 m, 828 w, 797 w, 716 m, 644 w, 509 w cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu} = 2165$ (100) $[\text{vCN}]$, 1662 (21), 1633 (16), 1491 (4), 1433 (7), 1406 (12), 1346 (7), 1274 (4), 1228 (4), 1149 (4), 720 (16), 570 (9), 542 (17), 501 (78), 441 (26), 390 (40), 281 (14), 243 (14), 160 (22), 125 (40) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 487 (100) $[\text{M}^+]$, 468 (13) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{F}]$, 461 (89) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{CN}]$, 407 (69) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{Se}]$, 381 (20) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{SeCN}]$, 362 (6) $[381 - \text{F}^+]$, 338 (11) $[\text{M}^+ - \text{Se} - \text{CF}_3]$, 254 (34) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{SeCN}^+]$, 244 (20) $[\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+]$, 217 (21) $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+]$, 148 (17) $[\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+]$, 117 (14) $[\text{C}_5\text{F}_3^+]$. – $\text{C}_{14}\text{F}_{11}\text{NOSe}$ (486.11): calcd. C 34.59, F 42.99, N 2.88; found C 34.35, F 42.4, N 2.69.

N,N-Dimethyl(pentafluorobenzene)selenenylamide (7a), N,N-Dimethyl-4-(4'-trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorobenzene-

selenenylamide (7b): Into a solution of 2.0 mmol of **4a** in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 is added 3.0 mmol of $\text{Me}_3\text{SiNMe}_2$ at 25°C. Immediate decolorization occurred and the mixture is stirred for 30 min. After removal of all volatiles in vacuum, the residue is distilled in vacuum. **7a** is obtained as a colorless liquid, b.p. 30–31°C/0.01 Torr (94%). – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 2.79 (CH_3 , t, $^6J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 1.3 Hz, $^3J_{\text{H-Se}}$ = 14.5 Hz). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –122.9 (2-F, m, 2 F), –149.0 (4-F, t, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 20.8 Hz), –160.0 (3-F, m, 2 F). – ^{14}N NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –350 (vbr, $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ = 1300 Hz). – ^{15}N NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –352.9 (s). – IR (liquid film/ CsBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2989/2936/2860/2824/2784 m [νCH], 1633 m, 1584 w, 1512 s, 1482 s, 1469 m, 1449 m, 1426 w, 1403 w, 1382 m, 1349 w, 1280 m, 1261 w, 1224 w, 1181 m, 1140 m, 1083 s, 1029 m, 1015 m, 975 s, 940 m, 806 m, 723 w, 626 m, 552 m, 493 w, 407 m, 348 w, 332 w, 312 w, 285 w cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2994 (15)/2937 (46)/2881 (13)/2859 (12)/2826 (19)/2783 (25) [νCH], 1634 (28), 1510 (3), 1466 (10), 1447 (11), 1403 (7), 1385 (6), 1272 (4), 1224 (12), 1180 (3), 1140 (6), 1088 (3), 1030 (3), 941 (11), 808 (6), 626 (8), 585 (48), 552 (100) [νSeN], 493 (68), 443 (30), 389 (28), 357 (35), 347 (51), 220 (21), 178 (8), 152 (18), 130 (17) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 291 (3) [M^+], 262 (1) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{SeNH}^+$], 247 (10) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+$], 197 (2) [$\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+$], 167 (100) [C_6F_5^+], 155 (4) [C_5F_5^+], 117 (10) [C_5F_3^+], 93 (6) [C_3F_3^+], 45 (4) [$\text{HN}(\text{CH}_3)_2^+$]. – $\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{F}_5\text{NSe}$ (290.11): calcd. C 33.12, H 2.09, N 4.83; found C 32.94, H 2.12, N 4.83.

7b: (colorless solid, m.p. 66–68°C) is prepared from **4b** in a similar fashion and purified by vacuum sublimation at 60°C/0.01 Torr (74%). – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 2.81 (CH_3 , t, $^6J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 1.2 Hz, $^3J_{\text{H-Se}}$ = 14.5 Hz). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –56.4 (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 21.7 Hz), –122.8 (2-F, m, 2 F), –139.9 (3'-F, m, 2 F), –154.6 (2'-F, m, 2 F), –154.9 (3-F, m, 2 F). – ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 52.3 (SeNC, s, $^2J_{\text{C-Se}}$ = 9.8 Hz). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3003/2938/2865/2828/2784 w-m [νCH], 1659 m, 1629 m, 1510 s, 1488 s, 1450 w, 1431 m, 1404 w, 1385 w, 1346 s, 1266 w, 1228 s, 1193 m, 1162 s, 1116 m, 1083 s, 1027 m, 1000 s, 977 s, 943 m, 878 m, 812 w, 792 w, 718 m, 698 w, 640 w, 630 w, 553 w, 499 w, 419 m, 350 w cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3001 (27)/2954 (35)/2863 (12)/2831 (21)/2788 (26) [νCH], 1658 (38), 1628 (39), 1465 (12), 1422 (17), 1407 (11), 1382 (15), 1339 (11), 1266 (6), 1222 (19), 1161 (6), 1139 (8), 1029 (6), 940 (23), 879 (5), 810 (13), 789 (6), 761 (7), 719 (26), 699 (14), 645 (20), 629 (11), 558 (88), 538 (33) [νSeN], 496 (100), 451 (28), 439 (47), 420 (19), 393 (44), 384 (54), 349 (78), 322 (21), 270 (22), 199 (12), 158 (23), 140 (31), 117 (35) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 505 (77) [M^+], 486 (6) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{F}$], 461 (61) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$], 425 (26) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{Se}$], 381 (100) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{SeN}(\text{CH}_3)_2$], 362 (34) [$381 - \text{F}^+$], 312 (12) [$381 - \text{CF}_3^+$], 244 (12) [$\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+$], 218 (31) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{H}^+$], 199 (31) [$\text{CF}_2\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{H}^+$], 149 (21) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{H}^+$], 117 (18) [C_5F_3^+], 69 (9) [CF_3^+], 45 (17) [$\text{HN}(\text{CH}_3)_2^+$]. – $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_6\text{F}_{11}\text{NOSe}$ (504.18): calcd. C 35.73, H 1.20, N 2.78; found C 35.60, H 1.29, N 2.82.

N,N-Diethyl(pentafluorobenzene)selenenylamide (8a), N,N-Diethyl-4-(4'-Trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorobenzene-selenenylamide (8b): Compounds **8a** and **8b** are prepared analogously to **7a** and **7b** except using $\text{Me}_3\text{SiNEt}_2$. **8a** is obtained as a colorless liquid, b.p. 39–40°C/0.01 Torr (84%). – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 2.78 (CH_2 , q, 2 H, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 7.0 Hz), 1.19 (CH_3 , t, 3 H). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –123.1 (2-F, m, 2 F), –149.8 (4-F, tt, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 20.8 Hz, $^4J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 3.5 Hz), –160.2 (3-F, m, 2 F). – ^{14}N NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –310 (vbr, $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ = 3000 Hz). – ^{15}N NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –316.8 (s). – IR (liquid film/ CsBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2975/2935/2873/2837 m [νCH], 1634 m, 1582 w, 1511 s, 1482 s, 1447 m, 1378 m, 1359 w, 1337 w, 1279 m, 1264 w, 1174 m, 1154 m, 1140 m, 1130 w, 1087 s, 1028 w, 1014 m, 975 s, 877 w, 817 m, 802 m, 743 m, 722 w, 625 m, 580 w, 513 w, 492 w, 453 w, 429 w, 410 w, 395 w, 314

w, 283 w cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2978 (41)/2938 (88)/2875 (42)/2852 (23) [νCH], 1635 (39), 1449 (31), 1386 (12), 1273 (10), 1056 (16), 1030 (13), 879 (16), 803 (13), 627 (19), 585 (93), 515 (54) [νSeN], 494 (90), 445 (41), 390 (39), 358 (41), 332 (20), 217 (25), 119 (28), 84 (100) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 319 (53) [M^+], 304 (100) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3$], 247 (49) [$\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Se}^+$], 197 (8) [$\text{C}_5\text{F}_3\text{Se}^+$], 167 (22) [C_6F_5^+], 155 (10) [C_5F_5^+], 117 (6) [C_5F_3^+], 93 (3) [C_3F_3^+]. – $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_5\text{NSe}$ (318.17): calcd. C 37.75, H 3.17, N 4.40; found C 37.22, H 3.31, N 4.41.

8b is obtained as a colorless solid, m.p. 47–48°C, purified by vacuum sublimation at 40°C/0.01 Torr (90%). – ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 2.80 (CH_2 , q, 2 H, $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$ = 6.9 Hz), 1.18 (CH_3 , t, 3 H). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –56.4 (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 21.7 Hz), –123.0 (2-F, m, 2 F), –140.0 (3'-F, m, 2 F), –154.8 (2'-F, m, 2 F), –155.0 (3-F, m, 2 F). – ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ = 54.8 (SeNC, s, $^2J_{\text{C-Se}}$ = 7.6 Hz), 14.9 (CH_3 , s). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2983 / 2937 / 2872 / 2849 w-m [νCH], 1660 m, 1629 m, 1512 s, 1486 s, 1446 w, 1425 m, 1400 w, 1382 m, 1348 s, 1262 w, 1229 s, 1191 m, 1155 m, 1117 m, 1080 w, 1061 w, 1025 m, 999 s, 978 s, 879 m, 810 m, 793 m, 718 m, 689 w, 647 w, 631 w, 513 w, 495 w, 447 w, 429 m, 374 w cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 533 (50) [M^+], 518 (100) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{CH}_3$], 461 (76) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$], 381 (55) [$\text{M}^+ - \text{SeN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$], 362 (21) [$381 - \text{F}^+$], 312 (11) [$381 - \text{CF}_3^+$], 244 (10) [$\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Se}^+$], 217 (7) [$\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+$], 198 (8) [$\text{CF}_2\text{C}_6\text{F}_4^+$], 148 (9) [C_6F_4^+], 117 (6) [C_5F_3^+], 73 (31) [$\text{HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2^+$]. – $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_{11}\text{NOSe}$ (532.24): calcd. C 38.36, H 1.90, N 2.63; found C 37.66, H 1.83, N 2.45.

Bis(pentafluorophenyl)selane (9a), Bis[4-(4'-trifluoromethyltetrafluorophenoxy)tetrafluorophenyl]selane (9b): Into a stirred solution of 2.0 mmol of $\text{C}_6\text{F}_5\text{Li}$ in ether (see prep. of **1a**), 2.0 mmol of **4a** is added at –70°C. Immediate decolorization of the deep red **4a** occurs and resulted in an almost colorless solution. The mixture is stirred for 1 h and then slowly warmed to ambient temperature; then the lithium chloride precipitated. After evacuation of all volatile material the residue is sublimed at 40–50°C/0.01 Torr. Colorless crystals in X-ray diffraction quality are obtained in 61% yield, m.p. 76–77°C (ref.^[4] 71–72°C). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –126.6 (2-F, m, 2 F), –150.0 (4-F, tt, 1 F, $^3J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 20.8 Hz, $^4J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 3.5 Hz), –159.7 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1640 m, 1588 w, 1519 s, 1511 s, 1490 s, 1398 m, 1378 m, 1353 w, 1341 w, 1288 m, 1153 m, 1113 m, 1092 s, 1047 w, 1016 m, 1003 m, 972 s, 827 m, 817 s, 722 w, 631 m, 619 w, 394 m, 363 w, 313 m cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1639 (42), 1516 (5), 1445 (5), 1404 (19), 1305 (5), 1275 (11), 1255 (7), 1142 (8), 1090 (6), 975 (4), 827 (18), 770 (6), 721 (6), 632 (10), 586 (79), 498 (100), 445 (62), 386 (61), 362 (39), 284 (16), 252 (22), 225 (22), 184 (10), 161 (21), 137 (21), 120 (13), 100 (19) cm^{-1} . ^{19}F -NMR data in CCl_4 and mass spectrum given in ref.^[2]; elemental analysis given in ref.^[4]

9b: (colorless solid, m.p. 122–124°C) is prepared in a similar fashion by reaction of **4b** with $\text{CF}_3\text{C}_6\text{F}_4\text{OC}_6\text{F}_4\text{Li}$ and purified by vacuum sublimation at 100°C/0.01 Torr (47%). – ^{19}F NMR (CDCl_3): δ = –56.4 (4'- CF_3 , t, 3 F, $^4J_{\text{F-F}}$ = 21.7 Hz), –126.4 (2-F, m, 2 F), –139.7 (3'-F, m, 2 F), –154.2 (2'-F, m, 2 F), –154.7 (3-F, m, 2 F). – IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1659 m, 1630 m, 1508 s, 1495 s, 1485 s, 1431 m, 1397 w, 1350 s, 1342 s, 1278 w, 1227 s, 1189 m, 1154 m, 1111 m, 1028 m, 1001 m, 994 s, 973 s, 878 m, 822 w, 795 w, 718 m, 701 w, 640 w, 499 w, 420 w, 376 w cm^{-1} . – Raman (100 mW): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1660 (43), 1631 (42), 1431 (22), 1404 (32), 1350 (19), 1226 (17), 1028 (15), 828 (18), 771 (16), 737 (16), 719 (36), 703 (16), 651 (16), 571 (22), 538 (38), 499 (100), 452 (34), 438 (51), 392 (75), 357 (22), 306 (24), 251 (26), 224 (17), 200 (17), 143 (34), 129 (24) cm^{-1} . – EI MS (70 eV): m/z (%) = 842 (100) [M^+], 823

(10) $[M^+ - F]$, 762 (12) $[M^+ - Se]$, 545 (7) $[762 - CF_3C_6F_4^+]$, 461 (12) $[CF_3C_6F_4OC_6F_4Se^+]$, 362 (3) $[CF_2C_6F_4OC_6F_4^+]$, 244 (6) $[OC_6F_4Se^+]$, 217 (4) $[CF_3C_6F_4^+]$, 148 (3) $[C_6F_4^+]$, 117 (2) $[C_5F_3^+]$. $- C_{26}F_{22}O_2Se$ (841.22): calcd. C 37.12, F 49.69; found C 37.56, F 49.7.

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