

## *Supporting Information*

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### **Experimental**

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were carried out under an oxygen free nitrogen atmosphere using pre-dried solvents and standard Schlenk techniques, subsequent chromatographic and work up procedures were performed in air.  $^1\text{H}$  (400.1 MHz),  $^{13}\text{C}$  (100.6 MHz),  $^{31}\text{P}-\{\text{H}\}$  (162.0 MHz) and  $^{77}\text{Se}-\{\text{H}\}$  (51.4 MHz referenced to external  $\text{Me}_2\text{Se}$ ) NMR spectra were recorded at 25 °C (unless stated otherwise) on Bruker Advance II 400s and JEOL GSX 270. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets in the range of 4000-250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  on a Perkin-Elmer 2000 FTIR/Raman spectrometer. Mass spectrometry was performed by the EPSRC National Mass Spectrometry Service Centre, Swansea.

X-ray crystal data for compounds **4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14** and **15** were collected using Rigaku SCXMini Mercury CCD system at -100 C. Intensity data were collected using  $\omega$  steps accumulating area detector images spanning at least a hemisphere of reciprocal space. All data were corrected for Lorentz polarization effects. Absorption effects were corrected based on multiple equivalent reflections or by semi-empirical methods. Structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares against  $F^2$  by using the program SHELXTL.<sup>1</sup> Hydrogen atoms were assigned riding isotropic displacement parameters and constrained to idealized geometries. CCDC 1509501 (for compound **5**), CCDC 1509502 (for compound **13**), CCDC 1509503 (for compound **4**), CCDC 1509504 (for compound **9**), CCDC 1509505 (for compound **14**), CCDC 1509506 (for compound **15**), CCDC 1509507 (for compound **10**), CCDC 1509508 (for compound **7**) and CCDC 1509509 (for compound **8**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif).

**General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 4–6.** A mixture of *N,N*-dialkylcyanamide (2.0 mmol) and Woollins' reagent (1.07 g, 2.0 mmol) in dry toluene (20 mL) was refluxed for 20 h. Upon cooling to room temperature and removing unreacted insoluble solid and drying in vacuo, the organic residue was purified by silica gel column (1:5 dichloromethane/hexane as eluent) to give the corresponding compounds **4–6**.

**4-(Dicyclohexylamino)-2,5-diphenyl-1,3,2,5-selenazadiphosphole 2,5-diselenide (4):** Brightly yellow solid (1.06 g, 80%). M.p. 150–152°C. Selected IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1558, 1553, 1450, 1436, 1388, 1348, 1303, 1258, 1176, 1120, 1087, 992, 915, 870, 787, 745, 731, 687, 633, 548, 520, 500, 462. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 8.18–7.98 (m, 4H), 7.53–7.43 (m, 6H), 2.74–2.62 (m, 2H), 2.04–0.76 (m, 20H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 133.24, 132.6, 132.4, 131.7, 131.5, 129.6, 129.4, 128.9, 128.7, 61.7, 30.1, 26.5, 25.5 ppm. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 82.3 (d, <sup>2</sup>J(P, P) = 14.1 Hz, J(P=Se) = 465 Hz, J(P=Se) = 786 Hz), 59.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>J(P, P) = 16.4 Hz, J(P=Se) = 455 Hz, J(P=Se) = 812 Hz) ppm. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 675.7 (dd, J(P=Se) = 455, 465 Hz), 15.0 (d, J(P=Se) = 815 Hz), -75.4 (d, J(P=Se) = 782 Hz) ppm. HRMS (CI<sup>+</sup>, m/z): found 660.9625 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>SeH: 660.9627.

**4-(Dibenzylamino)-2,5-diphenyl-1,3,2,5-selenazadiphosphole 2,5-diselenide (5):** Brightly yellow solid (1.16 g, 86%). M.p. 170–172°C. Selected IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1548, 1433, 1349, 1210, 1140, 1087, 905, 857, 741, 697, 589, 538, 494, 380, 352. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 8.28–8.22 (m, 2H), 8.12–8.04 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.46 (m, 6H), 7.33–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.23–7.17 (m, 4H), 6.78–6.75 (m, 2H), 5.32 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 163.7 (d, J(P, C) = 29.5 Hz), 137.1 (d, J(P, C) = 93.5 Hz), 134.4 (d, J(P, C) = 110.2 Hz), 133.1 (d, J(P, C) = 3.1 Hz), 132.5, 132.4 (d, J(P, C) = 3.1 Hz), 131.4 (d, J(P, C) = 13.6 Hz), 129.3 (d, J(P, C) = 13.6 Hz), 128.8 (d, J(P, C) = 12.7 Hz), 128.4, 128.3 (d, J(P, C) = 12.7 Hz), 128.0, 127.4, 54.7 ppm. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 76.6 (d, <sup>2</sup>J(P, P) = 9.4 Hz, J(P=Se) = 460 Hz, J(P=Se) = 791 Hz), 60.5 (d, <sup>2</sup>J(P, P) = 9.4 Hz, J(P=Se) = 310 Hz, J(P=Se) = 822 Hz) ppm. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ), 497.4 (dd, J(P=Se) = 460, 460 Hz), 12.1 (d, J(P=Se) = 825 Hz), -70.0 (d, J(P=Se) = 794 Hz) ppm. HRMS (CI<sup>+</sup>, m/z): found 678.8986 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>H: 678.8989.

**4-(Benzyl(phenethyl)amino)-2,5-diphenyl-1,3,2,5-selenazadiphosphole 2,5-diselenide (6):** Brightly yellow solid (1.02 g, 74%). M.p. 68–70°C. Two isomers were found in *ca.* 2:1 intensity ratio in multi-NMR spectra. Selected IR (KBr, cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1549, 1495, 1452, 1435, 1357, 1304, 1143, 1084, 868, 743, 698,

686, 552, 540, 500.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 8.32-8.19 (m, 8H), 8.08-7.96 (m, 2H), 7.63-7.58 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.43 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.18 (m, 16H), 7.09 (d,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.2$  Hz, 2H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 3.83-3.55 (m, 4H), 2.96-2.81 (m, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 163.6 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{C}) = 31.2$  Hz), 162.0 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{C}) = 29.8$  Hz), 137.4 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{C}) = 107.0$  Hz), 137.3 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{C}) = 96.7$  Hz), 137.2 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{C}) = 100.0$  Hz), 133.3 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{C}) = 3.1$  Hz), 133.0 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{C}) = 3.1$  Hz), 132.5, 132.4, 132.3, 132.2, 131.5, 131.2, 129.5, 129.4, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.7, 127.6, 126.9, 126.7, 55.9, 55.5, 53.7, 51.4, 33.8, 32.8 ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 77.2 (d,  $^2J(\text{P}, \text{P}) = 9.4$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 464$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 794$  Hz), 76.1 (d,  $^2J(\text{P}, \text{P}) = 11.7$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 455$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 789$  Hz), 61.8 (d,  $^2J(\text{P}, \text{P}) = 9.4$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 315$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 817$  Hz), 61.3 (d,  $^2J(\text{P}, \text{P}) = 9.4$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 315$  Hz,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 817$  Hz) ppm.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 507.4 (dd,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 458, 460$  Hz), 490.9 (dd,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 455, 460$  Hz), 17.7 (d,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 815$  Hz), 10.8 (d,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 818$  Hz), -64.9 (d,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 806$  Hz), -69.6 (d,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 794$  Hz) ppm. HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ , m/z): found 690.9157 [M+H] $^+$ , calculated mass for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{SeH}$ : 690.9158.

**General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 7–11.** A suspension of 4-(dialkylamino)-2,5-diphenyl-1,3,2,5-selenazadiphosphole 2,5-diselenide (1.0 mmol) and water (1 mL) in dry toluene (20 mL) was refluxed for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature and removing the solvent, the residue was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 20 mL), combined the organic layers and washed with water and brine and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . Upon removing the solvent the organic residue was purified by silica gel column to give 1,1-dialkylselenoureas **7–9** (dichloromethane as eluent) and ((dialkylamino)(iminio)methyl)(phenyl)phosphinodiselenoates **10** and **11** (dichloromethane as eluent).

**1,1-Dicyclohexylselenourea (7):** Red solid (0.205 g, 71%). M.p. 146-148°C. Selected IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2927, 2851, 1624, 1591, 1548, 1506, 1455, 1346, 1320, 1174, 1115, 1086, 984, 896, 704, 576.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 6.22 (s, 2H), 5.33-5.24 (m, 2H), 1.80-0.97 (m, 20H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 178.7, 67.8, 31.1, 26.7, 25.8 ppm.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 251.7 ppm. HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ , m/z): found 289.1180 [M+H] $^+$ , calculated mass for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{SeH}$ : 289.1177.

**1,1-Dibenzylselenourea (8):** Greyish white solid (0.160 g, 53%). M.p. 168-170°C. Selected IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1622, 1543, 1452, 1349, 1243, 1150, 964, 732, 693, 585, 552, 507, 443.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 7.41-7.31 (m, 10H), 6.23 (s, 2H), 5.10 (s, 4H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 209.1, 131.5, 129.6, 129.1,

129.1, 53.2 ppm.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 238.9 ppm. HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ , m/z): found 305.0545 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{SeH}$ : 305.0552.

**1-Benzyl-1-phenethylselenourea (9):** Greenish yellow paste (0.175 g, 28%). Selected IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1550, 1495, 1453, 1435, 1359, 1094, 1021, 906, 872, 744, 697, 553, 495.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\delta$ ), 7.54-7.21 (m, 10H), 6.41 (s, 2H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 3.61 (t,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.0$  Hz, 2H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\delta$ ), 180.2, 137.0, 136.7, 131.2, 130.8, 129.4, 129.2, 128.9, 128.0, 55.8, 54.9, 31.4 ppm.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 236.7 ppm. HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ , m/z): found 319.0705 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{SeH}$ : 319.0708.

**((Dicyclohexylamino)(iminio)methyl)(phenyl)phosphinodiselenoate (10):** White paste (0.075 g, 16%). Selected IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2930, 2855, 2197, 1552, 1451, 1372, 1346, 1264, 1213, 1102, 894, 531.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 9.88 (s, 2H), 7.47-7.32 (m, 5H), 2.75-2.65 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.05 (m, 20H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 142.6, 131.3, 131.1, 128.7, 116.1, 55.6, 32.3, 25.7, 25.5 ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 32.5 (s,  $J(\text{P}, \text{Se}) = 695$  Hz) ppm.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 165.7 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{Se}) = 695$  Hz) ppm. HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ , m/z): found 477.0472 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_2\text{PSe}_2\text{H}$ : 477.0475.

**((Benzyl(phenethyl)amino)(iminio)methyl)(phenyl)phosphinodiselenoate (11):** Greenish yellow paste (0.255 g, 25%). Selected IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1613, 1603, 1516, 1452, 1352, 1135, 1076, 1028, 1007, 953, 747, 699, 556, 497, 476. Two isomers were found in *ca.* 2:1 intensity ratio in multi-NMR spectra.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 9.91 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{H}) = 5.1$  Hz, 4H), 9.69 (d,  $J(\text{P}, \text{H}) = 4.8$  Hz, 4H), 7.51-6.77 (m, 22H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.01 (t,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.89 (t,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.0$  Hz, 2H), 2.60 (t,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 7.0$  Hz, 2H) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 164.0 (d,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 21.5$  Hz), 163.5 (d,  $J(\text{H}, \text{H}) = 21.5$  Hz), 136.8, 136.6, 135.9, 132.8), 131.6, 131.2, 131.1, 130.9, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.2, 126.9, 126.4, 56.0, 55.5, 54.6, 51.9, 32.9, 31.5 ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 29.0 (s,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 685$  Hz), 28.2 (s,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 685$  Hz) ppm.  $^{77}\text{Se}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ ), 27.8 (d,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 685$  Hz), 27.5 (d,  $J(\text{P=Se}) = 685$  Hz) ppm. HRMS ( $\text{CI}^+$ , m/z): found 507.0005 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{PSe}_2\text{H}$ : 507.0008.

**General procedure for the synthesis of 4-substituted-1,3-selenazol-2-amines 12–15.** A mixture of  $\alpha$ -haloketone (0.3 mmol) in 20 mL of ethanol was added dropwise to a refluxing solution of 1,1-

dicyclohexylselenourea (0.087 g, 0.3 mmol) in 20 mL of ethanol in course of 1 h. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for another 2 h. Upon cooling to room temperature; a rotary evaporator concentrated the mixture. The residue was neutralized with 5% aqueous ammonia (30 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (30 mL x 3), combined organic layers and washed with water (20 mL x 3) and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After filtering and drying to remove solvent the organic residue was purified by a silica gel column (1 : 5 dichloromethane/hexane to dichloromethane as eluent) to give the expected products **12–15**.

**N,N-Dicyclohexyl-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-selenazol-2-amine (12):** Yellow solid (0.120 g, 96%). M.p. 162–164°C. Selected IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1608, 1540, 1490, 1452, 1380, 1300, 1281, 1246, 1229, 1169, 1106, 1033, 941, 893, 833, 710, 662, 617. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 7.82 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.27–3.18 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.16 (m, 8H), 1.92–1.70 (m, 8H), 1.45–1.34 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 167.3, 158.9, 158.7, 130.0, 127.4, 113.7, 100.6, 62.5, 55.2, 30.3, 26.4, 25.6 ppm. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 582.1 ppm. HRMS (CI<sup>+</sup>, m/z): found 419.1594 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OSeH: 419.1596.

**N,N-Dicyclohexyl-4-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,3-selenazol-2-amine (13):** Dark yellow solid (0.120 g, 92%). M.p. 150–152°C. Selected IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1604, 1595, 1545, 1516, 1450, 1379, 1338, 1280, 1265, 1108, 1038, 853, 848, 757, 696, 647, 565. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 8.23 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 3.29–3.21 (m, 2H), 2.29–2.16 (m, 8H), 1.93–1.72 (m, 8H), 1.46–1.24 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 169.3, 150.7, 146.4, 142.3, 126.6, 123.9, 107.5, 62.7, 30.2, 26.4, 25.6 ppm. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 582.1 ppm. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 604.4 ppm. HRMS (CI<sup>+</sup>, m/z): found 434.1339 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SeH: 434.1342.

**4-(4-Bromophenyl)-N,N-dicyclohexyl-1,3-selenazol-2-amine (14):** Yellow solid (0.133 g, 95%). M.p. 168–170°C. Selected IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1613, 1589, 1544, 1471, 1451, 1379, 1341, 1264, 1230, 1039, 1008, 938, 891, 831, 746, 717, 707, 658, 626, 588, 497. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 7.78 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 3.27–3.20 (m, 2H), 2.28–2.16 (m, 8H), 1.92–1.71 (m, 8H), 1.45–1.21 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 169.2, 151.5, 135.4, 131.9, 127.8, 120.8, 103.6, 62.6, 30.3, 26.4, 25.6 ppm. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 591.5 ppm. HRMS (CI<sup>+</sup>, m/z): found 467.0595 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>SeH: 467.0594.

**N,N-dicyclohexyl-4-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-1,3-selenazol-2-amine (15):** Greyish white solid (0.123 g, 92%). M.p. 141-142°C. Selected IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1602, 1602, 1540, 1505, 1499, 1452, 1447, 1438, 1379, 1282, 1217, 1176, 1049, 892, 869, 815, 654, 584. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 7.82 (s, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, *J*(H, H) = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.26-3.19 (m, 2H), 2.31-2.16 (m, 8H), 1.91-1.71 (m, 8H), 1.46-1.21 (m, 4H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 167.0, 153.5, 151.5, 148.3, 125.5, 115.2, 113.3, 112.5, 108.7, 62.5, 55.9, 55.4, 30.3, 26.4, 25.7 ppm. <sup>77</sup>Se NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ), 585.1 ppm. HRMS (CI<sup>+</sup>, m/z): found 449.1699 [M+H]<sup>+</sup>, calculated mass for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>SeH: 449.1703.

### Details of the X-ray data collections and refinements for compounds **4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15**

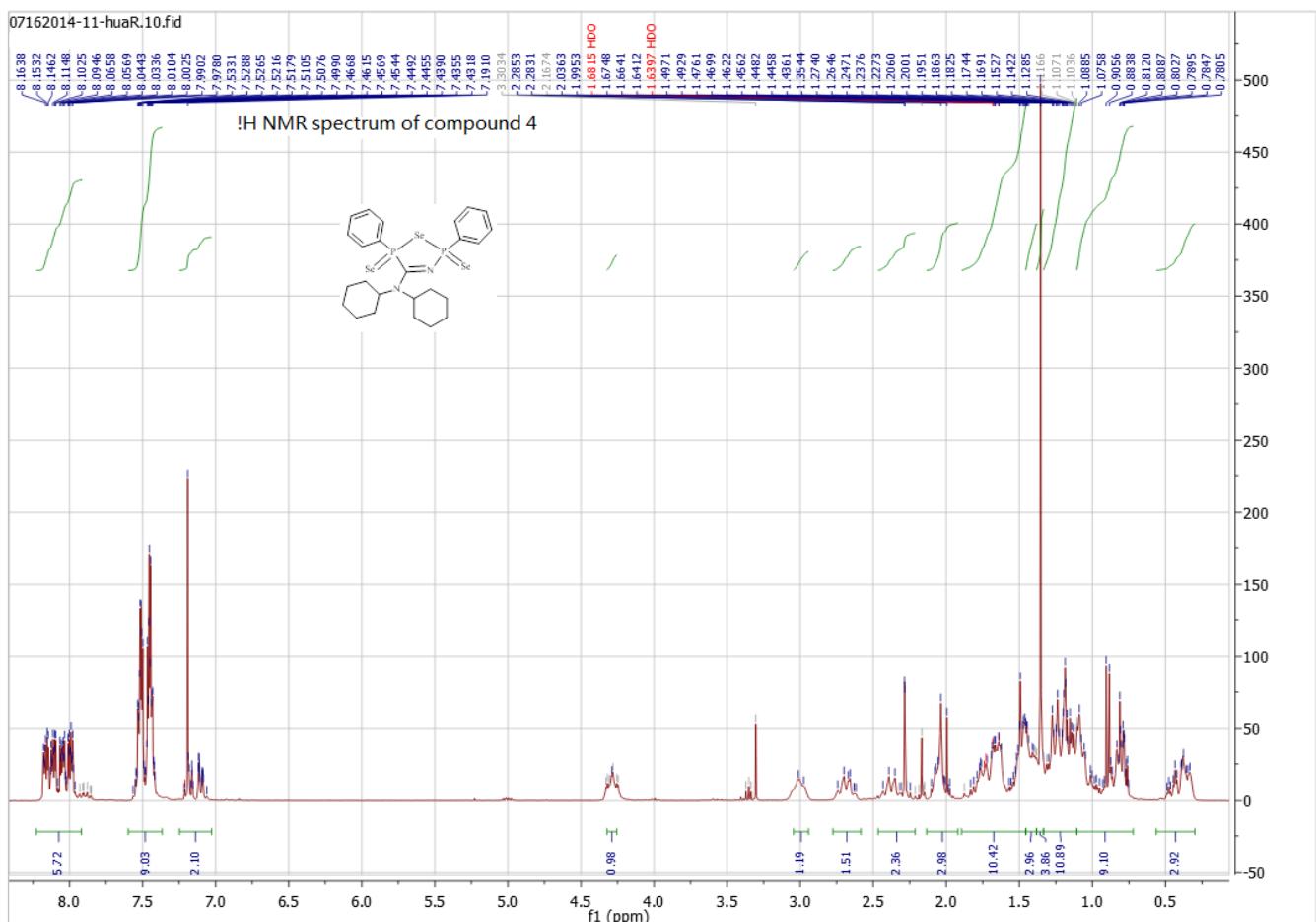
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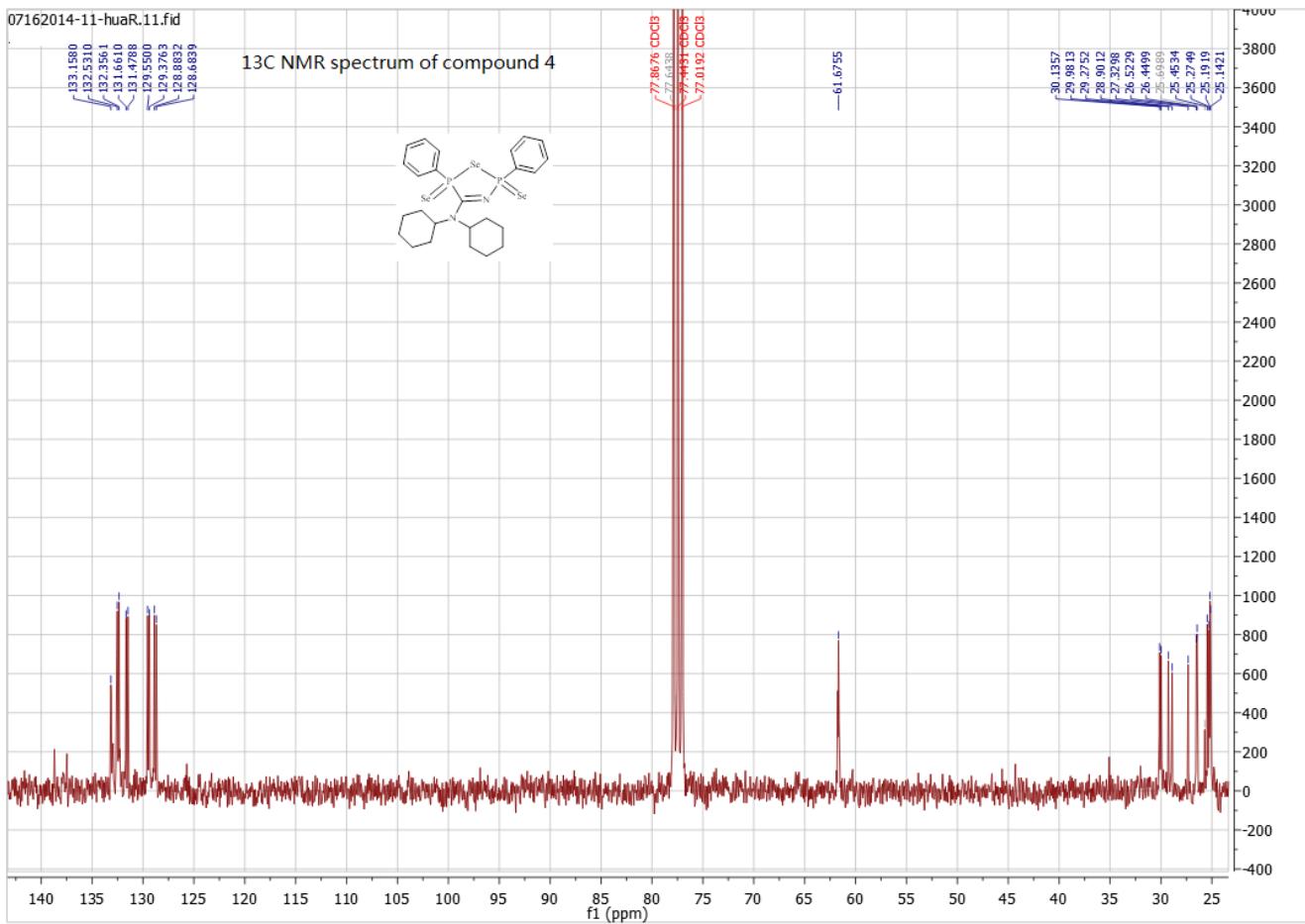
Compound	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>74</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> Se <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Se
<i>M</i>	659.37	675.33	946.85	303.26
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> ccn	<i>I</i> 2/ <i>a</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	10.2241(7)	15.5514(11)	14.3690(15)	10.498(4)
<i>b</i> /Å	17.6148(11)	10.0461(7)	25.292(2)	8.968(4)
<i>c</i> /Å	30.321(2)	16.8283(11)	26.421(3)	57.17(2)
$\alpha$	90	90	90	90
$\beta$	99.70620	93.574(3)	90	94.212(12)
$\gamma$	90	90	90	90
<i>U/A</i> <sup>3</sup>	5382.5(6)	2624.0(3)	9601.9(17)	5368(4)
<i>Z</i>	8	4	8	16
$\mu/cm^{-1}$	42.362	43.476	24.423	27.822
Reflections collected	41165	20135	106606	31599
Independent reflections	9429	4585	8807	4928
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.1264	0.1204	0.1187	0.1489
<i>R</i> 1	0.0568	0.0477	0.0788	0.0549
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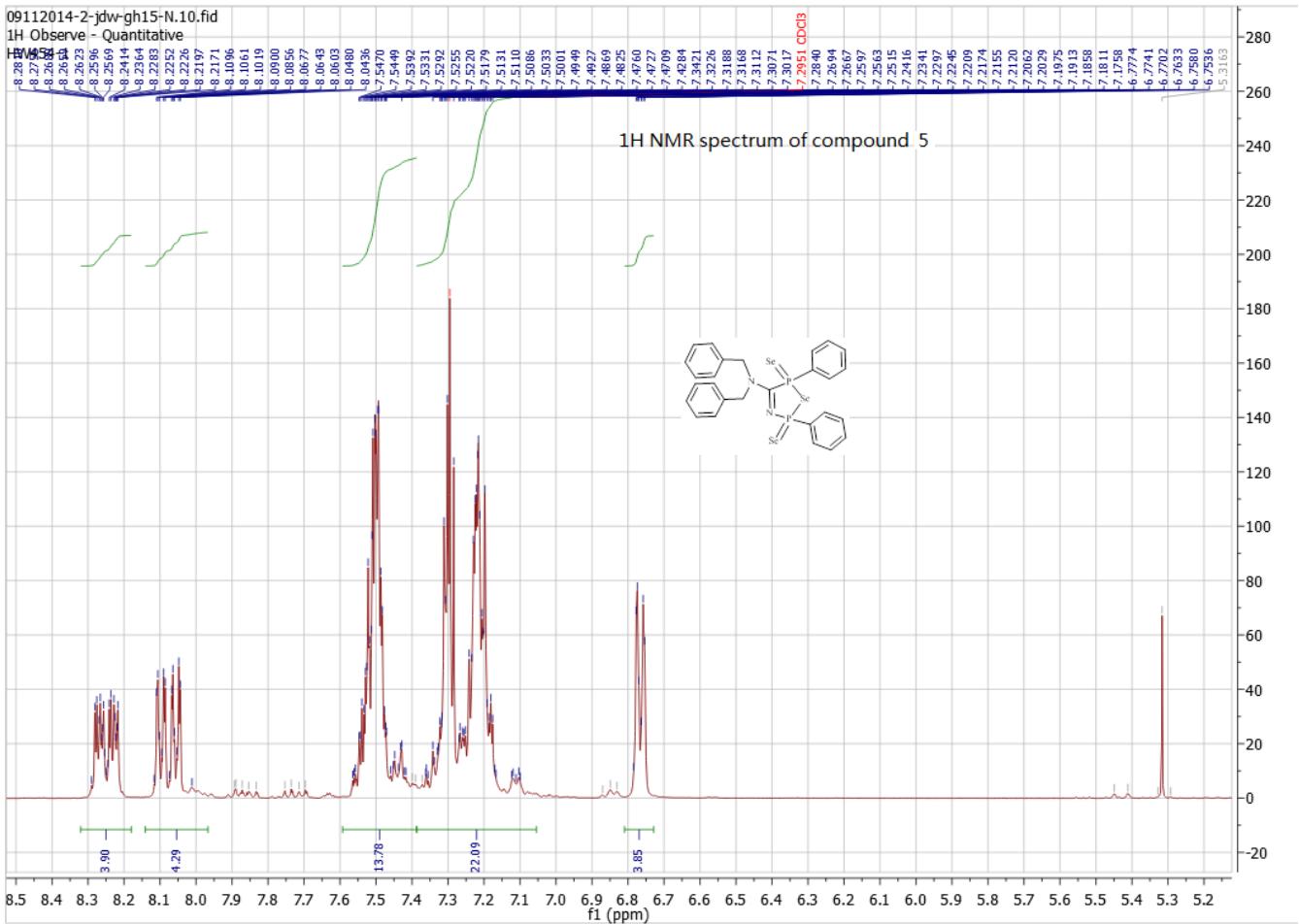
**Table S2.** Details of the X-ray Data Collections and Refinements for Compounds **9**, **10**, **13**, **14** and **15**

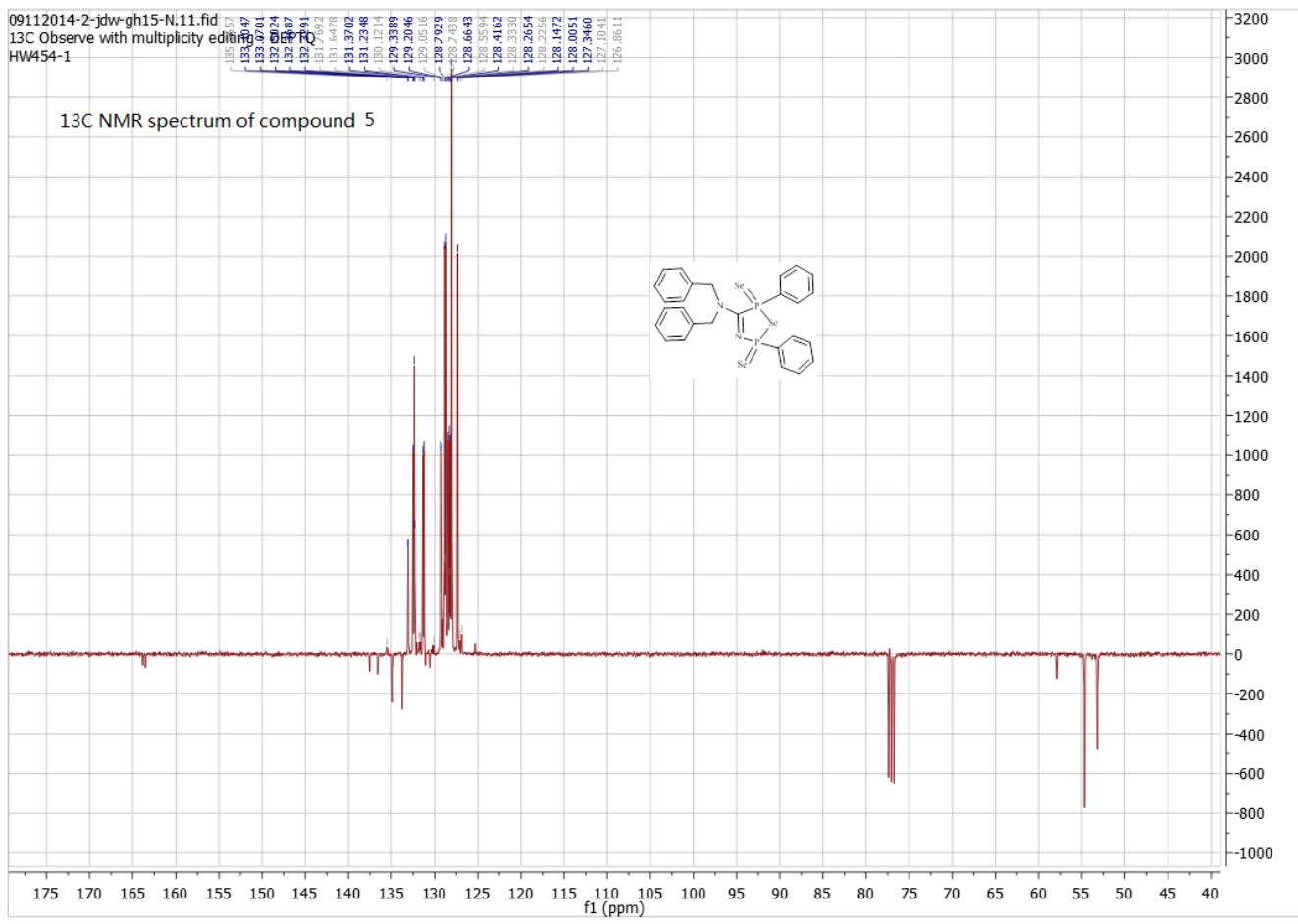
Compound	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Formula	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Se	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>31</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> PSe <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Se	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>27</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> Se	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Se
<i>M</i>	317.29	559.28	432.42	466.32	447.48
Crystal system	monoclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	11.2150(8)	10.0785(9)	13.8234(10)	10.6605(8)	12.5190(9)
<i>b</i> /Å	9.7290(7)	13.1462(11)	10.6102(8)	15.2625(11)	10.0014(7)
<i>c</i> /Å	27.626(2)	17.9286(15)	15.1033(11)	12.8472(9)	33.985(2)
$\alpha$	90	90	90	90	90
$\beta$	98.580(3)	90	116.047(2)	111.4590(17)	98.028(2)
$\gamma$	90	90	90	90	90
<i>U/A</i> <sup>3</sup>	2980.6(4)	2375.4(4)	1990.2(3)	1945.4(2)	4213.5(5)
<i>Z</i>	8	4	4	4	2
$\mu/cm^{-1}$	25.086	34.143	19.081	39.970	18.038
Reflections	22837	18339	15003	14432	31178
collected					
Independent reflections	5416	4170	3485	3410	7367
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.1317	0.1619	0.0775	0.0744	0.0926
<i>R</i> 1	0.0619	0.0589	0.0572	0.0418	0.0444
<i>wR</i> 2 [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.1741	0.0991	0.1595	0.0871	0.0998

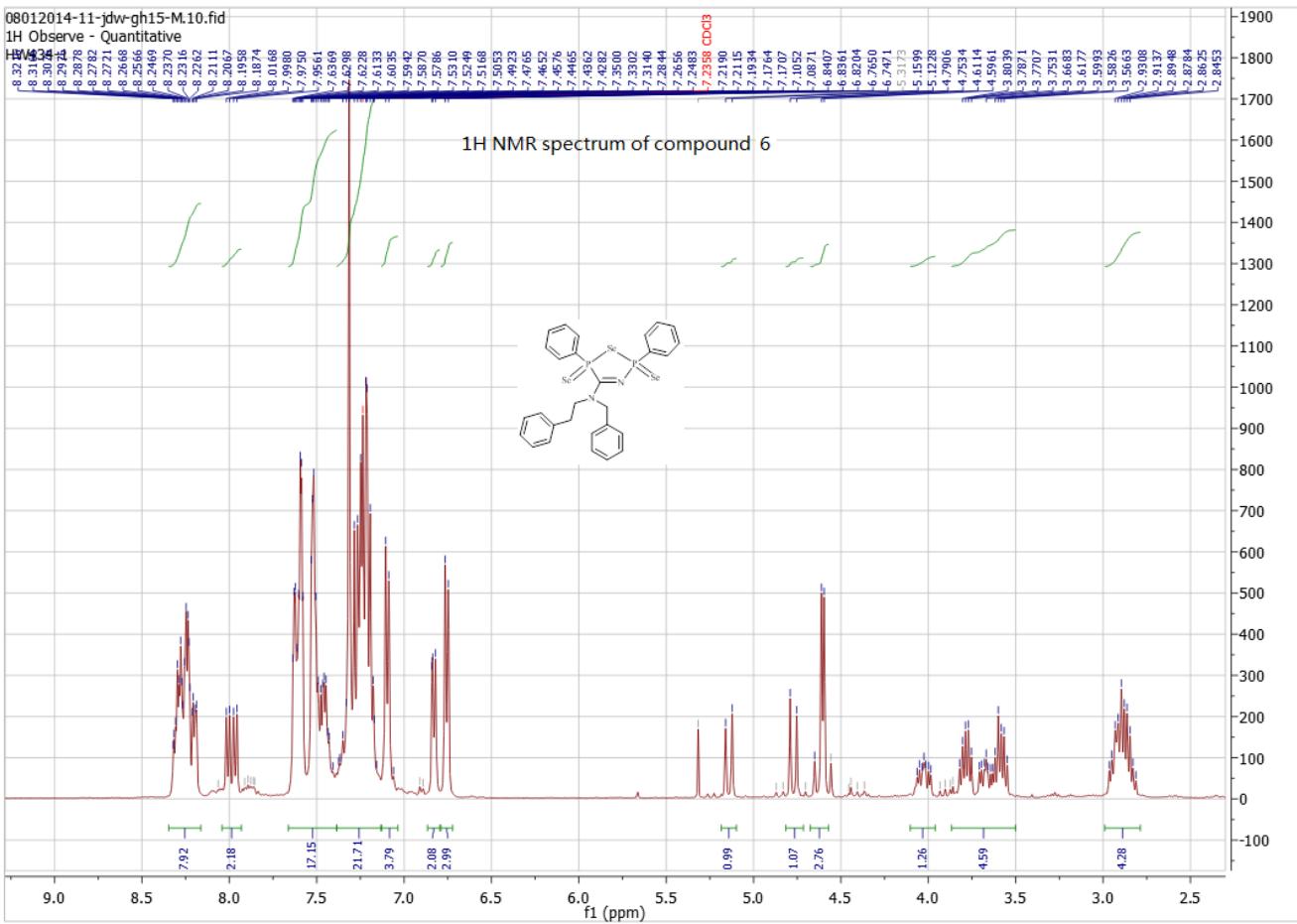
### **<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compounds 4–15**

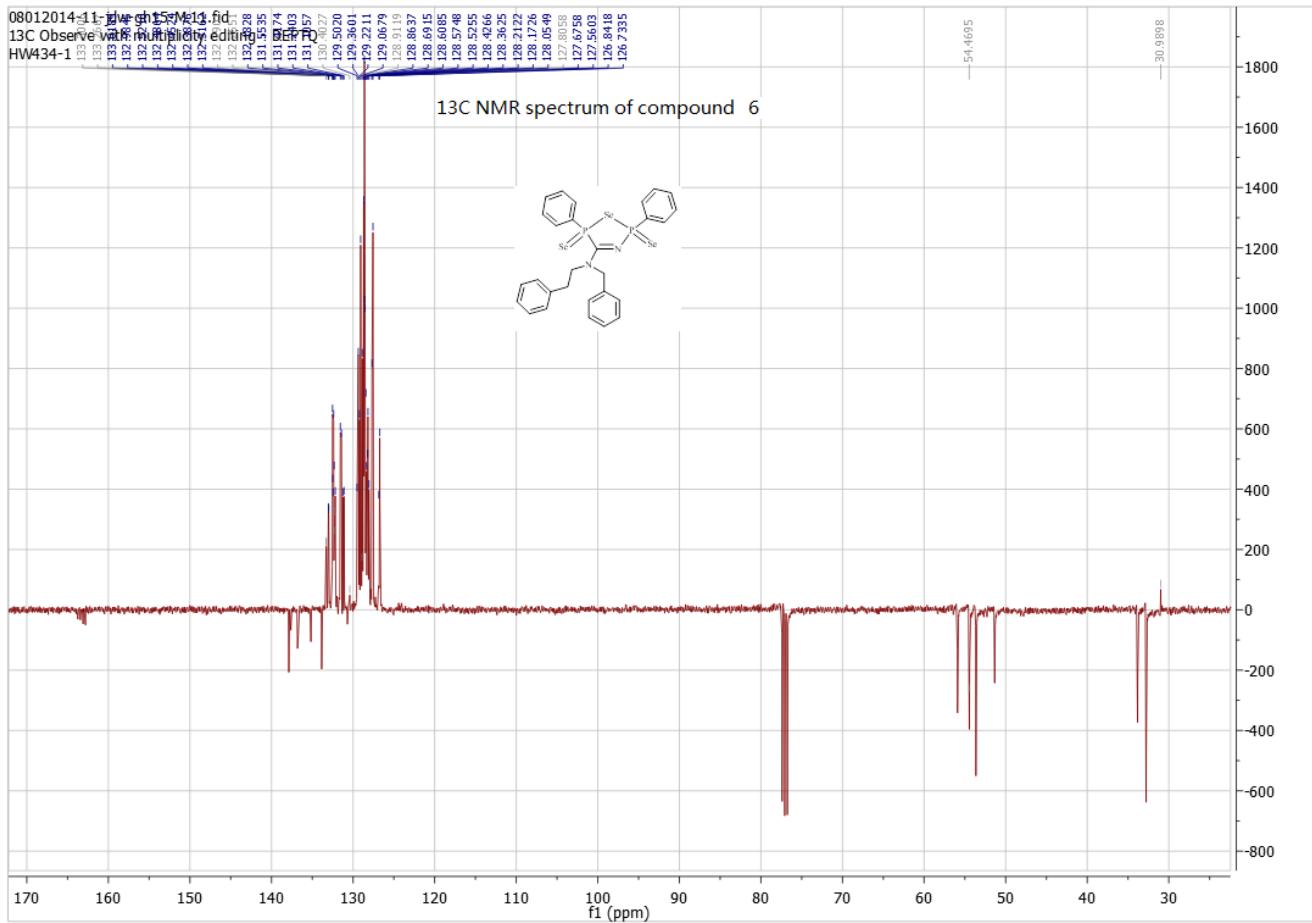


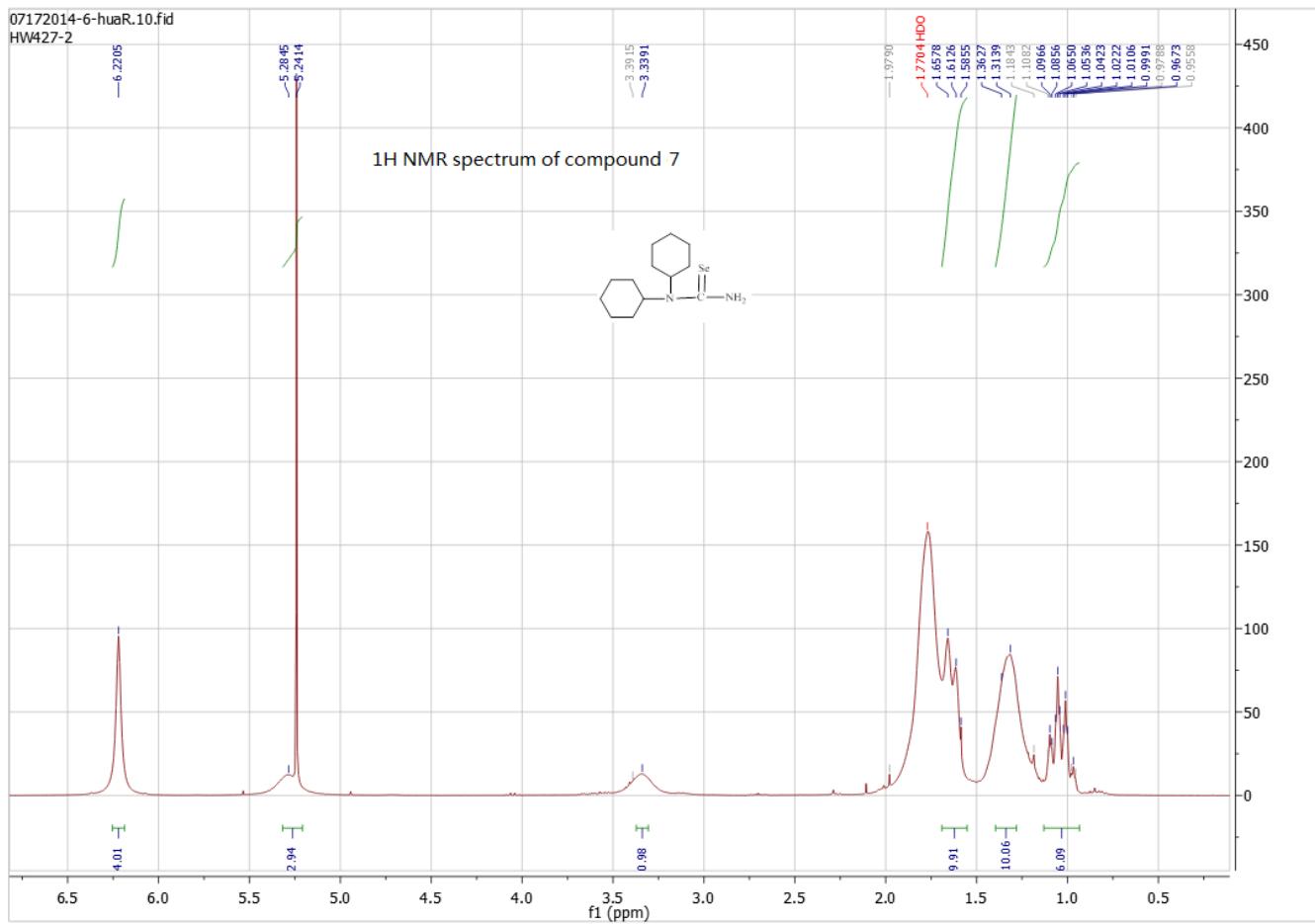






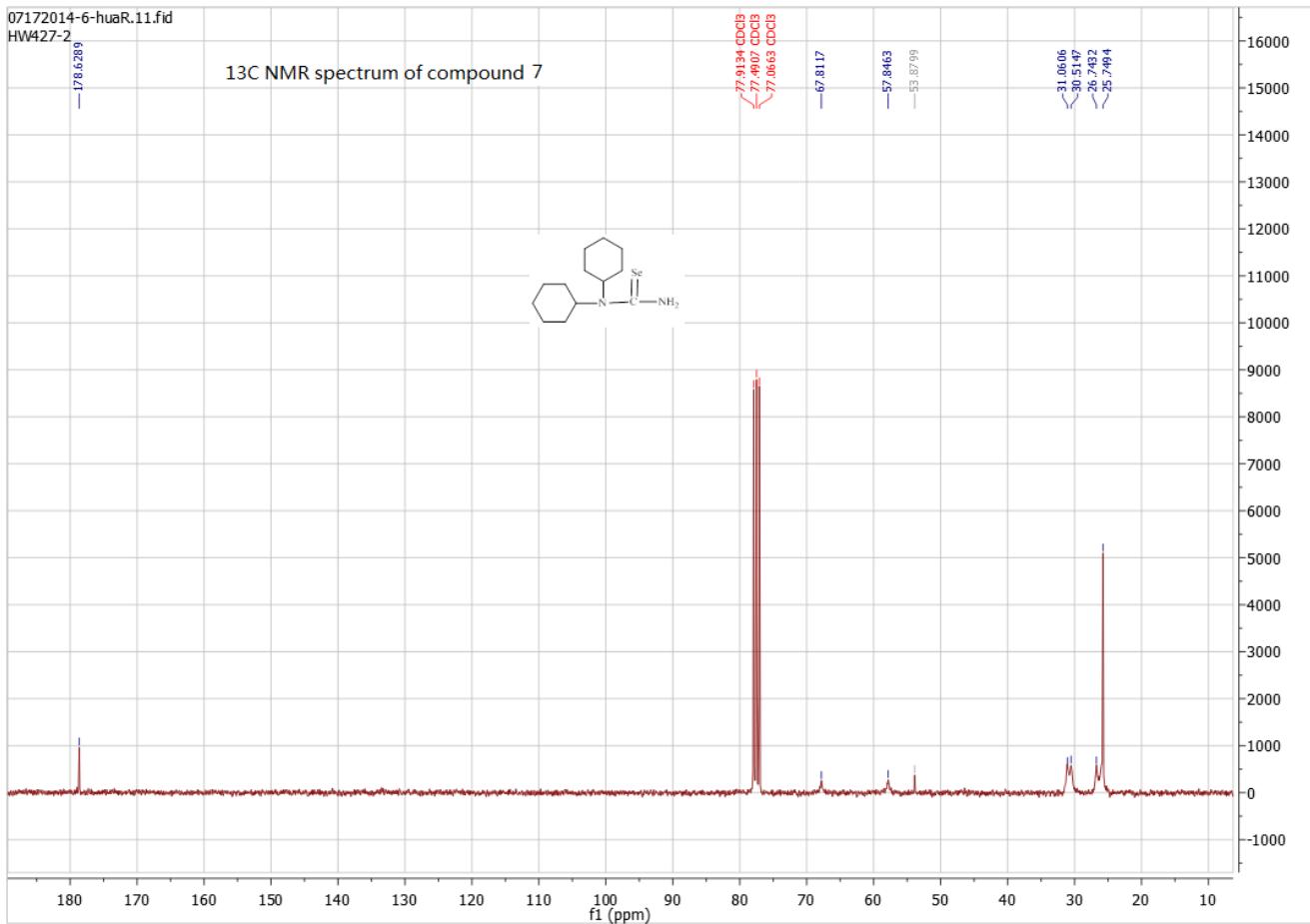


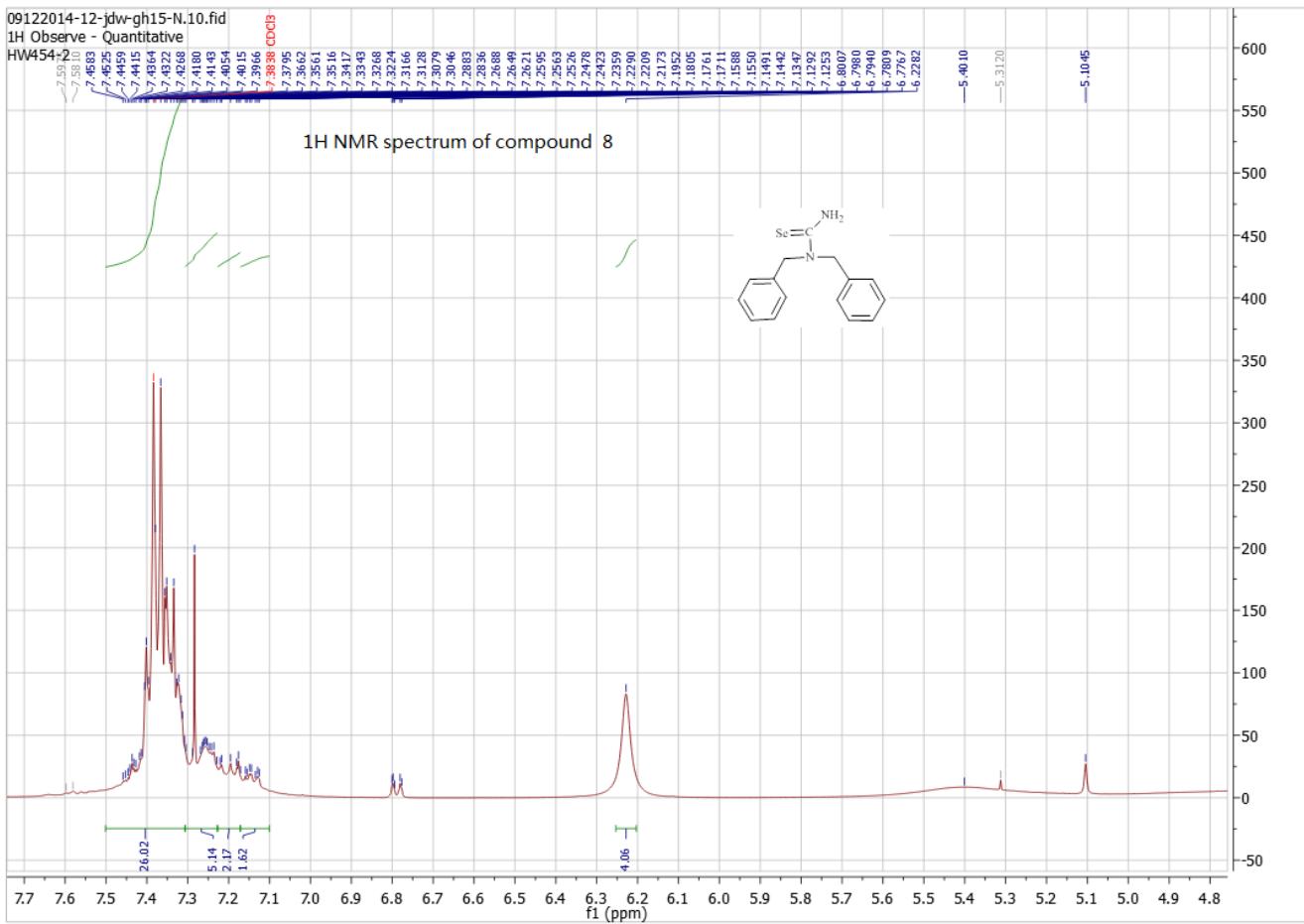


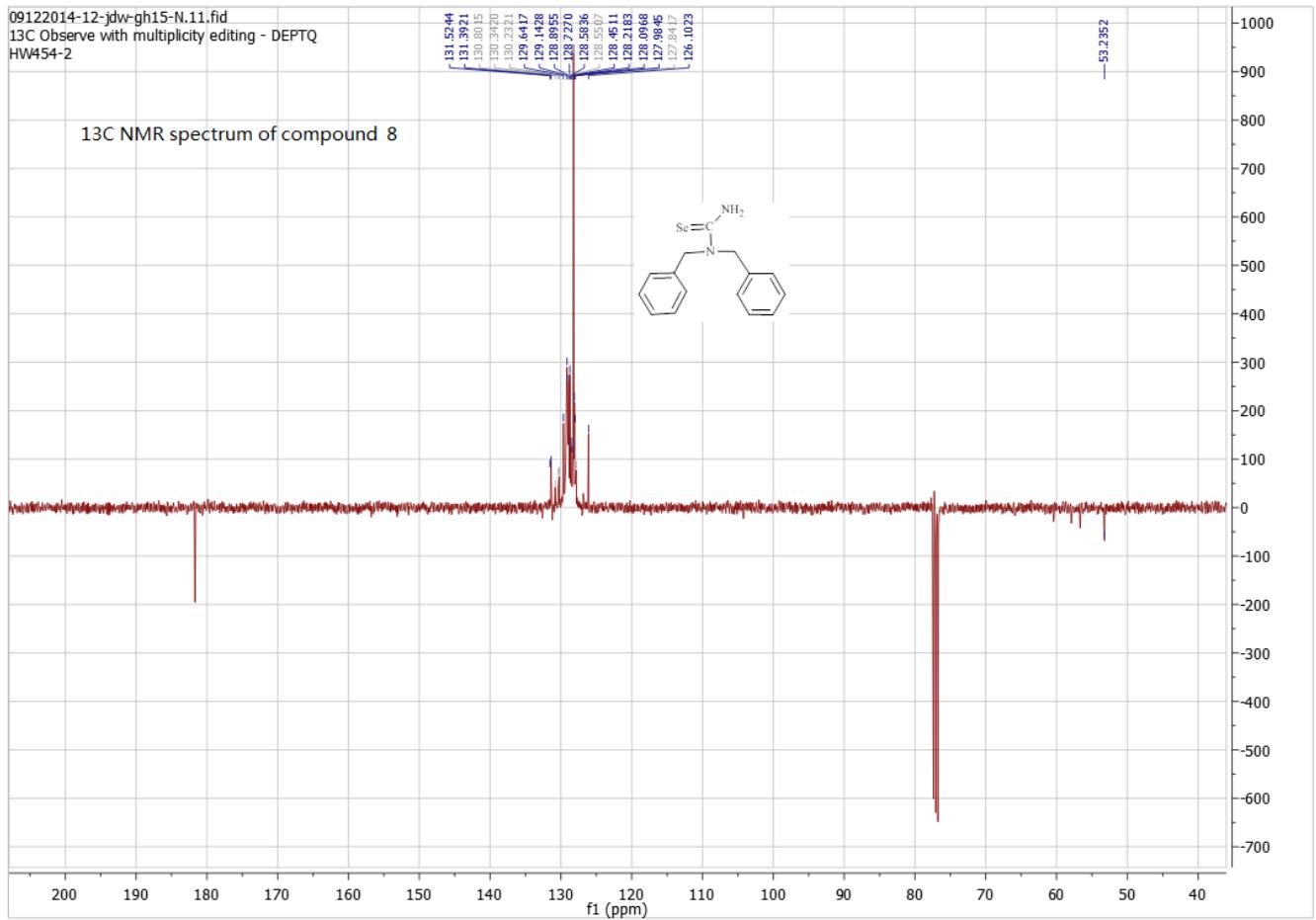


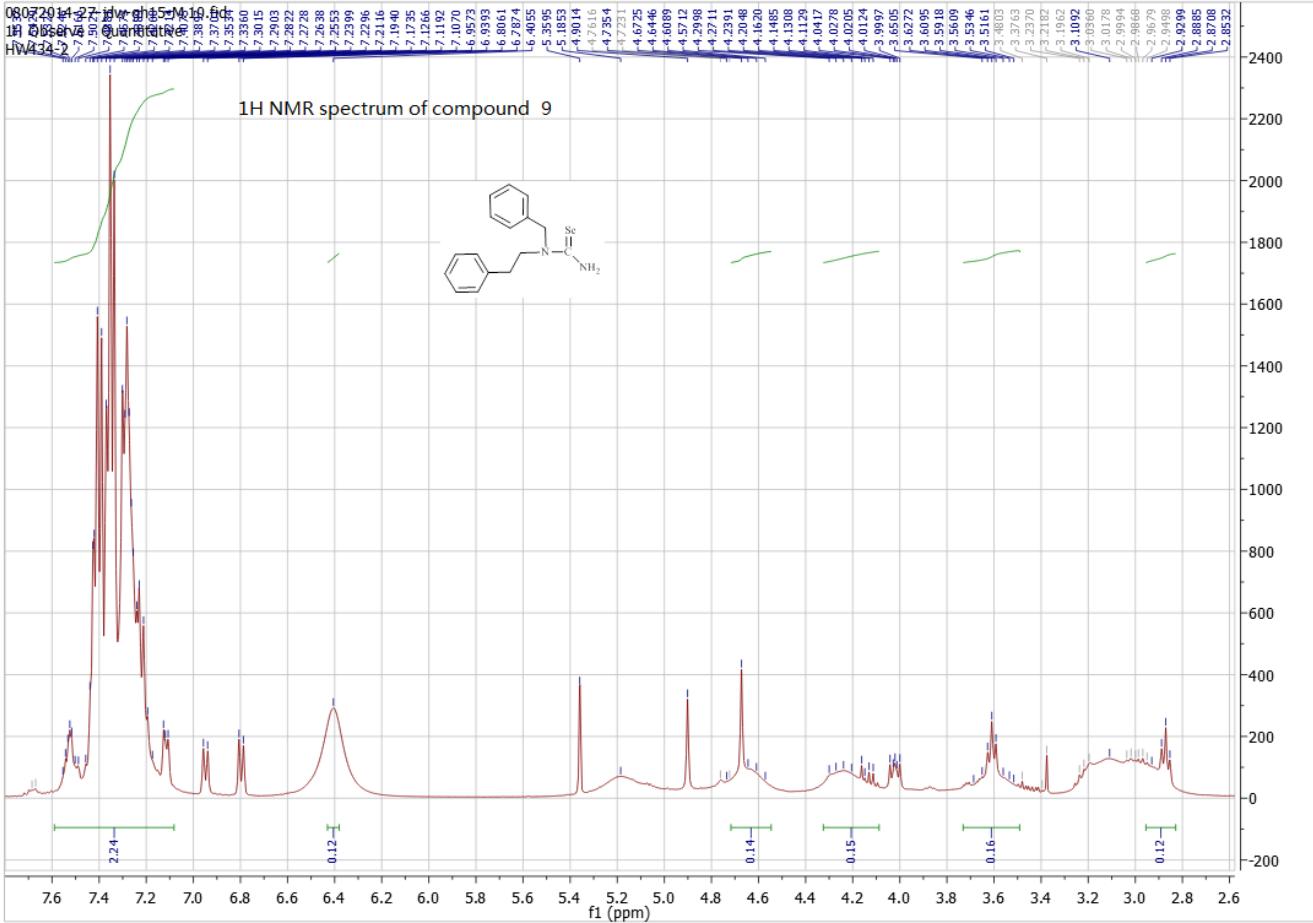
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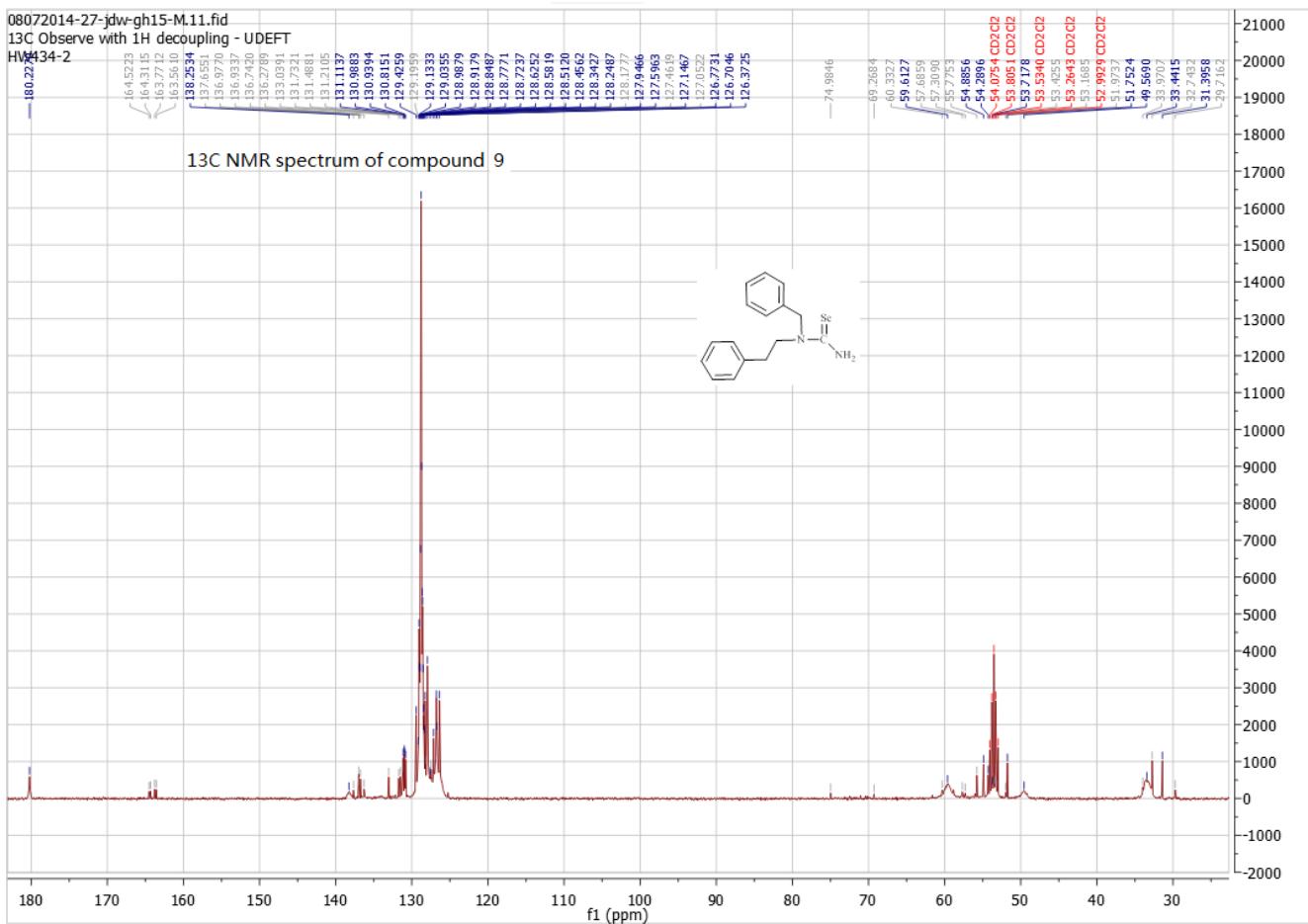
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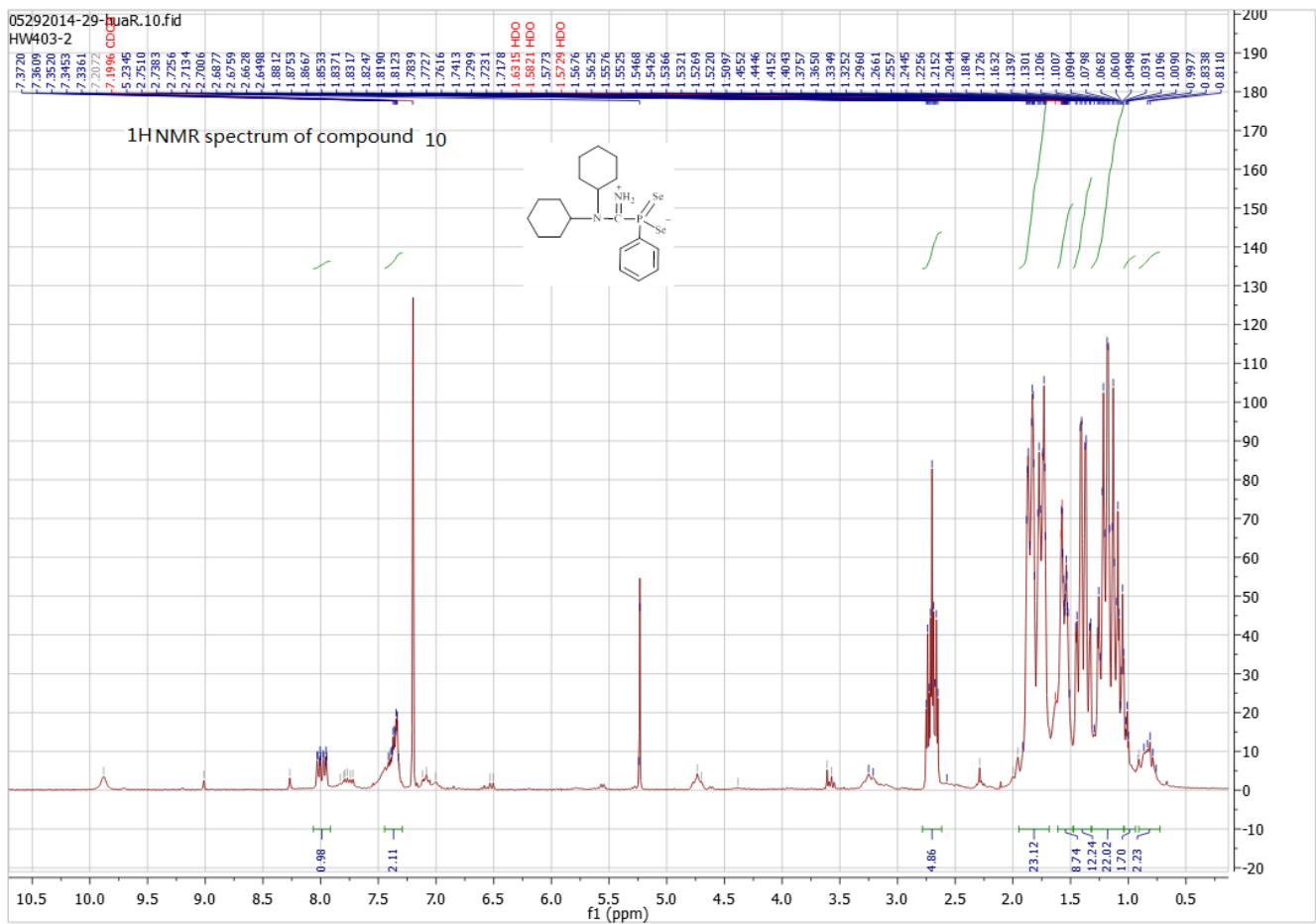












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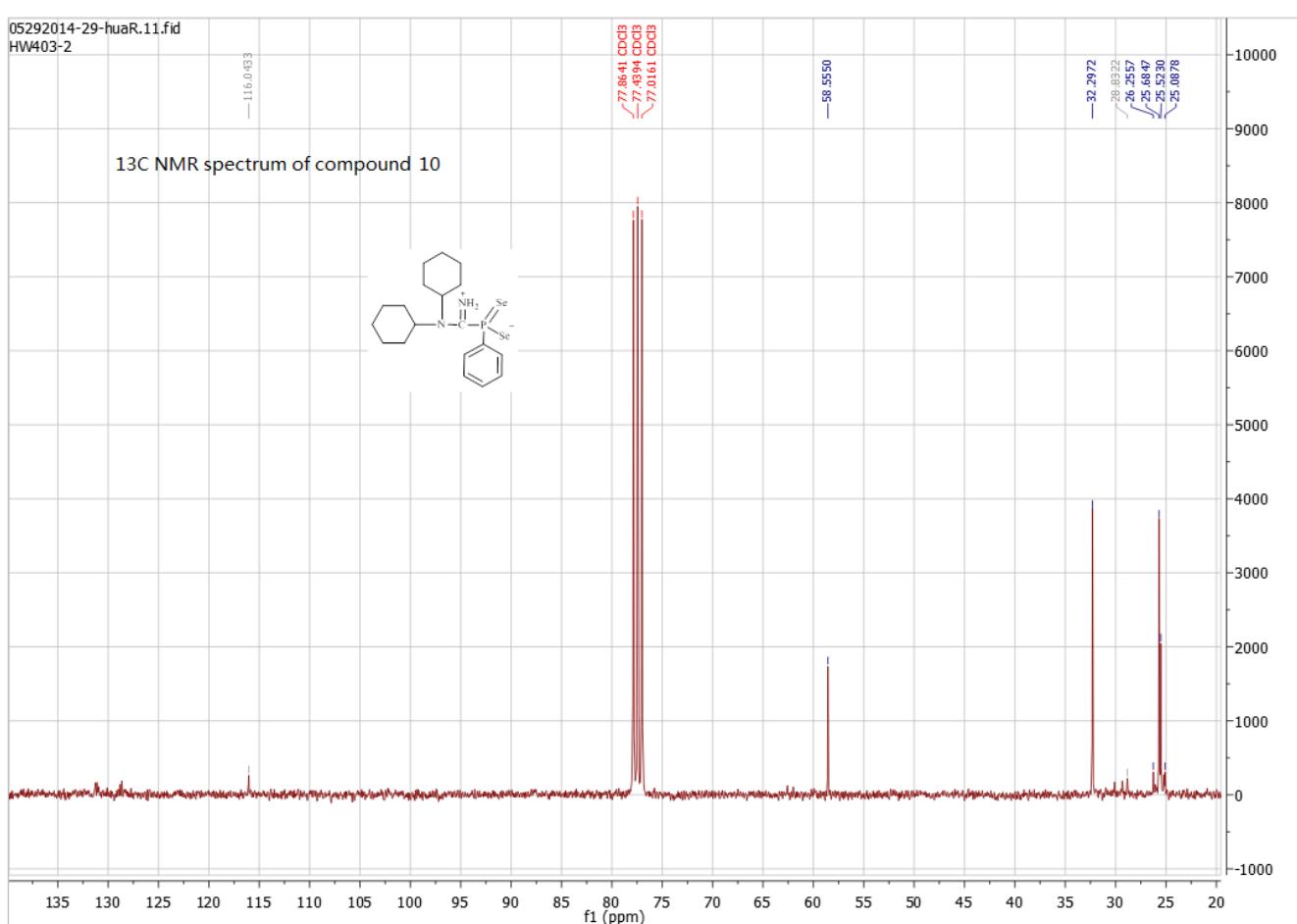
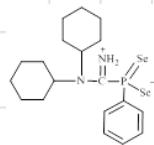
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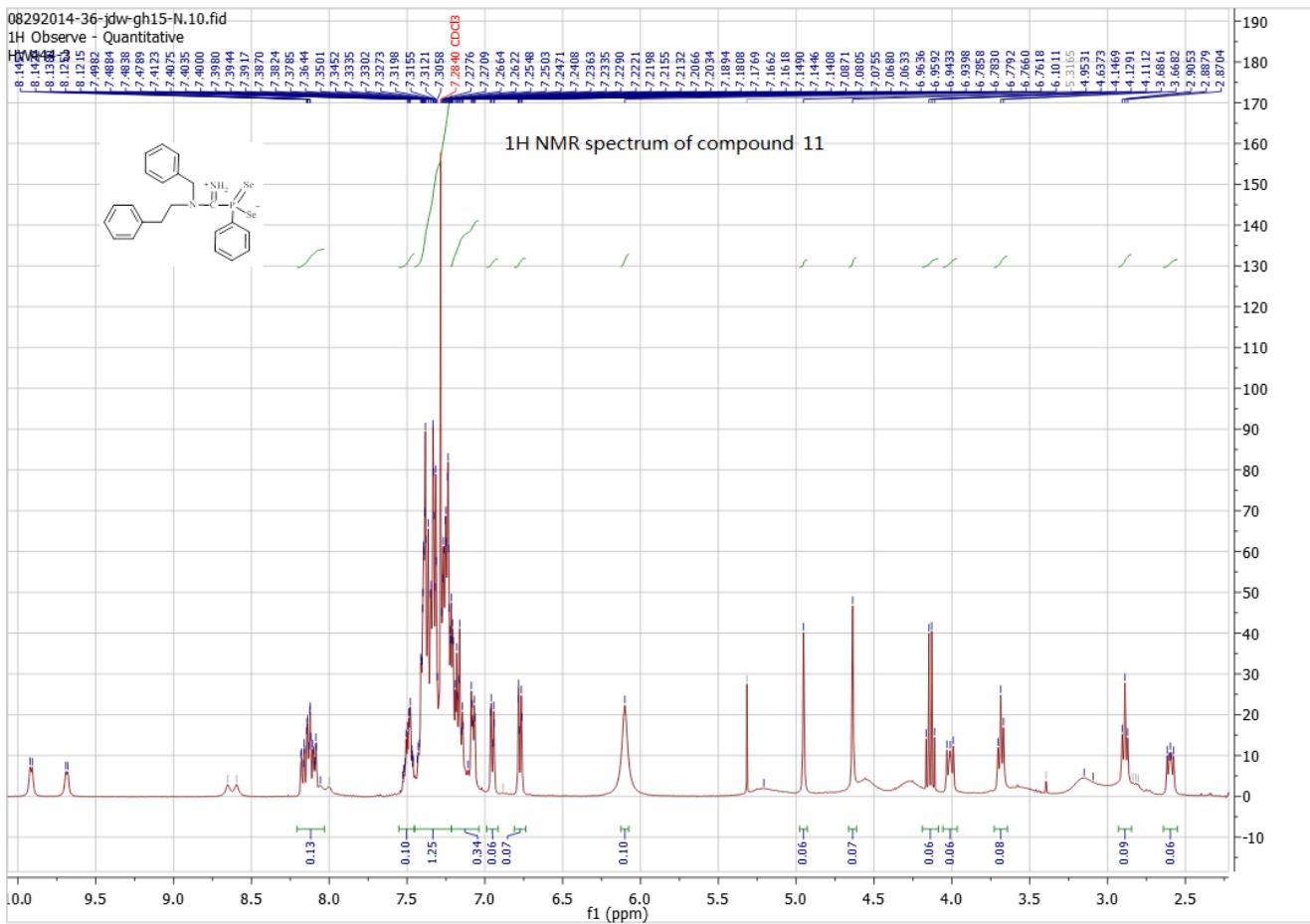
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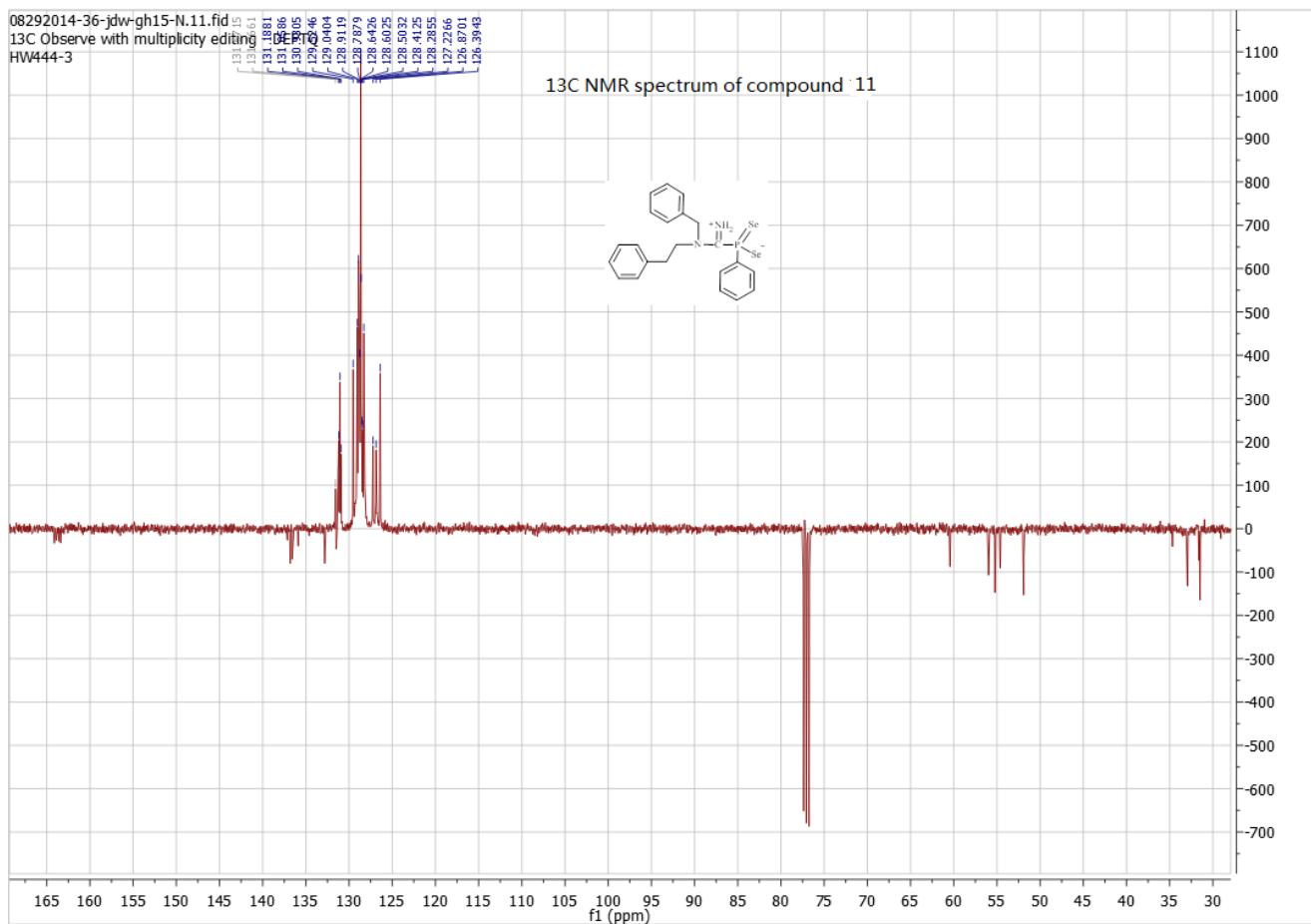
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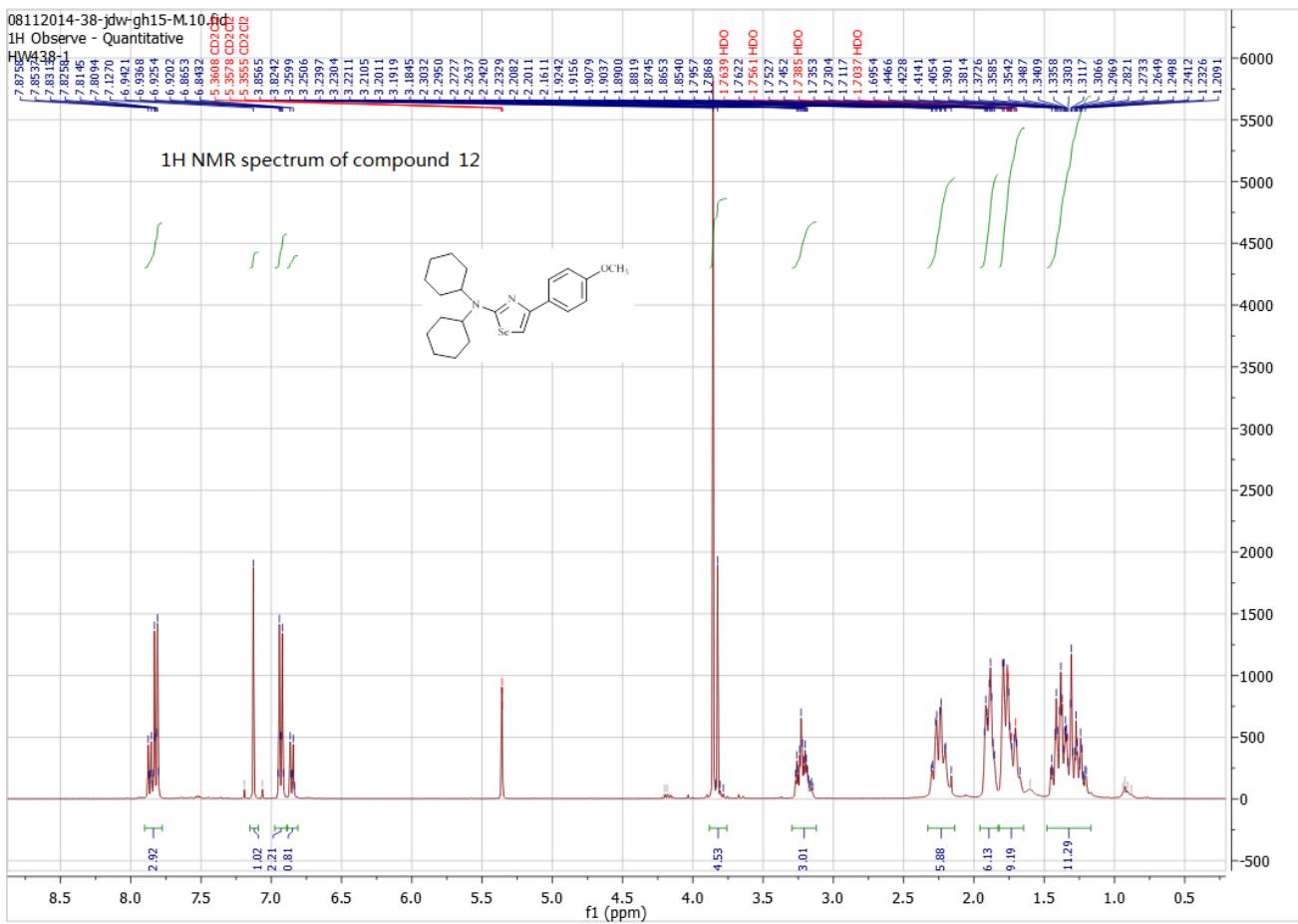
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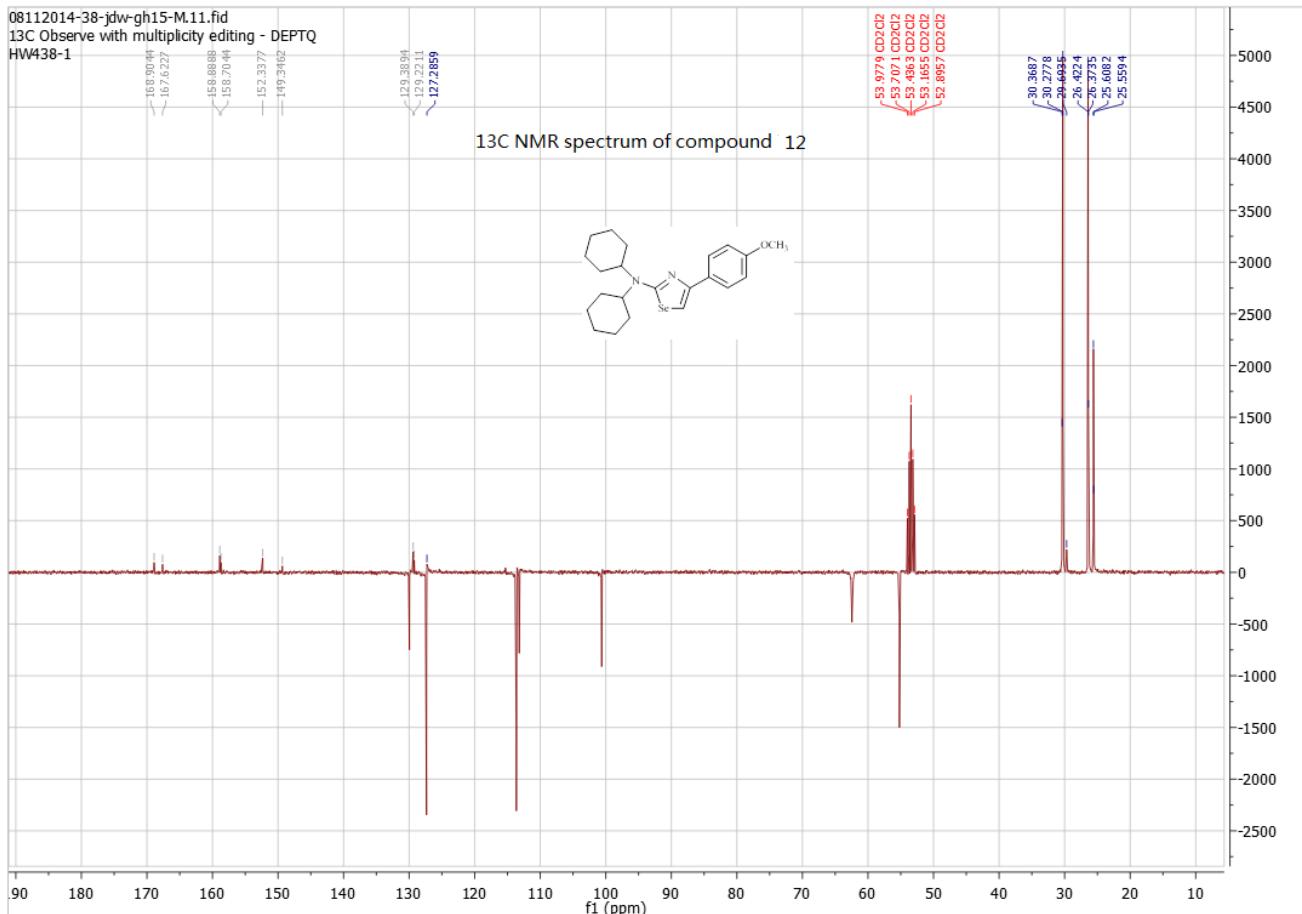
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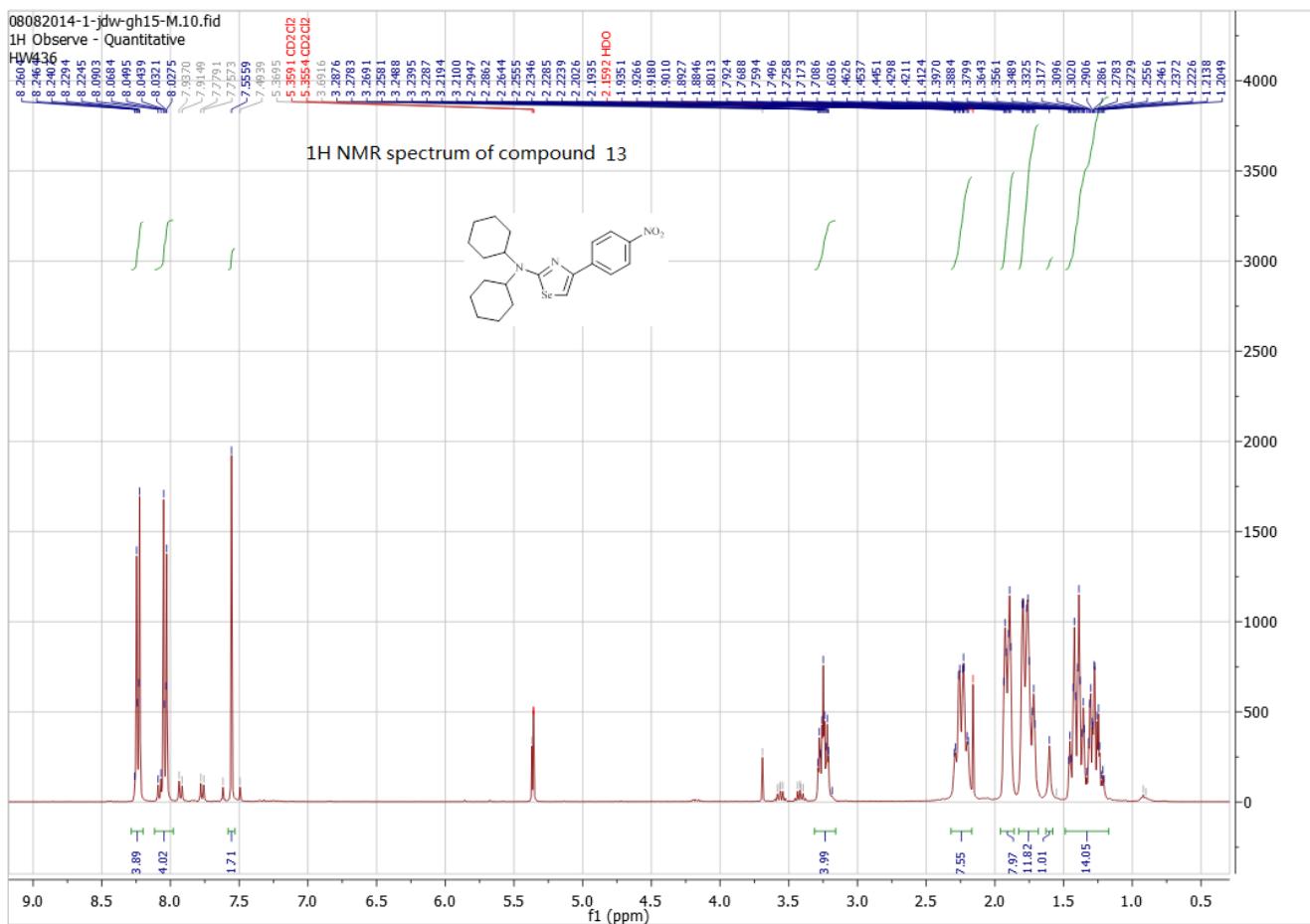


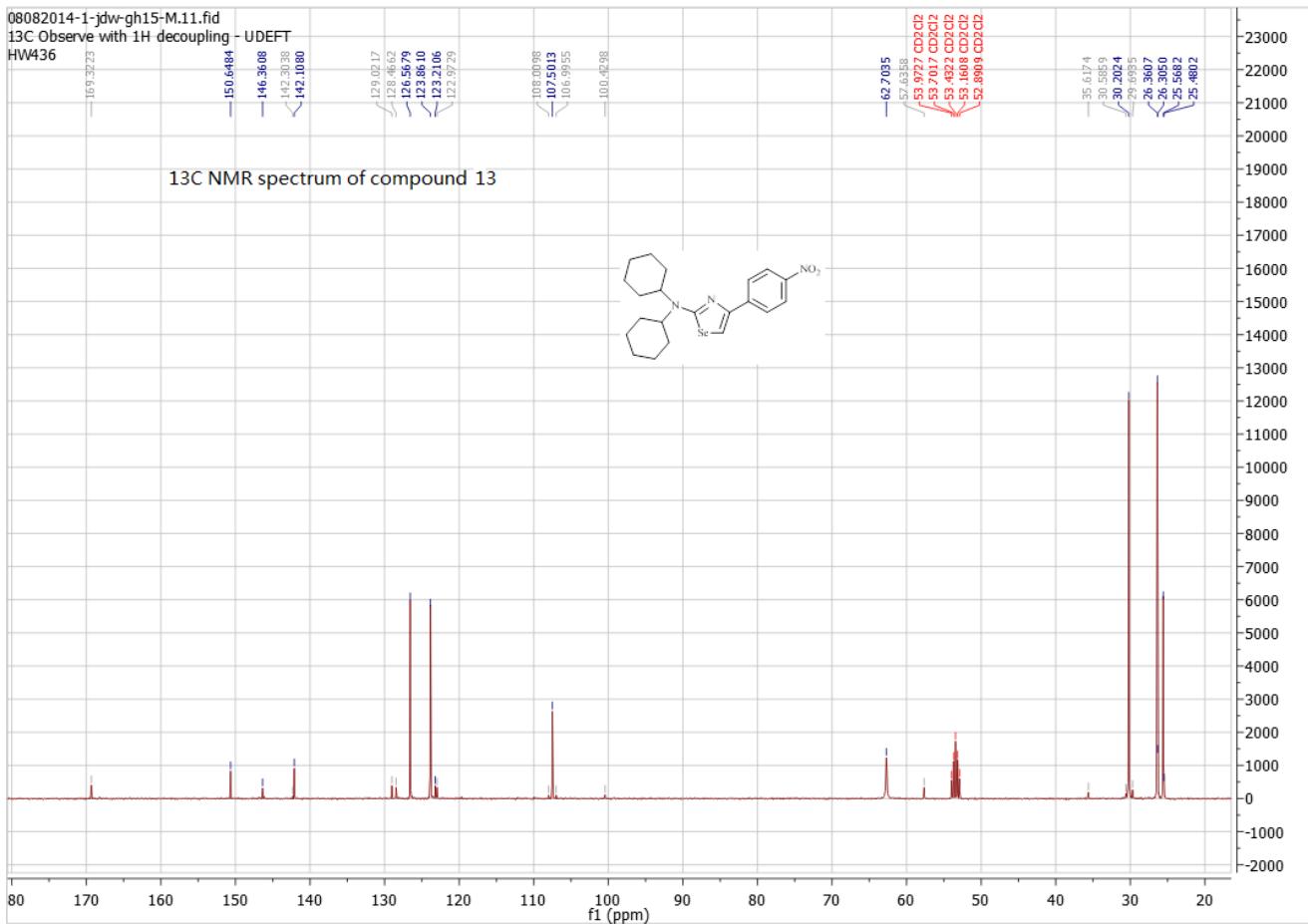


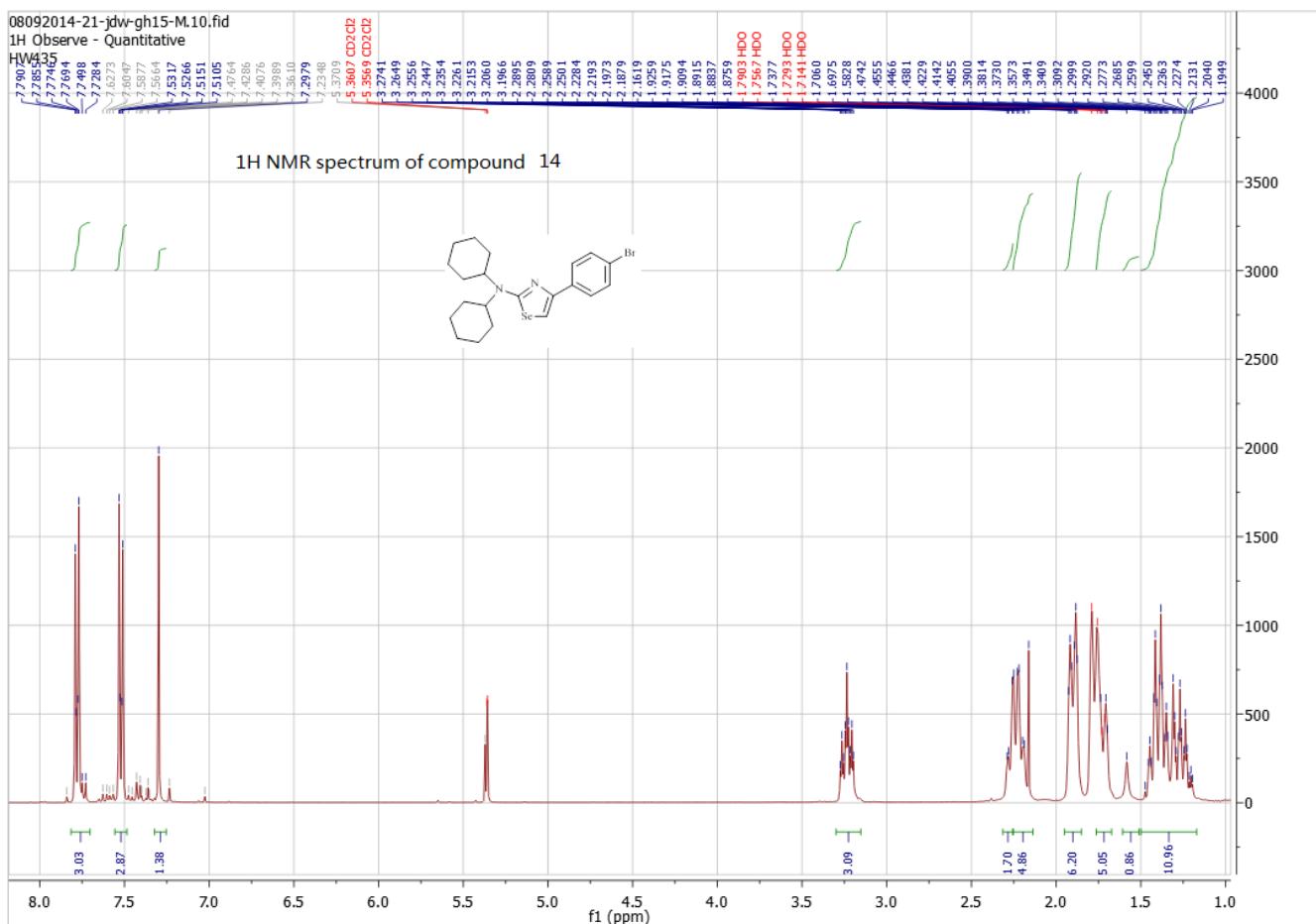






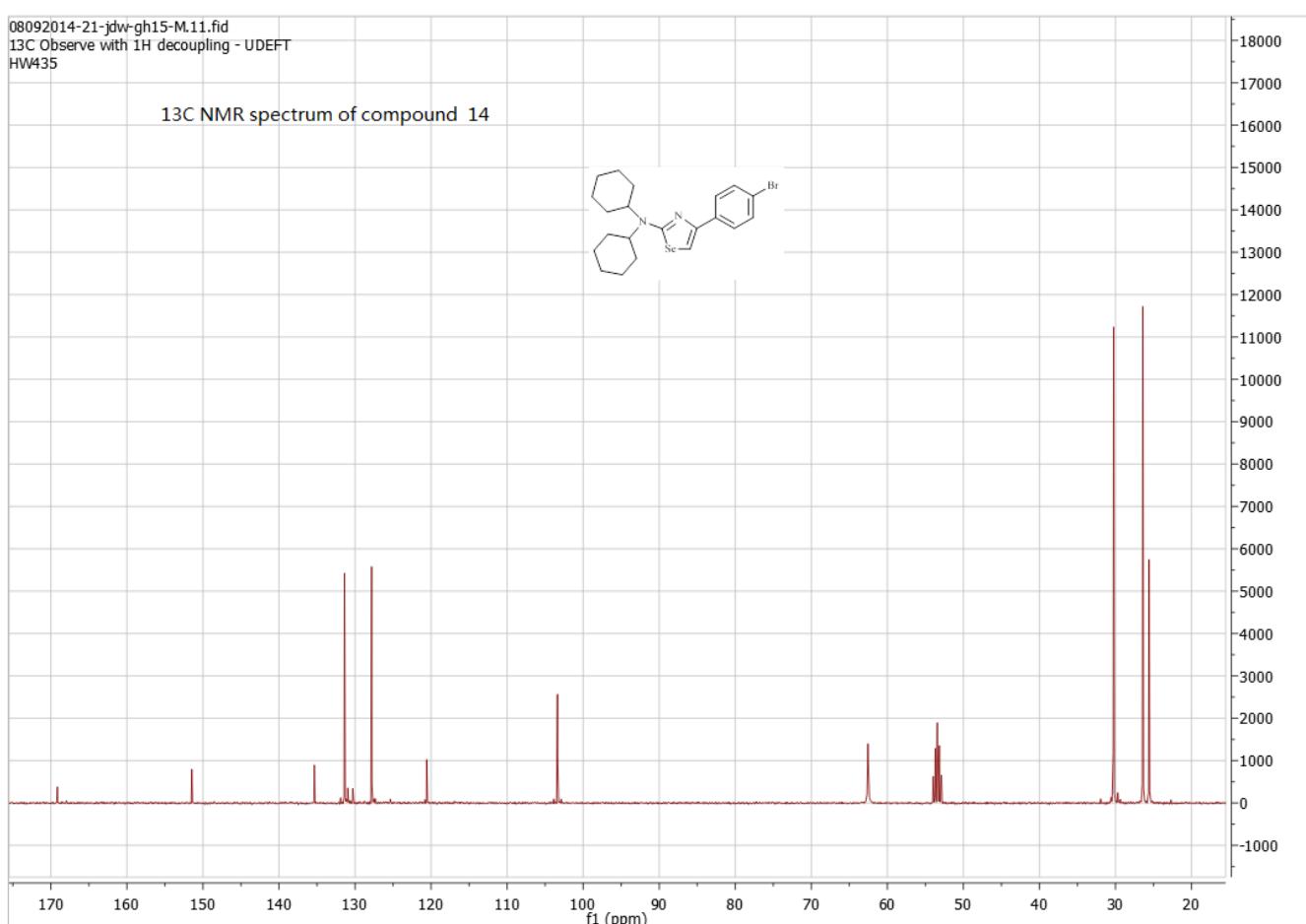
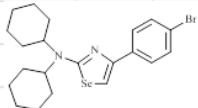


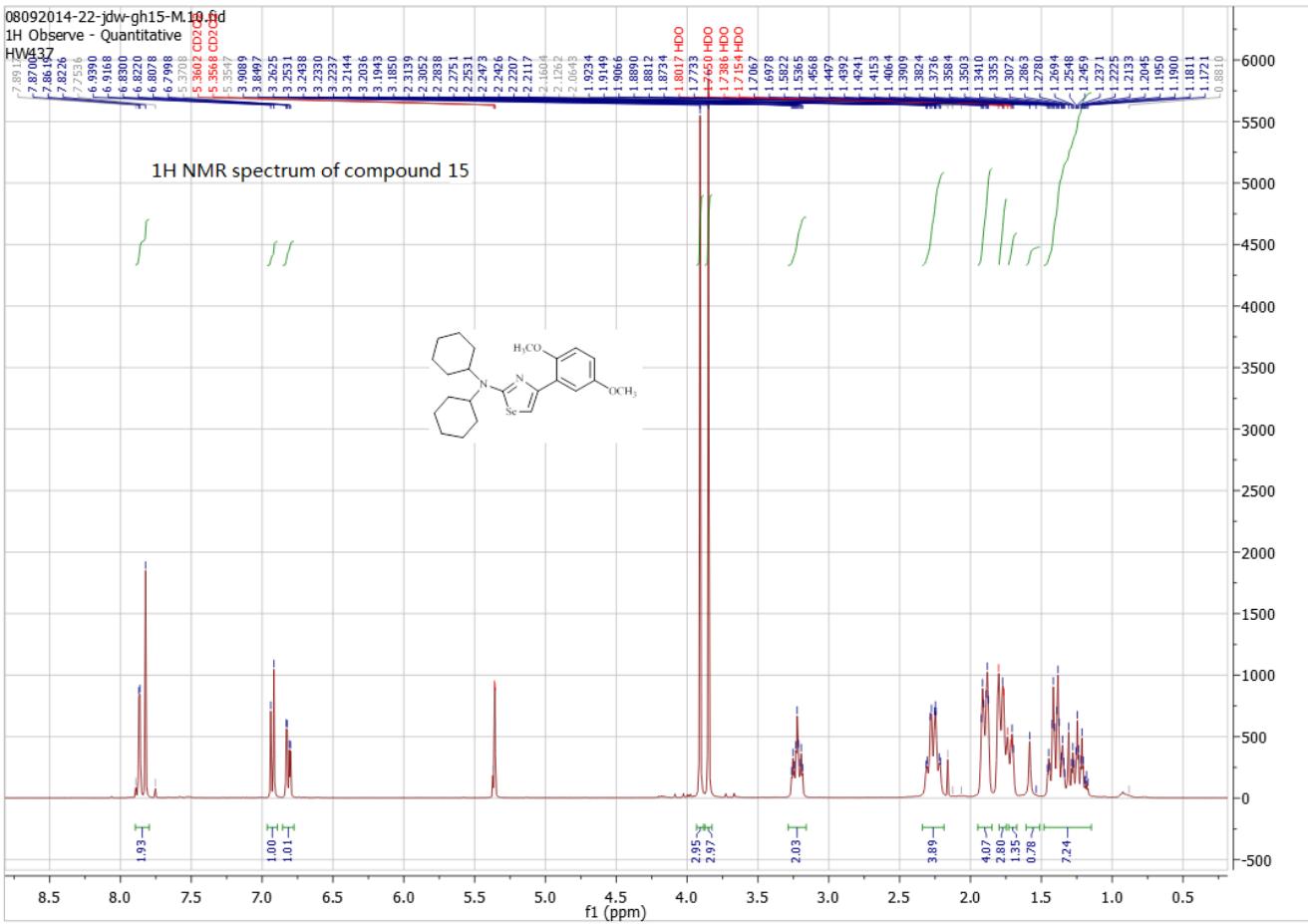


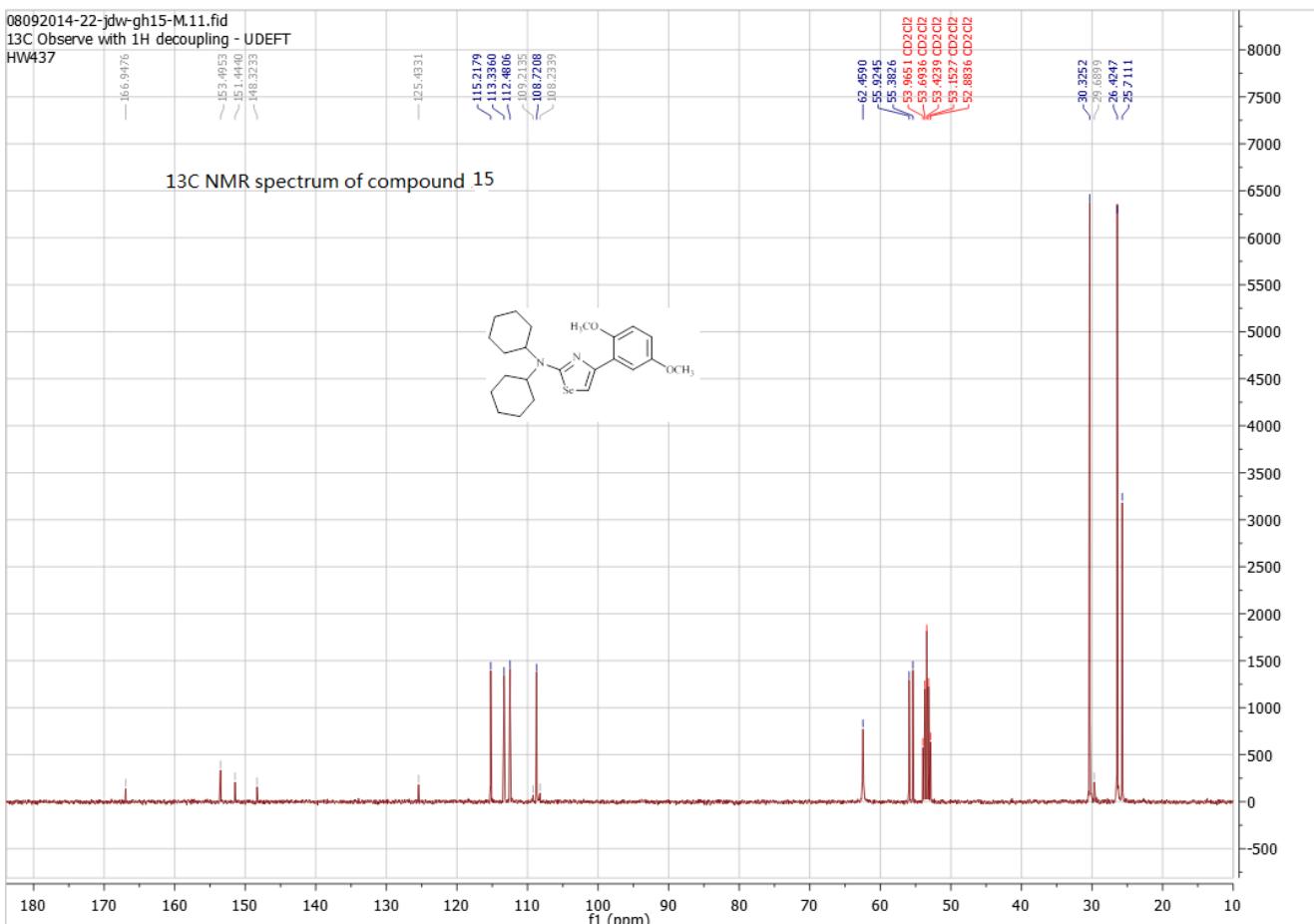


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13C NMR spectrum of compound 14







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