

3,1,2,4-Benzothiaselenadiazine and related heterocycles: synthesis and transformation into Herz-type radicals

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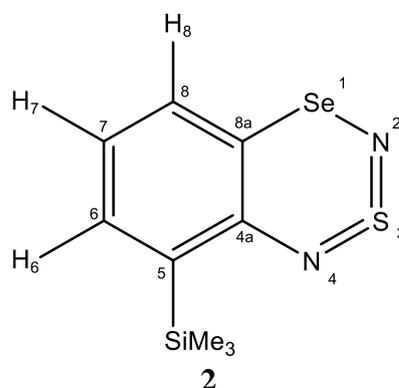
§1. Attempted syntheses of **1** with H as leaving group

Reaction between $C_6H_5N=S=NSiMe_3$ ¹ and $SeCl_2$ ² under conditions applied for synthesis of **1** in the present work gave a mixture whose ¹H NMR spectrum revealed only trace amounts of **1**. The same reaction in THF at ambient temperature gave no cyclic products.³

Activation of electrophilic substitution by electron-donor group, *namely*, exploiting reaction of 3-MeOC₆H₄N=S=NSiMe₃⁴ with $SeCl_2$ under conditions used in the synthesis of **1** in the present work, resulted in a mixture whose ¹H NMR spectrum contained signals (δ) at 6.53 (dd, 1H), 6.16 (d, 1H), 5.95 (d, 1H) and 3.67 (s, 3H) which could be assigned to 6-MeO derivative of **1**. MS spectrum of crude product revealed peak with $m/z = 243.9366$ ($C_7H_6ONS^{78}Se$, calculated 243.9365). However, attempts to isolate this product by vacuum sublimation were unsuccessful.

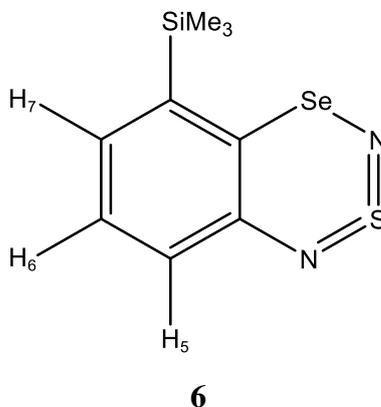
§2. Structure assignment of compounds **2** and **6**

Structures of isomeric compounds **2** and **6** were assigned applying the COSY, NOESY and HMBC ¹H-¹H and ¹H-¹³C NMR correlation spectroscopy techniques.



For **2**, signal of C_{8a} was unambiguously assigned due to coupling with ⁷⁷Se nucleus ($^1J_{C-Se} = 107.4$ Hz). Long-range (7 Hz) HMBC (δ): H_6 (6.90) with C_{4a} (143.00) and C_8 (127.69), H_7 (6.94)

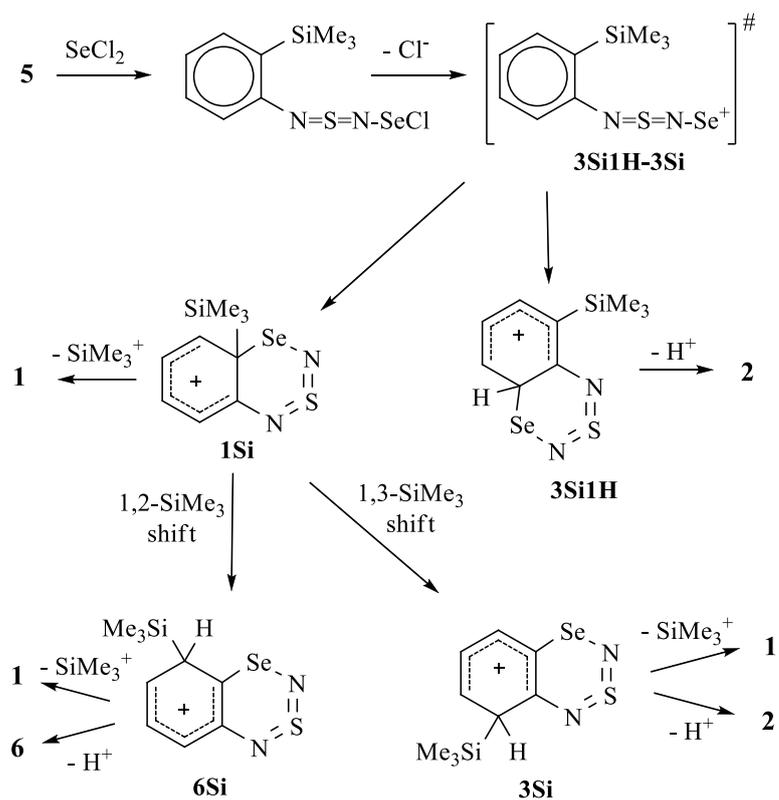
with C_{8a} (109.04) and C₅ (134.99), H₈ (6.90) with C₈ (127.69) and C_{4a} (143.00). NOESY revealed correlation between H₆ (6.90) and protons of Me₃Si (0.18). ¹H-¹H coupling constants (COSY, Hz): H₇-H₈, 7.6; H₆-H₇, 7.5; H₆-H₈, 1.6.



For **6**, long-range (7 Hz) HMBC (δ): H₅ (6.29) with C_{8a} (116.74) and C₇ (139.88), H₆ (6.81) with C_{4a} (138.67) and C₈ (139.82), H₇ (7.19) with C_{8a} (116.74) and C₅ (123.57). NOESY revealed correlation between H₇ (7.19) and protons of Me₃Si (0.25). ¹H-¹H coupling constants (COSY, Hz): H₅-H₆, 7.7; H₆-H₇, 7.5; H₅-H₇, 1.4.

§3. Me₃Si group migration during reaction of **5** with SeCl₂

Intramolecular migrations of Me₃Si group are well known.^{5a} According to the PBE/L1 calculations,^{5b,c} migration of Me₃Si group in intermediates of the reaction under discussion proceeds very easily thus explaining formation of isomeric compounds **2** and **6** (Scheme 1). The transition states and intermediates localized in the calculations are given on <http://limor1.nioch.nsc.ru/quant/SeSi/>. Energy parameters of all the structures are specified in Table 1.



Scheme S1 Proposed mechanism of formation of compounds **1**, **2** and **6**.

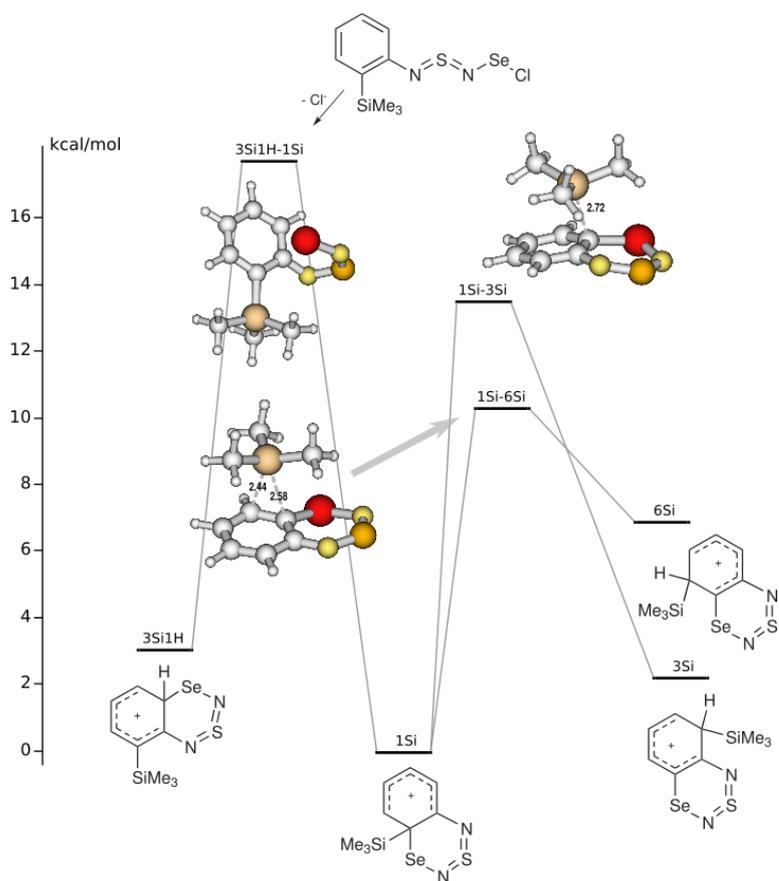


Figure S1 PBE/L1-calculated structures and relative energies of the intermediates and transition states of the reaction of **5** with SeCl_2 .

Table S1 PBE/L1 data for the proposed mechanism of Me₃Si group migration (Scheme S1, Figure S1).

Structure	Total Energy, hartree	ZPE, hartree	Free energy correction (298.15 K), kcal mol ⁻¹	D3 dispersion correction, ^{5d,e} kcal mol ⁻¹	Relative energy with corrections, kcal mol ⁻¹	Imaginary frequency, cm ⁻¹
1Si-3Si	-3578.99055	0.195639	94.63	-27.66	11.6	-100.2
1Si-6Si	-3578.99568	0.196204	95.63	-26.97	10.1	-102.1
1Si	-3579.01210	0.196875	95.65	-26.76	0.0	-
3Si1H-1Si	-3578.98380	0.196012	94.83	-25.97	17.7	-63.8
3Si1H	-3579.00724	0.196850	95.16	-24.67	4.6	-
3Si	-3579.00858	0.196286	94.46	-25.4	2.4	-
6Si	-3579.00111	0.196278	94.43	-25.89	6.5	-

§4. Magnetic shielding and NICS values

¹H NMR spectra of **1**, **2** and **9** revealed the increased shielding of H nuclei at the positions 5 and 8 previously known for 1,3,2,4-benzodithiadiazines.^{4,6} Increased shielding of ²⁹Si nuclei for **2** and **9** was not observed, as well as that for *t*-Bu group (¹H and ¹³C) at the position 5 of 5,7-di-*tert*-butyl-1,3,2,4-benzodithiadiazine, which is in contrast to the data for Me (¹H and ¹³C) and F (¹⁹F) derivatives of 1,3,2,4-benzodithiadiazine.^{4,6} Replacement of S atom in the position 1 by Se one reduces this effect obviously due to weakened π -conjugation in the hetero ring. The NICS⁷ values calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+(dp) level of theory for the hetero rings of 1,3,2,4-benzodithiadiazine and **1** are 14.48 and 11.72, respectively,³ indicating reduced antiaromaticity of **1**. This is in agreement with a hypsochromic shift of the long-wave absorption in the UV-Vis spectra from 617 nm for 1,3,2,4-benzodithiadiazine⁶ to 593 nm for **1** (this work).

§5. DFT calculations on radicals and simulation of their EPR spectra

For radicals **11** and **13** hfc constants were calculated by UB3LYP/6-31G(d,p) method. Combinations of B3LYP and B1B95 functionals with 6-31G(d) or cc-pVDZ basis sets were previously shown to reproduce a_H , a_N and a_F hfc constants of 1,2,3-benzodithiazolyls and 2,1,3-benzothiaselenazolyls fairly well, an increase of a basis set usually leads to a better reproduction of a_H constants but a worse one of a_N .⁸ In this work, UB3LYP/6-31G(d,p) approach appeared to underestimate strongly the a_{Si} constant of radical **12** giving its value as 0.196 mT. For this reason for radicals **12** and **14**, the UB3LYP/TZV method, unavailable for their Se congeners **11** and **13**, was used with UB3LYP/6-31G(d,p) geometries in calculations of their hfc constants. Previously, similar combination of the UB3LYP/TZVP and UB3LYP/6-31G(d) methods was shown to perform well in a_{Si} calculations.⁹

Line widths in the EPR spectra of the radicals under discussion (mT, 3 values corresponding to 3 projections of the ^{14}N nuclear spin) are as follows: **11**: 0.291, 0.299, 0.301; **12**: 0.021, 0.023, 0.024; **14**: 0.028, 0.029, 0.029. Radical **13** is expected to reveal broad lines resembling those of radical **11**.

It is known that substitution of H atoms of 1,2,3-benzodichalcogenazolyls slightly affects the hfc constants at the unsubstituted sites, whereas g-values remain practically unchanged.⁸ Therefore, it was assumed that radical **13** possesses the same or very similar g-value as its isomer **11**. In a practical sense, EPR spectra of **11** and **13** seem to be identical because broad spectral lines hide relatively small a_{H^4} and a_{H^7} splittings. As a result, abundance of 98.56 % indicated in Legend to Figure 2 (main text) actually represents the sum of abundances of radicals **11** (major) and **13** (minor). UB3LYP/6-31G(dp)-calculated hfc constants for **13** are (mT): a_{N} 0.876, a_{H^4} 0.417, a_{H^5} 0.175, a_{H^6} -0.472, and a_{Si^7} 0.081.

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