

NOVEL BICYCLIC σ -SELENURANES: SYNTHESIS AND REACTIONS OF 9-ALKYL-
(OR ARYL)-10-CHLORO-10,9-EPOXYETHANOSELENOXANTHENES AND THEIR
RELATED COMPOUNDS

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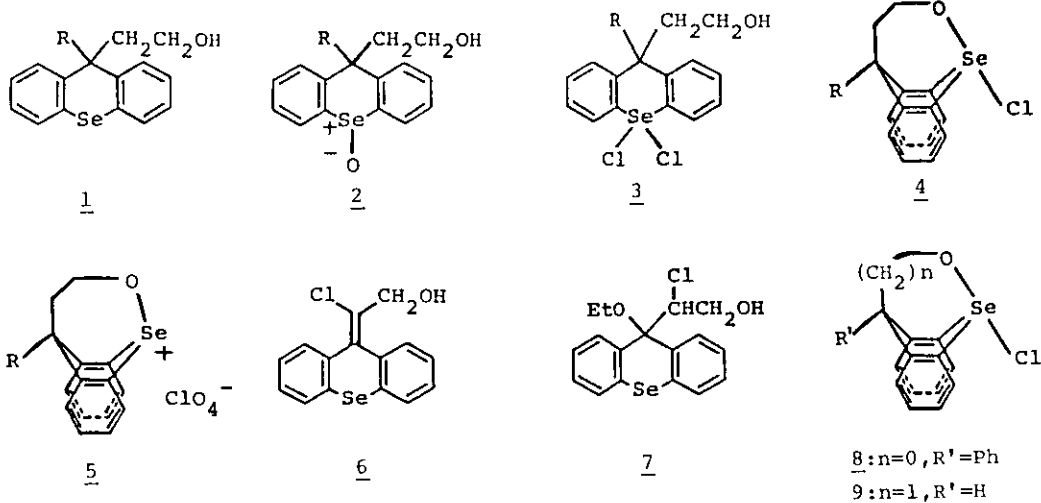
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Previously we reported the isolation of the stereoisomers of π -selenuranes containing a selenoxanthene ring and their stereospecific reactions¹⁾. We wish to report here the syntheses and reactivities of stable σ -selenuranes containing a selenoxanthene ring.

Alkoxychloroselenuranes 4 easily obtained from selenide-alkohols 1 and N-chlorosuccinimide were fairly stable at room temperature. Reaction of selenoxide-alkohols 2 with HCl did not give alkoxychloroselenuranes 4 but dichloroselenuranes 3, which were also prepared from alkoxychloroselenuranes 4 and HCl. In the ¹H-NMR spectra C_{4,5}-H absorptions of 4 were largely downfield-shifted to δ ca. 8.3. This shift suggests that 4 is the σ -selenuranes. On the treatment with 10% NaOH 4 and alkoxyseleonium perchlorates 5 gave selenoxide-alkohols 2.

Thermolysis of 4a at 150° for 10min gave 1a and 6. Refluxing 4a in ethanol gave 1a and 7. However 5a was stable under the same conditions.

The syntheses and reactions of other bicyclic σ -selenuranes, 10-chloro-9,10-epoxy-9-phenylselenoxanthene (8) and 10-chloro-10,9-epoxymethanoselenoxanthene (9) will be presented.



1) M.Hori et al., Tetrahedron Lett., 23, 901(1982); 24, 75(1983).