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1-Methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzimidazole-2-selone

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S1. Comment

In the last years, the selone derivatives have attracted considerable attention owing to their antithyroid properties (Taurog *et al.*, 1994; Roy & Muges, 2005, 2006; Roy *et al.*, 2007, 2011) as well as selone-selenol tautomerism (Guziec & Guziec, 1994; Husebye *et al.*, 1997; Landry *et al.*, 2006; Mammadova *et al.*, 2011). Moreover, they are used as substrates in the preparation of hypervalent adducts in reactions with dihalogens and interhalogens (Aydin *et al.*, 1999; Aragoni *et al.*, 2001; Boyle & Godfrey, 2001; Akkurt *et al.*, 2004, 2011; Roy *et al.*, 2011).

The title compound - 1-methyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzimidazole-2-selone, **I** was obtained by a reaction of 2-chloro-1-methylbenzimidazole with sodium hydroselenide (Fig. 1). The molecule of **I** is almost planar (r.m.s. deviation = 0.041 Å) owing to the presence of the long chain of conjugated bonds (Se=C—NMe—C=C—C=C—C=C—NH) (Fig. 2). The length of the C=Se bond (1.838 (2) Å) corresponds well to those found in the closer analogs of **I** - 1,3-dimethyl-benzimidazole-2-selone (1.825 (7) Å) (Aydin *et al.*, 1999), 1-ethyl-3-(2-phenylethyl)benzimidazole-2-selone (1.829 (3) Å) (Akkurt *et al.*, 2004) and 1,3-bis(3-phenylpropyl)-1*H*-1,3-benzimidazole-2(3*H*)-selone (1.828 (2) Å) (Akkurt *et al.*, 2011) indicating its pronounced double character.

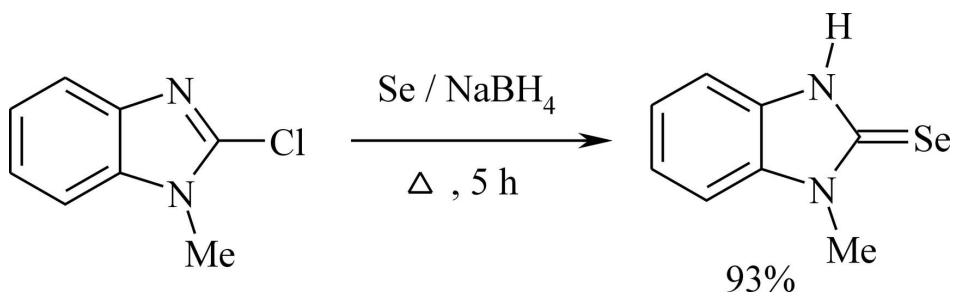
In the crystal, molecules form helicoidal chains along the *b* axis by means of intermolecular N—H···Seⁱ hydrogen bonds (Fig. 3, Table 1). Symmetry code: (i) -*x*+1/2, *y*+1/2, -*z*+3/2.

S2. Experimental

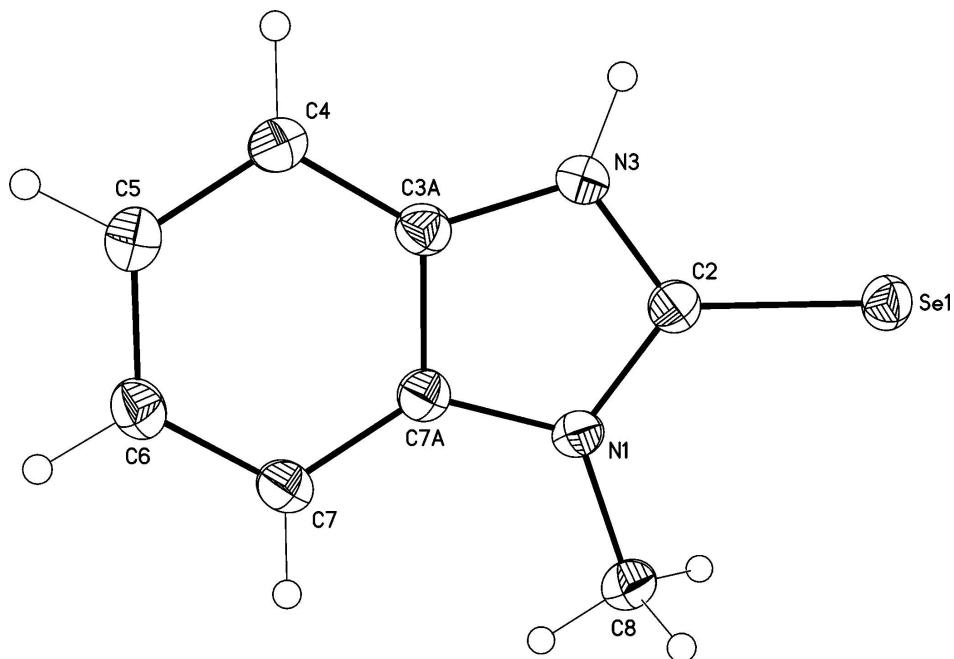
A solution of NaBH₄ (3.83 g, 100.0 mmol) in water (25 ml) was added to a suspension of selenium (3.77 g, 47.7 mmol) in water (30 ml) with stirring at room temperature under argon. After 15 min, a solution of 2-chloro-1-methylbenzimidazole (6.60 g, 39.6 mmol) in C₂H₅OH (25 ml) was added. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 5 h. At the end of the reaction the solvents were evaporated *in vacuo*, and formed precipitate was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. Then the extract was dried over MgSO₄. Further crystallization from CH₂Cl₂ gives the selone **I** as colourless crystals. Yield is 7.81 g (93%). *M.p.* = 470–471 K. IR(KBr), ν/cm^{-1} : 3095, 1618, 1438, 1382, 11330, 1223, 1091, 746, 709. ¹H NMR (*DMSO-d*₆, 600 MHz, 303 K): δ = 3.63 (s, 3H, *Me*), 7.15 (t, 1H, H6, *J* = 7.1), 7.19 (t, 1H, H5, *J* = 7.1), 7.37 (d, 1H, H4, *J* = 7.1), 7.43 (d, 1H, H7, *J* = 7.1), 13.25 (s, 1H, H3). Anal. Calc. for C₈H₈N₂Se: C, 45.53; H, 3.82; N, 13.27. Found: C, 45.43; H, 2.78; N, 13.19.

S3. Refinement

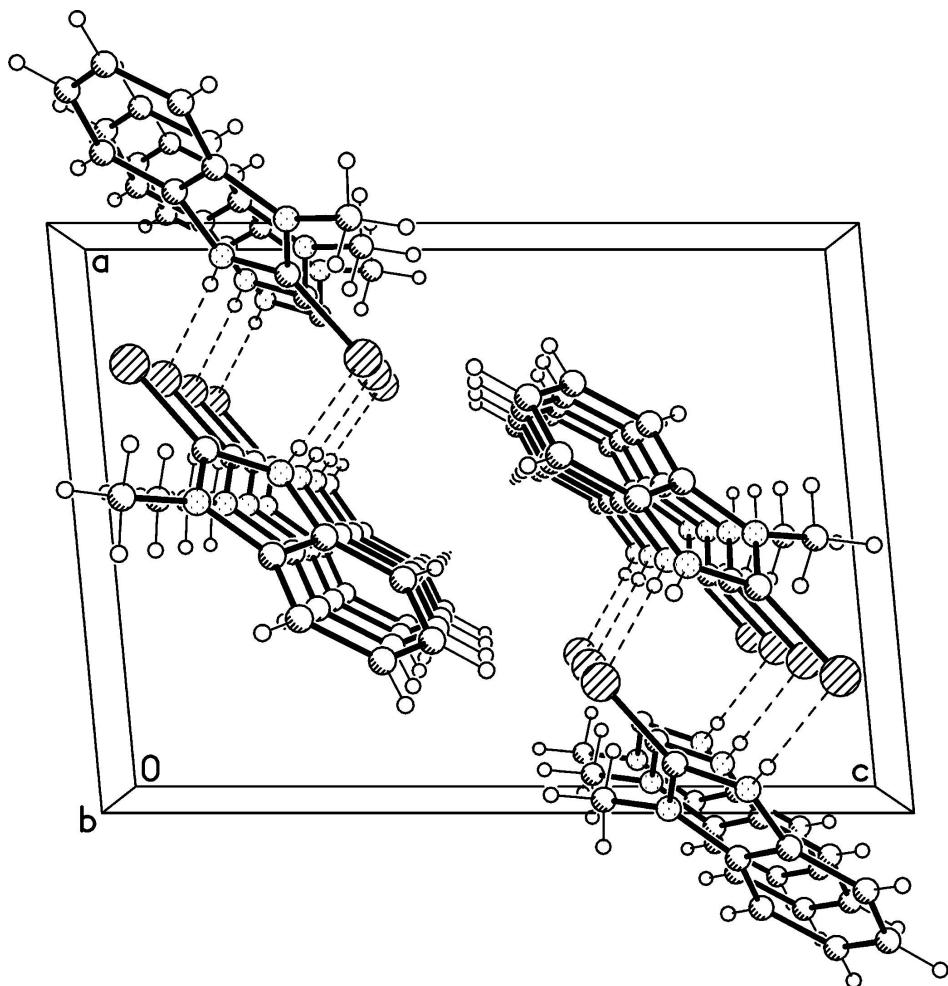
The hydrogen atom of the amino group was localized in the difference-Fourier map and included in the refinement with fixed positional and isotropic displacement parameters [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$]. The other hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions with C—H = 0.95–0.98 Å and refined in the riding model with fixed isotropic displacement parameters [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for the methyl group and $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for the other groups].

**Figure 1**

Reaction of 2-chloro-1-methylbenzimidazole with sodium hydroselenide.

**Figure 2**

Molecular structure of I with the atom numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. H atoms are presented as a small spheres of arbitrary radius.

**Figure 3**

The helicoidal chains of **I** along the *b* axis. Dashed lines indicate the intermolecular N–H···Se hydrogen bonds.

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Crystal data

$C_8H_8N_2Se$
 $M_r = 211.12$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
Hall symbol: -P 2yn
 $a = 9.9434$ (13) Å
 $b = 5.8472$ (8) Å
 $c = 13.6387$ (18) Å
 $\beta = 95.360$ (2)°
 $V = 789.50$ (18) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 416$
 $D_x = 1.776 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
Cell parameters from 3916 reflections
 $\theta = 2.4\text{--}32.5^\circ$
 $\mu = 4.69 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 100$ K
Prism, yellow
0.24 × 0.20 × 0.20 mm

Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD
diffractometer
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube
Graphite monochromator

φ - and ω -scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2003)
 $T_{\min} = 0.399$, $T_{\max} = 0.454$

9470 measured reflections
 2304 independent reflections
 1941 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.030$

$\theta_{\max} = 30.0^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 2.4^\circ$
 $h = -13 \rightarrow 13$
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$
 $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.068$
 $S = 1.00$
 2304 reflections
 101 parameters
 0 restraints
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
 Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0345P)^2 + 0.745P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.10 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.28 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Special details

Geometry. All s.u.'s (except the s.u. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell s.u.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of s.u.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between s.u.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell s.u.'s is used for estimating s.u.'s involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted R -factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on F^2 , conventional R -factors R are based on F , with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R -factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F , and R -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Se1	0.26128 (2)	1.12016 (4)	0.878637 (16)	0.02213 (7)
N1	0.47551 (17)	0.8571 (3)	0.80856 (13)	0.0200 (3)
C2	0.3951 (2)	1.0457 (4)	0.79997 (16)	0.0203 (4)
N3	0.43002 (18)	1.1660 (3)	0.72130 (13)	0.0209 (3)
H3N	0.3892	1.2987	0.7005	0.025*
C3A	0.5294 (2)	1.0505 (4)	0.67611 (16)	0.0206 (4)
C4	0.5950 (2)	1.0978 (4)	0.59324 (16)	0.0224 (4)
H4	0.5785	1.2350	0.5568	0.027*
C5	0.6860 (2)	0.9352 (4)	0.56600 (17)	0.0242 (4)
H5	0.7320	0.9611	0.5090	0.029*
C6	0.7122 (2)	0.7339 (4)	0.62006 (16)	0.0240 (4)
H6	0.7745	0.6260	0.5986	0.029*
C7	0.6488 (2)	0.6890 (4)	0.70443 (16)	0.0220 (4)
H7	0.6674	0.5539	0.7419	0.026*
C7A	0.5571 (2)	0.8506 (3)	0.73148 (15)	0.0200 (4)
C8	0.4688 (2)	0.6817 (4)	0.88271 (17)	0.0255 (4)
H8A	0.4578	0.7533	0.9464	0.038*
H8B	0.5524	0.5919	0.8876	0.038*
H8C	0.3918	0.5810	0.8644	0.038*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Se1	0.02158 (11)	0.02058 (11)	0.02486 (11)	-0.00119 (8)	0.00548 (7)	-0.00250 (8)
N1	0.0202 (8)	0.0177 (8)	0.0225 (8)	-0.0010 (6)	0.0030 (6)	0.0026 (6)
C2	0.0191 (9)	0.0196 (9)	0.0219 (9)	-0.0018 (7)	0.0011 (7)	-0.0011 (7)
N3	0.0219 (8)	0.0174 (8)	0.0236 (8)	0.0020 (6)	0.0037 (6)	0.0018 (6)
C3A	0.0195 (9)	0.0184 (9)	0.0236 (10)	-0.0006 (7)	0.0007 (7)	0.0000 (7)
C4	0.0227 (9)	0.0221 (10)	0.0222 (9)	-0.0013 (8)	0.0017 (7)	0.0027 (8)
C5	0.0231 (10)	0.0272 (11)	0.0227 (10)	-0.0019 (8)	0.0037 (8)	-0.0019 (8)
C6	0.0204 (10)	0.0242 (10)	0.0274 (11)	0.0021 (8)	0.0029 (8)	-0.0023 (8)
C7	0.0200 (9)	0.0192 (9)	0.0263 (10)	0.0007 (7)	0.0005 (8)	-0.0008 (8)
C7A	0.0184 (9)	0.0199 (9)	0.0216 (9)	-0.0015 (7)	0.0009 (7)	-0.0005 (7)
C8	0.0258 (10)	0.0237 (10)	0.0275 (11)	0.0005 (8)	0.0058 (8)	0.0063 (8)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

Se1—C2	1.838 (2)	C4—H4	0.9500
N1—C2	1.361 (3)	C5—C6	1.400 (3)
N1—C7A	1.387 (3)	C5—H5	0.9500
N1—C8	1.446 (3)	C6—C7	1.388 (3)
C2—N3	1.355 (3)	C6—H6	0.9500
N3—C3A	1.388 (3)	C7—C7A	1.387 (3)
N3—H3N	0.9090	C7—H7	0.9500
C3A—C4	1.385 (3)	C8—H8A	0.9800
C3A—C7A	1.405 (3)	C8—H8B	0.9800
C4—C5	1.387 (3)	C8—H8C	0.9800
C2—N1—C7A	109.74 (17)	C6—C5—H5	119.0
C2—N1—C8	124.74 (18)	C7—C6—C5	121.3 (2)
C7A—N1—C8	125.35 (18)	C7—C6—H6	119.4
N3—C2—N1	107.24 (18)	C5—C6—H6	119.4
N3—C2—Se1	126.35 (16)	C7A—C7—C6	116.9 (2)
N1—C2—Se1	126.40 (16)	C7A—C7—H7	121.5
C2—N3—C3A	110.20 (18)	C6—C7—H7	121.5
C2—N3—H3N	123.4	C7—C7A—N1	131.8 (2)
C3A—N3—H3N	126.3	C7—C7A—C3A	121.6 (2)
C4—C3A—N3	132.4 (2)	N1—C7A—C3A	106.60 (18)
C4—C3A—C7A	121.4 (2)	N1—C8—H8A	109.5
N3—C3A—C7A	106.12 (18)	N1—C8—H8B	109.5
C3A—C4—C5	116.8 (2)	H8A—C8—H8B	109.5
C3A—C4—H4	121.6	N1—C8—H8C	109.5
C5—C4—H4	121.6	H8A—C8—H8C	109.5
C4—C5—C6	121.9 (2)	H8B—C8—H8C	109.5
C4—C5—H5	119.0		
C7A—N1—C2—N3	-3.4 (2)	C5—C6—C7—C7A	1.1 (3)
C8—N1—C2—N3	-178.94 (19)	C6—C7—C7A—N1	178.4 (2)

C7A—N1—C2—Se1	175.35 (15)	C6—C7—C7A—C3A	0.0 (3)
C8—N1—C2—Se1	-0.2 (3)	C2—N1—C7A—C7	-175.6 (2)
N1—C2—N3—C3A	2.5 (2)	C8—N1—C7A—C7	-0.1 (4)
Se1—C2—N3—C3A	-176.20 (15)	C2—N1—C7A—C3A	2.9 (2)
C2—N3—C3A—C4	178.0 (2)	C8—N1—C7A—C3A	178.45 (19)
C2—N3—C3A—C7A	-0.7 (2)	C4—C3A—C7A—C7	-1.5 (3)
N3—C3A—C4—C5	-176.7 (2)	N3—C3A—C7A—C7	177.40 (19)
C7A—C3A—C4—C5	1.9 (3)	C4—C3A—C7A—N1	179.74 (19)
C3A—C4—C5—C6	-0.8 (3)	N3—C3A—C7A—N1	-1.3 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.7 (3)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
N3—H3N···Se1 ⁱ	0.91	2.58	3.471 (2)	168

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$.