

Supporting Information for:

**Diseleno[2,3-*b*:3',2'-*d*]selenophene(DSS) and Diseleno[2,3-*b*:3',2'-*d*]
thiophene(DST): Building Blocks for the Construction of
[7]Helicenes**

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NMR and HRMS Spectra

NMR and HRMS Spectra of 6

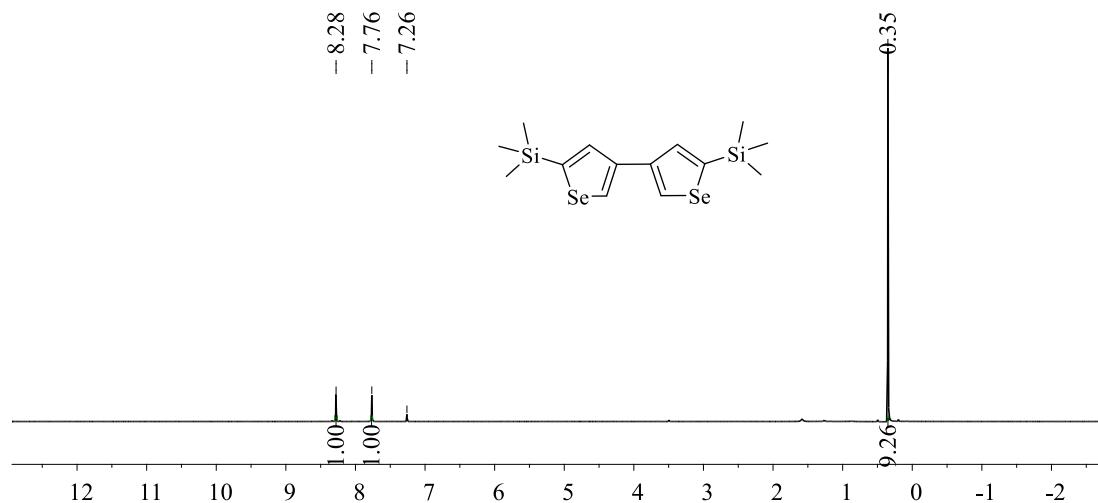


Figure S1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **6**

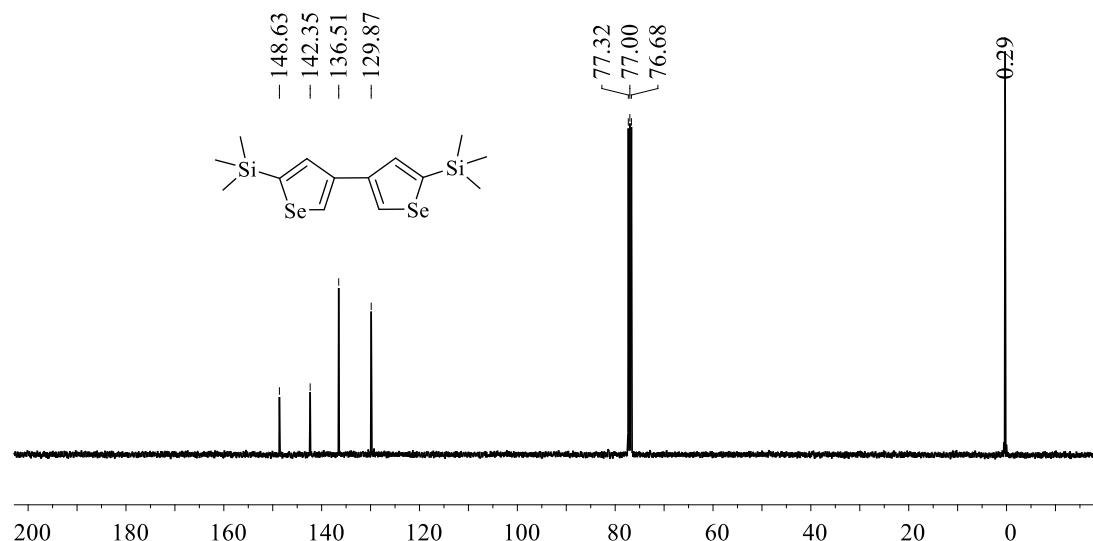


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **6**

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Sample Serial Number: wll-1-82-col

Operator: HUAQIN Date: 2015/10/28

Operation Mode: DART-Positive

Elemental composition search on mass 406.97

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	-0.33	0.68	-1.65	-2.21	2.62	-2.78	3.18
	5.5	6.5	11.5	11.5	21.5	11.5	21.5
	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ Se ₂ Si ₂	C ₁₅ H ₁₉ O ₃ Se ₂	C ₁₆ H ₁₅ O ₄ SeSi ₂	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ O ₃ SSeSi	C ₂₃ H ₇ O ₂ S ₂ Si	C ₁₈ H ₁₅ O ₂ S ₂ Se	C ₂₂ H ₇ O ₃ SSi ₂

Figure S3. HRMS spectrum of **6**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of (TMS)₂-DST

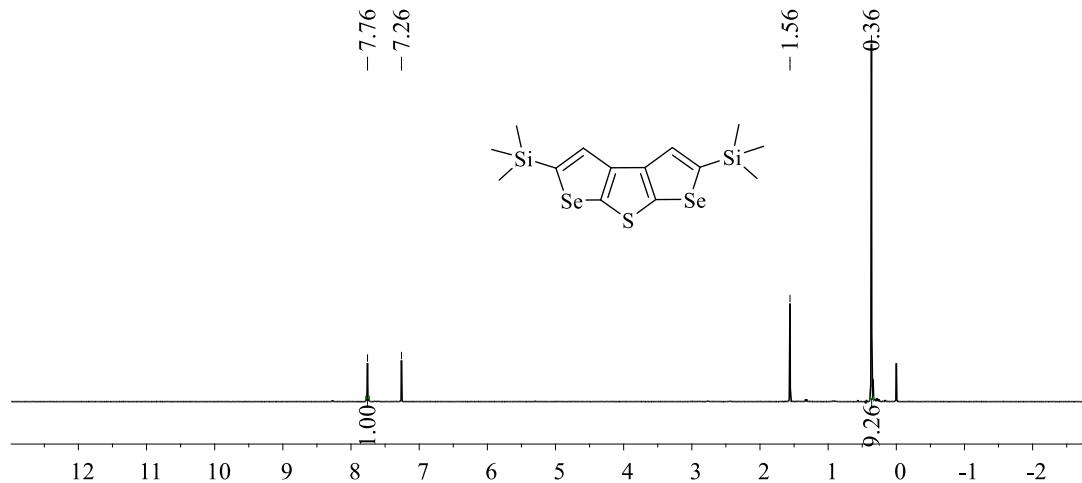


Figure S4. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of (TMS)₂-DST

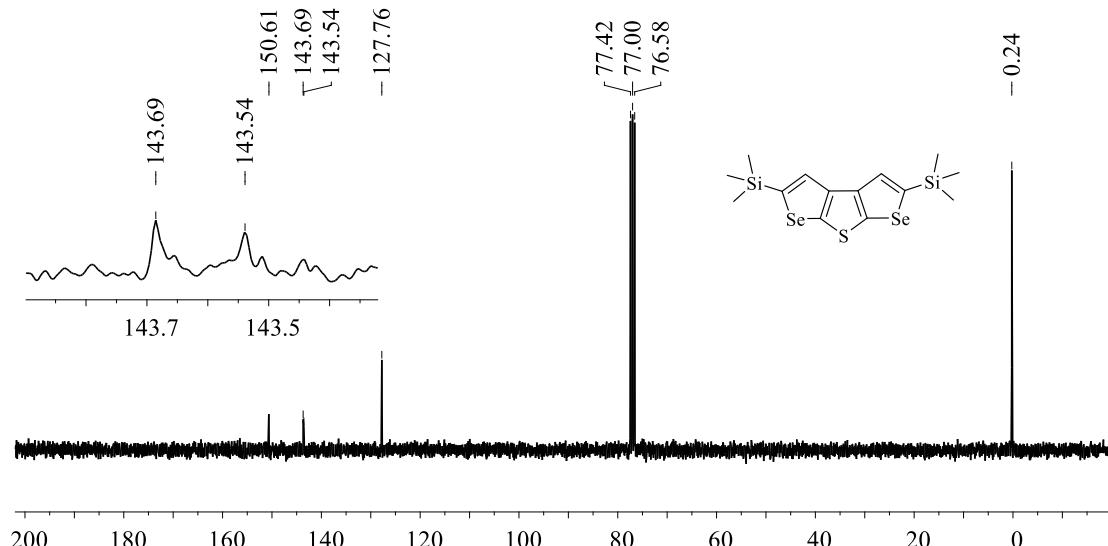


Figure S5. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of $(\text{TMS})_2\text{-DST}$

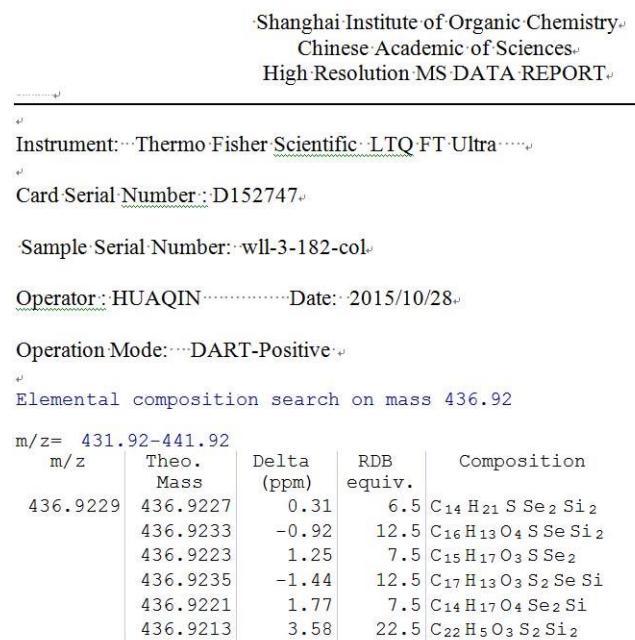


Figure S6. HRMS spectrum of $(\text{TMS})_2\text{-DST}$

NMR and HRMS Spectra of (TMS)₂-DSS

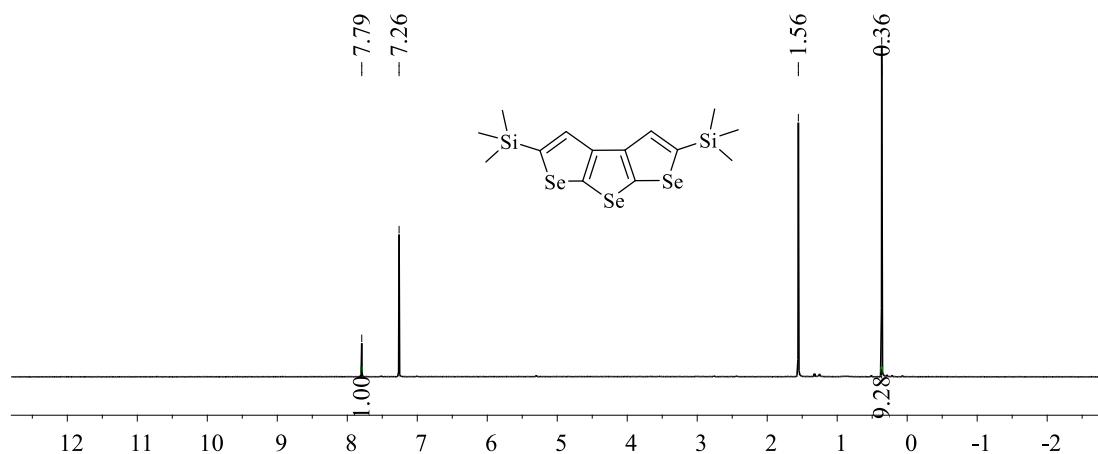


Figure S7. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of (TMS)₂-DSS

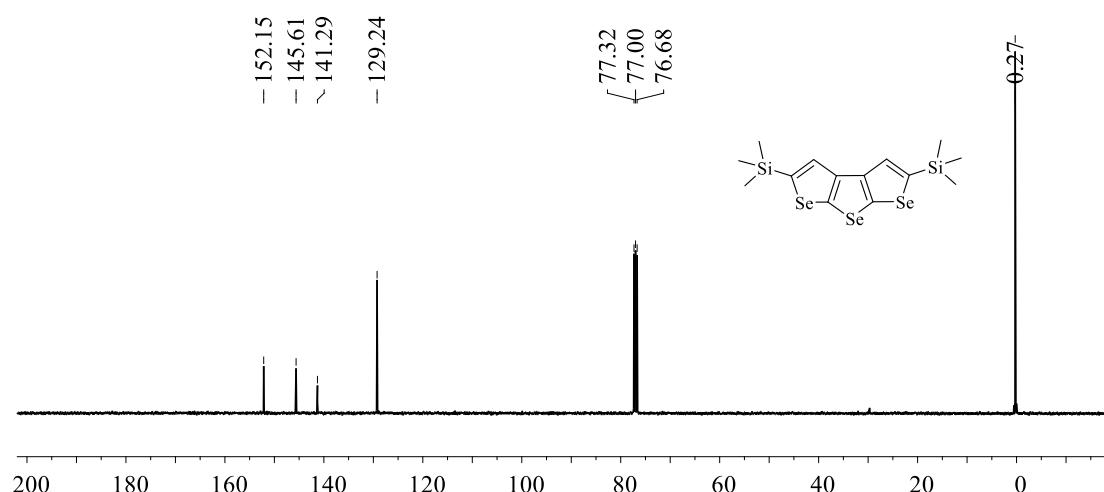


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of (TMS)₂-DSS

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Instrument: Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra

Card Serial Number: M162017

Sample Serial Number: wll-1-191-col

Operator: HUAQIN Date: 2016/07/21

Operation Mode: DART Positive

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T: FTMS + p NSI Full ms [100.00-1000.0]

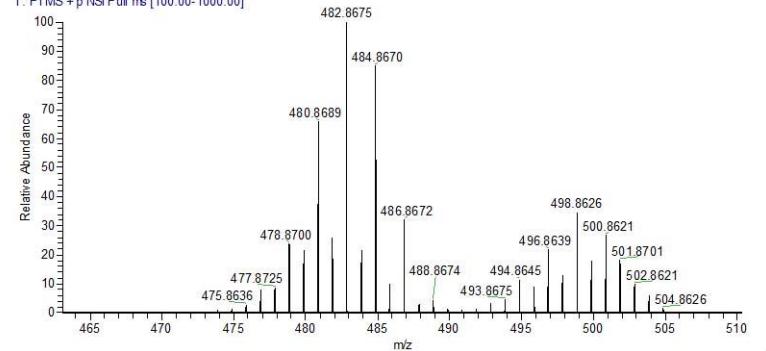


Figure S9. HRMS spectrum of $(\text{TMS})_2\text{-DSS}$

NMR and HRMS Spectra of **8a**

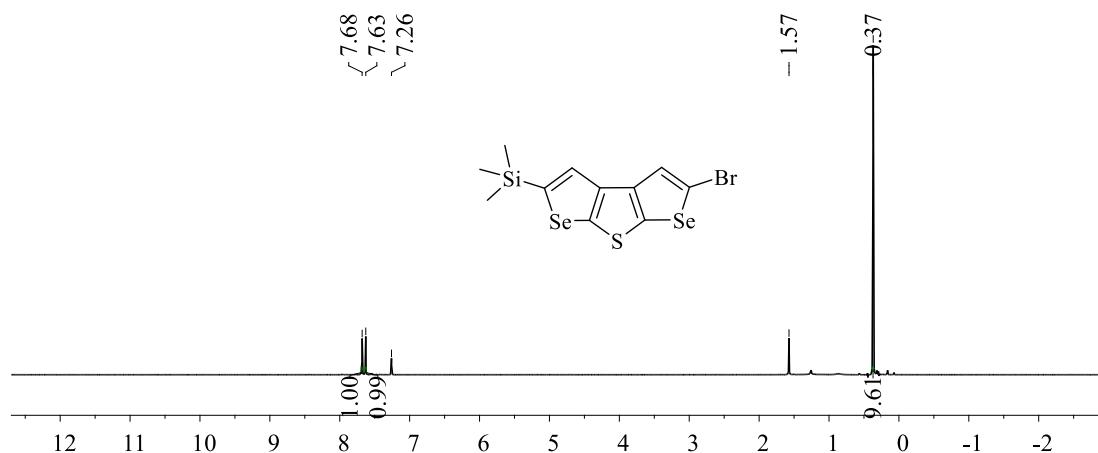


Figure S10. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **8a**

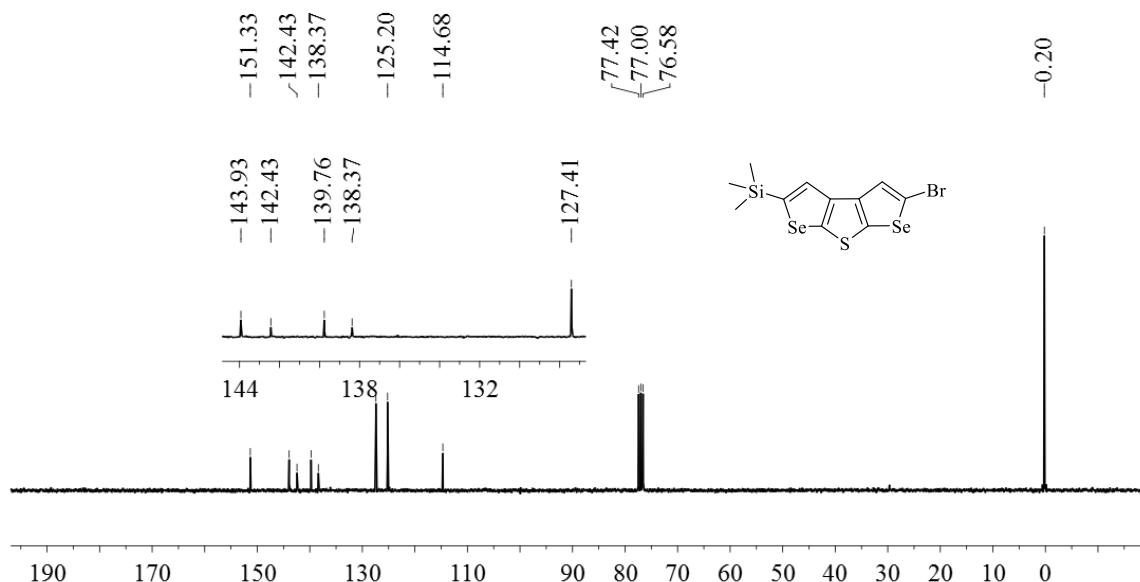


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **8a**

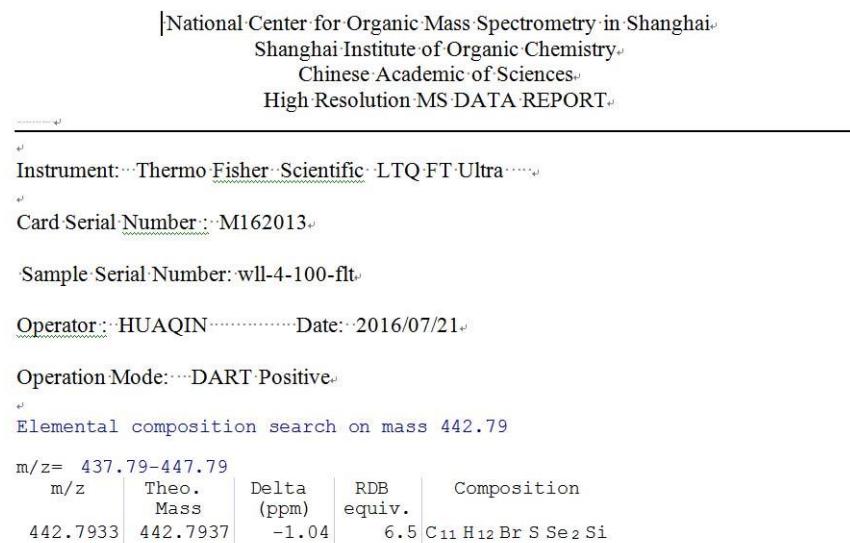


Figure S12. HRMS spectrum of **8a**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of **8b**

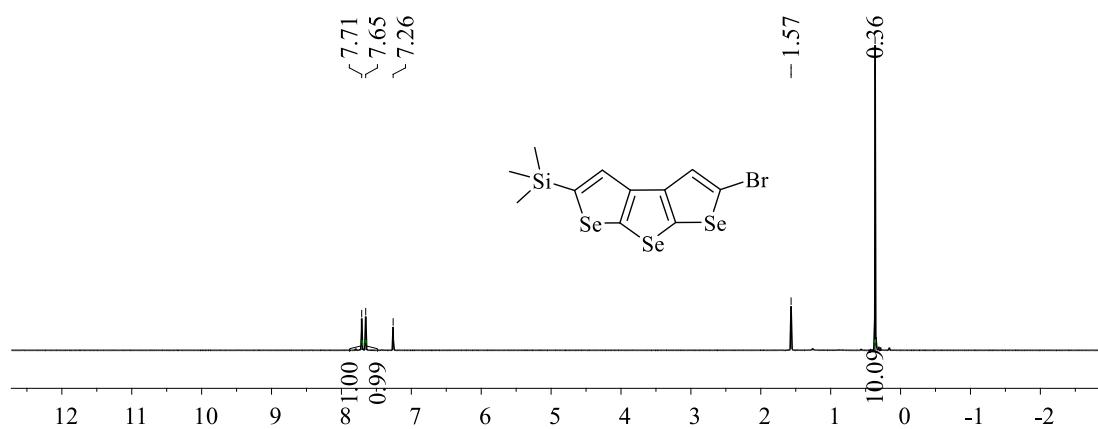


Figure S13. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **8b**

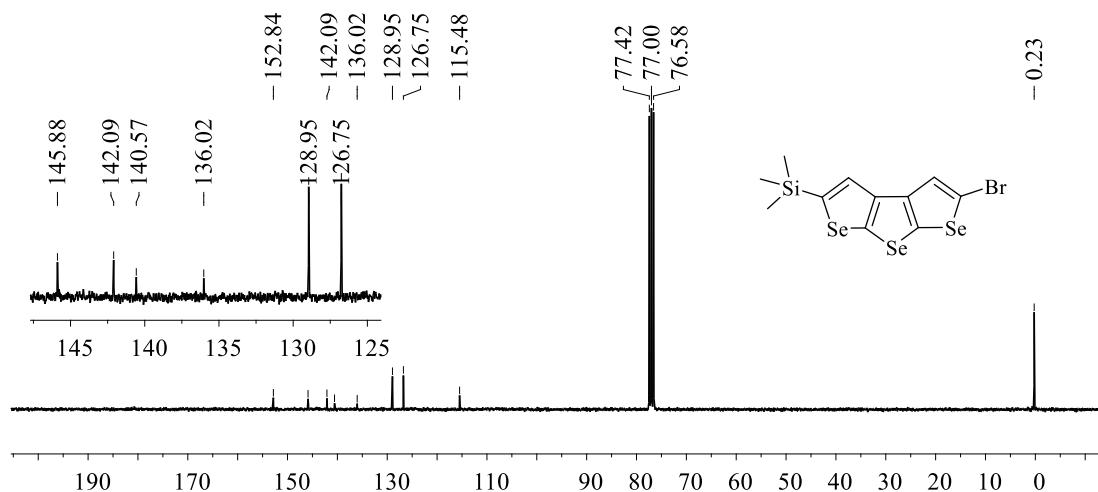


Figure S14. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **8b**



Instrument: Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra

Card Serial Number : M163008

Sample Serial Number: xw-8-11-filt

Operator : HUAQIN Date: 2016/11/23

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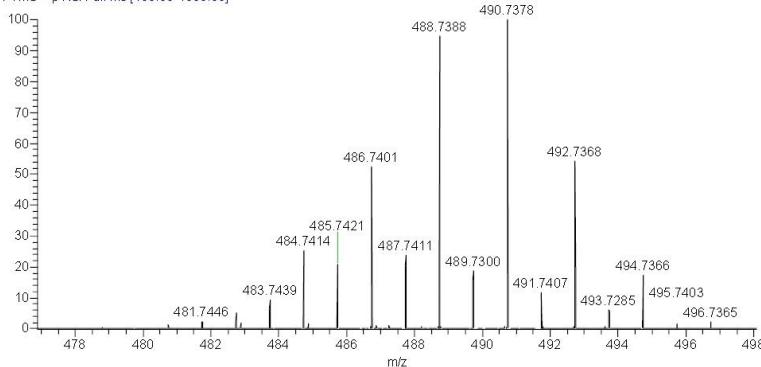


Figure S15. HRMS spectrum of **8b**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of **9a**

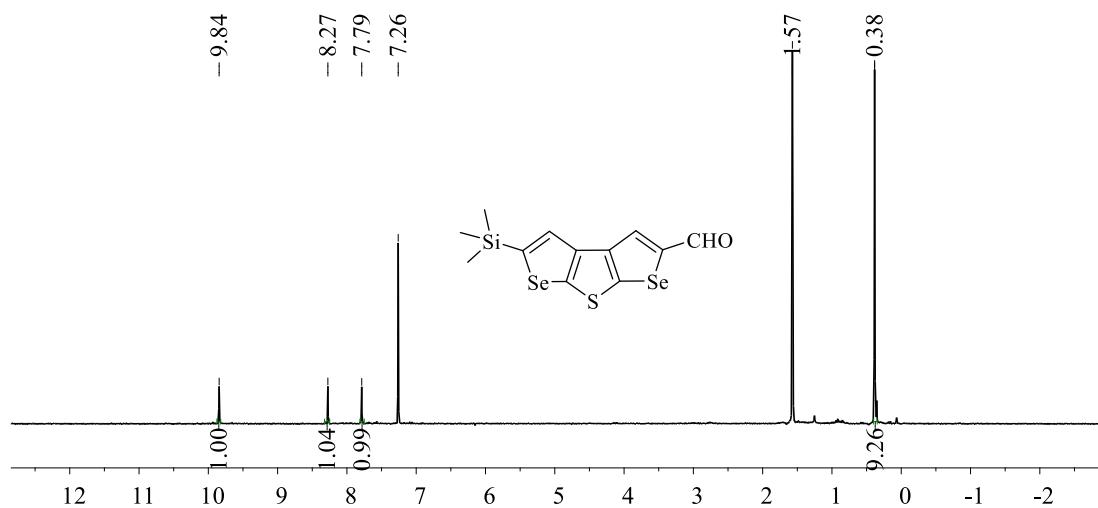


Figure S16. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **9a**

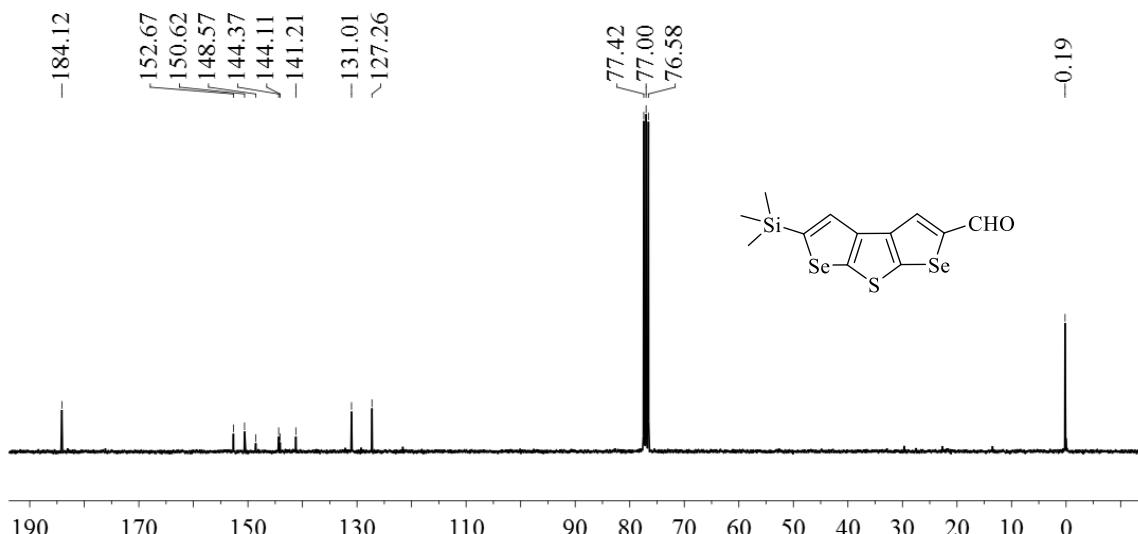


Figure S17. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **9a**

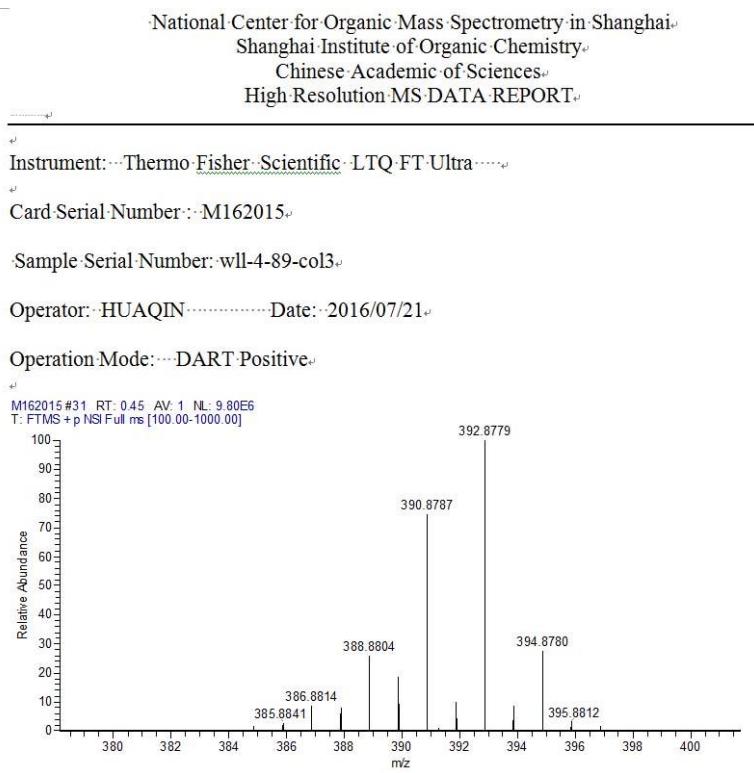


Figure S18. HRMS spectrum of **9a**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of **9b**

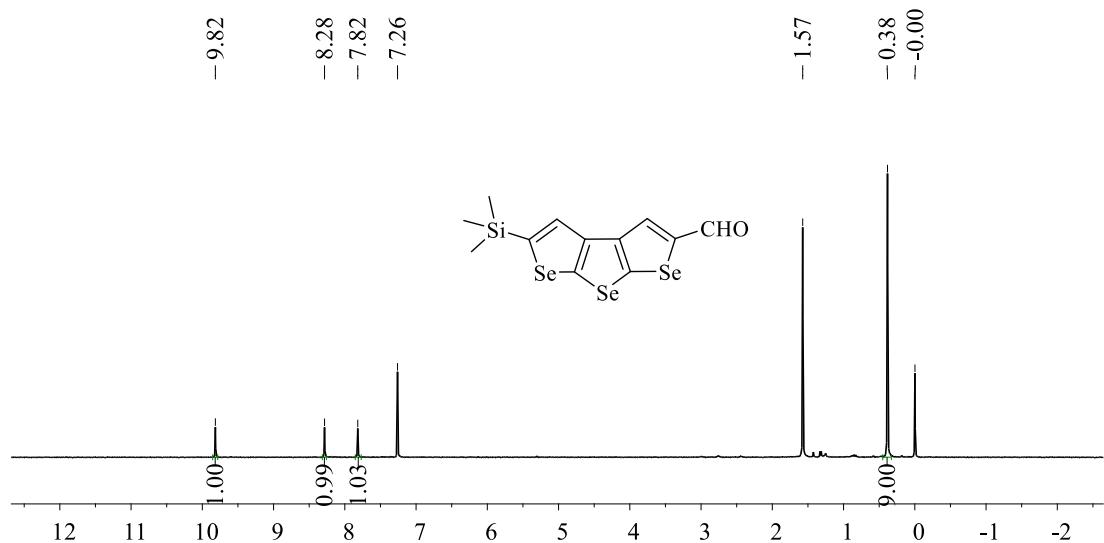


Figure S19. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **9b**

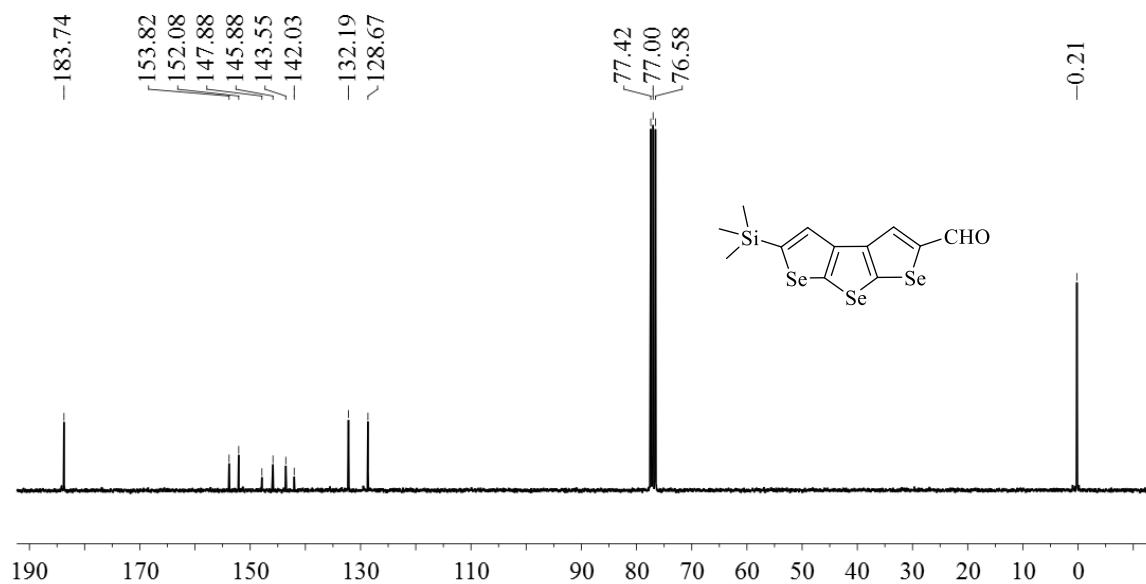


Figure S20. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **9b**

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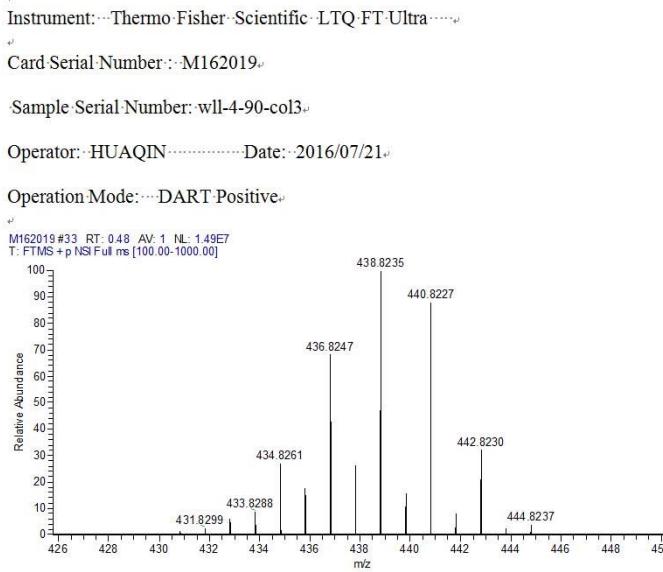


Figure S21. HRMS spectrum of **9b**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of 10a

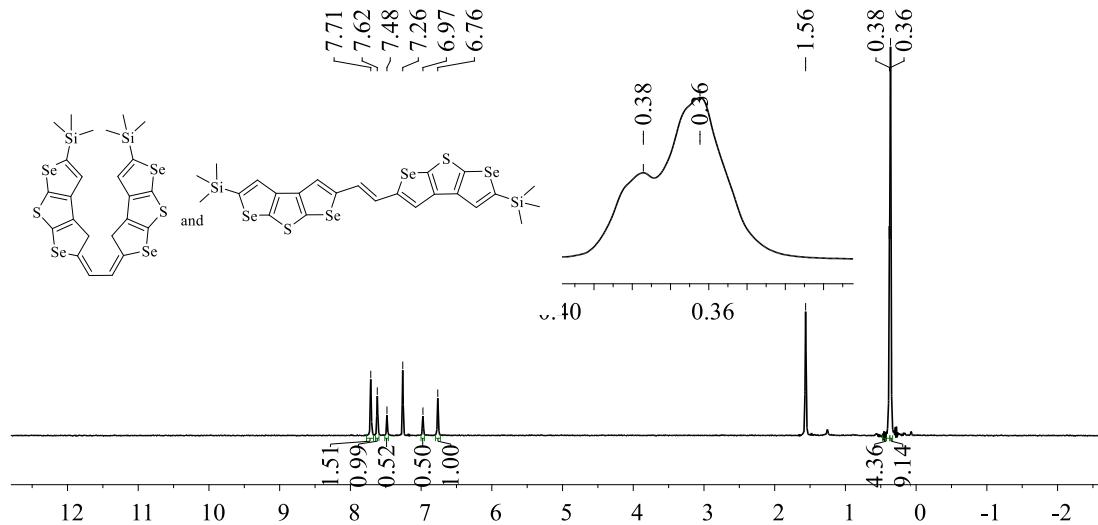


Figure S22. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **10a**

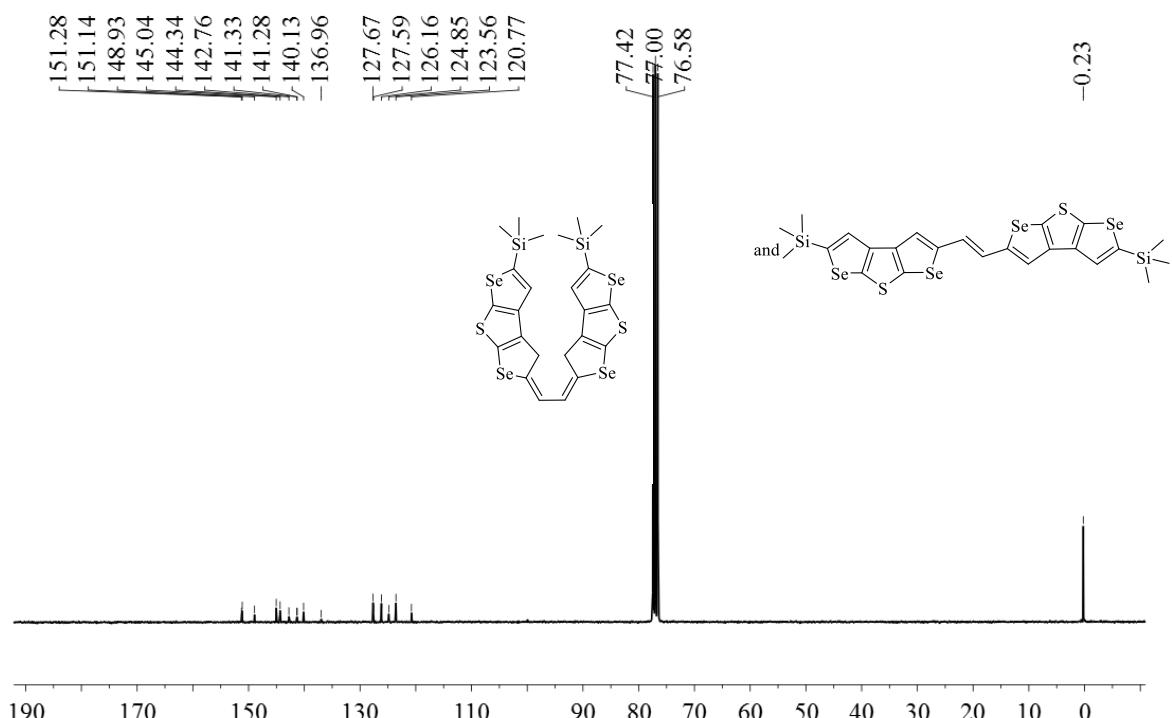


Figure S23. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of **10a**

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Instrument: Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra

Card Serial Number: D153073

Sample Serial Number: wll-3-196-pp

Operator: ZHUFJ Date: 2015/11/12

Operation Mode: DART Positive

Elemental composition search on mass 752.76

m/z= 747.76-757.76				
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta (ppm)	RDB equiv.	Composition
752.7591	752.7592	-0.03	14.5	C ₂₄ H ₂₅ S ₂ Se ₄ Si ₂
	752.7558	4.45	19.5	C ₂₇ H ₂₁ S ₂ Se ₄ Si ₂

Figure S24. HRMS spectrum of **10a**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of 10b

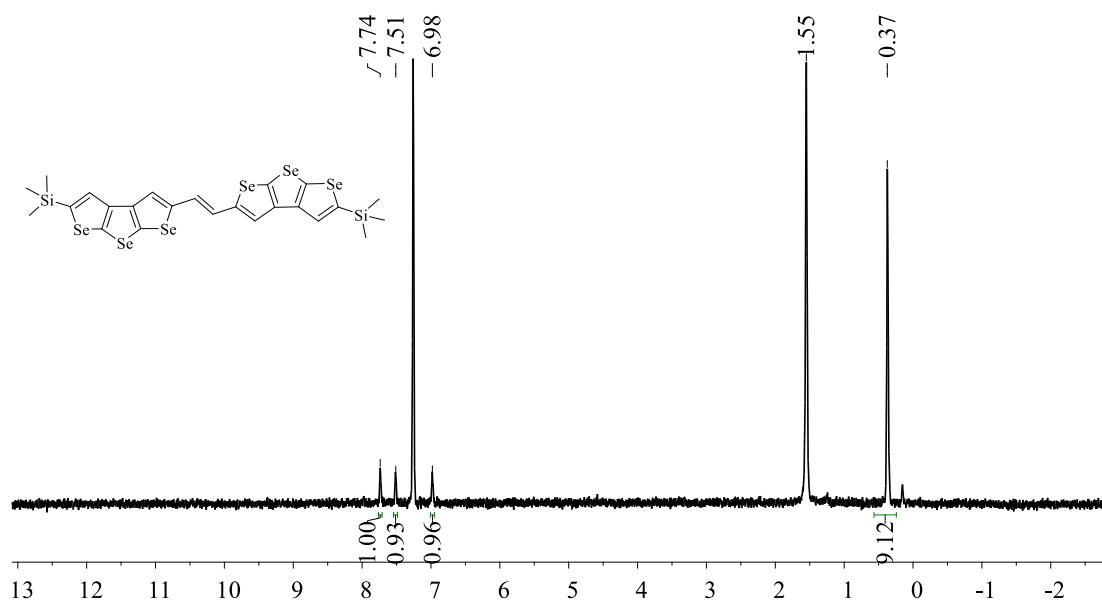


Figure S25. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **10b**

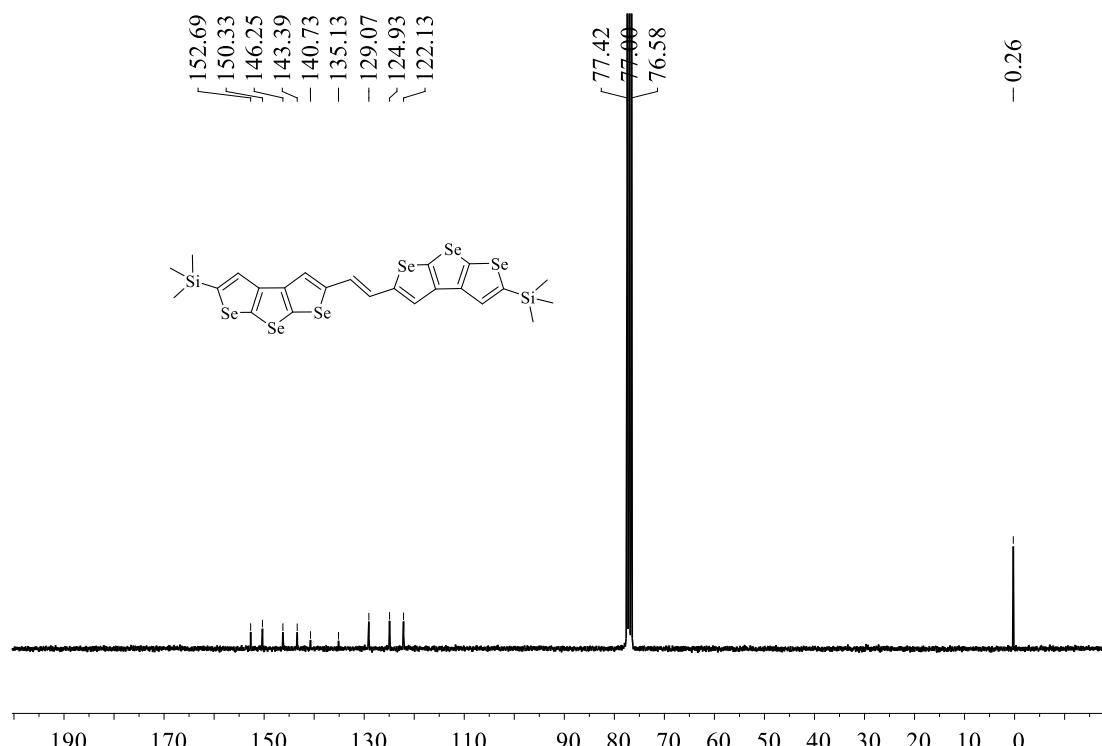


Figure S26. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **10b**

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Instrument: Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra

Card Serial Number: M162024

Sample Serial Number: wll-4-49-pp

Operator: HUAQIN Date: 2016/07/21

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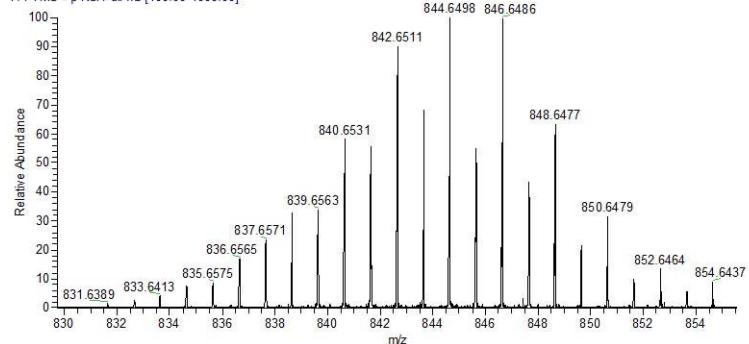


Figure S27. HRMS spectrum of **10b**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of *rac*-1****

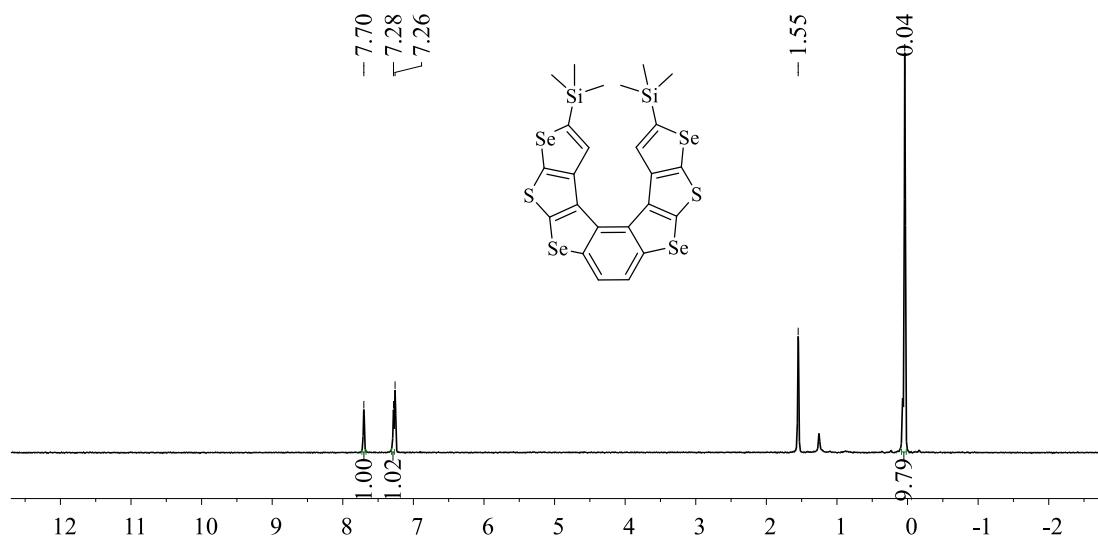


Figure S28. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of *rac*-**1**

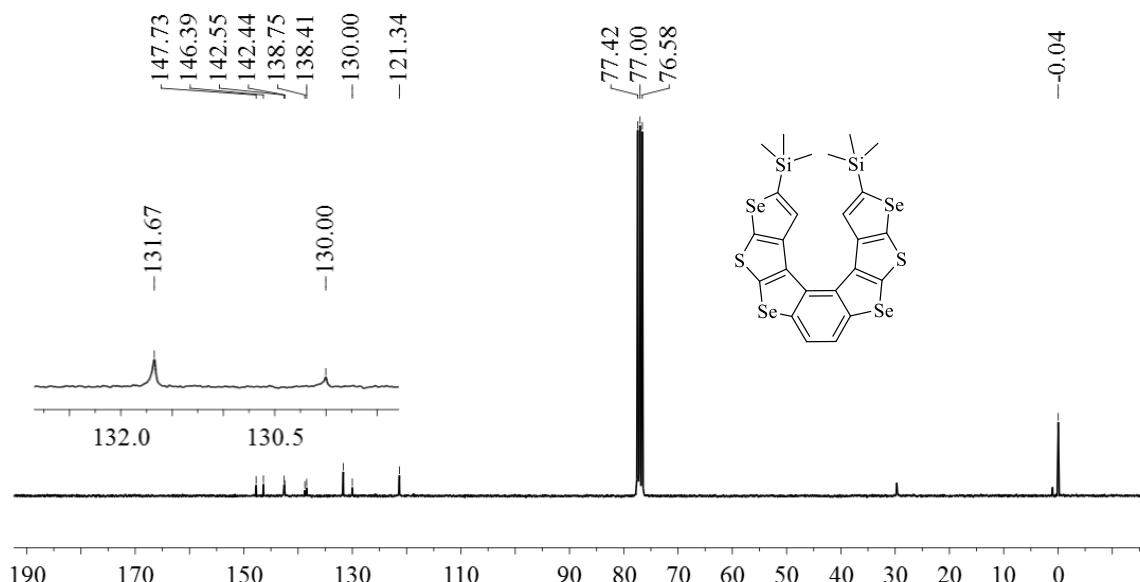


Figure S29. ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) spectrum of *rac*-**1**

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Instrument: Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra

Card Serial Number: D153075

Sample Serial Number: wll-4-87-ptlc-1

Operator: ZHUFJ Date: 2015/11/12

Operation Mode: DART Positive

Elemental composition search on mass 750.74

m/z= 745.74-755.74				
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta (ppm)	RDB equiv.	Composition
750.7435	750.7435	0.03	15.5	C ₂₄ H ₂₃ S ₂ Se ₄ Si ₂
	750.7401	4.52	20.5	C ₂₇ H ₁₉ S ₂ Se ₄ Si ₂

Figure S30. HRMS spectrum of *rac*-**1**

NMR and HRMS Spectra of *rac*-2

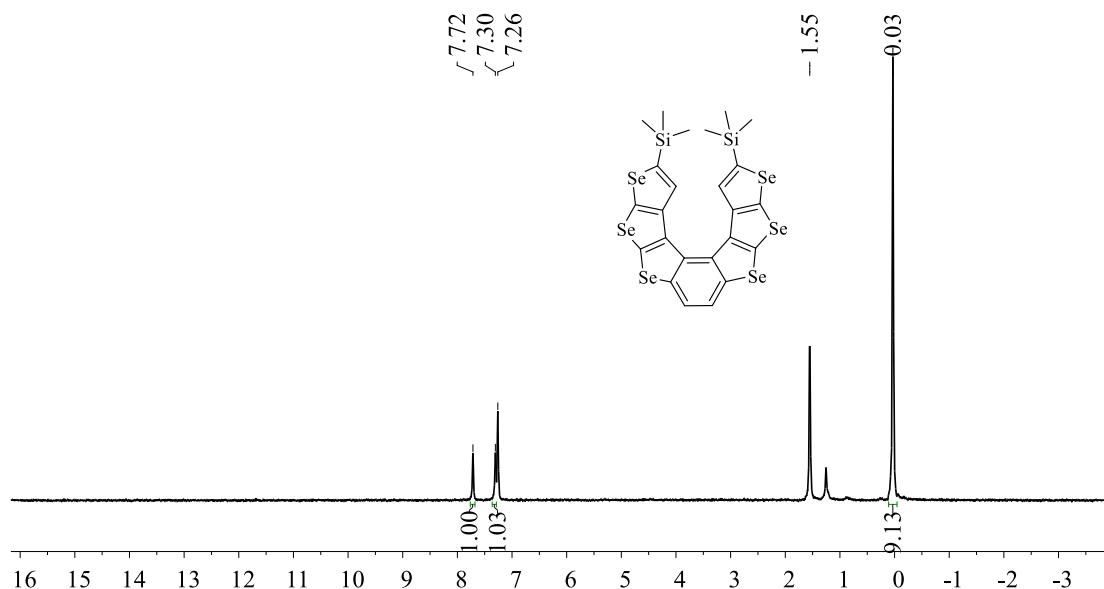


Figure S31. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of *rac*-2

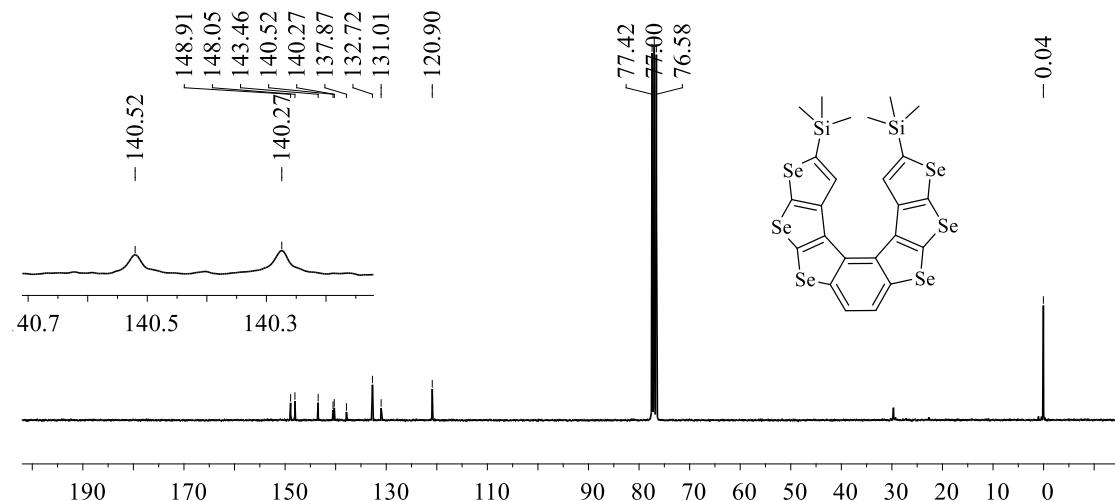


Figure S32. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of *rac*-2

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Instrument: Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ FT Ultra

Card Serial Number: D153076

Sample Serial Number: wll-4-129-ptlc-1

Operator: ZHUFJ Date: 2015/11/12

Operation Mode: DART Positive

Elemental composition search on mass 846.63

m/z= 841.63-851.63	m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta (ppm)	RDB equiv.	Composition
	846.6323	846.6324	-0.07	15.5	C ₂₄ H ₂₃ Se ₆ Si ₂
		846.6358	-4.05	10.5	C ₂₁ H ₂₇ S ₂ Se ₆ Si ₂

Figure S33. HRMS spectrum of *rac*-2

Quantum calculation

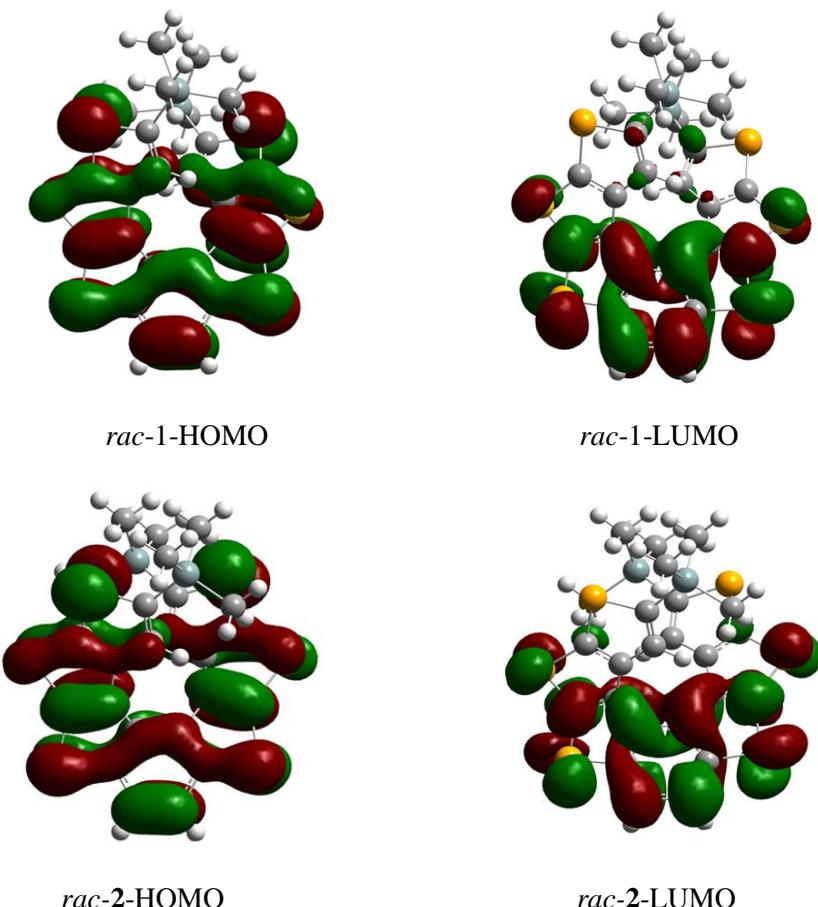


Figure S34. Distributions of the HOMO and LUMO distributions (b3lyp/6-31g*) for *rac*-1 and *rac*-2.

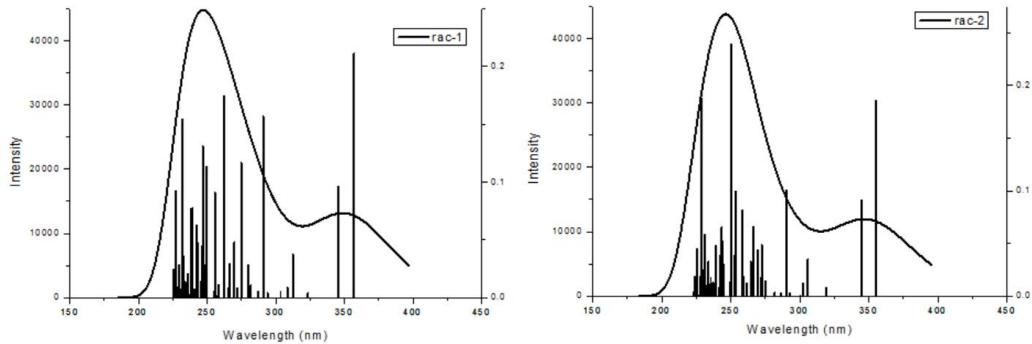


Figure S35. The prediction of UV-vis spectra of *rac-1* and *rac-2* at the PCM-TD-b3lyp/6-31g* level of theory.

Table S1. Selected computational absorption energies (nm), oscillator strength (f), and transition nature in dichloromethane solvent for *rac-1* and *rac-2* at the TD-b3lyp/6-31g* level of theory.

Compound	Excitation energies (eV)	Wavelength (nm)	f	Dominant transition contributions
<i>rac-1</i>	5.4621	226.99	0.0921	HOMO-3→LUMO+7 (51%)
				HOMO-2→LUMO+6 (15%)
	5.3504	231.73	0.1547	HOMO -1→LUMO+8 (12%)
				HOMO→LUMO+10 (37%)
	5.2090	238.02	0.0767	HOMO -4→ LUMO (82%)
				HOMO -3→ LUMO+4 (34%)
	5.1809	239.31	0.0779	HOMO-2→LUMO+5 (28%)
				HOMO -5→ LUMO+1 (11%)
	5.1204	242.14	0.0630	HOMO-1→LUMO+8 (50%)
				HOMO -4→ LUMO+1 (77%)
<i>rac-2</i>	5.0231	246.83	0.1310	HOMO→LUMO+8 (7%)
				HOMO -4→ LUMO+2 (13%)
	4.9766	249.14	0.1133	HOMO-2→LUMO+4 (12%)
				HOMO→LUMO+8 (57%)
	4.8502	255.63	0.0910	HOMO-3→LUMO+2 (82%)
				HOMO-5→LUMO (22%)
	4.7322	262.00	0.1748	HOMO-1→LUMO+3 (15%)
				HOMO-1→LUMO+5 (33%)
	4.7284	262.21	0.0998	HOMO-4→LUMO (24%)
				HOMO-2→LUMO+2 (28%)
				HOMO→LUMO+5 (16%)

				HOMO-2→LUMO+2 (10%)
4.5104	274.89	0.1167		HOMO-1→LUMO+3 (48%)
				HOMO-1→LUMO+5 (12%)
				HOMO→LUMO+4 (14%)
				HOMO-3→LUMO (9%)
4.2620	290.90	0.1569		HOMO→LUMO+3 (60%)
				HOMO→LUMO+5 (18%)
3.5866	345.69	0.0963		HOMO-1→LUMO (94%)
				HOMO→LUMO+3 (2%)
3.4740	356.89	0.2113		HOMO→LUMO (95%)
				HOMO-2→LUMO+5 (17%)
<i>rac-2</i>	5.1971	238.56	0.1879	HOMO-1→LUMO+9 (10%)
				HOMO-1→LUMO+11(16%)
5.1421	241.12	0.0588		HOMO-5→LUMO+2(44%)
				HOMO-3→LUMO+4(20%)
				HOMO-4 →LUMO+1 (55%),
4.8934	253.37	0.0658		HOMO-2 →LUMO+3 (15%)
				HOMO→ LUMO+3 (10%)
				HOMO-5→ LUMO+1 (37%)
4.8777	254.19	0.0525		HOMO-3→ LUMO+3 (25%)
				HOMO-1→ LUMO+8 (19%)
				HOMO-3→ LUMO+2 (43%)
4.7667	260.10	0.2391		HOMO-1→ LUMO+7 (12%)
				HOMO→ LUMO+9 (14%)
				HOMO-2→ LUMO+2 (16%)
4.7072	263.39	0.0992		HOMO-1→ LUMO+6 (23%)
				HOMO→ LUMO+7 (19%)
				HOMO-3→ LUMO+2 (26%)
4.6219	268.25	0.0818		HOMO-1→ LUMO+3 (11%)
				HOMO-1→ LUMO+5 (38%)
4.4932	275.94	0.0660		HOMO-4→ LUMO (8%)
				HOMO-3→ LUMO+1 (75%)
4.1246	300.60	0.1008		HOMO→ LUMO+2 (7%)
				HOMO→ LUMO+3 (78%)
3.4974	354.51	0.0909		HOMO-1→ LUMO (94%)
				HOMO→ LUMO+3 (2%)
3.3977	364.91	0.1858		HOMO→ LUMO (96%)

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates and Energies for *rac-1* and *rac-2* at b3lyp/6-31g* level of theory.

<i>rac-1</i>				<i>rac-2</i>			
E = -11900.394472 a.u. NImag=0				E = -15902.782204 a.u. NImag=0			
C	3.869433	-1.29795	-0.44049	C	3.790289	-1.36724	-0.18939
C	5.091785	-0.64343	-0.26092	C	5.011259	0.682763	0.137682
C	5.09176	0.643644	0.260789	C	3.790468	1.366754	0.189411
C	3.869378	1.298102	0.440402	C	2.555379	0.709602	-0.00422
C	2.620346	0.698661	0.141254	C	2.555292	-0.70993	0.0043
C	2.620381	-0.69858	-0.14129	Se	3.54085	-3.23553	-0.4948
Se	3.690819	-3.08613	-1.06682	C	1.729081	-2.92778	-0.11667
C	1.874123	-2.89388	-0.66099	C	1.445383	-1.61854	0.217308
C	1.526462	-1.66073	-0.13147	C	0.141586	-1.45488	0.828482
C	0.196637	-1.71533	0.450249	C	-0.62788	-2.60683	0.813392
C	-0.41141	-2.94189	0.20908	Se	0.270425	-4.09298	0.09976
Se	-2.13362	-3.0489	0.910227	Se	-2.3118	-2.34714	1.569008
C	-1.83812	-1.31385	1.63834	C	-1.76527	-0.56577	1.962351
C	-0.60374	-0.84971	1.274083	C	-0.49315	-0.36098	1.507147
C	1.526372	1.660753	0.131475	C	1.44558	1.618344	-0.21722
C	1.873995	2.893921	0.660981	C	1.729471	2.927569	0.116668
Se	3.690695	3.086263	1.066751	Se	3.541283	3.235084	0.494786
C	-0.41156	2.941843	-0.20903	Se	0.270993	4.092967	-0.09985
C	0.196517	1.715292	-0.45019	C	-0.62753	2.606913	-0.81337
C	-0.60387	0.849635	-1.27398	C	0.141738	1.454829	-0.82835
C	-1.83824	1.313769	-1.63828	C	-0.49319	0.36097	-1.50691
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C	-4.84786	-0.99718	1.993125	H	-2.42961	-3.0342	-3.56426
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H	-3.79715	-0.62885	5.106384	C	-3.55015	0.023321	4.406615
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H	-2.81375	1.761162	1.615574	H	-1.00275	2.028412	3.842917
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S	0.607358	-4.09119	-0.61619	H	-2.4291	3.034346	3.564736
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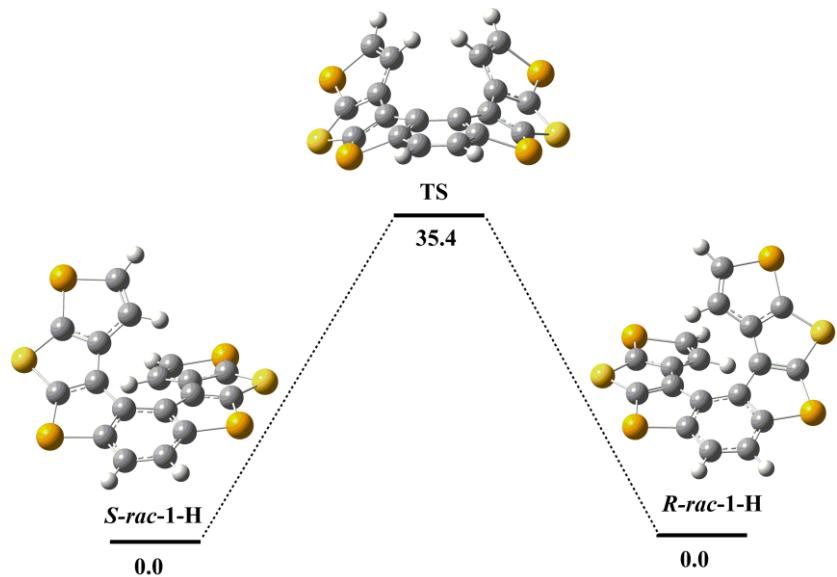


Figure S36. Isomerization process of *rac*-1-H from *S*-isomer to *R*-isomer. The relative energy (kcal/mol) was calculated at B3LYP/6-31G* level of theory.

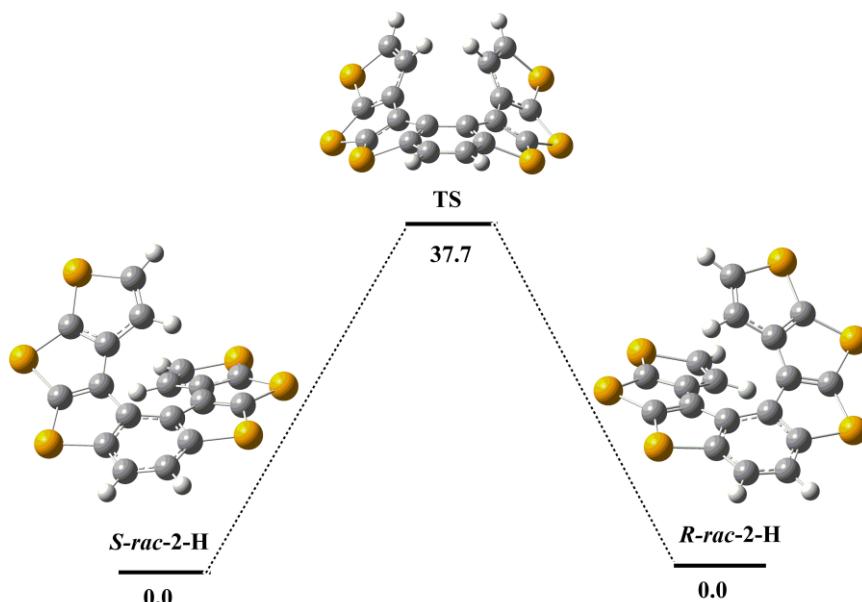


Figure S37. Isomerization process of *rac*-2-H from *S*-isomer to *R*-isomer. The relative energy (kcal/mol) was calculated at B3LYP/6-31G* level of theory.

X-ray crystallographic data

Complete crystal data for (TMS)₂-**DSS**

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for (TMS)₂-**DSS**.

Identification code	(TMS) ₂ - DSS
Empirical formula	C ₁₄ H ₂₀ Se ₃ Si ₂
Formula weight	481.36
Temperature	296(2)
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/c
Unit cell dimensions	a = 6.4642(19) Å alpha = 90° b = 20.855(6) Å beta = 90.498(5)° c = 27.927(8) Å gamma = 90°
Volume	3764.8(19) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	8, 1.699 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	5.976 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1872
Crystal size	0.43 x 0.16 x 0.14 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.46 to 25.00°
Limiting indices	-7<=h<=7, -20<=k<=24, -28<=l<=33
Reflections collected / unique	17875 / 6562 [R(int) = 0.0932]
Completeness to theta = 25.00	98.9 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.4883 and 0.1832
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	6562 / 0 / 343
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.923
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0577, wR2 = 0.1149
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1338, wR2 = 0.1307
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.777 and -0.722 e Å ⁻³

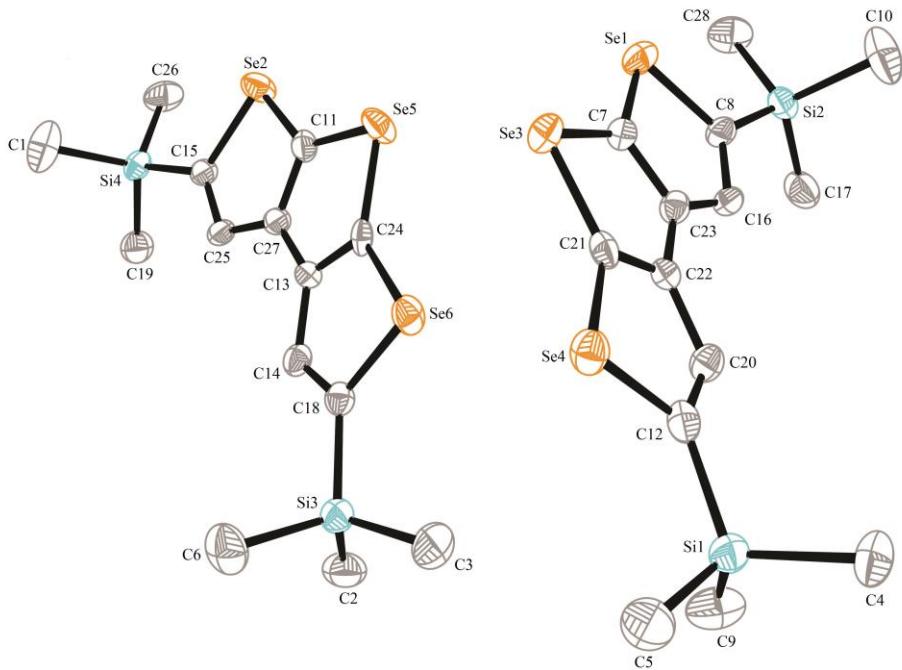


Figure S38. Molecular structures for compounds $(\text{TMS})_2\text{-DSS}$, thermal ellipsoids set at 30% probability level.

Complete crystal data for *rac*-**1**

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for *rac*-**1**.

Identification code	<i>rac</i> - 1
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{22}\text{S}_2\text{Se}_4\text{Si}_2$
Formula weight	746.56
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Trigonal, R-3
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 39.587(5)$ Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $b = 39.587(5)$ Å $\beta = 90^\circ$ $c = 9.490(3)$ Å $\gamma = 120^\circ$
Volume	$12880(4)$ Å ³

Z, Calculated density	18, 1.733 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	5.368 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	6516
Crystal size	0.41 x 0.12 x 0.09 mm
Theta range for data collection	1.78 to 25.00 ^o
Limiting indices	-47<=h<=46, -33<=k<=46, -11<=l<=11
Reflections collected / unique	22199 / 5039 [R(int) = 0.0573]
Completeness to theta = 25.00	99.9 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.6437 and 0.2169
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	5039 / 0 / 289
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.000
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0366, wR2 = 0.0770
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0697, wR2 = 0.0843
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.501 and -0.491 e Å ⁻³

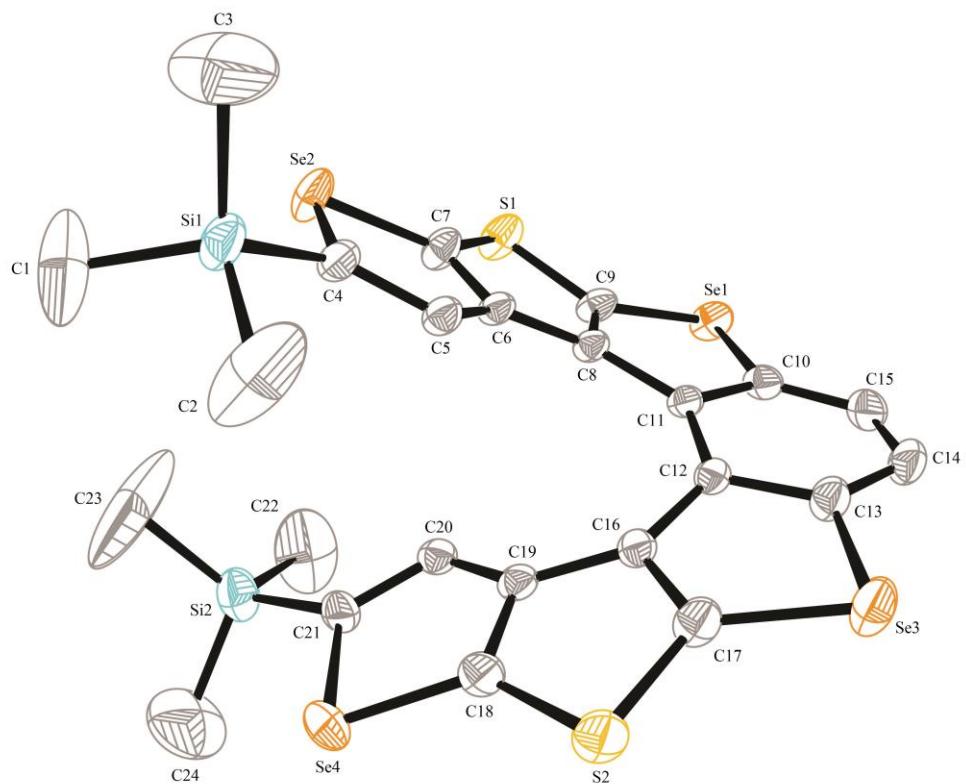


Figure S39. Molecular structures for compounds *rac*-1, thermal ellipsoids set at 30% probability level.

Complete crystal data for *rac*-**2**

Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement for *rac*-**2**.

Identification code	<i>rac</i>-2
Empirical formula	C ₂₄ H ₂₂ Se ₆ Si ₂
Formula weight	840.36
Temperature	296(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, P2(1)/n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.4144(11) Å alpha = 90° b = 10.1288(7) Å beta = 114.7190(10)° c = 18.9016(13) Å gamma = 90°
Volume	2854.6(3) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.955 Mg/m ³
Absorption coefficient	7.787 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1592
Crystal size	0.34 x 0.25 x 0.06 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.15 to 24.99°
Limiting indices	-17<=h<=19, -12<=k<=11, -22<=l<=22
Reflections collected / unique	14245 / 5016 [R(int) = 0.0440]
Completeness to theta = 24.99	99.9 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.6523 and 0.1771
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	5016 / 30 / 289
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.176
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0392, wR2 = 0.0980
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0611, wR2 = 0.1035
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.937 and -0.514 e Å ⁻³

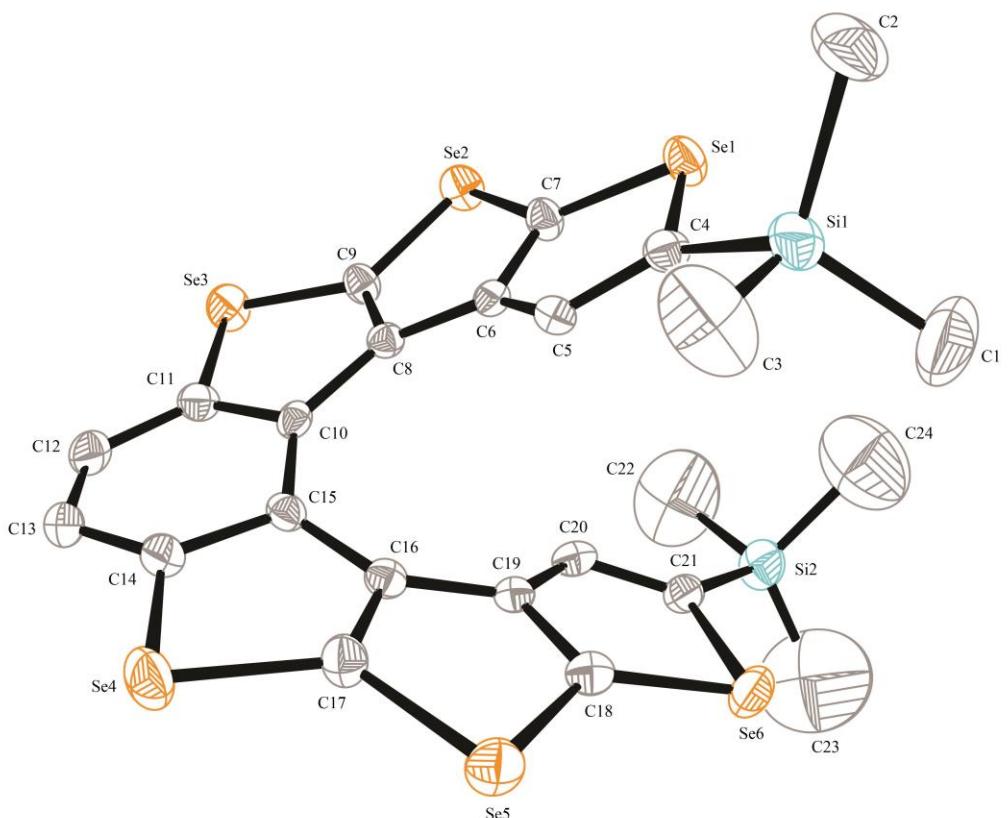


Figure S40. Molecular structures for compounds *rac*-**1**, thermal ellipsoids set at 30% probability level.

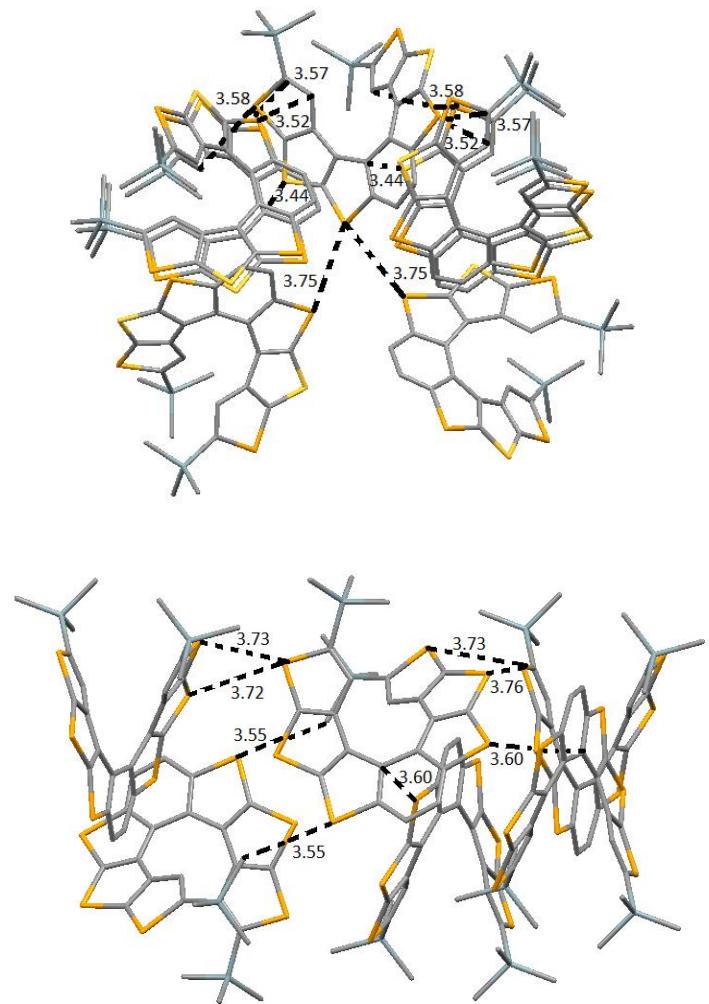


Figure S41. Multiple types of interaction in the crystal packing of *rac*-**1** and *rac*-**2**.