

# Crystal structure of 1,3-dimethylbenzimidazole-2-selenone, C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se

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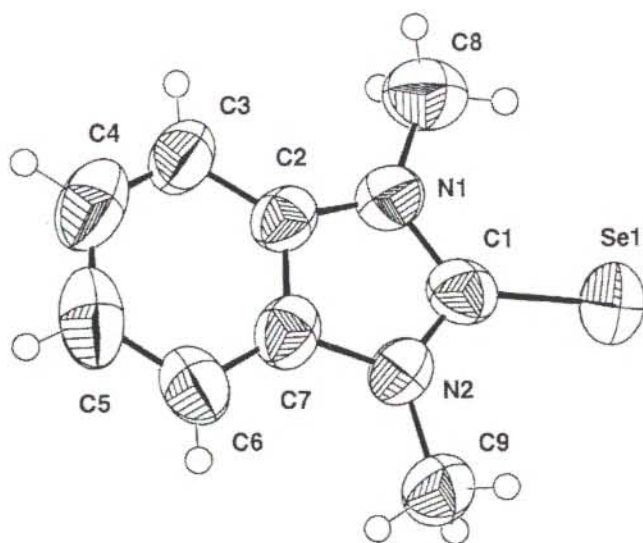
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## Abstract

C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Se, monoclinic, *P*12<sub>1</sub>/*n*1 (No. 14), *a* = 7.414(1) Å, *b* = 14.339(1) Å, *c* = 9.225(1) Å, β = 107.70(1)°, *V* = 934.2 Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4, *R*<sub>g</sub>(*F*) = 0.038, *R*<sub>w</sub>(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.115, *T* = 293 K.

## Source of material

Selenium (0.56 g; 7.16 mmol) was added to a solution of bis(1,3-dimethylbenzimidazolidine-2-ylidene) (0.95 g; 3.25 mmol) in toluene (25 cm<sup>3</sup>) and heated under reflux for 4 h. Then the solution was filtered while hot to remove excess of selenium. After cooling the solution to approx. 323 K pentane (15 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added. Upon cooling the solution to 243 K white crystals of the title compound were obtained (1.4 g; 96%, mp = 433 K – 434 K).

All reactions were performed under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere with use of schlenk techniques [1]. The solvents were deoxygenated and dried by standard methods [2].

## Discussion

Electron-rich olefins are powerful reducing agents [3]. It is known that the ultimate oxidation product of electron-rich olefins [3–5] with air is urea; sulphur, selenium and tellurium react similarly to form the corresponding analogues [6, 7]. The oxidation rate is strongly dependent on the availability of electrons and hence on

the substituents on the nitrogen. There are extensive studies about cyclic ureas having imidazolidine moiety including their X-ray crystal structure [8]. Less attention has been paid to the cyclic urea which contains benzimidazole moiety and there is no example known for the X-ray crystal structure determination. The aim of this study was to elucidate crystal structure of previously synthesised cyclic urea having benzimidazole moiety [9] and compare with imidazole analogues.

In the compound, N1–C1 and N2–C1 bond lengths resemble almost with N1–C1 and N2–C1 bond lengths in the bis(1-methyl-3-ethylbenzimidazolidine-2-ylidium) tetrafluoroborate [10]. The N1–C1 bond length is 1.377(8) Å and N2–C1 bond length is 1.382(8) Å.

**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	cream, prismatic, size 0.35 x 0.40 x 0.40 mm
Wavelength:	Mo <i>K</i> <sub>α</sub> radiation (0.71073 Å)
μ:	39.64 cm <sup>-1</sup>
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Enraf-Nonius CAD4, ω/2θ
2θ <sub>max</sub> :	45.38°
<i>N</i> ( <i>hkl</i> ) <sub>measured</sub> , <i>N</i> ( <i>hkl</i> ) <sub>unique</sub> :	1157, 1157
Criterion for <i>I</i> <sub>obs</sub> , <i>N</i> ( <i>hkl</i> ) <sub>gc</sub> :	<i>I</i> <sub>obs</sub> > 2 σ( <i>I</i> <sub>obs</sub> ), 1026
<i>N</i> ( <i>param</i> ) <sub>refined</sub> :	110
Programs:	SHELXS-86 [11], SHELXL-97 [12], ORTEPII [13]

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub>
H(3)	4e	0.1576	0.152	1.2302	0.092
H(4)	4e	0.2295	0.0226	1.369	0.114
H(5)	4e	0.3157	-0.1175	1.2765	0.117
H(6)	4e	0.3176	-0.1237	1.0178	0.095
H(8A)	4e	0.0854	0.2875	0.8401	0.133
H(8B)	4e	0.1888	0.2899	1.0157	0.133
H(8C)	4e	-0.022	0.2561	0.9543	0.133
H(9A)	4e	0.2934	-0.0941	0.773	0.117
H(9B)	4e	0.3509	-0.0162	0.6763	0.117
H(9C)	4e	0.1376	-0.0443	0.6419	0.117

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**Table 3.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
Se(1)	4e	0.1494(1)	0.18246(5)	0.61588(8)	0.109(1)	0.089(1)	0.068(1)	-0.0027(3)	0.0302(6)	0.0128(3)
N(1)	4e	0.1634(8)	0.1610(4)	0.9286(7)	0.078(3)	0.068(3)	0.068(4)	-0.005(3)	0.030(3)	-0.009(3)
N(2)	4e	0.2334(7)	0.0346(3)	0.8287(5)	0.069(3)	0.071(3)	0.048(3)	-0.001(2)	0.013(2)	-0.002(2)
C(1)	4e	0.1830(8)	0.1230(5)	0.7971(7)	0.061(3)	0.063(4)	0.076(4)	-0.014(3)	0.022(3)	-0.008(3)
C(2)	4e	0.1993(8)	0.0968(4)	1.0414(7)	0.058(3)	0.073(4)	0.054(4)	-0.007(3)	0.015(3)	-0.007(3)
C(3)	4e	0.192(1)	0.0981(6)	1.1888(8)	0.083(4)	0.094(5)	0.054(4)	-0.013(4)	0.023(3)	-0.006(4)
C(4)	4e	0.233(1)	0.0210(8)	1.269(1)	0.079(5)	0.146(8)	0.059(5)	-0.019(5)	0.018(3)	-0.002(5)
C(5)	4e	0.285(1)	-0.0654(6)	1.214(1)	0.083(5)	0.124(7)	0.081(5)	-0.015(4)	0.016(4)	0.037(5)
C(6)	4e	0.288(1)	-0.0694(5)	1.0606(9)	0.080(4)	0.070(4)	0.080(5)	-0.008(3)	0.015(4)	0.013(4)
C(7)	4e	0.2431(8)	0.0131(5)	0.9794(7)	0.061(3)	0.087(4)	0.062(4)	-0.012(3)	0.023(3)	-0.002(3)
C(8)	4e	0.098(1)	0.2569(6)	0.9352(9)	0.092(5)	0.078(5)	0.099(5)	-0.001(4)	0.034(4)	-0.014(4)
C(9)	4e	0.256(1)	-0.0361(5)	0.7206(9)	0.091(5)	0.076(4)	0.075(5)	0.009(3)	0.036(4)	-0.003(4)

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