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## Selenium-containing glycoconjugates as antioxidants

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Selenium (Se) is recognized as a trace element essential for human health; low Se levels are actually associated with several diseases.<sup>1</sup> Many natural occurring Se compounds show redox and biological capacities, thus stimulating synthesis of new molecules with the aim to spread antioxidant effects in biological systems.<sup>2</sup> Most of these bioactive Se-containing molecules showed a strong therapeutic and biological relevance.<sup>3</sup>

In the framework aimed at discovering new efficacious antioxidants, the synthesis of new selenoglycoconjugates, consisting of monosaccharides containing selenium bound to polyphenols, is of our interest with the aim to overcome the poor (poly)phenol bioavailability and to provide a synergistic antioxidant effect at once.

The results herein reported open new and long-term perspectives in the seleno-sugars like antioxidants in biological medium.<sup>4</sup>

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