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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 173 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.029 wR factor = 0.073 Data-to-parameter ratio = 21.5

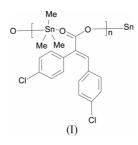
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## catena-Poly[[trimethyltin(IV)]- $\mu$ -2,3bis(4-chlorophenyl)propenoato- $\kappa^2 O:O'$ ]

The title compound,  $[Sn(CH_3)_3(C_{15}H_9Cl_2O_2)]_n$ , forms polymeric chains involving both O atoms of the carboxylate group. The coordination geometry around the Sn atom is distorted trigonal–bipyramidal. The three methyl C atoms occupy the equatorial positions, with Sn–C distances of 2.113 (3)–2.124 (2) Å, and two O atoms, including one from a symmetry-related molecule, are at the axial positions, with Sn–O distances of 2.152 (2) and 2.454 (2) Å.

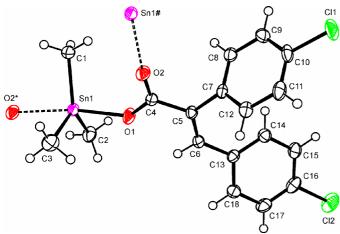
### Comment

There has been widespread success of platinum compounds in the clinical treatment of tumors since the 1960s (Köpf-Maier, 1994). However, the toxic side effects and frequent development of drug resistance in patients has directed the search for other metal complexes able to offer improved antitumor activity and a more acceptable level of toxicity (Respondek & Engel, 1996). Numerous organotin compounds which exhibit a variety of biocidal properties have been synthesized and described in the literature (Magos, 1986; Ronconi et al., 2002). Even though their mode of action remains unclear within the body, several organotin compounds have been shown to exhibit important cytotoxic effects and are actively investigated as possible antitumor compounds (Penninks, 1990; Crowe, 1987). In order to further our understanding of organotin complexes in general and organotin carboxylates in particular there has been a focus in recent years on determining and analyzing the structures of these very important compounds. The structural aspects of these biologically active ligands have been reviewed by several investigators (Nath et al., 2001; Chandrasekhar et al., 2002). Continuing our interest in the structural aspects of organotin carboxylates (Parvez, Ali, Mazhar, Bhatti & Khokhar, 1999; Parvez, Ali, Bhatti et al., 1999; Parvez, Ali, Mazhar, Bhatti & Choudhary, 1999; Parvez et al., 2000, 2002), we report the structure of the title compound, (I), in this paper.



The structure of (I) (Fig. 1) consists of polymeric chains (Fig. 2) incorporating both O atoms of the carboxylate group, with significantly different Sn–O distances [Sn1–O1 = 2.152 (2) Å and Sn–O2<sup>i</sup> = 2.454 (2) Å; symmetry code as in

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*ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) drawing of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. The symbols \* and # correspond to symmetry codes (i) and (ii), respectively, in Table 1.

Table 1], indicating that the Sn–O bonds are asymmetric. The geometry around the Sn atom is distorted trigonal–bipyramidal, with the three methyl groups occupying the positions in the equatorial plane. The Sn–C distances are identical within  $3\sigma$  limits [mean Sn–C = 2.117 (2) Å].

A search for complexes with a similar coordination geometry around the Sn atom in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD; Version 1.6, 2003 release; Allen, 2002) revealed numerous compounds with similar dimensions. The bond distances for Sn–O ranged from 2.107 (4) to 2.514 (3) Å, in compounds from the database with refcodes HIQCUF, HIQDAM, HIQDEQ, HIQDIU, HIQDOA, KOFBOW and RESCOH; all of these complexes had phenyl groups bonded to the Sn atoms. The Sn–C distances ranged from 2.117 (11) to 2.130 (9) Å for compounds with refcodes BALZAP, BEQPES, CIBQUZ and HIGWOJ.

The Sn atom in (I) is pulled out of the equatorial plane formed by the three methyl C atoms by 0.135 (2) Å, towards the more strongly bonded atom O1. The O-Sn-O angle is approximately linear  $[170.69 (6)^{\circ}]$ , the C-Sn-C angles lie between 118.44 (11) and 121.11 (11) $^{\circ}$ , deviating very little from the ideal value of  $120^{\circ}$ , and the O-Sn-C angles are in the range 85.50 (9)–92.87 (10) $^{\circ}$ , again very close to the ideal  $90^{\circ}$  value. These dimensions are in agreement with the corresponding values reported for similar Sn complexes in the CSD. The molecular dimensions of the ligand are normal. The O1-C4 bond distance of 1.277 (3) Å indicates that this is a single bond, whereas the O2–C4 bond distance of 1.233 (3) Å reveals that this is a double bond. Both benzene rings are individually planar as expected and are inclined at  $64.11 (7)^{\circ}$ to each other. Atoms Cl1 and Cl2 lie 0.095 (3) and 0.050 (3) Å, respectively, from the mean planes of the benzene rings to which they are bonded. The propionate moiety, O1/O2/C4/C5/ C6, is essentially planar [maximum deviation for C5 of 0.049(2) Å] and the mean planes of benzene rings C7–C12 and C13-C18 form angles of 66.19 (6) and 35.83 (10)°, respectively, with the propionate group.

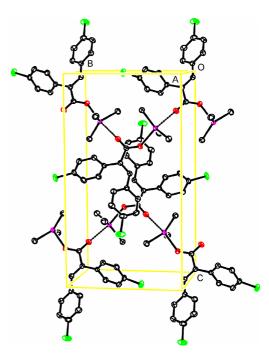


Figure 2 ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) drawing of the contents of the unit cell, showing polymeric chains of (I) running parallel to the *b* axis.

## Experimental

The title compound, (I), was prepared by the reaction of a stoichiometric amount of the silver salt of 2,3-bis(4-chlorophenyl)propionic acid (2.5 g, 6.25 mmol) with trimethyltin chloride (1.25 g, 6.25 mmol) in dry chloroform (60 ml). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6– 8 h in a two-necked round-bottomed flask (250 ml), fitted with a magnetic stirrer and condenser. It was allowed to stand overnight at room temperature. The resulting silver salt was removed by filtration and the solvent was recrystallized from a mixture of chloroform–nhexane (80:20), giving fine crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray crystallography (yield 85%, m.p. 423–425 K).

Crystal data	
$[Sn(CH_3)_3(C_{15}H_9Cl_2O_2)]$ $M_r = 455.91$ Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	$D_x = 1.644 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation
a = 9.238 (2) Å	Cell parameters from 15 524
b = 10.435 (2) Å	reflections
c = 19.120 (4) Å	$\theta = 2.9-28.3^{\circ}$
$\beta = 91.456$ (11)°	$\mu = 1.68 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
V = 1842.5 (7) Å <sup>3</sup>	T = 173 (2)  K
$V = 1842.5 (7) \text{ Å}^3$	Prism, colorless
Z = 4	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SORTAV; Blessing, 1997)  $T_{min} = 0.723, T_{max} = 0.767$ 15 524 measured reflections 4528 independent reflections 4032 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.041$   $\theta_{max} = 28.3^{\circ}$   $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$   $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$  $l = -25 \rightarrow 24$  Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.034P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$	+ 1.52P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.073$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.05	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
4528 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.58 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
211 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.87 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Sn1-C3	2.113 (3)	Cl1-C10	1.745 (2)
Sn1-C2	2.118 (2)	Cl2-C16	1.745 (2)
Sn1-C1	2.124 (2)	O1-C4	1.277 (3)
Sn1-O1	2.152 (2)	O2-C4	1.233 (3)
$Sn1-O2^{i}$	2.454 (2)		
C3-Sn1-C2	119.25 (11)	C3-Sn1-O2 <sup>i</sup>	85.50 (9)
C3-Sn1-C1	121.11 (11)	C2-Sn1-O2 <sup>i</sup>	85.56 (8)
C2-Sn1-C1	118.44 (11)	$C1-Sn1-O2^{i}$	88.01 (8)
C3-Sn1-O1	92.87 (10)	$O1-Sn1-O2^{i}$	170.69 (6)
C2-Sn1-O1	87.25 (9)	C4-O1-Sn1	136.32 (15)
C1-Sn1-O1	100.64 (8)	C4-O2-Sn1 <sup>ii</sup>	173.24 (17)
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Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x,  $y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ .

The H atoms were located in difference Fourier syntheses and were included in the refinement at geometrically idealized positions, with C-H = 0.95 and 0.98 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}$  = 1.5 (methyl) and 1.2 (aromatic) times  $U_{\rm eq}$  of the atoms to which they were bonded. The final difference map was free of any chemically significant features.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: *HKL DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *SCALE-PACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SAPI*91 (Fan, 1991); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPI*I (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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