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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 160$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.009$ Å
 R factor = 0.045
 wR factor = 0.113
Data-to-parameter ratio = 23.6For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Chloro $\{\mu$ -2-[(*E*)-1-(2-oxido-3-methylphenyl)-
ethylideneamino]acetato}pentaphenylditin(IV)

The title compound, $[\text{Sn}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_5(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3)\text{Cl}]$, is a dinuclear organotin adduct in which the two Sn atoms are bridged *via* the carboxylate O—C—O group of a 2-[(*E*)-1-(2-hydroxyaryl)alkylideneamino]acetate ligand. Each Sn atom has a distorted trigonal bipyramidal geometry, with the Ph_3SnCl moiety being less distorted.

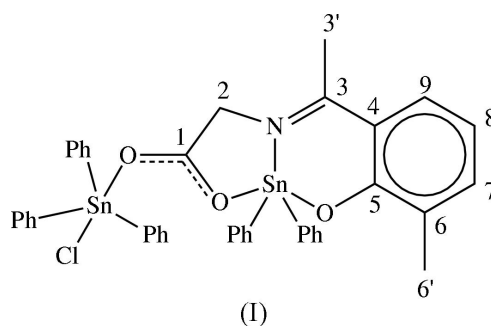
Comment

The title compound, (I), was prepared during an ongoing study of the coordination chemistry of organotin(IV) complexes of 2-[(*E*)-1-(2-hydroxyaryl)alkylideneamino]acetates (L). These ligand systems generate a great variety of structural forms with $R_2\text{Sn}$ - and $R_3\text{Sn}$ - moieties (Dakternieks *et al.*, 1998; Basu Baul & Tiekink, 1999; Basu Baul *et al.*, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005). A few examples of dinuclear organotin adducts of the type $R_2\text{SnL}\cdot R_2\text{SnCl}_2$ ($R = \text{Ph}$, ^tBu; Khoo *et al.*, 1997; Dakternieks *et al.*, 1998) and $R_2\text{SnL}\cdot R_3\text{SnCl}$ ($R = \text{Ph}$; Dakternieks *et al.*, 1998; Basu Baul *et al.*, 2003) are known where two Sn atoms are bridged *via* the carboxylate O—C—O group of an L ligand. These considerations stirred our interest in the synthesis and structure of the title compound, (I), which has the $R_2\text{SnL}\cdot R_3\text{SnCl}$ ($R = \text{Ph}$) formulation.

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The structure of (I) is virtually isomorphous with that of the $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnL}\cdot\text{Ph}_3\text{SnCl}$ adduct reported by Dakternieks *et al.* (1998). The only difference between the two compounds is the addition of the 3-methyl group on the benzene ring of the acetate ligand in (I). In all other respects, the two compounds and structures are the same and have similar coordination geometry at each Sn atom (Table 1). In (I), atom Sn1 has a distorted trigonal bipyramidal coordination geometry, with atoms O1 and O3 occupying axial positions and the O1—Sn—O3 angle distorted from linearity by $19.13(13)^\circ$. The C10—Sn1—C11 angle is also about 14° wider than in an ideal trigonal bipyramid. Atom Sn1 lies $0.027(1)$ Å out of the trigonal plane formed by atoms N1, C10 and C11 in the direction of atom O3. The geometry about atom Sn2 is also

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