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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.042 wR factor = 0.088 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.2

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Layered triaqua(phenylselenonato)lithium(I)

The title compound, $[Li(C_6H_5O_3Se)(H_2O)_3]$, shows an extensive hydrogen-bonding network in the solid state, forming complex layers parallel to the crystallographic *bc* plane. The interlayer distance is 11.336 (12) Å. The molecules pack in an alternating up–down fashion in the plane of the layers so that the SeO₃ and Li(H₂O)₃ groups are adjacent, creating a double net of hydrogen bonding between the two groups. Each of the six H atoms of the water molecules forms hydrogen bonds, with five to O atoms of the phenylselenonate and one to the O atom of a neighboring water molecule. The Li cation has a tetrahedral geometry formed by one O atom of the phenylselenonate anion and three water molecules. The Li–O distances are in the range 1.896 (8)–1.921 (9) Å to the water molecules and 1.988 (8) Å to the phenylselenonate.

Comment

Organoselenonates are little studied but offer a coordination chemistry similar to those of the better known organosulfonates (Côté & Shimizu, 2003; Kennedy *et al.*, 2004) and organophosphonates (Clearfield, 2002; Vioux *et al.*, 2004). These coordinating anions usually form laminar structures in the solid state. Continuing our interest in the coordination chemistry of alkali metals (Siquiera *et al.*, 2005), we synthesized phenylselenonic acid and prepared its lithium salt. Crystallization from an aqueous acetone solution produced the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1). Table 1 lists selected distances and angles for (I).



Each Li^+ cation is tetrahedrally coordinated by O atoms from three different water molecules and one O atom from the $PhSeO_3^-$ anion (Table 1). The Se-O distances of the $PhSeO_3^-$ anion are equal within experimental error (Table 1), showing a delocalization of the negative charge across all three O atoms. The molecules of (I) pack in an alternating up-

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Figure 1

An *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) representation (30% probability displacement ellipsoids) of (I), showing the atom numbering scheme.

down fashion across centers of inversion so that the SeO₃ and $Li(H_2O)_3$ groups are adjacent in two parallel planes. Each of the six H atoms of the water molecules forms hydrogen bonds, with five to O atoms of the phenylselenonate anion and one to the O atom of a neighboring water molecule (Table 2). This results in a double net of hydrogen bonding that forms a complex two-dimensional layer structure parallel to the crystallographic *bc* plane (Figs. 2, 3 and 4).

Experimental

Single crystals of the title compound were formed from the slow evaporation of an acetone–water solution (2:1 v/v) of lithium phenylselenonate in a desiccator.

Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Li}(C_6\text{H}_3\text{O}_3\text{Se})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 265.05 \\ \text{Monoclinic, } P2_1/c \\ a = 11.3410 (11) \text{ Å} \\ b = 7.6180 (8) \text{ Å} \\ c = 12.3021 (13) \text{ Å} \\ \beta = 91.720 (6)^{\circ} \\ V = 1062.37 (19) \text{ Å}^3 \\ Z = 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer φ and ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2004) $T_{\min} = 0.63, T_{\max} = 0.93$ 8507 measured reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$ $wR(F^2) = 0.088$ S = 0.992147 reflections 151 parameters $D_x = 1.657 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 872 reflections $\theta = 3.2-19.0^{\circ}$ $\mu = 3.53 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 296 (2) K Plate, colorless $0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}$

2147 independent reflections 1364 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.082$ $\theta_{max} = 26.4^{\circ}$ $h = -14 \rightarrow 14$ $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$ $l = -15 \rightarrow 14$

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0351P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.66 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.58 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$





A view of the hydrogen-bonding (dashed lines) network in (I). The vertical direction is parallel to the c axis and the horizontal direction is parallel to the b axis. The phenyl groups are represented by line figures. H atoms attached to C have been omitted.





View of (I) perpendicular to the ab plane. The phenyl groups are represented as solid grey lines and hydrogen bonds as dashed lines. H atoms attached to C have been omitted.



Figure 4

View of (I) perpendicular to the *ac* plane. The phenyl groups are represented as solid grey lines and hydrogen bonds as dashed lines. H atoms attached to C have been omitted.

Table 1Selected geometric parameters (Å, $^{\circ}$).

Li1 - O1W	1.921 (9)	Se1-O1	1.626 (3)
Li1 - O2W	1.896 (8)	Se1-O2	1.622 (3)
Li1-O3W	1.911 (9)	Se1-O3	1.627 (3)
Li1-O1	1.988 (8)		
O2W-Li1-O1W	110.4 (4)	O1W-Li1-O1	100.8 (4)
O3W-Li1-O1W	109.8 (4)	O2-Se1-O1	112.75 (16)
O2W-Li1-O3W	106.3 (4)	O2-Se1-O3	111.74 (16)
O2W-Li1-O1	115.6 (4)	O1-Se1-O3	110.58 (16)
O3W-Li1-O1	113.8 (4)	Se1-O1-Li1	126.7 (3)

Table 2Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$ \begin{array}{c} \hline \\ \hline O1W - H11 \cdots O2^{i} \\ O1W - H12 \cdots O3^{ii} \\ O2W - H21 \cdots O1^{i} \\ O2W - H22 \cdots O3^{iii} \\ O3W - H31 \cdots O1W^{iv} \\ O3W - H32 \cdots O2^{iii} \end{array} $	0.83 (3)	2.04 (3)	2.852 (5)	166 (5)
	0.86 (3)	1.91 (3)	2.767 (5)	171 (6)
	0.80 (2)	2.12 (3)	2.856 (6)	154 (5)
	0.83 (2)	1.96 (3)	2.781 (6)	176 (5)
	0.85 (3)	2.05 (3)	2.883 (5)	168 (6)
	0.83 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.836 (5)	170 (6)

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (ii) $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) -x + 1, -y, -z + 1; (iv) $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$.

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map. Phenyl H atoms were placed at idealized positions, with C-H distances of 0.93 Å, and refined using a riding model, with $U_{iso}(H)$ values of $1.2U_{eq}(C)$. Water H atoms were restrained to a model geometry with O-H and H...H distances of 0.865 (10) and 1.369 (3) Å, based on the average for 81 Li-bound water molecules measured at room temperature found in the Cambridge Structural Database (Version

5.26, update of August 2005; Allen, 2002); $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$ values of $1.5 U_{\rm eq}({\rm O})$ were used.

Data collection: *COSMO/APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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