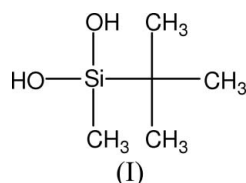


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bolte@chemie.uni-frankfurt.de**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 173$ K
Mean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.002$ Å
Disorder in main residue
 R factor = 0.033
 wR factor = 0.097
Data-to-parameter ratio = 28.5For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.***tert*-Butylmethylsilanediol**

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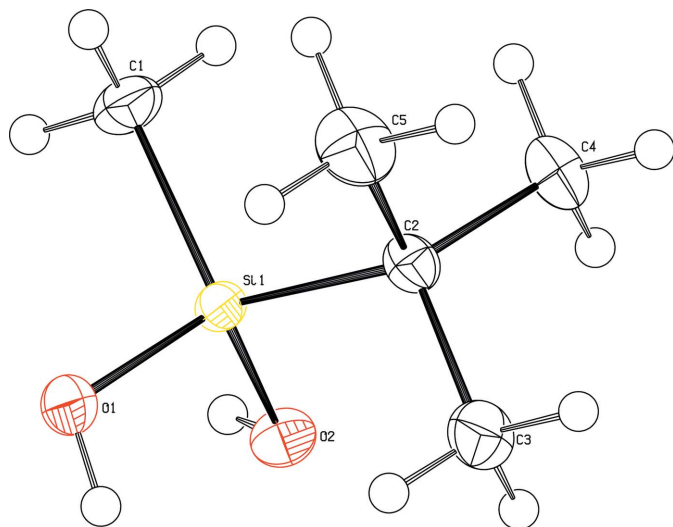
Previously, we reported on the properties and the syntheses of t -Bu-substituted silicones and disiloxanes $tBu_2SiX-O-SiY-tBu_2$ ($X = Y = H$ and OH), which are accessible from the reaction of CF_3SO_2Cl with tBu_2SiHOH or $tBu_2Si(OH)_2$ (Lerner *et al.*, 2005). X-ray structure determination of $tBu_2Si(OH)_2$, the starting material of these condensation reactions, shows a reversible phase transition at 211 K (Bats *et al.*, 2002). Surprisingly, we have obtained the silanediol $tBuMeSi(OH)_2$, (I), as a by-product of the reaction of $MeHSiCl_2$ and $tBuLi$. In an earlier report the hydrolysis reaction of $tBuMeSiCl_2$ was described, which produced the silanediol $tBuMeSi(OH)_2$ in a yield of 78% (Sommer & Tyler, 1954). We obtained single crystals of $tBuMeSi(OH)_2$ by slow evaporation of the reaction solution at ambient temperature.



The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles can be regarded as normal (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 5.27, November 2005 updated May 2006; Mogul, Version 1.1; Allen, 2002). Geometric parameters are unexceptional. The H atoms of both hydroxyl groups are disordered over two sites. In the crystal structure (Fig. 2), molecules are connected into zigzag chains stabilized by $O-H \cdots O$ hydrogen bonds.

Experimental

A solution of $tBuLi$ in pentane (50 ml, 84 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of $MeHSiCl_2$ (4.17 ml, 40 mmol) in pentane (10 ml) at 273 K. After complete addition of the lithium reagent, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was quenched with ammonium chloride in ice-water. The organic phase was washed with water (3×15 ml) and dried over $MgSO_4$. Slow evaporation of the solvent led to the deposition of a small quantity of colourless needles (10 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.2%). 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 0.970 (s, 9 H, tBu), 0.166 (s, 3 H, Me), not observed (n.o.) (OH). ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$): δ 25.6 [$C(CH_3)_3$], -5.3 ($SiCH_3$), n.o. [$C(CH_3)_3$]. ^{29}Si NMR (C_6D_6): δ -3.3 .


Figure 1

Molecular structure of the title compound with the atom numbering scheme; displacement ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level; H atoms are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Only one disorder component is shown for the hydroxyl groups.

Crystal data

$C_5H_{14}O_2Si$
 $M_r = 134.25$
 Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 22.765$ (2) Å
 $b = 6.1372$ (4) Å
 $c = 11.8688$ (12) Å
 $\beta = 109.805$ (7)°
 $V = 1560.1$ (2) Å³

$Z = 8$
 $D_x = 1.143$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.23$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 173$ (2) K
 Needle, colourless
 $0.48 \times 0.23 \times 0.13$ mm

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II two-circle diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (MULABS; Spek, 2003; Blessing, 1995)
 $T_{\min} = 0.890$, $T_{\max} = 0.971$

19678 measured reflections
 2169 independent reflections
 1990 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.066$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 29.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.097$
 $S = 1.07$
 2169 reflections
 76 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

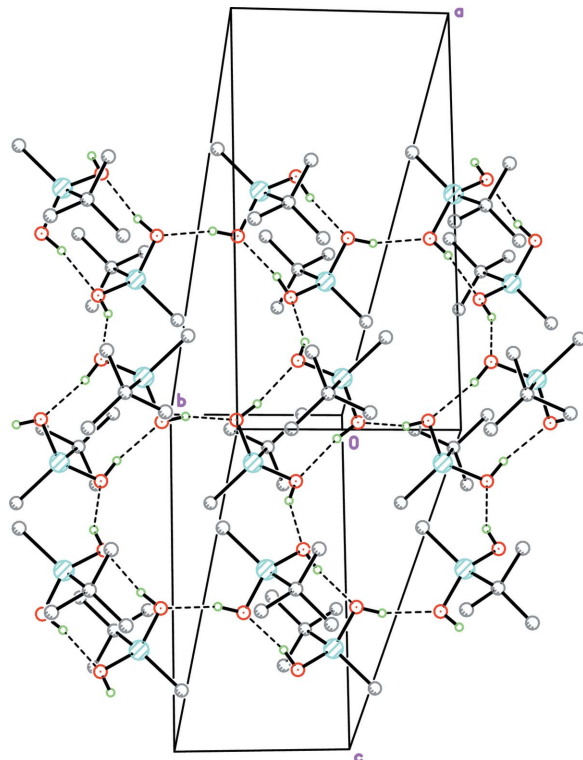
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0475P)^2 + 1.3702P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.43$ e Å⁻³
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0090 (12)

Table 1

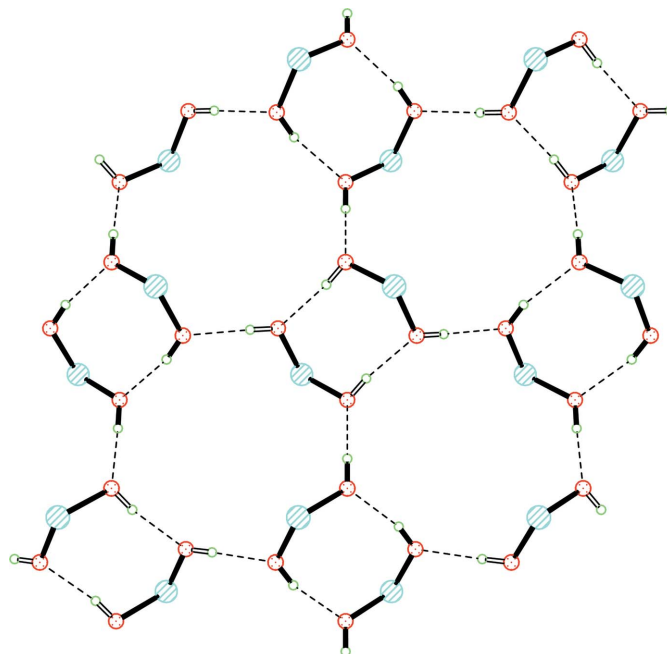
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$O1-H1\cdots O2^i$	0.84	1.96	2.7903 (13)	168
$O1-H1'\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.84	1.91	2.7304 (18)	164
$O2-H2\cdots O2^{iii}$	0.84	1.97	2.7444 (18)	152
$O2-H2'\cdots O1^i$	0.84	1.96	2.7903 (13)	168

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$; (ii) $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$; (iii) $-x+1, y, -z+\frac{3}{2}$.


Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title compound. Only one disorder component is shown for the hydroxyl groups. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines, and H atoms not involved in these interactions have been omitted.


Figure 3

Partial packing diagram viewed approximately perpendicular to (100). C atoms and H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted for clarity. The unprimed H atoms are shown with full bonds and the primed H atoms are connected by open bonds. The figure shows two zigzag chains of hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) in which two primed H atoms and two unprimed H atoms alternate. The directional sense of the H bonds was chosen arbitrarily. Since none of the chains is in contact with any other chain, the sense of each chain is independent.

H atoms were located in a difference map, but were subsequently refined with fixed individual displacement parameters [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ or $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$] in the riding-model approximation with $\text{O}-\text{H} = 0.84 \text{ \AA}$ and $\text{C}-\text{H} = 0.98 \text{ \AA}$. The hydroxyl groups were allowed to rotate but not tip. The disorder of the hydroxyl H atoms is correlated, because they would be too close to their symmetry equivalents. Therefore, all occupancies were set to 0.5.

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: *X-AREA*; data reduction: *X-AREA*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1991); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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