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(2-Benzoylbenzoato)triphenyltin(IV)

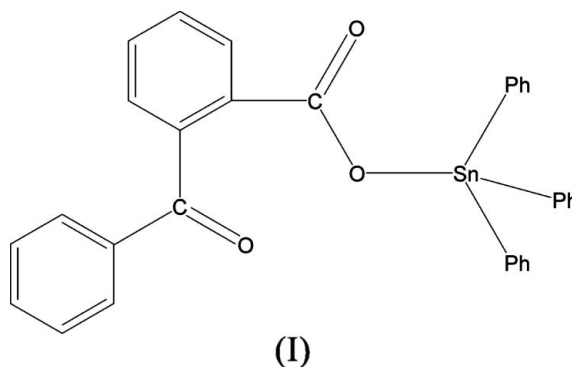
The structure of the title compound, $[\text{Sn}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3(\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{O}_3)]$, consists of monomeric species featuring a distorted tetrahedral environment around the Sn centre. The tetrahedral angles are non-equivalent, owing to the relatively close approach of a carboxylate O atom.

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Comment

The chemistry of organotin(IV) complexes incorporating carboxylate ligands has attracted ever increasing attention, partly owing to their biological and pharmaceutical applications (Davies & Smith, 1982; Gielen, 1996; Kemmer *et al.*, 2000) and, from a chemical point of view, due to the versatile molecular structure and supramolecular architecture exhibited by these complexes (Tiekink, 1991, 1994; Willem *et al.*, 1998). In the present study, we have synthesized and characterized an isomer of the previously reported 2-benzoylbenzoatotriphenyltin(IV) derivative (Khoo *et al.*, 1995). This latter structure is polymeric and contains *trans* O_2SnC_3 units, the ketonic O atom being involved in the polymerization of the compound.



The molecule of the title compound, (I), consists of a $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO}^-$ anion, coordinated in monodentate mode to an SnPh_3 group (Fig. 1). The Sn centre is in a tetrahedral environment (Table 1), with a weak intramolecular interaction between the Sn centre and atom O3 of the carboxylate group [$\text{Sn} \cdots \text{O3} = 2.689$ (2) Å]. As in a similar structure, the relatively close intramolecular $\text{Sn} \cdots \text{O}$ interaction, within the sum of the van der Waals radii for these atoms (Tiekink *et al.*, 1995), is not indicative of significant bonding interactions between the respective pair of atoms. The relatively close approach of atom O3 to Sn, however, causes some distortion from ideal geometry. The molecule adopts a C-type structure in the classification of Tiekink (Tiekink, 1991) and the Sn atom, linked to three phenyl rings

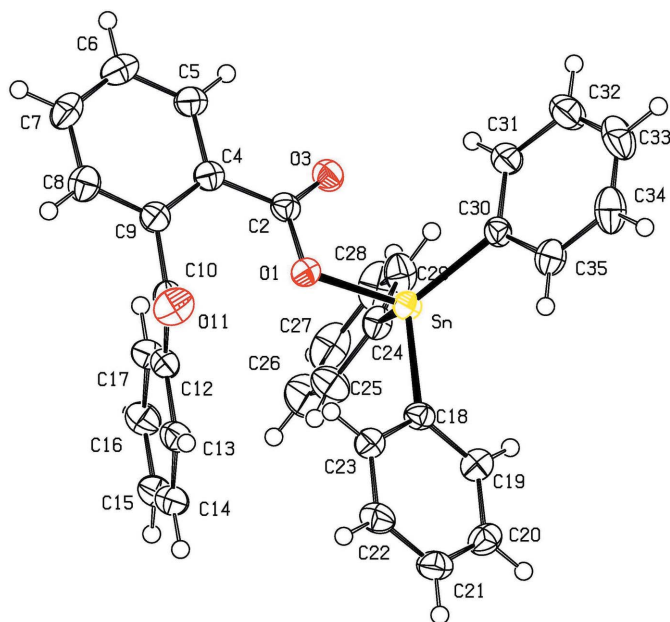


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

and one O atom of the 2-benzoylbenzoate ligand, has a distorted tetrahedral geometry, in which the tetrahedral angles range from 105.83 (9) to 121.82 (10)°.

The enlargement of the C30—Sn—C24 [121.82 (10)°] angle can be attributed to the relatively close approach of atom O3 of the carboxylate group to the Sn centre. The variations in the C—Sn—C angles and Sn—C bonds may be traced to the distortion of the tetrahedral environment. Similar behaviour of the carboxylate ligands has also been reported in (CH₃NH)C₆H₄COOSnPh₃ and (C₆H₁₁)₂CHCOOSnPh₃ (Rénamy *et al.*, 2004). The Sn1—O1 [2.0885 (18) Å] bond length is of the order of those reported for some triphenyltin(IV) esters of salicylic acid, *o*-anisic acid and *p*-methylthiobenzoic acid (Vollano *et al.*, 1984).

Spectroscopic data have also supported the structure of (I). The Mössbauer parameters (QS = 2.49 mm s⁻¹) and the IR absorption frequencies ($\Delta\nu = \nu_{\text{asym}}\text{OCO} - \nu_{\text{sym}}\text{OCO} = 255\text{ cm}^{-1}$) are consistent with, respectively, a tetrahedral environment around the Sn centre (Davies & Smith, 1982) and a monodentate carboxylate ligand (Khoo *et al.*, 1995; Nakamoto, 1997). This can be explained by the large differences in the Sn···O interactions. The Sn···O3 contact is very long and may not cause a significant change in the spectroscopic data.

Experimental

[Cy₂NH₂][–C₆H₅COC₆H₄CO₂], (II), was obtained from the neutralization of 2-benzoylbenzoic acid (C₆H₅COC₆H₄CO₂H; 2.35 g, 10.4 mmol) with dicyclohexylamine (Cy₂NH; 1.882 g, 10.4 mmol) in water (5 ml). The mixture was stirred for several hours and the solvent was then removed *in vacuo*. Recrystallization from ethanol (25 ml, 99.99%) gave compound (II). Compound (I) was obtained by reacting an ethanol solution (**Volume?**) of (II) (99.99%) with

Ph₃SnCl (2.5 mmol) in a 1:1 ratio. The mixture was stirred for several hours and slow solvent evaporation gave crystals suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystal data

[Sn(C₆H₅)₃(C₁₄H₉O₃)]
M_r = 575.20
 Monoclinic, *P*₂₁/*c*
a = 8.761 (3) Å
b = 17.363 (5) Å
c = 17.752 (5) Å
 β = 109.73 (2)°
V = 2541.9 (13) Å³

Z = 4
D_x = 1.503 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 μ = 1.04 mm⁻¹
T = 294 (2) K
 Parallelepiped, colourless
 0.32 × 0.30 × 0.26 mm

Data collection

Marresearch MAR345 image-plate diffractometer
 φ scans
 Absorption correction: none
 64928 measured reflections

5835 independent reflections
 5667 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
*R*_{int} = 0.039
 θ_{max} = 27.5°

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R[*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.034
wR(*F*²) = 0.095
S = 1.10
 5835 reflections
 326 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0462P)^2 + 3.3458P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.87\text{ e Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.77\text{ e Å}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997)
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0275 (11)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Sn—O1	2.0885 (18)	O1—C2	1.314 (3)
Sn—C30	2.118 (2)	C2—O3	1.237 (3)
Sn—C24	2.123 (2)	C10—O11	1.219 (3)
Sn—C18	2.138 (2)		
O1—Sn—C30	109.75 (8)	O1—Sn—C18	98.06 (8)
O1—Sn—C24	105.82 (9)	C30—Sn—C18	110.82 (10)
C30—Sn—C24	121.82 (10)	C24—Sn—C18	107.86 (10)

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H = 0.93 Å, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(C).

Data collection: *MAR software* (Klein, 1998); cell refinement: *marHKL* (Klein & Bartels, 2000); data reduction: *marHKL*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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