coworkers have recently reported theoretical calculations on the 1,6-$C_2B_8H_{10}$ and predicted the apical C(1)-proton to be slightly more acidic than the equatorial C(6)-proton [7]. Indeed this was the observed behavior as Hawthorne has previously reported the formation of the C(1) lithiated product to be favored by a factor of two [2]. Our results would indicate a reversal in this selectivity for the 1,2-dicarbadecaborane with the equatorial proton being significantly more acidic. This warrants further theoretical work on this isomer of $C_2B_8H_{10}$. Furthermore, our successful metallation of this carborane should facilitate functionalization of it.

Experimental

All reactions were carried out under inert atmospheric conditions. Diethyl ether was distilled from sodium-benzophenone. 1,2-dicarbadecaborane-(10) was prepared by literature methods [4].

Proton-decoupled ^{11}B NMR spectra wre obtained using the JEOL FX90Q FT spectrometer. $CDCl_3$ was used as the solvent and all shifts are relative to external $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$.

Reaction of 1,2-$C_2B_8H_{10}$ with 2 n-BuLi

Freshly sublimed 1,2-$C_2B_8H_{10}$ (106 mg, 0.87 mmol) was dissolved in 10 ml of ether and chilled to –20 °C. Two equivalents of BuLi was added via syringe and the solution allowed to warm slowly to 10 °C whereupon a white precipitate formed. After cooling again to –20 °C, excess methyl iodide was added and the solution warmed to room temperature. Removal of solvent and sublimation of the residue at 80–90 °C using a mechanical pump vacuum gave 45 mg, 0.3 mmol of white crystalline 1,2-$Me_2C_2B_8H_8$.

Reaction of 1,2-$C_2B_8H_{10}$ with n-BuLi

A similar procedure was used to produce the monolithiated product and methyl iodide used to give the methylated products. The mono- and dimethylated carboranes can be separated by GLC. The composition of the products was analyzed by spectral means.

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Spin Spin Interactions in Polymeric Copper(II) Complexes: Cu(II)(Piperidylcarbamate)$_2$(Cu(I)X)$_4$ (X = Cl, Br)

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