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Synthesis and structural characterization of new ladder-like organostannoxanes derived from carboxylic acid derivatives: $[C_5H_4N(p-CO_2)]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ $[Ph_2CHCO_2]_4[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2$, and $[(p-NH_2)-C_6H_4-CO_2]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$

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Abstract: Three types of ladder-like organostannoxanes, $[C_{2}H_{4}N(p\text{-}CO_{2})]_{2}[Bu_{2}Sn]_{4}(\mu_{3}-O_{2})(\mu_{2}-OH_{2})$ (1), $[Ph_{2}CHCO_{2}]_{4}[Bu_{2}Sn]_{4}(\mu_{3}-O_{2})$ (2), and $[(p-NH_2)-C_6H_4-C_2]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ (3), have been synthesized and characterized using elemental analyses, Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy, nuclear magnetic resonance $(^1H, {}^{13}C)$ experiments, and, for 1 and 2, single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. X-Ray diffraction discloses that complexes adopt tetranuclear $tin(w)$ ladder-like structures containing two (1) or four (2) deprotonated ligands. The essential difference between their molecular structures is that in 2 there are four carboxylate ligands, while in 1 and 3 there are two. The crystal structure of 1 reveals them to be a tetranuclear structure containing a three-rung-staircase Sn_4O_4 core. The Sn_4O_4 cluster consists of a ladder of four $Sn₂O₂$ units. For 2, the structure is a tetranuclear centrosymmetric dimer of an oxoditin unit having a central four-member ring. In this complex, the

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central $Sn₂O₂$ core is fused with two four-member and two six-member rings. In the structures, there are two types of tin ions arranged in distorted trigonal bipyramid geometry or octahedron geometry. A series of O–H⋯N, C–H⋯O, and $C-H\cdots \pi$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds in these complexes play an important function in the supramolecular, or two-dimensional network structures are formed by these interactions.

Keywords: diphenylacetate¸ pyridine-4-carboxylate, 4-aminobenzenecarboxylate, ladder and organostannoxanes

1 Introduction

During the past few decades, research on the synthesis and characterization of coordination polymers has intrigued scientists not only for their fascinating structures but also for their potential applications (Gielen et al., 2005; Kemmer et al., 2000; Willem et al., 1997). It has become apparent that coordination polymers may be prepared by the appropriate selection of metal and multifunctional ligands (Chandrasekhar et al., 2002, 2005; Diop et al., 2021). Among these materials, organotin(iv) carboxylate complexes have been actively investigated by a large number of researchers due to their significant reduction in tumor growth rates (Vieira et al., 2010), interesting topologies, and various structural types including monomers, dimers, tetramers, oligomeric ladders, and hexameric drums (Arjmand et al., 2014; Banti et al., 2019). The organostannoxanes have received special attentions, particularly in view of their immense structural diversity. Several products, such as ladders (Wen et al., 2018; García-Zarracino

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et al., 2009), cubes (Cavka et al., 2008), hexameric (Baul et al., 2017), and polymeric drums (Ma et al., 2003), have been isolated. Ladder-shaped tetranuclear organotin compounds (Wang et al., 2013) have also been isolated. Tetranuclear crystal structures $[(n-Bu_2Sn)_4(O_2(OH)_2(O_3SC_6H_4-NH_2-4)_2]$ (Wen et al., 2018), $[(Me₂Sn)₄(O)₂(OH)₂(O₃SC₆H₄-NH₂-4)₂]$ (Wen et al., 2018), and $[(n-Bu_2Sn)_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OCH_3)_2(O_2CC_6H_4$ $-SO₂NH₂$ -4)₂ (Wang et al., 2019) with the ladder as structural motif were previously described in the literature. Many butylstannoxanes were prepared using carboxylate ligands (Baul et al., 2017; Shankar and Dubey, 2020; Valcarcel et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2019). These molecular structures of compounds display hexameric $Sn₆O₆$ clusters with drum-like or tetrameric structures revealing $Sn₄O₂$ cores with ladder-type structural motifs. In our previous work, we reported a series of butylstannoxanes carboxylate complexes using carboxylic acid ligands such as pyridine-4-carboxylic acid, diphenylacetic acid, and 4-aminocarboxylic acid. The synthesis and structural characterization of three new organostannoxanes are reported as follows: $[C_5H_4N(p\text{-}CO_2)]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ (1), $[Ph_2CHCO_2]_4[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2$ (2), and $[(p-NH_2)-C_6H_4]$ $-CO_2$]₂[Bu₂Sn]₄(μ_3 -O)₂(μ_2 -OH)₂ (3).

2 Results

2.1 Crystallographic data and experimental details

Crystal data, data collection, and structure refinement details for the complex are summarized in Table 1.

3 Discussion

3.1 Reactions

The general chemical reactions in methanol are shown for complexes 1 and 3 Eq. (1) and for complex 2 Eq. (2) :

> $2HL + 4n-Bu_2Sn(OCH_3)_2 + 4H_2O$ \rightarrow L₂[Bu₂Sn]₄(μ ₃-O)₂(μ ₂-OH)₂ + 8MeOH (1) $HL = pyridine-4$ -carboxylic acid (1) or 4-aminobenzenecarboxylic acid (3),

 $4Ph_2CHCO_2H + 4n-Bu_2Sn(OCH_3)_2 + 2H_2O$ \rightarrow [Ph₂CHCO₂]₄[Bu₂Sn]₄(μ ₃-O)₂ + 8MeOH.

Table 1: Crystal data and structure refinement of 1 and 2

	1	$\overline{2}$	
Formula	$C_{44}H_{82}N_2O_8Sn_4$	$C_{88}H_{116}O_{10}Sn_4$	
Moiety	$C_{44}H_{82}N_2O_8Sn_4$	$C_{88}H_{116}O_{10}Sn_4$	
T(K)	175	175	
Spacegroup	P2 ₁ /n	$P-1$	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	
a (Å)	13.0597(5)	15.6908(7)	
b (Å)	12.2041(6)	15.7536(8)	
$c(\AA)$	17.0979(6)	19.4517(8)	
α (°)	90	83.718(4)	
β (°)	96.017(4)	75.218(4)	
γ (°)	90	64.601(5)	
$V(\AA^3)$	2710.09(19)	4199.7(4)	
z	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{2}$	
P (g cm ⁻³)	1.522	1.430	
M_r (g mol ⁻¹)	1241.96	1808.65	
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.867	1.231	
$R_{\rm int}$	0.065	0.084	
θ_{max} (°)	29.091	29.464	
Resolution (Å)	0.79	0.82	
N_{tot} (measured)	18,164	52,524	
N_{ref} (unique)	6,381	19,770	
N_{ref} ($l > 2\sigma$ (I))	4,462	10,858	
N_{ref} (least-squares)	4,462	10,858	
$N_{\rm par}$	285	928	
$<\sigma(I)/I>$	0.0807	0.1165	
R_1 ($l > 2\sigma(l)$)	0.0901	0.0689	
wR_2 (/>2σ(<i>l</i>))	0.0390	0.0887	
R_1 (all)	0.1325	0.1292	
$wR2$ (all)	0.0488	0.01682	
GOF	1.4261	1.1410	
$\Delta \rho$ (e $\rm \AA^{-3})$	$-1.56/3.26$	$-1.70/3.72$	
Crystal size (mm)	$0.12 \times 0.15 \times 0.20$	$0.22 \times 0.25 \times 0.30$	

After synthesis, the complexes are characterized by elemental analyses, Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy and nuclear magnetic resonance $(^1H, {}^{13}C)$ experiments, and, for 1 and 2, single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

3.2 Spectroscopic studies

3.2.1 FT-IR spectra

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The explicit feature in the FTIR spectra is the absence of a broadband in the region $3,400-2,800$ cm⁻¹, which appears in the free ligands for the COOH group, indicating the removal of COOH protons and the formation of Sn–O bonds through this site (Li et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2012). The strong absorption appearing at 444 (1), 436 (2), and 433 (3) cm⁻¹ is assigned to $v(Sn-0)$ (Xiao et al., 2013).

Scheme 1: Structures of $[C_5H_4N(p-CO_2)]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ (1) or $[(p-NH_2)-C_6H_4-CO_2]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ (3).

The intense absorption maximum in the $623-630$ cm⁻¹ region is assigned to an Sn–O–Sn stretching vibration (Li et al., 2015). In the infrared spectra of this complex, the $\Delta \nu(C(0)O)$ [$\nu(C(0)O)_{\text{asym}} - \nu(C(0)O)_{\text{sym}}$] values are 299 cm⁻¹ for 1 and 273 cm⁻¹ for 3, larger than 200 cm⁻¹, which stands for the monodentate coordination mode of the carboxylate groups (Hanif et al., 2010), and this behavior is also consistent with the X-ray structure. The two Δν magnitudes ($v_{\text{asymCOO}} - v_{\text{symCOO}}$) 254 and 143 cm⁻¹ for (2) show that two distinct coordination modes for carboxylate ligands are present in the structure (Eng et al., 2007). One carboxylate fragment is symmetrically bridged between two Sn ions, and another carboxylate acts as a bismonodentate ligand for Sn atoms (Scheme 2). The presence of a vsSnBu₂ band at 617 cm⁻¹ (1), 615 cm⁻¹ (2), and 613 cm⁻¹ (3) indicates a nonlinear $ShBu₂$ residue (Nakamoto, 1997; Beckman et al., 2004) (Schemes 1 and 2). The conclusions drawn from the IR data are very much consistent with those of the X-ray crystallography studies.

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Scheme 2: Structure of $[Ph_2CHCO_2]_4[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2$ (2).

3.2.2 NMR spectra

The 1 H and 13 C NMR data of the complexes are given in the experimental part, and the observed resonances have been assigned based on the chemical shift values. In the ¹H NMR spectra, the expected signals in the 10-13 ppm region of the carboxylic acid hydrogens are not present in the complexes, indicating the replacement of the carboxylic acid protons with organotin (iv) moieties (Najafi et al., 2014; Xiao et al., 2013). The order of the ¹H chemical shifts of the CH_n groups in the Sn–butyl substituents was found to be $(α, β) > (γ, δ)$ for the Bu₂Sn complexes (SnCH₂(α)CH₂(β)CH₂(γ)CH₃(δ)) (Pruchnik et al., 2013). Multiplet signals in the 1.50–1.86, 1.25–1.43, and 0.92–0.93 ppm ranges are attributed to (m, α-CH₂, β-CH₂), (m, γ-CH₂), and (t, δ -CH₃), respectively. The multiplet signals at 8.12–6.77 ppm are assigned to aromatic protons. In the ¹³C NMR spectra of all the complexes, peaks at 167.41 (1), 175.1 (2), and 179.34 (3) ppm attributed to COO[−] groups show a downfield shift of all the carbon resonances compared to the free carboxylates. These conclusions are consistent with those of the IR data and the X-ray crystal structures.

The structures for complexes 1, 2, and 3 are Sn_4O_4 tetramers with either monodentate or bridging carboxylate ligands (Schemes 1 and 2).

3.3 Crystal structure of complex 1

A perspective view of the molecular structure of complex 1 is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. Selected bond lengths (\AA) and angles (°) are listed in Table 2. The structure consists of the hydroxide-bridged tetrameric organostannoxane

Figure 1: Tetranuclear structure of $[C_5H_4N-(p-CO_2)]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2$ $(\mu_2$ -OH)₂ (1).

Figure 2: Crystal structure in an infinite chain of $[C_5H_4N-(p-CO_2)]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ (1) with O–H…N intermolecular hydrogen bonds. Only Cipso of the n-butyl groups are shown for clarity.

Lengths (Å)		Angles $(°)$			
$Sn1-O2i$	2.128(3)	$O2i-Sn1-O2$	74.51 (17)	$Sn1i-02-Sn3$	143.67 (18)
$Sn1-02$	2.062(4)	$O2i-Sn1-Sn3$	108.55(10)	$Sn1-02-Sn3$	110.83(15)
$Sn1-016$	2.139(4)	$Q2i-Sn1-016$	147.95 (14)	$O2-Sn3-C6$	112.9(2)
$Sn1-C27$	2.106(7)	$O2 - Sn1 - O16$	73.44 (14)	$O2 - Sn3 - C9$	112.2(3)
$Sn1-C33$	2.139(7)	$O2i-Sn1-C27$	95.6(2)	$C6-Sn3-C9$	134.7(3)
$O2-Sn3$	2.005(4)	$O2 - Sn1 - C27$	115.2(3)	$O2 - Sn3 - O16$	73.80 (15)
$Sn3-C6$	2.087(7)	$O16 - Sn1 - C27$	98.3(3)	$C6 - Sn3 - O16$	91.8(2)
$Sn3-C9$	2.166(8)	$O2i-Sn1-C33$	99.2(2)	$C9 - Sn3 - O16$	96.3(3)
$Sn3 - O16$	2.173(4)	$O2-Sn1-C33$	115.8(3)	$O2 - Sn3 - O18$	80.31(14)
$Sn3 - O18$	2.176(4)	$O16 - Sn1 - C33$	94.2(3)	$C6 - Sn3 - O18$	99.1(2)
		$C27 - Sn1 - C33$	129.0(3)	$C9 - Sn3 - O18$	92.6(2)
		$Sn1i-02-Sn1$	105.49 (17)	$016 - Sn3 - 018$	154.09(16)

Table 2: Geometric parameters (Å and °) of complex 1

Symmetry code: (i) $-x$, $-y$, $-z + 1$.

ladder and two deprotonated pyridine-4-carboxylic ligands. The complex adopts tetranuclear $tin(w)$ ladder-like structure containing two deprotonated ligands linked by three alternate $Sn₂O₂$ four-membered rings. As is shown in 1, the molecular structure is a centrosymmetric ladder-like structure consisting of the $Sn_{4}(\mu_{3}-O_{2}(\mu_{2}-OH)_{2})$ group and two deprotonated ligands. As is the case for other usual tetrameric organostannoxanes (Li et al., 2015), the structure is based on a centrosymmetric $Sn₂O₂$ unit connected to a pair of exocyclic Sn atoms via bridging μ_3 -O atoms. Triply bridged μ_3 -O atoms, which share their electrons with three $tin(w)$ centers, have distorted tetrahedral configurations. All the Sn atoms are five-coordinated, showing a trigonal bipyramid configuration in two different chemical environments: $ShBu₂O₂(OH)$ and $ShBu₂O(OH)[C₅H₄N(p-CO₂)]$. For Sn(1) atom (exocyclic), the basal plane is defined by C(33), C(27), and $O(2)$, and the axial sites occupied by the $O(2i)$ and $O(16)$ atoms, which form an angle of 147.95 (14)°, deviating from a linear arrangement. The carboxylate moiety COO– of the ligand is bonded as a monodentate mode with Sn(3)–O(18) (2.176 Å) way as depicted in Table 2. These bond lengths are in accordance with those of the reported di- n -butyltin(ν) carboxylates (Xiao et al., 2013; Zhu et al., 2011).

Intermolecular O–H···N hydrogen bonds, involving the bridging hydroxy group and the N atom of the ligand, connect the discrete units into a two-dimensional (2D) network (Figure 2). For the O–H···N intermolecular interactions and C–H⋯O intramolecular interactions (Figure 3),

Figure 3: Crystal structure in infinite chain of $[C_5H_4N-(p-CO_2)]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ (1) with intermolecular hydrogen bonds O–H…N (color code: blue) and intramolecular hydrogen bonds C–H⋯O (color code: greenish). Only Cipso of the n-butyl groups are shown for clarity.

Table 3: : Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å and °) of complex 1

D-H--A	D-H	Н…А	D…A	D-H--A	
016-H161--N24 ⁱⁱ C34-H341 018i	0.82(2) 0.98	2.06(4) 2.59	2.810(14) 3.440(14)	153(8) 145	
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x$, $-y$, $-z + 1$; (ii) $x + 1/2$, $-y - 1/2$, $z - 1/2$.					

the H(161) \cdots N(24ii) and H(341) \cdots O(18i) distances are 2.06(4) and 2.59 Å, respectively. The $O(16)$ –H (161) …N $(24ii)$ and C(34)–H(341) \cdots O(18i) angles are 153(8) and 145° (Table 3). The hydrogen-bond geometry is close to the values reported for $[(n-Bu_2Sn)_2(\mu_3-O)(\mu-OH)L]_2$ (Li et al., 2015). The crystallographic study confirms the spectroscopic conclusions.

3.4 Crystal structure of complex 2

The asymmetric unit features linkage of neighboring monomers by hydrogen–bond interactions [C–H⋯O and C–H \cdots π], giving rise to the formation of organotin(IV) aggregate (Figure 4). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) are listed in Table 4. The conformations of the two independent molecules are almost the same, except for small differences in angles and bond lengths. The crystal structure is very similar to that reported by Zhang et al. (2012). The structure is a tetranuclear centrosymmetric dimer of an α oxoditin (w) unit having a central four-member ring composed of $Sn(3)-O(2)-Sn(3ⁱ)-O(2ⁱ)$. In this complex, the central Sn_2O_2 core is fused with two four-member and two six-member rings. The four-member rings, that is, $[Sn₂O₂, i.e.,$ O(28)-Sn(1)-O(2)-Sn(3ⁱ) and O(28ⁱ)-Sn(1ⁱ)-O(2ⁱ)-Sn(3)], are due to the bridging of the monodentate ligand through O atoms, $O(28)$ -Sn(1), and $O(28^I)$ -Sn(1ⁱ), respectively. Two sixmember rings $[Sn₂O₃C; i.e., Sn(1)-O(6)-C(5)-O(4)-Sn(3)-O(2),$ $Sn(1^i) - O(6^i) - C(5^i) - O(4^i) - Sn(3^i) - O(2^i)]$ also overlap central $Sn₂O₂$. As is the case for other usual tetrameric organostannoxane (Li et al., 2015), the structure is based on a centrosymmetric $Sn₂O₂$ unit connected to a pair of exocyclic Sn atoms via bridging μ_3 -O atoms. There are two distinct carboxylate ligands in the structure. The first carboxylate, defined by the $O(4)$ and $O(6)$ atoms, symmetrically bridges the exocyclic Sn(3) and endocyclic Sn(1) atoms. The second carboxylate is a bis-monodentate

Figure 4: The ladder structure of aggregate complex 2 (hydrogen atoms bonded to carbon atoms are omitted, and only the α-carbon of the butyl groups has been drawn for clarity).

Table 4: Geometric parameters (Å and °) of complex 2

Symmetry codes: (i) −x + 1, −y + 1, −z; (ii) −x + 1, −y + 2, −z + 1.

coordinating ligand to the exocyclic Sn(3) and endocyclic Sn() via μ -O(28) atom (Figure 4). The endocyclic Sn(3) exists in a distorted octahedron geometry with the four O atoms $[O(4), O(6), O(2), and O(28i)]$ defining the basal plan. The axial position is occupied by C(20) and C(24) which form an angle C(20)–Sn(3)–C(24) of 143.7 (5) (Table 4). The exocyclic Sn(1) atoms are five coordinated and show distorted trigonal bipyramid geometry with the basal plan defined by the μ_3 –O(2) atom, the C(48) and C(44) atoms. The axial angle of $O(6)$ –Sn(1)–O(28i) is 169.9°(3).

Intermolecular C–H⋯O and C–H⋯π hydrogen bonds are recognized in complex 2, which link the molecular structure into 2D network. For the C–H⋯O interactions, the distances [H…O, in the 2.35–2.60 Å ranges] and [H… π , in the $2.40-2.60 \text{ Å}$ ranges] (Table 5) are all close to the values reported by Li et al. (2015).

Table 5: Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å and °) of complex 2

D-H--A	D-H	H…A	D…A	D-H--A
C12-H121 C61"	0.93	2.40	3.11(3)	134
C19-H191-04	0.93	2.47	3.09(3)	124
C37-H371 030	0.93	2.44	3.05(3)	124
C44-H442 082 ^{III}	0.97	2.60	3.37(3)	136
C79-H791 055	0.93	2.35	3.00(3)	127
C89-H891 082	0.93	2.43	3.05(3)	124
C96-H962 030 ^{iv}	0.97	2.56	3.26(3)	129
C103-H1031 C62	1.05	2.60	3.54(3)	149

Symmetry codes: (ii) $-x+1$, $-y+2$, $-z+1$; (iii) $x, y-1, z$; (iv) $x, y+1, z$.

4 Conclusion

Carboxylate clusters with a $Sn₄O₄$ ladder framework and a centrosymmetric $Sn₂O₂$ dimer as structural motifs have been successfully synthesized and characterized by elemental analyses, FTIR, NMR spectra, and X-ray single-crystal diffraction. These three ladder-shaped organostannoxane compounds reveal rich supramolecular structures as a result of intermolecular hydrogen bonds. In the crystalline state, the center $Sn(w)$ atoms of complexes 1 and 2 adopt five-, six-coordination mode, display trigonal bipyramid and octahedron geometry, and reveal rich supramolecular structures by intermolecular hydrogen–bonding interactions. The carboxylates are either bidentate bridging or monodentate.

Experimental

Synthesis of $[C_5H_4N(p-CO_2)]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4$ $(\mu_3$ -0)₂ $(\mu_2$ -0H)₂ (1)

A methanolic solution containing 0.20 g (0.16 mmol) of pyridine-4-carboxylic acid, $C_5H_4N-(p-CO_2H)$, was added to a methanolic solution which contains 0.1 g (0.32 mmol) of di(n-butyl)dimethoxystannane, $n-Bu_2Sn(OCH_3)_2$. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for more than 4 h. After the slow evaporation of the solvent, a white crystal was collected and characterized as $[C_5H_4N(p-$ CO₂)]₂[Bu₂Sn]₄(μ ₃-O)₂(μ ₂-OH)₂, yield: 60%; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 1,643 ν(OCO)asym, 1,408 ν(OCO)sym, 299 Δν, 1,601/1,557 $vC = C/C = N$, 709 νaSnC₂, 625 νs(Sn–O–Sn), 617 νsSnC₂, 444 vSn-O. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): SnCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, δ = 1.78–1.60 (m, CH₂–CH₂); 1.43–1.25 (m, CH₂); 0.93 $(t, CH₃)$. Ligand, 7.5 (m, aromatic protons), 6.87 (m, aromatic protons). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): SnCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, 31.60 $[Sn-CH₂]$, 28.00 $[CH₂]$, 25.31 $[CH₂]$, 15.23 $[CH₃]$. Carbons of the ligands, 167.41 (CO₂); 130.6, 128.61, 127.83 (aromatic carbons). Anal. calc. for: $C_{46}H_{86}N_2O_8Sn_4$ (1,241.91): C, 42.53%; H, 6.50%; N, 2.20%. Found: C 42.55%; H, 6.65%; N, 2.26%.

Synthesis of $[Ph_2CHCO_2]_4[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2$ (2)

The preparation of $[Ph_2CHCO_2]_4[Bu_2Sn]_4(u_3-O_2)$ is similar to that of complex 1 with diphenylacetic acid 0.20 g (0.11 mmol) as carboxylate ligand 1:1 molar ratio. The mixture was stirred for around 3 h at room temperature and upon slow solvent evaporation, white-colored, prismatic crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis have grown. Yield: 64%; IR (ATR, cm⁻¹): 1,550 $v(\text{OCO})_{\text{asym}}$, 1,386/1,497 $v(OCO)_{sym}$, 254/143 Δν, 1,571 νC=C, 709 νaSnC₂, 623 vs(Sn-O-Sn), 615 vsSnC₂, 436 vSn-O. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): $SnCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$, $\delta = 1.86$ (m, CH_2-CH_2); 1.59 (m, CH₂); 0.92 (t, CH₃). Ligand, 7.8 (s, CH), 7.5 (m, aromatic protons), 6.60 (m, aromatic protons). ¹³C NMR $(CDCl_3, ppm)$: SnCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, 28.7[Sn–CH₂], 26.5[CH₂], 27.7[CH₂], 13.5[CH₃]. Carbons of the ligands, 175.1 (CO₂₎; 153.1 (CH); 128.64, 127.56, 127.17 (aromatic carbons). Anal. calc. for: $C_{88}H_{116}O_{10}Sn_4$ (1,808.7): C, 58.75%; H, 6.44%. Found: C, 58.44%; H, 6.44%.

Synthesis of $[(p-NH_2)-C_6H_4-CO_2]$ $[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_2-OH)_2$ (3)

The preparation of $[(p-NH_2)-C_6H_4-CO_2]_2[Bu_2Sn]_4(\mu_3-O)_2$ $(\mu_2$ -OH)₂ (3) followed that of complex 1, with $(p\text{-}NH_2)\text{-}G_6H_4\text{-}CO_2$ 0.21 g (0.16 mmol) used as carboxylic acid in 1:2 molar ratio. The mixture was stirred for around 3 h at room temperature, and upon slow solvent evaporation, a white powder resulted. Yield: 53%; IR (ATR, cm−¹): 1,623 $ν({\rm OCO})_{\rm asym}$, 1,350 $ν({\rm OCO})_{\rm sym}$, 273 Δν, 1,588 $νC=C/C=N$, 630 vs(Sn-O-Sn), 701 vaSnC₂, 613 vsSnC₂, 433 vSn-O. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): SnCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, δ = 1.70–1.65 (m, CH_2-CH_2) ; 1.35–1.20 (m, CH_2) ; 0.95 (t, CH_3) . Ligand, 7.5 (m, aromatic protons); 6.87 (m, aromatic protons). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, ppm): SnCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃, 31.46[Sn–CH₂], 29.32[CH₂], 26.36[CH₂], 14.10[CH₃]. Carbons of the ligands, 179.34 (CO₂); 128.64, 127.56, 127.17 (aromatic carbons). Anal. calc. for: $C_{46}H_{86}N_2O_8Sn_4$ (1,270.02): C, 43.50%; H, 6.83%; N, 2.21%. Found: C, 42.75%; H, 6.53%; N, 2.40%.

Materials and methods

Synthesis and spectroscopic materials

Pyridine-4-carboxylic acid, p-aminobenzoic acid, diphenylacetic acid, $n-\text{Bu}_2\text{Sn}(\text{OCH}_3)$, and solvents were obtained from Aldrich and were used without further purification. Elemental analysis (C, H, and N) was performed using a Perkin–Elmer model 2400 CHN elemental analyzer. IR spectra in the range 4,000–400 cm^{-1} were recorded using FT-IR spectrophotometer Nicolet 710 TF-IR operated by the $OMNIC$ software. ${}^{1}H$ and ${}^{13}C$ NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ solution on BRUKER DPX-300 and BRUKER AVANCE II 400 spectrometers with Topspin 2.1 as software. The spectra were acquired at room temperature (298 K). ¹³C NMR spectra are broadband-proton-decoupled. The chemical shifts were reported in ppm with respect to the references and were stated relative to external tetramethylsilane for 1 H and 13 C NMR.

X-Ray crystallography

The X-ray crystallographic data were collected using a Rigaku Oxford-Diffraction Gemini-S diffractometer. All data were collected with graphite monochromated Mo-Kα radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$) at 175 K. CrysAlis PRO (released on August 13, 2014, CrysAlis171.NET) (compiled on August 13, 2014, 18:06:01); cell refinement: CrysAlis PRO, Agilent Technologies, Version 1.171.37.35 (released on August 13, 2014, CrysAlis171.NET) (compiled on August 13, 2014, 18:06:01); data reduction: CrysAlis PRO, Agilent Technologies, Version 1.171.37.35 (released on August 18, 2014, CrysAlis171.NET) (compiled on August 13, 2014, 18:06:01); program(s) used to solve structure: Superflip (Palatinus and Chapuis, 2007); program(s) used to refine structure: CRYSTALS (Betteridge et al., 2003); molecular graphics: CAMERON (Watkin et al., 1996). Programs used for the representation of the molecular and crystal structures were Olex2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009) and Mercury (Macrae et al., 2008).

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