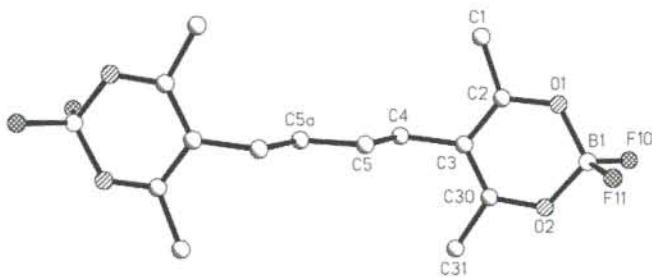


Crystal structure of (Z,Z)-3,8-bis[1-(difluoroboryloxy)ethylidene]decane-2,9-dione, C₁₀H₁₄O₂(C₂H₃OBf₂)₂

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**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	colourless lath, size 0.55 × 0.25 × 0.15 mm
Wavelength:	Mo K α radiation (0.71073 Å)
μ :	1.20 cm ⁻¹
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Siemens P4, ω
2 $\theta_{\max}$:	55°
$N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$, $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$:	2185, 1935
Criterion for F_{obs} , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$:	$F_{\text{obs}} > 3 \sigma(F_{\text{obs}})$, 1115
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$:	109
Program:	SHELXTL-plus [4]

Abstract

C₁₄H₂₀B₂F₄O₄, monoclinic, $P12_1/n1$ (No. 14), $a = 7.691(1)$ Å, $b = 11.482(2)$ Å, $c = 9.997(1)$ Å, $\beta = 106.22(1)^\circ$, $V = 847.7$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.093$, $wR(F) = 0.095$, $T = 293$ K.

Source of material

The title compound was prepared, according to the general method by Mao and Hauser [1], by conversion of decane-2,9-dione into the enol acetate with a large excess of acetic anhydride (= solvent) in the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, followed by the addition of the complex consisting of boron trifluoride and two moles of acetic acid, and stirring of the mixture for 48 h at 293 K – 298 K. Workup with ice-water gave a light-brown powder (93%). Recrystallization from formic acid afforded colourless needles, mp 538 K – 542 K [2]. The precursor of the title compound, decane-2,9-dione, was obtained in 83% yield, according to the general method by Reynolds and Hauser [3], from octanedioic chloride and the magnesium enolate of diethyl malonate [2].

Table 2. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U_{iso}
H(1A)	4e	–0.4306(8)	0.3013(5)	1.0320(6)	0.08
H(1B)	4e	–0.3439(8)	0.4212(5)	1.0116(6)	0.08
H(1C)	4e	–0.2631(8)	0.3486(5)	1.1476(6)	0.08
H(4A)	4e	–0.5072(7)	0.1775(5)	0.8953(5)	0.08
H(4B)	4e	–0.4520(7)	0.0785(5)	0.8071(5)	0.08
H(5A)	4e	–0.38607	0.07364	1.09911	0.08
H(5B)	4e	–0.31492	–0.02162	1.01745	0.08
H(31A)	4e	–0.2580(8)	–0.0082(5)	0.7615(5)	0.08
H(31B)	4e	–0.0496(8)	–0.0336(5)	0.8132(5)	0.08
H(31C)	4e	–0.1292(8)	0.0388(5)	0.6768(5)	0.08

Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{12}	U_{13}	U_{23}
O(1)	4e	–0.0397(5)	0.3349(3)	0.9996(4)	0.056(2)	0.058(2)	0.084(2)	–0.013(2)	0.025(2)	–0.011(2)
C(1)	4e	–0.3193(8)	0.3440(5)	1.0491(6)	0.074(4)	0.065(4)	0.087(4)	–0.004(3)	0.039(3)	–0.006(3)
B(1)	4e	0.1069(8)	0.2862(6)	0.9502(7)	0.053(4)	0.071(4)	0.068(4)	–0.011(3)	0.019(3)	–0.005(3)
O(2)	4e	0.0469(5)	0.1801(3)	0.8649(3)	0.056(2)	0.067(2)	0.070(2)	–0.010(2)	0.024(2)	–0.014(2)
C(2)	4e	–0.1940(7)	0.2836(4)	0.9829(5)	0.055(3)	0.053(3)	0.059(3)	0.001(2)	0.023(2)	0.004(2)
C(3)	4e	–0.2397(6)	0.1793(4)	0.9079(4)	0.058(3)	0.048(3)	0.048(3)	–0.007(2)	0.019(2)	0.003(2)
C(4)	4e	–0.4177(7)	0.1195(5)	0.8942(5)	0.055(3)	0.062(3)	0.062(3)	–0.010(3)	0.014(2)	–0.000(3)
C(5)	4e	–0.4132(7)	0.0333(5)	1.0088(5)	0.060(3)	0.057(3)	0.075(3)	–0.009(3)	0.022(3)	0.008(3)
F(11)	4e	0.2428(5)	0.2507(4)	1.0649(4)	0.079(3)	0.135(3)	0.105(3)	0.014(3)	0.003(2)	–0.044(3)
F(10)	4e	0.1682(6)	0.3632(3)	0.8748(4)	0.158(4)	0.084(3)	0.145(4)	–0.045(3)	0.098(3)	–0.013(2)
C(30)	4e	–0.1118(7)	0.1328(4)	0.8509(5)	0.063(3)	0.051(3)	0.052(3)	–0.005(3)	0.015(2)	0.006(2)
C(31)	4e	–0.1397(8)	0.0225(5)	0.7684(5)	0.091(4)	0.065(3)	0.079(4)	–0.005(3)	0.030(4)	–0.015(3)

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