

Synthesis and structure of bis(bromoacetate) tris-(meta-tolyl)bismuth

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Abstract

Reaction of tris-(meta-tolyl)bismuth with bromoacetic acid in the presence of a tertiary butyl hydroperoxide in ether resulted in obtaining bis(bromoacetate) tris-(meta-tolyl)bismuth (**I**). According to the X-ray data, bismuth atoms in the two crystallographically independent molecules **Ia** and **Ib** have a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination (angles OBiO and CBiC are 173.4(4)° and 109.4(5)-139.1(4)° (**a**), 172.7(3)° and 109.2(5)-140.1(5)° (**b**). The bond lengths Bi–C and Bi–O are equal to 2.174(12)-2.222(12) Å and 2.266(9)-2.307(9) Å. Carbonyl oxygen atoms are located opposite the largest angle of the equatorial CbiC (109.4(5), 111.3(4), 139.1(4)° (**a**) and 109.2(5), 110.7(5), 140.1(5)° (**b**).