

# Triphenylantimony and Pentaphenylantimony as the Starting Compounds for the Synthesis of Antimony(V) Phenyl Derivatives. Structure of Triphenylantimony, Bis(3,4-difluorobenzoato)triphenylantimony and Tetraphenylantimony Carbonate

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**Abstract**—The structure of triphenylantimony (**I**) was determined more accurately. Bis(3,4-difluorobenzoato)triphenylantimony  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sb}[\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{F}_2-3,4]_2$  (**III**) was obtained by the reaction of equimolar amounts of pentaphenylantimony solvate ( $\text{Ph}_5\text{Sb}\cdot 0.5\text{PhH}$ ) (**II**) with 3,4-difluorobenzoic acid in benzene and characterized. The structure of the triclinic tetraphenylantimony carbonate (**IV**) was also determined more accurately. According to X-ray diffraction data (CCDC nos. 2117872 (**I**), 121388 (**III**), 2121833 (**IV**)), the crystals were characterized as follows.  $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{30}\text{Sb}_2$  (**I**):  $a = 10.941(11)$ ,  $b = 11.825(16)$ ,  $c = 13.747(13)$  Å;  $\alpha = 102.57(5)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 104.22(5)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 108.35(6)^\circ$ ;  $V = 1550(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>;  $Z = 2$ .  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{F}_4\text{Sb}$  (**III**):  $a = 12.652(5)$ ,  $b = 22.466(10)$ ,  $c = 11.561(5)$  Å;  $\beta = 120.027(15)^\circ$ ;  $V = 2845(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>;  $Z = 4$ .  $\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_3\text{Sb}_2$  (**IV**):  $a = 10.093(4)$ ,  $b = 13.994(5)$ ,  $c = 15.665(6)$  Å;  $\alpha = 73.917(15)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 79.76(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 74.312(15)^\circ$ ;  $V = 2034.0(13)$  Å<sup>3</sup>;  $Z = 2$ . The antimony atoms in **III** have a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination, with the oxygen atoms being located in axial positions ( $\text{OSbO}$ ,  $174.13(12)^\circ$ ;  $\text{Sb—C}$ ,  $2.101(3)$ – $2.118(4)$  Å;  $\text{Sb—O}$ ,  $2.118(3)$  Å). The structural organization in the crystals of **III** and **IV** is formed by weak  $\text{O}\cdots\text{H—C}$  intermolecular contacts (2.49 and 2.56 Å, respectively).

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## INTRODUCTION

An efficient method for the synthesis of pentavalent antimony compounds is the oxidative addition reactions in which aryl derivatives of pentavalent antimony  $\text{Ar}_3\text{SbX}_2$  are formed from antimony triaryl compounds, acid  $\text{HX}$ , and a peroxide. This reaction was performed for the first time to prepare triphenylantimony diacetate from triphenylantimony, acetic acid, and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  [1]. This approach was also utilized to obtain triphenylantimony dicarboxylates [2], triphenylantimony dioximates [3], and other pentavalent antimony derivatives  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SbX}_2$  [4].

The structure of the basic reagent for the preparation of phenyl derivatives of pentavalent antimony has been studied previously [5]; however, only in this study, we were able to more accurately determine structural features of triphenylantimony (**I**). According to X-ray diffraction data, the antimony atoms in two crystallographically independent triphenylanti-

mony molecules have a tetragonal coordination, with the phenyl carbon atoms and the lone pair of electrons being located at the tetrahedron vertices (Fig. 1, Table 1). The  $\text{Sb—C}$  bond lengths and  $\text{CSbC}$  angles are  $2.148(3)$ – $2.166(3)$  Å and  $95.12(13)^\circ$ – $97.87(11)^\circ$ , respectively.

An equally important phenyl derivative of antimony is pentaphenylantimony (**II**), the first synthesis of which was reported in 1952 [6], while its structural features were studied somewhat later [7–10]. It is known that pentaphenylantimony is a precursor for the preparation of numerous phenyl derivatives of  $\text{Sb(V)}$  [4]. As a rule, monocarboxylic acids easily detach one phenyl group from **II** [11–15] to give tetraphenylantimony carboxylates, which, in turn, form adducts  $\text{Ph}_4\text{SbOC(O)R}\cdot\text{HOC(O)R}$  with the acids [16]. Depending on the reactant ratio, the reactions of dicarboxylic acids may be accompanied by replace-

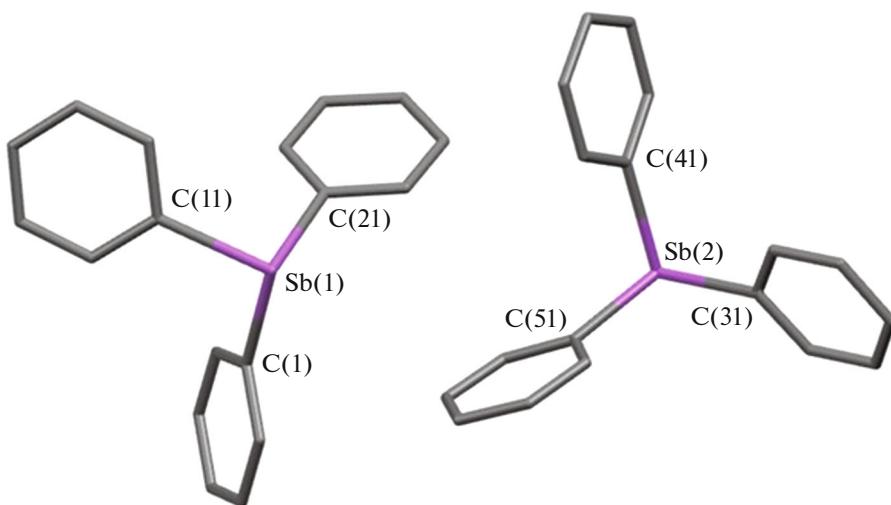
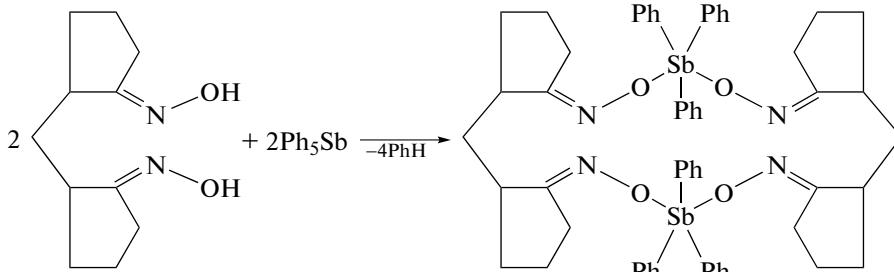


Fig. 1. Structure of compound I.

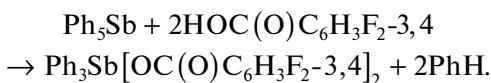
ment of one or two active hydrogen atoms in carboxyl groups [17–19].

It was shown that methylene-2,2'-dicyclopentanone dioxime reacts with pentaphenylantimony under drastic conditions (90°C, 5 h) at a reactant molar ratio

of 1 : 2, respectively, to give a macrocyclic organoantimony compound, bis- $\mu$ -[(methylene-2,2'-dicyclopentanonedioximato)triphenylantimony], in which symmetrical dioxime radicals alternate with triphenylantimony structural blocks [20].



Here we describe a similar case of elimination of two phenyl substituents from pentaphenylantimony on treatment with 3,4-difluorobenzoic acid, giving bis(3,4-difluorobenzoato)triphenylantimony (**III**), despite the equimolar ratio of the starting reactants.



The IR spectrum of compound **III** exhibits a medium-intensity absorption band at 428 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to the Sb–C stretching modes. The presence of the carbonyl group is manifested as a strong C=O stretching band at 1634 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The bands corresponding to the  $\nu(\text{C–O})$  vibrations in carboxylate ligands occur at 1333 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The IR spectrum of **III** also shows characteristic stretching bands for the carbon skeleton of aromatic moieties at 1508, 1481, and 1425 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The C<sub>Ar</sub>–H stretching mode is manifested as a medium-

intensity band at 3022 cm<sup>-1</sup>; the out-of-plane C<sub>Ar</sub>–H bending mode gives rise to bands at 823, 794, and 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>; the in-plane bending mode of the same bond is responsible for the bands at 1113, 1065, and 1022 cm<sup>-1</sup> [21–23].

According to X-ray diffraction data, the antimony atoms in the centrosymmetric molecules of **III** have a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination in which the carboxylate oxygen atoms occupy axial positions (Fig. 2).

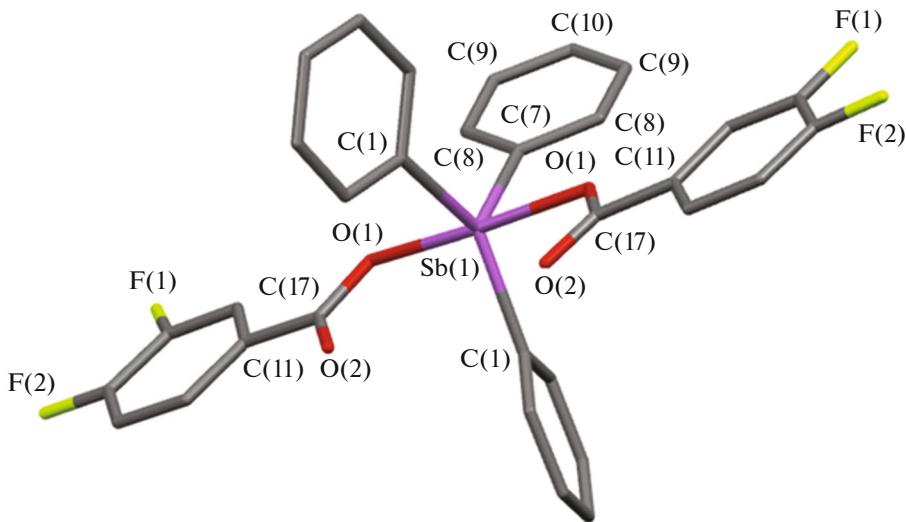
The sum of the CSbC angles in the equatorial plane of the molecule is 359.96(11)°, while the axial OSbO angle is 174.13(12)°; the antimony atom does not deviate from the equatorial plane. The aryl ligands have a propeller-like conformation relative to the [C<sub>3</sub>] equatorial plane. The dihedral angles between the benzene ring planes and the equatorial plane are 20.20° [C(1)–C(6)] and 78.01° [C(7)–C(10)]. The Sb–C bonds have similar lengths, 2.101(3) Å and 2.118(4) Å, while

**Table 1.** Crystallographic data and X-ray experiment and structure refinement details for the structures of **I**, **III**, **IV**

Parameter	Value		
	<b>I</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>
Formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>30</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>4</sub> F <sub>4</sub> Sb	C <sub>49</sub> H <sub>40</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub>
<i>M</i>	706.10	667.24	920.31
<i>T</i> , K	293	293	293
System	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 	<i>C</i> 2/c	<i>P</i> 
<i>a</i> , Å	10.941(11)	12.652(5)	10.093(4)
<i>b</i> , Å	11.825(16)	22.466(10)	13.994(5)
<i>c</i> , Å	13.747(13)	11.561(5)	15.665(6)
α, deg	102.57(5)	90.00	73.917(15)
β, deg	104.22(5)	120.027(15)	79.76(2)
γ, deg	108.35(6)	90.00	74.312(15)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	1550(3)	2845(2)	2034.0(13)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	2
ρ(calcd.), g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.513	1.558	1.503
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.764	1.032	1.369
<i>F</i> (000)	696.0	1328.0	920.0
Crystal size, mm	0.5 × 0.44 × 0.11	0.5 × 0.45 × 0.12	0.26 × 0.22 × 0.05
Data collection range of 2θ, deg	5.74–54.42	6.6–54.32	5.802–54.44
Ranges of reflection indices	−13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, −15 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 15, −17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17	−16 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16, −28 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 28, −14 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 14	−12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, −17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, −20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20
Number of measured reflections	37455	27275	50553
Number of unique reflections	6837	3163	9006
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0252	0.0291	0.0333
Number of refinement variables	343	187	477
GOOF	1.121	1.107	1.066
<i>R</i> -factors on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0257, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0605	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0372, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1058	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0239, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0522
<i>R</i> -factors for all reflections	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0330, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0652	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0425, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1124	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0349, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0572
Residual electron density (min/max), e/Å <sup>3</sup>	−0.84/0.23	−0.53/1.61	−0.43/0.77

the Sb–O distances (2.118(3) Å) are comparable with the Sb–O covalent bond lengths (2.05 Å [24]). The carboxyl group planes are virtually coplanar (the angle between them is 5.24°), while the carboxylate ligands in **III** are arranged in such a way that the intramolecular Sb···O(=C) contacts are formed within the greatest equatorial CSbC angle (137.6(2)°); this is typical of most structurally characterized triarylantimony dicarboxylates [5]. The bidentate carboxylate ligands are symmetrically coordinated to the metal, with the intramolecular Sb···O(=C) distances being 3.014(5) Å, which is smaller than the sum of the Sb and O van der Waals radii (3.58 Å [25]).

Pentaphenylantimony reacts with oxygen [26] and carbon dioxide [27]. Bis(tetraphenylantimony) carbonate isolated in the latter study can react with tetraphenylstibonium salts by adding one more cation via the change in the structural function of the carbonate group from μ<sub>2</sub>-chelating bridging to μ<sub>3</sub>-bridging one, thus giving ionic complexes with tris(tetraphenylstiboxy)methylum cation [28]. Indeed, crystallization of the products formed in the reaction between pentaphenylantimony and 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfonic acid from a benzene–octane mixture in air gives not only the target tetraphenylantimony 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfonate (formed in 32% yield), but also the sol-



**Fig. 2.** Structure of compound **III** (the hydrogen atoms are omitted).

vate of the ionic antimony complex containing a three-coordinate carbon atom in the cation,  $[(\text{Ph}_4\text{SbO})_3\text{Cl}]^+[\text{OSO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{NO}_2)_2\text{-2,4}]^- \cdot 3\text{PhH}$ . The cation has a nearly planar  $\text{CO}_3\text{Sb}_3$  central moiety. The  $\text{OCO}$  and  $\text{COSb}$  angles are close to  $120^\circ$ , the  $\text{C}-\text{O}$  bonds vary in the  $1.277(4)$ – $1.290(3)$  Å range, and the  $\text{Sb}-\text{O}$  distances ( $2.266(2)$ – $2.299(2)$  Å) are longer than the sum of the  $\text{Sb}$  and  $\text{O}$  covalent radii. A minor product is bis(tetraphenylantimony) carbonate (**IV**); in the authors' opinion, particularly this compound is converted to the ionic complex; therefore, it was of interest to study the structure of tetraphenylantimony carbonate in more detail.

Here we determined more accurately the structure of triclinic tetraphenylantimony carbonate **IV**, which was solved previously to the accuracy  $R = 4.9\%$  [29]. The results of our study of **IV** were more accurate ( $R = 3.7\%$ ) than in [28]. The coordination polyhedra of the two antimony atoms in **IV** are different: one antimony atom has a trigonal bipyramidal environment ( $\text{OSb}-\text{C}_{\text{ax}}$ ,  $176.38(8)^\circ$ ), while the other atom has a distorted octahedral environment (*trans*-angles:  $\text{CSbO}$ ,  $154.59(8)^\circ$ ;  $157.47(8)^\circ$  (Fig. 3)).

The variation range of the  $\text{Sb}-\text{C}$  bond lengths in **IV** is  $2.0992(15)$ – $2.634(2)$  Å, and the  $\text{Sb}-\text{O}$  distances vary in the  $2.1844(17)$ – $2.3104(17)$  Å range; this is greater than the sum of the covalent radii of these elements [27]. The  $\text{C}-\text{O}$  bond lengths in the carbonate groups are  $1.281(3)$  Å,  $1.277(3)$  Å, and  $1.296(3)$  Å, with a shorter  $\text{Sb}-\text{O}$  bond corresponding to longer  $\text{C}-\text{O}$  bond.

## EXPERIMENTAL

**Synthesis of the benzene solvate  $\text{Ph}_5\text{Sb} \cdot 0.5\text{PhH}$  (II)** was performed by recrystallization of pentaphenylan-

timony from benzene. The product was formed as colorless crystals with  $T_{\text{dec}} = 135.5$  °C.

For  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{F}_4\text{Sb}$

Anal. calcd., %	C, 72.49	H, 5.13
Found, %	C, 72.41	H, 5.19

**Synthesis of bis(3,4-difluorobenzoato)triphenylantimony  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sb}[\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{F}_2\text{-3,4}]_2$  (III).** A mixture of pentaphenylantimony benzene solvate (0.150 g, 0.27 mmol) and 3,4-difluorobenzoic acid (0.043 g, 0.27 mmol) in benzene (10 mL) was heated for 5 min at 80°C and cooled down to room temperature; then octane (2 mL) was added. After 24 h, colorless crystals of **III** were isolated in 0.06 g (41%).  $T_{\text{dec}} = 134$  °C.

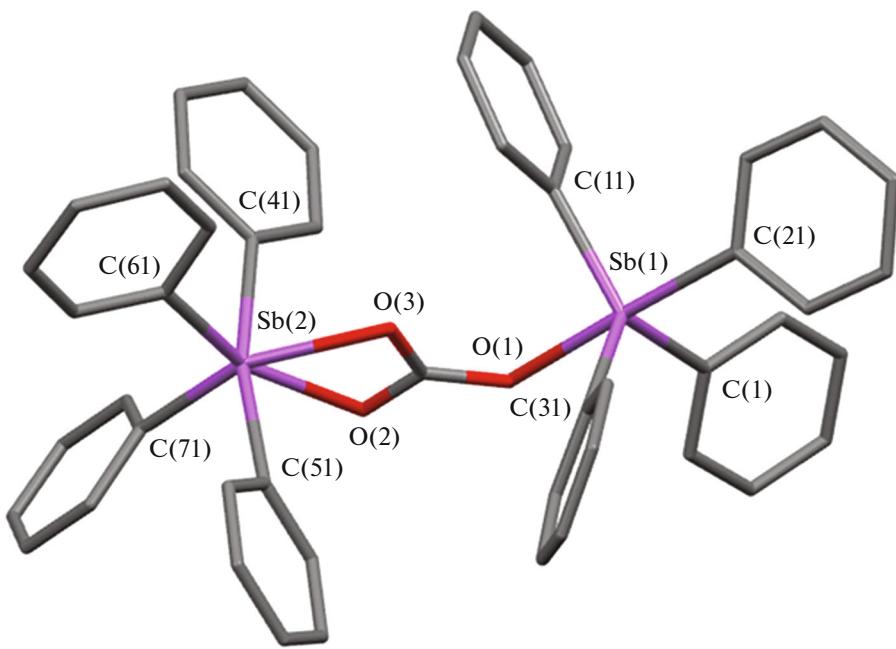
IR ( $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3022, 2953, 1634, 1599, 1508, 1481, 1425, 1333, 1273, 1227, 1200, 1113, 1065, 1023, 997, 937, 901, 839, 802, 779, 770, 733, 692, 638, 546, 489, 451, 428.

For  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{F}_4\text{Sb}$

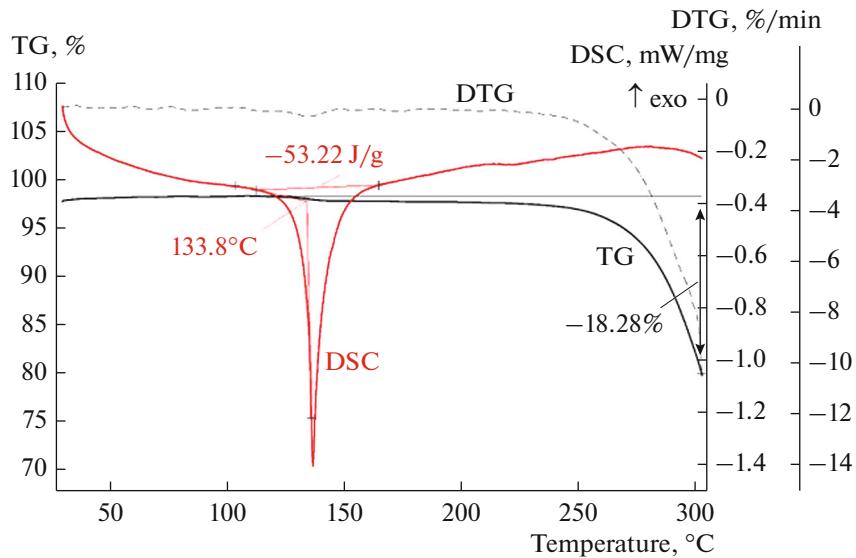
Anal. calcd., %	C, 57.55	H, 3.15
Found, %	C, 57.37	H, 3.21

Elemental analysis for C and H was carried out on a Carlo Erba CHNS-O EA 1108 analyzer. The IR spectrum of compound **III** was recorded on a Shimadzu IRAffinity-1S FT IR spectrometer in KBr pellets in the 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range. The melting points were measured on a Netzsch 449C Jupiter simultaneous thermal analyzer. The DTG and DSC curves for sample **III** are shown in Fig. 4.

**X-ray diffraction** analysis of the crystals was carried out on a D8 QUEST Bruker four-circle automated diffractometer ( $\text{MoK}_\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å,



**Fig. 3.** Structure of compound **IV** (the hydrogen atoms are omitted).



**Fig. 4.** DTG and DSC curves for sample **III**.

graphite monochromator). The data collection and editing and refinement of unit cell parameters were performed and the absorption corrections were applied using the SMART and SAINT-Plus software [30]. All calculations for structure determination and refinement were carried out using the SHELXL/PC [31] and OLEX2 [32] programs. The structures were solved by the direct methods and refined by the least-squares method in the anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atom positions

were refined by the riding model ( $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{equiv}}(\text{C})$ ). The crystal data and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 1, and geometrical characteristics of the antimony coordination polyhedron are given in Table 2.

Thus, bis(3,4-difluorobenzoato)triphenylantimony (**III**) was obtained by the reaction of equimolar amounts of the solvate ( $\text{Ph}_5\text{Sb}\cdot 0.5\text{PhH}$ ) and 3,4-difluorobenzoic acid in benzene and structurally characterized. The structures of triphenylantimony and

**Table 2.** Bond lengths and bond angles of compounds **I**, **III**, and **IV**

Bond	<i>d</i> , Å	Angle	$\omega$ , deg
<b>I</b>			
Sb(1)–C(1)	2.163(3)	C(11)Sb(1)C(1)	95.87(11)
Sb(1)–C(11)	2.155(3)	C(11)Sb(1)C(21)	95.55(11)
Sb(1)–C(21)	2.158(4)	C(21)Sb(1)C(1)	97.46(14)
Sb(2)–C(51)	2.148(3)	C(51)Sb(2)C(31)	97.65(12)
Sb(2)–C(31)	2.165(3)	C(51)Sb(2)C(41)	95.12(13)
Sb(2)–C(41)	2.166(3)	C(31)Sb(2)C(41)	95.43(12)
<b>III</b>			
Sb(1)–O(1)	2.118(3)	O(1)Sb(1)O(1) <sup>1</sup>	174.13(12)
Sb(1)–O(1) <sup>1</sup>	2.118(3)	C(1) <sup>1</sup> Sb(1)C(7)	111.18(11)
Sb(1)–C(7)	2.118(4)	C(1)Sb(1)C(7)	111.18(11)
Sb(1)–C(1)	2.101(3)	C(1) <sup>1</sup> Sb(1)C(1)	137.6(2)
Sb(1)…O(2)	3.014(5)	C(1)Sb(1)O(1) <sup>1</sup>	91.87(13)

Symmetry codes: <sup>1</sup> 2 – *x*, *y*, 3/2 – *z*.

<b>IV</b>			
Sb(1)–C(31)	2.117(3)	C(31)Sb(1)C(1)	115.22(11)
Sb(1)–O(1)	2.2505(17)	C(11)Sb(1)C(1)	116.55(9)
Sb(1)–C(1)	2.119(2)	C(21)Sb(1)O(1)	176.38(8)
Sb(1)–C(11)	2.0992(15)	C(51)Sb(2)C(41)	167.09(9)
Sb(1)–C(21)	2.168(3)	C(71)Sb(2)O(3)	154.59(8)
Sb(2)–O(3)	2.3104(17)	C(71)Sb(2)C(7)	125.66(8)
Sb(2)–O(2)	2.1844(17)	C(61)Sb(2)O(2)	157.47(8)
Sb(2)–C(51)	2.169(2)	C(61)Sb(2)C(51)	92.76(10)
Sb(2)–C(71)	2.162(2)	C(61)Sb(2)C(71)	106.18(10)
Sb(2)–C(7)	2.634(2)	C(61)Sb(2)C(7)	128.14(9)
Sb(2)–C(61)	2.162(3)	C(61)Sb(2)C(41)	91.79(10)
Sb(2)–C(41)	2.173(2)	C(41)Sb(2)C(7)	84.92(8)

triclinic tetraphenylantimony carbonate were determined more accurately.

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The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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