# Synthesis and characterization of new $(\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B})$ phenyl substituted $\left[\mathrm{N}\right.$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.O, O^{\prime}, N\right]$ boranes 

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#### Abstract

The synthesis of nine $(\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B})$ phenyl substituted[ N -benzyliminodiacetate- $\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O}^{\prime}, \mathrm{N}$ ]boranes $\mathbf{3 a - 3 i}$ is reported herein. These compounds were characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C},{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$, HETCOR, NOESY, infrared spectroscopy, mass spectrometry and in the case of compounds $\mathbf{3 d}$ and $\mathbf{3 g}$ also by ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR. All compounds exhibit a bicyclic structure due to the presence of an intramolecular $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ coordination bond. The structure of 4-chlorophenyl[ N -benzyliminodiacetate-O,O',N]borane $\mathbf{3 e}$ was further established by a single crystal x-ray diffraction study. The correlation between $\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ of compounds 3a, $\mathbf{3 d} \mathbf{- 3 i}$ and $\sigma_{\text {Hammett }}$ values shows that the strength of the $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ bond depends on the electronic factors of the substituent on the B-phenyl group.


Keywords: Boranes, iminodiacetic acid, NMR, arylboranes and $\sigma_{\text {Hammett. }}$.

## Introduction

There is considerable interest in boron heterocycles derived from aminoacids due to their potential use for biological studies. Cyclic boron compounds, mainly phenyl derivatives exhibit cytotoxic activity ${ }^{1-5}$ and have application in boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT) for the treatment of brain tumors ${ }^{6,7}$ and melanomas. ${ }^{8}$ We have been interested in the synthesis, characterization, structural analysis and reactivity of boron heterocycles derived from iminodiacetic acid and N -substitued imino- and aminodiacetic acids. ${ }^{9-14}$ Herein, we describe the synthesis of nine new $(\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B})$ phenyl substituted[ N -benzyliminodiacetate-O, $\left.\mathrm{O}^{\prime}, \mathrm{N}\right]$ boranes, 3a$\mathbf{3 i}$, where the phenyl group is substituted at the meta and para positions. Compounds 3a-3i were prepared by the reaction of N -benzyliminodiacetic acid 1 and phenyl substituted boronic acids $\mathbf{2 a - 2 i}$ in a 1:1 molar ratio (Scheme 1). All Compounds were characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C},{ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR,

HETCOR, NOESY, infrared spectroscopy and mass spectroscopy, in addition, for compounds $\mathbf{3 d}$ and $\mathbf{3 g}$ the ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectra were also obtained.

## Results and Discussion

The reaction of N -benzyliminodiacetic acid $\mathbf{1}$ with substituted phenylboronic acids $\mathbf{2 a - 2} \mathbf{i}$ in a $1: 1$ ratio, led to $(\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B})$ phenyl substituted[ N -benzyliminodiacetate- $\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O}$ ', N ]boranes 3a-3i (Scheme 1). Compounds 3a-3i were obtained as white solids.


## Scheme 1

## NMR spectroscopy

The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra in DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ of compounds 3a-3i clearly show the AB coupling pattern for the diastereotopic $\mathrm{H}-2$ protons, which evidences the presence of the intramolecular $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ coordination bond as has been observed for analogous compounds. ${ }^{9-21}$ The $\mathrm{H}-3$ benzylic protons exhibit a single signal between 3.75 and 3.87 ppm (Table 1 ). The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 3d shows a doublet of doublets for $\mathrm{H}-9$ and a triplet signal for $\mathrm{H}-10$ due to coupling with ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$. The $\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right)$ NOESY spectra show correlation between $\mathrm{H}-2_{\mathrm{A}}$ and $\mathrm{H}-9_{\text {arom }}$ with $\mathrm{H}-3$, which indicates that the $\mathrm{H}-2_{\mathrm{A}}$ protons are exo and $\mathrm{H}-9$ is close to the $\mathrm{H}-3$ benzylic protons.

The $\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ values (Table 1) confirm the tetrahedral environment of the B nucleus, since they lie in the range reported previously for analogous boron heterocycles. ${ }^{9-21}$ Comparison of the $\delta \quad\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ values for compounds $\mathbf{3 a - 3 i}$ with the unsubstituted ( $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ ) phenyl $[\mathrm{N}$ -benzyliminodiacetate-O, $\left.\mathrm{O}^{\prime}, \mathrm{N}\right]$ borane $\left[12.5 \mathrm{ppm}\right.$ ], ${ }^{11}$ shows that: a) electron donating substituent at para position (3a) decrease the $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ coordination bond, while electron-withdrawing groups ( $\mathbf{3 b}, \mathbf{3 d} \mathbf{- 3 f}$ ) strengthens this bond; b) electron-withdrawing groups at the meta position (3g-3i)
increase the $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ coordination bond. This shows that $\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ is sensitive to inductive and resonance factors and there should exist a correlation with $\sigma_{\text {Hammett }}$ values. ${ }^{22}$

Table 1. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR data of 3a-3i: $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ and $\delta_{\mathrm{B}}[\mathrm{ppm}]$ and coupling constants $J[\mathrm{~Hz}]$

|  |  | R <br> 1 | $\begin{align*} & { }^{14}-\mathrm{C}_{3}  \tag{3d}\\ = & 14-\mathrm{CHO} \\ = & p-\mathrm{O}^{14} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{H}_{3} \end{align*}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} p-\mathrm{F} & \text { 3g: } \mathrm{R}={ }^{14}-\mathrm{CF}_{3} \\ p-\mathrm{Cl} & \text { 3h: } \mathrm{R}=m-\mathrm{NO}_{2} \\ p-\mathrm{Br} & \text { 3i: } \mathrm{R}=m-\mathrm{Cl} \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compound | H-2 | H-3 | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ | B- $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{R}$ | $\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ |
| 3a | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4016 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.9116 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.75 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-5 \text { 7.57-7-60 } \\ \mathrm{H}-6,7 \text { 7.40-7.44 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-9,137.487 .7^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-10,127.237 .7^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-142.33 \end{gathered}$ | +12.9 |
| 3b | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4716 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.9616 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.82 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-57.58-7-60 \\ \mathrm{H}-6,77.40-7.42 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-9,137.958 .0^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-10,127.848 .0^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-1410.07 \end{gathered}$ | +12.4 |
| 3c | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.3516 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.8616 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.75 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-5 \text { 7.55-7-57 } \\ \mathrm{H}-6,7 \text { 7.40-7.42 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-9,137.508 .4^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-10,126.978 .4^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-143.75 \end{gathered}$ | +12.0 |
| 3d | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4116 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.9116 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.79 | $\begin{gathered} \text { H-5 7.55-7-60 } \\ \text { H-6,7 7.40-7.47 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-9,137.639 .0^{\mathrm{b}} 6.4^{\mathrm{c}} \\ \mathrm{H}-10,127.249 .0^{\mathrm{b}} \end{gathered}$ | +12.2 |
| 3 e | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4016 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.9016 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.79 | $\begin{gathered} \text { H-5 7.56-7-58 } \\ \text { H-6,7 7.39-7.43 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-9,137.598 .4^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-10,127.478 .4^{\mathrm{b}} \end{gathered}$ | +12.2 |
| 3 f | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4016 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.9016 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.79 | $\begin{gathered} \text { H-5 7.56-7-58 } \\ \text { H-6,7 7.39-7.43 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-9,137.618 .0^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-10,127.538 .0^{\mathrm{b}} \\ \mathrm{H}-97.92 \end{gathered}$ | +12.1 |
| 3g | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4716 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.8616 .8^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.85 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-5 \text { 7.55-7-57 } \\ \mathrm{H}-6,7 \text { 7.40-7.42 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}-117.767 .7^{\mathrm{b}} \\ & \mathrm{H}-127.657 .7^{\mathrm{b}} \\ & \mathrm{H}-137.887 .7^{\text {b }} \end{aligned}$ | +12.0 |
| 3h | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4916 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.9616 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.87 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-5 \text { 7.57-7-60 } \\ \mathrm{H}-6,7 \text { 7.40-7.47 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { H-9 } 8.43 \\ \text { H-11 } 8.037 .5^{b} \\ \text { H-12 } 7.737 .5^{b} \\ \text { H-13 } 8.277 .5^{b} \end{gathered}$ | +11.4 |
| $3 \mathbf{i}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{A}} 4.4416 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{B}} 3.9216 .9^{\mathrm{a}} \end{aligned}$ | 3.84 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-57.55-7-57 \\ \mathrm{H}-6,7 \\ 7.40-7.42 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{H}-9,137.58-7.61 \\ \mathrm{H}-11,127.42-7.48 \end{gathered}$ | +12.1 |

${ }^{\mathrm{a} 2} \mathrm{~J} .{ }^{\mathrm{b} 3} J .{ }^{c} J_{\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{F}}$.

Thus, a plot of $\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ for $\mathbf{3 a}, \mathbf{3 d} \mathbf{- 3 i}$ compounds versus $\sigma_{\text {Hammett }}$ values (Fig. 2) gives the equation $\sigma_{\text {Hammett }}=-0.666\left[\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)\right]+7.6224$, with a correlation coefficient $\mathrm{R}^{2}=0.9036$. These data confirm that the strength of the $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ coordination bond is governed by electronic factors. The ${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectra of $\mathbf{3 d}$ and $\mathbf{3 g}$ compounds exhibit a triplet of triplets at $-113.10 \mathrm{ppm}(J=9.0$, 6.4 Hz ) and a single signal at -61.23 ppm , respectively.


Figure 1. Plot of $\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ of compounds 3a, 3d-3i versus $\sigma_{\text {Hammett }}$ values.

The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR data for compounds $\mathbf{3 a - 3 i}$ are summarized in Table 2. For all compounds the assignment of C-2 and C-3 are based on HETCOR experiments. Thus C-2 correlates with the signals showing an AB coupling, which appear in the range between 3.86 and 4.49 ppm and $\mathrm{C}-3$ correlates with the single signal between 3.75 and 3.87 ppm . The $\mathrm{C}-8$ signal is not observed in any of the compounds; C 9 to $\mathrm{C}-13$ in $\mathbf{3 d}$ exhibit a doublet, while $\mathrm{C} 9, \mathrm{C} 10, \mathrm{C} 11$ and C 14 in $\mathbf{3 g}$ appear quartets due to coupling with F atoms.

## Mass spectrometry

The 70 eV EI mass spectra of compounds $\mathbf{3 b}$ and $\mathbf{3 d} \mathbf{- 3 i}$ do not exhibit the molecular ion, while the spectra of $\mathbf{3 a}$ and $\mathbf{3 c}$ show the molecular ion. The following important fragment ions are observed, in the spectra of $\mathbf{3 a}, \mathbf{3 b}$, as well as $\mathbf{3 d} \mathbf{- 3 i}$; the base peak is at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=91$ and corresponds to tropylium ion; $\mathbf{3 c}$ exhibits the corresponding base peak at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=198\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right]^{+}$. All compounds exhibit the fragment ion $\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{R}\right]^{+}$and the fragment ion at $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}=42$ $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NCH}_{2}\right]^{+}$. Compounds 3e, 3i and 3f exhibit fragment ions containing ${ }^{35} \mathrm{Cl},{ }^{37} \mathrm{Cl}$ and ${ }^{79} \mathrm{Br}$, ${ }^{81} \mathrm{Br}$, respectively. Scheme 2 shows some fragment ions and a possible fragmentation pattern.

## Infrared spectroscopy

The IR spectra exhibit the $v_{(C=0)}$ carbonyl oxygen band in the range between 1758 and $1772 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and a band due to B-O between 1292 and $1304 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. Also the band due to $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ is in the range between 1026 and $1034 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

Table 2. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR data of 3a-3i: $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}[\mathrm{ppm}]$

|  |  |  |  | 3a: $\mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ <br> 3b: $\mathrm{R}=\stackrel{14}{-\mathrm{C}} \mathrm{HO}$ <br> 3c: $\mathrm{R}=p-\stackrel{14}{\mathrm{C}} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ |  | 3d: $\mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{F}$ <br> $3 \mathrm{e}: \mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{Cl}$ <br> 3f: $\mathrm{R}=p-\mathrm{Br}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \\ = & m-\mathrm{CF}_{3} \\ = & m-\mathrm{NO}_{2} \\ = & m-\mathrm{Cl} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $3 \mathrm{a}^{\text {a }}$ | 3b ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | $3 c^{\text {c }}$ | 3d | 3e | 3 f | $\mathbf{3 g}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | 3h | 3i |
| C-1 | 169.21 | 168.96 | 169.22 | 169.10 | 169.02 | 169.03 | 169.52 | 169.47 | 169.08 |
| C-2 | 57.88 | 58.12 | 57.88 | 57.97 | 57.99 | 58.00 | 58.70 | 58.74 | 58.12 |
| C-3 | 60.83 | 60.86 | 60.88 | 60.79 | 60.80 | 60.83 | 61.30 | 61.37 | 60.84 |
| C-4 | 130.72 | 130.49 | 130.75 | 130.69 | 130.60 | 130.63 | 131.07 | 131.07 | 130.65 |
| C-5 | 131.64 | 131.58 | 131.63 | 131.64 | 131.61 | 131.63 | 132.11 | 132.09 | 131.68 |
| C-6 | 128.92 | 128.88 | 128.93 | 128.93 | 128.89 | 128.92 | 129.38 | 129.38 | 128.96 |
| C-7 | 129.60 | 129.62 | 129.62 | 129.63 | 129.60 | 129.62 | 130.13 | 130.13 | 129.79 |
| C-9 | 132.82 | 133.59 | 134.33 | $\begin{gathered} 135.19 \\ 7.8^{\mathrm{g}} \end{gathered}$ | 134.81 | 135.14 | $\begin{gathered} 129.76 \\ 3.8^{\mathrm{g}} \end{gathered}$ | 127.96 | 132.63 |
| C-10 | 128.43 | 128.52 | 113.40 | $\begin{gathered} 114.61 \\ 19.8^{\mathrm{e}} \end{gathered}$ | 127.70 | 130.63 | $\begin{gathered} 128.68 \\ 31.0^{\mathrm{e}} \end{gathered}$ | 147.99 | 132.95 |
| C-11 | 138.25 | 136.59 | 160.13 | $\begin{gathered} 163.13 \\ 244.90^{\mathrm{f}} \end{gathered}$ | 134.12 | 123.06 | $\begin{gathered} 126.25 \\ 3.8^{\mathrm{g}} \end{gathered}$ | 124.48 | 129.01 |
| C-12 | 128.43 | 128.52 | 113.40 | 114.61 | 127.70 | 130.63 | 129.03 | 129.72 | 129.78 |
| C-13 | 132.82 | 133.59 | 134.33 | $\begin{gathered} 135.19 \\ 7.8^{\mathrm{g}} \end{gathered}$ | 134.81 | 135.14 | 137.60 | 140.21 | 131.55 |

${ }^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \delta=21.08 .{ }^{\mathrm{b}} \mathrm{COH} \delta=193.42 .{ }^{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{OCH}_{3} \delta=54.92 .{ }^{\mathrm{d}} \mathrm{CF}_{3} \delta=129.56, J_{\mathrm{CF}}=273.30 .{ }^{\mathrm{e} 2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}$. ${ }^{\mathrm{f}} J_{\mathrm{CF} .}{ }^{3}{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}$.

## X-Ray diffracction

Suitable crystals of $\mathbf{3 e}$ for X-ray analysis were obtained from methylene chloride; the molecular structure and crystallographic numbering is showing in figure 2 . In general the bond distances are within the values characteristic of analogous compounds. ${ }^{13,18}$ Select bond lengths are: $\mathrm{B}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{10}$ $1.466(3), \mathrm{B}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{13} 1.472(3), \mathrm{C}_{9}-\mathrm{O}_{10} 1.320(3), \mathrm{C}_{12}-\mathrm{O}_{13} 1.320(3), \mathrm{C}_{8}-\mathrm{C}_{9} 1.502(3), \mathrm{C}_{11}-\mathrm{C}_{12} 1.504(3)$, $\mathrm{C}_{8}-\mathrm{N}_{1} 1.495(2), \mathrm{C}_{11}-\mathrm{N}_{1} 1.489(2)$. The conformations of the two five-membered rings are different
and they are not planar as indicate by the torsion angles (Table 3). The aryl-B and N - Bn groups are bent away from $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{B}$, as indicated by the angle values $\mathrm{C}_{7}-\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{B}_{1} 112.48^{\circ}(13)$ and $\mathrm{C}_{14}-\mathrm{B}_{1}-\mathrm{N}_{1}$ $114.78^{\circ}(14)$. The molecular structure establishes the bicyclic structure showing a $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ bond length of $1.683(2) \AA$, the value being comparable to the $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ bond length in analogous compounds. ${ }^{13,18}$ This molecule shows a bicyclooctane structure with torsion angle of the junction, $17.25^{\circ}(20)$.


Scheme 2. Mass spectral data for compounds 3a-3i.

The molecule in the crystal structure shows the following intramolecular contacts: $\mathrm{N}_{1}{ }^{\cdots} \mathrm{H}_{7 \mathrm{~A}}$ $2.0047(218), \mathrm{N}_{1} \cdots \mathrm{H}_{7 \text { B }}$ 1.9786(198), $\mathrm{N}_{1} \cdots \mathrm{H}_{8 \mathrm{~A}} 2.0528(265), \mathrm{N}_{1} \cdots \mathrm{H}_{8 \mathrm{~B}} 2.0181(307) \AA$, and $\mathrm{O}_{13} \cdots \mathrm{H}_{19}$, which are significantly shorter than the sum of the van der Walls radii for nitrogen and hydrogen atoms $(2.75 \AA)$, as well as oxygen and hydrogen $(2.70 \AA),{ }^{23}$ In addition, the following intermolecular contact is observed between $\mathrm{O}_{1} \cdots \mathrm{H}_{11 \mathrm{~A}} 2.3919(0.0249) \AA$.

Table 3. Selected torsion angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for compound $\mathbf{3 e}$

| $\mathrm{O}_{10}-\mathrm{B}_{1}-\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{8}$ | $14.19(0.17)$ | $\mathrm{O}_{13}-\mathrm{B}_{1}-\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{11}$ | $17.93(0.17)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{B}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{10}-\mathrm{C}_{9}$ | $17.11(0.19)$ | $\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{B}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{13}-\mathrm{C}_{12}$ | $11.91(0.20)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{8}-\mathrm{C}_{9}-\mathrm{O}_{10}-\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | $13.38(0.23)$ | $\mathrm{C}_{11}-\mathrm{C}_{12}-\mathrm{O}_{13}-\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | $1.0(0.23)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{8}-\mathrm{C}_{9}-\mathrm{O}_{10}$ | $2.30(0.22)$ | $\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{11}-\mathrm{C}_{12}-\mathrm{O}_{13}$ | $12.19(0.22)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{9}-\mathrm{C}_{8}-\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | $7.70(0.18)$ | $\mathrm{C}_{12}-\mathrm{C}_{11}-\mathrm{N}_{1}-\mathrm{B}_{1}$ | $18.02(0.18)$ |



Figure 2. Molecular structure of compound 3e.

## Conclusions

The new $(\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B})$ phenyl substituted[ N -benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O}^{\prime}, \mathrm{N}\right]$ boranes $\mathbf{3 a - 3 i}$ were characterized by spectroscopic methods. These compounds exhibit a bicyclic structure due to the presence of an intramolecular $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ coordination bond and it is confirmed by a single crystal x ray diffraction study of $(\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B})$ 4-chlorophenyl[N-benzyliminodiacetate-O,O',N]borane 3e . The correlation between $\delta\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\right)$ of compounds $\mathbf{3 a}, \mathbf{3 d} \mathbf{- 3 i}$ and $\sigma_{\text {Hammett }}$ values shows that the strength of the $\mathrm{N} \rightarrow \mathrm{B}$ bond depends on the electronic factors of the substituent on the B-phenyl group.

## Experimental Section

General Procedures. $N$-benzyliminodiacetic acid 1 was prepared according to our methodology. ${ }^{24}$ Reagents 2a-2i were purchased from Aldrich Co. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ NMR spectra were recorded on Jeol GLX-270, Jeol Eclipse-400 and Bruker Avance 300-DPX spectrometers, DMSO-d ${ }_{6}$ was used as solvent. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 16F PC FT-IR spectrometer. Melting points were measured in an open capillary tube on a Gallemkamp MFB595 apparatus and are uncorrected. The single-crystal X-ray study was performed on an Enraf Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer. Compound 3e, $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BClO}_{4} \mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{MW}=343.56)$, crystallized in the space group P 2121 21, orthorhombic from methylene chloride as colorless flakes, size: $0.12 \times 0.1 \times 0.9 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$ with $\mathrm{a}=9.9928(2), \mathrm{b}=11.1546(3), \mathrm{c}=14.5858(3) \AA, \mathrm{V}=1625.82(6) \AA^{3}, \alpha$ $=90.00^{\circ}, \beta=90.00^{\circ}, \gamma=90.00^{\circ}, \rho=1.404 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}, \mathrm{Z}=4, \mu=0.256 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=712$. Data collection: a total of 3715 reflections were measured $\left(2^{\circ}>\theta>26^{\circ}\right)$, 3619 were independent and of these 2951 were considered observed $\left[F_{0}>4.0 \sigma\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}\right)\right]$. Solution and refinement: direct methods, all non hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, $\mathrm{R}=0.0382$, $\mathrm{Rw}=0.0847, \mathrm{w}=1 / \sigma^{2}$, $\mathrm{GOF}=$ 1.019, largest residual electron density peak/hole in the final difference map: 0.137/-0.211 $\mathrm{e}^{-3}$. Atomic scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography. ${ }^{25}$ Data reduction were performed by Denzo. ${ }^{26}$ All calculations were carried out using the SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick 1997) ${ }^{27}$ and the molecular graphics by Diamond 2.1. ${ }^{28}$

## The procedure outline is general for the preparation of compounds $\mathbf{3 a}$ to $\mathbf{3 i}$

$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 4-Methylphenyl[ $\mathbf{N}$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \mathbf{N}\right]$ borane (3a). A suspension of 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of N-benzyliminodiacetic acid $1,0.24 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 4-methylphenylboronic acid 2a and 66 ml of a mixture of dimethylsulfoxide/benzene (1/10) was placed into a 100 ml flak equipped with a stirrer and a Dean Stark Trap. The mixture was kept under reflux for 12 h . After being cooled to room temperature, the solvent was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in acetone and precipitated with hexane to yield $0.57 \mathrm{~g}(98 \%)$ of compound $\mathbf{3 a}$ as a white solid, mp $223-225^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: 3014, 2952, 2866, 1766, 1612, 1538, 1498, 1296, 1240, 1208, $1034 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (KBr). MS: m/z (\%), 323 (1), 295 (1), 266 (1), 204 (22), 182 (22), 175 (15), 91 (100), 42 (95). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{BNO}_{4}$ (323): C, 66.87 ; H, 5.57; N, 4.33. Found: C, 66.94; H, 5.78; N, 4.23.
$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 4-Formylphenyl[ $\boldsymbol{N}$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{N}\right]$ borane (3b). Prepared from 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.27 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 4-formylphenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 b}, 0.58 \mathrm{~g}$ ( $95 \%$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 b}$ were obtained as a white solid, mp 213-215 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: 3008, 2936, 2858, 1768, 1696, 1640, 1562, 1540, 1506, 1298, 1224, $1038 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (KBr). MS: m/z (\%), 339 (40), 309 (1), 280 (7), 218 (5), 196 (23), 189 (3), 91 (100), 42 (67). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{BNO}_{5}$ (337): C, 66.87; H, 5.57; N, 4.33. Found: C, 63.87; H, 5.10; N, 4.10.
$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 4-Methoxyphenyl $\left[\boldsymbol{N}\right.$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \mathbf{N}\right]$ borane (3c). Prepared from 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.27 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 c}, 0.59 \mathrm{~g}$ $(96 \%)$ of compound 3 c were obtained as a white solid, mp 251-253 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: 3006, 2958, 2840,

1772, 1604, 1570, 1512, 1294, 1246, $1026 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{KBr}) . \mathrm{MS}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%), 311$ (1), 282 (11), 220 (11), 198 (100) 191 (11), 91 (64), 42 (67). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{BNO}_{5}$ (339): C, 63.71; H, 5.30; N, 4.12. Found: C, 63.45; H, 5.25; N, 4.29.
$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 4-Fluorophenyl $\left[\boldsymbol{N}\right.$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \mathbf{N}\right]$ borane (3d). Prepared from 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.25 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 4-fluorophenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 d}, 0.57 \mathrm{~g}$ ( $97 \%$ ) of compound $\mathbf{3 d}$ were obtained as a white solid, mp $227-228^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: 3066, 3010, 2954, $2868,1772,1638,1600,1508,1292,1218,1036 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (KBr). MS: m/z (\%), 299 (1), 270 (9), 208 (6), 186 (52), 179 (4), 91 (100), 42 (90). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BFNO}_{4}$ (327): C, 62.38; H, 4.58; N, 4.28. Found: C, 62.34; H, 4.72; N, 4.32.
$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 4-Chlorophenyl $\left[\boldsymbol{N}\right.$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{N}\right]$ borane (3e). Prepared from 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.28 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 4-chlorophenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 e}, 0.58 \mathrm{~g}$ $(94 \%)$ of compound $3 \mathbf{e}$ were obtained as a white solid, mp $226-228^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: $3010,2960,2866$, 1764, 1636, 1590, 1560, 1490, 1294, 1224, $1034 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (KBr). MS: m/z (\%), 315 (2), 288 (6), 286 (18), 226 (4), 224 (11), 204 (38), 202 (52), 197 (6), 195 (8), 91 (100), 42 (82). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BClNO}_{4}$ (343): C, 59.47; H, 4.37; N, 4.08. Found: C, 59.76; H, 4.76; N, 4.06.
$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 4-Bromophenyl[ $\boldsymbol{N}$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{N}\right]$ borane (3f). Prepared from 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.36 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 4-bromophenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 f}, 0.64 \mathrm{~g}$ $(92 \%)$ of compound $3 \mathbf{f}$ were obtained as a white solid, mp $231-233^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: $3010,2934,2860$, 1764, 1638, 1584, 1558, 1490, 1294, 1240, 1224, $1034 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}(\mathrm{KBr}) . \mathrm{MS}: \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}(\%), 361$ (1), 359 (1), 332 (7), 330 (7), 270 (5), 268 (5), 248 (19), 246 (19), 241 (3), 239 (3), 91 (100), 42 (65). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BBrNO}_{4}$ (388): C, 52.57; H, 3.86; N, 3.60. Found: C, 52.24; H, 3.82; N, 3.86 .
$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}) \quad$ 3(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl $\left[\mathrm{N}\right.$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, O^{\prime}, N\right]$ borane ( $\mathbf{3 g}$ ). Prepared from $0.40 \mathrm{~g} \quad(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.34 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 3(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 g}, \quad 0.63 \mathrm{~g}(93 \%)$ of compound $\mathbf{3 g}$ were obtained as a white solid, mp $275-277^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: 3060, 2934, $2860,1768,1640,1540,1300,1216,1034 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (KBr). MS: m/z (\%), 349 (3), 236 (25), 320 (7), 241 (7), 229 (2), 91 (100), 42 (74). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BF}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ (377): C, 57.29; H, 3.97; N, 3.71. Found: C, 57.30; H, 4.10; N, 3.80. $(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 3-Nitrophenyl $\left[\boldsymbol{N}\right.$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{N}\right]$ borane (3h). Prepared from 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.30 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 3-nitrophenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 h}$, it was obtained a white solid, which was washed with chloroform and dissolved with acetone. The mixture was filtered and the solvent was evaporated under vacuum to give $0.32 \mathrm{~g}(50 \%)$ of compound $\mathbf{3 h}$, as a white solid product, $\mathrm{mp} 309-311^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: $3060,3012,2938,2862,1766,1612$, 1570, 1524, 1304, 1220, $1032 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (KBr). MS: m/z (\%), 326 (12), 297 (6), 213 (21), 206 (3), 91 (100), 42 (49). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ (354): C, 57.62 ; H, 4.23; N, 7.90. Found: C, 58.02; H, 4.36; N, 7.57.
$(\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{B})$ 3-Chlorophenyl[ $\boldsymbol{N}$-benzyliminodiacetate- $\left.\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}, \boldsymbol{N}\right]$ borane (3i). Prepared from 0.40 g $(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of compound $\mathbf{1}$ and $0.28 \mathrm{~g}(1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 3-chlorophenylboronic acid $\mathbf{2 i}, 0.59 \mathrm{~g}$ $(95 \%)$ of compound $\mathbf{3 i}$ were obtained as a white solid product, $\mathrm{mp} 263-265^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR: 3066, 3012, 2956, 2862, 1758, 1612, 1570, 1524, 1288, 1230, $1030 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (KBr). MS: m/z (\%), 288 (2), 286
(5), 226 (2), 224 (5), 204 (15), 202 (18), 197 (2), 195 (3), 91 (100), 42 (83). Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{BClNO}_{4}$ (343): C, 59.47 ; H, 4.37; N, 4.08. Found: C, 59.61 ; H, 4.76; N, 4.06.

## Supplementary Material

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