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# trans-Bis( $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-diethylethylenediamine)nickel(II) dibromide 

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T=100 \mathrm{~K}$; mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.002 \AA$; $R$ factor $=0.019 ; w R$ factor $=0.050 ;$ data-to-parameter ratio $=13.9$.

The structure of the title compound, $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{Br}_{2}$ or $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{Br}_{2}$ ( $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}$ is asymmetric $N, N$-diethylethylenediamine), containing an $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom (site symmetry $\overline{1}$ ) in squareplanar $\mathrm{NiN}_{4}$ coordination, is described and contrasted with related structures containing $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ in octahedral coordination with axial $X^{-}$ligands ( $X^{-}=$variable anions). The dialkylated N atom has an appreciably longer bond length to the $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom [1.9666 (13) Å] than does the unsubstituted N atom $[1.9202$ (14) $\AA]$. The $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths in $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{Br}_{2}$ are significantly shorter than corresponding values in tetragonally distorted $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2} X_{2}\right]$ compounds ( $X={ }^{-} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{CCF}_{3}$, $\mathrm{OH}_{2}$, or ${ }^{-} \mathrm{NCS}$ ), which have a triplet ground state. The electronic configuration in these axially ligated $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2} X_{2}\right]$
 $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ antibonding in character. Each $\mathrm{Et}_{2}$ en ligand in each $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cation forms a pair of $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ hydrogen bonds to the $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$anions, one above and below the $\mathrm{NiN}_{4}$ square plane. Thus, a ribbon of alternating $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$pairs and $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cations that are canted at $65^{\circ}$ relative to one another is formed by hydrogen bonds.

## Related literature

The synthesis of a broad variety of $\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2} X_{2}$ compounds is described by Goodgame \& Venanzi (1963). The compounds containing $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ in octahedral coordination with axial $X$ ligands have been structurally characterized for $X={ }^{-} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{CCF}_{3}$ (Senocq et al., 1999), ${ }^{-}$NCS (Lever et al., 1983) and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with non-coordinated $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$counter-anions (Ihara et al., 1991). $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right]_{2}$ containing a square-planar centrosymmetric cation has been identified as having triclinic (Ikeda et al., 1995; Narayanan \& Bhadbhade, 1998) and monoclinic (Hayami et al., 2009) polymorphs.


## Experimental

Crystal data
$\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{Br}_{2}$

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V=1819.2(8) \AA^{3}
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$M_{r}=450.95$
Monoclinic, C2/c
$Z=4$
$a=12.837$ (3) A
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$b=11.162$ (3) A
$\mu=5.45 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$b=11.162$ (3) A
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
$c=13.244$ (3) A
$0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.05 \mathrm{~mm}$
$\beta=106.543$ (4)

## Data collection

Bruker APEXI CCD diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2008b)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.623, T_{\text {max }}=0.772$
7870 measured reflections
2130 independent reflections 2029 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ $R_{\text {int }}=0.024$

## Refinement

$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.019 \quad 153$ parameters
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.050 \quad$ All H -atom parameters refined
$S=1.06$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.57 \mathrm{e}_{\AA^{-3}}$
2130 reflections
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.43 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\mathrm{A},{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 N \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.88(2)$ | $2.47(2)$ | $3.3524(15)$ | $176.3(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 1 N \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.84(2)$ | $2.64(2)$ | $3.4381(15)$ | $157.9(19)$ |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x-\frac{1}{2},-y+\frac{3}{2},-z$.
Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2009); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2008); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008a); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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## Comment

Complexes of the general type $\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2} X_{2}$ ( $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}=$ asymmetric $N, N$-diethylethylenediamine; $X=$ variable anions) were first synthesized by Goodgame \& Venanzi (1963) as compounds which, depending on the particular identity of $X$, might reveal triplet and singlet spin states in close enough energetic proximity that a thermal distribution between them could be observed. The compounds with $X=$ halide, ${ }^{-} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{CR}, \mathrm{NO}_{2}{ }^{-}$and ${ }^{-} \mathrm{NCS}$ were formulated with a tetragonally-distorted octahedral coordination around $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ with axial $X$ ligands, while those with $X=\mathrm{ClO}_{4}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{BF}_{4}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{BPh}_{4}{ }^{-}$and $\mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$were recognized as being complexes with $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ in square-planar coordination with noncoordinating $X$ counterions. Apart from a tendency for the $\mathrm{F}^{-}$, $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$and $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$compounds to adsorb ambient moisture and form the corresponding hydrates, the $\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et} t_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2} X_{2}$ compounds are readily prepared and handled. The ease with which $X$ is varied and the amenability of the $\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2} X_{2}$ compound set to straightforward magnetic susceptibility and UV-vis spectroscopic measurements, disposes it as a useful vehicle for teaching the spectrochemical series in an undergraduate laboratory context.

In the course of a revised and expanded laboratory experiment with $\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2} X_{2}$ compounds at Tulane University, undergraduate students produced diffraction quality crystal samples of the unhydrated bromide compound by using the vial-in-vial vapor diffusion technique. Following a data collection at 100 K , structure solution and refinement of this bromide compound revealed the $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom to have square-planar coordination in the crystalline state (Scheme 1, Figure 1) rather than octahedral coordination as assumed by Goodgame \& Venanzi (1963). The $\mathrm{Ni} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ interatomic distances are 4.3048 (6) and 5.0032 (8) $\AA$, which are too large to be compatible with any bonding interaction between them. Despite the noncoordination of $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$in the crystal structure, the possibility of weak axial interaction by $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$with the $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom in solution is not precluded.

The $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cation resides on an inversion center in $C 2 / c$ such that only two independent and appreciably different $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths occur (1.9202 (14), 1.9666 (13) $\AA$ ). The longer $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ interatomic distance found for the dialkylated nitrogen atom may be plausibly attributed to steric effects exerted by the ethyl groups. Square planar $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ has also been structurally characterized as the perchlorate salt (Ikeda et al., 1995; Narayanan \& Bhadbhade, 1998; Hayami et al., 2009) and observed to have similar $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths of 1.930 (3) and 1.976 (2) Å (Ikeda et al., 1995).

The $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths found for square-planar $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ contrast with those observed in related structures with axial ligands. The corresponding $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths are 2.065 (2) and 2.262 (2) $\AA$ where $X={ }^{-} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{CCF}_{3}$ (Senocq et al., 1999), 2.064 (3) and 2.271 (3) $\AA$ where $X=\mathrm{OH}_{2}$ (Ihara et al., 1991), and 2.083 (2) and 2.318 (2) $\AA$ (averaged values for two independent molecules) where $X={ }^{-} \mathrm{NCS}$ (Lever et al., 1983). The longer $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths in these latter compounds are due to a triplet electronic configuration in which the $d_{\mathrm{x}^{2}-\mathrm{y}^{2}}$ orbital is singly occupied. This orbital, which is antibonding in

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character with respect to metal and ligand, is unoccupied in square-planar $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$, thus accounting for the pronounced shortening observed in its $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths.

Although the $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$ions do not have a bonding interaction with the $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atoms in the title crystal structure, they participate in a one-dimensional ribbon of hydrogen bonds, the formation of which is undoubtedly the principal factor governing the pattern of crystal packing. As illustrated in Figure 2, adjacent $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et} \mathrm{t}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cations are inclined at an angle of $65^{\circ}$ and form a pseudo herringbone (or zigzag) pattern in the plane of the $a$ and $c$ unit cell axes. Two bromide anions are positioned between adjacent nickel complexes, one above and one below the square-planar complex cations. The pronounced canting of the $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cations orients each $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ group on each $\mathrm{Et}_{2}$ en ligand to form two hydrogen bonds, one above and one below the square plane. Thus, each $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cation forms four hydrogen bonds, two above and two below the square plane at opposite ends of the nickel complex cation. Approximate squares of hydrogen bonds are formed, with nitrogen atoms and bromide anions on opposing vertices and sides $\sim 3.4 \AA$ in length. Figure 3 presents an alternative rendering of this hydrogen bonding pattern with all the carbon atoms of the $\mathrm{Et}_{2}$ en ligands removed for clarity.

## Experimental

Orange diamondoid crystals of $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{Br}_{2}$ grew by diffusion of ${ }^{t} \mathrm{BuOMe}$ vapor into a dry methanol solution in a sealed vial. The MeOH solution was prepared by stirring an excess of powdered $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{en}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{Br}_{2}$ in several mL of dry MeOH for a period of five minutes. This heterogeneous mixture was then passed though a pad of packed Celite to remove all undissolved material and produce a homogeneous filtrate.

## Refinement

H -atoms were identified in the final electron density map. Their positions were refined with isotropic thermal parameters.

## Figures



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## Crystal data

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$c=13.244(3) \AA$
$\beta=106.543(4)^{\circ}$
$V=1819.2(8) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$F(000)=920$
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.647 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 6699 reflections
$\theta=2.5-28.3^{\circ}$
$\mu=5.45 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
Diamondoid, orange
$0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.05 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker APEXI CCD
diffractometer
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube
graphite
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2008b)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.623, T_{\text {max }}=0.772$
7870 measured reflections
2130 independent reflections
2029 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.024$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=28.3^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=2.5^{\circ}$
$h=-17 \rightarrow 16$
$k=-14 \rightarrow 14$
$l=-17 \rightarrow 17$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.019$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.050$
$S=1.06$
2130 reflections
153 parameters
0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map
All H -atom parameters refined
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0311 P)^{2}+1.2408 P\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.57 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.43$ e $\AA^{-3}$

## Special details

Experimental. The diffraction data were collected in three sets of 606 frames ( 0.3 deg . width in $\omega$ at $\varphi=0,120$ and 240 deg . A scan time of $10 \mathrm{sec} /$ frame was used.

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two 1.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds

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in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving 1.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of $F^{2}$ against ALL reflections. The weighted R-factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on $F^{2}$, conventional R-factors R are based on $F$, with $F$ set to zero for negative $F^{2}$. The threshold expression of $F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)$ is used only for calculating R-factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R-factors based on $F^{2}$ are statistically about twice as large as those based on $F$, and R - factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\AA^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }}{ }^{*} U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Br1 | 0.0000 | $0.913257(18)$ | 0.2500 | $0.01466(7)$ |
| Br2 | 0.0000 | $0.469242(19)$ | 0.2500 | $0.01838(7)$ |
| Ni1 | -0.2500 | 0.7500 | 0.0000 | $0.01079(7)$ |
| N1 | $-0.31881(11)$ | $0.67603(11)$ | $0.09965(10)$ | $0.0131(3)$ |
| N2 | $-0.39293(11)$ | $0.80349(12)$ | $-0.07621(11)$ | $0.0141(3)$ |
| C1 | $-0.43989(13)$ | $0.69026(14)$ | $0.05604(13)$ | $0.0163(3)$ |
| C2 | $-0.46277(14)$ | $0.80667(14)$ | $-0.00423(13)$ | $0.0178(3)$ |
| C3 | $-0.29344(13)$ | $0.54467(14)$ | $0.11697(12)$ | $0.0160(3)$ |
| C4 | $-0.29416(14)$ | $0.48022(15)$ | $0.01586(13)$ | $0.0189(3)$ |
| C5 | $-0.27917(14)$ | $0.74426(15)$ | $0.20169(12)$ | $0.0183(3)$ |
| C6 | $-0.31232(17)$ | $0.69197(17)$ | $0.29384(14)$ | $0.0238(4)$ |
| H1N | $-0.4012(17)$ | $0.868(2)$ | $-0.1105(17)$ | $0.020(5)^{*}$ |
| H2N | $-0.4197(18)$ | $0.748(2)$ | $-0.1241(17)$ | $0.023(5)^{*}$ |
| H1A | $-0.4657(16)$ | $0.6263(19)$ | $0.0066(16)$ | $0.015(5)^{*}$ |
| H1B | $-0.4752(18)$ | $0.6886(17)$ | $0.1114(17)$ | $0.018(5)^{*}$ |
| H2A | $-0.538(2)$ | $0.811(2)$ | $-0.045(2)$ | $0.030(6)^{*}$ |
| H2B | $-0.4442(17)$ | $0.8744(19)$ | $0.0408(16)$ | $0.017(5)^{*}$ |
| H3A | $-0.2203(16)$ | $0.5385(17)$ | $0.1685(14)$ | $0.010(4)^{*}$ |
| H3B | $-0.3443(15)$ | $0.5112(18)$ | $0.1468(14)$ | $0.012(4)^{*}$ |
| H4A | $-0.231(2)$ | $0.498(2)$ | $-0.0054(17)$ | $0.037(6)^{*}$ |
| H4B | $-0.293(2)$ | $0.394(2)$ | $0.033(2)$ | $0.037(6)^{*}$ |
| H4C | $-0.3579(19)$ | $0.492(2)$ | $-0.0417(18)$ | $0.031(6)^{*}$ |
| H5A | $-0.2023(19)$ | $0.746(2)$ | $0.2170(17)$ | $0.023(5)^{*}$ |
| H5B | $-0.3036(18)$ | $0.8251(19)$ | $0.1900(17)$ | $0.018(5)^{*}$ |
| H6A | $-0.291(2)$ | $0.744(2)$ | $0.349(2)$ | $0.036(6)^{*}$ |
| H6B | $-0.388(3)$ | $0.680(3)$ | $0.281(2)$ | $0.052(9)^{*}$ |
| H6C | $-0.280(2)$ | $0.615(3)$ | $0.313(2)$ | $0.040(7)^{*}$ |
| H |  |  |  |  |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(A^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Br1 | $0.01334(11)$ | $0.01570(11)$ | $0.01413(11)$ | 0.000 | $0.00262(8)$ | 0.000 |
| Br2 | $0.01588(12)$ | $0.01737(12)$ | $0.01981(12)$ | 0.000 | $0.00175(8)$ | 0.000 |
| Ni1 | $0.00960(13)$ | $0.01277(13)$ | $0.01037(13)$ | $-0.00131(9)$ | $0.00344(9)$ | $0.00080(9)$ |
| N 1 | $0.0117(6)$ | $0.0162(6)$ | $0.0112(6)$ | $-0.0021(5)$ | $0.0029(5)$ | $0.0002(5)$ |
| N 2 | $0.0135(6)$ | $0.0150(6)$ | $0.0141(6)$ | $-0.0002(5)$ | $0.0042(5)$ | $0.0013(5)$ |
| C 1 | $0.0110(7)$ | $0.0213(8)$ | $0.0174(7)$ | $-0.0017(6)$ | $0.0052(6)$ | $0.0013(6)$ |

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C2 | $0.0139(8)$ | $0.0218(8)$ | $0.0196(8)$ | $0.0024(6)$ | $0.0075(6)$ | $0.0015(6)$ |
| C3 | $0.0172(7)$ | $0.0159(7)$ | $0.0148(7)$ | $-0.0021(6)$ | $0.0043(6)$ | $0.0022(6)$ |
| C4 | $0.0207(8)$ | $0.0157(7)$ | $0.0197(8)$ | $-0.0023(6)$ | $0.0051(6)$ | $-0.0012(6)$ |
| C5 | $0.0211(8)$ | $0.0211(8)$ | $0.0132(7)$ | $-0.0071(6)$ | $0.0058(6)$ | $-0.0032(6)$ |
| C6 | $0.0303(10)$ | $0.0288(9)$ | $0.0149(8)$ | $-0.0087(7)$ | $0.0105(7)$ | $-0.0026(7)$ |

## Geometric parameters ( $\AA,{ }^{\circ}$ )

| Ni 1 - $\mathrm{N} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 1.9202 (14) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ni1-N2 | 1.9202 (14) |
| Ni1-N1 | 1.9666 (13) |
| Ni1-N1 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 1.9666 (13) |
| N1-C1 | 1.505 (2) |
| N1-C3 | 1.505 (2) |
| N1-C5 | 1.508 (2) |
| N2-C2 | 1.483 (2) |
| N2-H1N | 0.84 (2) |
| N2-H2N | 0.88 (2) |
| C1-C2 | 1.509 (2) |
| C1-H1A | 0.96 (2) |
| C1-H1B | 0.97 (2) |
| C2-H2A | 0.96 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2{ }^{\text {i }}$ - $\mathrm{Ni} 11-\mathrm{N} 2$ | 180.0 |
| N2 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ - $\mathrm{Ni} 11-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 93.51 (6) |
| N2-Ni1-N1 | 86.49 (6) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2{ }^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Ni} 11-\mathrm{N} 1^{\text {i }}$ | 86.49 (6) |
| N2-Ni1-N1 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 93.51 (6) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Ni} 11-\mathrm{N} 1^{\text {i }}$ | 180.00 (7) |
| C1-N1-C3 | 108.44 (11) |
| C1-N1-C5 | 109.81 (12) |
| C3-N1-C5 | 110.62 (12) |
| C1-N1-Ni1 | 108.08 (9) |
| C3-N1-Ni1 | 113.09 (10) |
| C5-N1-Ni1 | 106.74 (9) |
| C2-N2-Ni1 | 109.36 (10) |
| C2-N2-H1N | 108.6 (14) |
| Ni1-N2-H1N | 120.3 (15) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~N}$ | 107.2 (14) |
| Ni1-N2-H2N | 106.2 (14) |
| H1N-N2-H2N | 104 (2) |
| N1-C1-C2 | 108.55 (12) |
| N1-C1-H1A | 107.5 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 107.6 (12) |
| N1-C1-H1B | 111.3 (13) |
| C2-C1-H1B | 110.8 (12) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 110.9 (17) |
| N2-C2-C1 | 104.89 (13) |


| C2-H2B | 0.95 (2) |
| :---: | :---: |
| C3-C4 | 1.518 (2) |
| C3-H3A | 0.993 (19) |
| C3-H3B | 0.933 (19) |
| C4-H4A | 0.96 (2) |
| C4-H4B | 0.99 (3) |
| C4-H4C | 0.96 (2) |
| C5-C6 | 1.519 (2) |
| C5-H5A | 0.95 (2) |
| C5-H5B | 0.95 (2) |
| C6-H6A | 0.92 (3) |
| C6-H6B | 0.95 (3) |
| C6-H6C | 0.96 (3) |
| N2-C2-H2B | 109.5 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B}$ | 112.1 (12) |
| H2A-C2-H2B | 110.1 (18) |
| N1-C3-C4 | 112.36 (13) |
| N1-C3-H3A | 107.0 (11) |
| C4-C3-H3A | 109.9 (11) |
| N1-C3-H3B | 107.9 (12) |
| C4-C3-H3B | 110.8 (12) |
| H3A-C3-H3B | 108.7 (15) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{~A}$ | 111.6 (14) |
| C3-C4-H4B | 104.9 (14) |
| H4A-C4-H4B | 109 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{C}$ | 115.2 (14) |
| H4A-C4-H4C | 110.1 (19) |
| H4B-C4-H4C | 106 (2) |
| N1-C5-C6 | 115.20 (13) |
| N1-C5-H5A | 105.6 (14) |
| C6-C5-H5A | 110.5 (13) |
| N1-C5-H5B | 108.7 (13) |
| C6-C5-H5B | 109.8 (13) |
| H5A-C5-H5B | 106.6 (19) |
| C5-C6-H6A | 108.2 (16) |
| C5-C6-H6B | 114.6 (19) |
| H6A-C6-H6B | 106 (2) |
| C5-C6-H6C | 111.4 (16) |

## supplementary materials

| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | $109.1(15)$ | $\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{C}$ | $111(2)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | $111.1(14)$ | $\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{C}$ | $105(2)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x-1 / 2,-y+3 / 2,-z$.

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $A,{ }^{\circ}$ )

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 2 — \mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~N} \cdots \mathrm{Br} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.88(2)$ | $2.47(2)$ | $3.3524(15)$ | $176.3(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 — \mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~N} \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.84(2)$ | $2.64(2)$ | $3.4381(15)$ | $157.9(19)$ |
| Symmetry codes: $(\mathrm{i})-x-1 / 2,-y+3 / 2,-z$. |  |  |  |  |

Fig. 1


Fig. 2


Fig. 3



[^0]:    Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: WM2433).

