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# Crystal structure, thermal and fluorescence properties of 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine-1,1',1''-trium tetrachloronickelate(II) chloride

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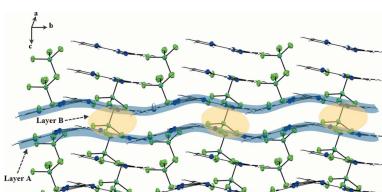
The title compound,  $(C_{15}H_{14}N_3)[NiCl_4]Cl$ , comprises an  $Ni^{II}$  cation tetrahedrally coordinated by four chloride anions, a non-coordinating chloride anion and an essentially planar terpyridinium trication ( $tpyH_3^{3+}$ ), in which the central pyridinium ring forms dihedral angles of 5.7 (2) and 6.0 (2) $^\circ$  with the peripheral pyridinium rings. Three inter-species N—H···Cl hydrogen bonds are formed with the  $Cl^-$  anion, which also forms a link between the ( $tpyH_3^{3+}$ ) cations through an aromatic C—H···Cl interaction, forming a zigzag chain extending along the  $2_1$  (*b*) screw axis. Two of the anionic Cl atoms of the  $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$  anions form  $Ni—Cl···\pi$  interactions with separate pyridinium rings [ $Ni···Cg = 3.669$  (3) and 3.916 (4) Å]. In the crystal, successive undulating inorganic and organic layers are formed, extending across the (100) plane. Thermogravimetric and differential thermal analysis (TGA/DTA) indicate that the compound starts to decompose at 313 K and may be a candidate for use as a blue-light luminescent material.

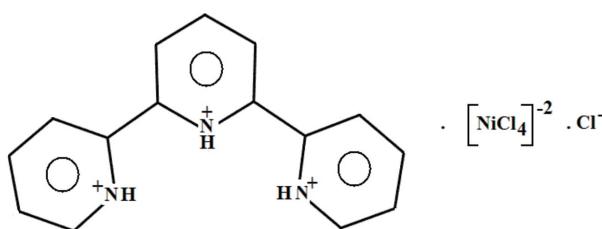
## 1. Chemical context

The 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine molecule (tpy) has been the object of numerous studies because of its excellent complexing properties on metal ions. The multitude of applications of this cation motivated a large development in the synthesis of terpyridines during the last decade. The compounds derived from the terpyridine molecule can be used in photochemistry for the realization of luminescent materials (Adeloye *et al.*, 2012), the assembly of electrochemical sensors (Indelli *et al.*, 1998), in photocatalysis (Mori *et al.*, 2012) and as a sensitizing agent in photovoltaic conversion processes (Kohle *et al.*, 1996). The literature reports some hybrid complexes of transition metal species incorporating tpy as a neutral ligand as well as complexes with its protonated forms [(tpyH<sup>+</sup>), ( $tpyH_2^{2+}$ ), ( $tpyH_3^{3+}$ )] (Kochel, 2006). The title compound, which is a new hybrid complex, was characterized using IR spectroscopy and X-ray crystallography and its thermal and fluorescence properties have also been recorded.

## 2. Structural commentary

Crystals of  $(C_{15}H_{14}N_3)[NiCl_4]Cl$ , (I), are monoclinic (space group  $P2_1$ ), the asymmetric unit comprising an organic terpyridinium ( $tpyH_3^{3+}$ ) cation, a tetrachloronickelate(II)  $[NiCl_4]^{2-}$  dianion and a free chloride anion ( $Cl^-$ ) (Fig. 1).





The ( $\text{tpyH}_3^{3+}$ ) cation has the *cis-cis* conformation and is essentially planar, with dihedral angles between the central pyridine ring and the two peripheral ring moieties of the ligand of  $5.7(2)$  and  $6.0(2)^\circ$ . The three protonated N atoms (N1, N2 and N3) form hydrogen bonds with the chloride counter-anion ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ) (Table 1), giving short  $\text{H}11\cdots\text{H}22$  and  $\text{H}22\cdots\text{H}33$  contacts ( $1.70$  and  $1.68$  Å, respectively), which are comparable to those reported for  $\text{tpyH}_3\text{Cl}(\text{PF}_6)_2$  ( $\text{H}\cdots\text{H}$  range:  $1.667$ – $1.684$  Å; Yoshikawa *et al.*, 2016). The complete protonation of an aromatic molecule that is nitrogen-enriched (a polynitrogenous derivative) is rarely observed, probably because of an unfavorable charge distribution resulting from the proximity of the nitrogen H atoms, as previously indicated in this structure. This results in an opening of the internal angles of the three N atoms [ $\text{C}1-\text{N}1-\text{C}5 = 124.0(4)$ ,  $\text{C}10-\text{N}2-\text{C}6 = 118.9(3)$  and  $\text{C}15-\text{N}3-\text{C}11 = 123.2(3)^\circ$ ]. These values are comparable to those found in the literature for ( $\text{tpyH}_3^{3+}$ ). In 2,2':6',2"-terpyridinetriium bis(hexafluorido-phosphate) chloride (Yoshikawa *et al.*, 2016),  $\text{C}1-\text{N}1-\text{C}5 = 122.90$ ,  $\text{C}6-\text{N}2-\text{C}10 = 117.60$  and  $\text{C}11-\text{N}3-\text{C}15 = 123.27$ ,  $\text{C}16-\text{N}4-\text{C}20 = 123.69$ ,  $\text{C}21-\text{N}5-\text{C}25 = 118.22$  and  $\text{C}26-\text{N}6-\text{C}30 = 123.97^\circ$  and in *catena*-[(2,2':6',2"-terpyridinium)-( $\mu_3$ -sulfato)sulfatodioxouranium] nitrate dihydrate] (Jie Ling *et al.*, 2010),  $\text{C}1-\text{N}1-\text{C}5 = 123.33$ ,  $\text{C}6-\text{N}2-\text{C}10 = 118.03$  and  $\text{C}11-\text{N}3-\text{C}15 = 123.29^\circ$ . The internal angles for a deprotonated terpyridine are  $\text{C}1-\text{N}1-\text{C}5 = 116.9(8)$ ,  $\text{C}10-\text{N}2-\text{C}6 = 119.6(11)$  and  $\text{C}15-\text{N}3-\text{C}11 = 117.1(8)^\circ$  (Maynard *et al.*, 2009).

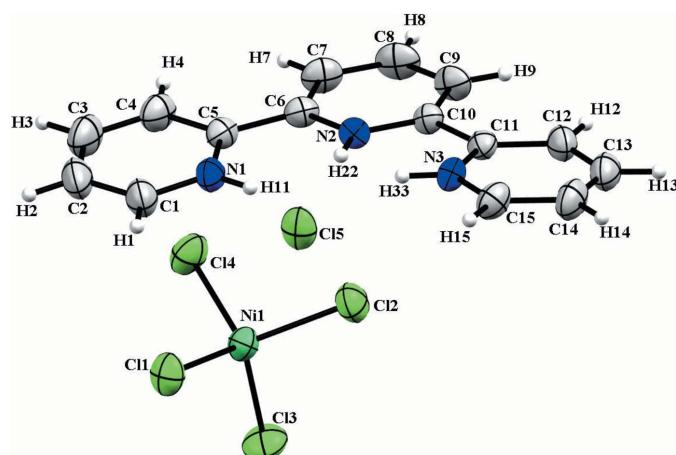


Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of  $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3)[\text{NiCl}_4]\text{Cl}$ , showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$                      | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| $\text{N}1-\text{H}11\cdots\text{Cl}5$    | 0.86         | 2.26               | 3.026 (4)   | 149                  |
| $\text{N}2-\text{H}22\cdots\text{Cl}5$    | 0.86         | 2.67               | 3.532 (4)   | 178                  |
| $\text{N}3-\text{H}33\cdots\text{Cl}5$    | 0.86         | 2.25               | 3.010 (4)   | 148                  |
| $\text{C}14-\text{H}14\cdots\text{Cl}5^i$ | 0.93         | 2.78               | 3.421 (6)   | 127                  |

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z$ .

The nickel(II) centre of the dianion has a quasi-regular tetrahedral environment [ $\text{Ni}-\text{Cl}$  bond length range,  $2.185(2)$ – $2.201(2)$  Å and  $\text{Cl}-\text{Ni}-\text{Cl}$  bond angle range,  $108.08(5)$ – $111.59(5)^\circ$ ] (Fig. 2). The interatomic distance and angle values are in good agreement with those taken from the literature (Igashira-Kamiyama *et al.*, 2013).

### 3. Supramolecular features

The previously described inter-species unit formed through the three individual  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds between the ( $\text{tpyH}_3^{3+}$ ) cation and the  $\text{Cl}^-$  anion (Table 1) is extended through a  $\text{C}14-\text{H}14\cdots\text{Cl}5^i$  hydrogen bond into chains extending along the  $2_1$  screw axis of the unit cell. Convoluted layers comprising successive  $[\text{tpyH}_3^{3+}, \text{Cl}^-]$  (type A) and  $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$  (type B) ions extend across the (100) plane (Figs. 3 and 4). Two of the anionic Cl atoms of the  $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$  anion form  $\text{Ni}-\text{Cl}\cdots\pi$  interactions with separate pyridine ring moieties of the cation within the asymmetric unit:  $\text{Ni}1-\text{Cl}1\cdots\text{Cg}1 = 3.916(4)$  Å and  $\text{Ni}1-\text{Cl}2\cdots\text{Cg}2 = 3.669(3)$  Å, where  $\text{Cg}1$  and  $\text{Cg}2$  are the centroids of the  $\text{N}1/\text{C}1-\text{C}5$  and  $\text{N}2/\text{C}6-\text{C}10$  rings, respectively (Fig. 3).

### 4. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)

Thermal analyses were performed on a SETARM 92-16.18 PC/PG 1 instrument from  $303$  to  $1273$  K under a dynamic air

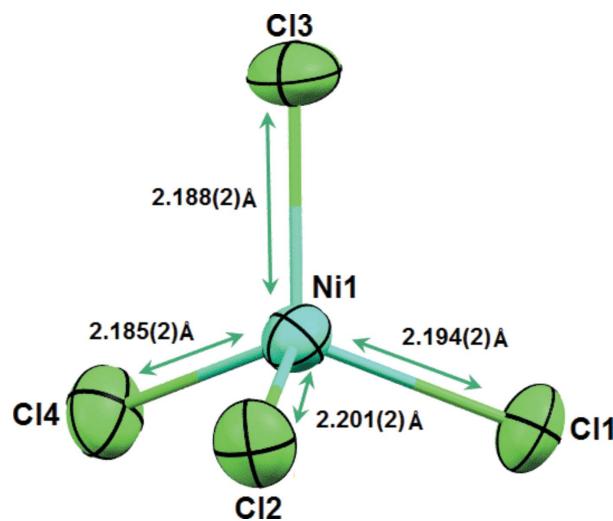
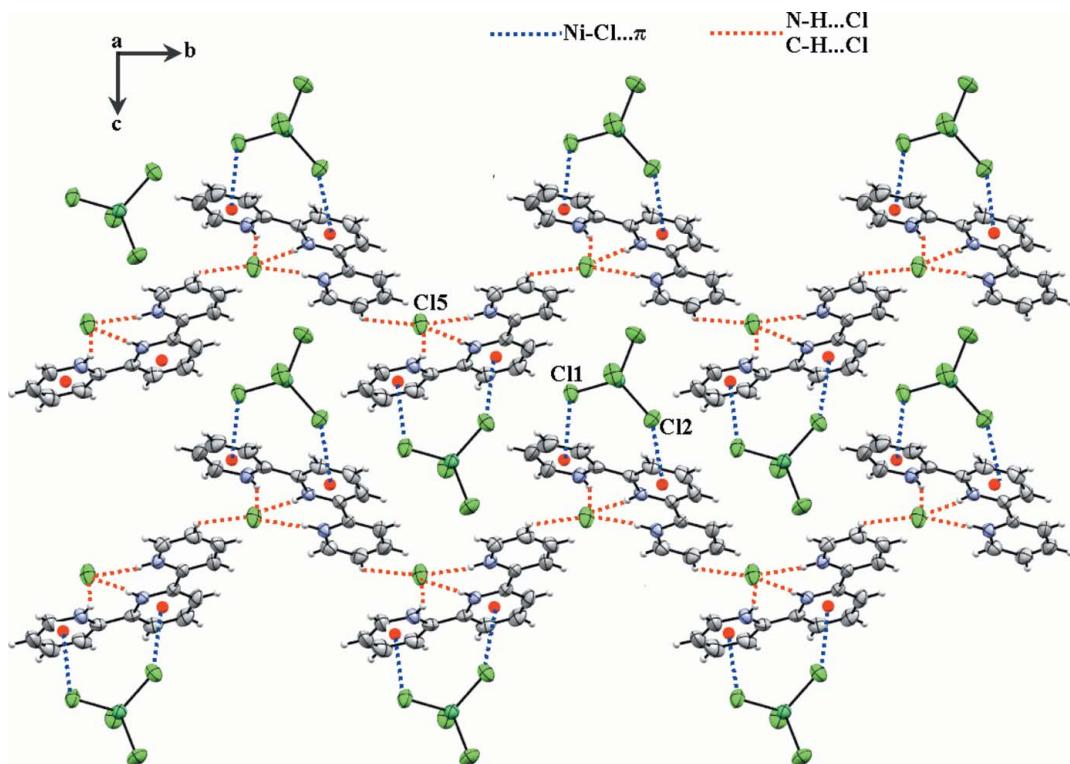


Figure 2

The nickel tetrahedral environment.

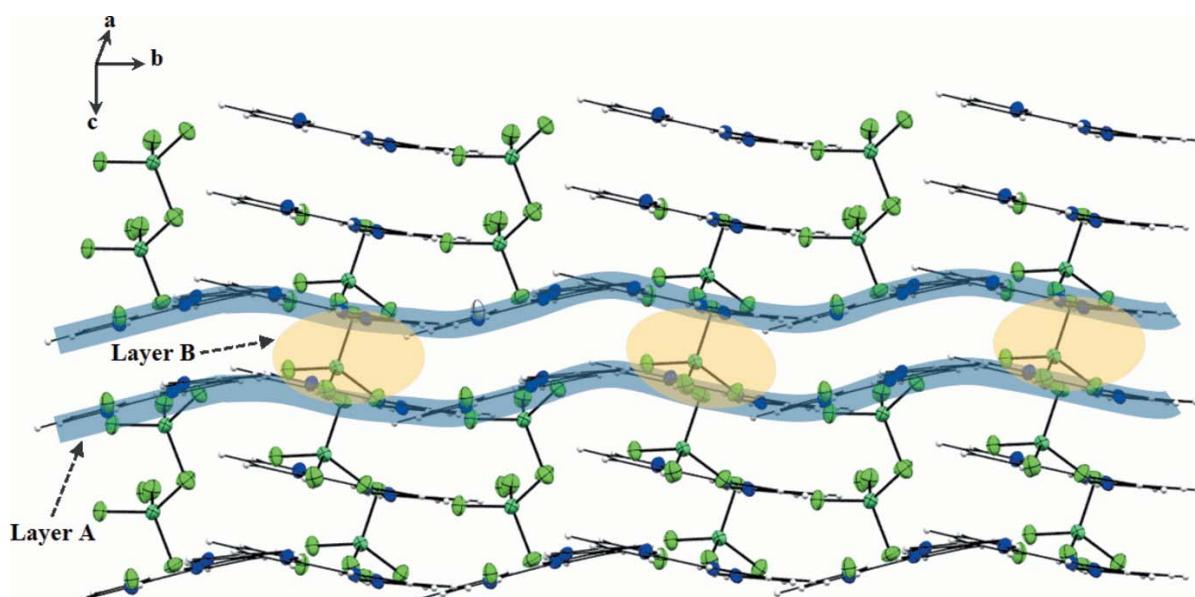
**Figure 3**

A view of the two-dimensional network of (I), showing the  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds (red dashed lines) and  $\text{Ni}-\text{Cl}\cdots\pi$  interactions (blue dashed lines).

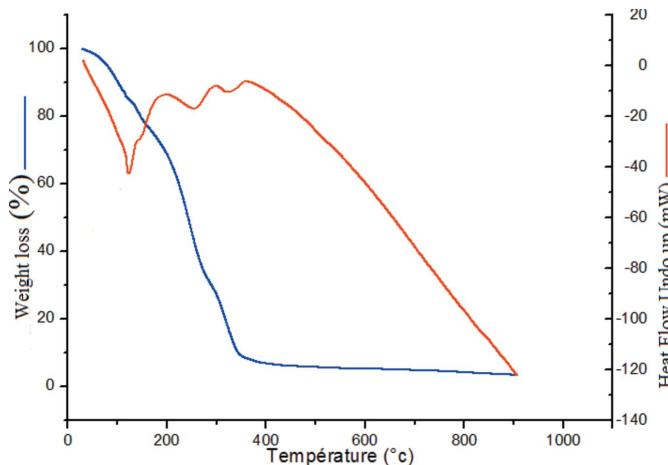
atmosphere and under nitrogen at  $200.0 \text{ ml min}^{-1}$  with a heating rate of  $10 \text{ K min}^{-1}$ .

The stability of the  $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_3)[\text{NiCl}_4]\text{Cl}$  complex was measured by TGA and the experimental results are in agreement with the calculated data. As shown in Fig. 5, the

first weight loss of 16.5% (calculated 15.21%) at 40–126 K corresponds to the loss of the two coordinated chloride anions and the second loss of 48.6% (calculated 49.9%) at 126–281 K corresponds to the loss of the organic molecule  $\text{tpyH}_3^{3+}$ , and then the two coordinated and free chloride anions gradually

**Figure 4**

A perspective view of layers *A* and *B*.

**Figure 5**

The thermogravimetric (TG) and differential thermal analysis (DTA) curves.

decompose ( $\Delta P/P = 23.14\%$ , calculated = 22.51%). In addition, the corresponding endothermic peaks (at 394.16; 554.63°C and at 638 K) in the differential scanning ATD curve also record the processes of weight loss.

## 5. Luminescent properties

Photoluminescence spectra were measured using a Cary Eclipse (Agilent Technologies) fluorescence spectrophotometer.

The fluorescence properties of  $(C_{15}H_{14}N_3)[NiCl_4]Cl$  and the free ligand tpy were investigated in the solid state at 298 K. As depicted in Fig. 6, the new compound (I) exhibits fluorescence emission at *ca* 481 nm (excited at 250 nm) compared to that of tpy (425 nm, excited at 250 nm), which can be attributed to  $\pi-\pi^*$  electronic transitions. Thus, the title compound may be a candidate for use as a blue-light luminescent material and it is believed that more transition metal heterocyclic compounds

**Table 2**  
Experimental details.

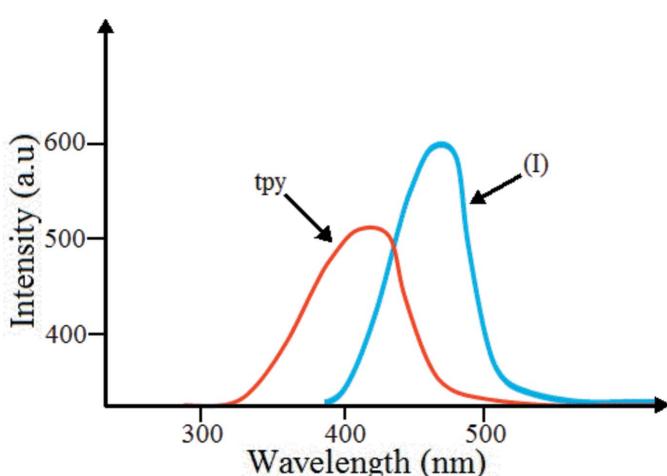
|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Crystal data   | $(C_{15}H_{14}N_3)[NiCl_4]Cl$     |
| Chemical formula   | $C_{15}H_{14}N_3$                 |
| $M_r$  | 472.25                            |
| Crystal system, space group  | Monoclinic, $P2_1$                |
| Temperature (K)  | 293                               |
| $a, b, c$ (Å)  | 6.689 (5), 13.809 (5), 10.620 (5) |
| $\beta$ (°)  | 101.271 (5)                       |
| $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )  | 962.0 (9)                         |
| $Z$  | 2                                 |
| Radiation type   | Mo $K\alpha$                      |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )  | 1.71                              |
| Crystal size (mm)  | 0.20 × 0.10 × 0.08                |
| Data collection  |                                   |
| Diffractometer   | Bruker APEXII CCD                 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections | 36239, 8772, 6308                 |
| $R_{int}$  | 0.031                             |
| $(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{max}$ (Å <sup>-1</sup> )                           | 0.828                             |
| Refinement   |                                   |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$  | 0.059, 0.150, 1.15                |
| No. of reflections   | 8772                              |
| No. of parameters  | 218                               |
| No. of restraints  | 1                                 |
| H-atom treatment   | H-atom parameters constrained     |
| $\Delta\rho_{max}, \Delta\rho_{min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )                  | 0.54, -0.51                       |

Computer programs: *APEX2* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 2006), *SHELXS97* and *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008), *ORTEP-3* for Windows (Farrugia, 2012), *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008) and *POV-Ray* (Persistence of Vision, 2004).

with good luminescent properties may be developed (Wen *et al.*, 2007; Zhang *et al.*, 2010; Huang *et al.*, 2013).

## 6. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Version 5.38; Groom *et al.*, 2016) shows 4279 hits comprising the terpyridine species. However, only two structures containing the ( $tpyH_3^{3+}$ ) form are present (Ling *et al.*, 2010; Yoshikawa *et al.*, 2016).

**Figure 6**

The solid-state fluorescence spectrum of tpy and the title compound (I) (excitation at 250 nm).

## 7. Synthesis and crystallization

All the chemicals and solvents were purchased commercially and used as received. The infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer spectrometer at room temperature in the range of 4000–500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. tpy (1.67 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in a 50/50 mixture of water and ethanol (20 ml) in a 50 ml round-bottom flask. Nickel(II) chloride (2.50 g, 10 mmol) was added to the flask to give a green-coloured solution that was stirred for 3 h under gentle heat, producing a green-coloured precipitate. The precipitate was filtered and washed twice with cold water/ethanol solvent then dried under vacuum for 20 min, producing a green powder (2.7 g, 64% yield). Green prismatic crystals of the title complex (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained from water/ethanol solvent. IR of (I) (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3390 (*v/s*), 2930 (*v/s*), 1667.8 (*s*), 1622.4 (*s*), 1417.4 (*m*), 987.6 (*w*), 540.6 (*w*).

## 8. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. All H atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined as riding atoms, with C—H = 0.93 Å, N—H = 0.86 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$ . Although not of relevance with this achiral molecule, the Flack parameter (Flack, 1983) was determined as 0.178 (16) for 4425 Friedel pairs. Minor non-merohedral twinning was identified and allowed for in the refinement, giving a BASF factor of 0.1783.

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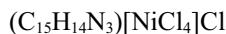
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### Computing details

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2006); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2006); data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2006); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 2012); software used to prepare material for publication: *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008) and *POVRay* (Persistence of Vision, 2004).

(I)

### Crystal data



$$M_r = 472.25$$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1$

Hall symbol: P 2yb

$$a = 6.689 (5) \text{ \AA}$$

$$b = 13.809 (5) \text{ \AA}$$

$$c = 10.620 (5) \text{ \AA}$$

$$\beta = 101.271 (5)^\circ$$

$$V = 962.0 (9) \text{ \AA}^3$$

$$Z = 2$$

$$F(000) = 476$$

$$D_x = 1.630 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 6308 reflections

$$\theta = 3.0\text{--}36.1^\circ$$

$$\mu = 1.71 \text{ mm}^{-1}$$

$$T = 293 \text{ K}$$

Prism, green

$$0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$$

### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

36239 measured reflections

8772 independent reflections

6308 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$$R_{\text{int}} = 0.031$$

$$\theta_{\text{max}} = 36.1^\circ, \theta_{\text{min}} = 3.0^\circ$$

$$h = -11 \rightarrow 10$$

$$k = -22 \rightarrow 22$$

$$l = -17 \rightarrow 17$$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$$

$$wR(F^2) = 0.150$$

$$S = 1.15$$

8772 reflections

218 parameters

1 restraint

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0529P)^2 + 0.6276P] \\ \text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.54 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.51 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$$

*Special details*

**Geometry.** Bond distances, angles etc. have been calculated using the rounded fractional coordinates. All su's are estimated from the variances of the (full) variance-covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account in the estimation of distances, angles and torsion angles

**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  $F^2 > 2\text{sigma}(F^2)$  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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | x            | y            | z            | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| N1  | 0.6965 (5)   | 0.0120 (2)   | 0.2808 (3)   | 0.0423 (8)                       |
| N2  | 0.6834 (4)   | 0.1969 (2)   | 0.2073 (2)   | 0.0345 (7)                       |
| N3  | 0.3276 (4)   | 0.2445 (2)   | 0.0620 (3)   | 0.0378 (8)                       |
| C1  | 0.6807 (7)   | -0.0822 (3)  | 0.3068 (4)   | 0.0564 (14)                      |
| C2  | 0.8509 (9)   | -0.1305 (4)  | 0.3730 (5)   | 0.0682 (16)                      |
| C3  | 1.0290 (9)   | -0.0823 (4)  | 0.4081 (5)   | 0.0704 (16)                      |
| C4  | 1.0401 (7)   | 0.0151 (4)   | 0.3788 (4)   | 0.0570 (14)                      |
| C5  | 0.8694 (5)   | 0.0637 (3)   | 0.3144 (3)   | 0.0400 (9)                       |
| C6  | 0.8612 (5)   | 0.1667 (3)   | 0.2779 (3)   | 0.0377 (8)                       |
| C7  | 1.0221 (6)   | 0.2299 (4)   | 0.3166 (4)   | 0.0514 (13)                      |
| C8  | 0.9989 (6)   | 0.3259 (3)   | 0.2837 (5)   | 0.0566 (11)                      |
| C9  | 0.8147 (6)   | 0.3578 (3)   | 0.2109 (4)   | 0.0510 (11)                      |
| C10 | 0.6616 (5)   | 0.2905 (2)   | 0.1750 (3)   | 0.0360 (8)                       |
| C11 | 0.4595 (5)   | 0.3173 (2)   | 0.0989 (3)   | 0.0374 (8)                       |
| C12 | 0.3955 (7)   | 0.4115 (3)   | 0.0654 (4)   | 0.0493 (11)                      |
| C13 | 0.1989 (7)   | 0.4256 (3)   | -0.0041 (4)  | 0.0555 (14)                      |
| C14 | 0.0724 (7)   | 0.3501 (4)   | -0.0406 (4)  | 0.0574 (14)                      |
| C15 | 0.1389 (6)   | 0.2582 (3)   | -0.0065 (4)  | 0.0496 (11)                      |
| Ni1 | 0.67429 (7)  | 0.12776 (3)  | 0.66208 (4)  | 0.0431 (1)                       |
| Cl1 | 0.53022 (16) | -0.01301 (7) | 0.60866 (11) | 0.0556 (3)                       |
| Cl2 | 0.55986 (17) | 0.23114 (8)  | 0.50704 (10) | 0.0576 (3)                       |
| Cl3 | 0.6050 (2)   | 0.18121 (10) | 0.84272 (11) | 0.0672 (4)                       |
| Cl4 | 1.00476 (14) | 0.11245 (9)  | 0.68627 (12) | 0.0629 (4)                       |
| Cl5 | 0.27653 (15) | 0.03265 (7)  | 0.11437 (12) | 0.0576 (3)                       |
| H1  | 0.55780      | -0.11470     | 0.28090      | 0.0680*                          |
| H2  | 0.84260      | -0.19570     | 0.39320      | 0.0820*                          |
| H3  | 1.14390      | -0.11440     | 0.45200      | 0.0840*                          |
| H4  | 1.16290      | 0.04800      | 0.40240      | 0.0680*                          |
| H7  | 1.14480      | 0.20740      | 0.36450      | 0.0620*                          |
| H8  | 1.10530      | 0.36920      | 0.30980      | 0.0680*                          |
| H9  | 0.79550      | 0.42250      | 0.18730      | 0.0610*                          |
| H11 | 0.58970      | 0.04130      | 0.24020      | 0.0510*                          |
| H12 | 0.48240      | 0.46380      | 0.08890      | 0.0590*                          |
| H13 | 0.15350      | 0.48820      | -0.02590     | 0.0670*                          |
| H14 | -0.05810     | 0.36030      | -0.08820     | 0.0690*                          |
| H15 | 0.05350      | 0.20540      | -0.03080     | 0.0600*                          |

|     |         |         |         |         |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| H22 | 0.58510 | 0.15670 | 0.18310 | 0.0410* |
| H33 | 0.36610 | 0.18630 | 0.08330 | 0.0450* |

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$     | $U^{23}$     |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| N1  | 0.0412 (14) | 0.0405 (14) | 0.0434 (14) | 0.0049 (11)  | 0.0040 (11)  | 0.0059 (11)  |
| N2  | 0.0329 (11) | 0.0359 (12) | 0.0329 (11) | -0.0041 (9)  | 0.0023 (9)   | -0.0026 (10) |
| N3  | 0.0373 (13) | 0.0349 (13) | 0.0394 (13) | 0.0067 (10)  | 0.0029 (10)  | -0.0032 (10) |
| C1  | 0.069 (3)   | 0.044 (2)   | 0.057 (2)   | 0.0067 (19)  | 0.014 (2)    | 0.0092 (17)  |
| C2  | 0.099 (4)   | 0.050 (2)   | 0.059 (2)   | 0.021 (3)    | 0.024 (3)    | 0.017 (2)    |
| C3  | 0.067 (3)   | 0.081 (3)   | 0.061 (2)   | 0.032 (3)    | 0.007 (2)    | 0.016 (2)    |
| C4  | 0.047 (2)   | 0.073 (3)   | 0.048 (2)   | 0.0178 (19)  | 0.0019 (16)  | 0.0088 (19)  |
| C5  | 0.0381 (15) | 0.0508 (18) | 0.0295 (13) | 0.0063 (14)  | 0.0024 (11)  | 0.0005 (12)  |
| C6  | 0.0330 (13) | 0.0479 (17) | 0.0306 (13) | -0.0024 (12) | 0.0024 (11)  | -0.0055 (12) |
| C7  | 0.0339 (15) | 0.069 (3)   | 0.0476 (19) | -0.0069 (16) | -0.0011 (14) | -0.0065 (18) |
| C8  | 0.0444 (19) | 0.061 (2)   | 0.063 (2)   | -0.0246 (17) | 0.0074 (18)  | -0.0163 (19) |
| C9  | 0.052 (2)   | 0.0391 (17) | 0.064 (2)   | -0.0166 (15) | 0.0168 (18)  | -0.0104 (16) |
| C10 | 0.0373 (14) | 0.0345 (14) | 0.0361 (14) | -0.0030 (11) | 0.0070 (12)  | -0.0056 (11) |
| C11 | 0.0431 (16) | 0.0350 (14) | 0.0352 (14) | 0.0037 (12)  | 0.0106 (12)  | -0.0022 (11) |
| C12 | 0.061 (2)   | 0.0354 (16) | 0.053 (2)   | 0.0041 (15)  | 0.0147 (17)  | 0.0042 (14)  |
| C13 | 0.068 (3)   | 0.050 (2)   | 0.0486 (19) | 0.0185 (19)  | 0.0118 (18)  | 0.0102 (17)  |
| C14 | 0.057 (2)   | 0.062 (3)   | 0.049 (2)   | 0.024 (2)    | 0.0004 (17)  | 0.0058 (18)  |
| C15 | 0.0417 (18) | 0.055 (2)   | 0.0487 (19) | 0.0085 (15)  | 0.0002 (15)  | -0.0056 (16) |
| Ni1 | 0.0447 (2)  | 0.0389 (2)  | 0.0450 (2)  | 0.0022 (2)   | 0.0074 (2)   | -0.0037 (2)  |
| Cl1 | 0.0557 (5)  | 0.0396 (4)  | 0.0668 (6)  | -0.0065 (4)  | 0.0008 (4)   | -0.0078 (4)  |
| Cl2 | 0.0582 (6)  | 0.0542 (5)  | 0.0578 (5)  | 0.0045 (4)   | 0.0048 (4)   | 0.0156 (4)   |
| Cl3 | 0.0789 (7)  | 0.0736 (7)  | 0.0531 (5)  | 0.0027 (6)   | 0.0231 (5)   | -0.0196 (5)  |
| Cl4 | 0.0395 (4)  | 0.0623 (7)  | 0.0851 (7)  | 0.0057 (4)   | 0.0075 (4)   | -0.0053 (5)  |
| Cl5 | 0.0413 (4)  | 0.0435 (5)  | 0.0823 (7)  | -0.0114 (4)  | -0.0017 (4)  | 0.0015 (5)   |

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

|         |           |         |           |
|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Ni1—Cl1 | 2.194 (2) | C7—C8   | 1.372 (7) |
| Ni1—Cl2 | 2.201 (2) | C8—C9   | 1.392 (6) |
| Ni1—Cl3 | 2.188 (2) | C9—C10  | 1.380 (5) |
| Ni1—Cl4 | 2.185 (2) | C10—C11 | 1.480 (5) |
| N1—C5   | 1.347 (5) | C11—C12 | 1.394 (5) |
| N1—C1   | 1.338 (5) | C12—C13 | 1.390 (7) |
| N2—C6   | 1.342 (4) | C13—C14 | 1.351 (7) |
| N2—C10  | 1.338 (4) | C14—C15 | 1.370 (7) |
| N3—C15  | 1.341 (5) | C1—H1   | 0.9300    |
| N3—C11  | 1.344 (4) | C2—H2   | 0.9300    |
| N1—H11  | 0.8600    | C3—H3   | 0.9300    |
| N2—H22  | 0.8600    | C4—H4   | 0.9300    |
| N3—H33  | 0.8600    | C7—H7   | 0.9300    |
| C1—C2   | 1.387 (7) | C8—H8   | 0.9300    |
| C2—C3   | 1.352 (8) | C9—H9   | 0.9300    |

|                |            |                |            |
|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| C3—C4          | 1.386 (8)  | C12—H12        | 0.9300     |
| C4—C5          | 1.384 (6)  | C13—H13        | 0.9300     |
| C5—C6          | 1.472 (6)  | C14—H14        | 0.9300     |
| C6—C7          | 1.384 (6)  | C15—H15        | 0.9300     |
| <br>           |            |                |            |
| Cl1—Ni1—Cl4    | 109.13 (5) | N2—C10—C9      | 122.8 (3)  |
| Cl1—Ni1—Cl2    | 108.08 (5) | N3—C11—C10     | 116.7 (3)  |
| Cl1—Ni1—Cl3    | 111.59 (5) | N3—C11—C12     | 118.2 (3)  |
| Cl3—Ni1—Cl4    | 108.20 (5) | C10—C11—C12    | 125.1 (3)  |
| Cl2—Ni1—Cl3    | 109.57 (5) | C11—C12—C13    | 118.5 (4)  |
| Cl2—Ni1—Cl4    | 110.28 (5) | C12—C13—C14    | 121.3 (4)  |
| C1—N1—C5       | 124.0 (4)  | C13—C14—C15    | 119.1 (4)  |
| C6—N2—C10      | 118.9 (3)  | N3—C15—C14     | 119.8 (4)  |
| C11—N3—C15     | 123.2 (3)  | N1—C1—H1       | 121.00     |
| C5—N1—H11      | 118.00     | C2—C1—H1       | 121.00     |
| C1—N1—H11      | 118.00     | C1—C2—H2       | 120.00     |
| C10—N2—H22     | 121.00     | C3—C2—H2       | 120.00     |
| C6—N2—H22      | 121.00     | C4—C3—H3       | 120.00     |
| C15—N3—H33     | 118.00     | C2—C3—H3       | 120.00     |
| C11—N3—H33     | 118.00     | C3—C4—H4       | 120.00     |
| N1—C1—C2       | 118.8 (4)  | C5—C4—H4       | 120.00     |
| C1—C2—C3       | 119.7 (5)  | C6—C7—H7       | 120.00     |
| C2—C3—C4       | 119.9 (5)  | C8—C7—H7       | 120.00     |
| C3—C4—C5       | 120.4 (5)  | C9—C8—H8       | 120.00     |
| N1—C5—C4       | 117.2 (4)  | C7—C8—H8       | 120.00     |
| C4—C5—C6       | 125.7 (4)  | C8—C9—H9       | 121.00     |
| N1—C5—C6       | 117.2 (3)  | C10—C9—H9      | 121.00     |
| N2—C6—C5       | 115.5 (3)  | C11—C12—H12    | 121.00     |
| N2—C6—C7       | 121.5 (4)  | C13—C12—H12    | 121.00     |
| C5—C6—C7       | 123.0 (3)  | C14—C13—H13    | 119.00     |
| C6—C7—C8       | 119.4 (4)  | C12—C13—H13    | 119.00     |
| C7—C8—C9       | 119.4 (4)  | C13—C14—H14    | 121.00     |
| C8—C9—C10      | 118.0 (4)  | C15—C14—H14    | 120.00     |
| N2—C10—C11     | 115.1 (3)  | C14—C15—H15    | 120.00     |
| C9—C10—C11     | 122.1 (3)  | N3—C15—H15     | 120.00     |
| <br>           |            |                |            |
| C5—N1—C1—C2    | 0.4 (6)    | C4—C5—C6—N2    | 175.1 (3)  |
| C1—N1—C5—C4    | 0.5 (5)    | C4—C5—C6—C7    | -7.0 (6)   |
| C1—N1—C5—C6    | 179.7 (3)  | N2—C6—C7—C8    | 0.9 (6)    |
| C10—N2—C6—C5   | 177.3 (3)  | C5—C6—C7—C8    | -176.8 (4) |
| C10—N2—C6—C7   | -0.7 (5)   | C6—C7—C8—C9    | -0.7 (7)   |
| C6—N2—C10—C9   | 0.2 (5)    | C7—C8—C9—C10   | 0.2 (6)    |
| C6—N2—C10—C11  | -179.1 (3) | C8—C9—C10—N2   | 0.1 (6)    |
| C15—N3—C11—C10 | 179.5 (3)  | C8—C9—C10—C11  | 179.3 (4)  |
| C15—N3—C11—C12 | 0.8 (5)    | N2—C10—C11—N3  | -5.3 (4)   |
| C11—N3—C15—C14 | -0.8 (6)   | N2—C10—C11—C12 | 173.4 (3)  |
| N1—C1—C2—C3    | -1.0 (7)   | C9—C10—C11—N3  | 175.5 (3)  |
| C1—C2—C3—C4    | 0.6 (8)    | C9—C10—C11—C12 | -5.9 (5)   |

|             |           |                 |            |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| C2—C3—C4—C5 | 0.4 (7)   | N3—C11—C12—C13  | 0.1 (6)    |
| C3—C4—C5—N1 | -1.0 (6)  | C10—C11—C12—C13 | -178.5 (4) |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | 179.9 (4) | C11—C12—C13—C14 | -1.0 (6)   |
| N1—C5—C6—N2 | -4.0 (4)  | C12—C13—C14—C15 | 1.0 (7)    |
| N1—C5—C6—C7 | 173.9 (3) | C13—C14—C15—N3  | -0.1 (6)   |

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

| D—H···A                    | D—H  | H···A | D···A     | D—H···A |
|----------------------------|------|-------|-----------|---------|
| N1—H11···Cl5               | 0.86 | 2.26  | 3.026 (4) | 149     |
| N1—H11···N2                | 0.86 | 2.28  | 2.666 (4) | 107     |
| N2—H22···Cl5               | 0.86 | 2.67  | 3.532 (4) | 178     |
| N2—H22···N3                | 0.86 | 2.29  | 2.654 (4) | 106     |
| N3—H33···Cl5               | 0.86 | 2.25  | 3.010 (4) | 148     |
| C14—H14···Cl5 <sup>i</sup> | 0.93 | 2.78  | 3.421 (6) | 127     |

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