

Crystal structure of [2-({2-[(2-azanidylbenzylidene)-amino]benzylidene}amino)-4-chlorophenolato]-nickel(II)

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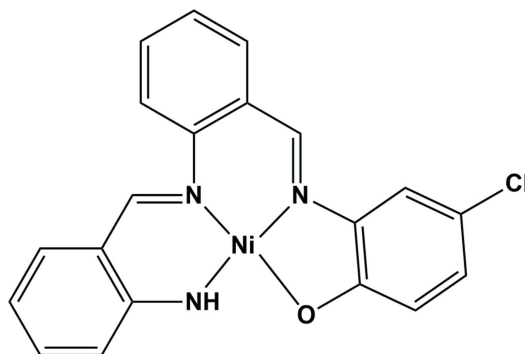
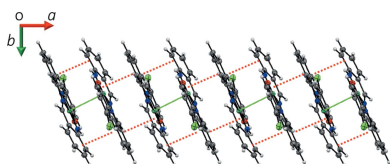
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The title complex, $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{ClN}_3\text{O})]$, with an asymmetrically chloride-appended Schiff base ligand has been synthesized and structurally characterized at 100 K. In the compound, the central nickel(II) ion has a square-planar coordination geometry with N_3O donors of the π -conjugated tetradentate Schiff base ligand. In the crystal, the complexes are connected into an inversion dimer *via* an $\text{Ni}\cdots\text{Ni}$ interaction [3.1753 (5) Å] and a pair of π - π interactions [centroid-centroid distance = 3.8416 (16) Å]. The dimers are linked *via* a $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ hydrogen bond, forming a chain along the *c*-axis direction. The dimer chains interact with each other through π - π interactions [centroid-centroid distance = 3.8736 (16) Å], forming a layer expanding parallel to the *ac* plane.

1. Chemical context

Metal complexes with a tetradentate Schiff base ligand as represented by $\text{H}_2(\text{salen})$ [*N,N'*-ethylenebis(salicylideneimine)] and its derivatives have played extremely important roles in the field of coordination chemistry. Up to now, a large number of salen derivatives have been prepared and used for complexation in the expectation of a wide range of features such as catalytic ability, magnetic, dielectric and luminescence properties and so on (Bermejo *et al.*, 1996). In these cases, symmetric tetradentate ligands mainly produce N_2O_2 or N_4 type coordination environments. In this research, we have designed asymmetric structures, both in the coordination environment and in the molecular configuration, for the construction of the supramolecular structure through intermolecular hydrogen bonds, and synthesized the title nickel(II) complex using an asymmetrically chloride-appended tetradentate Schiff base ligand.



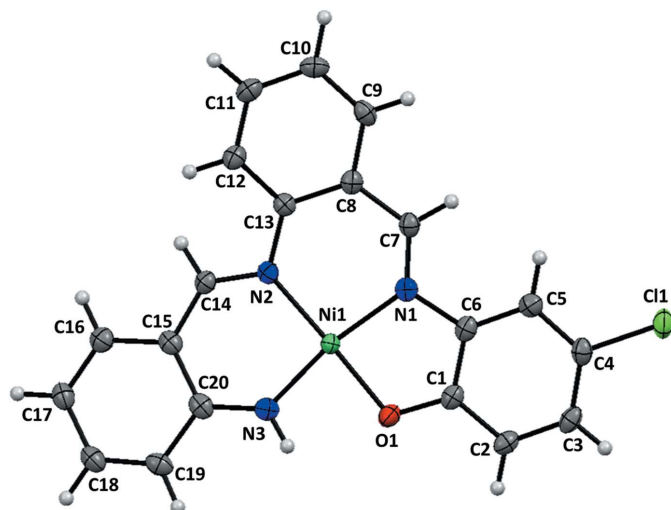


Figure 1
The molecular structure of the title compound, showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

The structure of the title compound, which features a widely spread π -conjugated ring system, is also useful for supramolecular assemblies through π - π interactions. The mononuclear copper(II) complex with a similar N_3O type asymmetrical ligand was reported by Ghorai & Mukherjee (2014).

2. Structural commentary

The nickel(II) atom is in a square-planar coordination with an asymmetrical coordination environment formed by the N_3O

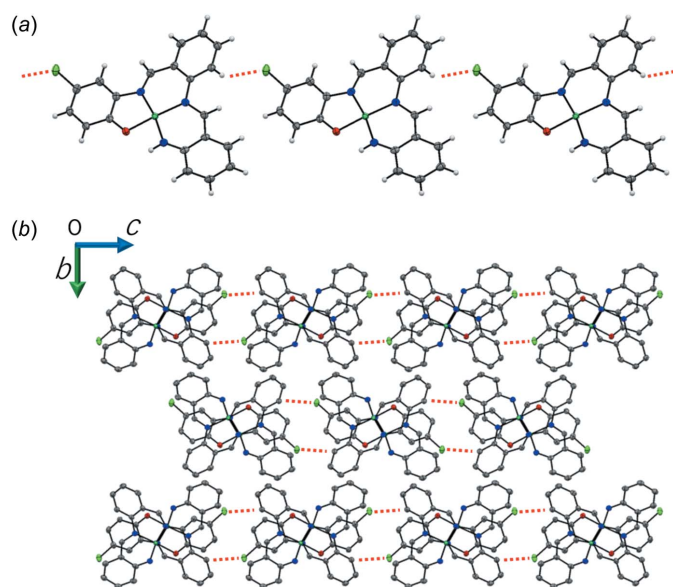


Figure 2
Packing diagrams of the title compound, showing (a) a chain structure running along the c axis formed by $C-H\cdots Cl$ hydrogen bonds (red dashed lines) and (b) the chains viewed along the a axis.

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

| $D-H\cdots A$ | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $C12-H12\cdots Cl1^i$ | 0.95 | 2.76 | 3.540 (3) | 140 |
| $C10-H10\cdots C20^{ii}$ | 0.95 | 2.80 | 3.626 (4) | 146 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y, z - 1$; (ii) $-x, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$

donor set including one phenolate O atom, two imine N atoms and one amino N atom of the tetradentate Schiff base ligand (Fig. 1). The $Ni-O1$, $Ni-N1$, $Ni-N2$, and $Ni-N3$ bond lengths are 1.8617 (18), 1.878 (2), 1.896 (2) and 1.831 (2) \AA , respectively. The complex molecule is approximately planar; the coordination plane ($N1-N3/O1/Ni1$) makes dihedral angles of 4.15 (12), 10.22 (12) and 13.42 (12) $^\circ$, respectively, with the $C1-C6$, $C8-C13$ and $C15-C20$ benzene rings.

3. Supramolecular features

In the crystal, pairs of complex molecules related by an inversion centre are dimerized by an $Ni\cdots Ni$ interaction [3.1753 (5) \AA] and a pair of π - π interactions between the $C1-C6$ and $C15-C20$ benzene rings [centroid-centroid distance = 3.8415 (16) \AA]. Such dimerization caused by an $Ni\cdots Ni$ interaction has also been observed in symmetric $Ni(\text{salen})$ compounds (Aullón *et al.*, 1996; Siegler & Lutz, 2009). The dimeric molecules of the title compound are linked by $C-H\cdots Cl$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), producing a chain of dimers along the c axis (Fig. 2). The dimers further interact with each other through π - π interactions between the $C1-C6$ and $C8-C13$ benzene rings [centroid-centroid distance = 3.8738 (17) \AA], forming a column along the a axis (Fig. 3). Together, these $C-H\cdots Cl$ and π - π interactions result in a layer parallel to the ac plane. The layers are further linked by a short $C-H\cdots C$ contact (Table 1), giving a three-dimensional network (Fig. 4).

4. Synthesis and crystallization

The tetradentate Schiff base ligand was prepared by the reaction of 2-aminobenzaldehyde (Smith & Opie, 1948) (0.228 g, 2.0 mmol) and 2-amino-4-chlorophenol (0.144 g,

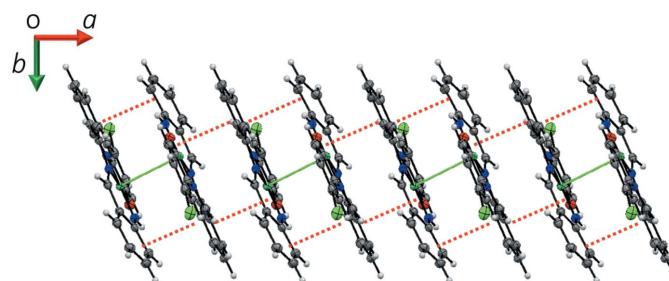


Figure 3
A packing diagram of the title compound, showing the column structure along the a axis formed by $Ni\cdots Ni$ interactions (green solid lines) and π - π interactions (red dashed lines).

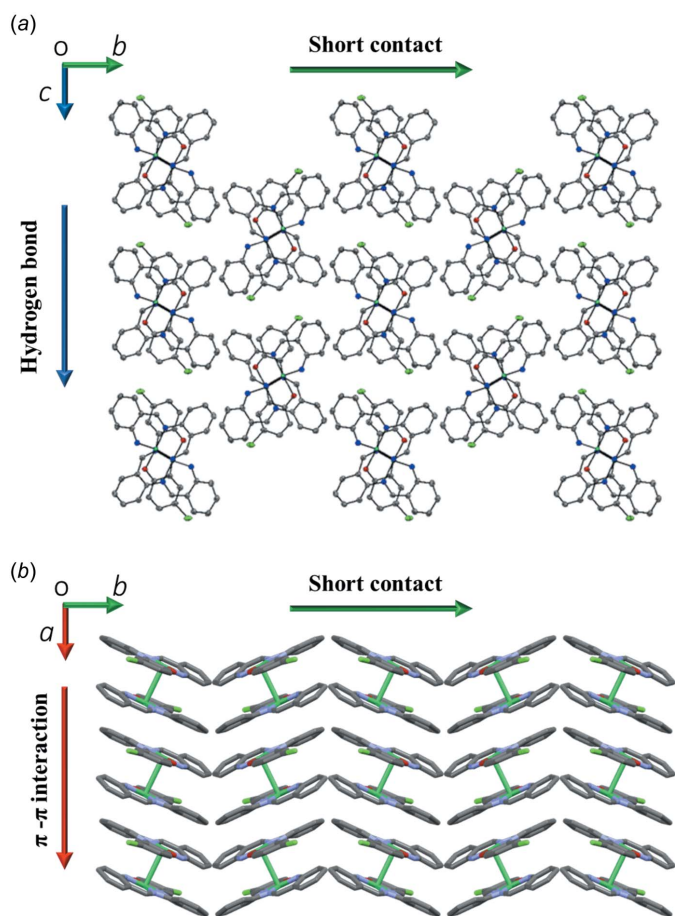


Figure 4
Packing diagrams of the title compound assembled by (a) C–H···Cl hydrogen bonds and C–H···C short contacts, and (b) π – π interactions and short contacts.

1.0 mmol) in methanol (50 ml) under stirring for 1 h. The resulting solution including the ligand was used for complexation with the Ni^{II} ion. A methanol solution (50 ml) of Ni(CH₃COO)₂·4H₂O (0.249 g, 1.0 mmol) was added to the solution and stirred for 1 h. The resulting solution was allowed to stand for a few days, during which time dark-purple block-shaped crystals precipitated. They were collected by suction filtration and dried in air to give single crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray diffraction.

5. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. The position of the N-bound H atom was refined with N–H = 0.86 (1) Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$. Other H atoms were treated as riding with C–H = 0.95 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Table 2
Experimental details.

| | |
|--|--|
| Crystal data | |
| Chemical formula | [Ni(C ₂₀ H ₁₄ ClN ₃ O)] |
| M_r | 406.50 |
| Crystal system, space group | Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ |
| Temperature (K) | 100 |
| a, b, c (Å) | 7.5510 (4), 17.8689 (9), 12.6834 (6) |
| β (°) | 109.9504 (14) |
| V (Å ³) | 1608.64 (14) |
| Z | 4 |
| Radiation type | |
| μ (mm ⁻¹) | Mo $K\alpha$ |
| Crystal size (mm) | 0.46 × 0.27 × 0.25 |
| Data collection | |
| Diffractometer | Rigaku R-Axis RAPID |
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995) |
| $T_{\text{min}}, T_{\text{max}}$ | 0.476, 0.712 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [$F^2 > 2.0\sigma(F^2)$] reflections | 15243, 3638, 3177 |
| R_{int} | 0.039 |
| $(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å ⁻¹) | 0.647 |
| Refinement | |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$ | 0.042, 0.103, 1.04 |
| No. of reflections | 3638 |
| No. of parameters | 238 |
| No. of restraints | 1 |
| H-atom treatment | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å ⁻³) | 1.35, -0.37 |

Computer programs: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1995), *SHELXS2013* (Sheldrick, 2008), *SHELXL2016* (Sheldrick, 2015) and *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku, 2014).

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Computing details

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 $\beta = 109.9504$ (14)°
 $V = 1608.64$ (14) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 832.00$
 $D_x = 1.678$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71075$ Å
 Cell parameters from 13442 reflections
 $\theta = 3.0$ – 27.4 °
 $\mu = 1.39$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 100$ K
 Block, purple
 $0.46 \times 0.27 \times 0.25$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID
 diffractometer
 Detector resolution: 10.000 pixels mm⁻¹
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
 $T_{\min} = 0.476$, $T_{\max} = 0.712$
 15243 measured reflections

3638 independent reflections
 3177 reflections with $F^2 > 2.0\sigma(F^2)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.039$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.4$ °, $\theta_{\text{min}} = 3.0$ °
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 8$
 $k = -23 \rightarrow 23$
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.103$
 $S = 1.04$
 3638 reflections
 238 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 atoms treated by a mixture of independent
 and constrained refinement
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0527P)^2 + 1.948P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.35$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.37$ e Å⁻³

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.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 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 l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement was performed using all reflections. The weighted R-factor (wR) and goodness of fit (S) are based on F^2 . R-factor (gt) are based on F. The threshold expression of $F^2 > 2.0 \text{ sigma}(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R-factor (gt).

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

| | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Ni1 | 0.29838 (4) | 0.53846 (2) | 0.46051 (3) | 0.01597 (11) |
| Cl1 | 0.22371 (10) | 0.39200 (4) | 0.93185 (6) | 0.03146 (17) |
| O1 | 0.3645 (3) | 0.58686 (10) | 0.59854 (15) | 0.0230 (4) |
| N1 | 0.2079 (3) | 0.46083 (11) | 0.52811 (18) | 0.0195 (4) |
| N2 | 0.2225 (3) | 0.49436 (12) | 0.31594 (18) | 0.0193 (4) |
| N3 | 0.3976 (3) | 0.62220 (12) | 0.41867 (19) | 0.0221 (4) |
| C1 | 0.3301 (4) | 0.54570 (14) | 0.6762 (2) | 0.0205 (5) |
| C2 | 0.3738 (4) | 0.56917 (15) | 0.7885 (2) | 0.0229 (5) |
| C3 | 0.3380 (4) | 0.52243 (15) | 0.8656 (2) | 0.0237 (5) |
| C4 | 0.2594 (4) | 0.45198 (15) | 0.8321 (2) | 0.0236 (5) |
| C5 | 0.2109 (4) | 0.42792 (15) | 0.7223 (2) | 0.0224 (5) |
| C6 | 0.2447 (4) | 0.47561 (15) | 0.6445 (2) | 0.0207 (5) |
| C7 | 0.1169 (4) | 0.40146 (14) | 0.4813 (2) | 0.0210 (5) |
| C8 | 0.0936 (3) | 0.37840 (14) | 0.3689 (2) | 0.0197 (5) |
| C9 | 0.0092 (4) | 0.30739 (15) | 0.3366 (2) | 0.0235 (5) |
| C10 | -0.0089 (4) | 0.27609 (15) | 0.2338 (2) | 0.0259 (6) |
| C11 | 0.0649 (4) | 0.31435 (15) | 0.1634 (2) | 0.0251 (5) |
| C12 | 0.1469 (4) | 0.38395 (15) | 0.1918 (2) | 0.0230 (5) |
| C13 | 0.1542 (3) | 0.41975 (13) | 0.2923 (2) | 0.0187 (5) |
| C14 | 0.2147 (4) | 0.53457 (14) | 0.2259 (2) | 0.0199 (5) |
| C15 | 0.2954 (4) | 0.60452 (14) | 0.2207 (2) | 0.0214 (5) |
| C16 | 0.2781 (4) | 0.63380 (15) | 0.1133 (2) | 0.0247 (5) |
| C17 | 0.3660 (4) | 0.69883 (15) | 0.1023 (2) | 0.0262 (5) |
| C18 | 0.4758 (4) | 0.73809 (15) | 0.2007 (2) | 0.0267 (6) |
| C19 | 0.4922 (4) | 0.71300 (14) | 0.3054 (2) | 0.0253 (6) |
| C20 | 0.3979 (3) | 0.64586 (14) | 0.3194 (2) | 0.0210 (5) |
| H1 | 0.452 (4) | 0.6459 (17) | 0.478 (2) | 0.0315* |
| H2 | 0.42785 | 0.61711 | 0.81103 | 0.0275* |
| H3 | 0.36681 | 0.5382 | 0.94116 | 0.0285* |
| H5 | 0.15584 | 0.38005 | 0.70055 | 0.0268* |
| H7 | 0.06228 | 0.37131 | 0.52382 | 0.0253* |
| H9 | -0.03614 | 0.28057 | 0.38682 | 0.0282* |
| H10 | -0.07053 | 0.22937 | 0.21193 | 0.0310* |
| H11 | 0.05913 | 0.2923 | 0.09418 | 0.0301* |
| H12 | 0.19936 | 0.40819 | 0.14264 | 0.0276* |
| H14 | 0.14485 | 0.51283 | 0.15561 | 0.0239* |

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|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| H16 | 0.2041 | 0.60767 | 0.04782 | 0.0296* |
| H17 | 0.35399 | 0.71755 | 0.03007 | 0.0314* |
| H18 | 0.53905 | 0.7827 | 0.19338 | 0.0321* |
| H19 | 0.56662 | 0.74021 | 0.36959 | 0.0304* |

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

| | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{12} | U^{13} | U^{23} |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ni1 | 0.01684 (17) | 0.01610 (17) | 0.01561 (17) | 0.00035 (11) | 0.00636 (13) | 0.00011 (12) |
| C11 | 0.0320 (4) | 0.0439 (4) | 0.0214 (3) | -0.0047 (3) | 0.0130 (3) | 0.0036 (3) |
| O1 | 0.0285 (10) | 0.0222 (9) | 0.0181 (9) | 0.0016 (8) | 0.0076 (8) | -0.0014 (7) |
| N1 | 0.0167 (10) | 0.0209 (11) | 0.0216 (11) | 0.0035 (8) | 0.0072 (9) | 0.0015 (8) |
| N2 | 0.0177 (10) | 0.0202 (10) | 0.0215 (10) | 0.0012 (8) | 0.0088 (9) | 0.0001 (8) |
| N3 | 0.0210 (11) | 0.0203 (11) | 0.0238 (11) | 0.0001 (9) | 0.0062 (9) | -0.0002 (9) |
| C1 | 0.0183 (12) | 0.0243 (13) | 0.0183 (12) | 0.0059 (10) | 0.0054 (10) | 0.0001 (10) |
| C2 | 0.0230 (12) | 0.0228 (12) | 0.0200 (12) | 0.0049 (10) | 0.0036 (10) | -0.0025 (10) |
| C3 | 0.0204 (12) | 0.0315 (14) | 0.0190 (12) | 0.0063 (11) | 0.0064 (10) | -0.0022 (11) |
| C4 | 0.0198 (12) | 0.0304 (14) | 0.0222 (13) | 0.0036 (10) | 0.0092 (10) | 0.0040 (11) |
| C5 | 0.0180 (12) | 0.0254 (13) | 0.0241 (13) | 0.0006 (10) | 0.0078 (10) | -0.0024 (11) |
| C6 | 0.0171 (11) | 0.0261 (13) | 0.0196 (12) | 0.0047 (10) | 0.0070 (10) | -0.0001 (10) |
| C7 | 0.0188 (12) | 0.0246 (13) | 0.0211 (12) | 0.0017 (10) | 0.0085 (10) | 0.0024 (10) |
| C8 | 0.0160 (11) | 0.0228 (12) | 0.0197 (12) | 0.0032 (9) | 0.0055 (10) | 0.0023 (10) |
| C9 | 0.0195 (12) | 0.0238 (13) | 0.0276 (13) | -0.0001 (10) | 0.0085 (11) | 0.0055 (11) |
| C10 | 0.0218 (13) | 0.0217 (12) | 0.0310 (14) | -0.0024 (10) | 0.0049 (11) | -0.0047 (11) |
| C11 | 0.0241 (13) | 0.0267 (13) | 0.0221 (13) | 0.0019 (11) | 0.0048 (11) | -0.0039 (11) |
| C12 | 0.0252 (13) | 0.0232 (13) | 0.0206 (12) | 0.0038 (10) | 0.0077 (11) | 0.0003 (10) |
| C13 | 0.0167 (11) | 0.0183 (12) | 0.0209 (12) | 0.0025 (9) | 0.0062 (10) | 0.0012 (10) |
| C14 | 0.0189 (12) | 0.0216 (12) | 0.0203 (12) | 0.0019 (10) | 0.0080 (10) | -0.0009 (10) |
| C15 | 0.0207 (12) | 0.0182 (12) | 0.0279 (13) | 0.0029 (10) | 0.0115 (11) | 0.0015 (10) |
| C16 | 0.0242 (13) | 0.0246 (13) | 0.0274 (14) | 0.0022 (11) | 0.0116 (11) | -0.0010 (11) |
| C17 | 0.0302 (14) | 0.0236 (13) | 0.0291 (14) | 0.0032 (11) | 0.0158 (12) | 0.0052 (11) |
| C18 | 0.0273 (13) | 0.0204 (12) | 0.0364 (15) | 0.0002 (11) | 0.0160 (12) | 0.0038 (11) |
| C19 | 0.0216 (12) | 0.0211 (13) | 0.0330 (15) | -0.0002 (10) | 0.0087 (11) | 0.0007 (11) |
| C20 | 0.0165 (11) | 0.0193 (12) | 0.0285 (13) | 0.0055 (9) | 0.0094 (10) | 0.0044 (10) |

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

| | | | |
|--------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Ni1—N3 | 1.831 (2) | C8—C13 | 1.416 (3) |
| Ni1—O1 | 1.8617 (18) | C8—C9 | 1.416 (4) |
| Ni1—N1 | 1.878 (2) | C9—C10 | 1.382 (4) |
| Ni1—N2 | 1.896 (2) | C9—H9 | 0.9500 |
| C11—C4 | 1.748 (3) | C10—C11 | 1.383 (4) |
| O1—C1 | 1.324 (3) | C10—H10 | 0.9500 |
| N1—C7 | 1.293 (3) | C11—C12 | 1.381 (4) |
| N1—C6 | 1.430 (3) | C11—H11 | 0.9500 |
| N2—C14 | 1.333 (3) | C12—C13 | 1.410 (3) |
| N2—C13 | 1.424 (3) | C12—H12 | 0.9500 |
| N3—C20 | 1.329 (3) | C14—C15 | 1.402 (3) |

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|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| N3—H1 | 0.836 (18) | C14—H14 | 0.9500 |
| C1—C6 | 1.403 (4) | C15—C16 | 1.424 (4) |
| C1—C2 | 1.412 (3) | C15—C20 | 1.432 (4) |
| C2—C3 | 1.381 (4) | C16—C17 | 1.369 (4) |
| C2—H2 | 0.9500 | C16—H16 | 0.9500 |
| C3—C4 | 1.395 (4) | C17—C18 | 1.425 (4) |
| C3—H3 | 0.9500 | C17—H17 | 0.9500 |
| C4—C5 | 1.382 (4) | C18—C19 | 1.367 (4) |
| C5—C6 | 1.392 (4) | C18—H18 | 0.9500 |
| C5—H5 | 0.9500 | C19—C20 | 1.436 (4) |
| C7—C8 | 1.436 (3) | C19—H19 | 0.9500 |
| C7—H7 | 0.9500 | | |
| N3—Ni1—O1 | 83.57 (9) | C13—C8—C7 | 125.0 (2) |
| N3—Ni1—N1 | 169.92 (10) | C9—C8—C7 | 115.8 (2) |
| O1—Ni1—N1 | 86.35 (9) | C10—C9—C8 | 121.7 (2) |
| N3—Ni1—N2 | 94.46 (10) | C10—C9—H9 | 119.1 |
| O1—Ni1—N2 | 176.53 (9) | C8—C9—H9 | 119.1 |
| N1—Ni1—N2 | 95.61 (9) | C9—C10—C11 | 118.5 (2) |
| C1—O1—Ni1 | 112.57 (16) | C9—C10—H10 | 120.8 |
| C7—N1—C6 | 120.7 (2) | C11—C10—H10 | 120.8 |
| C7—N1—Ni1 | 128.02 (18) | C12—C11—C10 | 121.4 (3) |
| C6—N1—Ni1 | 111.23 (16) | C12—C11—H11 | 119.3 |
| C14—N2—C13 | 114.6 (2) | C10—C11—H11 | 119.3 |
| C14—N2—Ni1 | 121.00 (18) | C11—C12—C13 | 121.3 (2) |
| C13—N2—Ni1 | 124.14 (16) | C11—C12—H12 | 119.3 |
| C20—N3—Ni1 | 131.89 (19) | C13—C12—H12 | 119.3 |
| C20—N3—H1 | 122 (2) | C12—C13—C8 | 117.5 (2) |
| Ni1—N3—H1 | 106 (2) | C12—C13—N2 | 121.0 (2) |
| O1—C1—C6 | 118.0 (2) | C8—C13—N2 | 121.5 (2) |
| O1—C1—C2 | 123.2 (2) | N2—C14—C15 | 128.9 (2) |
| C6—C1—C2 | 118.7 (2) | N2—C14—H14 | 115.6 |
| C3—C2—C1 | 120.0 (3) | C15—C14—H14 | 115.6 |
| C3—C2—H2 | 120.0 | C14—C15—C16 | 118.3 (2) |
| C1—C2—H2 | 120.0 | C14—C15—C20 | 122.2 (2) |
| C2—C3—C4 | 119.7 (2) | C16—C15—C20 | 119.5 (2) |
| C2—C3—H3 | 120.1 | C17—C16—C15 | 121.3 (3) |
| C4—C3—H3 | 120.1 | C17—C16—H16 | 119.3 |
| C5—C4—C3 | 121.8 (2) | C15—C16—H16 | 119.3 |
| C5—C4—C11 | 119.0 (2) | C16—C17—C18 | 119.1 (3) |
| C3—C4—C11 | 119.2 (2) | C16—C17—H17 | 120.5 |
| C4—C5—C6 | 118.3 (2) | C18—C17—H17 | 120.5 |
| C4—C5—H5 | 120.8 | C19—C18—C17 | 121.5 (2) |
| C6—C5—H5 | 120.8 | C19—C18—H18 | 119.3 |
| C5—C6—C1 | 121.4 (2) | C17—C18—H18 | 119.3 |
| C5—C6—N1 | 126.9 (2) | C18—C19—C20 | 120.6 (3) |
| C1—C6—N1 | 111.7 (2) | C18—C19—H19 | 119.7 |
| N1—C7—C8 | 123.8 (2) | C20—C19—H19 | 119.7 |

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| N1—C7—H7 | 118.1 | N3—C20—C15 | 119.2 (2) |
| C8—C7—H7 | 118.1 | N3—C20—C19 | 122.9 (2) |
| C13—C8—C9 | 119.2 (2) | C15—C20—C19 | 117.8 (2) |
| N3—Ni1—O1—C1 | -176.59 (18) | Ni1—N1—C7—C8 | 10.2 (4) |
| N1—Ni1—O1—C1 | 3.42 (17) | N1—C7—C8—C13 | -4.8 (4) |
| N3—Ni1—N1—C7 | 173.9 (5) | N1—C7—C8—C9 | 172.8 (2) |
| O1—Ni1—N1—C7 | 174.0 (2) | C13—C8—C9—C10 | 2.6 (4) |
| N2—Ni1—N1—C7 | -3.1 (2) | C7—C8—C9—C10 | -175.2 (2) |
| N3—Ni1—N1—C6 | -3.6 (6) | C8—C9—C10—C11 | 2.7 (4) |
| O1—Ni1—N1—C6 | -3.50 (16) | C9—C10—C11—C12 | -3.2 (4) |
| N2—Ni1—N1—C6 | 179.37 (16) | C10—C11—C12—C13 | -1.7 (4) |
| N3—Ni1—N2—C14 | -15.0 (2) | C11—C12—C13—C8 | 6.9 (4) |
| N1—Ni1—N2—C14 | 164.51 (19) | C11—C12—C13—N2 | -173.9 (2) |
| N3—Ni1—N2—C13 | 170.91 (19) | C9—C8—C13—C12 | -7.2 (3) |
| N1—Ni1—N2—C13 | -9.6 (2) | C7—C8—C13—C12 | 170.3 (2) |
| O1—Ni1—N3—C20 | -171.4 (2) | C9—C8—C13—N2 | 173.6 (2) |
| N1—Ni1—N3—C20 | -171.3 (4) | C7—C8—C13—N2 | -8.9 (4) |
| N2—Ni1—N3—C20 | 5.7 (2) | C14—N2—C13—C12 | 22.3 (3) |
| Ni1—O1—C1—C6 | -2.6 (3) | Ni1—N2—C13—C12 | -163.25 (19) |
| Ni1—O1—C1—C2 | 177.86 (19) | C14—N2—C13—C8 | -158.5 (2) |
| O1—C1—C2—C3 | -178.4 (2) | Ni1—N2—C13—C8 | 15.9 (3) |
| C6—C1—C2—C3 | 2.1 (4) | C13—N2—C14—C15 | -169.2 (2) |
| C1—C2—C3—C4 | 0.3 (4) | Ni1—N2—C14—C15 | 16.1 (4) |
| C2—C3—C4—C5 | -1.8 (4) | N2—C14—C15—C16 | 175.5 (2) |
| C2—C3—C4—C11 | 177.5 (2) | N2—C14—C15—C20 | -2.7 (4) |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | 0.9 (4) | C14—C15—C16—C17 | -174.8 (2) |
| C11—C4—C5—C6 | -178.37 (19) | C20—C15—C16—C17 | 3.5 (4) |
| C4—C5—C6—C1 | 1.5 (4) | C15—C16—C17—C18 | -0.4 (4) |
| C4—C5—C6—N1 | 178.9 (2) | C16—C17—C18—C19 | -1.3 (4) |
| O1—C1—C6—C5 | 177.4 (2) | C17—C18—C19—C20 | -0.2 (4) |
| C2—C1—C6—C5 | -3.0 (4) | Ni1—N3—C20—C15 | 4.8 (4) |
| O1—C1—C6—N1 | -0.2 (3) | Ni1—N3—C20—C19 | -177.35 (19) |
| C2—C1—C6—N1 | 179.3 (2) | C14—C15—C20—N3 | -8.6 (4) |
| C7—N1—C6—C5 | 7.7 (4) | C16—C15—C20—N3 | 173.2 (2) |
| Ni1—N1—C6—C5 | -174.6 (2) | C14—C15—C20—C19 | 173.4 (2) |
| C7—N1—C6—C1 | -174.8 (2) | C16—C15—C20—C19 | -4.8 (3) |
| Ni1—N1—C6—C1 | 2.9 (3) | C18—C19—C20—N3 | -174.7 (2) |
| C6—N1—C7—C8 | -172.5 (2) | C18—C19—C20—C15 | 3.2 (4) |

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| $D-H\cdots A$ | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
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| C12—H12 \cdots C11 ⁱ | 0.95 | 2.76 | 3.540 (3) | 140 |
| C10—H10 \cdots C20 ⁱⁱ | 0.95 | 2.80 | 3.626 (4) | 146 |

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