

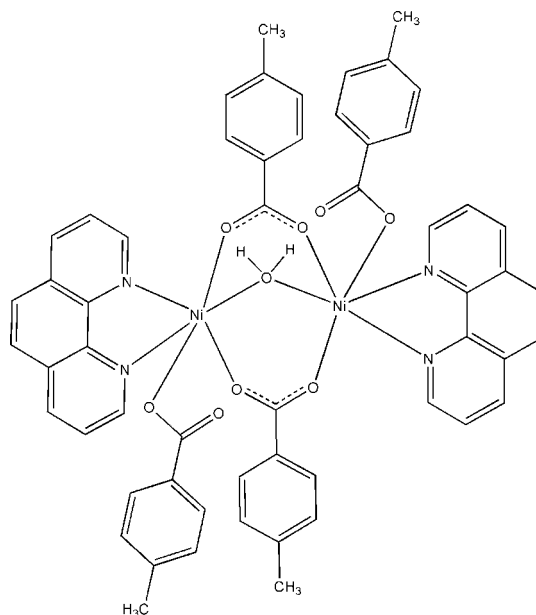
μ -Aqua- κ^2 O:O-di- μ -4-methylbenzoato- κ^4 O:O'-bis[(4-methylbenzoato- κ O)(1,10-phenanthroline- κ^2 N,N')]nickel(II)

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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 296$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å; R factor = 0.044; wR factor = 0.118; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.7.


In the title dinuclear complex, $[\text{Ni}_2(\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_4(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$, each Ni^{II} atom is six-coordinated by three carboxylate O atoms from three 4-methylbenzoate ligands, two N atoms from two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands, and one μ_2 -bridging aqua ligand. The dimeric complex is located on a crystallographic twofold axis and each Ni atom displays a distorted octahedral coordination geometry. The crystal structure is stabilized *via* intramolecular hydrogen bonding of the bridging water molecule and the uncoordinated carboxylate O atoms, and by C—H...O and π – π stacking interactions [centroid–centroid distances between neighbouring phenanthroline ring systems and between the benzene ring of a 4-methylbenzoate unit and a phenanthroline ring system are 3.662 (2) and 3.611 (3) Å, respectively].

Related literature

For the coordination chemistry of 4-methylbenzoate complexes see: Song *et al.* (2007); Li *et al.* (2003, 2004); Geetha *et al.* (1999). For related complexes, see: Eremenko *et al.* (1999); Sung *et al.* (2000); Novak *et al.* (2005).

Experimental

Crystal data

$[\text{Ni}_2(\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_4(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$
 $M_r = 1036.39$
 Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 23.4180$ (6) Å
 $b = 15.4595$ (4) Å
 $c = 15.6140$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 122.351$ (1)°

$V = 4775.4$ (2) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.85$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 296$ (2) K
 $0.35 \times 0.32 \times 0.26$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEXII area-detector diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.612$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.801$

23989 measured reflections
 5125 independent reflections
 3585 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.077$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.117$
 $S = 1.08$
 5125 reflections
 326 parameters
 1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.40$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.49$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-H\cdots A$ | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $\text{C1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O4}^i$ | 0.93 | 2.49 | 3.007 (3) | 115 |
| $\text{C6}-\text{H6}\cdots\text{O2}^{ii}$ | 0.93 | 2.52 | 3.296 (4) | 142 |
| $\text{C8}-\text{H8}\cdots\text{O3}^{iii}$ | 0.93 | 2.52 | 3.379 (4) | 153 |
| $\text{O1W}-\text{H1W}\cdots\text{O2}^i$ | 0.830 (10) | 1.746 (12) | 2.560 (2) | 166 (3) |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z + 1$.

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: XP in

SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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S1. Comment

In the structural investigation of 4-methylbenzoate complexes, it has been found that 4-methylbenzoic acid can function as a multidentate ligand [Song *et al.* (2007); Li *et al.* (2003); Li *et al.* (2004); Geetha *et al.* (1999)], with versatile binding and coordination modes. In this paper, we report the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), a new Ni complex obtained by the reaction of 4-methylbenzoic acid, 1,10-phenanthroline and nickel chloride in alkaline aqueous solution.

As illustrated in Figure 1, each Ni^{II} atom, lies on a crystallographic two fold axis, and has a distorted octahedral geometry with the six coordinating atoms being three carboxyl O atoms from two μ_2 -bridging 4-methylbenzoate ligands and one 4-methylbenzoate ligand, two N atoms from two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands, and one μ_2 -bridging aqua ligand. Therefore, the O1W water molecule bridges both Ni atoms [Ni1 \cdots O1W \cdots Ni2ⁱ 110.40 (11)°, symmetry code $i = -x, y, -z+1/2$] and with a Ni \cdots Niⁱ distance of 3.449 (3) Å. This value is similar to that observed for a binuclear pivalate complexes with a bridging water molecule Ni₂L₄(μ -OH₂)(μ -OOCMe₃)₂(OOCMe₃)₂, (L₂=Py₂, (3,4-lutidine)₂, (N-nitroxyethylnicotinamide)₂, Dipy) [Eremenko *et al.* (1999)], for which ferromagnetic spin exchange was observed. The Ni \cdots O1W distance is 2.100 (14) Å which is a little shorter than that in other similar complexes [Sung *et al.*, 2000; Novak *et al.*, 2005], suggesting their non-negligible interactions.

The interactions of the structural components are governed by O—H \cdots O hydrogen bonds, C—H \cdots O interactions (Table 1) and by two types of π - π stacking interactions between two closeby phenanthroline rings and between a phenyl ring of a 4-methylbenzoate unit and a phenanthroline unit. The centroid to centroid distances for the further π - π stacking interaction is 3.662 (2) Å [symmetry code = $x, -y, z-1/2$], that of the latter 3.611 (3) Å [symmetry code = $1/2-x, 1/2-y, 1-z$], respectively, thus indicating weak π - π stacking interactions (Fig. 2).

S2. Experimental

A mixture of nickel chloride (1 mmol), 4-methylbenzoate (1 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (1 mmol), NaOH (1.5 mmol) and H₂O (12 ml) was placed in a 23 ml Teflon reactor, which was heated to 433 K for three days and then cooled to room temperature at a rate of 10 K h⁻¹. The crystals obtained were washed with water and dried in air.

S3. Refinement

Carbon-bound H atoms were placed at calculated positions and were treated as riding on the parent C atoms with C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. Water H atoms were tentatively located in difference Fourier maps and were refined with distance restraints of O—H = 0.82 Å, each within a standard deviation of 0.01 Å with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$.

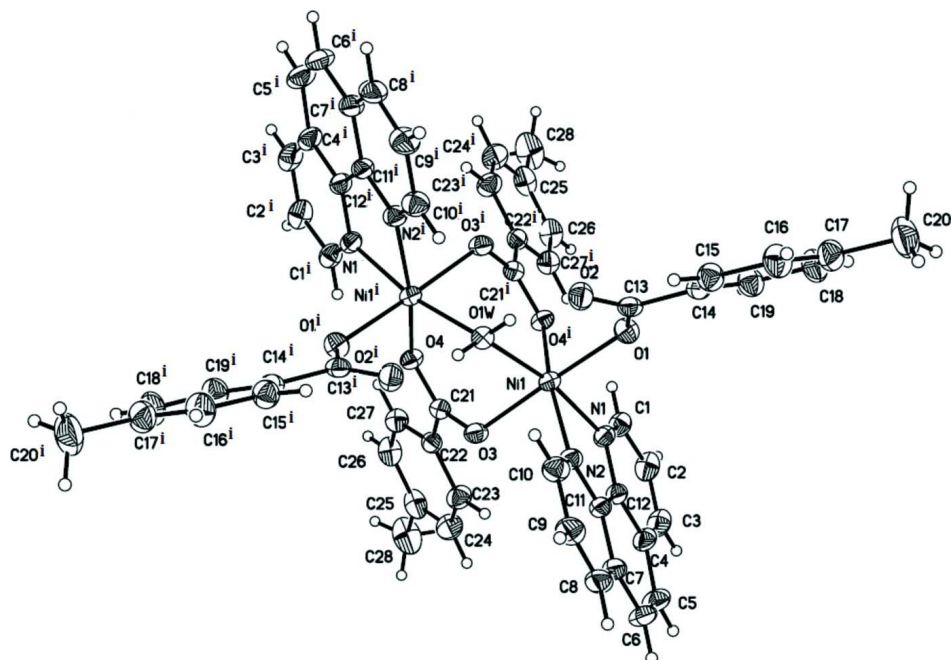


Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Non-H atoms are shown as 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. Symmetry code $i = -x, y, -z+1/2$.

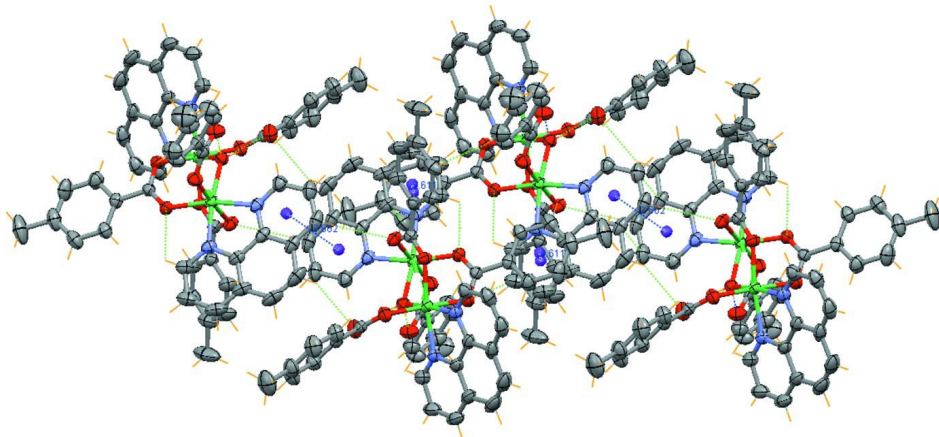


Figure 2

A packing view of the title compound. The purple spheres represent ring centroids involved in π - π stacking interactions (blue dashed lines). The green dashed lines represent C—H \cdots O and O—H \cdots O hydrogen bonds.

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Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
 map
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 and constrained refinement
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0505P)^2 + 0.0814P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.40 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.49 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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 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 $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ 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 (\AA^2)

| | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Ni1 | 0.045434 (16) | 0.85690 (2) | 0.38073 (2) | 0.03319 (13) |
| C1 | 0.09421 (15) | 1.00994 (18) | 0.5312 (2) | 0.0456 (7) |
| H1 | 0.0520 | 1.0348 | 0.4882 | 0.055* |
| C2 | 0.14290 (18) | 1.0573 (2) | 0.6149 (2) | 0.0573 (8) |
| H2 | 0.1330 | 1.1122 | 0.6277 | 0.069* |
| C3 | 0.20514 (18) | 1.0217 (2) | 0.6776 (2) | 0.0588 (9) |
| H3 | 0.2383 | 1.0529 | 0.7330 | 0.071* |
| C4 | 0.21914 (15) | 0.9386 (2) | 0.6588 (2) | 0.0505 (8) |
| C5 | 0.28260 (17) | 0.8954 (3) | 0.7205 (3) | 0.0660 (10) |
| H5 | 0.3179 | 0.9244 | 0.7757 | 0.079* |
| C6 | 0.29252 (16) | 0.8141 (3) | 0.7008 (2) | 0.0653 (10) |

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|------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| H6 | 0.3343 | 0.7879 | 0.7430 | 0.078* |
| C7 | 0.23985 (14) | 0.7668 (2) | 0.6159 (2) | 0.0491 (8) |
| C8 | 0.24653 (16) | 0.6815 (2) | 0.5925 (3) | 0.0573 (9) |
| H8 | 0.2869 | 0.6518 | 0.6331 | 0.069* |
| C9 | 0.19382 (17) | 0.6424 (2) | 0.5102 (3) | 0.0569 (8) |
| H9 | 0.1973 | 0.5850 | 0.4955 | 0.068* |
| C10 | 0.13391 (15) | 0.68918 (19) | 0.4475 (2) | 0.0480 (7) |
| H10 | 0.0986 | 0.6623 | 0.3902 | 0.058* |
| C11 | 0.17777 (13) | 0.80871 (18) | 0.55122 (19) | 0.0408 (7) |
| C12 | 0.16736 (14) | 0.89602 (19) | 0.5737 (2) | 0.0413 (6) |
| C13 | -0.03124 (13) | 0.72317 (18) | 0.4141 (2) | 0.0382 (6) |
| C14 | -0.04880 (13) | 0.68008 (18) | 0.4834 (2) | 0.0400 (6) |
| C15 | -0.05758 (15) | 0.59133 (19) | 0.4793 (2) | 0.0492 (7) |
| H15 | -0.0538 | 0.5590 | 0.4324 | 0.059* |
| C16 | -0.07204 (18) | 0.5503 (2) | 0.5444 (3) | 0.0593 (9) |
| H16 | -0.0767 | 0.4904 | 0.5415 | 0.071* |
| C17 | -0.07961 (17) | 0.5960 (2) | 0.6133 (3) | 0.0608 (9) |
| C18 | -0.07257 (18) | 0.6851 (2) | 0.6154 (3) | 0.0650 (9) |
| H18 | -0.0786 | 0.7177 | 0.6601 | 0.078* |
| C19 | -0.05673 (16) | 0.7264 (2) | 0.5519 (2) | 0.0526 (8) |
| H19 | -0.0514 | 0.7862 | 0.5555 | 0.063* |
| C20 | -0.0955 (2) | 0.5511 (3) | 0.6843 (3) | 0.0894 (13) |
| H20A | -0.0833 | 0.5882 | 0.7409 | 0.134* |
| H20B | -0.0703 | 0.4982 | 0.7082 | 0.134* |
| H20C | -0.1430 | 0.5385 | 0.6489 | 0.134* |
| C21 | 0.07639 (13) | 0.96624 (16) | 0.2598 (2) | 0.0345 (6) |
| C22 | 0.11522 (13) | 1.04903 (17) | 0.2811 (2) | 0.0372 (6) |
| C23 | 0.17742 (15) | 1.0578 (2) | 0.3710 (2) | 0.0522 (8) |
| H23 | 0.1939 | 1.0137 | 0.4189 | 0.063* |
| C24 | 0.21486 (18) | 1.1324 (2) | 0.3892 (3) | 0.0652 (10) |
| H24 | 0.2571 | 1.1369 | 0.4488 | 0.078* |
| C25 | 0.19139 (19) | 1.1998 (2) | 0.3216 (3) | 0.0600 (9) |
| C26 | 0.12895 (18) | 1.19063 (19) | 0.2329 (3) | 0.0562 (8) |
| H26 | 0.1119 | 1.2356 | 0.1861 | 0.067* |
| C27 | 0.09145 (15) | 1.11616 (18) | 0.2125 (2) | 0.0446 (7) |
| H27 | 0.0498 | 1.1112 | 0.1520 | 0.054* |
| C28 | 0.2333 (2) | 1.2813 (2) | 0.3433 (3) | 0.0947 (15) |
| H28A | 0.2293 | 1.3171 | 0.3901 | 0.142* |
| H28B | 0.2172 | 1.3124 | 0.2812 | 0.142* |
| H28C | 0.2798 | 1.2658 | 0.3722 | 0.142* |
| N1 | 0.10564 (11) | 0.93089 (14) | 0.51042 (16) | 0.0379 (5) |
| N2 | 0.12593 (11) | 0.77022 (14) | 0.46695 (16) | 0.0385 (5) |
| O1 | -0.00788 (10) | 0.79909 (12) | 0.43632 (15) | 0.0443 (5) |
| O2 | -0.04096 (10) | 0.68100 (13) | 0.33837 (15) | 0.0501 (5) |
| O3 | 0.10179 (9) | 0.90933 (11) | 0.32838 (13) | 0.0407 (4) |
| O4 | 0.02143 (9) | 0.95844 (11) | 0.17574 (13) | 0.0382 (4) |
| O1W | 0.0000 | 0.77938 (16) | 0.2500 | 0.0367 (6) |
| H1W | 0.0180 (14) | 0.7449 (15) | 0.231 (2) | 0.055* |

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

| | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{12} | U^{13} | U^{23} |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ni1 | 0.0289 (2) | 0.0333 (2) | 0.03124 (19) | -0.00013 (14) | 0.01199 (15) | 0.00146 (14) |
| C1 | 0.0499 (18) | 0.0420 (17) | 0.0396 (15) | -0.0063 (13) | 0.0203 (15) | -0.0012 (13) |
| C2 | 0.073 (2) | 0.0460 (19) | 0.0487 (18) | -0.0183 (16) | 0.0300 (19) | -0.0083 (15) |
| C3 | 0.061 (2) | 0.064 (2) | 0.0419 (17) | -0.0304 (17) | 0.0205 (17) | -0.0091 (15) |
| C4 | 0.0402 (17) | 0.064 (2) | 0.0356 (15) | -0.0185 (15) | 0.0125 (14) | 0.0014 (14) |
| C5 | 0.0388 (19) | 0.091 (3) | 0.0448 (19) | -0.0174 (18) | 0.0070 (16) | 0.0044 (18) |
| C6 | 0.0310 (17) | 0.101 (3) | 0.0457 (19) | 0.0010 (18) | 0.0081 (15) | 0.0197 (19) |
| C7 | 0.0334 (16) | 0.067 (2) | 0.0442 (17) | 0.0057 (14) | 0.0190 (14) | 0.0181 (15) |
| C8 | 0.0416 (19) | 0.073 (2) | 0.058 (2) | 0.0215 (16) | 0.0272 (17) | 0.0271 (18) |
| C9 | 0.054 (2) | 0.053 (2) | 0.064 (2) | 0.0190 (16) | 0.0329 (19) | 0.0184 (16) |
| C10 | 0.0445 (18) | 0.0455 (18) | 0.0514 (18) | 0.0048 (14) | 0.0239 (15) | 0.0067 (14) |
| C11 | 0.0308 (15) | 0.0531 (18) | 0.0350 (15) | 0.0006 (12) | 0.0152 (13) | 0.0114 (12) |
| C12 | 0.0330 (16) | 0.0520 (17) | 0.0339 (14) | -0.0060 (13) | 0.0146 (13) | 0.0058 (12) |
| C13 | 0.0265 (14) | 0.0417 (16) | 0.0413 (15) | 0.0033 (11) | 0.0148 (13) | 0.0053 (12) |
| C14 | 0.0306 (15) | 0.0458 (17) | 0.0402 (15) | -0.0008 (12) | 0.0166 (13) | 0.0048 (12) |
| C15 | 0.0525 (19) | 0.0475 (19) | 0.0493 (18) | -0.0021 (14) | 0.0282 (16) | 0.0022 (14) |
| C16 | 0.073 (2) | 0.0474 (19) | 0.064 (2) | -0.0109 (16) | 0.041 (2) | 0.0020 (16) |
| C17 | 0.066 (2) | 0.065 (2) | 0.055 (2) | -0.0126 (17) | 0.0349 (19) | 0.0052 (16) |
| C18 | 0.078 (3) | 0.073 (2) | 0.062 (2) | -0.0128 (19) | 0.049 (2) | -0.0112 (18) |
| C19 | 0.058 (2) | 0.0500 (18) | 0.0551 (19) | -0.0080 (15) | 0.0339 (17) | -0.0040 (15) |
| C20 | 0.113 (4) | 0.099 (3) | 0.085 (3) | -0.023 (3) | 0.072 (3) | 0.006 (2) |
| C21 | 0.0323 (15) | 0.0353 (15) | 0.0360 (14) | -0.0004 (11) | 0.0183 (13) | -0.0004 (11) |
| C22 | 0.0370 (15) | 0.0387 (15) | 0.0371 (14) | -0.0039 (12) | 0.0206 (13) | -0.0061 (12) |
| C23 | 0.0476 (19) | 0.0549 (19) | 0.0452 (17) | -0.0100 (15) | 0.0189 (15) | -0.0063 (14) |
| C24 | 0.057 (2) | 0.076 (3) | 0.054 (2) | -0.0284 (18) | 0.0244 (18) | -0.0272 (18) |
| C25 | 0.080 (3) | 0.051 (2) | 0.070 (2) | -0.0269 (17) | 0.053 (2) | -0.0229 (17) |
| C26 | 0.079 (2) | 0.0380 (17) | 0.064 (2) | -0.0070 (16) | 0.047 (2) | -0.0035 (15) |
| C27 | 0.0492 (18) | 0.0381 (15) | 0.0465 (16) | -0.0061 (13) | 0.0256 (15) | -0.0052 (13) |
| C28 | 0.128 (4) | 0.072 (3) | 0.118 (3) | -0.058 (3) | 0.088 (3) | -0.047 (2) |
| N1 | 0.0359 (13) | 0.0400 (13) | 0.0321 (11) | -0.0037 (10) | 0.0144 (10) | 0.0031 (10) |
| N2 | 0.0322 (13) | 0.0413 (13) | 0.0379 (12) | 0.0017 (10) | 0.0160 (11) | 0.0087 (10) |
| O1 | 0.0481 (12) | 0.0377 (11) | 0.0510 (11) | -0.0047 (9) | 0.0292 (10) | -0.0003 (9) |
| O2 | 0.0545 (13) | 0.0541 (13) | 0.0440 (11) | -0.0156 (10) | 0.0280 (11) | -0.0065 (10) |
| O3 | 0.0312 (10) | 0.0435 (11) | 0.0417 (11) | 0.0000 (8) | 0.0156 (9) | 0.0100 (9) |
| O4 | 0.0334 (10) | 0.0377 (10) | 0.0333 (10) | -0.0050 (8) | 0.0110 (9) | -0.0003 (8) |
| O1W | 0.0379 (16) | 0.0344 (15) | 0.0364 (14) | 0.000 | 0.0190 (13) | 0.000 |

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

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| Ni1—O4 ⁱ | 2.0533 (17) | C14—C15 | 1.384 (4) |
| Ni1—O3 | 2.0546 (17) | C15—C16 | 1.386 (4) |
| Ni1—O1 | 2.0665 (18) | C15—H15 | 0.9300 |
| Ni1—N1 | 2.084 (2) | C16—C17 | 1.375 (4) |
| Ni1—O1W | 2.1001 (14) | C16—H16 | 0.9300 |
| Ni1—N2 | 2.108 (2) | C17—C18 | 1.386 (5) |

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| C1—N1 | 1.328 (3) | C17—C20 | 1.513 (4) |
| C1—C2 | 1.396 (4) | C18—C19 | 1.387 (4) |
| C1—H1 | 0.9300 | C18—H18 | 0.9300 |
| C2—C3 | 1.363 (5) | C19—H19 | 0.9300 |
| C2—H2 | 0.9300 | C20—H20A | 0.9600 |
| C3—C4 | 1.395 (4) | C20—H20B | 0.9600 |
| C3—H3 | 0.9300 | C20—H20C | 0.9600 |
| C4—C12 | 1.395 (4) | C21—O4 | 1.259 (3) |
| C4—C5 | 1.433 (5) | C21—O3 | 1.262 (3) |
| C5—C6 | 1.343 (5) | C21—C22 | 1.501 (3) |
| C5—H5 | 0.9300 | C22—C27 | 1.377 (4) |
| C6—C7 | 1.437 (4) | C22—C23 | 1.386 (4) |
| C6—H6 | 0.9300 | C23—C24 | 1.382 (4) |
| C7—C8 | 1.399 (4) | C23—H23 | 0.9300 |
| C7—C11 | 1.408 (4) | C24—C25 | 1.371 (5) |
| C8—C9 | 1.357 (5) | C24—H24 | 0.9300 |
| C8—H8 | 0.9300 | C25—C26 | 1.382 (5) |
| C9—C10 | 1.408 (4) | C25—C28 | 1.520 (4) |
| C9—H9 | 0.9300 | C26—C27 | 1.378 (4) |
| C10—N2 | 1.326 (3) | C26—H26 | 0.9300 |
| C10—H10 | 0.9300 | C27—H27 | 0.9300 |
| C11—N2 | 1.360 (3) | C28—H28A | 0.9600 |
| C11—C12 | 1.448 (4) | C28—H28B | 0.9600 |
| C12—N1 | 1.352 (3) | C28—H28C | 0.9600 |
| C13—O2 | 1.260 (3) | O4—Ni ⁱ | 2.0533 (17) |
| C13—O1 | 1.263 (3) | O1W—Ni ⁱ | 2.1001 (14) |
| C13—C14 | 1.504 (4) | O1W—H1W | 0.830 (10) |
| C14—C19 | 1.379 (4) | | |
| O4 ⁱ —Ni1—O3 | 91.85 (7) | C16—C15—H15 | 119.7 |
| O4 ⁱ —Ni1—O1 | 91.01 (7) | C17—C16—C15 | 121.6 (3) |
| O3—Ni1—O1 | 177.14 (7) | C17—C16—H16 | 119.2 |
| O4 ⁱ —Ni1—N1 | 87.80 (8) | C15—C16—H16 | 119.2 |
| O3—Ni1—N1 | 85.72 (8) | C16—C17—C18 | 117.7 (3) |
| O1—Ni1—N1 | 94.35 (8) | C16—C17—C20 | 121.5 (3) |
| O4 ⁱ —Ni1—O1W | 98.37 (7) | C18—C17—C20 | 120.8 (3) |
| O3—Ni1—O1W | 86.43 (6) | C17—C18—C19 | 121.0 (3) |
| O1—Ni1—O1W | 93.19 (6) | C17—C18—H18 | 119.5 |
| N1—Ni1—O1W | 170.16 (6) | C19—C18—H18 | 119.5 |
| O4 ⁱ —Ni1—N2 | 167.39 (8) | C14—C19—C18 | 120.9 (3) |
| O3—Ni1—N2 | 87.68 (8) | C14—C19—H19 | 119.6 |
| O1—Ni1—N2 | 89.52 (8) | C18—C19—H19 | 119.6 |
| N1—Ni1—N2 | 79.60 (9) | C17—C20—H20A | 109.5 |
| O1W—Ni1—N2 | 94.17 (8) | C17—C20—H20B | 109.5 |
| N1—C1—C2 | 122.7 (3) | H20A—C20—H20B | 109.5 |
| N1—C1—H1 | 118.6 | C17—C20—H20C | 109.5 |
| C2—C1—H1 | 118.6 | H20A—C20—H20C | 109.5 |
| C3—C2—C1 | 119.0 (3) | H20B—C20—H20C | 109.5 |

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| C3—C2—H2 | 120.5 | O4—C21—O3 | 124.9 (2) |
| C1—C2—H2 | 120.5 | O4—C21—C22 | 118.2 (2) |
| C2—C3—C4 | 120.1 (3) | O3—C21—C22 | 116.8 (2) |
| C2—C3—H3 | 120.0 | C27—C22—C23 | 118.8 (3) |
| C4—C3—H3 | 120.0 | C27—C22—C21 | 121.7 (2) |
| C3—C4—C12 | 116.9 (3) | C23—C22—C21 | 119.5 (3) |
| C3—C4—C5 | 124.4 (3) | C24—C23—C22 | 119.8 (3) |
| C12—C4—C5 | 118.7 (3) | C24—C23—H23 | 120.1 |
| C6—C5—C4 | 121.8 (3) | C22—C23—H23 | 120.1 |
| C6—C5—H5 | 119.1 | C25—C24—C23 | 121.8 (3) |
| C4—C5—H5 | 119.1 | C25—C24—H24 | 119.1 |
| C5—C6—C7 | 121.3 (3) | C23—C24—H24 | 119.1 |
| C5—C6—H6 | 119.4 | C24—C25—C26 | 117.8 (3) |
| C7—C6—H6 | 119.4 | C24—C25—C28 | 120.9 (4) |
| C8—C7—C11 | 117.6 (3) | C26—C25—C28 | 121.3 (4) |
| C8—C7—C6 | 124.0 (3) | C27—C26—C25 | 121.3 (3) |
| C11—C7—C6 | 118.4 (3) | C27—C26—H26 | 119.4 |
| C9—C8—C7 | 119.7 (3) | C25—C26—H26 | 119.4 |
| C9—C8—H8 | 120.2 | C22—C27—C26 | 120.5 (3) |
| C7—C8—H8 | 120.2 | C22—C27—H27 | 119.7 |
| C8—C9—C10 | 119.5 (3) | C26—C27—H27 | 119.7 |
| C8—C9—H9 | 120.2 | C25—C28—H28A | 109.5 |
| C10—C9—H9 | 120.2 | C25—C28—H28B | 109.5 |
| N2—C10—C9 | 122.4 (3) | H28A—C28—H28B | 109.5 |
| N2—C10—H10 | 118.8 | C25—C28—H28C | 109.5 |
| C9—C10—H10 | 118.8 | H28A—C28—H28C | 109.5 |
| N2—C11—C7 | 122.5 (3) | H28B—C28—H28C | 109.5 |
| N2—C11—C12 | 117.6 (2) | C1—N1—C12 | 117.7 (2) |
| C7—C11—C12 | 119.9 (3) | C1—N1—Ni1 | 128.51 (19) |
| N1—C12—C4 | 123.5 (3) | C12—N1—Ni1 | 113.21 (18) |
| N1—C12—C11 | 116.6 (2) | C10—N2—C11 | 118.2 (2) |
| C4—C12—C11 | 119.9 (3) | C10—N2—Ni1 | 129.91 (19) |
| O2—C13—O1 | 124.9 (2) | C11—N2—Ni1 | 111.72 (18) |
| O2—C13—C14 | 117.7 (2) | C13—O1—Ni1 | 123.86 (17) |
| O1—C13—C14 | 117.4 (2) | C21—O3—Ni1 | 120.08 (16) |
| C19—C14—C15 | 118.2 (3) | C21—O4—Ni1 ⁱ | 129.80 (16) |
| C19—C14—C13 | 122.0 (3) | Ni1—O1W—Ni1 ⁱ | 110.41 (11) |
| C15—C14—C13 | 119.8 (3) | Ni1—O1W—H1W | 129 (2) |
| C14—C15—C16 | 120.5 (3) | Ni1 ⁱ —O1W—H1W | 96 (2) |
| C14—C15—H15 | 119.7 | | |

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| C1—H1 \cdots O4 ⁱ | 0.93 | 2.49 | 3.007 (3) | 115 |
| C6—H6 \cdots O2 ⁱⁱ | 0.93 | 2.52 | 3.296 (4) | 142 |

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| C8—H8···O3 ⁱⁱⁱ | 0.93 | 2.52 | 3.379 (4) | 153 |
| O1W—H1W···O2 ⁱ | 0.83 (1) | 1.75 (1) | 2.560 (2) | 166 (3) |

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