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# *trans*-Diaquabis(2-pyridylethanol-*N*,*O*)nickel(II) disaccharinate

The title complex,  $[Ni(pyet)_2(H_2O)_2](sac)_2$  (sac<sup>-</sup> is the saccharinate anion,  $C_7H_4NO_3S^-$ , and pyet is 2-pyridylethanol,  $C_7H_9NO$ ), is built of discrete sac<sup>-</sup> and  $[Ni(H_2O)_2(pyet)_2]^{2+}$  ions. The Co<sup>2+</sup> ion sits on a centre of symmetry and exhibits a distorted octahedral geometry, formed by two bidentate pyet and two water molecules. The crystal structure is stabilized by hydrogen-bonding and weak aromatic  $\pi$ - $\pi$ -stacking interactions between the planar sac<sup>-</sup> ions, forming a three-dimensional network.

## Comment

The structure of the title complex, (I), is shown in Fig. 1. The nickel(II) complex is isostructural with the corresponding cobalt(II) complex and the chemical unit consists of a complex cation,  $[Ni(H_2O)_2(pyet)_2]^{2+}$ , and two saccharinate (sac<sup>-</sup>) anions. The crystal structure is centrosymmetric and the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion, located at the centre of symmetry, is coordinated by a pair of neutral 2-pyridylethanol (pyet) ligands and two water molecules, resulting in distorted octahedral geometry. The sac<sup>-</sup> ions are not in the primary coordination sphere, being separate counter-ions. Two pyet ligands are chelated to the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion through the N and hydroxyl O atoms, forming two symmetrically-related six-membered chelate rings. The two pyet ligands form the equatorial plane of the coordination octahedron, while two water molecules occupy the axial positions with a *trans* configuration.



The crystal packing is shown in Fig. 2. Packing of molecules in (I) is very similar to that in the corresponding cobalt(II) complex (Yilmaz *et al.*, 2002). The discrete cations and anions are linked by hydrogen bonds, as well as by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions. The parallel stacking of pairs of the sac<sup>-</sup> ions results in weak  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions (> 4.0 Å; the planes are defined by atoms C11-C16/S1/N1/C21/O21 and Ni/N2/C31-C36 for sac<sup>-</sup> and pyet, respectively). The H atoms of the water molecules (O4) and hydroxyl group (O3) of pyet form O-H···O hydrogen bonds with the sulfonyl (O1) and carbonyl (O21) O atoms of neighboring sac<sup>-</sup> anions. Additionally, two weak C-H···O interactions between H atoms of the py ring and the carbonyl and sulfonyl O atoms of the adjacent sac<sup>-</sup> ions occur. The ions are held together by hydrogen bonds and weak  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions, creating a three-dimensional network. Received 31 October 2002 Accepted 4 November 2002 Online 15 November 2002

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### Figure 1

A molecular view of  $[Ni(H_2O)_2(pyet)_2](sac)_2$  (40% displacement ellipsoids). [Symmetry code: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z.]



### Figure 2

Packing diagram of  $[Ni(H_2O)_2(pyet)_2](sac)_2$ , showing the hydrogenbonding scheme.

## **Experimental**

Previously prepared  $[Ni(sac)_2(H_2O)_4].2H_2O$  (1.0 mmol, 0.53 g; Haider *et al.*, 1985) was dissolved in methanol (30 ml) at 303 K with stirring. Pyet (0.25 g, 2.0 mmol) was then added to the solution dropwise. The resulting solution was allowed to evaporate slowly for crystallization at room temperature. Suitable single crystals obtained within a week were collected by suction filtration, washed with acetone and dried in air.

## Crystal data

[Ni(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> NO) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	$D = 1.617 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$(C_7H_4NO_3S)_2$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 705.39$	Cell parameters from 5714
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	reflections
a = 8.8009 (6) Å	$\theta = 2.2 - 30.5^{\circ}$
b = 8.7664 (6) Å	$\mu = 0.88 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 19.0840 (14)  Å	T = 133 (2) K
$\beta = 100.262 \ (3)^{\circ}$	Irregular, pale blue
$V = 1448.82 (18) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.24 \times 0.15 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$
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#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD diffractometer	4249 independent reflections 3604 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ and $\varphi$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.030$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 30.0^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 1998)	$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.826, T_{\rm max} = 0.928$	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
25 119 measured reflections	$l = -26 \rightarrow 26$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0635P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	+ 0.2009P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.096$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.05	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
4249 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.04 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
217 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.28 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
H atoms treated by a mixture of	
independent and constrained	

### Table 1

refinement

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni-O3 Ni-N2	2.0645 (11) 2.0729 (12)	Ni-O4	2.0851 (11)
$\begin{array}{c} O3-Ni-N2^{i}\\ O3-Ni-N2\\ O3^{i}-Ni-O4 \end{array}$	89.48 (5) 90.52 (5) 89.05 (5)	O3-Ni-O4 $N2^{i}-Ni-O4$ N2-Ni-O4	90.95 (5) 87.28 (5) 92.72 (5)

Symmetry code: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z.

## Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O3-H3···O21 <sup>i</sup>	0.81 (3)	1.85 (3)	2.6515 (16)	172 (3)
$O4-H4A\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.76 (2)	2.07 (2)	2.8325 (17)	175 (2)
C32−H32···O21 <sup>iii</sup>	0.95	2.64	3.357 (2)	133
C33−H33···O2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.95	2.45	3.342 (2)	156

H atoms of the hydroxyl group and water molecules were refined freely, while H atoms bonded to carbon were included using a riding model, starting from calculated positions. The maximum electrondensity peak was located 0.99 Å from C32.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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