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### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 150 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.030 wR factor = 0.038 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7

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# Mono-BBN (9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane) adduct of bis(diethylglyoximato)nickel(II)

The mono-BBN adduct of bis(diethylglyoximato)nickel(II), [7-(cyclooctane-1,5-diyl)-2,3,11,12-tetraethyl-6,8-dioxa-5,9-diaza-7-boratridecane-1,13-dicarbaldehyde dioximato- $\kappa^4$ N]nickel(II), [Ni(C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>35</sub>BN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)], crystallizes with two molecules in the asymmetric unit and with a short Ni···Ni distance [3.5042 (3) Å]. Received 30 June 2003 Accepted 5 August 2003 Online 15 August 2003

## Comment

Square-planar metal bis-glyoxime complexes have long attracted interest because of their ability to bind axial ligands (Chakavorty, 1974; Stephens & Vagg, 1980). We are interested in exploring the scope of these units for supramolecular self-assembly. These complexes can often be stabilized and solubilized by boronylation (Schrauzer, 1962; Bakac *et al.*, 1986). We present here the synthesis and crystal structure of a bis-(diethylglyoximato)nickel(II) complex, with one 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (BBN) unit chelated to the O atoms, (I). To the best of our knowledge, BBN adducts of nickel glyoxime complexes have not been reported previously, although some related iron(II) complexes are known (Harshani de Silva *et al.*, 1995). Compound (I) was prepared in good yield by treating bis(diethylglyoximato)nickel(II) with methoxy-9-BBN in toluene.



The geometry of (I) is similar to those of previously reported complexes of this type (Chakravorty, 1974) (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The asymmetric unit contains two molecules, and there is a short Ni···Ni distance of 3.5042 (3) Å (Fig. 1). The geometry of the 9BBN unit leads to short contacts between H151···H192 (1.91 Å) and H352···H391 (1.91 Å).

## **Experimental**

Methoxy-9-BBN (0.61 ml, 1.0 *M* in hexanes; 0.61 mmol) was added to a solution of bis(diethylglyoximato)nickel(II) (0.10 g, 0.29 mmol) in toluene (5 ml). After heating to reflux for 2 h, the product was chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5:1 hexane/ethyl acetate) to yield (I) (0.105 g, 78%) as red crystals. M.p.: 464–466 K;  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):

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#### Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level for non-H atoms.

17.77 (1H, s), 2.64 (4H, q), 2.58 (4H, q), 1.84–1.76 (2H, m), 1.71–1.62 (10H, m), 1.78–1.43 (2H, m), 1.23 (6H, t), 1.18 (6H, t);  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 161.7, 155.7, 31.6, 24.8, 19.3, 19.0, 10.3, 9.9; m/z (APCI<sup>+</sup>) 465.18  $[M+H]^+$ . Crystals of (I) were grown from acetone by evaporation.

Crystal data

$[Ni(C_{20}H_{35}BN_4O_4)]$	Z = 4
$M_r = 465.04$	$D_x = 1.373 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Triclinic, P1	Mo Ka radiation
a = 11.5210(2) Å	Cell parameters from 8108
b = 14.8794 (2) Å	reflections
c = 14.9455 (3) Å	$\theta = 4-27^{\circ}$
$\alpha = 79.4462 \ (6)^{\circ}$	$\mu = 0.90 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 70.0605 \ (7)^{\circ}$	T = 150  K
$\gamma = 69.4812 \ (11)^{\circ}$	Block, red
$V = 2249.76 (7) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.19 \text{ mm}$

## Data collection

Enraf–Nonius KappaCCD	9767 independent reflections
diffractometer	7437 reflections with $I > 3\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.01$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.4^{\circ}$
(DENZO/SCALEPACK;	$h = -14 \rightarrow 14$
Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)	$k = -19 \rightarrow 19$
$T_{\min} = 0.84, \ T_{\max} = 0.84$	$l = -19 \rightarrow 19$
16 886 measured reflections	

#### Refinement

Refinement on FWeighting scheme: Prince-modifiedR = 0.030Chebychev polynomial with 3wR = 0.038parameters (Watkin, 1994),S = 1.04 $W = [w] \{1 - [\Delta F/6\sigma(F)]^2\}^2$ ,7437 reflectionsw = 0.901, 0.532 and 0.614541 parameters $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$ H-atom parameters not refined $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.30 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.35 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ 

Ni1-N1	1.8651 (15)	O6-N6	1.3601 (18)
Ni1-N2	1.8612 (14)	O6-B2	1.533 (2)
Ni1-N3	1.8612 (15)	O7-N7	1.3318 (19)
Ni1-N4	1.8598 (15)	O8-N8	1.3405 (19)
Ni2-N5	1.8626 (14)	N1-C4	1.297 (2)
Ni2-N6	1.8570 (14)	N2-C1	1.295 (2)
Ni2-N7	1.8630 (14)	N3-C2	1.300 (2)
Ni2-N8	1.8666 (15)	N4-C3	1.291 (2)
O1-N1	1.3630 (18)	N5-C24	1.291 (2)
O1-B1	1.539 (2)	N6-C21	1.296 (2)
O2-N2	1.3571 (19)	N7-C22	1.305 (2)
O2-B1	1.532 (2)	N8-C23	1.299 (2)
O3-N3	1.338 (2)	C1-C2	1.473 (3)
O4-N4	1.3468 (19)	C3-C4	1.482 (3)
O5-N5	1.3539 (19)	C21-C22	1.473 (2)
O5-B2	1.530 (2)	C24-C23	1.469 (3)
N'4 N4 04	101 10 (11)	N4 N14 N2	177.07.(()
Nil-NI-OI	124.48 (11)	N1 - N11 - N3	177.37 (6)
N11-N1-C4	116.06 (12)	N1-N11-N4	82.60 (6)
N11-N2-O2	123./1 (11)	NI-OI-BI	111.77 (12
$N_{11} - N_{2} - C_{1}$	116.45 (13)	N1 - C4 - C3	112.00 (16)
Ni1-N3-O3	123.62 (12)	N2 - N11 - N1	97.62 (6)
Ni1-N3-C2	116.31 (13)	N2 - N11 - N3	82.54 (7)
N11-N4-O4	123.67 (12)	N2 - N11 - N4	178.05 (6)
Ni1-N4-C3	116.57 (12)	N2-O2-B1	112.95 (12
Ni2-N5-O5	125.35 (11)	N2 - C1 - C2	112.15 (15
Ni2-N5-C24	116.65 (12)	N2 - C1 - C5	124.35 (17
Ni2-N6-O6	123.6 (1)	N3 - C2 - C1	112.22 (16)
Ni2-N6-C21	116.79 (12)	N4-Ni1-N3	97.14 (7)
Ni2-N7-O7	123.22 (11)	N4 - C3 - C4	112.23 (15)
Ni2-N7-C22	116.26 (12)	N5-Ni2-N6	97.40 (6)
Ni2-N8-O8	123.44 (11)	N5-Ni2-N8	82.29 (6)
Ni2-N8-C23	116.23 (12)	N5 - O5 - B2	113.58 (12
O1-N1-C4	119.01 (15)	N5-C24-C23	112.42 (15)
O2-N2-C1	119.53 (15)	N6-Ni2-N8	177.77 (6)
O2 - B1 - O1	106.97 (13)	N6-O6-B2	112.79 (12)
O3-N3-C2	120.04 (16)	N6-C21-C22	112.16 (15)
O4-N4-C3	119.72 (15)	N7-Ni2-N5	179.21 (6)
O5-N5-C24	117.97 (14)	N7-Ni2-N6	82.56 (6)
O6-N6-C21	119.36 (14)	N7-Ni2-N8	97.72 (6)
O6-B2-O5	107.78 (13)	N7-C22-C21	112.14 (15
O7-N7-C22	120.52 (14)	N8-C23-C24	112.19 (15
O8-N8-C23	120.28 (15)		

H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and their positional and isotropic displacement parameters were not refined. Owing to the poor quality of the crystal, the data are only 95.3% complete to  $\theta_{\rm max}$  of 27.4°.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1997–2001); cell refinement: *DENZO/SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO/SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR*92 (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *CRYSTALS* (Watkin *et al.*, 2001); molecular graphics: *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *CRYSTALS*.

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Table 1

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