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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 273 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.059 wR factor = 0.137 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.0

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# {2'-[1-(5-Bromo-2-oxidophenyl)ethylidene]benzohydrazidato(2-)}tris(pyridine)nickel(II)] pyridine solvate

In the title compound,  $[Ni(C_{15}H_{10}BrClN_2O_2)(C_5H_5N)_3]$ -C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N, the Ni atom is coordinated by three pyridine molecules and one oxygen-containing ligand in a tridentate manner *via* O, N and O atoms. The geometry of the Ni atom is distorted octahedral. There are no significant intermolecular interactions in the crystal structure. Received 13 October 2004 Accepted 19 October 2004 Online 30 October 2004

## Comment

The stable intermediate complex  $[Ni(C_{15}H_{12}BrClN_2O_2)-(NC_6H_5)_3]$ , (II), was previously obtained when reacting nickel acetate with the Schiff base ligand in the presence of triethylamine (Ali *et al.*, 2004). Recrystallization of this complex from pyridine gave the title compound, (I).



The Ni<sup>II</sup> atom adopts an octahedral geometry different from the square-planar environment of (II). The molecular structure of (I) and selected bond lengths and angles are given in Fig. 1 and Table 1, respectively. The ligand is chelated to the Ni atom *via* O, N and O atoms in a tridentate manner. The axial bond lengths of 2.180 (3) and 2.186 (3) Å for Ni–N4 and Ni– N5, respectively, are longer than the equatorial bond lengths of 2.012 (3) Å for Ni–N2 and 2.095 (3) Å for Ni–N3. The results are comparable with those found in other octahedral nickel complexes, *viz*. [Ni(C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(N<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (You *et al.*, 2004) and [Ni(C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]·C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N (Ali *et al.*, 2004). The structural dimensions of the ligand are in normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987; Orpen *et al.*, 1989). The chlorophenyl C7/ C1–C6 and the bromophenyl C15/C10–C14 planes are inclined to each other at an angle of 4.6 (2)°.

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There are several weak intramolecular  $C-H\cdots N$  and  $C-H\cdots O$  interactions (Table 2). However, no significant intermolecular interactions were found.

# Experimental

The complex was synthesized by the template condensation of 5bromo-2-hydroxyacetophenone (0.3 g, 2.2 mmol) and *p*-chlorobenzohydrazide (0.3 g, 2.2 mmol) with nickel acetate tetrahydrate (0.24 g, 1.1 mmol) by refluxing and stirring in ethanol for 5 h. The red-brown solid was filtered off and recrystallized from pyridine.

## Crystal data

| $[Ni(C_{15}H_{10}BrClN_2O_2)(C_5H_5N)_3]$ | $D_x = 1.459 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
|---|---|
| C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N           | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| $M_r = 740.72$                            | Cell parameters from 826                  |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$                      | reflections                               |
| a = 12.587 (3)  Å                         | $\theta = 1.9-25.9^{\circ}$               |
| b = 21.037 (5) Å                          | $\mu = 1.88 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| c = 12.738 (3) Å                          | T = 273 (2) K                             |
| $\beta = 90.907 \ (5)^{\circ}$            | Block, red                                |
| $V = 3372.5 (13) \text{ Å}^3$             | $0.25 \times 0.19 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$ |
| Z = 4                                     |   |

## Data collection

| Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-          | 6623 independent reflections           |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| detector diffractometer              | 4038 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| $\omega$ scans                       | $R_{\rm int} = 0.039$                  |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan    | $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.9^{\circ}$      |
| (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)            | $h = -15 \rightarrow 14$               |
| $T_{\min} = 0.638, T_{\max} = 0.713$ | $k = -25 \rightarrow 24$               |
| 17985 measured reflections           | $l = -12 \rightarrow 15$               |

#### Refinement

| Refinement on $F^2$             | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0626P)^2]$                    |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$ | + 0.7524P]   |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.137$               | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                             |
| S = 1.01                        | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$                        |
| 6623 reflections                | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.59 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 415 parameters                  | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| H-atom parameters constrained   |  |

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

| Ni1-O2    | 1.973 (3)   | Cl1-C3    | 1.741 (5)   |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Ni1-N2    | 2.012 (3)   | O1-C7     | 1.290 (4)   |
| Ni1-01    | 2.030 (3)   | O2-C15    | 1.298 (5)   |
| Ni1-N3    | 2.095 (3)   | N1-C7     | 1.307 (5)   |
| Ni1-N4    | 2.180 (3)   | N1-N2     | 1.394 (4)   |
| Ni1-N5    | 2.186 (3)   | N2-C8     | 1.295 (5)   |
| Br2-C12   | 1.900 (4)   |           |             |
| O2-Ni1-N2 | 90.20 (12)  | O1-Ni1-N4 | 87.35 (12)  |
| O2-Ni1-O1 | 170.35 (11) | N3-Ni1-N4 | 88.13 (12)  |
| N2-Ni1-O1 | 80.38 (12)  | O2-Ni1-N5 | 92.93 (13)  |
| O2-Ni1-N3 | 92.50 (13)  | N2-Ni1-N5 | 93.37 (12)  |
| N2-Ni1-N3 | 177.17 (14) | O1-Ni1-N5 | 89.70 (13)  |
| O1-Ni1-N3 | 96.96 (13)  | N3-Ni1-N5 | 85.62 (12)  |
| O2-Ni1-N4 | 91.06 (13)  | N4-Ni1-N5 | 172.72 (13) |
| N2-Ni1-N4 | 92.69 (12)  |           |             |
|           |             |           |             |



### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), shown with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted.

#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D - H \cdots A$ |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| C9−H9A···N1                 | 0.96           | 2.23                    | 2.697 (5)               | 109              |
| $C16-H16A\cdots O2$         | 0.93           | 2.42                    | 3.002 (5)               | 120              |
| C20-H20A···O1               | 0.93           | 2.56                    | 3.154 (6)               | 122              |
| $C21 - H21A \cdots O1$      | 0.93           | 2.49                    | 3.014 (6)               | 116              |
| $C25 - H25A \cdots O2$      | 0.93           | 2.47                    | 3.044 (6)               | 120              |
| $C26-H26A\cdots O2$         | 0.93           | 2.53                    | 3.102 (6)               | 120              |
| C30-H30A···O1               | 0.93           | 2.45                    | 3.037 (6)               | 121              |
|                             |                |                         |                         |                  |

After their location in a Fourier difference map, all H atoms were placed geometrically at ideal positions and allowed to ride on the parent C atoms, with C-H = 0.93–0.96 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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