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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.065  
 $wR$  factor = 0.173  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Bis(*N*-phenylpyrazole-1-carboximidothioato- $\kappa^2\text{N}^2, \text{S}$ )-nickel(II)The Ni atom in the title compound,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{S})_2]$ , is *N,S*-chelated by two  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{S}$  anions in a square-planar geometry. The Ni atom lies on a special position of  $\bar{1}$  site symmetry.

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## Comment

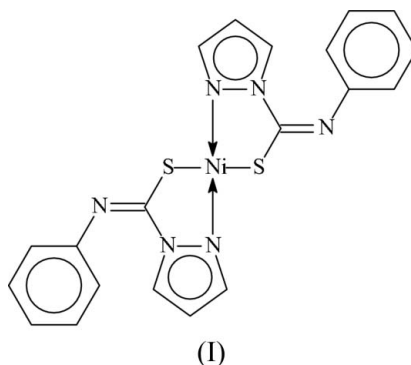
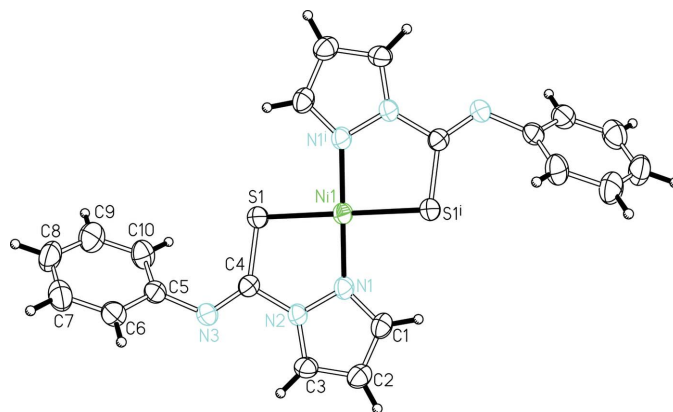
The crystal structure of a  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  complex, bis(*N*-phenylpyrazole-1-carboximidothioato)copper(II), has been reported recently by us (Hossain Sadr *et al.*, 2005). The title  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  complex, (I), is isostructural with the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  complex.The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  atom exists in a square-planar  $\text{N}_2\text{S}_2\text{Ni}$  geometry with normal coordination bond distances and angles (Table 1). The metal atom lies on a centre of inversion.

Figure 1

A plot of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .]

## Experimental

Nickel(II) chloride (0.13 g, 1 mmol) and sodium *N*-phenyl-2-pyrazolyl-1-carboximidothioate (0.50 g 2.2 mmol) were stirred in methanol (50 ml) for several hours to yield a precipitate; this was collected and recrystallized from tetrahydrofuran (30 ml) to yield needle crystals of (I).

### Crystal data

[Ni(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 463.22  
 Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*  
*a* = 5.9847 (5) Å  
*b* = 21.365 (2) Å  
*c* = 7.8700 (6) Å  
 $\beta$  = 103.605 (1)°  
*V* = 978.05 (14) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.573 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2454 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.8–27.0°  
 $\mu$  = 1.23 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 295 (2) K  
 Needle, red-brown  
 0.43 × 0.16 × 0.07 mm

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.453, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.919  
 6319 measured reflections

2147 independent reflections  
 1655 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.052  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 27.2°  
*h* = -7 → 7  
*k* = -25 → 27  
*l* = -9 → 10

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.065  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.173  
*S* = 1.10  
 2147 reflections  
 133 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1055P)^2 + 0.0972P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 ( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$  = 1.40 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$  = -0.83 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1–N1	1.869 (3)	Ni1–S1	2.194 (1)
N1–Ni1–S1	87.45 (9)		

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C–H = 0.93 Å, and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C). The final difference Fourier map has a large peak at about 1 Å from atom Ni1.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINTE*; method used to solve structure: atomic coordinates taken from the isostructural Cu analogue (Hossain Sadr *et al.*, 2005); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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