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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.012$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.052  
 $wR$  factor = 0.141  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Diaquabis(*D*-valinato- $\kappa^2N,O$ )nickel(II)

In the title complex, diaquabis(2-amino-3-methylbutyrato- $\kappa^2N,O$ )nickel(II),  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , the  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  atom (site symmetry 2) is octahedrally coordinated by two *N,O*-bidentate valinate ions and two water molecules. A network of intermolecular hydrogen bonds links the complex molecules into a two-dimensional network.

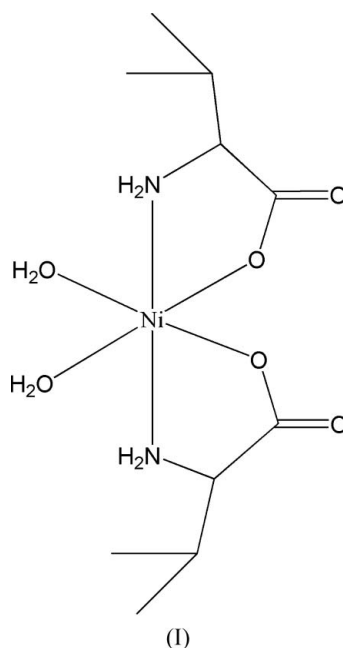
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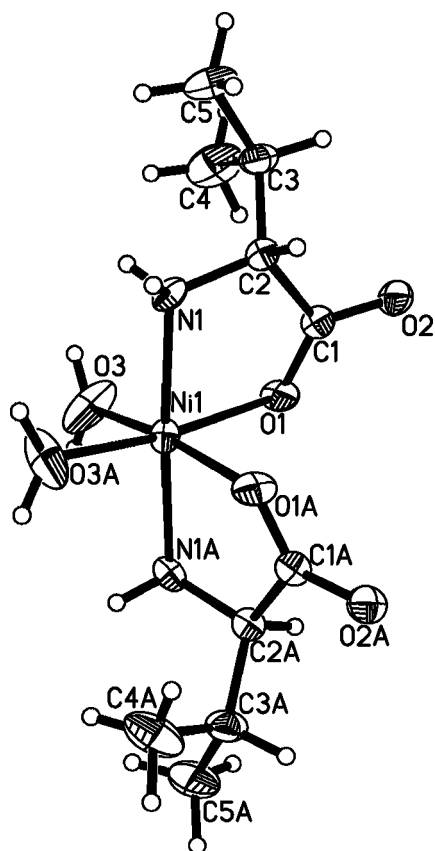
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## Comment

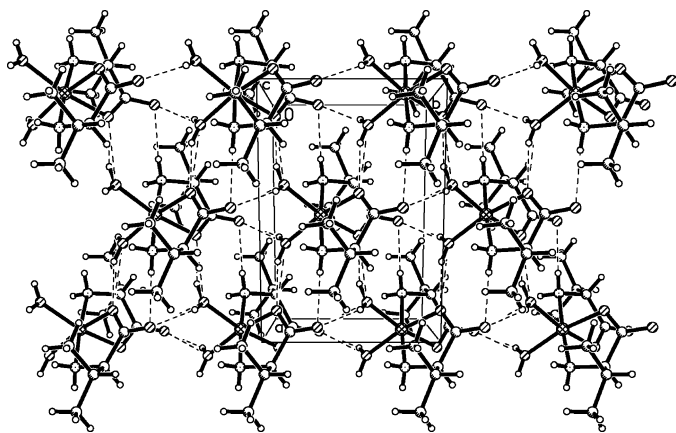
As well as being the basic building blocks of proteins or enzymes, amino acids are versatile ligands showing flexible coordination modes (Lou *et al.*, 2005) and they can coordinate to metal ions by their carboxylate and/or amino groups. Amino acid–metal complexes and their derivatives are of great importance because of their biochemical and pharmacological properties (Patrick *et al.*, 2003). Valine is an essential amino acid (Ooiwa *et al.*, 1995), and it can chelate to metal ions *via* its amino N atom and carboxylate O atom (Zhou *et al.*, 2005). We report here the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), a new chiral complex of  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  with valinate anions and water molecules.



The structure of (I) is formed of mononuclear diaquabis(*D*-valinato)nickel(II) units, in which the  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  ion (site symmetry 2) shows octahedral coordination geometry by binding to two bidentate valinate ions and two *cis* water molecules. Each valinate ion chelates to the metal ion through its amino N atom and one of the carboxylate O atoms. The  $\text{Ni}-\text{O}_c$  ( $c =$



**Figure 1**  
A view of the molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme and 30% displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). Atoms with the suffix A are generated by the symmetry operation  $(1 - x, y, 1 - z)$ .



**Figure 2**  
The packing for (I), viewed down  $[001]$ , showing hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

carboxylate), Ni—O<sub>w</sub> (w = water) and Ni—N bond distances (Table 1) agree well with published results for related complexes (Gong *et al.*, 1997). The C—O bond of the non-coordinated carboxylate O atom [C1—O2 = 1.244 (11) Å] is only slightly shorter than the coordinated bond to the Ni ion [C1—O1 = 1.261 (9) Å], suggesting the involvement of atom O2 in hydrogen bonding, as described below (Abdel-Rahmand *et al.*, 1996; Menabue *et al.*, 1998).

The crystal packing of (I) (Fig. 2) involves both N—H···O and O—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2). The coordinated carboxylate O1 atom accepts an intermolecular hydrogen bond from the O3 water molecule. The non-coordinated atom O2 accepts hydrogen bonds from the O3—H3A and N1—H1B groups of two different adjacent molecules. These interactions result in a two-dimensional network of hydrogen bonds.

## Experimental

DL-Valine (0.1172 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in water (5 ml), and a solution of NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1188 g, 0.5 mmol) in water (5 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred at 353 K for 2 h and then cooled and filtered. The filtrate was allowed to evaporate slowly at room temperature. One month later, green block-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained.

### Crystal data

[Ni(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 327.02  
 Monoclinic, C2  
*a* = 9.863 (5) Å  
*b* = 6.458 (3) Å  
*c* = 13.007 (7) Å  
 $\beta$  = 111.199 (8)°  
*V* = 772.3 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.406 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 770 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 3.4–23.4°  
 $\mu$  = 1.28 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Block, green  
 0.18 × 0.14 × 0.10 mm

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1998)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.805, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.881  
 2215 measured reflections

1160 independent reflections  
 1014 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.065  
 $\theta_{\max}$  = 26.3°  
*h* = -12 → 11  
*k* = -8 → 4  
*l* = -16 → 16

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ (*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.052  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.141  
*S* = 1.10  
 1160 reflections  
 89 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0813P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.84 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -1.04 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983),  
 305 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter: -0.03 (4)

**Table 1**

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Ni1—O1	2.046 (7)	Ni1—N1	2.076 (4)
Ni1—O3	2.059 (7)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
N1—H1A···O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.90	2.19	3.076 (7)	170
O3—H3A···O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85	1.95	2.644 (11)	138
O3—H3B···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85	1.93	2.688 (10)	148

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

The chosen crystal of (I) has a well defined chiral structure. As the amino acid starting material was racemic, we must assume that crystallization resulted in a random mixture of enantiomers containing either the D or L forms of the valinate ion. The H atoms of the water molecules were located in a difference Fourier map, relocated in idealized positions ( $O-H = 0.85 \text{ \AA}$ ) and refined as riding, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . H atoms on C and N atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with  $C-H = 0.96-0.98 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $N-H = 0.90 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{methyl carrier})$ . The minimum electron-density peak is located  $1.13 \text{ \AA}$  from atom Ni1.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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