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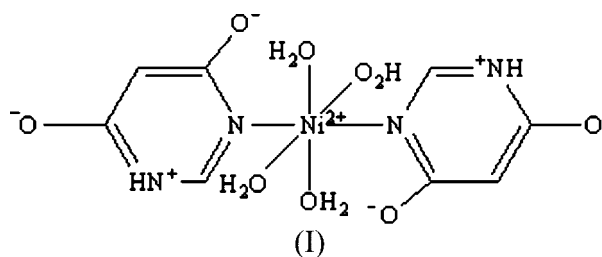
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
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Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å
 R factor = 0.016
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Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.9For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Tetraaquabis(4,6-dioxypyrimidin-1-ium- κN^3)-nickel(II)

In the title compound, $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ or $[\text{Ni}(\text{HDHPM})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ (H_2DHPM = 4,6-dihydroxypyrimidine), the Ni^{II} atom, on an inversion centre, is six-coordinated by two N atoms from two HDMPM^- ligands and four O atoms from four water molecules. A three-dimensional supramolecular structure is formed through $\pi-\pi$ and hydrogen-bonding interactions.

Comment

There has been a continuous interest in the chemistry of metal complexes of N-donor heterocycles. As a series of ligands containing N-donor heterocycles, pyrimidines and their derivatives have attracted much attention in the research field of coordination chemistry in recent years. During the past couple of years, a large number of transition metal complexes with pyrimidines were prepared due to their rich structural, biological, thermal, magnetic and sorptive properties (Masciocchi *et al.*, 1997, 1998, 2003; Tabares *et al.*, 2001; Santra *et al.*, 2001; Nedelec & Rochon, 2001; Li *et al.*, 2005). However, there are very few papers in the literature on transition metal complexes with the 4,6-dihydroxypyrimidine ligand (Boyle *et al.*, 2003; Tabassum *et al.*, 2003). As a result, the information about their structural behaviour is very limited. In a project to obtain more information on the coordination chemistry of metal ions with the ligand, we report here the crystal structure of the title complex, (I).



Crystals of $[\text{Ni}(\text{HDHPM})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ (H_2DHPM = 4,6-dihydroxypyrimidine), (I), contain mononuclear *trans*-octahedral NiN_2O_4 units in which the nickel(II) ion, on an inversion centre, is bound to two N atoms from two HDMPM^- ligands and four water molecules (Fig. 1). Each H_2DHPM is partly deprotonated and acts as a monodentate ligand. The $\text{Ni1}-\text{N1}$ bond length of 2.1415 (15) Å is consistent with those reported for octahedral Ni^{II} ions (Barea *et al.*, 2005). The $\text{Ni}-\text{O}$ bond distances are 2.0807 (12) Å for $\text{Ni1}-\text{O3}$ and 2.0608 (12) Å for $\text{Ni1}-\text{O4}$. The dihedral angle between the two coordinated pyrimidine rings is 38.18 (4)°. Though mononuclear, the molecules of (I) are interconnected by an extended network of intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2

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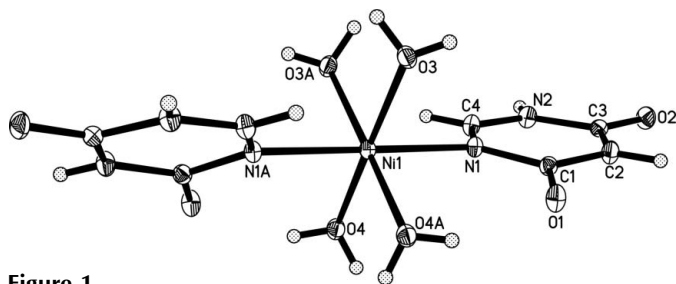


Figure 1
Molecular structure of $[\text{Ni}(\text{HDHPM})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ with the labelling scheme. Displacement parameters were drawn at the 50% level. [Symmetry code: (A) $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$.]

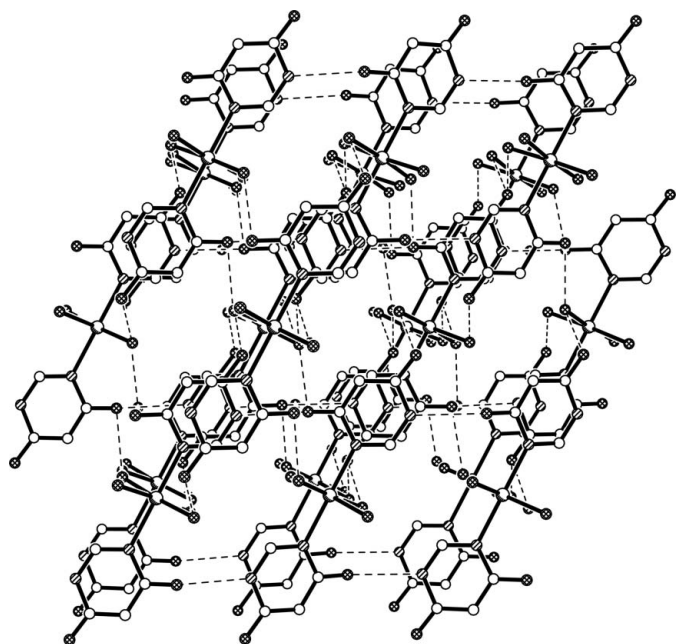


Figure 2
Packing diagram of (I), showing hydrogen bonding as dashed lines. H atoms have been omitted.

and Table 1); four water O atoms interact with the adjacent HDMPM⁻ ligands *via* the two non-coordinated O atoms and ligands interact with each other *via* hydrogen bonds between uncoordinated N atoms and O atoms of the neighbouring ligands. Furthermore, from Fig. 2, one can easily detect the presence of π - π stacked aromatic rings. The distances of neighbouring parallel pyrimidinyl rings are 3.3879 (14) and 3.4099 (14) Å alternately (Fig. 3), indicating a strong edge-to-face offset π - π stacking interaction. Non-covalent interactions, such as hydrogen-bonding and π - π stacking interactions, play important roles in the formation of multi-dimensional frameworks. In (I), the combination of hydrogen bonding and π - π stacking leads to the formation of a three-dimensional network structure (Janiak, 2000).

Experimental

4,6-Dihydroxypyrimidine was used as received from a commercial source (Aldrich) without further purification. The complex $[\text{Ni}(\text{HDHPM})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ was synthesized as follows: 4,6-dihydroxypyrimidine (0.112 g, 1 mmol) was added to warm water (10 ml) and

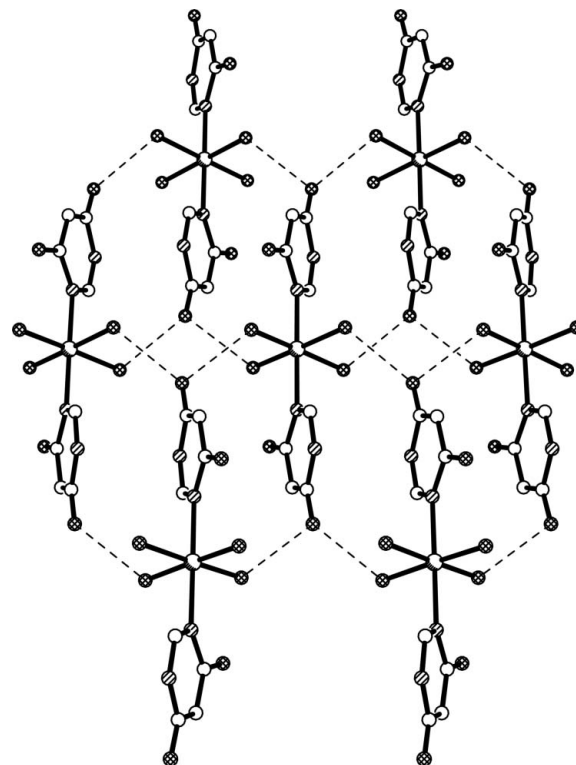


Figure 3
Packing diagram of (I), showing π - π stacking interactions. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms have been omitted.

the resulting solution was adjusted to pH 7.0 by aqueous triethylamine. $\text{Ni}(\text{SO}_4) \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.1314 g, 0.5 mmol) was added to the above solution, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min and filtered. After three days, blue single crystals suitable of (I) for X-ray analysis were obtained. Analysis calculated for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4\text{NiO}_8$: C 27.20, H 3.97, N 15.87%; found: C 27.13, H 3.85, N 15.94%.

Crystal data

$[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$
 $M_r = 352.94$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 13.491$ (3) Å
 $b = 7.1934$ (14) Å
 $c = 13.025$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 109.79$ (3)°
 $V = 1189.4$ (4) Å³

$Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.971$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 1.69$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 291$ (2) K
Prism, blue
 $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.16$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEX-II CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.729$, $T_{\max} = 0.774$

4196 measured reflections
1043 independent reflections
1023 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.010$
 $\theta_{\max} = 25.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.016$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.049$
 $S = 1.12$
1043 reflections
117 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0283P)^2 + 1.0265P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.26$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.21$ e Å⁻³
Extinction correction: SHELXL97
Extinction coefficient: 0.0017 (4)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O4—H4F ⁱ ··O2 ⁱ	0.78 (2)	1.99 (2)	2.7557 (18)	166 (2)
O3—H3F··O2 ⁱⁱ	0.83 (3)	1.92 (3)	2.7489 (18)	174 (2)
O4—H4E··O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.77 (2)	1.94 (2)	2.6472 (18)	153 (2)
N2—H2C··O1 ^{iv}	0.80 (2)	2.10 (2)	2.8939 (19)	170 (2)
O3—H3E··O1 ^v	0.74 (2)	2.13 (2)	2.8479 (17)	164 (2)

 Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z + 1$; (ii) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$; (iv) $x, -y + 1, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (v) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$.

The H atoms of the water molecules and the N atom were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely. Other H atoms were placed in idealized locations as riding atoms, with C—H distances of 0.93 Å and an isotropic displacement parameter equal to $1.2U_{eq}$ of the parent atom.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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