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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.035 wR factor = 0.092 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.8

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## Diaqua(2,2'-bipyridine)(ethylenediamine)nickel(II) dichloride

The Ni<sup>II</sup> ion of the title compound,  $[Ni(C_2H_8N_2)(C_{10}H_8N_2)-(H_2O)_2]Cl_2$ , is coordinated by four N atoms and two water molecules in a distorted octahedral geometry.  $\pi-\pi$  Stacking of pyridine rings from adjacent complexes leads to a onedimensional supramolecular ribbon along the *b* axis. The chloride anions are hydrogen bonded with complex cations, resulting in a three-dimensional supramolecular architecture.

#### Comment

Diamine complexes as hydrogenation catalysts or precatalysts have attracted a lot of interest in recent years (Noyori & Ohkuma, 2001; Haack *et al.*, 1997; Doucet *et al.*, 1998; Ohkuma *et al.*, 2002). However, much less is known about phosphine-free diamine complexes as catalysts for the hydrogenation of ketones (Hedberg *et al.*, 2005; Ito *et al.*, 2001). In this work, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title phosphine-free diamine complex, (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The Ni<sup>II</sup> ion is six-coordinated in a distorted octahedral geometry by two bipyridine N atoms and two ethylenediamine N atoms



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms). Thin dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. One disordered component of ethylenediamine has been omitted for clarity.

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The infinite one-dimensional supramolecular ribbon extended along the *b* axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. For clarity, H atoms on the C atoms of ethylenediamine have been omitted and one disordered component of ethylenediamine is not drawn. [Symmetry codes: (ii) x, y - 1, z; (iv) -x, -y, -z; (v) -x, 1 - y, -z.]

chelated in the equatorial positions and two water molecules coordinating in the axial positions (Table 1).

 $\pi-\pi$  Stacking is observed between parallel N1-pyridine and N1<sup>iv</sup>-pyridine rings [symmetry code: (iv) -x, -y, -z], the centroid-to-centroid separation being 3.884 (2) Å.  $\pi-\pi$  Stacking is also observed between the N1-pyridine and N2<sup>v</sup>-pyridyl rings [symmetry code: (v) -x, 1 - y, -z], the centroid-to-centroid separation being 3.998 (3) Å. These two  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions lead to the formation of an infinite one-dimensional supramolecular ribbon extended along the *b* axis (Fig. 2).

The chloride anions are linked with complex cations *via* hydrogen bonding (Table 2), which connects the one-dimensional supramolecular ribbons into a three-dimensional supramolecular architecture.

#### Experimental

To an ethanol solution (10 ml) of NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.238 g, 1 mmol) was slowly added an ethanol solution (6 ml) of 2,2'-bipyridine (0.156 g, 1 mmol) and ethylenediamine (0.07 ml, 1 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 24 h at room temperature, then filtered. Single crystals of (I) were obtained from the filtrate after 3 d. Elemental analysis calculated for  $C_{12}H_{20}Cl_2N_4NiO_2$ : C 37.74, H 5.28, N 14.67%; found: C 37.33, H 6.09, N 14.72%.

#### Crystal data

$[Ni(C_2H_8N_2)(C_{10}H_8N_2)(H_2O)_2]Cl_2$	Z = 4
$M_r = 381.93$	$D_x = 1.541 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 14.132 (5) Å	$\mu = 1.51 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 8.371 (3) Å	T = 298 (2) K
c = 15.454 (6) Å	Block, grey
$\beta = 115.734 \ (5)^{\circ}$	$0.50 \times 0.48 \times 0.37 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1646.8 (11) \text{ Å}^3$	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector
diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 1998)
T = -0.490 $T = -0.572$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$   $wR(F^2) = 0.092$  S = 1.042889 reflections 209 parameters H-atom parameters constrained 8258 measured reflections 2889 independent reflections 2219 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_{\rm o}^2) + (0.0433P)^2 \\ &+ 0.2675P] \\ &where \ P = (F_{\rm o}^2 + 2F_{\rm c}^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.42 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.39 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

# Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1-N1	2.078 (2)	Ni1-N41	2.090 (2)
Ni1-N2	2.078 (2)	Ni1-O1	2.111 (2)
Ni1-N31	2.087 (2)	Ni1-O2	2.097 (2)
N1-Ni1-N2	78.65 (10)	N31-Ni1-O2	89.49 (9)
N1-Ni1-N31	176.22 (10)	N41-Ni1-O2	90.36 (9)
N2-Ni1-N31	99.28 (10)	N1-Ni1-O1	87.51 (9)
N1-Ni1-N41	98.42 (10)	N2-Ni1-O1	89.62 (9)
N2-Ni1-N41	177.07 (10)	N31-Ni1-O1	89.32 (9)
N31-Ni1-N41	83.65 (10)	N41-Ni1-O1	90.36 (9)
N1-Ni1-O2	93.64 (9)	O2-Ni1-O1	178.54 (9)
N2-Ni1-O2	89.72 (9)		

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Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
O1-H13···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.85	2.20	3.025 (2)	164
$O1-H14\cdots Cl1$	0.85	2.24	3.090 (2)	174
$O2-H15\cdots Cl2$	0.85	2.25	3.099 (2)	172
O2−H16···Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85	2.32	3.137 (2)	162
$N31 - H3A \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl1$	0.90	2.76	3.628 (3)	162
$N31 - H3B \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl1^{iii}$	0.90	2.61	3.425 (3)	151
N32-H3C···Cl1	0.90	2.88	3.628 (3)	142
$N32-H3D\cdots Cl1^{iii}$	0.90	2.59	3.425 (3)	154
$N41 - H4A \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl1^{ii}$	0.90	2.56	3.444 (3)	169
$N41 - H4B \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl2^{i}$	0.90	2.66	3.416 (3)	143
N42-H4C···Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.90	2.71	3.444 (3)	139
$N42 - H4D \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl2^{i}$	0.90	2.55	3.416 (3)	161
$C2-H2\cdot\cdot\cdot Cl2^{iv}$	0.93	2.75	3.613 (4)	154
$C4 - H4 \cdots O1^{v}$	0.93	2.46	3.191 (4)	135

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

The CH<sub>2</sub> groups of ethylenediamine are disordered over two sites; occupancies were set at 0.5 for each component. H atoms of water molecules were located in a difference Fourier map and refined as riding; O-H = 0.85 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(O)$ . Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.93 Å and N-H = 0.90 Å, and refined in riding mode, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:

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SHELXTL (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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