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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 173 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.032 wR factor = 0.097 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.8

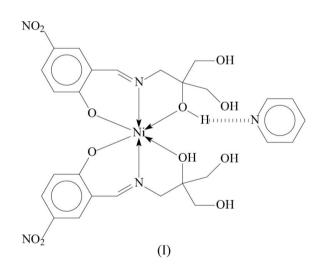
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# Bis[1,3-dihydroxy-2-hydroxymethyl-2-(5-nitro-2-oxidobenzylideneamino)propane- $\kappa^3 N, O, O'$ ]-nickel(II) pyridine solvate

The Ni<sup>II</sup> atom in the title complex,  $[Ni(C_{11}H_{13}N_2O_6)_2] \cdot C_5H_5N$ , is chelated by a terdentate Schiff base anion in a slightly octahedral geometry. One of the coordinated hydroxyl groups forms a hydrogen bond with the pyridine solvent molecule. In the crystal structure, other hydroxyl groups are involved in intermolecular hydrogen bonding, forming a two-dimensional layer.

### Comment

The preceeding paper reports the crystal structure of the zinc derivative of the Schiff base derived by condensing 5-nitro-salicyaldehyde with tris(hydroxymethylamino)methane; the compound crystallizes as a pyridine solvate (Ali *et al.*, 2006). The title Ni analog, (I), (Fig. 1), is isostructural, and in the crystal structure, an identical hydrogen-bonding motif (Table 2) links neighboring molecules into a tightly held two-dimensional layer.



# **Experimental**

1,3-Dihydroxy-2-hydroxymethyl-2-(2-hydroxy-5-nitrobenzylideneamino)propane was synthesized from tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane and 5-nitrosalicylaldehyde according a literature procedure (Chumakov *et al.*, 2003, 2005). This ligand (0.30 g, 1.11 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (25 ml) and several drops of aqueous sodium hydroxide were added to raise the pH of the solution to about 8.5. Nickel(II) acetate (0.30 g, 0.57 mmol) was then added and the mixture heated for 5 h. The solvent was removed and the product recrystallized from pyridine.

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Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.612 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.35 \times 0.31 \times 0.26 \text{ mm}$ 

39058 measured reflections 6373 independent reflections 6017 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0537P)^2]$ 

where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

+ 2.8761P]

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.81$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.72 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 0.77 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 173 (2) K

Prism, green

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.027$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Ni}(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_{2}\text{O}_{6})_{2} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{C}_{5}\text{H}_{5}\text{N} \\ M_{r} = 676.28 \\ \text{Monoclinic, } P_{21}/c \\ a = 11.2465 (1) \text{ Å} \\ b = 11.4857 (2) \text{ Å} \\ c = 21.9861 (3) \text{ Å} \\ \beta = 101.105 (1)^{\circ} \\ V = 2786.85 (7) \text{ Å}^{3} \\ \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII area-detector
diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\min} = 0.675, T_{\max} = 0.824$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$   $wR(F^2) = 0.097$  S = 1.086373 reflections 430 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

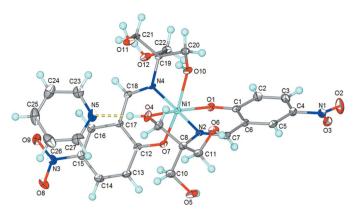
2.021 (1) 2.080 (1) 2.040 (1)	Ni1-O10 Ni1-N2 Ni1-N4	2.123 (1) 2.031 (1) 2.024 (1)
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2.040 (1)	Ni1-N4	2.024 (1)
170.81 (5)	O4-Ni1-N4	92.59 (5)
90.63 (5)	O7-Ni1-O10	167.14 (5)
87.40 (5)	O7-Ni1-N2	96.15 (5)
91.79 (5)	O7-Ni1-N4	88.23 (5)
96.11 (5)	N2-Ni1-N4	170.93 (6)
92.59 (5)	O10-Ni1-N2	96.60 (5)
91.32 (5)	O10-Ni1-N4	79.36 (5)
79.32 (5)		
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Table 2	2
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#### Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O4-H4o···N5	0.85(1)	1.80 (1)	2.653 (2)	175 (3)
$O5-H50\cdots O6^{i}$	0.85(1)	1.79 (1)	2.606 (2)	162 (3)
O6−H6o···O7 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85(1)	1.77 (1)	2.611 (2)	176 (3)
$O10-H100\cdots O12^{iii}$	0.84 (1)	1.98 (2)	2.757 (2)	153 (3)
O11−H11o···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85(1)	1.94 (1)	2.783 (2)	178 (3)
$O12\!-\!H120\!\cdots\!O5^{iv}$	0.85 (1)	1.93 (2)	2.739 (2)	159 (3)
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1$ , $y - \frac{1}{2}$ , $-z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (ii)			$-x + 1$ , $y + \frac{1}{2}$	$-7 + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (iii)

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Symmetry codes: (1) -x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}; (11) -x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}; (12) -x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}
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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 70% probability level and H atoms shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. The dashed line denotes a hydrogen bond.

The carbon-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C-H = 0.95-0.99 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The hydroxyl H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map, and were refined with a distance restraint [O-H = 0.85 (1) Å] and isotropic displacement parameters.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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