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Retraction of articles by H. Zhong *et al.*

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A series of 41 papers by H. Zhong *et al.* are retracted.

As a result of problems with the data sets and incorrect atom assignments, 41 papers by H. Zhong *et al.* are retracted. Full details of all the articles are given in Table 1.

Table 1
Details of articles to be retracted, in order of publication.

Title	Reference	DOI	Refcode
Aquachlorobis(1,10-phenanthroline)cobalt(II) chloride thiourea solvate	Zhong, Zeng, Liu & Luo (2006*a*)	10.1107/S1600536806041122	KERQEE
cis-Dichlorobis(1,10-phenanthroline)cobalt(II)	Zhong, Zeng & Luo (2006)	10.1107/S1600536806047295	MEQFOE
Tris(quinolin-8-olato-κ^2N,O)cobalt(III) glyoxal hemisolvate monohydrate	Zhong, Zeng, Liu & Luo (2006*b*)	10.1107/S1600536806050240	MEQHEW
(8-Quinolinol-κ^2N,O)bis(8-quinolinolato-κ^2N,O)nickel(II) glyoxal hemisolvate monohydrate	Zhong, Zeng, Liu & Luo (2007)	10.1107/S1600536806053232	METVUD
Aquachlorobis(1,10-phenanthroline)cobalt(II) chloride thioacetamide solvate	Zhong, Zeng & Luo (2007)	10.1107/S1600536806053530	METQIM
(8-Quinolinol-κ^2N,O)-bis(8-quinolinolato-κ^2N,O)zinc(II) glyoxal hemisolvate monohydrate	Zhong, Zeng, Luo, Li & Xiao (2007)	10.1107/S1600536807001171	DEXTEG
(Dimethylglyoxime-κ^2N,N')bis(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')nickel(II) dinitrate dihydrate	Zhong, Zeng, Yang, Luo & Li (2007*a*)	10.1107/S1600536807004102	YEYGOZ
(Dimethylglyoxime-κ^2N,N')bis(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')zinc(II) dinitrate dihydrate	Zhong, Zeng, Yang, Luo & Li (2007*b*)	10.1107/S1600536807004096	YEYGUF
Chloridobis(1,10-phenanthroline-$\kappa N,N'$)copper(I) hexahydrate	Zhong, Zeng, Yang, Luo & Xiao (2007)	10.1107/S160053680700791X	HEGKOU01
Tetrakis(pyridine-κN)bis(thiocyanato-κN)cobalt(II)	Zhong, Zeng, Yang & Luo (2007*a*)	10.1107/S1600536807017461	ITCPCO01
Tetrakis(pyridine-κN)bis(thiocyanato-κN)copper(II)	Zhong, Zeng, Yang & Luo (2007*b*)	10.1107/S160053680701879X	AVUJEG02
Tetrakis(nitrato-κ^2O,O')bis(4-phenylpyridine-κN)cerium(IV)	Zhong, Zeng, Yang & Luo (2007*c*)	10.1107/S1600536807018831	CICDOI
Bis(4,4′-bipyridine-κ^2N,N')tetrakis(nitrato-κ^2O,O')cerium(IV)	Zhong, Zeng, Yang & Luo (2007*d*)	10.1107/S1600536807021502	YIDNEF
(1,10-Phenanthroline)tris(phenoxyacetato)lanthanum(III)	Zhong, Zeng, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007)	10.1107/S1600536807027171	EDUROL
(1,10-Phenanthroline)tris(phenoxyacetato)cerium(III)	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007*a*)	10.1107/S1600536807028061	EDUTUT
(1,10-Phenanthroline)tri(3-phenylpropanoato)lanthanum(III)	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007*b*)	10.1107/S1600536807028693	RIGQEE
(1,10-Phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')tris(phenoxyacetato)-$\kappa O;\kappa O;\kappa O,O'$-neodymium(III)	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007*c*)	10.1107/S1600536807030371	UDUMEM
Bis(2,2′-bipyridyl-κ^2N,N')bis(thiocyanato-κN)nickel(II)	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007*d*)	10.1107/S1600536807031613	YEJGOJ01
Bis(2,2′-bipyridyl-κ^2N,N')bis(isothiocyanato-κN)copper(II)	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007*e*)	10.1107/S1600536807033181	UFAPOH
Bis(2,2′-bipyridyl-κ^2N,N')bis(thiocyanato-κN)zinc(II)	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007*f*)	10.1107/S1600536807035337	TIGFAR
(1,10-Phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')tris(3-phenylpropanoato-κO)neodymium(III)	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2007*g*)	10.1107/S1600536807035350	TIGFEV
2-Fluoro-3,5-dinitrobenzamide monohydrate	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*j*)	10.1107/S1600536807038676	VIKGAY
2-Fluoro-3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid-ammonia (1/1)	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*k*)	10.1107/S1600536807039724	KILKIA
1-Hydroxy-4,6-dinitropyridine-2-carboxamide monohydrate	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*l*)	10.1107/S1600536807040779	AFETAH
N-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)carbamic acid-ammonia (1/1)	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*m*)	10.1107/S160053680704086X	AFINAF
catena-Poly[[bis(μ-anilinoacetato-$\kappa^2O:O'$)bis(μ-anilinoacetato-$\kappa^3O,O':O$)bis[(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')samarium(III)]-μ-anilinoacetato-$\kappa^2O:O'$]	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*a*)	10.1107/S1600536807043528	PILDAQ
2-Hydroxy-5-nitrobenzene-1,3-dicarboxylic acid monohydrate	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*n*)	10.1107/S1600536807045199	XILWIZ
catena-Poly[[tetra-μ-anilinoacetato-bis(1,10-phenanthroline)-dineodymium(III)]-di-μ-anilinoacetato]	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*b*)	10.1107/S1600536807048489	WIMWEV
Hexaaquacopper(II) bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate)	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*c*)	10.1107/S1600536807049525	TOLSCV01

Table 1 (continued)

Title	Reference	DOI	Refcode
catena-Poly[[tetra-μ-anilinoacetato-bis(1,10-phenanthroline)-dilanthanum(III)]-di-μ-anilinoacetato]	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*d*)	10.1107/S1600536807051240	GIMZEI
Hexaaquachromium(II) bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate)	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*e*)	10.1107/S1600536807051227	GIMZIM
Hexaaquamanganese(II) bis(4-methylbenzenesulfonate)	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*f*)	10.1107/S1600536807052051	QUKQES01
catena-Poly[[(acetato-κO)(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')cobalt(II)]-μ-acetato-$\kappa^2O:O'$]	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*g*)	10.1107/S1600536807053494	NIQLAB
Hexaaquanickel(II) bis(4-aminobenzenesulfonate)	Zhong, Zhong, Xie & Luo (2007*a*)	10.1107/S1600536807054372	HIPZOW
catena-Poly[[(acetato-κO)(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')copper(II)]-μ-acetato-$\kappa^2O:O'$]	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*h*)	10.1107/S160053680705622X	XIRGOV
Hexaaquazinc(II) bis(4-aminobenzenesulfonate)	Zhong, Zhong, Xie & Luo (2007*b*)	10.1107/S1600536807056498	XIRJEO
catena-Poly[[(acetato-κO)(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')nickel(II)]-μ-acetato-$\kappa^2O:O'$]	Zhong, Yang, Xie & Luo (2007*i*)	10.1107/S1600536807058540	HIQJOH
Hexaaquacobalt(II) bis(4-aminobenzenesulfonate)	Zhong, Xie & Luo (2007)	10.1107/S1600536807058527	HIQJUN
catena-Poly[[tetra-μ-anilinoacetato-bis(1,10-phenanthroline)-dieuropium(III)]-di-μ-anilinoacetato]	Zhong, Yang, Duan & Hong (2007)	10.1107/S1600536807060643	YIQMAN
(Dimethylglyoxime-κ^2N,N')bis(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')copper(II) dinitrate dihydrate	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Li (2007)	10.1107/S1600536807061193	YIQNUI
catena-Poly[[(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')praseodymium(III)]-di-μ-phenoxyacetato-$\kappa^4O:O'$-[(1,10-phenanthroline-κ^2N,N')-praseodymium(III)]-di-μ-phenoxyacetato-$\kappa^4O:O'$-di-μ-phenoxyacetato-$\kappa^3O,O':O;\kappa^3O:O,O'$]	Zhong, Yang, Luo & Xu (2008)	10.1107/S1600536807068614	GISJIC

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(8-Quinolinol-κ^2N,O)bis(8-quinolinolato-κ^2N,O)-nickel(II) glyoxal hemisolvate monohydrate

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The Ni^{II} atom in the title complex, $[Ni(C_9H_6NO)_2(C_9H_7NO)]\cdot 0.5C_2H_2O_2\cdot H_2O$, has an octahedral coordination geometry defined by three O and three N atoms from one 8-hydoxyquinoline and two 8-oxoquinaoline ligands. The glyoxal molecule lies on an inversion centre. In the crystal structure, molecules are linked into a three-dimensional framework by O—H···O hydrogen bonds and π–π stacking interactions.

Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
T = 273 K
Mean σ(C–C) = 0.006 Å
R factor = 0.052
wR factor = 0.162
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.9

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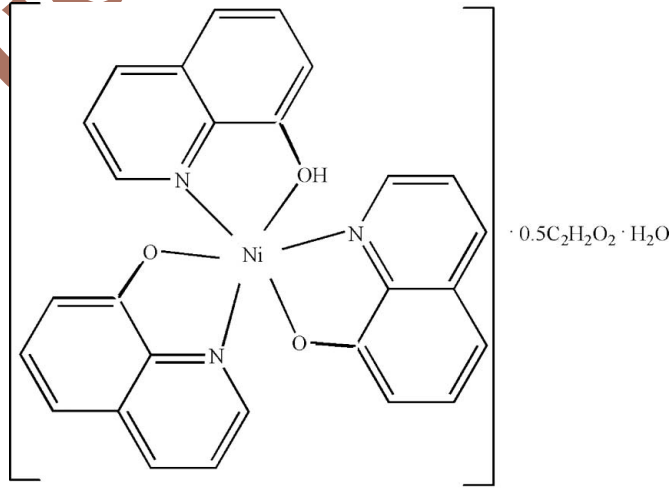
Comment

In recent years, interest in the chemistry of metal–oxygen clusters has grown because of their applications in areas including catalysis, materials chemistry and biochemistry (Pope, 1983; Pope & Müller, 2001). π–π Stacking between aromatic rings is related to the electron-transfer process in some biological systems (Deisenhofer & Michel, 1989; Wall *et al.*, 1999). Aromatic polycyclic compounds, such as quinoline, phenanthroline and benzimidazole, have commonly shown π–π stacking in metal complexes (Wu *et al.*, 2003; Pan & Xu, 2004; Liu *et al.*, 2004; Li *et al.*, 2005). These complexes can be used to develop new diagnostic and therapeutic agents in DNA binding and cleavage (Barton, 1986; Naing *et al.*, 1995). We report here in the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



(I)

In the molecule of (I) (Fig. 1), the three O atoms and three N atoms of three ligands are coordinated to the Ni^{II} atom, in an octahedral arrangement (Table 1). The Ni—O bonds [average 1.901 (8) Å] are somewhat shorter than the Ni—N distances [average 1.927 (3) Å]. The planar ligands, one of

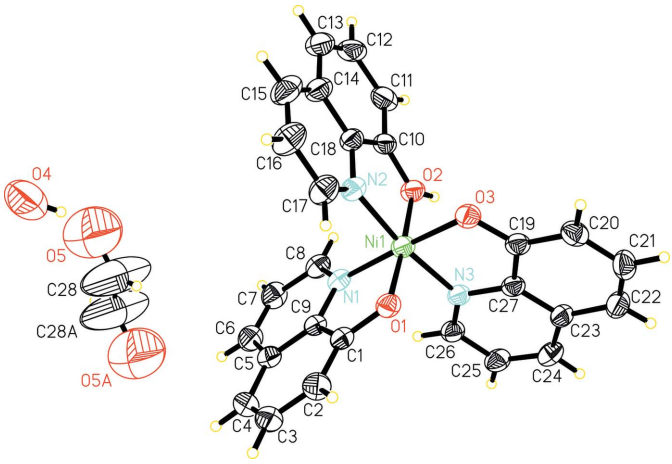


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. Atoms labelled with the suffix A are generated by the symmetry operation $(1-x, 1-y, 1-z)$.

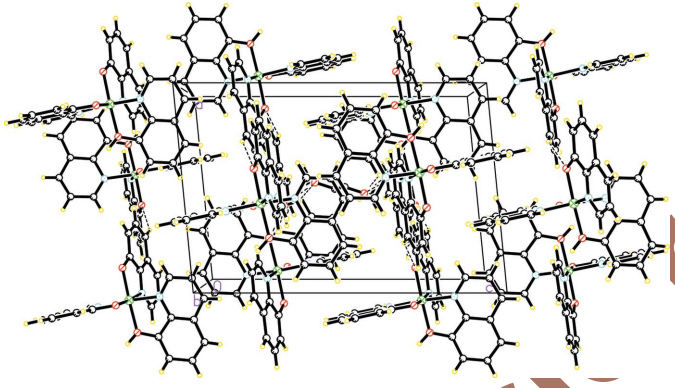


Figure 2
A packing diagram of (I). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

which retains its H atom of the OH group, are nearly perpendicular to each other, making dihedral angles of 86.05 (4), 87.22 (8) and 87.13 (7)°. The glyoxal molecule lies on an inversion centre.

In the crystal structure, molecules are linked into a three-dimensional framework by O—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2). There are π–π stacking interactions involving the N3/C23–C27 (centroid *Cg*1) and N2/C14–C18 (centroid *Cg*2) pyridine rings of adjacent ligands with $Cg1\cdots Cg1^{i}$ and $Cg2\cdots Cg2^{ii}$ distances of 3.614 (2) and 3.713 (2) Å, respectively [symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 2-y, 2-z$; (ii) $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$]. These π–π stacking interactions and hydrogen bonds lead to a supramolecular network structure (Fig. 2).

Experimental

Nickel dinitrate hexahydrate (291 mg, 1 mmol), 8-hydroxyquinoline (290 mg, 2 mmol) and glyoxal (58 mg, 1 mmol) were dissolved in ethanol (20 ml). The mixture was heated for 8 h under reflux with stirring. It was then filtered to give a clear solution, into which diethyl ether vapour was allowed to condense in a closed vessel. After being allowed to stand for a few days at room temperature, some green single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis precipitated.

Crystal data

$[Ni(C_9H_6NO)_2(C_9H_7NO)]\cdot 0.5C_2H_2O_2\cdot H_2O$
M_r = 539.20
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
a = 11.2532 (10) Å
b = 12.8237 (11) Å
c = 16.7247 (14) Å
β = 95.593 (1)°
V = 2402.0 (4) Å^3
Z = 4
D_x = 1.491 Mg m^{-3}
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
μ = 0.85 mm^{-1}
T = 273 (2) K
Prism, green
0.30 × 0.17 × 0.16 mm

Data collection

Bruker APEX-II area-detector diffractometer
φ and ω scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)
T_{min} = 0.832, T_{max} = 0.876
21232 measured reflections
5764 independent reflections
3135 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
R_{int} = 0.040
θ_{max} = 27.9°

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ = 0.052
$wR(F^2)$ = 0.162
S = 0.99
5764 reflections
342 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2 + 0.5743P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max}$ = 0.001
$\Delta\rho_{max}$ = 0.49 e Å^{-3}
$\Delta\rho_{min}$ = −0.48 e Å^{-3}

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1—O1	1.901 (2)	Ni1—N1	1.923 (3)
Ni1—O2	1.906 (2)	Ni1—N2	1.923 (3)
Ni1—O3	1.895 (2)	Ni1—N3	1.935 (3)
O1—Ni1—O2	177.14 (9)	O2—Ni1—N3	90.57 (10)
O1—Ni1—O3	90.12 (9)	O3—Ni1—N1	175.36 (10)
O2—Ni1—O3	91.94 (10)	O3—Ni1—N2	87.60 (11)
O1—Ni1—N1	85.26 (10)	O3—Ni1—N3	85.93 (10)
O1—Ni1—N2	92.48 (10)	N1—Ni1—N2	92.18 (11)
O1—Ni1—N3	91.56 (10)	N1—Ni1—N3	94.59 (11)
O2—Ni1—N1	92.66 (10)	N2—Ni1—N3	172.38 (11)
O2—Ni1—N2	85.62 (10)		

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O4—H4*B*···O5	0.865 (10)	1.72 (3)	2.302 (17)	123 (2)
O2—H2*A*···O4^{iii}	0.93	2.11	2.888 (8)	140

Symmetry code: (iii) $x+\frac{1}{2}, -y+\frac{3}{2}, z+\frac{1}{2}$.

H atoms of the water molecule were located in a difference synthesis and refined isotropically, with the O—H and H···H distances restrained to 0.84 (1) and 1.37 (2) Å, respectively. The remaining H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H and O—H = 0.93 Å, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,O).

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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