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The title complex,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{N}_6\text{O}_2)_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , contains an  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  ion on a twofold axis bound to two tridentate chelating bis(triazol-1-yl)acetate anions and one uncoordinated water molecule. In the complex, weak intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds interconnect units to form a three-dimensional net with one-dimensional channels along the  $c$ -axis direction occupied by disordered water molecules.

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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study

 $T = 293 \text{ K}$ Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.008 \text{ \AA}$ 

H-atom completeness 84%

Disorder in solvent or counterion

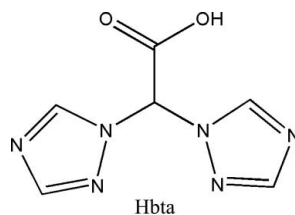
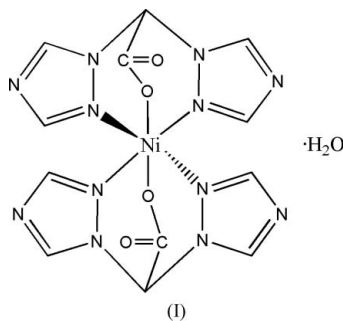
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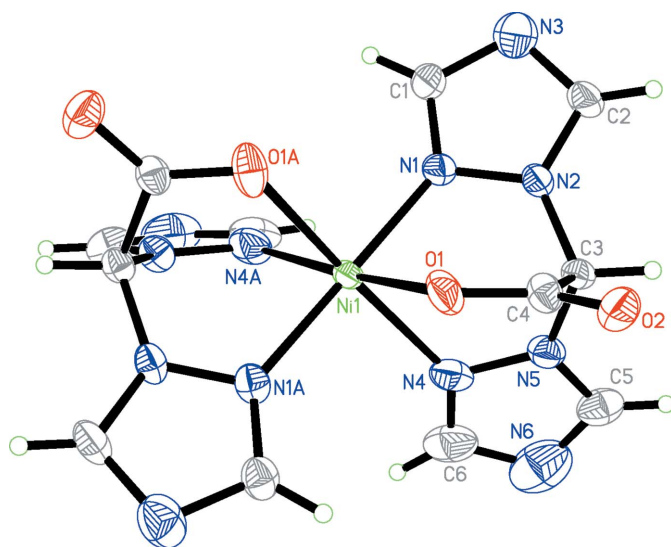
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1

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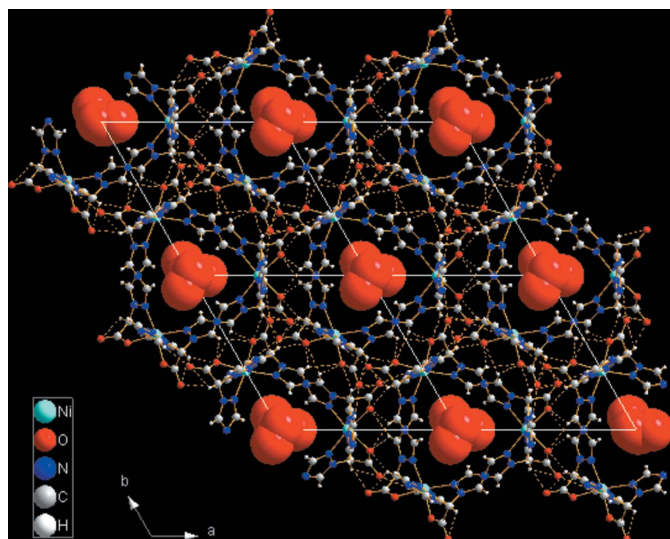
**Comment**

Since Trofimenko (1967) first modified poly(pyrazol-1-yl)borate ligands using 1,2,4-triazole to form poly(triazol-1-yl)borate ligands which combine the coordination properties of both pyrazoles and imidazoles, considerable attention has been paid to their applications in coordination polymers (Lobbia *et al.*, 1991; Janiak, 1994; Shiu *et al.*, 1994; Macleod *et al.*, 1996). Compared with poly(triazolyl)borate ligands, similar substitutions of bis(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)methanes (BTM) have been explored in coordination and metal-organic chemistry (Tang *et al.*, 2000; Tang *et al.*, 2002; Effendy *et al.*, 2003; Effendy *et al.*, 2004), acting as chelating ligands with endodentate N atoms (Tang *et al.*, 2002), as bridging ligands with exodentate N atoms (Tang *et al.*, 2000; Effendy *et al.*, 2004), or coordinated to the metal center in both coordination modes (Effendy *et al.*, 2003). A mononuclear nickel(II) complex (I) was synthesized with a new bis(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)acetic acid (Hbta) ligand and its structure determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.





**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of the title complex, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry code: (A)  $x - y$ ,  $-y$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{3}$ ]



**Figure 2**  
The title complex, viewed along the  $c$  axis, illustrating the one-dimensional channels occupied by disordered water molecules.

In the title complex, the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion, situated on a twofold axis, has slightly distorted octahedral geometry (Table 1 and Fig. 1), in which the equatorial plane contains two endodentate triazole N atoms [N4 and N4<sup>i</sup>, symmetry code: (i)  $x - y$ ,  $-y$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{3}$ ] and two carboxylate O atoms (O1 and O1<sup>i</sup>) with the largest deviation of 0.0047 Å, at O1. The axial positions are occupied by the other endodentate N atoms of the bta ligand (N1 and N1<sup>i</sup>). In this complex, the ligand bis(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)acetic acid (Hbta) is tridentate and chelates to the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion with two endodentate N atoms from the triazoles [Ni1–N1 = 1.993 (4) Å and Ni1–N4 = 2.185 (6) Å] and one carboxylate O atom [Ni1–O1 = 2.142 (5) Å], generating three six-membered metal-organic rings (Ni1–N1–N2–C3–N5–N4, Ni1–O1–C4–C3–N5–N4, Ni1–N1–N2–C3–C4–

O1) which exist in half-chair conformations. The plane of the carboxylate group is almost perpendicular to the six-membered Ni1–N1–N2–C3–N5–N4 metal-organic ring [dihedral angle of 89.7 (3)°]. The two triazole rings in one bta ligand form a dihedral angle of 55.3 (4)°, larger than that of 45.4° found in [Ag<sub>3</sub>(BTM)<sub>4</sub>](CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (Effendy *et al.*, 2003).

In the crystal structure, C–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2) interconnect the mononuclear Ni<sup>II</sup> units, generating one-dimensional channels, occupied by disordered water molecules, along the  $c$ -axis direction (Fig. 2). These interactions help to stabilize the packing arrangement in the crystal structure.

## Experimental

Nickel(II) perchlorate hexahydrate (0.5 mmol, 183.3 mg) was dissolved in distilled water (5 ml), and added to a solution of bis-(triazol-1-yl)acetic acid (0.5 mmol, 96.5 mg) in ethanol (5 ml). Sodium hydroxide (1 mol l<sup>-1</sup>) was added to give pH = 7.0, and the mixture was then refluxed for 2 h. It was slowly cooled to room temperature, filtered, and the filtrate was slowly evaporated at room temperature. Dark-green single crystals of the title complex suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained after about four weeks (yield: 17%). CHN analysis found: C 31.12, H 2.31, N 36.39%; calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>12</sub>NiO<sub>5</sub>: C 31.17, H 2.38, N 36.36%.

### Crystal data

[Ni(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].H<sub>2</sub>O  
 $M_r$  = 463.05  
Trigonal,  $P3_121$   
 $a$  = 12.406 (3) Å  
 $c$  = 12.211 (7) Å  
 $V$  = 1627.5 (11) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z$  = 3

$D_x$  = 1.417 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu$  = 0.94 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T$  = 293 (2) K  
Block, green  
0.20 × 0.14 × 0.12 mm

### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min}$  = 0.860,  $T_{\max}$  = 1.000  
(expected range = 0.768–0.893)

8800 measured reflections  
1928 independent reflections  
1792 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.025  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 25.0°

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$  = 0.050  
 $wR(F^2)$  = 0.160  
 $S$  = 1.12  
1928 reflections  
147 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1281P)^2]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.05 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.52 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
Absolute structure: Flack (1983),  
821 Friedel pairs  
Flack parameter: 0.01 (3)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1–N1	1.993 (4)	Ni1–N4	2.185 (6)
Ni1–O1	2.142 (5)		
N1–Ni1–N1 <sup>i</sup>	178.9 (3)	N1 <sup>i</sup> –Ni1–N4 <sup>i</sup>	86.90 (18)
N1–Ni1–O1	86.31 (15)	O1–Ni1–N4 <sup>i</sup>	172.44 (18)
N1 <sup>i</sup> –Ni1–O1	92.89 (15)	O1–Ni1–N4	82.90 (17)
O1–Ni1–O1 <sup>i</sup>	89.5 (2)	N4 <sup>i</sup> –Ni1–N4	104.7 (3)
N1–Ni1–N4 <sup>i</sup>	93.79 (18)		

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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C1–H1 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.53	3.29	139
C2–H2 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.41	3.23	148
C3–H3 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.98	2.43	3.35	157
C5–H5 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.55	3.31	139
C5–H5 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.65	3.48	148

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

H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C–H = 0.93–0.98 Å) and refined using a riding model, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The uncoordinated water molecule is disordered and their H atoms were not located. The water molecule was located in two positions with occupancies of 0.5.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2005); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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