

# Bis(3-hydroxyphenylacetato- $\kappa^2O,O'$ )bis-(1H-imidazole- $\kappa N^3$ )nickel(II)

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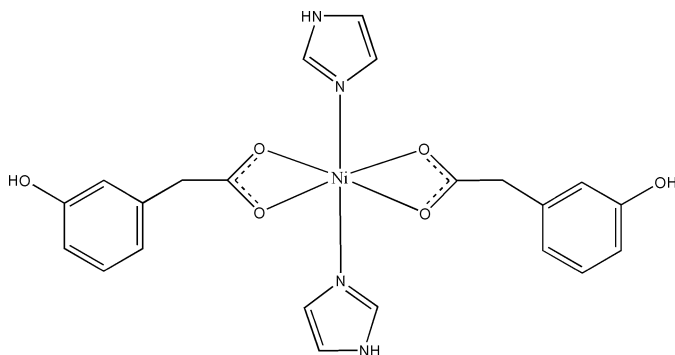
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004$  Å;  
R factor = 0.039; wR factor = 0.094; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.0.

In the title mononuclear complex,  $[Ni(C_8H_7O_3)_2(C_3H_4N_2)_2]$ , the  $Ni^{II}$  atom, lying on a twofold rotation axis, is coordinated by four carboxylate O atoms from two bidentate 3-hydroxyphenylacetato ligands and two N atoms from two imidazole molecules in a distorted octahedral geometry. A three-dimensional network is formed *via* intermolecular O—H...O and N—H...O hydrogen bonds and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions between the imidazole and benzene rings of neighboring molecules [centroid–centroid distance = 3.856 (2) Å].

## Related literature

For the use of coordination polymers and open framework materials in catalysis, separation, gas storage and molecular recognition, see: James (2003); Serre *et al.* (2004); Yaghi *et al.* (1998, 2003).



## Experimental

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 $a = 12.8481$  (14) Å

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 $c = 16.3051$  (19) Å  
 $\beta = 101.410$  (1)°  
 $V = 2193.7$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.93$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  K  
 $0.32 \times 0.27 \times 0.24$  mm

### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{min} = 0.762$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.811$

5522 measured reflections  
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 $R_{int} = 0.045$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.094$   
 $S = 1.01$   
1960 reflections

151 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.29$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Ni1—N1	2.004 (2)	Ni1—O1	2.1404 (18)
Ni1—O2	2.1128 (19)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N2-H2A\cdots O1^i$	0.86	1.88	2.734 (3)	171
$O3-H3\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.82	1.96	2.763 (3)	168

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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### Comment

The use of multifunctional organic linker molecules in the preparation of coordination polymers and open-framework materials has led to the development of a rich field of chemistry, owing to the potential applications of these materials in catalysis, separation, gas storage and molecular recognition (James, 2003; Serre *et al.*, 2004; Yaghi *et al.*, 1998, 2003). 3-Hydroxyphenylacetic acid has a versatile binding ability. Structures of the complexes with 3-hydroxyphenylacetate have not been reported to date. We obtained a new Ni<sup>II</sup> complex from the reaction of 3-hydroxyphenylacetic acid, imidazole and NiCl<sub>2</sub> in an alkaline aqueous solution.

As illustrated in Fig. 1, the Ni<sup>II</sup> atom, lying on a twofold rotation axis, has a distorted octahedral environment, defined by four carboxylate O atoms from two bidentate 3-hydroxyphenylacetate ligands and two N atoms from two imidazole molecules. Intermolecular O—H $\cdots$ O and N—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds form a three-dimensional network, which is further consolidated by  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions between the imidazole and phenyl rings of neighboring complexes, with a centroid–centroid distance of 3.856 (2) Å.

### Experimental

A mixture of nickel chloride (0.13 g, 1 mmol), 3-hydroxyphenylacetic acid (0.152 g, 1 mmol), imidazole (0.068 g, 1 mmol), NaOH (0.06 g, 1.5 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (12 ml) was placed in a 23 ml Teflon-lined reactor, which was heated to 433 K for 3 d and then cooled to room temperature at a rate of 10 K h<sup>-1</sup>. The crystals obtained were washed with water and dried in air.

### Refinement

H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on the parent C atoms, with C—H = 0.93 (CH) and 0.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>) Å, N—H = 0.86 Å, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$ .

### Figures

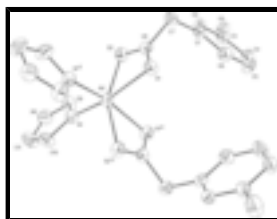


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry code: (iii)  $-x, y, 1/2 - z$ .]

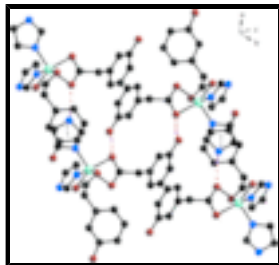


Fig. 2. A packing view of the title compound. The intermolecular hydrogen bonds and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions are shown as dashed lines.

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Cell parameters from 5837 reflections

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Block, blue

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$h = -13 \rightarrow 15$

$k = -10 \rightarrow 12$

$l = -19 \rightarrow 19$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$

$wR(F^2) = 0.094$

$S = 1.01$

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0443P)^2]$

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

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$

1960 reflections  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 151 parameters  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods Extinction correction: none

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.0902 (2)	0.0767 (3)	0.43721 (17)	0.0387 (7)
N1	0.10445 (18)	0.5333 (2)	0.22611 (15)	0.0392 (6)
Ni1	0.0000	0.40576 (5)	0.2500	0.03283 (19)
O1	-0.06407 (15)	0.25890 (17)	0.31434 (12)	0.0421 (5)
C2	0.1936 (2)	0.0654 (3)	0.48209 (18)	0.0438 (8)
H2	0.2208	0.1263	0.5213	0.053*
N2	0.2479 (2)	0.6473 (3)	0.24415 (17)	0.0543 (8)
H2A	0.3104	0.6747	0.2651	0.065*
O2	0.07730 (15)	0.36060 (19)	0.37318 (12)	0.0423 (5)
C3	0.2567 (2)	-0.0347 (3)	0.46956 (19)	0.0451 (8)
O3	0.35853 (19)	-0.0487 (2)	0.51162 (17)	0.0704 (8)
H3	0.3769	0.0141	0.5397	0.106*
C4	0.2166 (3)	-0.1259 (3)	0.4120 (2)	0.0521 (9)
H4	0.2580	-0.1945	0.4040	0.063*
C5	0.1146 (3)	-0.1143 (3)	0.3666 (2)	0.0566 (9)
H5	0.0877	-0.1751	0.3272	0.068*
C6	0.0517 (3)	-0.0144 (3)	0.37856 (19)	0.0503 (8)
H6	-0.0169	-0.0079	0.3472	0.060*
C7	0.0230 (3)	0.1885 (3)	0.45013 (18)	0.0476 (8)
H7A	-0.0462	0.1602	0.4578	0.057*
H7B	0.0565	0.2332	0.5002	0.057*
C8	0.0100 (2)	0.2748 (3)	0.37584 (17)	0.0369 (7)
C9	0.1992 (2)	0.5532 (3)	0.2722 (2)	0.0534 (9)
H9	0.2283	0.5060	0.3191	0.064*
C10	0.0930 (3)	0.6207 (3)	0.1660 (2)	0.0586 (10)
H10	0.0335	0.6304	0.1236	0.070*
C11	0.1815 (3)	0.6928 (4)	0.1766 (2)	0.0699 (11)
H11	0.1939	0.7602	0.1437	0.084*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0439 (19)	0.0382 (18)	0.0339 (16)	0.0014 (14)	0.0076 (14)	0.0093 (14)
N1	0.0313 (14)	0.0370 (14)	0.0487 (16)	-0.0043 (11)	0.0066 (12)	-0.0007 (12)
Ni1	0.0233 (3)	0.0304 (3)	0.0417 (3)	0.000	-0.0010 (2)	0.000
O1	0.0325 (11)	0.0430 (12)	0.0454 (12)	-0.0088 (9)	-0.0050 (10)	0.0045 (10)
C2	0.055 (2)	0.0348 (18)	0.0385 (17)	-0.0029 (14)	0.0013 (16)	-0.0036 (13)
N2	0.0370 (16)	0.0630 (19)	0.0620 (19)	-0.0242 (14)	0.0077 (14)	-0.0082 (15)
O2	0.0316 (11)	0.0438 (12)	0.0458 (12)	-0.0053 (10)	-0.0060 (10)	-0.0007 (10)
C3	0.0437 (19)	0.0416 (18)	0.0447 (18)	0.0013 (15)	-0.0042 (15)	-0.0026 (15)

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O3	0.0543 (15)	0.0611 (16)	0.0821 (19)	0.0126 (13)	-0.0195 (14)	-0.0175 (14)
C4	0.054 (2)	0.0443 (19)	0.053 (2)	0.0052 (16)	0.0004 (18)	-0.0078 (16)
C5	0.062 (2)	0.050 (2)	0.054 (2)	-0.0066 (17)	0.0004 (18)	-0.0176 (16)
C6	0.0437 (19)	0.056 (2)	0.047 (2)	-0.0042 (16)	-0.0015 (16)	-0.0030 (17)
C7	0.053 (2)	0.050 (2)	0.0401 (18)	0.0095 (16)	0.0090 (16)	0.0049 (15)
C8	0.0316 (17)	0.0367 (17)	0.0404 (17)	0.0035 (13)	0.0023 (14)	-0.0021 (13)
C9	0.0348 (18)	0.054 (2)	0.066 (2)	-0.0085 (16)	-0.0027 (17)	0.0087 (18)
C10	0.054 (2)	0.069 (3)	0.046 (2)	-0.0209 (18)	-0.0041 (17)	0.0133 (18)
C11	0.080 (3)	0.070 (3)	0.057 (2)	-0.036 (2)	0.006 (2)	0.010 (2)

### Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

C1—C6	1.385 (4)	O2—C8	1.267 (3)
C1—C2	1.389 (4)	C3—O3	1.360 (3)
C1—C7	1.513 (4)	C3—C4	1.380 (4)
N1—C9	1.315 (4)	O3—H3	0.8200
N1—C10	1.340 (4)	C4—C5	1.378 (4)
Ni1—N1	2.004 (2)	C4—H4	0.9300
Ni1—Ni <sup>i</sup>	2.004 (2)	C5—C6	1.376 (4)
Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.1128 (19)	C5—H5	0.9300
Ni1—O2	2.1128 (19)	C6—H6	0.9300
Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.1404 (18)	C7—C8	1.505 (4)
Ni1—O1	2.1404 (18)	C7—H7A	0.9700
O1—C8	1.250 (3)	C7—H7B	0.9700
C2—C3	1.381 (4)	C9—H9	0.9300
C2—H2	0.9300	C10—C11	1.356 (4)
N2—C9	1.313 (4)	C10—H10	0.9300
N2—C11	1.343 (4)	C11—H11	0.9300
N2—H2A	0.8600		
C6—C1—C2	118.5 (3)	C11—N2—H2A	126.5
C6—C1—C7	121.0 (3)	C8—O2—Ni1	90.11 (16)
C2—C1—C7	120.5 (3)	O3—C3—C2	123.0 (3)
C9—N1—C10	105.1 (3)	O3—C3—C4	117.2 (3)
C9—N1—Ni1	125.3 (2)	C2—C3—C4	119.8 (3)
C10—N1—Ni1	129.4 (2)	C3—O3—H3	109.5
N1—Ni1—Ni <sup>i</sup>	94.31 (13)	C5—C4—C3	119.3 (3)
N1—Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	100.22 (9)	C5—C4—H4	120.4
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	97.65 (9)	C3—C4—H4	120.4
N1—Ni1—O2	97.65 (9)	C6—C5—C4	121.1 (3)
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2	100.22 (9)	C6—C5—H5	119.4
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2	153.60 (11)	C4—C5—H5	119.4
N1—Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	93.78 (8)	C5—C6—C1	120.2 (3)
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	158.58 (9)	C5—C6—H6	119.9
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	61.36 (7)	C1—C6—H6	119.9
O2—Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	98.31 (8)	C8—C7—C1	110.3 (2)
N1—Ni1—O1	158.58 (9)	C8—C7—H7A	109.6

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O2—Ni1—O1	61.36 (7)	C1—C7—H7B	109.6
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1	85.73 (10)	H7A—C7—H7B	108.1
N1—Ni1—C8 <sup>i</sup>	98.66 (9)	O1—C8—O2	119.2 (3)
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—C8 <sup>i</sup>	128.39 (10)	O1—C8—C7	120.5 (3)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—C8 <sup>i</sup>	30.92 (8)	O2—C8—C7	120.2 (3)
O2—Ni1—C8 <sup>i</sup>	126.79 (9)	N2—C9—N1	112.0 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—C8 <sup>i</sup>	30.45 (8)	N2—C9—H9	124.0
O1—Ni1—C8 <sup>i</sup>	91.74 (8)	N1—C9—H9	124.0
C8—O1—Ni1	89.31 (17)	N1—C10—C11	109.5 (3)
C3—C2—C1	121.2 (3)	N1—C10—H10	125.2
C3—C2—H2	119.4	C11—C10—H10	125.2
C1—C2—H2	119.4	N2—C11—C10	106.2 (3)
C9—N2—C11	107.1 (3)	N2—C11—H11	126.9
C9—N2—H2A	126.5	C10—C11—H11	126.9

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y, -z+1/2$ .

*Hydrogen-bond geometry* ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

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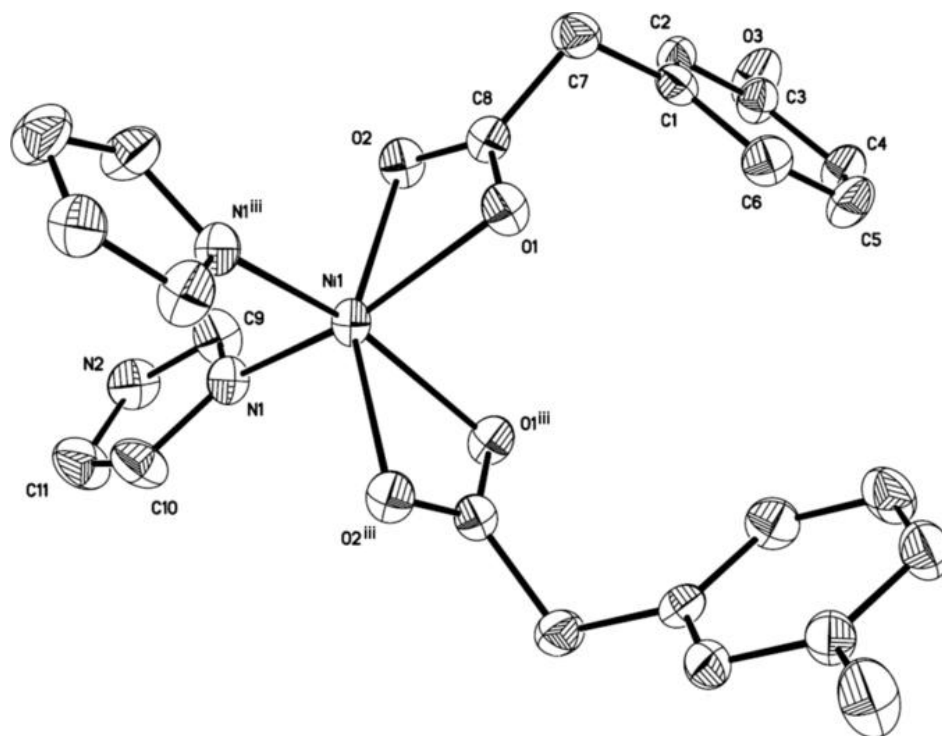




Fig. 2

