

## Diaquaiminodiacetonickel(II)

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

T = 298 K

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

R factor = 0.054

wR factor = 0.105

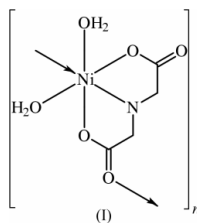
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.0

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The iminodiacetate dianion in diaquaiminodiacetonickel(II),  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , chelates to the Ni atom through two carboxyl O and one imino N atoms; the six-fold coordination environment comprises these three atoms, the water molecules and the carbonyl O atom of an adjacent dianionic group. The dative  $\text{Ni} \leftarrow \text{O}$  linkage leads to the formation of a helical chain running along the *a* axis of the orthorhombic crystal; adjacent chains are held in a network motif by hydrogen bonds.

## Comment

Unlike iminodiacetatecopper(II), a compound that forms a large number of coordination complexes, as well as complexes with metal salts (Román-Alpiste *et al.*, 1999), the nickel(II) analog is much less studied, and the crystal structure of iminodiacetonickel(II) has not been reported. The limited number of derivatives of this compound comprise the trihydrated 1:1 complex of dipotassium bis(iminodiacetato)nickelate (Agre *et al.*, 1984), caesium bis(iminodiacetato)nickelate tetrahydrate (Mammano *et al.*, 1977), lithium bis(iminodiacetato)nickelate tetrahydrate (Kramarenko *et al.*, 1974; Mammano *et al.*, 1977) and the only *N*-heterocycle adduct, tris(imidazole)iminodiacetonickel hydrate (Polyakova *et al.*, 2000).



Iminodiacetonickel crystallizes as a dihydrate, (I), in which the Ni atom exists in an octahedral environment; this comprises the *O,N,O'*-chelating iminodiacetate ligand, the two water molecules and the carbonyl O atom of an adjacent molecule. The dative  $\text{Ni} \leftarrow \text{O}$  linkage [2.011 (4) Å] leads to the formation of a helical chain running along the *a* axis of the orthorhombic crystal (Fig. 2). The other carbonyl O atom does not participate in bonding to the Ni atom but is, instead, engaged in hydrogen bonding with a water molecule and the imino N atom of an adjacent molecule. The extensive hydrogen bonds consolidate the structure into a tightly held network.

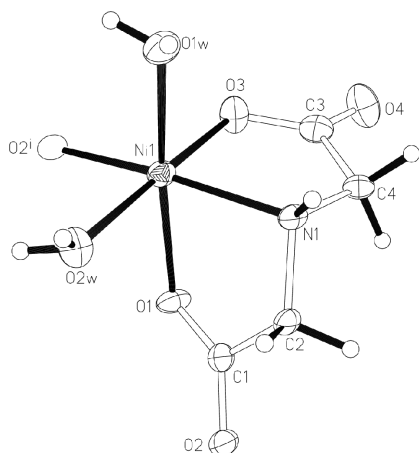
## Experimental

Nickel nitrate hexahydrate (0.29 g, 1 mmol) dissolved in water (2 ml) was reacted with iminodiacetic acid (0.13 g, 1 mmol) dissolved in

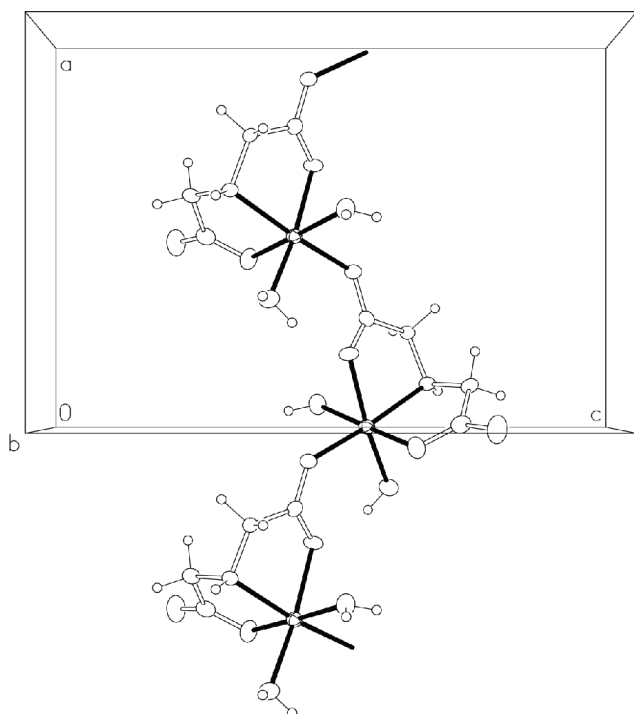
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**Figure 1**  
ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the repeat unit of diaquaimino-diacetatonickel, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.



**Figure 2**  
ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot depicting the helical chain propagating along the *a* axis.

ethanol (8 ml). The pH of the solution was adjusted to 5 by the addition of aqueous sodium hydroxide. The solution was then sealed in a Teflon-lined Parr stainless-steel vessel, which was heated to 433 K for 2 h. The title compound separated as plates.

#### Crystal data

[Ni(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 225.83  
 Orthorhombic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>*ca*  
*a* = 9.7610 (3) Å  
*b* = 5.2219 (2) Å  
*c* = 14.1713 (4) Å  
*V* = 722.32 (4) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 2.08 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 1988 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.9–28.3°  
 $\mu$  = 2.68 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 298 (2) K  
 Plate, green  
 0.34 × 0.07 × 0.04 mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min}$  = 0.728,  $T_{\max}$  = 0.898  
 4084 measured reflections

1613 independent reflections  
 1585 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.035  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 28.3°  
 $h$  = -12 → 12  
 $k$  = -6 → 2  
 $l$  = -16 → 18

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$  = 0.054  
 $wR(F^2)$  = 0.105  
 $S$  = 1.25  
 1613 reflections  
 124 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0418P)^2 + 0.7011P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}}$  = 0.001  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$  = 0.89 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$  = -1.03 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 718 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter = 0.12 (3)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1—O1	2.123 (4)	Ni1—O1w	2.087 (4)
Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.011 (4)	Ni1—O2w	2.112 (4)
Ni1—O3	2.027 (4)	Ni1—N1	2.055 (5)
O1—Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	90.5 (2)	O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2w	91.7 (2)
O1—Ni1—O3	92.8 (2)	O3—Ni1—O1w	92.7 (2)
O1—Ni1—O1w	169.0 (2)	O3—Ni1—N1	83.6 (2)
O1—Ni1—O2w	85.7 (2)	O3—Ni1—O2w	178.5 (2)
O1—Ni1—N1	79.1 (2)	O1w—Ni1—O2w	88.8 (2)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O3	88.2 (2)	O1w—Ni1—N1	92.0 (2)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1	166.4 (2)	O2w—Ni1—N1	96.2 (2)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1w	99.2 (2)		

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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O1w—H1w1...O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.85 (5)	2.05 (5)	2.837 (6)	154 (5)
O1w—H1w2...O3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (2)	2.10 (4)	2.863 (6)	150 (2)
O2w—H2w1...O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (2)	2.19 (4)	2.994 (6)	159 (2)
O2w—H2w2...O4 <sup>iv</sup>	0.85 (3)	1.86 (3)	2.673 (6)	160 (3)
N1—H1n...O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85 (5)	2.11 (5)	2.913 (7)	157 (3)

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

The H atoms of the imino N and water O atoms were located and refined, subject to O—H = N—H = 0.85 (1) Å; for the water H atoms, H...H = 1.39 (1) Å. The C-bound H atoms were generated geometrically and constrained with a riding model (C—H = 0.97 Å). The displacement parameters of all H atoms were set to 1.2 times  $U_{\text{eq}}$  of their parent atoms. The largest peak in the final difference map was about 1 Å from Ni1 and the deepest hole about 1 Å from C3. The structure was refined in the setting the data were connected on. The matrix (00 $\bar{1}$ ,010,100) transforms the cell into the standard *Pca*2<sub>1</sub> setting.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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