

## Diaquabis[3-(hydroxyimino)butanoato]-nickel(II)

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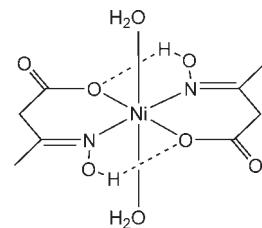
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 120\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.025;  $wR$  factor = 0.060; data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1.

In the neutral, mononuclear title complex,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , the Ni atom lies on a crystallographic inversion centre within a distorted octahedral  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  environment. Two *trans*-disposed anions of 3-hydroxyiminobutanoic acid occupy four equatorial sites, coordinated by the deprotonated carboxylate and protonated oxime groups and forming six-membered chelate rings, while the two axial positions are occupied by the water O atoms. The O atom of the oxime group forms an intramolecular hydrogen bond with the coordinated carboxylate O atom. The complex molecules are linked into chains along  $b$  by hydrogen bonds between the water O atom and the carboxylate O of a neighbouring molecule. The chains are linked by further hydrogen bonds into a layer structure.

### Related literature

For the coordination chemistry of 2-hydroxyiminopropanoic acid and its amide derivatives, see: Onindo *et al.* (1995); Duda *et al.* (1997); Moroz *et al.* (2008). For 2-hydroxyimino-carboxylic acids as efficient metal chelators, see: Onindo *et al.* (1995); Sliva *et al.* (1997a,b); Gumienna-Kontecka *et al.* (2000). For the use of 2-hydroxyiminocarboxylic acid derivatives as efficient ligands for the stabilization of high oxidation states of transitional metals, see: Fritsky *et al.* (1998, 2006). For the structures of hydroxyiminocarboxylic acid derivatives, see: Onindo *et al.* (1995); Sliva *et al.* (1997a,b); Mokhir *et al.* (2002). For structures with monodentately coordinated carboxylic groups, see: Wörl *et al.* (2005a,b). For the synthesis, see: Khromov (1950).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

|                                                                        |                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ | $V = 635.94(10)\text{ \AA}^3$            |
| $M_r = 326.94$                                                         | $Z = 2$                                  |
| Monoclinic, $P2_{1}/n$                                                 | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                   |
| $a = 9.6071(9)\text{ \AA}$                                             | $\mu = 1.56\text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $b = 7.1721(7)\text{ \AA}$                                             | $T = 120\text{ K}$                       |
| $c = 9.6805(9)\text{ \AA}$                                             | $0.23 \times 0.15 \times 0.11\text{ mm}$ |
| $\beta = 107.557(5)^\circ$                                             |                                          |

#### Data collection

|                                                                      |                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer                                       | 4576 measured reflections              |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> , Sheldrick, 2001) | 1626 independent reflections           |
| $(SADABS$ , Sheldrick, 2001)                                         | 1286 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.622$ , $T_{\max} = 0.796$                              | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$               |

#### Refinement

|                                 |                                                                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$ | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.060$               | $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.35\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$                           |
| $S = 1.05$                      | $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.32\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$                          |
| 1626 reflections                |                                                                        |
| 101 parameters                  |                                                                        |

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$                                 | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| $\text{O}4-\text{H}_2\text{O}4\cdots\text{O}2^i$     | 0.79 (2)     | 1.94 (2)           | 2.7293 (17) | 175 (2)              |
| $\text{O}3-\text{H}_1\text{O}3\cdots\text{O}1^{ii}$  | 0.72 (2)     | 2.10 (2)           | 2.7404 (17) | 148 (2)              |
| $\text{O}4-\text{H}_1\text{O}4\cdots\text{O}2^{iii}$ | 0.87 (3)     | 1.90 (3)           | 2.7576 (16) | 167 (2)              |

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

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 2000); cell refinement: *DENZO/SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO/SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR2004* (Burla *et al.*, 2005); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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# supporting information

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### S1. Comment

2-hydroxyiminopropanoic acid and its amide derivatives have been intensively studied during the past 15 years as efficient chelate ligands forming stable complexes with various transition metal ions (Onindo *et al.*, 1995; Duda *et al.*, 1997; Moroz *et al.*, 2008). The presence of an additional strong donor oxime function in the vicinity to the carboxylic group results in important increase of chelating efficiency as compare to structurally related amino acids. For example, 2-hydroxyiminopropanoic acid and other 2-hydroxyiminocarboxylic acids were shown to act as highly efficient chelators with respect to copper(II), nickel(II) and aluminium(III) (Onindo *et al.*, 1995; Sliva *et al.*, 1997a; Sliva *et al.*, 1997b; Gumienna-Kontecka *et al.*, 2000). Also, the amide derivatives of 2-hydroxyiminopropanoic acid possess strong  $\sigma$ -donor capacity and thus have been successfully used for preparation of metal complexes with efficient stabilization of Cu<sup>3+</sup> and Ni<sup>3+</sup> oxidation states (Fritsky *et al.*, 1998; Fritsky *et al.*, 2006). Surprisingly, that the complex formation properties of the nearest homologue of 2-hydroxyiminopropanoic acid - 2-hydroxyiminobutanoic acid - have not been studied at all up to date, and no crystal structures of the corresponding coordination compounds have been reported. Herein we present the first crystal structure of a metal complex of 3-hydroxyiminobutanoic acid.

A distorted octahedral coordination geometry is found in (I) with the Ni atom lying on a center of inversion, Fig. 1. Two four N atoms of two chelating oxime ligands define the equatorial plane, each defining a six-membered rings with a nearly planar conformation, and the two trans-coordinated water molecules complete the octahedral coordination geometry. The Ni–O bond lengths in the equatorial plane, Table 1, are somewhat shorter than the Ni–N (1.999 (1) Å and 2.043 (1) Å, respectively). The O atoms of the protonated oxime group form intramolecular hydrogen bonds with the coordinated carboxylate O atoms forming five-membered rings and thus fusing two six-membered chelate rings in a pseudomacroyclic structure. The difference in C—O bond lengths for the coordinated and non-coordinated oxygen atoms (1.271 (2) Å and 1.250 (2) Å) is typical for monodentately coordinated carboxylic groups (Wörl *et al.*, 2005a,b). The C=N, C=O, N—O, bond lengths are typical for 2-hydroxyiminopropanoic acid and its derivatives (Onindo *et al.*, 1995; Sliva *et al.* (1997a,b); Mokhir *et al.*, 2002).

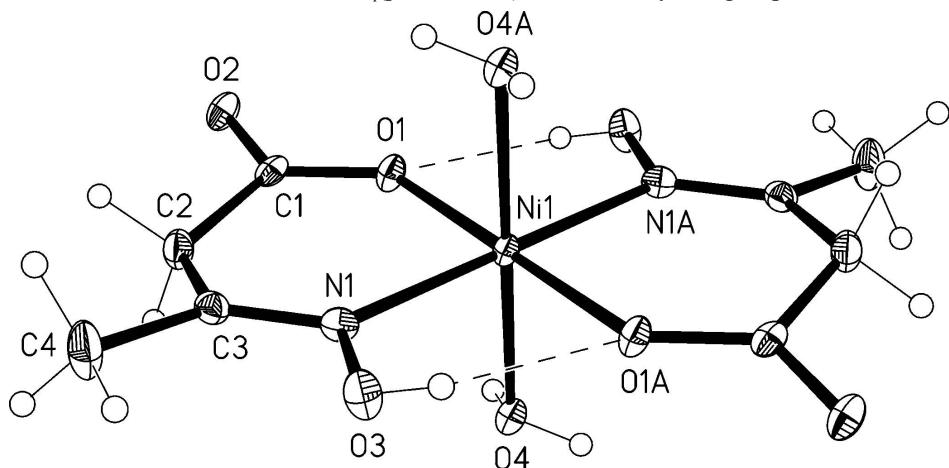
The octahedral complex molecules are organized in the chains disposed along b direction of the crystal due to H-bonds formed by the axial water molecules and non-coordinated carboxylate O atom O4 belonging to the translational molecule (Table 1). The chains are united in layers with the help of the H-bonds of different type (also formed by the water molecules and non-coordinated carboxylate O atom O4 belonging to another translational molecule). The layers disposed parallel to b direction of the crystal are united in three-dimensional structure only with the help of van der Waals contacts (Fig. 2).

**S2. Experimental**

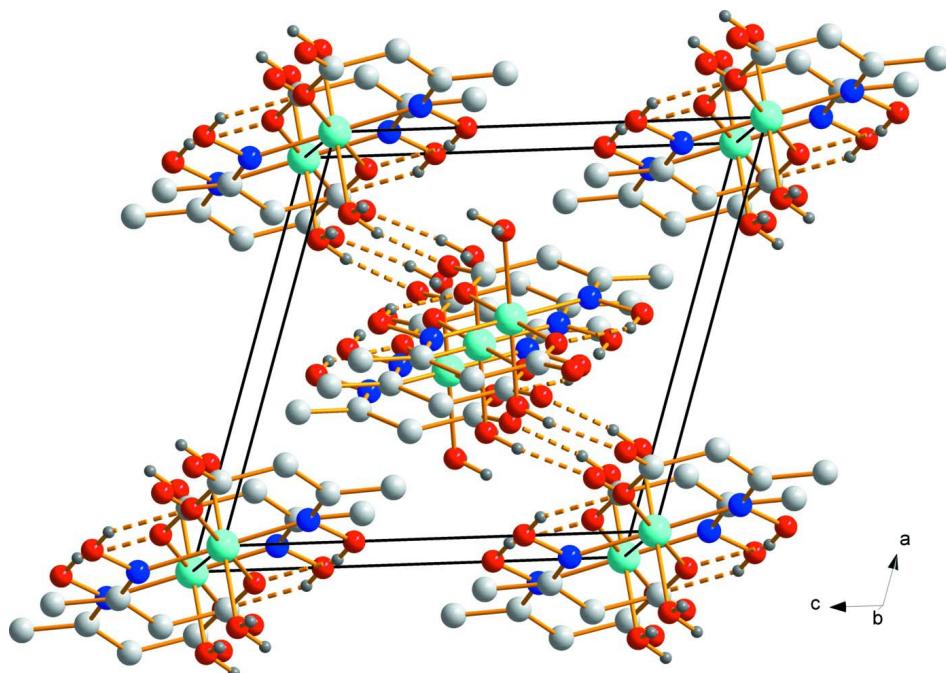
Compound (I) was synthesized by adding the solution of nickel(II) nitrate hexahydrate (0.1 mmol, 0.029 g) in water (5 ml) to a solution of 3-hydroxyiminobutanoic acid (0.2 mmol, 0.023 g) in water (5 ml) with consequent heating at 60°C boiling over 15 min. The resultant solution was filtered and the dark pink filtrate was left to stand at room temperature. Slow evaporation of the solvent yielded lilac filtrate of (I) Yield 73%. 3-hydroxyiminobutanoic acid was prepared according to the reported procedure (Khromov, 1950).

**S3. Refinement**

The O—H hydrogen atoms were located from the difference Fourier map, and their coordinates and isotropic thermal parameters refined freely. The hydrogen atoms of the methyl and methylene groups were positioned geometrically and were constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H = 0.96 Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{parent atom})$  for the methyl groups, and with C—H = 0.97 Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{parent atom})$  for the methylene groups.

**Figure 1**

A view of compound (I), with displacement ellipsoids shown at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines. Symmetry code A: -x, -y, -z.

**Figure 2**

A packing diagram of the title compound. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity.

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$c = 9.6805 (9) \text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 107.557 (5)^\circ$

$V = 635.94 (10) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 340$

$D_x = 1.707 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 3254 reflections

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$\mu = 1.56 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 120 \text{ K}$

Block, lilac

$0.23 \times 0.15 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube  
Horizontally mounted graphite crystal  
monochromator

Detector resolution: 9 pixels  $\text{mm}^{-1}$

$\varphi$  scans and  $\omega$  scans with  $\kappa$  offset

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(SADABS, Sheldrick, 2001)

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1626 independent reflections

1286 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$

$\theta_{\max} = 36.4^\circ, \theta_{\min} = 3.6^\circ$

$h = -16 \rightarrow 16$

$k = -11 \rightarrow 11$

$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

*Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$$

$$wR(F^2) = 0.060$$

$$S = 1.05$$

1626 reflections

101 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sitesH atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0307P)^2]$$

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

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

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.35 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.32 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted R-factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on  $F^2$ , conventional R-factors R are based on F, with F set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\text{sigma}(F^2)$  is used only for calculating R-factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on F, and R-factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

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

|      | x             | y             | z             | $U_{\text{iso}}^* / U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Ni1  | 0.0000        | 0.0000        | 0.0000        | 0.00914 (9)                        |
| O1   | -0.07925 (12) | 0.23226 (15)  | -0.10969 (11) | 0.0129 (2)                         |
| O2   | -0.16372 (12) | 0.51946 (16)  | -0.14813 (12) | 0.0144 (3)                         |
| O3   | 0.00013 (14)  | -0.01018 (19) | 0.30386 (13)  | 0.0163 (3)                         |
| O4   | -0.20766 (13) | -0.12137 (18) | -0.07790 (13) | 0.0129 (3)                         |
| N1   | -0.05011 (15) | 0.09879 (19)  | 0.17719 (13)  | 0.0114 (3)                         |
| C1   | -0.13309 (17) | 0.3773 (2)    | -0.07010 (16) | 0.0110 (3)                         |
| C2   | -0.1685 (2)   | 0.3862 (2)    | 0.07312 (17)  | 0.0150 (3)                         |
| H2A  | -0.1448       | 0.5116        | 0.1102        | 0.018*                             |
| H2B  | -0.2736       | 0.3737        | 0.0495        | 0.018*                             |
| C3   | -0.10320 (18) | 0.2559 (2)    | 0.19819 (17)  | 0.0122 (3)                         |
| C4   | -0.1086 (2)   | 0.3230 (3)    | 0.34280 (18)  | 0.0226 (4)                         |
| H4A  | -0.0824       | 0.2229        | 0.4116        | 0.034*                             |
| H4B  | -0.2056       | 0.3649        | 0.3350        | 0.034*                             |
| H4C  | -0.0412       | 0.4243        | 0.3746        | 0.034*                             |
| H1O3 | 0.038 (3)     | -0.085 (3)    | 0.281 (2)     | 0.026 (7)*                         |
| H1O4 | -0.253 (3)    | -0.063 (3)    | -0.158 (3)    | 0.036 (6)*                         |
| H2O4 | -0.201 (2)    | -0.227 (3)    | -0.099 (2)    | 0.028 (6)*                         |

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

|     | $U^{11}$     | $U^{22}$     | $U^{33}$     | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$     | $U^{23}$      |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Ni1 | 0.01179 (16) | 0.00714 (14) | 0.00827 (13) | 0.00080 (13) | 0.00266 (10) | -0.00010 (12) |
| O1  | 0.0177 (7)   | 0.0086 (6)   | 0.0119 (5)   | 0.0016 (5)   | 0.0037 (5)   | 0.0000 (4)    |

|    |             |             |            |             |             |             |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O2 | 0.0171 (6)  | 0.0095 (6)  | 0.0139 (5) | 0.0014 (5)  | 0.0004 (5)  | 0.0008 (4)  |
| O3 | 0.0226 (7)  | 0.0163 (6)  | 0.0109 (5) | 0.0079 (6)  | 0.0066 (5)  | 0.0046 (5)  |
| O4 | 0.0156 (7)  | 0.0096 (6)  | 0.0126 (6) | 0.0009 (5)  | 0.0029 (5)  | -0.0003 (5) |
| N1 | 0.0119 (7)  | 0.0131 (7)  | 0.0085 (6) | 0.0000 (6)  | 0.0021 (5)  | 0.0022 (5)  |
| C1 | 0.0082 (8)  | 0.0095 (8)  | 0.0120 (7) | -0.0021 (6) | -0.0021 (6) | -0.0014 (6) |
| C2 | 0.0173 (9)  | 0.0119 (8)  | 0.0167 (8) | 0.0029 (7)  | 0.0064 (7)  | -0.0011 (6) |
| C3 | 0.0104 (8)  | 0.0138 (8)  | 0.0130 (7) | -0.0012 (7) | 0.0042 (6)  | -0.0016 (6) |
| C4 | 0.0324 (12) | 0.0199 (10) | 0.0177 (9) | 0.0072 (8)  | 0.0110 (8)  | -0.0031 (7) |

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

|                                      |              |              |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>                  | 1.9986 (10)  | O4—H2O4      | 0.79 (2)     |
| Ni1—O1                               | 1.9986 (10)  | N1—C3        | 1.278 (2)    |
| Ni1—N1                               | 2.0431 (13)  | C1—C2        | 1.525 (2)    |
| Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>                  | 2.0431 (13)  | C2—C3        | 1.508 (2)    |
| Ni1—O4 <sup>i</sup>                  | 2.0973 (12)  | C2—H2A       | 0.9700       |
| Ni1—O4                               | 2.0973 (12)  | C2—H2B       | 0.9700       |
| O1—C1                                | 1.2714 (18)  | C3—C4        | 1.496 (2)    |
| O2—C1                                | 1.2499 (19)  | C4—H4A       | 0.9600       |
| O3—N1                                | 1.4108 (17)  | C4—H4B       | 0.9600       |
| O3—H1O3                              | 0.72 (2)     | C4—H4C       | 0.9600       |
| O4—H1O4                              | 0.87 (3)     |              |              |
| O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1              | 180.00 (7)   | C3—N1—Ni1    | 130.22 (11)  |
| O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1              | 89.51 (5)    | O3—N1—Ni1    | 115.60 (10)  |
| O1—Ni1—N1                            | 90.49 (5)    | O2—C1—O1     | 121.88 (14)  |
| O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup> | 90.49 (5)    | O2—C1—C2     | 116.05 (14)  |
| O1—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>               | 89.51 (5)    | O1—C1—C2     | 122.04 (14)  |
| N1—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>               | 180.00 (7)   | C3—C2—C1     | 123.47 (14)  |
| O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O4 <sup>i</sup> | 89.21 (5)    | C3—C2—H2A    | 106.5        |
| O1—Ni1—O4 <sup>i</sup>               | 90.79 (5)    | C1—C2—H2A    | 106.5        |
| N1—Ni1—O4 <sup>i</sup>               | 89.63 (5)    | C3—C2—H2B    | 106.5        |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O4 <sup>i</sup> | 90.37 (5)    | C1—C2—H2B    | 106.5        |
| O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O4              | 90.79 (5)    | H2A—C2—H2B   | 106.5        |
| O1—Ni1—O4                            | 89.21 (5)    | N1—C3—C4     | 124.10 (15)  |
| N1—Ni1—O4                            | 90.37 (5)    | N1—C3—C2     | 120.51 (14)  |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O4              | 89.63 (5)    | C4—C3—C2     | 115.38 (14)  |
| O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O4              | 180.00 (4)   | C3—C4—H4A    | 109.5        |
| C1—O1—Ni1                            | 130.26 (10)  | C3—C4—H4B    | 109.5        |
| N1—O3—H1O3                           | 102.5 (18)   | H4A—C4—H4B   | 109.5        |
| Ni1—O4—H1O4                          | 106.8 (16)   | C3—C4—H4C    | 109.5        |
| Ni1—O4—H2O4                          | 110.0 (15)   | H4A—C4—H4C   | 109.5        |
| H1O4—O4—H2O4                         | 107 (2)      | H4B—C4—H4C   | 109.5        |
| C3—N1—O3                             | 113.48 (13)  |              |              |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1—C1           | -178.29 (14) | Ni1—O1—C1—O2 | 172.23 (11)  |
| O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1—C1           | -87.93 (13)  | Ni1—O1—C1—C2 | -9.7 (2)     |
| O4—Ni1—O1—C1                         | 92.07 (13)   | O2—C1—C2—C3  | -162.17 (15) |

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| O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1—C3 | 176.44 (15)  | O1—C1—C2—C3  | 19.6 (2)     |
| O1—Ni1—N1—C3               | −3.56 (15)   | O3—N1—C3—C4  | 1.8 (2)      |
| O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1—C3 | 87.23 (15)   | Ni1—N1—C3—C4 | −168.07 (13) |
| O4—Ni1—N1—C3               | −92.77 (15)  | O3—N1—C3—C2  | −177.11 (14) |
| O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1—O3 | 6.79 (10)    | Ni1—N1—C3—C2 | 13.1 (2)     |
| O1—Ni1—N1—O3               | −173.21 (10) | C1—C2—C3—N1  | −21.1 (2)    |
| O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1—O3 | −82.43 (10)  | C1—C2—C3—C4  | 159.90 (16)  |
| O4—Ni1—N1—O3               | 97.57 (10)   |              |              |

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y, -z$ .

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| $D\text{—H}\cdots A$        | $D\text{—H}$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D\text{—H}\cdots A$ |
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| O4—H2O4···O2 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.79 (2)     | 1.94 (2)    | 2.7293 (17) | 175 (2)              |
| O3—H1O3···O1 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.72 (2)     | 2.10 (2)    | 2.7404 (17) | 148 (2)              |
| O4—H1O4···O2 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.87 (3)     | 1.90 (3)    | 2.7576 (16) | 167 (2)              |

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