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# catena-Poly[[bis[3-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one- $\kappa$ N<sup>3</sup>]nickel(II)]- $\mu$ -oxalato- $\kappa^4$ O<sup>1</sup>,O<sup>2</sup>:O<sup>1'</sup>,O<sup>2'</sup>]

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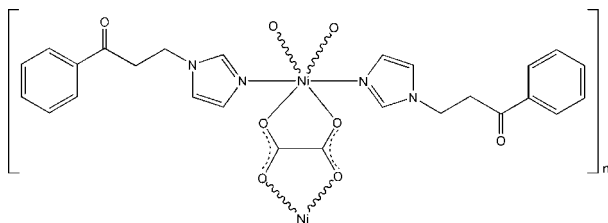
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.045;  $wR$  factor = 0.096; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.5.

In the title compound,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O})_2]_n$ , the Ni<sup>II</sup> atom, lying on a twofold rotation axis, is coordinated by two N atoms from two monodentate 3-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (*L*) ligands and four O atoms from two oxalate anions in a distorted octahedral geometry. The oxalate anion has a twofold rotation axis through the mid-point of the C—C bond and acts as a bridging ligand, linking the Ni<sup>II</sup> atoms into a polymeric chain along [010]. Weak intermolecular C—H...O hydrogen bonds connect the chains, resulting in a three-dimensional supramolecular structure. >

## Related literature

For background to the construction of metal-organic frameworks using a mixed-ligand strategy, see: Du *et al.* (2005); Tao *et al.* (2000); Ye *et al.* (2005).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

$[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O})_2]$   
 $M_r = 547.20$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 15.3065$  (11) Å  
 $b = 5.6605$  (4) Å  
 $c = 27.536$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 95.613$  (1)°

$V = 2374.3$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.87$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  K  
 $0.28 \times 0.22 \times 0.20$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.793$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.845$

5794 measured reflections  
 2105 independent reflections  
 1676 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.096$   
 $S = 1.02$   
 2105 reflections  
 168 parameters

1 restraint  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.63$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.45$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C3—H3...O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.46	3.290 (4)	149
C4—H4B...O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.58	3.467 (5)	152
C10—H10...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.42	3.318 (5)	162

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

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: XP in SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008) and DIAMOND (Brandenburg & Berndt, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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### S1. Comment

Currently, the rational construction of new structurally defined metal-organic frameworks using a mixed-ligand strategy seems to be a marvelous success (Du *et al.*, 2005; Tao *et al.*, 2000; Ye *et al.*, 2005). In our recent research, we have initiated a synthetic approach employing multicarboxylates and 3-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (*L*) upon reactions with different metal ions to construct new functional frameworks. To explore this series, we synthesized the title compound, a new Ni(II) complex based on the *L* ligand.

In the title complex (Fig. 1), the Ni<sup>II</sup> atom, lying on a twofold rotation axis, is six-coordinated in a distorted octahedral geometry by four O atoms from two oxalate anions in the equatorial plane and two N atoms from two monodentate *L* ligands occupying the axial positions, with the N1—Ni1—N1' angle of 178.56 (17)° [symmetry code: (i) 1-x, y, 3/2-z]. As depicted in Fig. 2, the oxalate dianions as bridging ligands joint the Ni<sup>II</sup> atoms into a one-dimensional polymeric [Ni(C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)]<sub>n</sub> chain along [0 1 0]. The imidazole and benzene rings in the *L* ligands are not coplanar, the dihedral angle between the imidazole and benzene rings being 68.7 (2)°. Analysis of the crystal packing indicates that weak intermolecular C—H...O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) connect the chains, producing a three-dimensional supramolecular structure.

### S2. Experimental

Ni(CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (24.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), 3-(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)-1-phenylpropan-1-one (22.2 mg, 0.1 mmol) and oxalic acid were mixed in a CH<sub>3</sub>CN/H<sub>2</sub>O solution (20 ml, v/v = 1:1) with vigorous stirring for *ca* 30 min. The resulting solution was filtered and left to stand at room temperature. Green block crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained in 65% yield by slow evaporation of the solvent over a period of one week. Analysis, calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>4</sub>NiO<sub>6</sub>: C 57.07, H 4.42, N 10.24%; found: C 57.13, H 4.47, N 10.32%.

### S3. Refinement

Although all H atoms were visible in difference Fourier maps, they were finally placed in geometrically calculated positions and refined as riding atoms, with C—H = 0.93 (CH) and 0.97 (CH<sub>2</sub>) Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .



1676 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.7^\circ$

$h = -16 \rightarrow 18$   
 $k = -6 \rightarrow 5$   
 $l = -32 \rightarrow 32$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.096$   
 $S = 1.02$   
 2105 reflections  
 168 parameters  
 1 restraint  
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
 direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
 map  
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0315P)^2 + 4.5895P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.63 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.45 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Ni1	0.5000	-0.13748 (10)	0.7500	0.02887 (19)
O1	0.46495 (16)	0.1678 (4)	0.79304 (9)	0.0464 (6)
O2	0.46148 (17)	0.5597 (5)	0.79161 (9)	0.0528 (7)
O3	0.8709 (3)	0.4212 (6)	0.93819 (12)	0.0912 (12)
N1	0.62123 (18)	-0.1330 (5)	0.78683 (10)	0.0388 (7)
N2	0.73701 (18)	-0.0047 (5)	0.83297 (10)	0.0400 (7)
C1	0.6893 (2)	-0.2891 (6)	0.78450 (13)	0.0418 (9)
H1	0.6865	-0.4274	0.7662	0.050*
C2	0.6534 (2)	0.0357 (7)	0.81664 (12)	0.0421 (9)
H2	0.6216	0.1666	0.8252	0.050*
C3	0.7610 (2)	-0.2127 (7)	0.81268 (13)	0.0433 (9)
H3	0.8155	-0.2863	0.8173	0.052*
C4	0.7933 (2)	0.1504 (7)	0.86521 (13)	0.0497 (10)
H4A	0.7668	0.3059	0.8657	0.060*
H4B	0.8499	0.1668	0.8525	0.060*
C5	0.8066 (3)	0.0541 (8)	0.91673 (13)	0.0591 (12)
H5A	0.7498	0.0192	0.9279	0.071*
H5B	0.8394	-0.0925	0.9166	0.071*
C6	0.8547 (3)	0.2235 (9)	0.95153 (15)	0.0573 (11)
C7	0.8814 (3)	0.1443 (9)	1.00249 (14)	0.0572 (11)
C8	0.8604 (4)	-0.0672 (11)	1.02023 (18)	0.099 (2)
H8	0.8268	-0.1721	1.0002	0.119*
C9	0.8881 (5)	-0.1321 (11)	1.06808 (19)	0.115 (2)
H9	0.8725	-0.2788	1.0797	0.138*
C10	0.9371 (3)	0.0151 (11)	1.09733 (17)	0.0782 (15)
H10	0.9546	-0.0283	1.1294	0.094*
C11	0.9609 (4)	0.2238 (12)	1.08058 (18)	0.0918 (18)
H11	0.9964	0.3247	1.1006	0.110*
C12	0.9326 (4)	0.2895 (10)	1.03341 (16)	0.0855 (17)
H12	0.9488	0.4367	1.0222	0.103*
C13	0.4784 (2)	0.3633 (6)	0.77433 (12)	0.0357 (8)

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Ni1	0.0301 (3)	0.0254 (3)	0.0291 (3)	0.000	-0.0074 (2)	0.000
O1	0.0468 (15)	0.0402 (14)	0.0522 (15)	0.0059 (12)	0.0044 (12)	0.0031 (11)
O2	0.0515 (16)	0.0561 (18)	0.0480 (16)	0.0131 (13)	-0.0091 (13)	-0.0136 (13)
O3	0.125 (3)	0.075 (3)	0.066 (2)	-0.038 (2)	-0.027 (2)	0.0008 (18)
N1	0.0409 (17)	0.0349 (16)	0.0391 (16)	0.0020 (14)	-0.0034 (13)	-0.0032 (14)
N2	0.0357 (17)	0.0447 (18)	0.0372 (16)	0.0003 (14)	-0.0086 (13)	-0.0031 (15)
C1	0.042 (2)	0.040 (2)	0.042 (2)	0.0066 (17)	0.0002 (17)	-0.0078 (17)
C2	0.039 (2)	0.043 (2)	0.041 (2)	0.0053 (17)	-0.0081 (17)	-0.0050 (18)
C3	0.033 (2)	0.048 (2)	0.048 (2)	0.0055 (17)	-0.0039 (17)	0.0025 (18)
C4	0.045 (2)	0.055 (2)	0.046 (2)	-0.008 (2)	-0.0118 (18)	-0.006 (2)
C5	0.065 (3)	0.060 (3)	0.048 (2)	-0.011 (2)	-0.017 (2)	-0.002 (2)
C6	0.056 (3)	0.067 (3)	0.046 (2)	-0.008 (2)	-0.007 (2)	-0.005 (2)
C7	0.053 (2)	0.073 (3)	0.042 (2)	-0.010 (2)	-0.0081 (19)	-0.010 (2)
C8	0.133 (5)	0.095 (4)	0.060 (3)	-0.046 (4)	-0.035 (3)	0.004 (3)
C9	0.169 (6)	0.106 (5)	0.062 (3)	-0.048 (5)	-0.038 (4)	0.019 (3)
C10	0.077 (3)	0.109 (4)	0.046 (3)	0.002 (3)	-0.010 (3)	-0.008 (3)
C11	0.084 (4)	0.134 (5)	0.053 (3)	-0.036 (4)	-0.014 (3)	-0.015 (3)
C12	0.093 (4)	0.110 (4)	0.050 (3)	-0.042 (3)	-0.010 (3)	-0.009 (3)
C13	0.0311 (18)	0.0335 (19)	0.0402 (19)	0.0031 (16)	-0.0089 (15)	0.0039 (17)

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

Ni1—N1	2.026 (3)	C4—H4A	0.9700
Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	2.026 (3)	C4—H4B	0.9700
Ni1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.175 (3)	C5—C6	1.497 (5)
Ni1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.175 (3)	C5—H5A	0.9700
Ni1—O1	2.191 (3)	C5—H5B	0.9700
Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.191 (3)	C6—C7	1.492 (6)
O1—C13	1.247 (4)	C7—C8	1.344 (7)
O2—C13	1.247 (4)	C7—C12	1.372 (6)
O3—C6	1.211 (5)	C8—C9	1.393 (7)
N1—C2	1.322 (4)	C8—H8	0.9300
N1—C1	1.372 (4)	C9—C10	1.337 (7)
N2—C2	1.334 (4)	C9—H9	0.9300
N2—C3	1.369 (4)	C10—C11	1.332 (7)
N2—C4	1.467 (4)	C10—H10	0.9300
C1—C3	1.352 (5)	C11—C12	1.380 (6)
C1—H1	0.9300	C11—H11	0.9300
C2—H2	0.9300	C12—H12	0.9300
C3—H3	0.9300	C13—C13 <sup>i</sup>	1.550 (7)
C4—C5	1.515 (5)		
N1—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	178.56 (17)	C5—C4—H4A	109.3
N1—Ni1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	89.51 (10)	N2—C4—H4B	109.3
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	91.63 (11)	C5—C4—H4B	109.3

N1—Ni1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	91.63 (11)	H4A—C4—H4B	108.0
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	89.51 (11)	C6—C5—C4	112.4 (4)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	75.98 (14)	C6—C5—H5A	109.1
N1—Ni1—O1	88.86 (10)	C4—C5—H5A	109.1
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1	90.01 (11)	C6—C5—H5B	109.1
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—O1	178.36 (9)	C4—C5—H5B	109.1
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni1—O1	104.07 (9)	H5A—C5—H5B	107.8
N1—Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	90.01 (11)	O3—C6—C7	121.2 (4)
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	88.86 (10)	O3—C6—C5	120.0 (4)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	104.07 (9)	C7—C6—C5	118.8 (4)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	178.36 (9)	C8—C7—C12	116.8 (4)
O1—Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	75.92 (13)	C8—C7—C6	123.8 (4)
C13—O1—Ni1	114.7 (2)	C12—C7—C6	119.4 (5)
C13—O2—Ni1 <sup>iv</sup>	115.1 (2)	C7—C8—C9	121.1 (5)
C2—N1—C1	104.8 (3)	C7—C8—H8	119.4
C2—N1—Ni1	125.9 (2)	C9—C8—H8	119.4
C1—N1—Ni1	129.1 (2)	C10—C9—C8	120.4 (6)
C2—N2—C3	107.3 (3)	C10—C9—H9	119.8
C2—N2—C4	126.1 (3)	C8—C9—H9	119.8
C3—N2—C4	126.6 (3)	C11—C10—C9	120.0 (5)
C3—C1—N1	110.2 (3)	C11—C10—H10	120.0
C3—C1—H1	124.9	C9—C10—H10	120.0
N1—C1—H1	124.9	C10—C11—C12	119.6 (5)
N1—C2—N2	111.8 (3)	C10—C11—H11	120.2
N1—C2—H2	124.1	C12—C11—H11	120.2
N2—C2—H2	124.1	C7—C12—C11	122.0 (5)
C1—C3—N2	105.9 (3)	C7—C12—H12	119.0
C1—C3—H3	127.0	C11—C12—H12	119.0
N2—C3—H3	127.0	O2—C13—O1	125.8 (3)
N2—C4—C5	111.6 (3)	O2—C13—C13 <sup>i</sup>	116.9 (2)
N2—C4—H4A	109.3	O1—C13—C13 <sup>i</sup>	117.3 (2)
N1—Ni1—O1—C13	91.5 (2)	C2—N2—C4—C5	105.2 (4)
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1—C13	-87.6 (2)	C3—N2—C4—C5	-77.3 (5)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni1—O1—C13	-177.1 (2)	N2—C4—C5—C6	-173.1 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1—C13	1.18 (18)	C4—C5—C6—O3	7.0 (7)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—N1—C2	170.1 (3)	C4—C5—C6—C7	-173.5 (4)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni1—N1—C2	-114.0 (3)	O3—C6—C7—C8	175.5 (5)
O1—Ni1—N1—C2	-9.9 (3)	C5—C6—C7—C8	-4.0 (7)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1—C2	66.0 (3)	O3—C6—C7—C12	-6.5 (7)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni1—N1—C1	-5.1 (3)	C5—C6—C7—C12	173.9 (5)
O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni1—N1—C1	70.8 (3)	C12—C7—C8—C9	1.3 (9)
O1—Ni1—N1—C1	174.9 (3)	C6—C7—C8—C9	179.3 (6)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1—C1	-109.2 (3)	C7—C8—C9—C10	-0.6 (11)
C2—N1—C1—C3	-0.1 (4)	C8—C9—C10—C11	-1.0 (10)
Ni1—N1—C1—C3	175.9 (2)	C9—C10—C11—C12	1.8 (9)
C1—N1—C2—N2	0.1 (4)	C8—C7—C12—C11	-0.5 (9)
Ni1—N1—C2—N2	-176.0 (2)	C6—C7—C12—C11	-178.6 (5)

C3—N2—C2—N1	-0.1 (4)	C10—C11—C12—C7	-1.1 (9)
C4—N2—C2—N1	177.8 (3)	Ni1 <sup>iv</sup> —O2—C13—O1	177.3 (3)
N1—C1—C3—N2	0.0 (4)	Ni1 <sup>iv</sup> —O2—C13—C13 <sup>i</sup>	-1.6 (4)
C2—N2—C3—C1	0.1 (4)	Ni1—O1—C13—O2	178.1 (3)
C4—N2—C3—C1	-177.8 (3)	Ni1—O1—C13—C13 <sup>i</sup>	-3.0 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$ ; (ii)  $-x+1, y-1, -z+3/2$ ; (iii)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (iv)  $x, y+1, z$ .

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
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