

Dichlorido(pyridine- κN)[2,3,5,6-tetrakis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine- $\kappa^3 N^2, N^1, N^6$]nickel(II)

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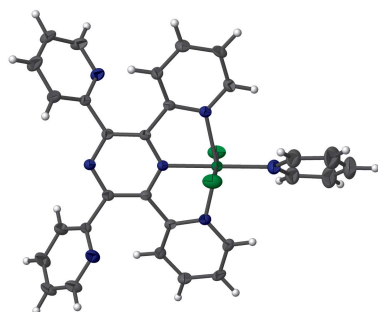
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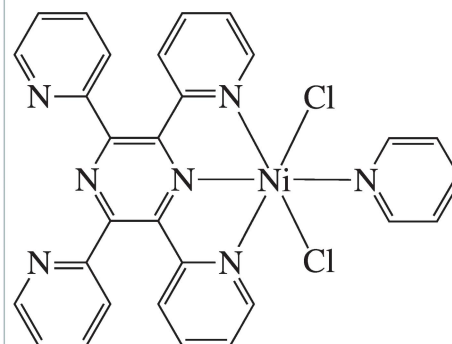
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In the title complex, $[\text{NiCl}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})(\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_6)]$, the Ni^{II} ion is six-coordinated in a distorted octahedral coordination environment defined by three N atoms of the tridentate 2,3,5,6-tetra-2-pyridylpyrazine ligand, one N atom of the pyridine ligand and two Cl^- anions, with the latter being mutually *trans*. The complex is disposed about a twofold rotation axis along the *a* axis. The complex molecules are connected in the crystal *via* $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$, $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ and $\pi-\pi$ [closest inter-centroid separation = 3.7446 (14) Å between pyridyl rings].

3D view



Chemical scheme



Structure description

With reference to the title compound, $[\text{NiCl}_2(\text{py})(\text{tppz})]$ (py = pyridine, tppz = 2,3,5,6-tetra-2-pyridylpyrazine), the crystal structures of a related tetranuclear Ni^{II} complex, $[\text{Ni}_4\text{Cl}_6(\text{tppz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})_4]\text{Cl}_2\cdot\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (Winpenny *et al.*, 2005), and of a dinuclear Mn^{II} complex, $[\text{Mn}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{tppz})_2]$ (Ha, 2011), have been determined previously.

In the title complex, the central Ni^{II} cation is six-coordinated in a considerably distorted octahedral coordination environment defined by three N atoms of the tridentate tppz ligand, one N atom of the pyridine ligand and two Cl^- anions (Fig. 1). The complex is disposed about a twofold rotation axis along the *a* axis; thus the asymmetric unit contains one half of the complex. The main contribution to the distortion is the tight N–Ni–N chelating angle [$\angle\text{N1}-\text{Ni1}-\text{N3} = 77.97(5)^\circ$], which results in a non-linear *trans* arrangement of the N3–Ni1–N3ⁱ bonds [$\angle\text{N3}-\text{Ni1}-\text{N3}^i = 155.95(11)^\circ$; symmetry code: (i) $x - y, -y, -z$], whereas the Cl1–Ni1–Cl1ⁱ bonds are almost linear [$\angle\text{Cl1}-\text{Ni1}-\text{Cl1}^i = 175.77(4)^\circ$]. The Ni–N[pyrazine(N1) or pyridyl(N3, N5)] bond lengths are roughly equivalent, with distances of 2.008 (3) – 2.1026 (19) Å. The pyrazine ring (N1–C1ⁱ) slightly deviates from planarity, with a maximum deviation of 0.057 (2) Å for the C2 atom from the least-squares plane of the ring. The dihedral angles between the nearly planar pyridyl rings and the least-squares plane of their carrier pyrazine ring are

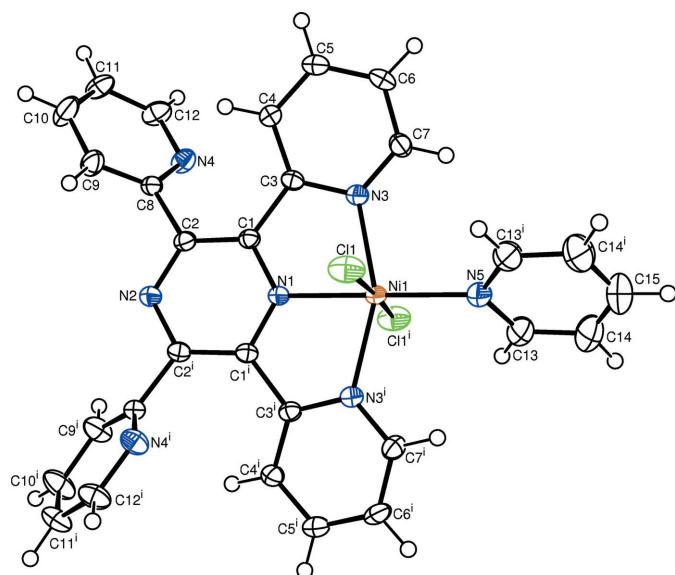


Figure 1
The molecular structure of the title compound showing the atom labelling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level for all non-H atoms. [Symmetry code: (i) $x - y, -y, -z$.]

14.90 (4)° for the coordinating pyridyl ring (N3–C7) and 54.42 (9)° for the non-coordinating pyridyl ring (N4–C12), respectively. The dihedral angle between the pyrazine ring and the pyridine ligand (N5–C13ⁱ) is 57.8 (1)°.

In the crystal, the complex displays numerous inter- and intramolecular π – π interactions between adjacent six-membered rings. The most significant interaction of this kind is that between Cg1 (the centroid of the ring N3/C3–C7) and Cg1ⁱⁱ [symmetry code: (ii) $x, x - y, -z + \frac{1}{6}$], with a centroid-to-centroid distance of 3.7446 (14) Å and a dihedral angle between the ring planes of 22.24 (12)°. In addition, the complex exhibits inter- and intramolecular C–H···N and C–H···Cl hydrogen bonds (Table 1) that consolidate the three-dimensional packing (Fig. 2).

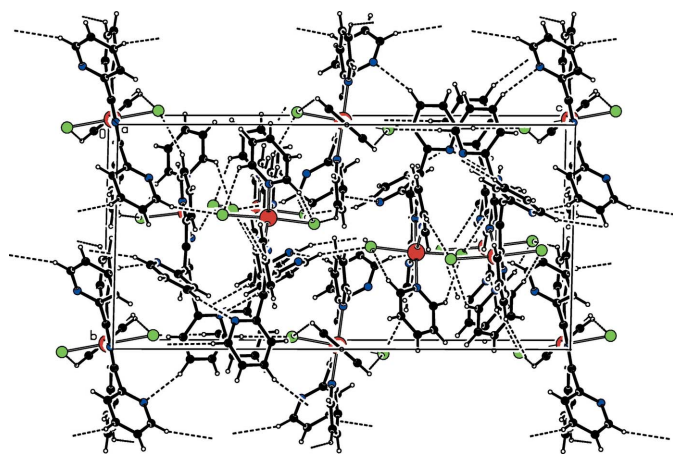


Figure 2
The packing in the crystal of the title compound, viewed approximately along the *a* axis. Hydrogen-bonding interactions are drawn as dashed lines. Colour codes are as in Fig. 1.

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond 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>
C6–H6···Cl1 ⁱ	0.94	2.78	3.513 (3)	136
C10–H10···N4 ⁱⁱ	0.94	2.46	3.360 (3)	161
C12–H12···Cl1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.94	2.71	3.602 (3)	160
C13–H13···Cl1 ^{iv}	0.94	2.68	3.261 (3)	121

Symmetry codes: (i) $x - y, x, z + \frac{1}{6}$; (ii) $y + 1, -x + y + 1, z - \frac{1}{6}$; (iii) $-y + 1, x - y, z + \frac{1}{3}$; (iv) $x - y, -y, -z$.

Table 2
Experimental details.

Crystal data	[NiCl ₂ (C ₅ H ₅ N)(C ₂₄ H ₁₆ N ₆)]
Chemical formula	597.14
<i>M_r</i>	Hexagonal, <i>P</i> 6 ₁ 22
Crystal system, space group	223
Temperature (K)	13.8244 (4), 23.8935 (8)
<i>a</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	3954.6 (3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	6
<i>Z</i>	Mo <i>K</i> α
Radiation type	μ (mm ^{−1})
μ (mm ^{−1})	0.97
Crystal size (mm)	0.15 × 0.10 × 0.07
Data collection	PHOTON 100 CMOS detector
Diffractometer	Multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i> ; Krause <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
Absorption correction	0.700, 0.744
<i>T_{min}</i> , <i>T_{max}</i>	125055, 2614, 2412
No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> > 2σ(<i>I</i>)] reflections	0.106
<i>R_{int}</i>	0.618
(sin θ/λ) _{max} (Å ^{−1})	Refinement
	<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2σ(<i>F</i> ²)], <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²), <i>S</i>
	0.024, 0.054, 1.08
	No. of reflections
	2614
	No. of parameters
	179
	H-atom treatment
	H-atom parameters constrained
	0.22, −0.14
	Δρ _{max} , Δρ _{min} (e Å ^{−3})
	Flack <i>x</i> determined using 894
	quotients [(<i>I</i> ⁺ − <i>I</i> [−])] / [(<i>I</i> ⁺ + <i>I</i> [−])]
	(Parsons <i>et al.</i> , 2013).
	Absolute structure parameter
	−0.002 (5)

Computer programs: *APEX2* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 2016), *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL* (Sheldrick, 2015b) and *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 2012).

Synthesis and crystallization

To a solution of NiCl₂·6H₂O (0.3779 g, 1.590 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) was added 2,3,5,6-tetra-2-pyridylpyrazine (0.6220 g, 1.601 mmol), followed by stirring for 24 h at room temperature. The formed precipitate was separated by filtration, washed with ethanol and acetone, and dried at 323 K, to give a brown powder (0.5045 g). Brown crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation from its pyridine/*N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) solution at 333 K.

Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. The maximum and minimum remaining electron density peaks in the difference Fourier

map are located 0.34 and 0.74 Å, respectively, from atoms C9 and Ni1.

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full crystallographic data

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Crystal data

[NiCl₂(C₅H₅N)(C₂₄H₁₆N₆)

$M_r = 597.14$

Hexagonal, $P6_122$

$a = 13.8244$ (4) Å

$c = 23.8935$ (8) Å

$V = 3954.6$ (3) Å³

$Z = 6$

$F(000) = 1836$

$D_x = 1.504$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 9199 reflections

$\theta = 2.4$ – 26.0°

$\mu = 0.97$ mm⁻¹

$T = 223$ K

Block, brown

$0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.07$ mm

Data collection

PHOTON 100 CMOS detector
diffractometer

Radiation source: sealed tube

φ and ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Krause *et al.*, 2015)

$T_{\min} = 0.700$, $T_{\max} = 0.744$

125055 measured reflections

2614 independent reflections

2412 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.106$

$\theta_{\max} = 26.1^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 2.4^\circ$

$h = -17 \rightarrow 17$

$k = -17 \rightarrow 17$

$l = -29 \rightarrow 29$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.024$

$wR(F^2) = 0.054$

$S = 1.08$

2614 reflections

179 parameters

0 restraints

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

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0277P)^2 + 0.9047P]$

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

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.22$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.14$ e Å⁻³

Absolute structure: Flack x determined using
894 quotients $[(I^+)-(I^-)]/[(I^+)+(I^-)]$ (Parsons *et al.*, 2013).

Absolute structure parameter: -0.002 (5)

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.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Ni1	0.41510 (3)	0.0000	0.0000	0.01866 (12)
Cl1	0.44000 (6)	0.03687 (5)	-0.09968 (3)	0.03369 (17)
N1	0.56034 (18)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0181 (6)
N2	0.75658 (19)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0204 (6)
N3	0.53182 (16)	0.17007 (16)	0.01208 (8)	0.0196 (4)
N4	0.86393 (17)	0.24353 (17)	0.07265 (9)	0.0265 (5)
N5	0.2636 (2)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0303 (7)
C1	0.65538 (19)	0.09724 (18)	0.00453 (10)	0.0177 (5)
C2	0.75545 (19)	0.09505 (19)	0.00914 (9)	0.0194 (5)
C3	0.6391 (2)	0.19584 (19)	0.00471 (10)	0.0187 (5)
C4	0.7236 (2)	0.30472 (19)	-0.00359 (11)	0.0242 (5)
H4	0.7967	0.3205	-0.0114	0.029*
C5	0.6992 (2)	0.3896 (2)	-0.00019 (12)	0.0290 (6)
H5	0.7557	0.4642	-0.0056	0.035*
C6	0.5912 (2)	0.3645 (2)	0.01124 (10)	0.0279 (6)
H6	0.5734	0.4213	0.0157	0.033*
C7	0.5104 (2)	0.2537 (2)	0.01591 (10)	0.0236 (6)
H7	0.4362	0.2361	0.0221	0.028*
C8	0.8647 (2)	0.1935 (2)	0.02484 (10)	0.0199 (5)
C9	0.9581 (2)	0.2297 (2)	-0.00795 (12)	0.0299 (6)
H9	0.9555	0.1912	-0.0408	0.036*
C10	1.0561 (2)	0.3239 (2)	0.00830 (12)	0.0385 (7)
H10	1.1210	0.3514	-0.0137	0.046*
C11	1.0565 (2)	0.3761 (2)	0.05722 (11)	0.0323 (6)
H11	1.1217	0.4403	0.0694	0.039*
C12	0.9594 (2)	0.3327 (2)	0.08824 (11)	0.0309 (6)
H12	0.9608	0.3679	0.1221	0.037*
C13	0.1829 (2)	-0.0605 (2)	0.03686 (14)	0.0414 (7)
H13	0.1959	-0.1024	0.0638	0.050*
C14	0.0811 (3)	-0.0642 (3)	0.03700 (18)	0.0579 (10)
H14	0.0250	-0.1105	0.0624	0.070*
C15	0.0629 (3)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0639 (15)
H15	-0.0051	0.0000	0.0000	0.077*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Ni1	0.01813 (17)	0.0145 (2)	0.0222 (2)	0.00723 (11)	0.00093 (9)	0.00185 (17)
Cl1	0.0480 (4)	0.0269 (3)	0.0215 (3)	0.0152 (3)	-0.0012 (3)	0.0025 (2)

N1	0.0175 (10)	0.0147 (13)	0.0210 (14)	0.0073 (7)	-0.0002 (6)	-0.0003 (12)
N2	0.0200 (11)	0.0174 (14)	0.0231 (15)	0.0087 (7)	-0.0006 (6)	-0.0012 (13)
N3	0.0212 (10)	0.0172 (10)	0.0196 (10)	0.0091 (9)	0.0005 (8)	0.0004 (8)
N4	0.0234 (11)	0.0264 (11)	0.0231 (11)	0.0074 (9)	0.0023 (9)	-0.0022 (9)
N5	0.0247 (12)	0.0244 (16)	0.0417 (19)	0.0122 (8)	0.0024 (8)	0.0048 (15)
C1	0.0189 (11)	0.0155 (11)	0.0171 (12)	0.0073 (9)	0.0013 (10)	-0.0007 (9)
C2	0.0195 (12)	0.0165 (12)	0.0194 (12)	0.0069 (10)	0.0017 (10)	0.0010 (10)
C3	0.0220 (12)	0.0163 (11)	0.0176 (11)	0.0095 (10)	-0.0010 (10)	-0.0016 (10)
C4	0.0192 (13)	0.0189 (12)	0.0329 (14)	0.0082 (10)	0.0026 (11)	0.0010 (11)
C5	0.0285 (14)	0.0168 (12)	0.0393 (16)	0.0094 (11)	0.0007 (13)	0.0016 (12)
C6	0.0345 (14)	0.0184 (12)	0.0351 (14)	0.0166 (12)	0.0002 (12)	-0.0012 (11)
C7	0.0257 (13)	0.0237 (13)	0.0254 (14)	0.0153 (11)	0.0025 (10)	0.0015 (10)
C8	0.0186 (12)	0.0160 (12)	0.0241 (13)	0.0080 (10)	-0.0010 (10)	-0.0004 (10)
C9	0.0228 (13)	0.0280 (14)	0.0321 (15)	0.0075 (11)	0.0047 (12)	-0.0085 (12)
C10	0.0206 (14)	0.0381 (16)	0.0406 (18)	0.0025 (12)	0.0078 (12)	-0.0054 (14)
C11	0.0227 (14)	0.0252 (15)	0.0332 (16)	0.0003 (12)	-0.0021 (12)	-0.0018 (12)
C12	0.0319 (14)	0.0260 (14)	0.0232 (13)	0.0057 (12)	-0.0020 (12)	-0.0053 (11)
C13	0.0311 (16)	0.0357 (17)	0.0571 (19)	0.0166 (15)	0.0107 (15)	0.0109 (15)
C14	0.0347 (18)	0.057 (2)	0.082 (3)	0.0222 (17)	0.0195 (18)	0.013 (2)
C15	0.0362 (19)	0.067 (4)	0.098 (5)	0.0336 (18)	0.0005 (18)	0.001 (4)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Ni1—N1	2.008 (3)	C4—H4	0.9400
Ni1—N5	2.094 (3)	C5—C6	1.380 (4)
Ni1—N3 ⁱ	2.1026 (19)	C5—H5	0.9400
Ni1—N3	2.1026 (19)	C6—C7	1.377 (4)
Ni1—C11 ⁱ	2.4238 (6)	C6—H6	0.9400
Ni1—C11	2.4238 (6)	C7—H7	0.9400
N1—C1	1.334 (3)	C8—C9	1.373 (3)
N1—C1 ⁱ	1.334 (3)	C9—C10	1.385 (4)
N2—C2 ⁱ	1.340 (3)	C9—H9	0.9400
N2—C2	1.340 (3)	C10—C11	1.373 (4)
N3—C7	1.332 (3)	C10—H10	0.9400
N3—C3	1.353 (3)	C11—C12	1.380 (4)
N4—C12	1.332 (3)	C11—H11	0.9400
N4—C8	1.338 (3)	C12—H12	0.9400
N5—C13 ⁱ	1.337 (3)	C13—C14	1.382 (4)
N5—C13	1.337 (3)	C13—H13	0.9400
C1—C2	1.403 (3)	C14—C15	1.362 (4)
C1—C3	1.488 (3)	C14—H14	0.9400
C2—C8	1.489 (3)	C15—C14 ⁱ	1.362 (4)
C3—C4	1.382 (3)	C15—H15	0.9400
C4—C5	1.377 (4)		
N1—Ni1—N5	180.0	C5—C4—H4	120.5
N1—Ni1—N3 ⁱ	77.97 (5)	C3—C4—H4	120.5
N5—Ni1—N3 ⁱ	102.03 (5)	C4—C5—C6	119.5 (2)

N1—Ni1—N3	77.97 (5)	C4—C5—H5	120.3
N5—Ni1—N3	102.03 (5)	C6—C5—H5	120.3
N3 ⁱ —Ni1—N3	155.95 (11)	C7—C6—C5	118.0 (2)
N1—Ni1—Cl1 ⁱ	87.89 (2)	C7—C6—H6	121.0
N5—Ni1—Cl1 ⁱ	92.11 (2)	C5—C6—H6	121.0
N3 ⁱ —Ni1—Cl1 ⁱ	87.19 (5)	N3—C7—C6	123.4 (2)
N3—Ni1—Cl1 ⁱ	91.94 (5)	N3—C7—H7	118.3
N1—Ni1—Cl1	87.89 (2)	C6—C7—H7	118.3
N5—Ni1—Cl1	92.11 (2)	N4—C8—C9	123.2 (2)
N3 ⁱ —Ni1—Cl1	91.93 (5)	N4—C8—C2	114.9 (2)
N3—Ni1—Cl1	87.18 (5)	C9—C8—C2	121.9 (2)
Cl1 ⁱ —Ni1—Cl1	175.77 (4)	C8—C9—C10	118.8 (2)
C1—N1—C1 ⁱ	122.5 (3)	C8—C9—H9	120.6
C1—N1—Ni1	118.76 (13)	C10—C9—H9	120.6
C1 ⁱ —N1—Ni1	118.76 (13)	C11—C10—C9	118.6 (2)
C2 ⁱ —N2—C2	119.7 (3)	C11—C10—H10	120.7
C7—N3—C3	118.1 (2)	C9—C10—H10	120.7
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C13—N5—Ni1	121.44 (18)	C11—C12—H12	118.3
N1—C1—C2	118.0 (2)	N5—C13—C14	122.7 (3)
N1—C1—C3	113.6 (2)	N5—C13—H13	118.7
C2—C1—C3	128.4 (2)	C14—C13—H13	118.7
N2—C2—C1	120.2 (2)	C15—C14—C13	119.4 (4)
N2—C2—C8	115.7 (2)	C15—C14—H14	120.3
C1—C2—C8	124.0 (2)	C13—C14—H14	120.3
N3—C3—C4	121.6 (2)	C14 ⁱ —C15—C14	118.6 (5)
N3—C3—C1	114.0 (2)	C14 ⁱ —C15—H15	120.7
C4—C3—C1	124.4 (2)	C14—C15—H15	120.7
C5—C4—C3	119.1 (2)		
C1 ⁱ —N1—C1—C2	-5.20 (15)	C4—C5—C6—C7	-3.4 (4)
Ni1—N1—C1—C2	174.80 (15)	C3—N3—C7—C6	1.8 (4)
C1 ⁱ —N1—C1—C3	175.6 (2)	Ni1—N3—C7—C6	-164.88 (19)
Ni1—N1—C1—C3	-4.4 (2)	C5—C6—C7—N3	2.6 (4)
C2 ⁱ —N2—C2—C1	-5.36 (16)	C12—N4—C8—C9	0.2 (4)
C2 ⁱ —N2—C2—C8	173.8 (2)	C12—N4—C8—C2	-179.4 (2)
N1—C1—C2—N2	10.7 (3)	N2—C2—C8—N4	-125.1 (2)
C3—C1—C2—N2	-170.2 (2)	C1—C2—C8—N4	54.0 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C8	-168.31 (19)	N2—C2—C8—C9	55.3 (3)
C3—C1—C2—C8	10.8 (4)	C1—C2—C8—C9	-125.6 (3)
C7—N3—C3—C4	-5.6 (4)	N4—C8—C9—C10	-1.4 (4)
Ni1—N3—C3—C4	162.80 (19)	C2—C8—C9—C10	178.1 (3)
C7—N3—C3—C1	176.4 (2)	C8—C9—C10—C11	1.3 (5)
Ni1—N3—C3—C1	-15.3 (3)	C9—C10—C11—C12	0.1 (5)

N1—C1—C3—N3	13.1 (3)	C8—N4—C12—C11	1.3 (4)
C2—C1—C3—N3	-166.0 (2)	C10—C11—C12—N4	-1.4 (5)
N1—C1—C3—C4	-164.9 (2)	C13 ⁱ —N5—C13—C14	1.5 (3)
C2—C1—C3—C4	16.0 (4)	Ni1—N5—C13—C14	-178.5 (3)
N3—C3—C4—C5	4.8 (4)	N5—C13—C14—C15	-3.1 (5)
C1—C3—C4—C5	-177.3 (2)	C13—C14—C15—C14 ⁱ	1.5 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.2 (4)		

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

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$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C6—H6 \cdots C11 ⁱⁱ	0.94	2.78	3.513 (3)	136
C10—H10 \cdots N4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.94	2.46	3.360 (3)	161
C12—H12 \cdots C11 ^{iv}	0.94	2.71	3.602 (3)	160
C13—H13 \cdots C11 ⁱ	0.94	2.68	3.261 (3)	121

Symmetry codes: (i) $x-y, -y, -z$; (ii) $x-y, x, z+1/6$; (iii) $y+1, -x+y+1, z-1/6$; (iv) $-y+1, x-y, z+1/3$.