

# Poly[bis[ $\mu_2$ -4,4'-bis(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)biphenyl- $\kappa^2N:N'$ ]dichloridonickel(II)]

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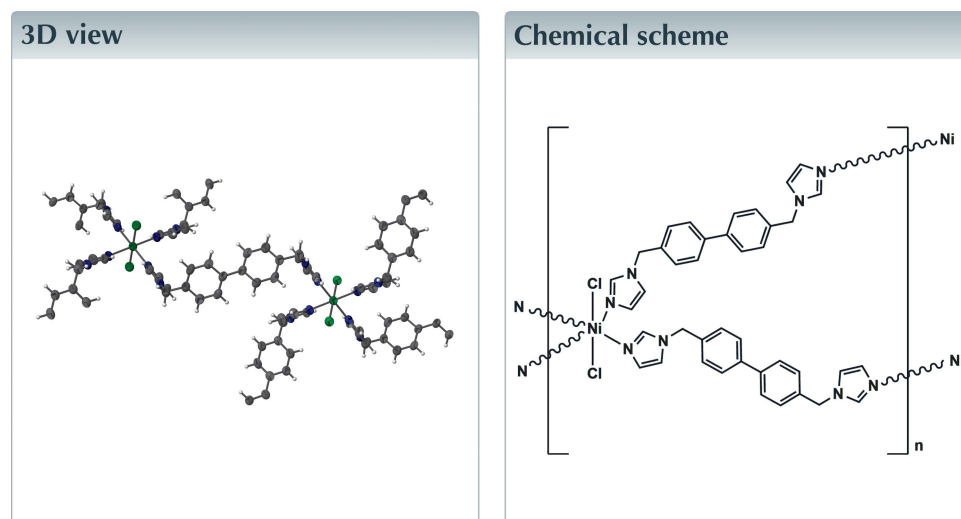
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In the title compound,  $[\text{NiCl}_2(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4)_2]_n$ , the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  cation is situated on an inversion center and is coordinated by two chloride ions and four imidazole N atoms of four different 4,4'-bis[(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-1,1'-biphenyl (BIMB), forming a slightly distorted octahedral geometry. Each BIMB ligand adopts a linear linker to connect  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ions, forming a two-dimensional layer with an **sql** network. In the crystal, neighboring layers repeat in an *ABAB* stacking mode, and weak intermolecular C—H...Cl hydrogen bonds between alternate layers lead to a three-dimensional, twofold interpenetrated, supramolecular framework with a **pcu** topology net.



## Structure description

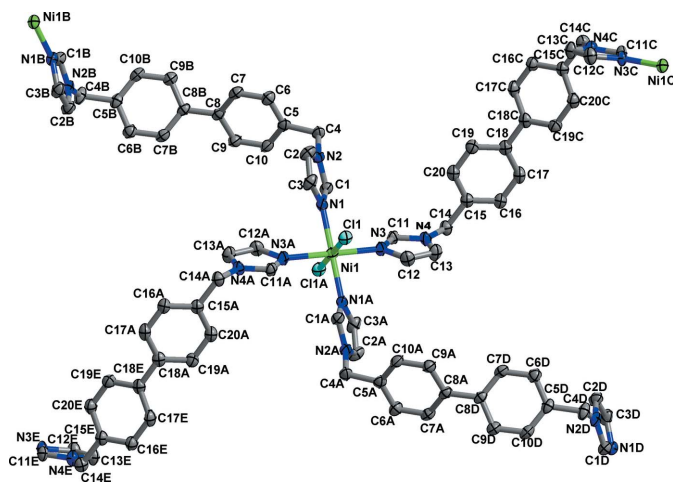
Over the last two decades, imidazole and its derivatives have attracted a lot of attention as *N*-heterocyclic aromatic ligands, since they can easily form metal–imidazole frameworks with special luminescent, magnetic and favorable gas-adsorption abilities (Banerjee *et al.* 2008; Zhang *et al.* 2012; Zhu *et al.* 2012; Chen *et al.* 2014). As an extended imidazole-type linker, the flexible ligand 4,4'-bis[(1*H*-imidazol-1-yl)methyl]-1,1'-biphenyl (BIMB) exhibits a geometrical diversity with *cis* or *trans* conformations, leading to diverse structures of coordination compounds. Until now, most reported metal–organic compounds based on BIMB ligands have employed organic multicarboxylates as co-ligands because BIMB is a neutral ligand and another anion is needed to balance the charge requirement to form a neutral framework. Common inorganic anions such as  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{N}_3^-$ , *etc.* can also be used as co-ligands to balance the charge requirement. However, only ten examples of neutral, BIMB-based metal–organic compounds have been reported [according to the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 5.43 with update of March, 2022; Groom *et al.*, 2016) with inorganic anions as co-ligands.

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

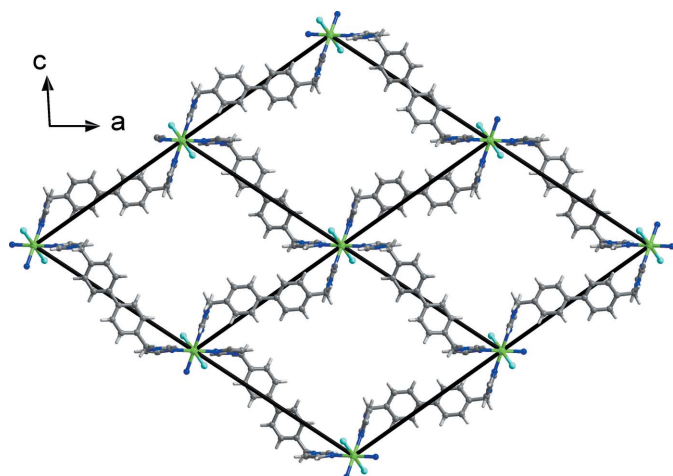
<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>
C11–H11···Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.79	3.605 (4)	147
C14–H14B···Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.80	3.686 (5)	153

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

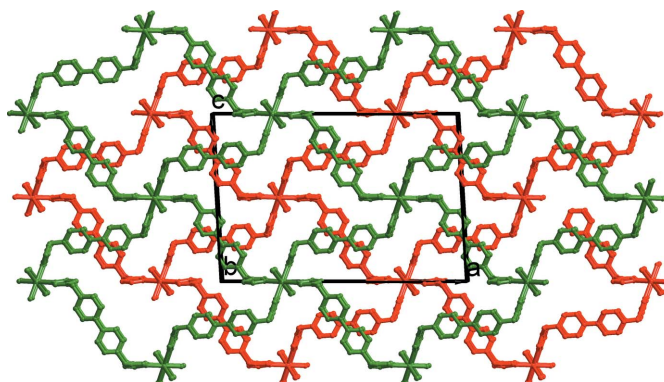
The asymmetric unit of the title compound,  $[\text{NiCl}_2(\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4)_2]_n$ , contains one half nickel(II) ion, two half BIMB ligands and one chloride ion (Fig. 1). The nickel(II) ion sits on an inversion center and is coordinated by four imidazole nitrogen atoms from four different BIMB ligands [ $\text{Ni}–\text{N} = 2.100(3)–2.108(3) \text{ \AA}$ ] and two chloride ions [ $\text{Ni}–\text{Cl} = 2.4793(11) \text{ \AA}$ ], forming a slightly distorted octahedral geometry. In the crystal, the BIMB ligands have twofold rotational symmetry, being bisected by rotation axes, and the



**Figure 1**  
The coordination environment of the zinc ions and the BIMB ligands in the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (A)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, 1 - z$ ; (B)  $-x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (C)  $1 - x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (D)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (E)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .]



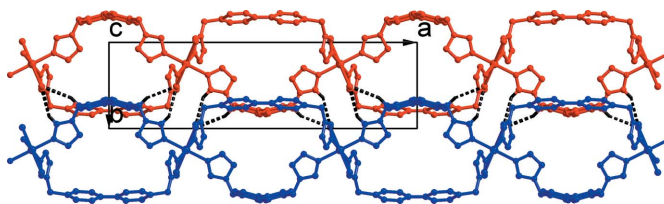
**Figure 2**  
The two-dimensional structure of the title compound with **sq1** network viewed along the *b* axis.



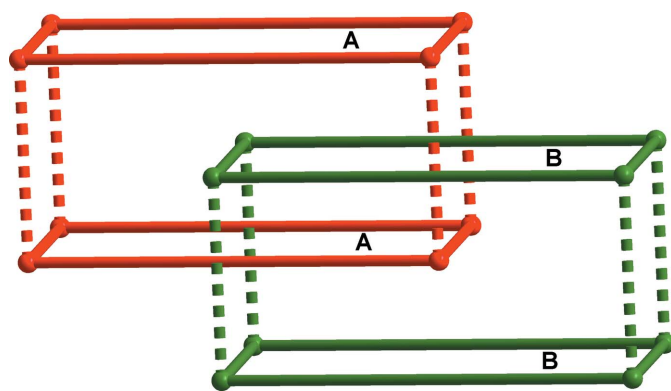
**Figure 3**  
The packing of the title compound viewed along the *b* axis. H atoms are omitted for clarity.

biphenyl groups are not coplanar, with dihedral angles of  $33.21(10)$  and  $35.4(10)^\circ$  between the ring planes. The dihedral angles between the imidazole ring plane and the average plane of the biphenyl group are  $87.71(14)$  and  $81.93(14)^\circ$ . Each BIMB ligand exhibits a *cis*-conformation relative to the average plane of the biphenyl group, and acts as a linear linker between  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ions, which gives a corrugated two-dimensional layer structure with an **sq1** (square lattice) network as illustrated in Fig. 2. The layers stack in an  $-ABAB-$  mode, and the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ion in one layer is located at the center of the grid of adjacent layers. Thus, there are no residual solvent-accessible voids in this compound. Alternate layers between *A–A* or *B–B* layers are further linked by  $\text{C}–\text{H} \cdots \text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1, Figs. 3 and 4) to form a three-dimensional, twofold interpenetrated, supramolecular framework with a **pcu** (primitive cubic) topology network (Fig. 5).

The structure of the title compound is isomorphous to that of the cadmium(II) compound, whose structure has been studied at 200 K (Zhao *et al.* 2003). This structural similarity of the  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  compounds is somewhat unexpected in view of the different effective radii of these ions (Shannon & Prewitt, 1969, 1970), which causes the differences between *M–N* distances [ $\text{Cd}–\text{N} = 2.339(2)–2.364(2) \text{ \AA}$  in the cadmium(II) compound]. It should also be noted that the title compound was easily obtained within one day using solvothermal conditions, whereas the cadmium(II) compound was obtained after several weeks using a slow-diffusion method.



**Figure 4**  
View of the  $\text{C}–\text{H} \cdots \text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) between alternate layers along the *c* axis. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding are omitted.



**Figure 5**  
The twofold interpenetrated supramolecular framework with a **pcu** topology network connected by C–H...Cl hydrogen bonds (shown as dashed lines).

### Synthesis and crystallization

A mixture of NiCl<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (24 mg, 0.1 mmol), BIMB (62 mg, 0.2 mmol) and DMF (6 ml) was added to a 20 ml glass vial and then ultrasonicated for 1 minute. The vial was capped tightly and placed in an oven at 120°C. After 12 h, the vial was removed from the oven and allowed to cool to room temperature. The light-green transparent needle-like crystals were collected by filtration, washed with DMF and dried under ambient conditions. About 34 mg of product was obtained (44% yield based on BIMB ligand). The phase purity of the bulk sample was verified by powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD). The experimental and simulated powder XRD patterns of the title compound are displayed in Fig. S1 of the supporting information. Their peak positions are in good agreement with each other, indicating the phase purity of the title compound (slight intensity mismatches due to preferred orientation are observed).

### Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2.

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**Table 2**

Experimental details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	[NiCl <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	758.38
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, C2/c
Temperature (K)	296
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	26.453 (3), 7.3571 (7), 18.099 (2)
$\beta$ (°)	93.223 (11)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3516.8 (7)
<i>Z</i>	4
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> $\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.75
Crystal size (mm)	0.30 × 0.22 × 0.16
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Oxford Diffraction, Xcalibur, Eos, Gemini
Absorption correction	Multi-scan ( <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> ; Rigaku OD, 2015)
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.856, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	16025, 4343, 2543
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.078
( <i>sin</i> $\theta$ / $\lambda$ ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.692
Refinement	
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.072, 0.161, 1.06
No. of reflections	4343
No. of parameters	232
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.61, -0.27

Computer programs: *CrysAlis PRO* (Rigaku OD, 2015), *SHELXT2014/5* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2015b) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1999).

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## full crystallographic data

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Poly[bis[ $\mu_2$ -4,4'-bis(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)biphenyl- $\kappa^2$ N:N']dichloridonickel(II)]*Crystal data*

[NiCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]

$M_r = 758.38$

Monoclinic,  $C2/c$

$a = 26.453$  (3) Å

$b = 7.3571$  (7) Å

$c = 18.099$  (2) Å

$\beta = 93.223$  (11)°

$V = 3516.8$  (7) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 1576$

$D_x = 1.432$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

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

Cell parameters from 3041 reflections

$\theta = 2.7$ – $22.6$ °

$\mu = 0.75$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 296$  K

Needle, green

$0.30 \times 0.22 \times 0.16$  mm

*Data collection*

Oxford Diffraction, Xcalibur, Eos, Gemini diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed X-ray tube  
 $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(CrysAlisPro; Rigaku OD, 2015)

$T_{\min} = 0.856$ ,  $T_{\max} = 1.000$

16025 measured reflections

4343 independent reflections

2543 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.078$

$\theta_{\max} = 29.5$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.3$ °

$h = -35 \rightarrow 35$

$k = -9 \rightarrow 10$

$l = -24 \rightarrow 19$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.072$

$wR(F^2) = 0.161$

$S = 1.06$

4343 reflections

232 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

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0438P)^2 + 5.351P]$

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

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.61$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

*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.** All H atoms were placed in idealized positions (C—H = 0.93 Å for aromatic H; C—H = 0.97 Å for methylene H) and refined as riding atoms with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

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	0.250000	0.250000	0.500000	0.0419 (2)
Cl1	0.21866 (4)	0.51154 (14)	0.57071 (6)	0.0488 (3)
N1	0.22244 (12)	0.3739 (5)	0.40075 (19)	0.0423 (8)
N2	0.20188 (12)	0.5693 (5)	0.31205 (19)	0.0454 (9)
N3	0.32078 (12)	0.3777 (5)	0.49579 (19)	0.0451 (9)
N4	0.38019 (12)	0.5864 (5)	0.4895 (2)	0.0454 (9)
C1	0.21920 (15)	0.5462 (6)	0.3818 (2)	0.0480 (11)
H1	0.228055	0.641502	0.413725	0.058*
C2	0.19229 (17)	0.4035 (7)	0.2839 (3)	0.0605 (13)
H2	0.179357	0.375818	0.236414	0.073*
C3	0.20524 (17)	0.2848 (7)	0.3387 (3)	0.0594 (13)
H3	0.202711	0.159098	0.334459	0.071*
C4	0.19061 (16)	0.7409 (7)	0.2746 (3)	0.0598 (13)
H4A	0.205060	0.740434	0.226555	0.072*
H4B	0.205927	0.839897	0.303368	0.072*
C5	0.13415 (16)	0.7708 (6)	0.2650 (3)	0.0485 (11)
C6	0.10774 (17)	0.7322 (6)	0.1991 (3)	0.0555 (12)
H6	0.125207	0.697958	0.158149	0.067*
C7	0.05550 (17)	0.7438 (6)	0.1933 (3)	0.0511 (11)
H7	0.038471	0.716996	0.148230	0.061*
C8	0.02803 (15)	0.7940 (5)	0.2523 (2)	0.0443 (11)
C9	0.05500 (17)	0.8394 (7)	0.3182 (3)	0.0568 (12)
H9	0.037767	0.877617	0.358795	0.068*
C10	0.10719 (17)	0.8279 (7)	0.3234 (3)	0.0601 (13)
H10	0.124556	0.859617	0.367591	0.072*
C11	0.33046 (15)	0.5513 (6)	0.4876 (2)	0.0460 (11)
H11	0.305554	0.639986	0.481224	0.055*
C12	0.36761 (17)	0.2989 (6)	0.5055 (3)	0.0573 (13)
H12	0.373160	0.175661	0.513987	0.069*
C13	0.40491 (18)	0.4252 (6)	0.5009 (3)	0.0580 (13)
H13	0.439701	0.405819	0.504830	0.070*
C14	0.40289 (17)	0.7651 (6)	0.4815 (3)	0.0523 (12)
H14A	0.425099	0.790809	0.524742	0.063*
H14B	0.376426	0.856560	0.478823	0.063*
C15	0.43247 (16)	0.7761 (6)	0.4137 (3)	0.0474 (11)
C16	0.48277 (16)	0.8245 (6)	0.4154 (3)	0.0558 (12)
H16	0.499348	0.852339	0.460692	0.067*
C17	0.50950 (17)	0.8329 (7)	0.3518 (3)	0.0588 (13)
H17	0.543335	0.867828	0.354691	0.071*
C18	0.48594 (16)	0.7894 (5)	0.2841 (2)	0.0468 (11)
C19	0.43553 (17)	0.7414 (6)	0.2819 (3)	0.0544 (12)
H19	0.418879	0.713521	0.236701	0.065*
C20	0.40927 (17)	0.7340 (6)	0.3457 (3)	0.0556 (12)
H20	0.375352	0.700011	0.342800	0.067*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Ni1	0.0420 (4)	0.0360 (4)	0.0478 (5)	0.0039 (3)	0.0020 (3)	0.0062 (4)
Cl1	0.0494 (6)	0.0406 (6)	0.0563 (7)	0.0077 (5)	0.0024 (5)	0.0018 (5)
N1	0.0364 (19)	0.042 (2)	0.048 (2)	-0.0009 (16)	-0.0007 (16)	0.0031 (17)
N2	0.0367 (19)	0.050 (2)	0.049 (2)	0.0005 (17)	-0.0055 (16)	0.0120 (18)
N3	0.0380 (19)	0.039 (2)	0.059 (2)	0.0035 (16)	0.0041 (17)	0.0061 (18)
N4	0.040 (2)	0.036 (2)	0.060 (2)	-0.0003 (16)	0.0051 (17)	0.0076 (17)
C1	0.046 (3)	0.047 (3)	0.050 (3)	-0.002 (2)	-0.007 (2)	0.000 (2)
C2	0.060 (3)	0.060 (3)	0.059 (3)	0.014 (3)	-0.016 (2)	-0.005 (3)
C3	0.055 (3)	0.046 (3)	0.075 (4)	0.009 (2)	-0.013 (3)	-0.005 (3)
C4	0.044 (3)	0.065 (3)	0.069 (3)	-0.003 (2)	-0.004 (2)	0.027 (3)
C5	0.045 (2)	0.045 (3)	0.055 (3)	0.000 (2)	-0.005 (2)	0.015 (2)
C6	0.052 (3)	0.056 (3)	0.058 (3)	0.005 (2)	-0.004 (2)	0.002 (2)
C7	0.053 (3)	0.051 (3)	0.048 (3)	-0.001 (2)	-0.013 (2)	-0.002 (2)
C8	0.048 (2)	0.037 (2)	0.046 (3)	-0.0001 (18)	-0.009 (2)	0.004 (2)
C9	0.053 (3)	0.068 (3)	0.048 (3)	0.002 (2)	-0.006 (2)	-0.001 (3)
C10	0.052 (3)	0.072 (3)	0.055 (3)	-0.002 (3)	-0.018 (2)	0.001 (3)
C11	0.037 (2)	0.045 (3)	0.056 (3)	0.0067 (19)	0.001 (2)	0.006 (2)
C12	0.055 (3)	0.040 (3)	0.077 (4)	0.008 (2)	0.007 (3)	0.012 (2)
C13	0.049 (3)	0.046 (3)	0.079 (4)	0.008 (2)	0.002 (2)	0.004 (3)
C14	0.051 (3)	0.046 (3)	0.060 (3)	-0.003 (2)	0.005 (2)	-0.001 (2)
C15	0.045 (2)	0.040 (3)	0.057 (3)	0.001 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.001 (2)
C16	0.044 (3)	0.062 (3)	0.061 (3)	-0.004 (2)	0.000 (2)	0.000 (3)
C17	0.039 (2)	0.060 (3)	0.078 (4)	-0.006 (2)	0.005 (2)	-0.002 (3)
C18	0.046 (3)	0.032 (2)	0.062 (3)	0.0030 (18)	0.005 (2)	0.000 (2)
C19	0.048 (3)	0.058 (3)	0.057 (3)	-0.002 (2)	-0.001 (2)	-0.002 (2)
C20	0.043 (3)	0.058 (3)	0.066 (3)	-0.004 (2)	0.003 (2)	-0.001 (3)

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

Ni1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	2.100 (3)	C6—H6	0.9300
Ni1—N3	2.100 (3)	C7—C8	1.377 (6)
Ni1—N1	2.108 (3)	C7—H7	0.9300
Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	2.108 (3)	C8—C9	1.395 (6)
Ni1—Cl1	2.4793 (11)	C8—C8 <sup>ii</sup>	1.480 (8)
Ni1—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	2.4793 (11)	C9—C10	1.381 (6)
N1—C1	1.315 (5)	C9—H9	0.9300
N1—C3	1.357 (5)	C10—H10	0.9300
N2—C1	1.330 (5)	C11—H11	0.9300
N2—C2	1.341 (6)	C12—C13	1.361 (6)
N2—C4	1.456 (5)	C12—H12	0.9300
N3—C11	1.312 (5)	C13—H13	0.9300
N3—C12	1.370 (5)	C14—C15	1.495 (6)
N4—C11	1.339 (5)	C14—H14A	0.9700
N4—C13	1.365 (5)	C14—H14B	0.9700
N4—C14	1.456 (5)	C15—C16	1.376 (6)

C1—H1	0.9300	C15—C20	1.378 (6)
C2—C3	1.351 (6)	C16—C17	1.386 (6)
C2—H2	0.9300	C16—H16	0.9300
C3—H3	0.9300	C17—C18	1.380 (6)
C4—C5	1.510 (6)	C17—H17	0.9300
C4—H4A	0.9700	C18—C19	1.378 (6)
C4—H4B	0.9700	C18—C18 <sup>iii</sup>	1.476 (9)
C5—C10	1.374 (6)	C19—C20	1.382 (6)
C5—C6	1.377 (6)	C19—H19	0.9300
C6—C7	1.383 (6)	C20—H20	0.9300
N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N3	180.0	C7—C6—H6	119.7
N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1	87.59 (13)	C8—C7—C6	121.8 (4)
N3—Ni1—N1	92.41 (13)	C8—C7—H7	119.1
N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	92.41 (13)	C6—C7—H7	119.1
N3—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	87.59 (13)	C7—C8—C9	117.4 (4)
N1—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	180.00 (17)	C7—C8—C8 <sup>ii</sup>	121.8 (4)
N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—C11	90.22 (10)	C9—C8—C8 <sup>ii</sup>	120.8 (5)
N3—Ni1—C11	89.78 (10)	C10—C9—C8	120.3 (5)
N1—Ni1—C11	89.69 (10)	C10—C9—H9	119.8
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—C11	90.31 (10)	C8—C9—H9	119.8
N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—C11 <sup>i</sup>	89.78 (10)	C5—C10—C9	121.8 (4)
N3—Ni1—C11 <sup>i</sup>	90.22 (10)	C5—C10—H10	119.1
N1—Ni1—C11 <sup>i</sup>	90.31 (10)	C9—C10—H10	119.1
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—C11 <sup>i</sup>	89.69 (10)	N3—C11—N4	112.5 (4)
Cl1—Ni1—C11 <sup>i</sup>	180.0	N3—C11—H11	123.8
C1—N1—C3	103.7 (4)	N4—C11—H11	123.8
C1—N1—Ni1	130.8 (3)	C13—C12—N3	110.9 (4)
C3—N1—Ni1	125.5 (3)	C13—C12—H12	124.6
C1—N2—C2	107.0 (4)	N3—C12—H12	124.6
C1—N2—C4	127.1 (4)	C12—C13—N4	105.0 (4)
C2—N2—C4	125.7 (4)	C12—C13—H13	127.5
C11—N3—C12	104.2 (4)	N4—C13—H13	127.5
C11—N3—Ni1	128.3 (3)	N4—C14—C15	111.6 (4)
C12—N3—Ni1	127.4 (3)	N4—C14—H14A	109.3
C11—N4—C13	107.3 (4)	C15—C14—H14A	109.3
C11—N4—C14	125.6 (4)	N4—C14—H14B	109.3
C13—N4—C14	127.1 (4)	C15—C14—H14B	109.3
N1—C1—N2	112.6 (4)	H14A—C14—H14B	108.0
N1—C1—H1	123.7	C16—C15—C20	117.4 (4)
N2—C1—H1	123.7	C16—C15—C14	123.0 (4)
N2—C2—C3	106.0 (4)	C20—C15—C14	119.6 (4)
N2—C2—H2	127.0	C15—C16—C17	122.0 (4)
C3—C2—H2	127.0	C15—C16—H16	119.0
C2—C3—N1	110.8 (4)	C17—C16—H16	119.0
C2—C3—H3	124.6	C18—C17—C16	120.1 (4)
N1—C3—H3	124.6	C18—C17—H17	120.0
N2—C4—C5	110.8 (3)	C16—C17—H17	120.0

N2—C4—H4A	109.5	C19—C18—C17	118.2 (4)
C5—C4—H4A	109.5	C19—C18—C18 <sup>iii</sup>	120.6 (5)
N2—C4—H4B	109.5	C17—C18—C18 <sup>iii</sup>	121.2 (5)
C5—C4—H4B	109.5	C18—C19—C20	121.1 (4)
H4A—C4—H4B	108.1	C18—C19—H19	119.4
C10—C5—C6	118.0 (4)	C20—C19—H19	119.4
C10—C5—C4	120.5 (4)	C15—C20—C19	121.1 (4)
C6—C5—C4	121.4 (5)	C15—C20—H20	119.4
C5—C6—C7	120.6 (5)	C19—C20—H20	119.4
C5—C6—H6	119.7		
C3—N1—C1—N2	-0.9 (5)	C12—N3—C11—N4	1.7 (5)
Ni1—N1—C1—N2	176.6 (3)	Ni1—N3—C11—N4	178.2 (3)
C2—N2—C1—N1	1.2 (5)	C13—N4—C11—N3	-1.1 (5)
C4—N2—C1—N1	175.8 (4)	C14—N4—C11—N3	179.6 (4)
C1—N2—C2—C3	-0.9 (5)	C11—N3—C12—C13	-1.7 (5)
C4—N2—C2—C3	-175.6 (4)	Ni1—N3—C12—C13	-178.2 (3)
N2—C2—C3—N1	0.4 (6)	N3—C12—C13—N4	1.1 (6)
C1—N1—C3—C2	0.3 (5)	C11—N4—C13—C12	0.0 (5)
Ni1—N1—C3—C2	-177.4 (3)	C14—N4—C13—C12	179.3 (4)
C1—N2—C4—C5	-105.6 (5)	C11—N4—C14—C15	-116.3 (5)
C2—N2—C4—C5	68.0 (6)	C13—N4—C14—C15	64.6 (6)
N2—C4—C5—C10	77.7 (6)	N4—C14—C15—C16	-123.9 (5)
N2—C4—C5—C6	-98.6 (5)	N4—C14—C15—C20	55.2 (5)
C10—C5—C6—C7	-2.6 (7)	C20—C15—C16—C17	0.6 (7)
C4—C5—C6—C7	173.8 (4)	C14—C15—C16—C17	179.7 (4)
C5—C6—C7—C8	0.0 (7)	C15—C16—C17—C18	-1.0 (7)
C6—C7—C8—C9	2.2 (7)	C16—C17—C18—C19	1.2 (7)
C6—C7—C8—C8 <sup>ii</sup>	-175.6 (3)	C16—C17—C18—C18 <sup>iii</sup>	-177.3 (3)
C7—C8—C9—C10	-2.0 (7)	C17—C18—C19—C20	-1.0 (7)
C8 <sup>ii</sup> —C8—C9—C10	175.9 (4)	C18 <sup>iii</sup> —C18—C19—C20	177.5 (3)
C6—C5—C10—C9	2.8 (7)	C16—C15—C20—C19	-0.4 (7)
C4—C5—C10—C9	-173.6 (4)	C14—C15—C20—C19	-179.5 (4)
C8—C9—C10—C5	-0.5 (8)	C18—C19—C20—C15	0.7 (7)

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

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$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C11—H11 $\cdots$ C11 <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.79	3.605 (4)	147
C14—H14B $\cdots$ C11 <sup>iv</sup>	0.97	2.80	3.686 (5)	153

Symmetry code: (iv)  $-x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1$ .