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# **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

## SYNTHESIS AND STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF THE CYSTAL TRANS-DIAQUATETRAKIS (IMIDAZOLE) NICKEL (II) DIBROMIDE

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### ABSTRACT

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Structure analysis, Imidazole, Hydrogen bonding, Ortep, Packing diagram. The crystal structure of the title compound, ( $C_{12}$  H<sub>16</sub> N<sub>8</sub> Ni O<sub>2</sub>, 2(Br) is shown below. The cation Ni(II) ion sits on an inversion centre and is octahedrally coordinated by four imidazole rings. The compound contains a six-coordinate Ni(II) ion lying on an Inversion center, which is bonded to four imidazole N atoms and two O atoms. Intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions are present, linking the nickel complex cations and bromide anions in the crystal structure. A two-dimensional perpendicular network is formed via N2-Br1, N4-Br1 intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The imidazole ring systems are inclined to one another with dihedral angles varying between 81.2 (4) and 170.9 (4). In the crystal, molecules are linked via N-H-Br hydrogen bonds involving one Ni(II)cation and the Oxygen atom in the equatorial plane, forming an inversiondimer-like arrangement.

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## INTRODUCTION

Synthesis of imidazole derivatives has attracted great interest in recent years due to their broad spectrum of biological activities (Gaonkar *et al.*, 2009). In addition, imidazole-containing compounds exhibit a wide spectrum of pharmaceutical properties such as pesticides, fungicides, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-tubercular, anti-diabetic, antimalarial and antitumour (Roman *et al.*, 2007; Nanterment *et al.*, 2004; Congiu *et al.*, 2008; Venkatesan*et al.*, 2008; Bhatnagar*et al.*, 2011; Puratchikody & Doble 2007). The chemistry of imidazole occupies an extremely important position within the family of five-membered heterocyclic compounds. This paper describes the synthesis and crystal structure of the nickel(II) complex of the imidazole ligand Diaquatetrakis-1H-imidazole.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

## MATERIALS

NiBr<sub>2</sub>.3H<sub>2</sub>O, ethanol, imidazole

## **METHOD (EXPERIMENTAL)**

 $NiBr_2.3H_2O$  (2.0 g) was dissolved in ethanol (10 ml). The solution was kept in ice and added slowly the solution of imidazole (2.0 g in 10 ml EtOH) with stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred 3 hours and filtered the solution.

Then initiate the crystallization, the cold ethanol(5 ml) was added to the above solution. To obtain blue crystalline solid crystals, the solution was washed with 10 ml of ethanol under suitable refrigeration condition and dried over in air for one hour.

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Packing 1:

#### Structure of the crystal



#### **Data Collection**

Bruker SMART APEXII CCD diffractometer, Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube, Graphite monochromator $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans, Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2008), *T*min = 0.964, *T*max = 0.979

#### **Computer Programs**

APEX2, SAINT and XPREP (Bruker, 2004), SHELXS97 and SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008), ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997) and PLATON (Spek, 2009).



Figure 2.

A partial view of the crystal packing of the title compound is viewed like a chain along the(001)(see Table 2).

### Packing 2:



probability level.

#### ORTEP





#### Figure 3.

The molecular structure of the title compound, with the atomic numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at 30%

Figure 1. (ORTEP)

A partial view of the crystal packing of the title compound is viewed in an expanded form along the(010), showing intramolecular N4—H...Br1 hydrogen bonds.

#### Table 1. Experimental details

Crystal data Chemical formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>8</sub> Ni O <sub>2</sub> , 2(Br)
Mr	522.86
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, c2/c
Temperature(K)	295(2)
a, b, c, (Å)	12.6295(15), 11.2390(11), 14.3124(18)
β(°)	109.324(13)
$V(A^3)$	1917.1(4)
Z	4
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\mu(\text{mm}^{-1})$	0.11
Crystal size (mm)	0.70 x 0.65 x 0.50
Data collection	Bruker SMART APEXII CCD
Diffractometer	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2008)
Tmin, Tmax	0.1216, 0.1806
No. of measured, independent and	4600
observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	
Rint	0.0420
$(\sin \theta/\lambda) \max (A^{\circ} - 1)$	0.0472
Refinement	0.0354, 0.0872, 1.044
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	
No. of reflections	1674
No. of parameters	116
No. of restraints	0
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$\Delta \rho max$ , $\Delta \rho min$ (e A ° $^{-3}$ )	16, -0.16

#### Table :2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å , 9 D-Donor, H-Hydrogen, A-Acceptor

D-H-A	D-H	H-A	D-A
N4-H4-Br1	0.86	2.68	3.400
N2-H2-Br1	0.86	2.61	3.485

### Table 3:

Selected geometric parameters(Å,)

2.137
2.078
2.133
89.67
89.67
90.42
89.58

### Packing 3:



form of the Crystal packing. (011)



The packing diagram shows the 2D-network structure on plane

The above figure shows the packing of intermolecular interactions along (011) In a plane with attractive colour.

### DISCUSSION

The molecular structure of the title compound is illustrated in Fig. 1. From the structure the nickel (II) ion has a distorted tetrahedral coordination environment. It is surrounded by four N and two O atoms; an N1 and N1A atom are in the perpendicular positions, and the other (N2, N2A) are also in the perpendicular position. The oxygen atom (C1/N1/Ni-O1) makes dihedral angles of 29.9 (4)°, and 33.3 (4)° with the other oxygen atom (C1/N1/Ni–O1A). In the crystal, molecules are linked via N-H · · · Br hydrogen bonds, involving one Branion and the oxygen molecule (O2) in the equatorial plane, to form an inversion dimer-like arrangement. The Nitrogen in the axial position hydrogen-bonded to Br- anions. There are a number of N—H · · · Br interactions present forming a three dimensional structure. The atom Ni (II) lies on an inversion center and is octahedrally coordinated by four imidazole N atoms (N1, N3, N1A and N3A) and two O atoms in trans positions (O1 and O1A) (Fig. 1). For the mirror symmetry the Ni-N bond lengths, having similar values. This is apparently caused by many intermolecular interactions between H atoms of the coordinated imidazole and oxygen atoms with the bromide ions. The hydrogen-bonding interactions are weak (Steed& Atwood, 2000), based on H--A distances of 2.61±2.68 Å, D--A distances of 3.400 (3)±3.485 (4) Å. In the packing diagram two various Imidazole rings are linked via Br atom with the Nitrogen atoms. The packing diagram (Fig. 2) gives two molecules center linked chain like structure.

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