



SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Synthesis, X-ray structure and DFT calculation of magnetic properties of binuclear Ni(II) complex with tridentate hydrazone-based ligand**

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ISOLATED YIELDS AND SPECTROSCOPIC DATA OF SYNTHESIZED COMPOUNDS

(*E*)-*N,N,N*-trimethyl-2-oxo-2-(2-(1-(pyridin-2-yl)ethylidene)hydrazinyl)-ethan-1-aminium-chloride (**HLCI**). Yield 1.17 g (87%). White solid. IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3387w, 3127m, 3090m, 3049m, 3016m, 2950s, 1700vs, 1612w, 1549s, 1485m, 1400m, 1300w, 1253w, 1200s, 1153w, 1135m, 1095w, 1073m, 975w, 944w, 914m, 748w, 683w. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>4</sub>O (*FW*: 270.76): C, 53.23; H, 7.07; N, 20.69 %. Found: C, 53.34; H, 7.38; N, 20.49 %. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR ( $\delta$ / ppm): 11.41 (N-H, s), 4.92 (C10-H<sub>2</sub>, s), 3.35 (C11-H<sub>9</sub>, s), 2.37 (C8-H<sub>3</sub>, s), 8.62 (C3-H, m), 7.45 (C4-H, m), 7.91 (C5-H, *td*,  $J^3 = 10$  Hz,  $J^4 = 5$  Hz), 8.12 (C6-H, *d*,  $J^3 = 10$  Hz). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR ( $\delta$ / ppm): 63.2 (C10), 53.7 (C11), 13.9 (C8), 149.2 (C3), 124.9 (C4), 137.2 (C5), 120.8 (C6), 154.9 (C7), 155.3 (C2), 167.1 (C9).

[Ni<sub>2</sub>L<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -<sub>1,1</sub>-N<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(N<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]-6H<sub>2</sub>O complex (**I**). Yield 126 mg (73 %). IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3344s, 3036w, 2039vs, 1619w, 1595w, 1540s, 1469m, 1441m, 1399w, 1335w, 1300m, 1247w, 1200w, 1145w, 1074w, 1026w, 973w, 909w, 781w, 750w, 676w, 571w. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>20</sub>Ni<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (*FW*: 862.24): C, 33.43; H, 5.61; N 32.49 %. Found: C, 33.31; H, 5.69; N 32.24.

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

TABLE S-I. Crystal data and structure refinement details for **1**

<b>1</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>48</sub> N <sub>20</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
<i>FW</i> / g mol <sup>-1</sup>	862.24
Crystal size, mm	0.20 × 0.20 × 0.05
Crystal color	yellow
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> / Å	8.9538(7)
<i>b</i> / Å	9.0014(6)
<i>c</i> / Å	13.1769(11)
<i>α</i> / °	76.170(6)
<i>β</i> / °	73.159(7)
<i>γ</i> / °	82.598(6)
Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	984.97(14)
<i>Z</i>	1
Calculated density, g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.454
<i>F</i> (000)	452
Reflections collected	9259
Independent reflections	5142
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0420
Reflections observed	4217
Parameters	266
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>a</sup>	0.0495
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data) <sup>b</sup>	0.1314
<i>Goof</i> , <i>S</i> <sup>c</sup>	1.039
Maximum/minimum residual electron density, e Å <sup>-3</sup>	+1.65/-0.65

<sup>a</sup>  $R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ . <sup>b</sup>  $wR_2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2}$ .

<sup>c</sup>  $S = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (n/p) \}^{1/2}$  where *n* is the number of reflections and *p* is the total number of parameters refined.

TABLE S-II. Hydrogen-bond parameters for complex **1**

D-H...A	Distance, Å			Angle, °	Symm. operation on A
	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A	
O1W-H1W...N3	0.86(5)	2.13(5)	2.982(4)	171(4)	
O2W-H3W...N5	0.84(4)	2.04(4)	2.885(4)	177(5)	
O2W-H4W...O3W	0.84(5)	1.97(5)	2.726(5)	150(5)	
O3W-H5W...N7	0.85(4)	2.18(4)	2.992(5)	160(5)	x, 1+y, z
O3W-H6W...O1W	0.86(4)	1.96(4)	2.748(5)	153(6)	1+x, y, z
Intra C1-H1...O1	0.95	2.55	3.288(3)	135	1-x, -y, 1-z
C2-H2...N10	0.95	2.57	3.451(5)	155	2-x, -y, 1-z
C11...H11A...N10	0.98	2.61	3.517(5)	154	-1+x, y, z
Intra C11-H11B...O1	0.98	2.39	2.989(4)	119	
C12-H12C...N7	0.98	2.52	3.429(4)	154	1-x, -y, -z

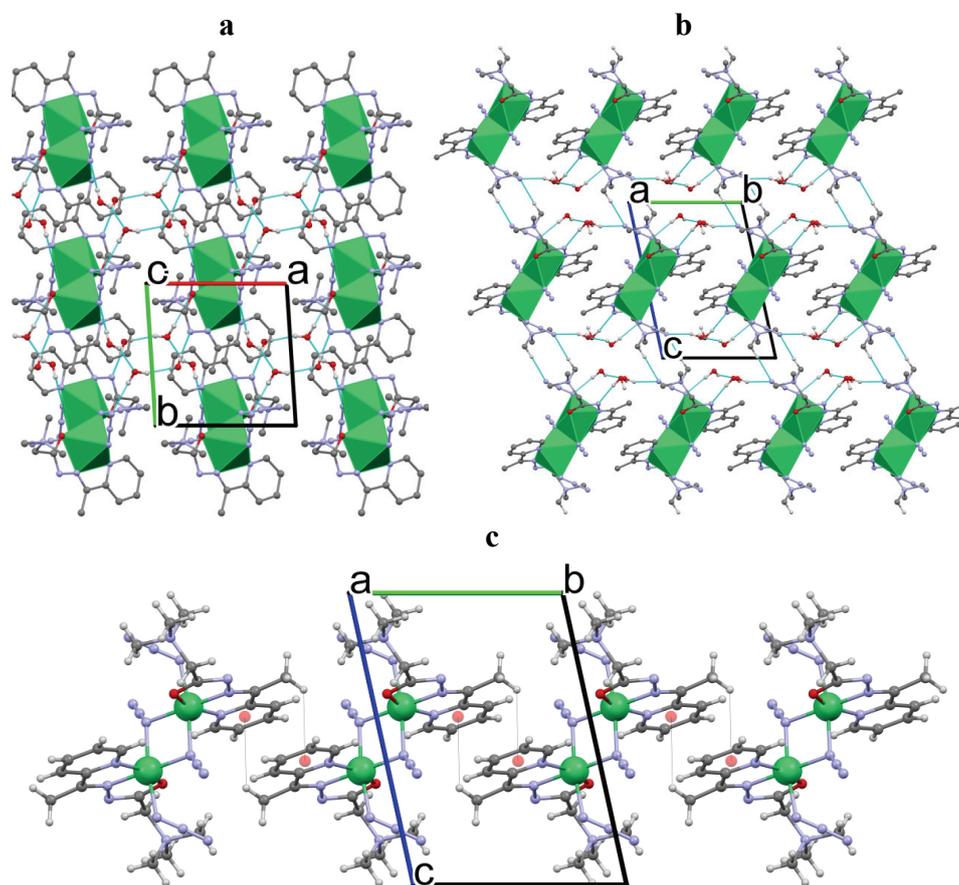


Fig S-1. Crystal packing of **1** showing: a) 2D layer parallel with the (001) lattice plain generated by intermolecular hydrogen bonding. b) Side view of the layers parallel with the (001) lattice plane showing channels propagating parallel with *a* axis filled with solvent water molecules. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for the sake of clarity, except those involved in hydrogen bonding. c) C7–H7B...π(py) intermolecular contact connecting dimers of **1** along [010] direction.