

# New Ni(II) and Co(II) Coordination Compounds Construction from the Ditopic 1,2,3-Triazol-Based Aromatic Heterocyclic Polycarboxylic Ligand<sup>1</sup>

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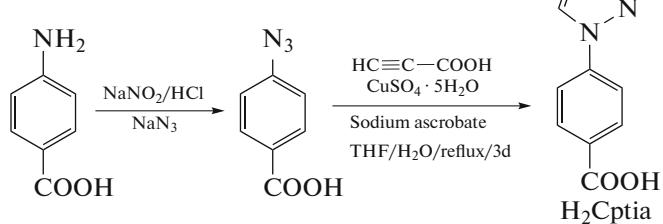
**Abstract**—Mononuclear compound **I** ( $[\text{Co}(\text{Ptia})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and 1D chain compound **II** ( $[\text{Ni}_4(\text{Cptia})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{12}]_\infty$ ) have been constructed from the new ditopic 1,2,3-triazol-based aromatic heterocyclic carboxylic ligand, 4-(4-carboxy-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl) benzoic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$ ), under different pH conditions by using the hydrothermal method. Their structure was characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction (CIF files CCDC nos. 1409531 (**I**) and 1409531 (**II**)), IR spectra, and elemental analysis. Compound **I** is a mononuclear compound. In **II**, two sets of parallel arrangement 1D chains orient in different directions. The results of their magnetic measurements display the antiferromagnetic interaction exists among the paramagnetic ions.

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## INTRODUCTION

Design and synthesis of molecular-based magnetic materials have always been the hotspot research fields for chemical workers. On the premise of selection the appropriate spin carrier, seeking functional organic module, and controlling the assembly conditions are the key issues for regulating magnetic interactions to obtain the coordination compounds with good magnetic properties [1–5]. The spin carriers of Co(II), and Ni(II) is the good candidates for constructing molecular-based magnetism [6–11]. Because four-coordinated and six-coordinated Co(II), and Ni(II) can not only coordinate with the N donor, but also with the O donor, the aromatic heterocyclic carboxylic

ligands were extensively used to construct the magnetic coordination compounds with novel structure [12–16]. A large number of the reported heterocyclic complexes mainly focus on the pyridine, imidazole, and 1,2,4-triazol substituted aromatic carboxylic ligand [17–20]. In recent years, the click reaction paved the way for us to design and synthesize the 1,2,3-triazol substituted aromatic polycarboxylic ligand [21, 22]. In order to gain the low dimensional complexes and reduce the magnetic coupling among the molecules and chains, the tunable structure of ditopic 1,2,3-triazol substituted aromatic carboxylic ligand has been designed and synthesized. The routine for synthesis ligand  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$  is given below:



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With this ligand, mononuclear compound  $[\text{Co}(\text{Ptia})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**I**) and 1D chains compound  $[\text{Ni}_4(\text{Cptia})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{12}]_\infty$  (**II**), where  $\text{H}_2\text{Ptia} = 4-(1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)$  benzoic acid,  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia} = 4-(4\text{-carboxy-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl})$  benzoic acid), has been synthesized through the hydrothermal method.

## EXPERIMENTAL

**Materials and methods.** The reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial sources and used as received without further purification. Elemental analyses were determined on a Perkin-Elmer PE 2400 CHNS/O analyzer. IR spectra (KBr pellets) were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer spectrometer in the range 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Temperature magnetic measurements were carried out on a SQUID-MPMS-XL magnetometer. Diamagnetic corrections were made with Pascal's constants.

**Synthesis of  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$ .** 4-Azidobenzoic acid (1.63 g, 10 mmol) (being synthesized according to the literature [23]), propolic acid (0.62 mL, 12 mmol), and the mixture solvent of THF and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (v : v, 1 : 1) was added into the 250 mL round-bottom flask and stirred for 10 min. Then sodium ascorbate (0.25 g, 1 mmol) and  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.025 g, 0.01 mmol) was added. After the reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h, the ice water was added and the white precipitate appeared. The precipitate was washed with deionized water for several times and dried in the air. The yield of  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$  was 1.85 g (85%) based on 4-azidobenzoic acid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz;  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ;  $\delta$ , ppm) 7.20 (d., 2H), 7.94 (d., 2H), 8.11 (s., 1H).

**Synthesis of  $[\text{Co}(\text{Ptia})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**I**).**  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0291 g, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$  (0.233 g, 0.01 mmol) whose pH was 2, and 8 mL deionized water were placed in a 10 mL Teflon-linear autoclave. The reaction mixture was heated to 160°C in an oven for 24 h, and then cooled down to room temperature at a rate of 2°C/min. Red block crystals suitable for X-ray structural analysis were obtained with a yield of 0.0157 g (30%) based on  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

For  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_6\text{O}_9\text{Co}$  ( $M = 525.35$ )

anal. calcd., %: C, 28.57; H, 3.05; N, 9.09.  
Found, %: C, 28.60; H, 3.04; N, 9.10.

IR (KBr pellets;  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3358 w, 1620 s, 1566 s, 1438 w, 1380 w, 1222 w, 1121 s, 919 s, 853 s, 730 s, 600 s.

**Synthesis of  $[\text{Ni}_4(\text{Cptia})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{12}]_\infty$  (**II**).**  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0290 g, 0.01 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$  (0.233 g, 0.01 mmol) whose pH was adjusted to 5 by adding

$\text{NaOH}$  (0.0040 g, 0.01 mmol), and 8 mL deionized water were placed in a 10 mL Teflon-linear autoclave. The reaction mixture was heated to 160°C in an oven for 24 h, and then cooled down to room temperature at a rate of 2°C/min. Green block crystals suitable for X-ray structural analysis were obtained with a yield of 0.034 g (40%) based on  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

For  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{44}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_{28}\text{Ni}_4$  ( $M = 1375.71$ )

anal. calcd., %: C, 34.92; H, 3.22; N, 12.22.  
Found, %: C, 34.60; H, 3.19; N, 12.23.

IR (KBr pellets;  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3360 w, 1624 s, 1565 s, 1437 w, 1383 w, 1223 s, 1118 s, 920 s, 851 s, 732 s, 602 s.

**X-ray structure determination.** Diffraction data for complexes **I** and **II** were collected with a Bruker SMART APEX CCD instrument with graphite monochromatic  $\text{MoK}_\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The data were collected at 293(2) K. The absorption corrections were made by multi-scan methods. The structure was solved by charge flipping methods with the program Olex2 and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on all  $F^2$  data with Olex2. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms of water molecules were located in a different Fourier map and refined isotropically in the final refinement cycles. Other hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined by using a riding model. The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement was based on observed reflections and variable parameters. Crystallographic data for **I** and **II** are given in Table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 2.

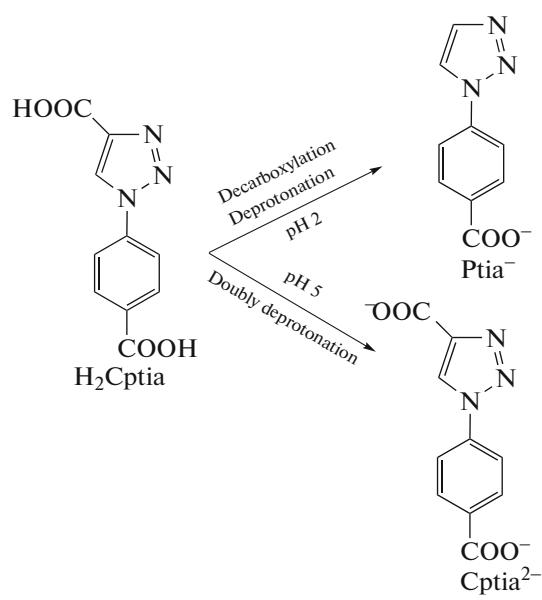
Supplementary material for structures **I**, **II** has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (nos. 1409531 (**I**) and 1409531 (**II**); deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk>).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

During the course of construction compound **I**,  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$  underwent decarboxylation and deprotonation to anionic  $\text{Ptia}^-$ . While in compound **II**,  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$  doubly deprotonated to dianionic  $\text{Cptia}^{2-}$ . Obviously, the different conversion modes of the ligand in compound **I** and **II** can be ascribed to the pH value of reaction solution by comparing the reaction condition. Conversion of ligand  $\text{H}_2\text{Cptia}$  during the course of construction of **I** and **II** may be shown as the following:

**Table 1.** Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for **I** and **II**

Parameter	Value	
	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$C2/c$	$\bar{P}\bar{1}$
$a, \text{\AA}$	25.140(2)	10.271(3)
$b, \text{\AA}$	6.477(5)	12.403(3)
$c, \text{\AA}$	16.348(14)	21.557(7)
$\alpha, \text{deg}$	90	87.170(5)
$\beta, \text{deg}$	129.719(7)	83.153(5)
$\gamma, \text{deg}$	90	65.541(17)
$V, \text{\AA}^3$	2048(3)	2481.9(1)
$Z$	4	2
$\rho, \text{mg m}^{-3}$	1.704	1.841
$\mu, \text{mm}^{-1}$	0.907	1.605
$F(000)$	1084	1408
$\theta$ Range for data collection, deg	2.11–27.84	1.80–25.00
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0312	0.0666
Reflections collected	8228	23064
Independent reflections	2429	8648
Number of refinement parameters	161	769
$R_1, wR_2 (I > 2\sigma(I))$	0.0362, 0.1082	0.1251, 0.2526
$R_1, wR_2$ (all data)	0.0422, 0.1110	0.1369, 0.2585
GOOF on $F^2$	1.164	1.206
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}/\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}, e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.706/–0.738	1.824/–0.907



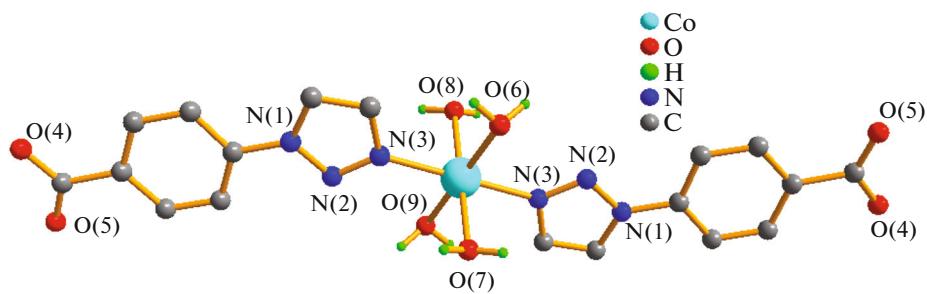
The asymmetric unit of **I** contains half a  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ion, one  $\text{Ptia}^-$  anionic, and two coordination water molecules (Fig. 1). The center  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ion is six-coordinated in an elongated octahedral coordination geometry with two N atoms (N(1) and N(2)) from two relevant symmetrical  $\text{Ptia}^-$ . The four O atoms (two O(3) and two O(4)) form water molecules occupied the equatorial position. The carboxyl group of  $\text{Ptia}^-$  didn't coordinate with any metal centers. The bond length of  $\text{Co}–\text{O}(3)$ ,  $\text{Co}–\text{N}(1)$ , and  $\text{Co}–\text{O}(4)$  is 2.05(16), 2.13(18), and 2.15(16)  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively. The angles around  $\text{Co}(\text{II})$  center is 86(7) $^\circ$ , 94(7) $^\circ$ , 89(7) $^\circ$ , 91(6) $^\circ$ , and 180(6) $^\circ$ , respectively (Table 2).

In compound **II**, the center  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ion is six-coordinated in an elongated octahedral geometry with one N atom, and two O atoms from two ligands  $\text{Cptia}^{2-}$ . The other coordination position was occupied by three water molecules (Fig. 2). The dianionic  $\text{Cptia}^{2-}$  afford one N atom and one carboxyl O atom from the triazol

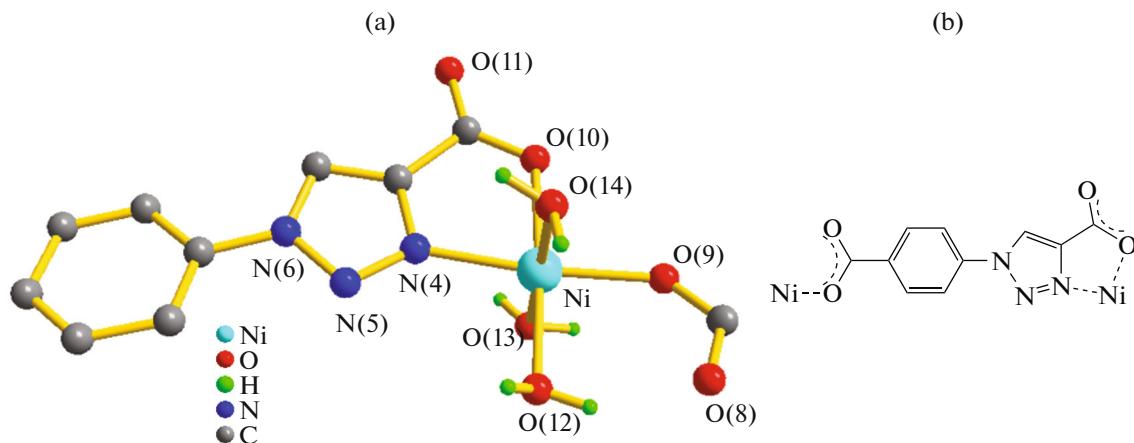
**Table 2.** Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for **I** and **II**\*

Bond	<i>d</i> , Å	Angle	$\omega$ , deg
<b>I</b>			
Co(1)–O(3)	2.0546(17)	O(3)Co(1)N(1)	85.69(5)
Co(1)–N(1)	2.130(2)	O(3)Co(1)O(4)	88.69(7)
		N(1)Co(1)O(4)	91.31(7)
		N(1)Co(1)O(3)	94.31(5)
<b>II</b>			
Ni(1)–O(1)	2.022(6)	O(19)Ni(3)N(7)	92.6(3)
Ni(1)–O(6)	2.034(6)	O(16) <sup>#3</sup> Ni(3)O(20)	91.8(2)
Ni(1)–N(3) <sup>#1</sup>	2.036(6)	O(19)Ni(3)O(20)	88.4(2)
Ni(1)–O(5)	2.071(6)	N(7)Ni(3)O(20)	95.2(2)
Ni(1)–O(7)	2.104(6)	O(16) <sup>#3</sup> Ni(3)O(18)	92.1(2)
Ni(1)–O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	2.107(6)	O(19)Ni(3)O(18)	92.1(2)
O(3)–Ni(1) <sup>#2</sup>	2.107(6)	N(7)Ni(3)O(18)	80.9(2)
N(3)–Ni(1) <sup>#2</sup>	2.036(6)	O(20)Ni(3)O(18)	176.1(2)
Ni(3)–O(16) <sup>#3</sup>	1.989(6)	O(16) <sup>#3</sup> Ni(3)O(21)	90.7(2)
Ni(3)–O(19)	2.035(6)	O(19)Ni(3)O(21)	174.5(3)
Ni(3)–N(7)	2.038(7)	N(7)Ni(3)O(21)	83.0(2)
Ni(3)–O(20)	2.071(5)	O(20)Ni(3)O(21)	88.7(2)
Ni(3)–O(18)	2.077(5)	O(18)Ni(3)O(21)	90.5(2)
Ni(3)–O(21)	2.154(5)	O(11)Ni(2)N(6)	170.5(3)
O(16)–Ni(3) <sup>#4</sup>	1.989(6)	O(11)Ni(2)O(13)	92.5(2)
Ni(2)–O(11)	1.997(5)	N(6)Ni(2)O(13)	96.0(2)
Ni(2)–N(6)	2.046(6)	O(11)Ni(2)O(12)	91.9(2)
Ni(2)–O(13)	2.059(6)	N(6)Ni(2)O(12)	92.7(3)
Ni(2)–O(12)	2.060(6)	O(13)Ni(2)O(12)	88.0(2)
Ni(2)–O(8)	2.080(6)	O(11)Ni(2)O(8)	90.6(2)
Ni(2)–O(14)	2.139(6)	N(6)Ni(2)O(8)	80.9(2)
Ni(4)–O(26)	2.027(6)	O(13)Ni(2)O(8)	176.9(2)
Ni(4)–O(23)	2.035(6)	O(12)Ni(2)O(8)	92.6(2)
Ni(4)–O(28)	2.042(6)	O(11)Ni(2)O(14)	91.9(2)
Ni(4)–N(10)	2.053(7)	N(6)Ni(2)O(14)	83.9(2)
Ni(4)–O(27)	2.088(5)	O(13)Ni(2)O(14)	89.3(2)
Ni(4)–O(24)	2.126(5)	O(12)Ni(2)O(14)	175.4(2)
Angle		$\omega$ , deg	
O(1)Ni(1)O(6)	87.7(2)	O(8)Ni(2)O(14)	89.9(2)
O(1) Ni(1)N(3) <sup>#1</sup>	172.8(3)	O(26)Ni(4)O(23)	93.0(3)
O(6)Ni(1)N(3) <sup>#1</sup>	91.8(2)	O(26)Ni(4)O(28)	179.1(3)
O(1)Ni(1)O(5)	92.4(3)	O(23)Ni(4)O(28)	86.2(2)
O(6)Ni(1)O(5)	179.3(2)	O(26)Ni(4)N(10)	88.9(3)
N(3) <sup>#1</sup> Ni(1)O(5)	88.2(3)	O(23)Ni(4)N(10)	171.5(2)
O(1)Ni(1)O(7)	90.9(2)	O(28)Ni(4)N(10)	92.0(3)
O(6)Ni(1)O(7)	90.8(2)	O(26)Ni(4)O(27)	88.9(2)
O(1)Ni(1)O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	92.3(2)	N(10)Ni(4)O(27)	98.0(2)
O(6)Ni(1)O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	90.6(2)	O(26)Ni(4)O(24)	89.9(2)
N(3) <sup>#1</sup> Ni(1)O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	80.5(2)	O(23)Ni(4)O(24)	91.1(2)
O(5)Ni(1)O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	90.1(2)	O(28)Ni(4)O(24)	90.4(2)
O(16) <sup>#3</sup> Ni(3)O(19)	94.1(2)	N(10)Ni(4)O(24)	80.6(2)

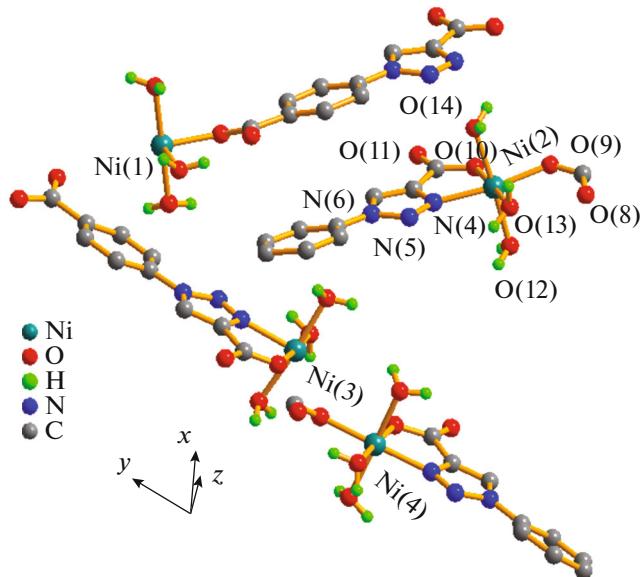
\* Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms for **II**: <sup>#1</sup>  $x - 1, y + 1, z$ ; <sup>#2</sup>  $x + 1, y - 1, z$ ; <sup>#3</sup>  $x, y - 1, z$ ; <sup>#4</sup>  $x, y + 1, z$ .



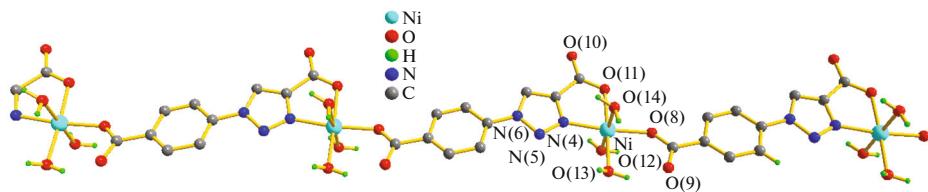
**Fig. 1.** Local coordination environments of Co(II) in **I** (some H-atoms are omitted for clarity).



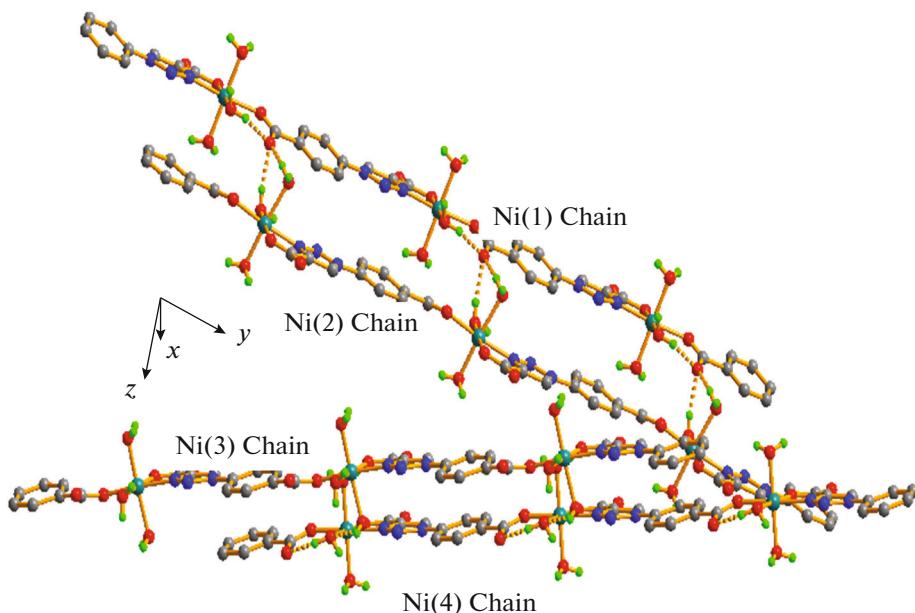
**Fig. 2.** Local coordination environments of Ni(II) in **II** (some H-atoms are omitted for clarity) (a); bridging Co(II) modes of the ligands Ptia<sup>2-</sup> in **II** (b).



**Fig. 3.** The composition of one unsymmetrical unit in **II** (some H-atoms are omitted for clarity).



**Fig. 4.** A schematic view of the 1D chain in **II** (some H-atoms are omitted for clarity).



**Fig. 5.** Four chains oriented in different direction in **II** (some H-atoms are omitted for clarity).

ring to chelate with Ni atom and one carboxyl O atom from the benzene ring to coordinate with another Ni atom (Fig. 3) to form 1D chains structure. One asymmetric unit of **II** contains four Ni(II) centers and four Cptia<sup>2-</sup> with the same coordination modes and the same coordination environment (Fig. 4). Obviously, four Ni(II) centers can form four 1D chains (as designated infra with Ni(1), Ni(2), Ni(3), and Ni(4) chains). These chains orient in different direction in three dimension space (Fig. 5). The Ni(1) chain and Ni(2) chain arrange in parallel due to H-bonds interaction between one non-coordination carboxyl O from Ni(1) chains and one coordination water molecule from the Ni(2) chains. Likewise, Ni(3) chain parallels with Ni(4) chain.

The magnetic properties of **I** and **II** were investigated in the 2.0–300 K range at 1000 Oe. The magnetic susceptibility of **I** versus temperature is shown in

Fig. 6a. The  $\chi_M T$  value is  $3.25 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$  at 300 K, which is significantly bigger than the spin-only value of  $1.88 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$  calculated for one  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ions ( $S = 3/2$ ,  $g = 2.0$ ). This may be due to the spin-orbit coupling effect of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ions. With the decreasing of temperature, the  $\chi_M T$  decrease. In the temperature range of 60–200 K, the magnetic susceptibility obeys the Curie–Weiss law with Weiss constant,  $\theta = -0.0326 \text{ K}$ , and Curie constant,  $C = 0.1152 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ . The negative  $\theta$  value verifies the weak antiferromagnetic interaction among the  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ions.

As it can be seen from Fig. 6b, the  $\chi_M T$  value of **II** is  $1.09 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$  at 300 K, which is very close to the spin-only value of  $1.0 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$  calculated for ( $S = 1$ ,  $g = 2.0$ ). With the decreasing of temperature, the  $\chi_M T$  decrease. The observed  $\chi_M^{-1}$  data of **II** can be roughly fitted to the Curie–Weiss law with  $C =$

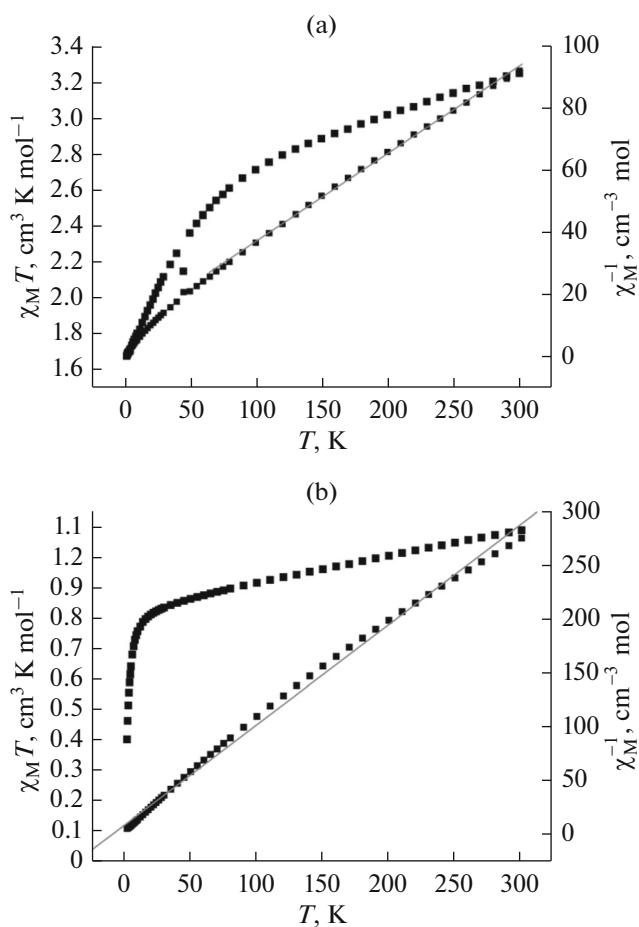


Fig. 6. The  $\chi_M T$  and  $1/\chi_M$  versus  $T$  plots of **I** (a) and **II** (b) (the solid line represents the best fit of Curie-Weiss law).

$6.31 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ K mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\theta = -9.90 \text{ K}$ . The negative  $\theta$  value verifies the weak antiferromagnetic interaction among the  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ions.

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