

# Cadmium(II) and Nickel(II) 1-Oxypyridyl-2-Selenolates: Synthesis and Molecular and Crystal Structures

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**Abstract**—Cadmium ( $C_{20}H_{16}Cd_2N_4O_4Se_4$ ) (**I**) and nickel ( $C_{10}H_8N_2NiO_2Se_2$ ) (**II**) selenolates are synthesized by the exchange reactions of sodium 1-oxypyridyl-2-selenolate and cadmium(II) and nickel(II) chlorides. The molecular and crystal structures of the complexes are determined by X-ray structure analysis (CIF files CCDC nos. 1585246 (**I**) and 1585251 (**II**)). Complex **I** forms a centrosymmetric dimer in which the coordination polyhedron of the cadmium atom is a distorted trigonal bipyramidal and the selenium atoms take the *trans* configuration. Complex **II** containing the solvate  $C_2H_5OH$  molecule has a square structure and is a monomer. Unlike complex **I**, in complex **II** the selenium atoms of the ligands take the *cis* configuration. The crystal packings in complexes **I** and **II** are formed by weak intermolecular hydrogen bonds  $C-H\cdots O$  and  $C-H\cdots Se$ .

**Keywords:** 2-selenopyridine-1-oxide, crystal packing, X-ray structure analysis

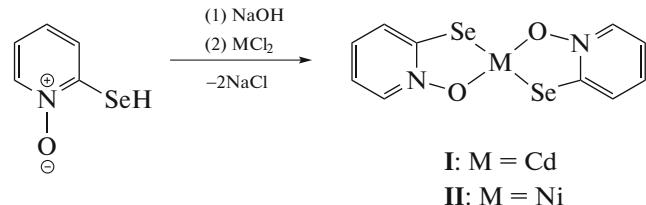
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## INTRODUCTION

It is known that complexes based on 2-mercaptopypyridine-1-oxide, such as zinc and copper pyrithiones, are characterized by a broad range of biological activity and find commercial use as industrial fungicides and biocides in cutting fluids and manufacturing of paintwork materials and makeup preparations [1–5]. Increased interest has been given in the recent years to studying organoselenium compounds due to their high synthetic potential and practical value [5, 6]. In particular, it is found that the selenium-containing analog of zinc pyridinethione, bis(2-selenopyridine-1-oxide)zinc(II), and the corresponding nickel, copper, and cadmium salts are characterized by significant fungicidal and bactericidal activity [7–11]. The syntheses and X-ray structure analysis data for bis(2-selenopyridine-1-oxide)zinc(II) and bis(2-selenopyridine-1-oxide)nickel(II) solvate with acetone were described earlier [12, 13].

In this work, we present the results of X-ray structure analyses of new complexes based on 2-selenopyridine-1-oxide (HL): bis(2-selenopyridine-1-oxide)cadmium(II) ( $C_{20}H_{16}Cd_2N_4O_4Se_4$ ) (**I**) and nickel(II) (solvate) ( $C_{10}H_8N_2NiO_2Se_2$ ) (**II** ·  $0.5C_2H_5OH$ ).

Complexes **I** and **II** were synthesized via the following scheme:



## EXPERIMENTAL

**Synthesis of complex I.** A solution of NaOH (0.08 g, 2 mmol) in water (5 mL) and a solution of  $CdCl_2$  (0.183 g, 1 mmol) in water (10 mL) were added to a solution of HL (0.348 g, 2 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL) at room temperature. A white precipitate that formed in 10 min was filtered off. The product was washed with water, ethanol, and diethyl ether and dried in air. The yield was 0.43 g (94%),  $mp = 263\text{--}265^\circ C$ . Colorless crystals of compound **I** suitable for X-ray structure analysis were obtained by the slow crystallization of a

solution of the compound in ethanol at room temperature.

For  $C_{20}H_{16}N_4O_4Se_4Cd_2$

Anal. calcd., %	C, 26.19	H, 1.76	N, 6.11
Found, %	C, 26.09	H, 1.72	N, 6.05

**Synthesis of complex II.** A solution of NaOH (0.08 g, 2 mmol) in water (5 mL) and a solution of  $NiCl_2$  (0.129 g, 1 mmol) in water (10 mL) were added to a solution of HL (0.348 g, 2 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL) at room temperature. A brown precipitate that formed in 10 min was filtered off. The product was washed with water, ethanol, and diethyl ether and dried in air. The yield was 0.39 g (91%),  $mp = 282-283^\circ C$ . Green crystals of compound **II** used for X-ray structure analysis were obtained by the slow crystallization of a solution of the compound in ethanol at room temperature.

For  $C_{11}H_{11}N_2O_{2.5}Se_2Ni$

Anal. calcd., %	C, 30.88	H, 2.59	N, 6.55
Found, %	C, 30.79	H, 2.51	N, 6.47

**X-ray structure analysis.** The crystallographic data for compounds **I** and **II** were obtained on a Bruker Smart Apex diffractometer ( $\omega$  scan mode,  $MoK_\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $T = 100$  and  $296 \text{ K}$ ). Experimental sets of reflection intensities were collected and integrated using the SMART [14] and SAINT [15] programs, respectively. The structures were solved by a direct method and refined by full-matrix least

squares for  $F_{hkl}^2$  in the anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atom of the solvate molecule involved in the formation of the intermolecular hydrogen bond  $O(3)-H(3)\cdots O(1)$  in compound **II** was localized from the difference electron density synthesis and refined in the isotropic approximation. Other hydrogen atoms in compounds **I** and **II** were placed in the geometrically calculated positions and refined isotropically with the fixed thermal parameters  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{iso}(C)$ . The structures were refined and absorption corrections were applied using the SHELXTL [16] and SADABS [17] program packages. The crystallographic data and parameters of X-ray structure experiments are presented in Table 1.

The structures were deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CIF files CCDC nos. 1585246 (**I**) and 1585251 (**II**); <http://ccdc.cam.ac.uk/getstructures>).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Compounds **I** and **II** represent two basically different structural types. Complex **I** is a centrosymmetric dimer  $[M_2(SeOPy)_4]$  (Fig. 1a). The coordination polyhedron of the cadmium(II) atom in complex **I** is a

distorted trigonal bipyramidal with the  $Se(1)$ ,  $Se(2)$ , and  $O(2A)$  atoms in the equatorial plane, the  $O(1)$  and  $O(2)$  atoms in the axial positions, and the  $O(1)Cd(1)O(2)$  angle equal to  $167.2(1)^\circ$ . A molecule of compound **I** has intrinsic symmetry  $C_2$ , and the 2-fold axis passes through the center of a rhombus consisting of the  $O(2)$ ,  $O(2A)$ ,  $Cd(1)$ , and  $Cd(1A)$  atoms. The  $Cd(1)-Cd(1A)$  distance in dimeric complex **I** is  $3.680(4) \text{ \AA}$ , the  $Cd-O$  distance is  $2.269(3)-2.383(3) \text{ \AA}$ , the average  $Cd\cdots O$  distance is  $2.341(3) \text{ \AA}$ , and the deviation of individual values from an average value does not exceed  $3\sigma$ . The  $Cd-Se(1,2)$  distances are  $2.559(5)$  and  $2.563(5) \text{ \AA}$ , respectively. The  $Se(1)-C(1,6)$  and  $Se(2)-C(6)$  bond lengths ( $1.879(4)$  and  $1.871 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively) are comparable with the sum of covalent radii of Se and C atoms ( $1.95 \text{ \AA}$ ) [18]. The dihedral angle between the plane of the  $Cd(1)-Se(1)-C(1)-N(1)-O(1)$  and  $Cd(1)-Se(2)-C(6)-N(2)-O(2)$  cycles is  $32.0(8)^\circ$ . The selenium atoms of two ligands in complex **I** take the *trans* configuration.

In crystal the dimers of compound **I** form piles along the  $a$  crystallographic axis. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds  $Se\cdots H$  and  $O\cdots H$  are observed between the adjacent molecules of complex **I** along the direction of the  $a$  axis. The  $Se(2)\cdots H(4A)$  and  $Se(2)\cdots H(5A)$  distances ( $-x + 2, y + 1/2, -z + 3/2$ ) are  $3.01$  and  $3.04 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively, which is somewhat less than the sum of the van der Waals radii of Se and H atoms ( $3.15 \text{ \AA}$ ) [17]. The  $O(2)\cdots H(9A)$  distance ( $-x + 1, y - 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ) equal to  $2.43 \text{ \AA}$  lies in a range of  $2.15-2.45 \text{ \AA}$  between the average van der Waals contact and specific (shortened)  $O\cdots H$  interaction [19] (Fig. 2).

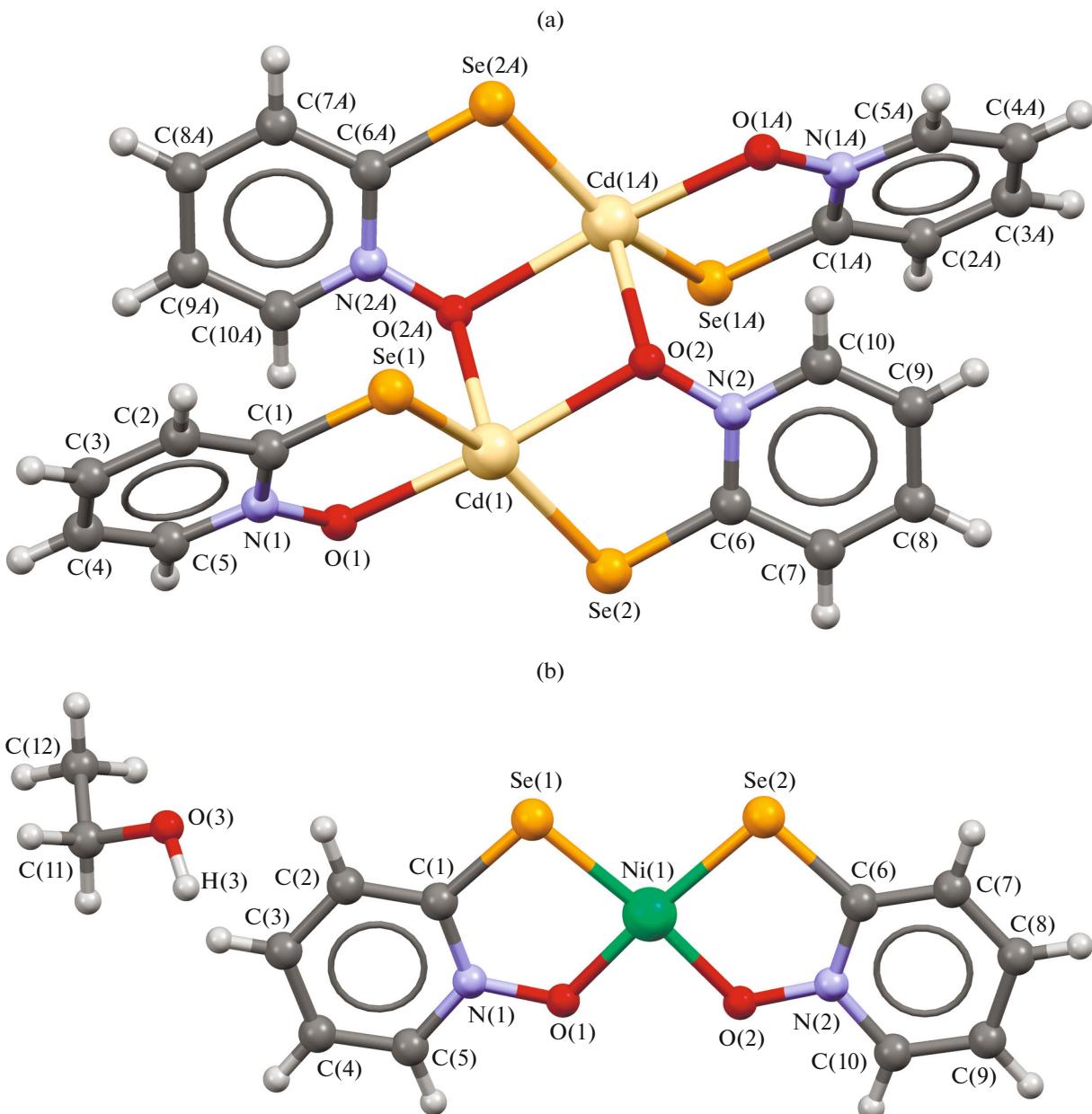
In addition, a short intermolecular contact  $C(3)\cdots C(10)$  is observed between the adjacent molecules along the  $a$  axis. The  $C\cdots C$  distance ( $3.309(6) \text{ \AA}$ ) corresponds to the weak secondary interaction  $C\cdots C$  (between  $3.27$  and  $3.42 \text{ \AA}$  [19]).

Selected bond lengths and bond angles in compound **I** are presented in Table 2.

The monomer of compound **II** has the composition  $[M(SeOPy)_2]$  and contains the solvate molecule  $C_2H_5OH$  (in a ratio of  $1 : 0.5$ ) (Fig. 1b). The nickel atom has a distorted square coordination mode by the  $Se(1)$  and  $Se(2)$  selenium atoms and the  $O(1)$  and  $O(2)$  atoms of two ligands. The average deviation from the square plane of four atoms coordinated to the nickel(II) atom is  $0.038 \text{ \AA}$ . The  $ONiO$  ( $85.4(1)^\circ$ ) and  $SeNiSe$  ( $94.61(3)^\circ$ ) angles characterize the deviations from the ideal square arrangement of the donor atoms. A molecule of complex **II** is nearly planar: the average deviations of all atoms from the root-mean-square plane are  $0.039 \text{ \AA}$ . The  $Ni(1)-O(1,2)$  and  $Ni(1)-Se(1,2)$  bond lengths ( $1.863(3)$ ,  $1.875(3)$  and  $2.2473(7)$ ,  $2.2495(7) \text{ \AA}$ , respectively) are close to similar distances in the isostructural nickel complex [12]. The  $Se(1)-C(1)$  and  $Se(2)-C(6)$  distances in complex **II** ( $1.894(5)$  and  $1.888(4) \text{ \AA}$ ) are comparable with

**Table 1.** Main crystallographic data and refinement parameters for compounds **I** and **II**

Parameters	Value	
	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>
<i>FW</i>	917.01	427.85
Crystal sizes, mm	0.620 × 0.340 × 0.210	0.150 × 0.090 × 0.060
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	8.3134(5)	16.4116(11)
<i>b</i> , Å	10.3852(6)	7.7854(5)
<i>c</i> , Å	13.8060(8)	21.8567(15)
β, deg	94.2860(10)	92.4954(11)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	1188.63(12)	2790.0(3)
<i>Z</i>	2	8
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	2.562	2.037
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	7.950	6.608
<i>F</i> (000)	856	1656
<i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> ; <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>	0.0073; 0.0524	0.7457; 0.3398
Data collection range over θ, deg	2.5–33.0	1.9–28.0
Measured reflections	18447	13949
Independent reflections	4510	3446
Number of reflected parameters	154	181
GOOF	1.072	1.007
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0486	0.0518
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1432	0.1128
Residual electron density (Δρ <sub>min</sub> /Δρ <sub>max</sub> ), e Å <sup>-3</sup>	−2.059/2.975	−1.224/1.457



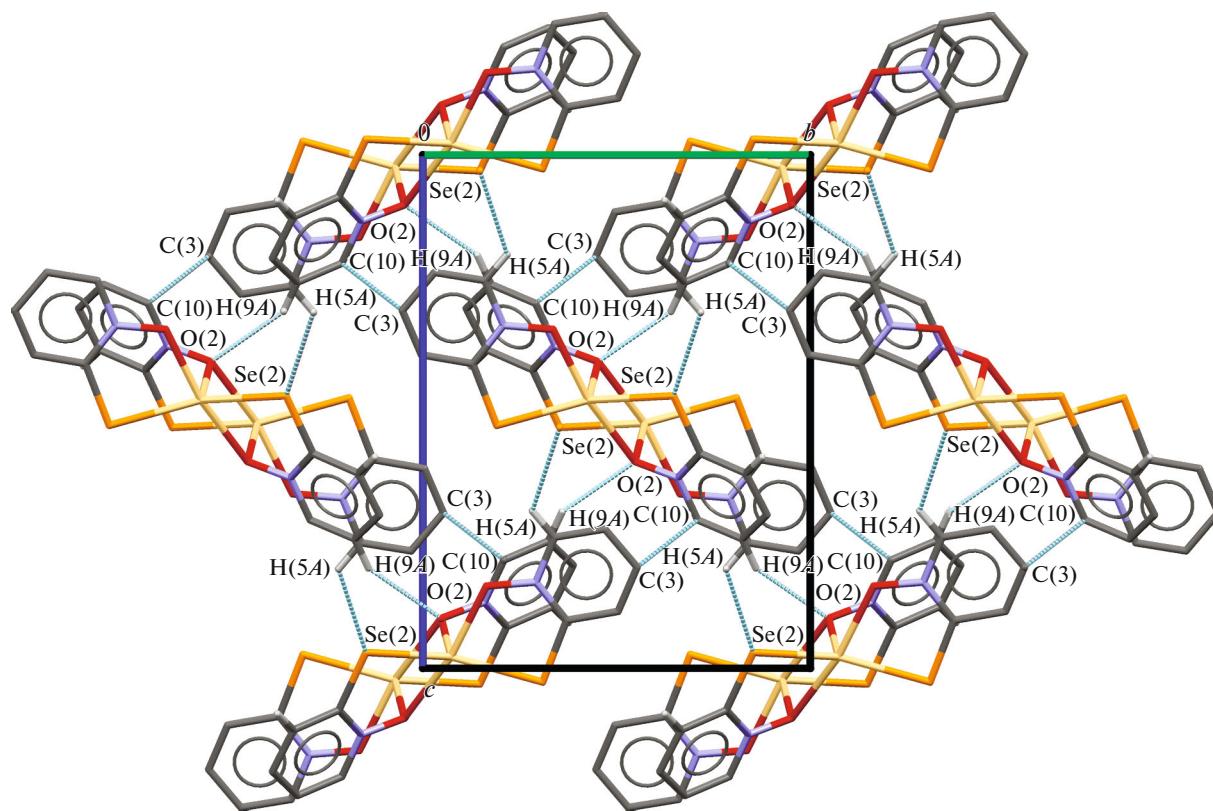
**Fig. 1.** Molecular structures of compounds (a) I and (b) II.

the sum of covalent radii of Se and C atoms (1.95 Å) [18]. The dihedral angle between the Ni(1)–O(1)–Se(1)–N(1)–C(1) and Ni(1)–O(2)–Se(2)–N(6)–C(6) planes is 3.54(9)°.

Unlike complex **I**, in compound **II** the selenium atoms of the ligands take the *cis* configuration.

In crystal the planar molecules of compound **II** form pairwise linked dimers due to weak contacts O···H-C (O(2)···H(10*A*) ( $-x, y, -z + 1/2$ )) (C-H 0.93, H···O 2.40 Å, angle C-H···O 162°) (Fig. 3a).

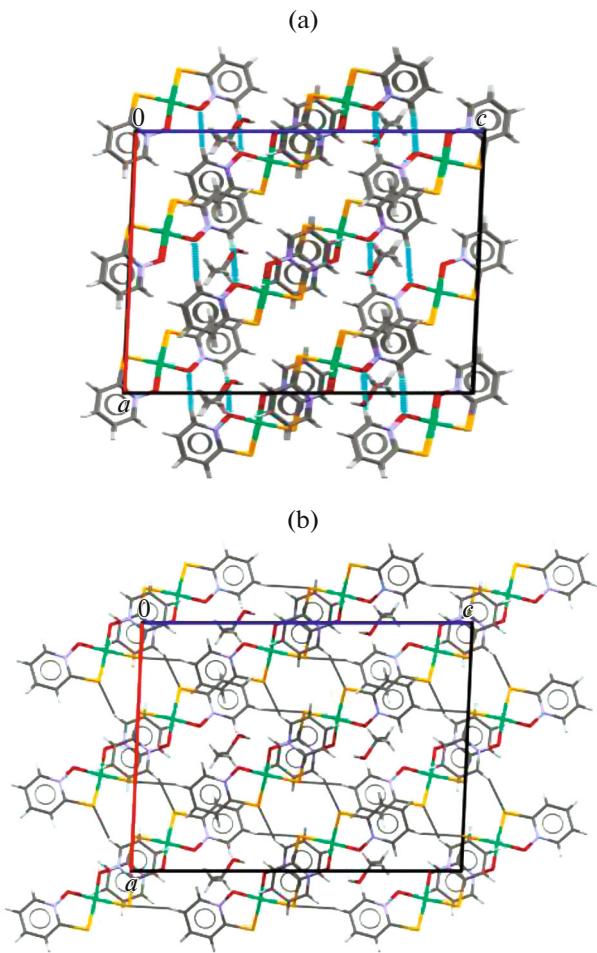
Additional hydrogen bonds  $\text{Se}\cdots\text{H}$  and  $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}$  with the distances at a level of shortened and van der Waals interactions are observed in the crystal of complex **II** along with the listed above intermolecular contacts. The  $\text{Se}(2)\cdots\text{H}(5A)$  ( $x = 1/2$ ,  $y = 1/2$ ,  $z$ ) and  $(\text{Se}(1)\cdots\text{H}(9A)$  ( $x$ ,  $-y + 2$ ,  $z - 1/2$ ) distances (2.92 and 3.13 Å, respectively) are less than the sum of the van der Waals radii of Se and H atoms (3.15 Å) [17] (Fig. 3b). The  $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}$  distances between the solvate molecule of ethanol and the molecule of complex **II** ( $\text{O}(1)\cdots\text{H}(3A)$  ( $-x$ ,  $-y + 1$ ,  $-z + 1$ )) and ( $\text{O}(3)\cdots\text{H}(7A)$



**Fig. 2.** Fragment of the crystal packing of compound I in the projection onto the  $b0c$  plane. Contacts  $\text{Se}\cdots\text{H}$ ,  $\text{O}\cdots\text{H}$ , and  $\text{C}\cdots\text{C}$  are shown by dash. Hydrogen atoms that are not involved in intermolecular hydrogen contacts are omitted for clarity.

**Table 2.** Selective bond lengths and bond angles in compounds I and II

Bond	$d$ , Å	Bond	$d$ , Å
I	2.269(3)	Se(1)–C(1)	1.879(4)
	2.373(3)	Se(2)–C(6)	1.872(4)
	2.383(3)	O(1)–N(1)	1.333(4)
	2.5586(5)	O(2)–N(2)	1.343(4)
	2.5629(5)		
II	1.863(3)	Se(2)–C(6)	1.887(5)
	1.875(3)	O(1)–N(1)	1.359(4)
	2.2473(7)	O(2)–N(2)	1.346(5)
	2.2495(7)	O(3)–C(11)	1.426(3)
	2.5629(5)	C(11)–C(12)	1.503(3)
Angle	$\omega$ , deg	Angle	$\omega$ , deg
I	98.56(7)	O(1)Cd(1)O(2)	167.17(11)
	99.96(7)	O(1)Cd(1)O(2A)	90.23(11)
	77.65(7)	O(2)Cd(1)O(2A)	78.58(10)
	106.85(7)	O(1)Cd(1)Se(1)	81.26(7)
	154.536(17)	O(2)Cd(1)Se(1)	106.41(7)
	101.42(10)		
II	85.36(13)	Se(2)Ni(1)Se(1)	94.61(2)
	175.07(9)	C(1)Se(1)Ni(1)	92.85(12)
	89.91(10)	C(6)Se(2)Ni(1)	93.21(13)
	90.19(9)	N(1)O(1)Ni(1)	119.5(2)
	174.58(10)	N(2)O(2)Ni(1)	119.4(2)



**Fig. 3.** Fragment of the crystal packing of compound **II** in the projection onto the  $a0c$  plane. Contacts (a)  $O\cdots H$  and (b)  $Se\cdots H$  are shown by dash.

$(-x + 1/2, -y + 3/2, -z + 1)$ ) are 2.15 and 2.42 Å, respectively, and lie in a range of 2.15–2.45 Å between the specific (shortened) contact and the average van der Waals  $O\cdots H$  interaction [19].

Selected bond lengths and bond angles in compound **II** are presented in Table 2.

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