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Structures of the Conformational Isomers and Polymorph Modifications of N-substituted 2,6-(E,E)-bis(ferrocenylidene)piperid-4-ones: photo- and electrochemically induced E/Z isomerization

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**Table S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR data of the compounds **1–4** (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm) and their protonated forms (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\delta$  in ppm)

Compound	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>	CH	NR (R = H, Me, Et, CH <sub>2</sub> Ph)
<b>1</b>	4.17 s (10H)	4.50 br t (4H), J = 1.2 Hz 4.54 br t (4H), J = 1.2 Hz	3.94 br s (4H)	7.52 s (2H)	1.97 br s (1H, NH)
	4.22 s (10H)	4.55 br s (4H) 4.51 br s (4H)	3.68 br s (4H)	7.60 s (2H)	2.56 br s (3H, NMe)
<b>3</b>	4.18 s (10H)	4.51 t (4H), J = 1.8 Hz 4.45 t (4H), J = 1.8 Hz	3.61 br d (4H), J = 1.5 Hz	7.52 s (2H)	2.66 quad (2H, NCH <sub>2</sub> ), J = 6.9 Hz 1.18 t (3H, NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ), J = 6.9 Hz

<b>4</b>	4.05 s (10H)	4.42-4.40 overlapping m (8H)	3.63 br d (4H), J = 1.5 Hz	7.50 s (2H)	3.78 s (2H, NCH <sub>2</sub> Ph), 7.45-7.42 m (2H, NCH <sub>2</sub> Ph, meta) 7.38-7.33 m (2H, NCH <sub>2</sub> Ph, ortho) 7.30-7.24 m (1H, NCH <sub>2</sub> Ph, para)
	<b>2</b> ·HBF <sub>4</sub>	4.85 s (10H)	5.72 br s (4H) 5.25 br s (4H)	4.46 br s (4H)	8.24 s (2H)
<b>3</b> ·HBF <sub>4</sub>	4.30 s (10H)	4.66 br s (4H) 4.46 br s (4H)	4.73 br s (2H) 4.57 br s (2H)	7.97 s (2H)	8.56 (br s, NH), 3.21 br s (2H, NCH <sub>2</sub> ), 1.30 br s (3H, NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )
<b>4</b> ·HBF <sub>4</sub>	4.98 s (10H)	5.84 br s (4H) 5.31 br s (4H)	4.71 br s (2H) 4.51 br s (2H)	7.96 s (2H)	7.73 (br s, NH), 4.32 s (2H, NCH <sub>2</sub> Ph), 7.56 br s m (5H, NCH <sub>2</sub> Ph)

**Table S2.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of the compounds **1**, **2**, **3**, and **4** (75 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, δ in ppm)

Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	69.83	69.83	69.68	69.80
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	71.54	71.52	71.36	71.48
	71.38	71.42	71.19	71.28
C <sub>ipso</sub> Fc	79.13	78.75	78.87	78.78
CH=	135.76	137.02	136.06	136.22
CH <sub>2</sub>	48.11	56.53	54.42	55.09
C	132.07	129.43	130.40	138.62
NR	–	45.38 (R = Me)	51.77 (R = NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )	62.85 (R = CH <sub>2</sub> Ph)

	12.61 (R = NCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> )		130.67, 129.43, 128.79, 127.70 (R = CH <sub>2</sub> Ph)	
C=O	185.68	184.36	185.14	185.19

**Table S3.** Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement parameters for **2**, **3** and salts **2**·HBF<sub>4</sub> and **4**·HBF<sub>4</sub>.

	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b> ·HBF <sub>4</sub> (Triclinic)	<b>2</b> ·HBF <sub>4</sub> (Monoclinic)	<b>4</b> ·HBF <sub>4</sub>
Empirical formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>27</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> NO	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>29</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> NO	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>28</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> NO	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>28</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> NO	C <sub>34</sub> H <sub>32</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> NO
Molecular weight	505.21	519.23	593.02	593.02	669.12
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>P-1</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>
Crystal color, habit	red, plate	red, plate	black, plate	black, prism	black, plate
Crystal size (mm)	0.29 × 0.23 × 0.06	0.17 × 0.11 × 0.05	0.21 × 0.26 × 0.42	0.29 × 0.31 × 0.49	0.09 × 0.15 × 0.20
a (Å)	5.9820(7)	6.012(3)	12.7933(6)	15.2280(8)	29.902(4)
b (Å)	12.7479(15)	12.956(6)	13.4321(7)	14.2504(8)	7.6059(11)
c (Å)	14.4154(17)	14.400(7)	15.0676(8)	11.8362(6)	28.606(5)
α (°)	90	90	107.1180(10)	90	90

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$\beta$ (°)	95.467(3)	94.957(8)	91.0530(9)	110.2650(10)	110.776(3)
$\gamma$ (°)	90	90	93.3580(10)	90	90
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1094.3(2)	1117.6(9)	2468.6(2)	2409.5(2)	6082.7(15)
Z	2	2	4	4	8
D <sub>calc</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.533	1.543	1.596	1.635	1.461
2 $\theta$ <sub>max</sub> (°)	28.00	26.00	28.00	26.00	26.00
Abs. coeff., $\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ ) (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.347	1.321	1.229	1.259	1.007
Absorption correction			SADABS		
T <sub>max</sub> /T <sub>min</sub>	0.9235/0.6960	0.9369/0.8066	0.7824/0.6263	0.7116/0.5774	0.9148/0.8240
Number of collected reflections	16333	10471	28268	22825	5979
Number of independent reflections	5221	4391	11899	4739	5810
Number of observed reflections (I > 2 $\sigma$ (I))	4956	3235	9556	4128	3572
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0250	0.0866	0.0258	0.0262	N/A
Number of parameters	289	292	705	326	361

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R <sub>1</sub> (on F for observed reflexions) <sup>a</sup>	0.0389	0.0556	0.0620	0.0355	0.0663
wR <sub>2</sub> (on F <sup>2</sup> for all reflexions) <sup>b</sup>	0.1016	0.1331	0.1694	0.0980	0.1765
Weighting scheme	$w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP$ , where $P = 1/3(F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)$				
A	0.05	0.54	0.08	0.05	0.085
B	2.2	0.01	8.1	3.5	15.0
F(000)	524	540	1216	1216	2752
GOF	1.002	1.012	1.021	1.050	1.099
$\Delta\rho_{\max}/\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.388/−0.584	1.091/−0.884	1.678/−1.420	1.202/−0.558	1.044/−1.431

$$^a R_1 = \frac{\sum |F_o| - \sum |F_c|}{\sum (F_o)}$$

$$^b wR_2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]}{\sum w(F_o^2)^2} \right\}^{1/2}$$

**Table S4.** Intermolecular and intramolecular hydrogen bonds (Å, °) found for **2**, **3** and salts **2**·HBF<sub>4</sub> and **4**·HBF<sub>4</sub>.

Compound	D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	DHA
<b>2</b>	C27A–H27A <sup>a</sup> ···O1	1.00	2.34	3.237(4)	149.3(2)
<b>3</b>	C27A–H27A <sup>a</sup> ···O1	1.00	2.40	3.279(8)	145.9(5)
	C7B–H7B <sup>b</sup> ···O1	1.00	2.70	3.603(8)	156.4(5)
	C14C–H14C <sup>c</sup> ···N1	1.00	2.60	3.562(7)	162.0(5)
<b>2</b> ·HBF <sub>4</sub> (Monoclinic)	N1A–H1A <sup>d</sup> ···O1	0.98(5)	1.88(5)	2.837(5)	163.0(3)

	C3–H3A…F1	1.00	2.42	3.279(5)	145.3(4)
	C3–H3A…F4	1.00	2.66	3.405(6)	132.4(4)
	C6A–H6A <sup>e</sup> …F3	1.00	2.40	3.335(6)	168.2(5)
	C17–H17A…F3	1.00	2.39	3.293(6)	149.2(5)
	C26–H26A…F4	1.00	2.51	3.452(6)	156.4(5)
<b>2·HBF<sub>4</sub> (Triclinic)</b>	N1A–H1A…F5	0.93(7)	1.88(7)	2.808(7)	176.1(6)
	C3A–H3AB…F2	1.00	2.41	3.261(7)	143.1(6)
	C3A–H3AB…F4	1.00	2.43	3.333(7)	150.7(6)
	C4–H4AA…F4	1.00	2.46	3.354(8)	149.7(6)
	C15A–H15A…F8	1.00	2.62	3.298(5)	125.2(5)
	C25A–H25B…F5	1.00	2.62	3.563(5)	156.8(5)
	N1B–H1B…O1AB <sup>f</sup>	0.92(7)	2.01(7)	2.706(5)	130.5(6)
	N1B–H1B…F8A <sup>f</sup>	0.92(7)	2.36(7)	2.960(5)	122.7(6)
	C3B–H3BB…F1 <sup>f</sup>	1.00	2.34	3.244(6)	150.9(6)
	C4B–H4BA…F8 <sup>f</sup>	1.00	2.40	2.987(6)	117.4(6)
	C7B–C7BA…F6	1.00	2.24	3.160(6)	155.9(6)
	C18B–H18B…F1	1.00	2.43	3.120(7)	125.4(6)
<b>4·HBF<sub>4</sub></b>	N1–H1A…F4A <sup>g</sup>	0.93(5)	1.55(5)	2.466(9)	167.2(7)
	C28–H28A…F4 <sup>g</sup>	1.00	2.45	3.375(10)	148.4(7)
	C7–H7A…F1	1.00	2.17	2.913(11)	130.7(7)
	C3–H3A…F3	1.00	2.06	2.941(9)	147.4(7)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:  $^a = 1 + x, y, z$ ;  $^b = 2 - x, -1/2 + y, -z$ ;  $^c = 2 - x, 1/2 + y, -z$ ;  $^d = -x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ;  $^e = x, 3/2 - y, 1/2 + z$ ;  $^f = x, 1 + y, z$ ;  $^g = x, -1 + y, z$ .