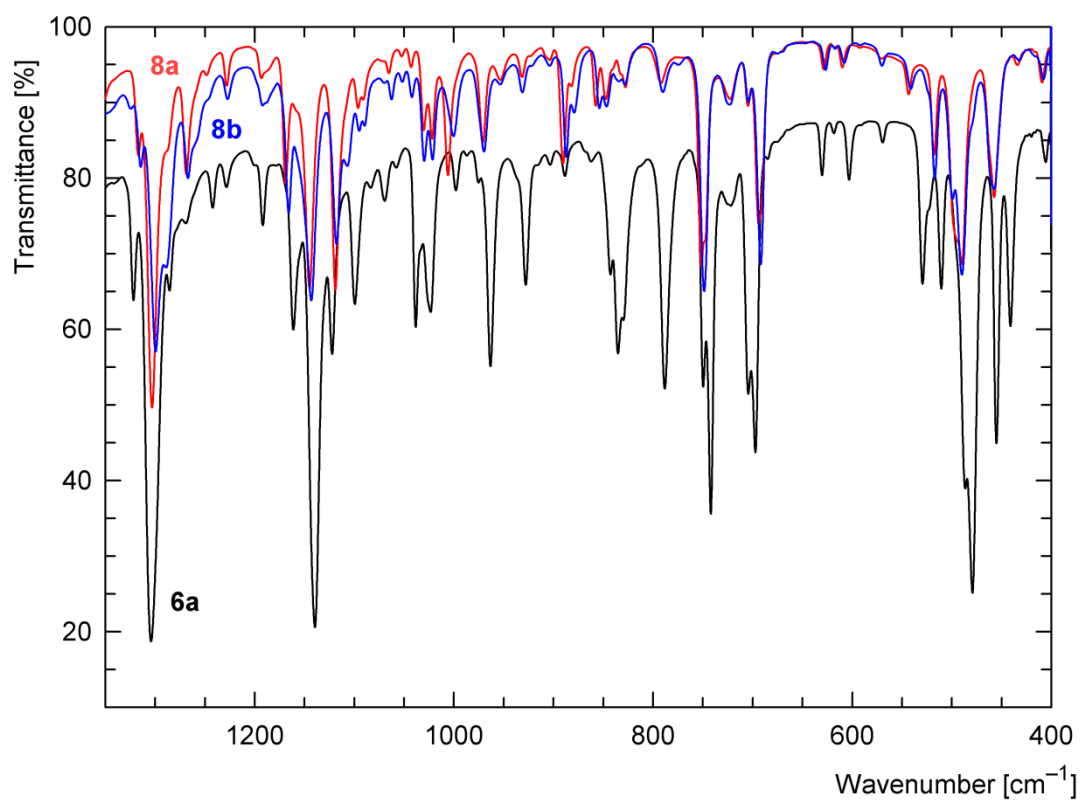


# Supporting Information

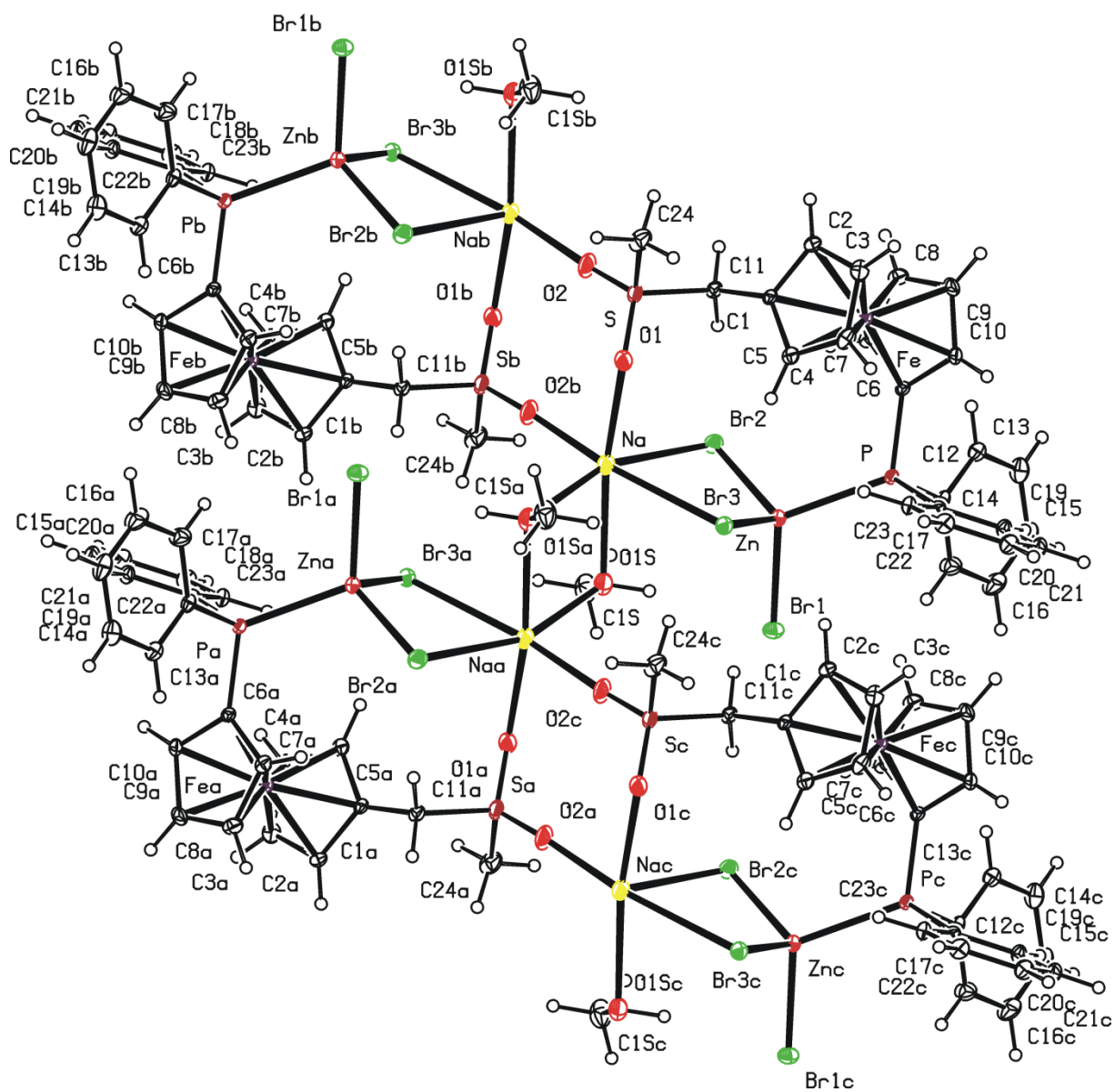
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**Ferrocenylmethylation reactions with a phosphinoferrocene betaine**

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**Figure S1.** IR spectra of sulfone **6a** (black) and its Zn-Na complexes **8a** (red) and **8b** (blue).



**Figure S2.** PLATON plot of the structure of **8a** (30% probability ellipsoids).

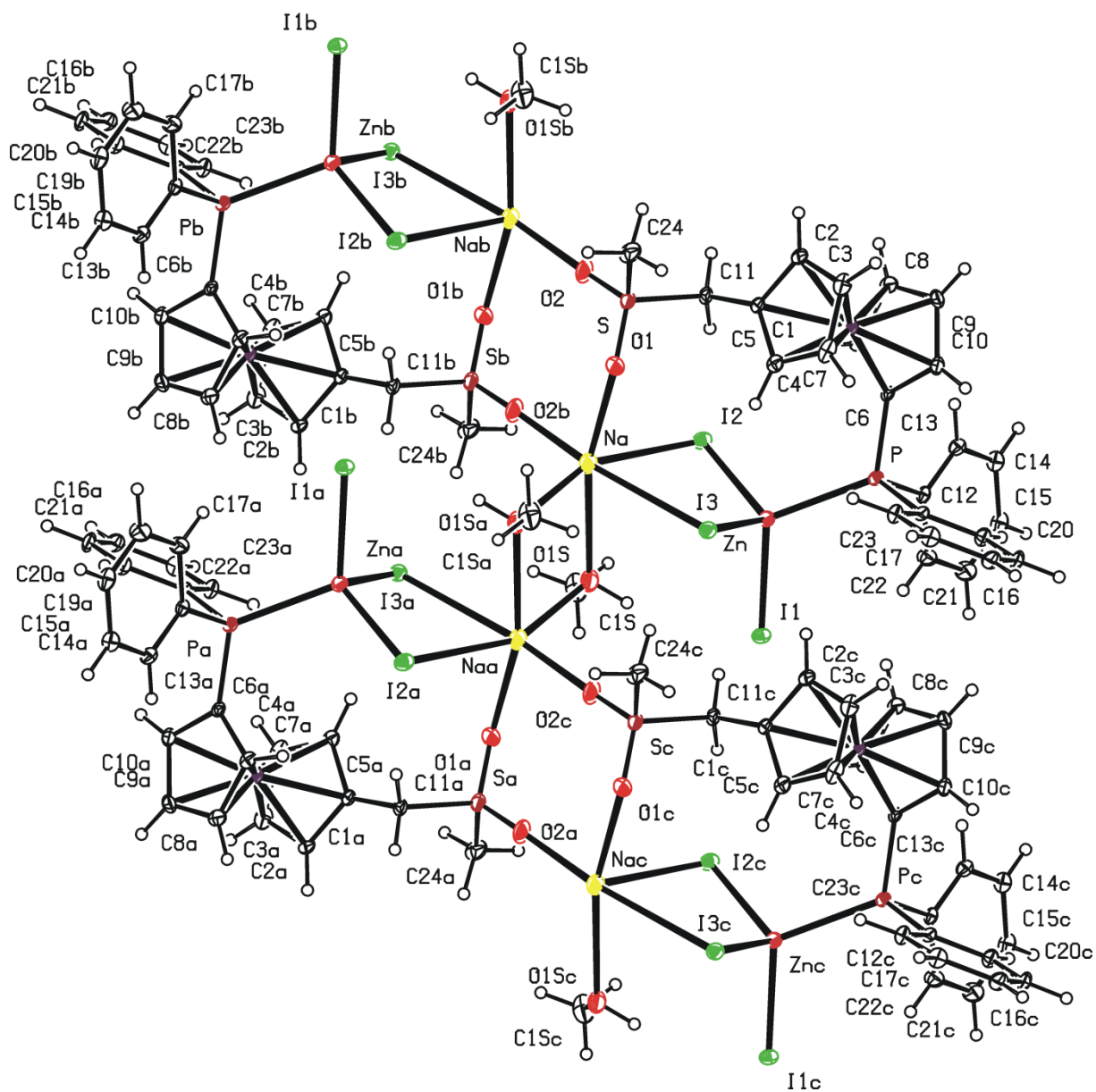
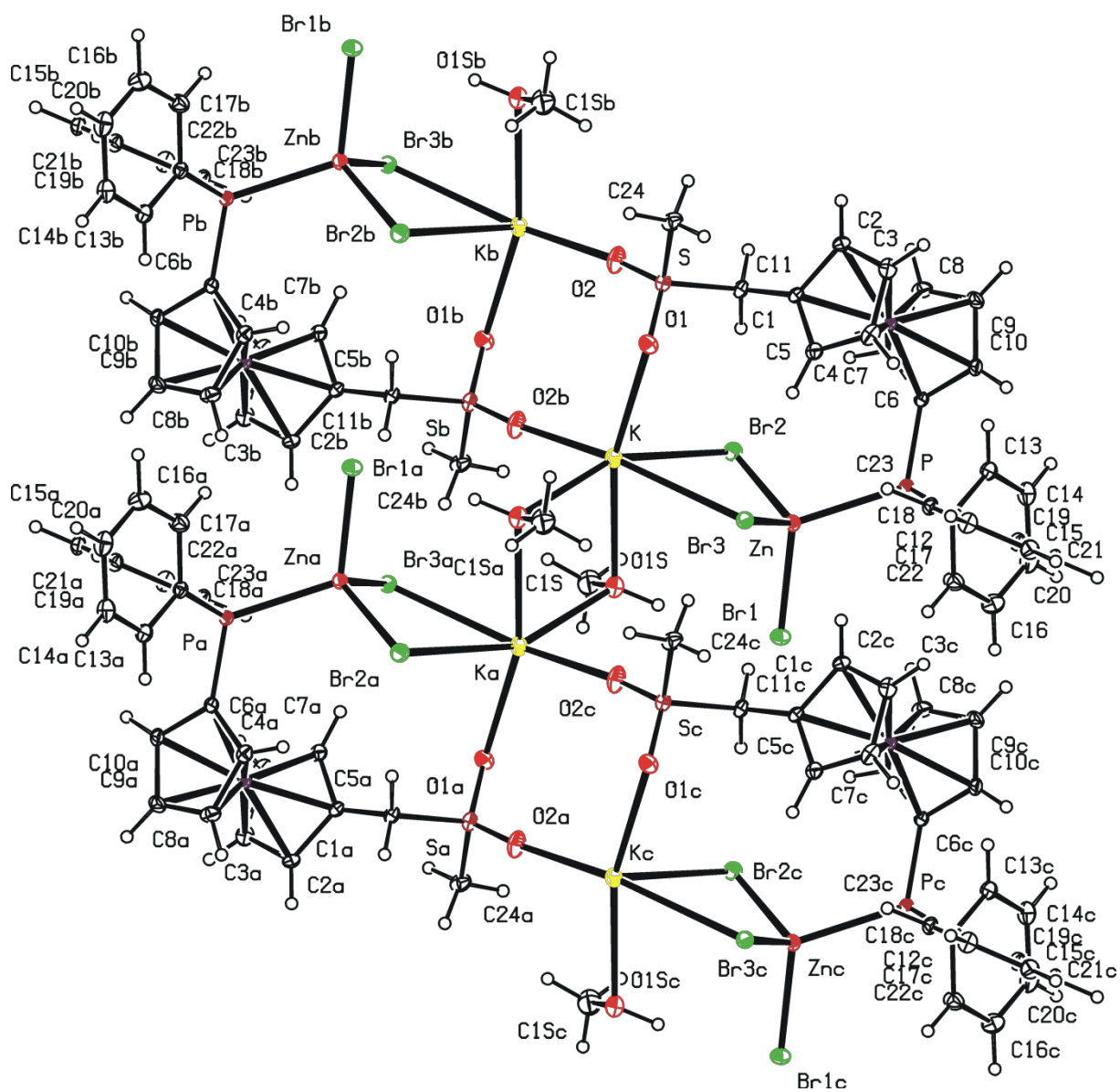
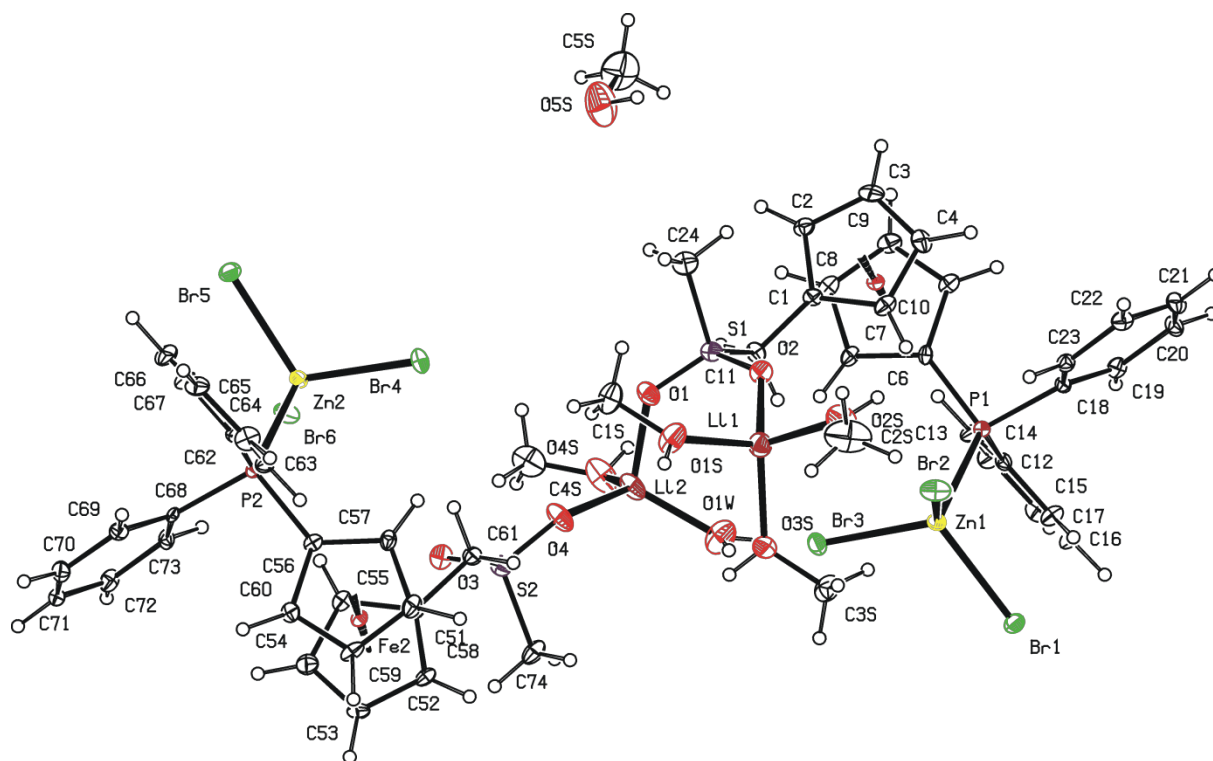


Figure S3. PLATON plot of the structure of **8b** (30% probability ellipsoids).



**Figure S4.** PLATON plot of the structure of **9a** (30% probability ellipsoids).



**Figure S5.** PLATON plot of the structure of **10a**·CH<sub>3</sub>OH (30% probability ellipsoids).

## Crystallization conditions

Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by liquid-phase diffusion of diethyl ether *and* tetrahydrofuran into a solution in methanol (**2**·CH<sub>3</sub>OH: orange prism, 0.30 × 0.38 × 0.50 mm<sup>3</sup>) or similarly from hexane-ethyl acetate (**6a**: orange prism, 0.18 × 0.33 × 0.46 mm<sup>3</sup>; **6b**: orange prism, 0.52 × 0.59 × 0.72 mm<sup>3</sup>; **6c**: orange prism, 0.27 × 0.39 × 0.53 mm<sup>3</sup>) and chloroform-hexane **7** (orange prism, 0.32 × 0.40 × 0.42 mm<sup>3</sup>). The crystals of **5** were grown from hot heptane (orange plate, 0.16 × 0.34 × 0.51 mm<sup>3</sup>), while crystals of **6a'** separated during an attempted crystallization of a **6a**-ZnBr<sub>2</sub> mixture from methanol-diethyl ether (orange plate, 0.12 × 0.32 × 0.47 mm<sup>3</sup>). Finally, the crystals of the alkali metal-Zn complexes were selected from the preparative batches (see the main text; **8a**: orange prism, 0.14 × 0.21 × 0.49 mm<sup>3</sup>; **8b**: orange prism, 0.11 × 0.13 × 0.20 mm<sup>3</sup>; **9a**: orange prism, 0.22 × 0.27 × 0.45 mm<sup>3</sup>; **10a**: orange plate, 0.09 × 0.17 × 0.37 mm<sup>3</sup>).

**Table S1.** Summary of relevant crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters.<sup>a</sup>

Compound	<b>2</b> ·CH <sub>3</sub> OH	<b>5</b>	<b>6a</b>
Formula	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>36</sub> FeNO <sub>4</sub> PS	C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>21</sub> FeP	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>23</sub> FeO <sub>2</sub> PS
<i>M</i>	581.47	384.22	462.30
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i> (no. 14)	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)
<i>a</i> [Å]	7.0893(3)	8.7389(2)	7.8229(4)
<i>b</i> [Å]	9.9492(3)	16.9638(4)	11.1181(5)
<i>c</i> [Å]	19.5949(7)	13.0688(3)	12.0934(6)
$\alpha$ [°]	95.151(1)		101.649(2)
$\beta$ [°]	95.806(1)	107.331(1)	94.256(2)
$\gamma$ [°]	98.625(1)		90.378(2)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1351.68(9)	1849.43(7)	1027.08(9)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.429	1.380	1.495
$\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.731	0.904	0.932
Diffns total	23173	17737	12206
Independent/obsd <sup>[b]</sup> diffns	6191/5736	4242/3747	4682/4224
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> <sup>[c]</sup>	1.69	2.07	1.66
Parameters	337	227	263
<i>R</i> (obsd diffns) [%] <sup>b,c</sup>	2.53	2.73	2.50
<i>R</i> , <i>wR</i> (all data) [%] <sup>c</sup>	2.80, 6.60	3.30, 7.22	2.91, 6.52
$\Delta\rho$ [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.30, -0.37	0.49, -0.30	0.35, -0.29



**Table S1 continued**

Compound	<b>6a'</b>	<b>6b</b>	<b>6c</b>
Formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>23</sub> FeO <sub>2</sub> PS	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>25</sub> FeO <sub>2</sub> PS	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>27</sub> FeO <sub>2</sub> PS
<i>M</i>	462.30	524.37	538.40
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i> (no. 14)	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i> (no. 14)	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)
<i>a</i> [Å]	14.1802(9)	16.2612(6)	8.2576(5)
<i>b</i> [Å]	9.4057(5)	18.1098(7)	12.8146(9)
<i>c</i> [Å]	15.804(1)	8.3519(3)	13.7867(9)
$\alpha$ [°]			110.459(2)
$\beta$ [°]	90.557(3)	96.312(1)	102.564(3)
$\gamma$ [°]			99.109(2)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2107.7(2)	2444.6(2)	1289.6(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.457	1.425	1.387
$\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.909	0.793	0.754
Diffns total	16500	22343	13745
Independent/obsd <sup>[b]</sup> diffns	4836/3929	5615/5161	5908/5235
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> <sup>[c]</sup>	3.22	1.72	2.93
Parameters	263	307	317
<i>R</i> (obsd diffns) [%] <sup>b,c</sup>	3.31	2.69	3.63
<i>R</i> , <i>wR</i> (all data) [%] <sup>c</sup>	4.61, 7.84	3.01, 6.97	4.19, 10.3
$\Delta\rho$ [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.90, -0.33	0.38, -0.36	1.22, <sup>d</sup> -0.45

**Table S1 continued**

Compound	<b>7</b>	<b>8a</b>	<b>8b</b>
Formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>34</sub> FeP <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>27</sub> Br <sub>3</sub> FeNaO <sub>3</sub> PSZn	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>27</sub> FeI <sub>3</sub> NaO <sub>3</sub> PSZn
<i>M</i>	632.46	822.44	963.41
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)
<i>a</i> [Å]	9.9555(3)	8.7397(2)	8.9509(2)
<i>b</i> [Å]	11.1437(3)	9.2716(2)	9.5006(2)
<i>c</i> [Å]	15.0607(4)	18.1021(5)	18.2554(4)
$\alpha$ [°]	71.439(1)	91.264(1)	91.0698(9)
$\beta$ [°]	80.375(1)	100.075(1)	99.5953(8)
$\gamma$ [°]	86.098(1)	95.088(1)	95.3065(7)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1561.45(8)	1437.46(6)	1523.22(6)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.345	1.900	2.101
$\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.614	5.678	4.464
Diffns total	23640	21875	19034
Indep/obsd <sup>[b]</sup> diffns	7169/6067	6597/5423	6997/6007
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> <sup>[c]</sup>	2.79	2.39	2.38
Parameters	388	327	327
<i>R</i> (obsd diffns) [%] <sup>b,c</sup>	3.86	2.87	2.70
<i>R</i> , <i>wR</i> (all data) [%] <sup>c</sup>	4.77, 10.8	4.08, 6.51	3.38, 5.76
$\Delta\rho$ [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.97, <sup>d</sup> -0.31	0.76, -0.72	1.86, <sup>e</sup> -0.82

**Table S1 continued**

Compound	<b>9a</b>	<b>10a</b> ·CH <sub>3</sub> OH
Formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>27</sub> Br <sub>3</sub> FeKO <sub>3</sub> PSZn	C <sub>53</sub> H <sub>68</sub> Br <sub>6</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> Li <sub>2</sub> O <sub>10</sub> P <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>
<i>M</i>	838.55	1726.91
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1 (no. 2)	<i>P</i> 1 (no. 1) <sup>f</sup>
<i>a</i> [Å]	8.8279(3)	8.5888(7)
<i>b</i> [Å]	9.3796(3)	9.6908(6)
<i>c</i> [Å]	18.2463(5)	19.623(2)
$\alpha$ [°]	88.457(1)	85.139(3)
$\beta$ [°]	80.307(1)	80.198(3)
$\gamma$ [°]	85.691(1)	85.628(3)
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1484.90(8)	1600.5(2)
<i>Z</i>	2	1
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.875	1.792
$\mu$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	5.622	5.096
Diffns total	20827	32003
Indep/obsd <sup>[b]</sup> diffns	6801/5876	14458/11651
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> <sup>[c]</sup>	2.27	3.48
Parameters	326	716
<i>R</i> (obsd diffns) [%] <sup>b,c</sup>	2.33	3.53
<i>R</i> , <i>wR</i> (all data) [%] <sup>c</sup>	3.19, 4.99	5.40, 6.87
$\Delta\rho$ [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.91, -0.38	0.78, -0.76

<sup>a</sup> Common details: *T* = 150(2) K. <sup>b</sup> Observed diffractions with  $I_o \geq 2\sigma(I_o)$ . <sup>c</sup> Definitions:  $R_{\text{int}} = \Sigma |F_o^2 - F_o^2(\text{mean})| / \Sigma F_o^2$ , where  $F_o^2(\text{mean})$  is the average intensity of symmetry-equivalent diffractions.  $R(F) = \Sigma (|F_o| - |F_c|) / \Sigma |F_o|$ ;  $wR(F^2) = \{\Sigma [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2\}^{1/2}$ . <sup>d</sup> Residual electron density attributable to the lone electron pair at the phosphorus atom. <sup>e</sup> Residual electron density in the vicinity of heavy atoms (iodine). <sup>f</sup> Flack's enantiomorph parameter: -0.013(6).