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# Computational investigations of electronic structure modifications of ferroceneterminated self-assembled monolayers: Effects of electron donating/withdrawing functional groups attached on ferrocene moiety

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Occupied-state molecular orbitals of ferrocene, C4(CO)Fc, C5Fc, C5OctFc molecules.

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Electronic Properties of SAMs.

| (a     | <sup>a)</sup> Fe | rrocene | <sup>(b)</sup> C4(CO)Fo       | (c)   | C5Fc   | (d) (                        | 5OctFc   |
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|        | (e)              |         | Ferrocene                     |       | C5Ec   | C5OctEc                      |  |
|        |                  |         | 1 22                          | 0.72  | 1 21   | 1.66                         |  |
|        |                  | HOMO-1  | 1 20                          | 0.67  | 1.19   | 1.64                         |  |
|        |                  | HOMO-2  | 1.05                          | 0.64  | 1.08   | 1.47                         |  |
|        |                  | HOMO-3  | -0.69                         | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.26                         |  |
|        |                  | HOMO-4  | -0.69                         | -0.14 | -0.51  | 0.21                         |  |
|        |                  | HOMO-5  | -1.12                         | -1.03 | -0.69  | 0.00                         | _  |
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|        |                  |         | 0.00                          | -0.50 | 0.00   | 0.43                         |  |

**Fig. S1** Occupied-state molecular orbitals of (a) ferrocene, (b) C4(CO)Fc, (c) C5Fc, and (d) C5OctFc molecules. HOMO and HOMO–1 of the ferrocene molecule are degenerate and those of the others have almost the same energy. HOMO, HOMO–1, and HOMO–2 orbitals contribute to the first peak of DOS curves in Fig. 1. (e) Orbital energies (in eV) with respect to the localized -SH state (see main text for details).



**Fig. S2** Comparisons between  $\Delta HOMO_{SAM}$  and  $\Delta HOMO_{mol}$  of C4(CO)Fc, C5Fc, and C5OctFc systems.  $\Delta HOMO_{SAM}$  is presented with respect to each matrix SAM. The dotted line indicates a slope of 1 for comparison.

| Table S1 | Geometry | Parameters of | Optimized | SAM Structures. |
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| SAMs          | $d_{ m SAM} \ ({ m \AA})^a$ | $h_{\rm S}$ (Å) <sup>b</sup> | r(S–C)<br>(Å) | $\theta$ (S–C)<br>(°) <sup>c</sup> | r(Au–S)<br>(Å) <sup>d</sup> | h4–h3<br>(Å) <sup>e</sup> | h3–h2<br>(Å) <sup>e</sup> | h2–h1<br>(Å) <sup>e</sup> | r(Fe–C)<br>(Å) | r(С–Н)<br>(Å) | r(С–С)<br>(Å) |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Au(111)       | -                           | -                            | -             | -                                  | -                           | 2.50                      | 2.47                      | 2.40                      | -              | -             | -             |
| C4            | 7.97                        | 2.19                         | 1.84          | 55.0                               | 2.48                        | 2.49                      | 2.49                      | 2.40                      | -              | -             | -             |
| C4OH          | 9.05                        | 2.19                         | 1.84          | 55.0                               | 2.48                        | 2.49                      | 2.49                      | 2.40                      | -              | -             | -             |
| C4(CO)Fc/C4   | 12.76                       | 2.21                         | 1.84          | 57.2                               | 2.48                        | 2.50                      | 2.50                      | 2.40                      | 2.04           | 1.09          | -             |
| C4(CO)Fc/C4OH | 12.78                       | 2.16                         | 1.84          | 56.8                               | 2.48                        | 2.48                      | 2.48                      | 2.40                      | 2.04           | 1.09          | -             |
| C5Fc/C4       | 12.75                       | 2.19                         | 1.84          | 55.2                               | 2.48                        | 2.49                      | 2.49                      | 2.40                      | 2.04           | 1.08          | -             |
| C5Fc/C4OH     | 12.81                       | 2.18                         | 1.84          | 55.5                               | 2.48                        | 2.49                      | 2.48                      | 2.40                      | 2.04           | 1.09          | -             |
| C5OctFc/C4    | 14.39                       | 2.18                         | 1.84          | 55.8                               | 2.48                        | 2.49                      | 2.49                      | 2.40                      | 2.04           | -             | 1.49          |
| C5OctFc/C4OH  | 14.44                       | 2.18                         | 1.84          | 55.7                               | 2.48                        | 2.49                      | 2.49                      | 2.40                      | 2.04           | -             | 1.49          |

<sup>*a*</sup> The SAM thickness  $d_{\text{SAM}}$  is defined as the height of the farthest atom from the ideal bulk terminated Au(111) surface.

<sup>*b*</sup> The height of sulfur atoms  $h_s$  is defined as the average height of the sulfur atoms from the ideal bulk terminated Au(111) surface.

<sup>c</sup> The angle  $\theta$ (S–C) is defined as the average angle of S–C bond with respect to the surface normal.

 $^{d}$  The length r(Au-S) is defined as the average length of the sulfur atom and two gold atoms that constitute the bridge site; the position of sulfur atom is slightly shifted to the FCC-hollow site.

<sup>e</sup> The spacing of Au layers; *h*4 represents the average height of the topmost Au layers.

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|---------------|----------------------------|---|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| SAMs          | $HOMO_{SAM}$<br>$(eV)^{a}$ | $\frac{\Delta \text{HOMO}_{\text{SAM}}}{(\text{eV})^b}$ | W<br>(eV) | $\Delta W$ (eV) <sup>b</sup> | $\mu$ (Debye) <sup>c</sup> | $\Delta V_{\mathrm{ES}} \left( \mathbf{S} \right)$ $\left( \mathbf{V} \right)^{b,d}$ | $V_{\mathrm{ES}}$ (O)<br>(V) <sup>e</sup> | $\Delta V_{\rm ES}$ (Fe)<br>(V) <sup>b,f</sup> | $\Delta I_{p}$ $(V)^{b,g}$ |
| Au(111)       | -                          | -   | 5.16      | 1.35                         | -0.20                      | -  | -   | -  | -                          |
| C4            | -                          | -   | 3.80      | -0.01                        | 3.46                       | -0.01  | -   | -  | -                          |
| C4OH          | -                          | -   | 3.18      | -0.63                        | 4.96                       | 0.00   | 0.00                                      | -  | -                          |
| C4(CO)Fc/C4   | -1.30                      | -0.73   | 3.22      | -0.59                        | 4.90                       | 0.03   | -   | -0.72  | 0.14                       |
| C4(CO)Fc/C4OH | -1.38                      | -0.81   | 2.95      | -0.86                        | 5.16                       | -0.16  | -0.80                                     | -0.91  | -0.05                      |
| C5Fc/C4       | -0.57                      | 0.00  | 3.81      | 0.00                         | 3.40                       | 0.00   | -   | 0.00   | 0.00                       |
| C5Fc/C4OH     | -0.84                      | -0.27   | 3.41      | -0.40                        | 4.05                       | -0.16  | -0.11                                     | -0.39  | -0.13                      |
| C5OctFc/C4    | -0.14                      | 0.43  | 3.73      | -0.08                        | 3.37                       | -0.10  | -   | 0.45   | -0.51                      |
| C5OctFc/C4OH  | -0.21                      | 0.36  | 3.60      | -0.21                        | 3.69                       | -0.03  | -0.21                                     | 0.38   | -0.57                      |

### **Table S2 Electronic Properties of SAMs.**

<sup>*a*</sup> The peak top energy of the first peak in Fig. 4.

<sup>b</sup> Relative value with respect to the C5Fc/C4 SAM.

<sup>*c*</sup> Dipole moment of the unit cell perpendicular to the surface.

<sup>*d*</sup> Average electrostatic potential energy at the positions of sulfur atoms.

<sup>e</sup> Differences of average electrostatic potential at the positions of oxygen atom in the C4OH molecule before and after

C4(CO)Fc, C5Fc, and C5OctFc substitutions.

<sup>*f*</sup> Electrostatic potential at the position of the iron atom.

<sup>g</sup> Ionization potential  $I_p$  is defined as the difference between the vacuum level and HOMO<sub>SAM</sub>.