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Synthesis of ferrocenylmethylidene and arylidene substituted camphane based compounds as potential anticancer agents

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S1. General information and methodology

Chemistry:

For thin layer chromatography (TLC) aluminum sheets precoated with silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ (Merck) were used. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel 60 (0.040-0.063 mm, 230-400 mesh ASTM, Merck). Commercially available solvents for TLC and column chromatography were used after distillation (and were dried when needed) - hexane, heptane, light petroleum ether fraction 40-60°C (PE), diethyl ether (Et₂O), dichloromethane (DCM), methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE), tetrahydrofurane (THF), methanol (MeOH), ethanol (EtOH), ethylacetate (EtOAc). Toluene for *Claisen-Shmidt* type condensation was with 99.5 % purity (contains ca. 0.05% water) and was used without distillation. N,N-Diisopropylethylamine (DIEA) and trimethylamine were commercially available. Melting temperatures were determined in capillary tubes on an Electrothermal MEL-TEMP 1102D-230 VAC apparatus without corrections. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DRX-250 (250.13 for ¹H and 62.90 MHz for ¹³C) and on a Bruker Avance II+ 600 (600.13 for ¹H and 150.92 MHz and for ¹³C NMR) spectrometers. In case of CDCl₃ TMS was used as internal standard for chemical shifts (δ , ppm) and ¹H spectra were calibrated to the signal of TMS ($\delta = 0.0000$). ¹³C spectra were calibrated in all cases to the residual solvent peaks (CDCl₃, δ = 77.00). The following additional NMR techniques were used: DEPT135, COSY, HSQC and HMBC. ¹H and ¹³C NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet), integration, identification, and coupling constants (in Hz). For numbering of the atoms see section S2 in this supplementary material. Mass spectra (MS) were recorded on a Thermo Scientific High Resolution Magnetic Sector MS DFS by chemical ionization (CI) or electrospray ionization (ESI), and are reported as fragmentation in m/zwith relative intensities (%). Elemental analyses were performed by the Microanalytical Laboratory for Elemental Analysis of the Institute of Organic Chemistry with Centre of Phytochemistry, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

The names of the compounds are in agreement with the IUPAC nomenclature. The numbering of atoms in formulas is not in conformity with the IUPAC names of the compounds. Chemical shifts of carbon atoms in ¹³C NMR spectra assigned with asterisk (*) are tentative. The assignments of protons as H_a and H_b are tentative. Some other assignments: Cp – cyclopentadienyl ring, Fc – ferrocene.

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Supplementary figure 1. Comparison of cytotoxicity of the ferrocenylmethylidene derivatives studied by MTT assay in four cancer and two normal cell lines after exposure to studied compounds for 72 h; the data are plotted as the IC_{50} values. The mean values of three independent experiments are presented the standard deviation is about 5% over most data, and is not shown to avoid clutter.



Supplementary figure 2. *Panel A*. An example plate layout for illustration how PE was calculated - the ratio of the number of colonies to the number of cells seeded according the formula:

PE = no. of colonies formed/ no. of cells seeded x 100%.

Panel B. A typical plate layout for SF calculation according the formula:

SF = no. of colonies formed after treatment/ no. of cells seeded x PE.

In every experiment, the PE was determined, as small changes in conditions may influence this factor. The surviving fraction of cells after each treatment was always calculated taking into account the PE of control cells in the same experiment.

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S2. Synthesis and analytical data of compounds

1-((1*S*,4*R*)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylmethanesulfonamide (8):



For preparation and analytical data of this compound see references [1,2].

N-(*tert*-butyl)-1-((1*S*,4*R*)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)methanesulfonamide (9):



To a solution of 1.94 ml (18.35 mmol) *tert*-butylamine (**2**) in 50 ml dry DCM was added at 0°C in small portions (1*S*)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonyl chloride (**1**) as a solid (2.00 g, 7.98 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product was crystallized from heptane:acetone = 10:1 ml. The crystals obtained were washed with hexane and dried *in vacuo* to give 1.57 g (69%) pure **9** as white crystals. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): δ = 3.49 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 2.99 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, *J* = 15.0 Hz), 2.40 (m, 1H, 3-H_{exo}), 2.32 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.12 (br t, 1H, 4-H, *J* = 4.5 Hz), 2.03 (tdd, 1H, 5-H_{exo}, *J* = 16.2, 12.1, 4.1 Hz), 1.94 (d, 1H, 3-H_{endo}, *J* = 18.7 Hz), 1.90 (m, 1H, 6-H_{endo}), 1.44 (m, 1H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.41 (s, 9H, 12-H), 1.05 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.91 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): δ = 216.89 (1C, 2-C), 59.28 (1C, 1-C), 54.86 (1C, 11-C), 53.77 (1C, 10-C), 48.54 (1C, 7-C), 42.91 (1C, 3-C), 42.71 (1C, 4-C), 30.25 (3C, 12-C), 27.00 (1C, 5-C), 26.31 (1C, 6-C), 19.87 (1C, 8-C), 19.64 (1C, 9-C).

For other properties of this compound see references [3-5].

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 (1*S*,4*R*)-7,7-dimethyl-1-(((4-phenylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonyl)methyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (10):



A modified literature procedure was used for this reaction [6].

To a solution of 1-phenylpiperazine (4) (3.03 ml, 19.94 mmol) and DIEA (3.63 ml, 21.93 mmol) in 40 ml dry DCM was added at 0°C in small portions (1S)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonyl chloride (1) (5.0 g, 19.94 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h and washed with 5% aqueous HCl, water, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and water again. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and solvent was evaporated *in vacuo*. The product was washed with hot heptane (40 ml) and hexane (5 ml) and dried *in vacuo* to give 7.17 g (95%) pure **10** as white crystals. M.p. 154-155 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): δ = 7.29 (m, 2H, 15-H), 6.94 (m, 2H, 14-H), 6.91 (br dt, 1H, 16-H, J = 7.4, 1.0 Hz), 3.47 (m, 4H, 11-H), 3.38 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 14.6 Hz), 3.27 (br t, 4H, 12-H, J = 5.0 Hz), 2.78 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 14.6 Hz), 2.54 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.39 (m, 1H, 3-H_{exo}), 2.13 (br t, 1H, 4-H, J = 4.5 Hz), 2.06 (m, 1H, 5-H_{exo}), 1.95 (d, 1H, 3-H_{endo}, J = 18.5 Hz), 1.67 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.1, 9.4, 4.8 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 13.0, 9.4, 4.0 Hz), 1.15 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.89 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 215.17$ (1C, 2-C), 150.77 (1C, 13-C), 129.23 (2C, 15-C), 120.70 (1C, 16-C), 116.92 (2C, 14-C), 58.15 (1C, 1-C), 49.52 (2C, 12-C), 47.92 (1C, 7-C), 45.69 (2C, 11-C), 44.62 (1C, 10-C), 42.74 (1C, 4-C), 42.55 (1C, 3-C), 26.89 (1C, 5-C), 25.08 (1C, 6-C), 19.98 (1C, 9-C), 19.76 (1C, 8-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 378 (26, M+2), 377 (100, M+1), 376 (38, M), 161 (32). Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈N₂O₃S (376.51): C, 63.80; H, 7.50; N, 7.44; S, 8.52. Found: C, 63.74; H, 7.54; N, 7.49; S, 8.50 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 (1*S*,4*R*)-1-(((3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1*H*)-yl)sulfonyl)methyl)-7,7-dimethylbicyclo[2.2.1] heptan-2-one (11):



To a solution of 2.50 ml (19.94 mmol) 5 and 3.06 ml (21.93 mmol) Et₃N in 80 ml dry DCM was added at 0°C in small portions (1S)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonyl chloride (1) as a solid (5.00 g, 19.94) mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 48 h, washed with aqueous citric acid and water and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product was crystallized from heptane: EtOH = 40:30 ml. The crystals were washed with hot hexane and dried in vacuo to give 5.99 g (86%) pure **11** as white crystals. M.p. 150-151 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 293 K): $\delta = 7.19$ (m, 2H, 16-H, 17-H), 7.15 (m, 1H, 15-H), 7.10 (m, 1H, 18-H), 4.55 (d, 1H, 18 11-H_a, J = 15.4 Hz), 4.51 (d, 1H, 11-H_b, J = 15.4 Hz), 3.63 (td, 1H, 12-H_a, J = 12.0, 5.9 Hz), 3.59 (td, 1H, 12-H_b, J = 12.0, 5.9 Hz), 3.41 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 14.6 Hz), 2.98 (t, 2H, 13-H, J = 5.9 Hz), 2.81 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 14.6 Hz), 2.56 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.38 (m, 1H, 3-H_{exo}), 2.11 (br t, 1H, 4-H, J =4.5 Hz), 2.06 (m, 1H, 5-H_{exo}), 1.94 (d, 1H, 3-H_{endo}, J = 18.5 Hz), 1.67 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.1, 9.4, 4.8 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 13.0, 9.4, 4.0 Hz), 1.15 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.88 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 215.31$ (1C, 2-C), 133.31 (1C, 14-C), 132.03 (1C, 19-C), 128.98 (1C, 15-C), 126.77^{*} (1C, 17-C), 126.39^{*} (1C, 18-C), 126.30^{*} (1C, 16-C), 58.24 (1C, 1-C), 47.95 (1C, 7-C), 47.04 (1C, 11-C), 45.52 (1C, 10-C), 43.32 (1C, 12-C), 42.73 (1C, 4-C), 42.57 (1C, 3-C), 29.10 (1C, 13-C), 26.90 (1C, 5-C), 25.10 (1C, 6-C), 19.97 (1C, 9-C), 19.76 (1C, 8-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 349 (12, M+2), 348 (53, M+1), 216 (12), 215 (100, camphor-SO₂), 133 (11, tetrahydroisoquinoline), 132 (86, tetrahydroisoquinoline-1). Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₂₅NO₃S (347.47): C, 65.68; H, 7.25; N, 4.03; S, 9.23. Found: C, 65.61; H, 7.29; N, 4.08; S, 9.25 %.

For preparation of this compound see also reference [7].

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hexahydro-8H-1,5-methanopyrido[1,2-a][1,5]diazocin-8-one (12):



To a solution of 0.835 g (4.39 mmol) cytisine (6) and 0.67 ml (4.79 mmol) Et_3N in 20 ml dry DCM was added at 0° C in small portions (1S)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonyl chloride (1) as a solid (1.00 g, 3.99 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 20 h (TLC monitoring - DCM:MTBE = 3:1), washed with aqueous citric acid and water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (40 g silica gel, phase - DCM:MTBE = 3:1) to give 1.11 g (68%) pure 12 as white crystals. M.p. 173-174 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): δ = 7.29 (dd, 1H, 19-H, J = 9.1, 6.9 Hz), 6.45 (dd, 1H, 20-H, J = 9.1, 1.2 Hz), 6.06 (dd, 1H, 18-H, J = 6.9, 1.2 Hz), 4.17 (d, 1H, 16-H_a, J = 15.7 Hz), 3.93 (m, 1H, $16-H_{b}$), 3.91 (m, 1H, 11-H_a), 3.82 (m, 1H, 15-H_a), 3.20 (m, 1H, 11-H_b), 3.18 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 14.7Hz), 3.14 (dd, 1H, 15-H_b, J = 11.7, 2.1 Hz), 3.12 (br s, 1H, 14-H), 2.59 (m, 1H, 12-H), 2.54 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 14.7 Hz), 2.34 (m, 1H, 3-H_{exo}), 2.29 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.07 (br t, 1H, 4-H, J = 4.5 Hz), 2.03 (m, 1H, 13-H_a), 1.98 (m, 1H, 5-H_{exo}), 1.92 (m, 1H, 13-H_b), 1.88 (d, 1H, 3-H_{endo}, J = 18.5 Hz), 1.48 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.0, 9.4, 4.7 Hz), 1.36 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 13.0, 9.4, 3.9 Hz), 1.02 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.82 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 215.00$ (1C, 2-C), 163.23 (1C, 21-C), 148.42 (1C, 17-C), 138.72 (1C, 19-C), 117.64 (1C, 20-C), 105.36 (1C, 18-C), 57.99 (1C, 1-C), 52.76 (1C, 15-C), 51.54 (1C, 11-C), 48.83 (1C, 16-C), 47.96 (1C, 7-C), 46.18 (1C, 10-C), 42.65 (1C, 4-C), 42.50 (1C, 3-C), 34.33 (1C, 14-C), 27.09 (1C, 12-C), 26.86 (1C, 5-C), 25.27 (1C, 13-C), 24.92 (1C, 6-C), 19.70* (1C, 8-C), 19.66* (1C, 9-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 406 (26, M+2), 405 (100, M+1), 404 (20, M), 189 (11). Anal. calcd. for C₂₁H₂₈N₂O₄S (404.52): C, 62.35; H, 6.98; N, 6.93; S, 7.93. Found: C, 62.30; H, 6.92; N, 6.98; S, 7.88 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 N-adamantan-1-yl-1-((1S,4R)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)

methanesulfonamide (13):



To a solution of 0.995 g (6.58 mmol) 1-adamantylamine (7) and 1.00 ml (7.18 mmol) Et₃N in 20 ml dry DCM was added at 0°C in small portions (1S)-(+)-10-camphorsulfonyl chloride (1) as a solid (1.50 g, 5.98 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 24 h (TLC monitoring – DCM), washed with aqueous citric acid and water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (70 g silica gel, phase – a) DCM, b) DCM:MTBE = 10:1) to give 1.30 g (60%) pure **13** as white crystals. M.p. 196-197 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 5.00$ (br s, 1H, SO₂NH), 3.50 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J =15.0 Hz), 3.01 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.40 (m, 1H, 3-H_{exo}), 2.33 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.11 (m, 4H, 4-H, 13-H), 2.03 (m, 1H, 5-H_{exo}) 2.01 (br s, 6H, 12-H), 1.94 (d, 1H, 3-H_{endo}, J = 18.5 Hz), 1.89 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 4.9 Hz), 1.67 (br t, 6H, 14-H, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 4.9 Hz), 1.67 (br t, 6H, 14-H, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 4.9 Hz), 1.67 (br t, 6H, 14-H, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 4.9 Hz), 1.67 (br t, 6H, 14-H, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 4.9 Hz), 1.67 (br t, 6H, 14-H, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 4.9 Hz), 1.67 (br t, 6H, 14-H, J = 3.0 Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 14-Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 9.4, 14-Hz), 1.44 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 14.3, 14-Hz), 14-Hz 13.0, 9.4, 4.0 Hz), 1.05 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.91 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta =$ 216.83 (1C, 2-C), 59.34 (1C, 1-C), 55.38 (1C, 11-C), 54.46 (1C, 10-C), 48.49 (1C, 7-C), 43.14 (3C, 12-C), 42.91 (1C, 3-C), 42.73 (1C, 4-C), 35.96 (3C, 14-C), 29.62 (3C, 13-C), 26.99 (1C, 5-C), 26.26 (1C, 6-C), 19.93 (8-C), 19.70 (1C, 9-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 366 (7, M+1), 364 (10, M-1), 135 (100, adamantyl). Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₃₁NO₃S (365.53): C, 65.72; H, 8.55; N, 3.83; S, 8.77. Found: C, 65.77; H, 8.50; N, 3.86; S, 8.71 %.

1-((1*S*,4*S*,)-3-((*E*)-3-ferrocenylmethylidene)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylmethanesulfonamide (15):



For preparation and analytical data of this compound see references [1,2].

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 1-((1S,4S)-3-((E)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)-N-(tert-butyl)methanesulfonamide (16):



To a solution of 0.500 g (1.74 mmol) 9 and 0.372 g (1.74 mmol) ferrocenecarbaldehyde (14) in 25 ml dry toluene were added powdered KOH (0.195 g, 3.48) and a crystal of 18-crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 3 h (TLC monitoring – DCM) and cooled. 30 ml Et₂O was added, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and crude product was purified by column chromatography (80 g silica gel, phase – a) DCM, b) DCM:MTBE = 10:1) to give 0.779 g (93%) pure **16** as red crystals. M.p. 133-134 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 293 K): $\delta = 7.13$ (s, 1H, 13-H), 5.65 (s, 1H, NH) 4.52 (m, 1H, 15-H), 4.51 (m, 1H, 18-H), 4.45 (m, 1H, 17-H), 4.43 (dt, 1H, 16-H, J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (d, 1H, 10-H_a), J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.58 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.5 15.0 Hz), 3.06 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.93 (br d, 1H, 4-H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.32 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.17 (tt, 1H, 5-H_{exo}, J = 11.4, 4.5 Hz), 2.03 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.1, 9.3, 4.8 Hz), 1.56 (m, 1H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.45 (s, 9H, 12-H), 1.05 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.89 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): δ = 204.91 (1C, 2-C), 136.48 (1C, 3-C), 130.75 (1C, 13-C), 78.06 (1C, 14-C), 71.83 (1C, 15-C), 71.05* (1C, 16-C or 17-C), 71.03* (1C, 16-C or 17-C), 69.47 (5C, Cp), 68.91 (1C, 18-C), 58.68 (1C, 1-C), 54.89 (1C, 11-C), 54.12 (1C, 10-C), 48.92 (1C, 4-C), 48.28 (1C, 7-C), 30.30 (3C, 12-C), 27.81 (1C, 6-C), 25.62 (1C, 5-C), 20.74 (1C, 9-C), 18.89 (1C, 8-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 484 (96, M+1), 483 (55, M), 428 (60), 411 (100), 347 (25). Anal. calcd. for C₂₅H₃₃FeNO₃S (483.44): C, 62.11; H, 6.88; Fe, 11.55; N, 2.90; S, 6.63. Found: C, 62.19; H, 6.92; Fe, 11.50; N, 2.88; S, 6.67 %.

This journal is \bigcirc The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 (1*S*,4*S*)-3-((*E*)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-7,7-dimethyl-1-(((4-phenylpiperazin-1-

yl)sulfonyl)methyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (17):



A mixture of 10 (1.00 g, 2.66 mmol), powdered KOH (0.224 g, 3.99 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.071 g, 0.27 mmol) in 20 ml dry toluene was stirred for 30 min and ferrocenecarbaldehyde (14) (0.569 g, 2.66 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated for 5 h at 80°C and 1 h at 120°C. The reaction was cooled, guenched with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x30 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (160 g silica gel, phase - hexane/MTBE = 5:1) to give (1.404 g) (92%) of pure **17** as red crystals. $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -31.3$ (c 0.11, CHCl₃), M.p. 211-212 °C. ¹H NMR (600.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K); $\delta = 7.30$ (t. 2H, 15-H, J =7.6 Hz), 7.12 (s, 1H, 17-H), 6.96-6.91 (m, 3H, 14-H, 16-H), 4.52* (s, br, 1H, 22-H), 4.51* (s, br, 1H, 19-H), 4.44* (s, br, 1H, 20-H), 4.42* (s, br 1H, 21-H), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.55-3.52 (m, 5H, 11-H, 10- H_a), 3.30-3.29 (m, 4H, 12-H), 2.93 (d, 1H, 4-H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.88 (d, 1H, 10- H_b , J = 14.6 Hz), 2.64-2.59 (m, 1H, 6-Hexo), 2.24-2.18 (m, 1H, 5-Hexo), 1.75-1.70 (m, 1H, 6-Hendo), 1.59-1.53 (m, 1H, 5- H_{endo}), 1.18 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.87 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 203.56$ (1C, 2-C), 150.83 (1C, 3⁻C), 136.30 (1C, 3-C), 130.15 (1C, 11-C), 129.24 (2C, 5⁻C), 120.68 (1C, 6⁻C), 116.93 (2C, 4°-C), 78.22 (1C, 12-C), 71.62 (1C, 13-C), 70.91 (2C, 14-C, 15-C), 69.44 (5C, Cp), 69.02 (1C, 16-C), 57.48 (1C, 1-C), 49.56 (2C, 1`-C), 49.07 (1C, 4-C), 47.66 (1C, 7-C), 45.73 (2C, 2°-C), 44.87 (1C, 10-C), 26.07 (1C, 6-C), 25.57 (1C, 5-C), 20.62 (1C, 8-C), 19.39 (1C, 9-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 572 (42, M), 411 (100, M-phenylpiperazine). Anal. calcd. for C₃₁H₃₆FeN₂O₃S (572.54): C, 65.03; H, 6.34; Fe, 9.75; N, 4.89; S, 5.60. Found: C, 65.03; H, 6.34; Fe, 9.75; N, 4.89; S, 5.60 %.

This journal is \bigcirc The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 (15,45)-3-((E)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-1-(((3,4-dihydroisoquinolin-2(1H)-yl)sulfonyl)methyl)-

7,7-dimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (18):



To a solution of 0.800 g (2.30 mmol) 11 and 0.493 g (2.30 mmol) ferrocenecarbaldehyde (14) in 30 ml dry toluene were added powdered KOH (0.195 g, 3.48) and a crystal of 18-crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 3 h (TLC monitoring – PE:MTBE = 5:1) and cooled. 30 ml Et_2O was added, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and crude product was purified by column chromatography (80 silica gel, phase -a) PE:MTBE = 10:1; b) PE:MTBE = 5:1) to give 0.886 g (71%) pure **18** as red crystals. M.p. 81-82 °C. ¹H NMR $(600.13 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3, 293 \text{ K})$: $\delta = 7.20 \text{ (m, 2H, 17-H, 18-H)}, 7.15 \text{ (m, 1H, 15-H)}, 7.12 \text{ (m, 1H, 16-H)}, 7.12 \text{ (m, 1H, 16-H)},$ H), 7.10 (s, 1H, 20-H), 4.60 (d, 1H, 11-H_a, J = 15.4 Hz), 4.56 (d, 1H, 11-H_b, J = 15.4 Hz), 4.51 (td, 1H, 22-H, J = 2.5, 1.2 Hz), 4.50 (td, 1H, 25-H, J = 2.5, 1.2 Hz), 4.44^{*} (dt, 1H, 23-H or 24-H, J =2.5, 1.2 Hz), 4.42^* (dt, 1H, 23-H or 24-H, J = 2.5, 1.2 Hz), 4.14 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.68 (td, 1H, 12-H_a, J =11.9, 5.9 Hz), 3.62 (td, 1H, 12-H_b, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz), 3.55 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 14.7 Hz), 3.00 (br t, 2H, 13-H, J = 5.9 Hz), 2.92 (m, 1H, 4-H), 2.91 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 14.7 Hz), 2.63 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{exo}, J = 14.0, 11.5, 3.7 Hz), 2.21 (tt, 1H, 5-H_{exo}, J = 11.5, 4.7 Hz), 1.73 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.0, 9.3, 4.7 Hz), 1.56 (m, 1H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.18 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.86 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): δ = 203.71 (1C, 2-C), 136.38 (1C, 3-C), 133.38 (1C, 14-C), 132.12 (1C, 19-C), 130.06 (1C, 20-C), 128.99 (1C, 15-C), 126.75 (1C, 12-C), 126.38^{*} (1C, 17-C or 18-C), 126.33^{*} (1C, 17-C or 18-C), 78.23 (1C, 21-C), 71.59 (1C, 22-C), 70.89 (2C, 23-C, 24-C), 69.43 (5C, Cp), 69.04 (1C, 25-C), 57.58 (1C, 1-C), 49.07 (1C, 4-C), 47.68 (1C, 7-C), 47.08 (1C, 11-C), 45.74 (1C, 10-C), 43.37 (1C, 12-C), 29.17 (1C, 13-C), 26.09 (1C, 6-C), 25.58 (1C, 5-C), 20.63 (1C, 8-C), 19.39 (1C, 9-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 545 (20, M+2), 544 (57 (M+1), 543 (100, M), 412 (25), 411 (91, Mtetrahydroisoquinoline), 347 (35, M-FcCHO). Anal. calcd. for C₃₀H₃₃FeNO₃S (543.50): C, 66.30; H, 6.12; Fe, 10.28; N, 2.58; S, 5.90. Found: C, 66.22; H, 6.17; Fe, 10.34; N, 2.59; S, 5.94 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 (1R,5R)-3-((((1S,4S)-3-((E)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)methyl)sulfonyl)-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-8*H*-1,5-methanopyrido[1,2-a][1,5]diazocin-8-one (19):



To a solution of 0.500 g (1.24 mmol) 12 and 0.265 g (1.24 mmol) ferrocenecarbaldehyde (14) in 30 ml dry toluene were added powdered KOH (0.195 g, 3.48) and a crystal of 18-crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 1.5 h (TLC monitoring – DCM:MeOH = 50:1) and cooled. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo without workup and crude product was purified by column chromatography (70 silica gel, phase –a) DCM:MTBE = 10:1; b) DCM:MeOH = 50:1) to give 0.684 g (92%) pure **19** as deep red crystals. M.p. 265-270 °C (with decomp.). ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 7.29$ (dd, 1H, 19-H, J = 9.1, 6.8 Hz), 7.08 (s, 1H, 22-H), 6.46 (dd, 1H, 20-H, J = 9.1, 1.2 Hz), 6.06 (dd, 1H, 18-H, J = 6.8, 1.2 Hz), 4.51 (m, 1H, 24-H), 4.48 (m, 1H, 27-H), 4.43 (m, 1H, 26-H), 4.41 (dt, 1H, 25-H, J = 2.5, 1.2 Hz), 4.18 (br d, 1H, 16-H_a, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.14 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.96 (m, 1H, 16- H_{b}), 3.93 (m, 1H, 15- H_{a}), 3.85 (m, 1H, 11- H_{a}), 3.31 (d, 1H, 10- H_{a} , J = 14.7 Hz), 3.26 (m, 1H, 15- H_b), 3.19 (dd, 1H, 11- H_b , J = 11.7, 2.1 Hz), 3.13 (br s, 1H, 14-H), 2.88 (br d, 1H, 4-H, J = 4.2 Hz), 2.67 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 14.7 Hz), 2.60 (br s, 1H, 12-H), 2.37 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.13 (tt, 1H, 5-H_{exo}, J= 11.9, 4.2 Hz, 2.04 (m, 1H, 13-H_a), 1.95 (m, 1H, 13-H_b), 1.54 (dt, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 9.2, 5.0 Hz), 1.48 (m, 1H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.06 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.80 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 203.46$ (1C, 2-C), 163.26 (1C, 21-C), 148.45 (1C, 17-C), 138.67 (1C, 19-C), 136.32 (1C, 3-C), 130.05 (1C, 22-C), 117.67 (1C, 20-C), 105.31 (1C, 18-C), 78.16 (1C, 23-C), 71.57 (1C, 24-C), 70.91^{*} (1C, 25-C or 26-C), 70.89^{*} (1C, 25-C or 26-C), 69.41 (5C, Cp), 69.02 (1C, 27-C), 57.38 (1C, 1-C), 52.77 (1C, 15-C), 51.56 (1C, 11-C), 48.98 (1C, 4-C), 48.82 (1C, 16-C), 47.70 (1C, 7-C), 46.26 (1C, 10-C), 34.38 (1C, 14-C), 27.13 (1C, 12-C), 25.97 (1C, 6-C), 25.52 (1C, 5-C), 25.31 (1C, 13-C), 20.55 (1C, 8-C), 19.12 (1C, 9-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 603 (15, M+3), 602 (36, M+2), 601 (100, M+1), 600 (68, M), 536 (18), 535 (54), 411 (40). Anal. calcd. for C₃₂H₃₆FeN₂O₄S (600.55): C, 64.00; H, 6.04; Fe, 9.30; N, 4.66; S, 5.34. Found: C, 64.07; H, 6.08; Fe, 9.33; N, 4.60; S, 5.31 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 N-adamantan-1-yl-1-((1S,4S)-3-((E)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]

heptan-1-yl)methanesulfonamide (20):



To a solution of 0.700 g (1.92 mmol) 13 and 0.410 g (1.92 mmol) ferrocenecarbaldehyde (14) in 30 ml dry toluene were added powdered KOH (0.195 g, 3.48) and a crystal of 18-crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 2 h (TLC monitoring – DCM) and cooled. 30 ml Et₂O was added, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and crude product was purified by column chromatography (70 silica gel, phase DCM) to give 0.830 g (77%) pure 20 as red crystals. M.p. >220 °C (with decomp.). ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta =$ 7.13 (s, 1H, 15-H), 5.54 (br s, 1H, NH), 4.50-4.52 (m, 2H, 17-H, 20-H), 4.45* (m, 1H, 18-H or 19-H), 4.43^* (dt, 1H, 18-H or 19-H, J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 4.15 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.59 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.08 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.93 (br d, 1H, 4-H, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.32 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.17 (m, 1H, 5-H_{exo}), 2.12 (m, 3H, 13-H), 2.06 (m, 6H, 12-H), 2.03 (m, 1H, 6-H_{endo}), 1.68 (m, 6H, 14-H), 1.56 (m, 1H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.06 (s, 3H, 9-H), 0.89 (s, 3H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 204.84$ (1C, 2-C), 136.51 (1C, 3-C), 130.68 (1C, 15-C), 78.08 (1C, 16-C), 71.83^{*} (1C, 17-C or 20-C), 71.03* (1C, 18-C or 19-C), 71.00* (1C, 18-C or 19-C), 69.47 (5C, Cp), 68.89* (1C, 17-C or 20-C), 58.72 (1C, 1-C), 55.43 (1C, 11-C), 54.82 (1C, 10-C), 48.93 (1C, 4-C), 48.24 (1C, 7-C), 43.15 (3C, 12-C), 36.01 (3C, 14-C), 29.66 (3C, 13-C), 27.77 (1C, 6-C), 25.62 (1C, 5-C), 20.79 (1C, 8-C), 18.94 (1C, 9-C). MS (CI) *m/z* (rel. int.): 562 (44, M+1), 411 (100, M-adamantylamine). Anal. calcd. for C₃₁H₃₉FeNO₃S (561.56): C, 66.30; H, 7.00; Fe, 9.94; N, 2.49; S, 5.71. Found: C, 66.35; H, 7.10; Fe, 9.91; N, 2.42; S, 5.70 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 (1R,4S)-3-((E)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-one (23):



For preparation and analytical data of this compound see reference [2].

(1*R*,1'*R*,3*E*,3'*E*,4*S*,4'*S*)-3,3'-(ferrocene-1,1`-diylbis(methaneylylidene))bis(1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo [2.2.1]heptan-2-one) (24):



To a solution of (+)-camphor (0.686 g, 4.51 mmol) and 1,1⁻ferrocenedicarboxaldehyde (22) (0.500 g, 2.25 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (30 ml), were added KOH (0.258 g, 4.51 mmol) and a crystal of 18-crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 2 h (TLC monitoring - DCM) and cooled. 30 ml Et₂O was added, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and crude product was purified by column chromatography (70 silica gel, phase DCM:MTBE = 100:1) to give 0.468 g (40%) pure **24** as dark red crystals. M.p. 237-238 °C. ¹H NMR $(600.13 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3, 293 \text{ K})$: $\delta = 6.96$ (s, 2H, 11-H), 4.46^* (m, 2H, 13-H or 16-H), 4.44^* (m, 2H, 13-H or 16-H), 4.36^* (m, 2H, 14-H or 15-H), 4.33^* (dt, 2H, 14-H or 15-H, J = 2.5, 1.3 Hz), 2.88 (br d, 2H, 4-H, J = 4.1 Hz), 2.10 (tt, 2H, 5-H_{exo}, J = 11.6, 4.1 Hz), 1.75 (ddd, 2H, 6-H_{exo}, J = 12.8, 11.6, 3.5 Hz), 1.51 (dt, 2H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 9.0, 4.9 Hz), 1.46 (m, 2H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.01 (s, 6H, 10-C), 0.99 (s, 6H, 8-H), 0.81 (s, 6H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 207.23$ (2C, 2-C), 139.66 (2C, 3-C), 126.44 (2C, 11-C), 80.07 (2C, 12-C), 72.21^{*} (2C, 13-C or 16-C), 71.96^{*} (2C, 14-C or 15-C), 71.76^{*} (2C, 14-C or 15-C), 69.81^{*} (2C, 13-C or 16-C), 57.12 (2C, 1-C), 49.30 (2C, 4-C), 46.41 (2C, 7-C), 30.64 (2C, 6-C), 25.70 (2C, 5-C), 20.66 (2C, 9-C), 18.37 (2C, 8-C), 9.30 (2C, 10-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 511 (100, M+1). Anal. calcd. for C₃₂H₃₈FeO₂ (510.50): C, 75.29; H, 7.50; Fe, 10.94. Found: C, 75.20; H, 7.58; Fe, 10.99 %.

This journal is \bigcirc The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 1,1'-((1*S*,1'*S*,3*E*,3'*E*,4*S*,4'*S*)-(ferrocene-1,1`-diylbis(methaneylylidene))bis(7,7-dimethyl-2-

oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl-3-ylidene))bis(N,N-dimethylmethanesulfonamide) (25):



A mixture of 8 (0.200 g, 0.77 mmol), KOH (0.07 g, 1.17 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (0.02 g, 0.08 mmol) in 5 ml dry toluene was stirred for 30 min and 22 (0.094 g, 0.39 mmol) was added. The mixture was heated for 1 h at 120°C, then was cooled, guenched with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x10 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (50 g silica gel, phase: hexane/MTBE = 5:1) to give 0.117 g (60%) of pure 25 as red crystals. $[\alpha]_{p}^{20} = -1071.1$ (c 0.02, CHCl₃). M.p. 97-98 °C. ¹H NMR (600.1 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta =$ 6.99 (s, 2H, 11-H), 4.46-4.45 (m, 4H, 13-H, 16-H), 4.39-4.38* (m, 2H, 14-H), 4.37-4.36* (m, 2H, 15-H), 3.43 (d, 2H, 10-H_a, J = 14.6 Hz), 2.94 (s, 12H, SO₂NMe₂), 2.85 (d, 2H, 4-H, J = 3.4 Hz), 2.84 (d, 2H, 10-H_b, J = 14.6 Hz), 2.61 (ddd, 2H, 6-H_{exo}, J = 14.7, 11.5, 4.9 Hz), 2.22-2.16 (m, 2H, 5-Hexo), 1.72-1.68 (m, 2H, 6-Hendo), 1.53-1.49 (m, 2H, 5-Hendo), 1.17 (s, 6H, 9-H), 0.85 (s, 6H, 8-H). ¹³C NMR (150.9 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): δ = 203.58 (2C, 2-C), 137.74 (2C, 3-C), 128.32 (2C, 11-C), 79.56 (2C, 12-C), 72.68* (2C, 16-C), 72.39* (2C, 13-C), 72.24* (2C, 14-C), 69.73* (2C, 15-C), 57.44 (2C, 1-C), 49.11 (2C, 4-C), 47.64 (2C, 7-C), 43.69 (2C, 10-C), 37.52 (4C, SO₂NMe₂), 25.95 (2C, 6-C), 25.55 (2C, 5-C), 20.57 (2C, 9-C), 19.32 (2C, 8-C). MS (CI) m/z (rel. int.): 725 (60, M+1), 680 (100, M-Me₂N). Anal. calcd. for C₃₆H₄₈FeN₂O₆S₂ (724.75): C, 59.66; H, 6.68; Fe, 7.71; N, 3.87; S, 8.85. Found: C, 59.60; H, 6.73; Fe, 7.66; N, 3.89; S, 8.82 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 1-((1S,4S)-3-((E)-benzylidene)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxobicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)-N-(tert-butyl) methanesulfonamide (29):



To a solution of 9 (0.200 g, 0.70 mmol) and benzaldehyde (26) (0.074 g, 0.70 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (15 ml), were added KOH (0.078 g, 1.39 mmol) and a crystal of 18-crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 3 h (TLC monitoring – DCM) and cooled. 30 ml Et₂O was added, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and crude product was purified by column chromatography (50 silica gel, phase DCM) to give 0.173 g (77%) pure **29** as white crystals. M.p. 84-85 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 7.48$ (m, 2H, 15-H), 7.42 (m, 2H, 16-H), 7.37 (m, 1H, 17-H), 7.30 (s, 1H, 13-H), 5.41 (s, 1H, NH), 3.61 (d, 1H, $10-H_a$, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.13 (d, 1H, 4-H, J = 4.2 Hz), 3.08 (d, 1H, $10-H_b$, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.40 (m, 1H, 6- H_{exo}), 2.26 (tt, 1H, 5- H_{exo} , J = 11.6, 4.7 Hz), 2.04 (ddd, 1H, 6- H_{endo} , J = 14.1, 9.3, 4.7 Hz), 1.69 (m, 1H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.45 (s, 9H, 12-H), 1.08 (s, 3H, 8-H), 0.87 (s, 3H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 293 K): $\delta = 205.68$ (1C, 2-C), 140.33 (1C, 3-C), 134.96 (1C, 14-C), 129.89 (2C, 15-C), 129.70 (1C, 13-C), 129.28 (1C, 17-C), 128.79 (2C, 16-C), 58.55 (1C, 1-C), 54.94 (1C, 11-C), 53.88 (1C, 10-C), 48.80 (1C, 4-C), 48.48 (1C, 7-C), 30.29 (3C, 12-C), 27.39 (1C, 6-C), 25.86 (1C, 5-C), 20.63 (1C, 9-C), 18.83 (1C, 8-C). MS (ESI+) m/z (rel. int.): 398 (100, M+Na), 342 (40, M+Na-t-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₂₁H₂₉NO₃S (375.53): C, 67.17; H, 7.78; N, 3.73; S, 8.54. Found: C, 67.12; H, 7.72; N, 3.79; S, 8.59 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 N-(*tert*-butyl)-1-((1S,4S)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-((E)-3,4,5-trimethoxybenzylidene)bicyclo

[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)methanesulfonamide (30):



To a solution of 9 (0.200 g, 0.70 mmol) and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (27) (0.137 g, 0.70 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (15 ml), were added KOH (78 mg, 1.39 mmol) and a crystal of 18crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 3 h (TLC monitoring – DCM) and cooled. 30 ml Et₂O was added, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and crude product was purified by column chromatography (50 silica gel, phase DCM:MTBE = 50:1) to give 0.200 g (62%) pure **30** as white crystals. M.p. 64-65 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 293 K): $\delta = 7.22$ (s, 1H, 13-H), 6.71 (s, 2H, 15-H), 5.42 (br s, 1H, NH), 3.89 (br s, 9H, 18-H, 19-H), 3.61 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.10 (overlapped m, 1H, 4-H), 3.08 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 15.0Hz), 2.41 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.27 (m, 1H, 5-H_{exo}), 2.04 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.0, 9.3, 4.8 Hz), 1.70 (m, 1H, 5-H_{endo}), 1.45 (s, 9H, 12-H), 1.09 (s, 3H, 8-H), 0.89 (s, 3H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, $CDCl_3$, 293 K): $\delta = 205.42$ (1C, 2-C), 153.29 (2C, 16-C), 139.48 (1C, 3-C), 139.30 (1C, 17-C), 130.41 (1C, 14-C), 129.94 (1C, 13-C), 107.18 (2C, 15-C), 60.96 (1C, 19-C), 58.44 (1C, 1-C), 56.13 (2C, 18-C), 54.93 (1C, 11-C), 53.85 (1C, 10-C), 48.99 (1C, 4-C), 48.57 (1C, 7-C), 30.28 (3C, 12-C), 27.42 (1C, 6-C), 25.70 (1C, 5-C), 20.62 (1C, 9-C), 18.89 (1C, 8-C). MS (ESI+) m/z (rel. int.): 488 (100, M+Na), 432 (14, M+Na-t-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₂₄H₃₅NO₆S (465.60): C, 61.91; H, 7.58; N, 3.01; S, 6.89. Found: C, 61.98; H, 7.54; N, 2.97; S, 6.83 %.

This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 N-(*tert*-butyl)-1-((1*S*,4*S*,*E*)-7,7-dimethyl-2-oxo-3-(thiophen-2-ylmethylene)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1 yl)methanesulfonamide (31):

1-yl)methanesulfonamide (31):



To a solution of 9 (0.200 g, 0.70 mmol) and thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (28) (0.078 g, 0.70 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (15 ml), were added KOH (78 mg, 1.39 mmol) and a crystal of 18crown-6. The mixture was refluxed for 3 h (TLC monitoring – DCM) and cooled. 30 ml Et₂O was added, washed with water and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and crude product was purified by column chromatography (50 silica gel, phase DCM) to give 0.162 g (61%) pure **31** as white crystals. M.p. 76-77 °C. ¹H NMR (600.13 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 7.49$ (d, 1H, 17-H, J = 5.0 Hz), 7.44 (s, 1H, 13-H), 7.30 (d, 1H, 15-H, J = 3.4 Hz), 7.11 (dd, 1H, 16-H, J = 5.0, 3.4 Hz), 5.47 (s, 1H, N<u>H</u>), 3.60 (d, 1H, 10-H_a, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.20 (d, 1H, 4-H, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.07 (d, 1H, 10-H_b, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.36 (m, 1H, 6-H_{exo}), 2.22 (tt, 1H, 5-H_{exo}, J = 11.6, 4.7 Hz), 2.01 (ddd, 1H, 6-H_{endo}, J = 14.1, 9.3, 4.7 Hz), 1.56 (ddd, 1H, 5-H_{endo}, J = 12.7, 9.3, 3.7 Hz), 1.44 (s, 9H, 12-H), 1.09 (s, 3H, 8-H), 0.90 (s, 3H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (150.92 MHz, CDCl₃, 293 K): $\delta = 205.40$ (1C, 2-C), 138.75 (1C, 3-C), 137.78 (1C, 14-C), 132.83 (1C, 15-C), 129.47 (1C, 17-C), 127.89 (1C, 16-C), 122.54 (1C, 13-C), 58.82 (1C, 1-C), 54.92 (1C, 11-C), 53.93 (1C, 10-C), 49.25 (1C, 4-C), 48.60 (1C, 7-C), 30.28 (3C, 12-C), 27.81 (1C, 6-C), 25.59 (1C, 5-C), 20.65 (1C, 9-C), 18.90 (1C, 8-C). MS (ESI+) m/z (rel. int.): 404 (100, M+Na), 348 (13, M+Na-t-Bu). Anal. calcd. for C₁₉H₂₇NO₃S₂ (381.55): C, 59.81; H, 7.13; N, 3.67; S, 16.81. Found: C, 59.89; H, 7.19; N, 3.62; S, 16.76 %.

This journal is O The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2017 1-((1S,2R,4S)-3-((E)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-2-hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-(pyridin-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-bydroxy-7,7-dimet

yl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylmethanesulfonamide (35):



For preparation and analytical data of this compound see references [1].

1-((1*S*,2*R*,4*S*)-3-((*E*)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-2-hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylmethanesulfonamide (36):



For preparation and analytical data of this compound see references [2].

1-((1*S*,2*R*,4*S*)-3-((*E*)-ferrocenylmethylidene)-2-hydroxy-7,7-dimethyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-1-yl)-*N*,*N*-dimethylmethanesulfonamide (37):



For preparation and analytical data of this compound see references [1].

S3. Additional X-ray crystallographic data

Supplementary Table 1. Most important crystallographic and refinement details for compound 16.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$C_{25}H_{33}FeNO_3S$
$M_{ m r}$	483.43
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
Temperature (K)	290
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	7.6676 (2), 10.8399 (4), 57.6299 (16)
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	4790.0 (3)
Ζ	8
Radiation type, λ (Å)	Μο <i>K</i> α, 0.71073
$\mu (mm^{-1})$	0.74
Crystal size (mm)	$0.35 \times 0.32 \times 0.18$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	SuperNova, Dual, Cu at zero, Atlas diffractometer
Absorption correction	Multi-scan, CrysAlis PRO [8]
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.739, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	26053, 10641, 8062
R _{int}	0.036
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{max} (\text{\AA}^{-1}), \theta_{max} / \theta_{min} (^{\circ})$	0.679, 28.9/2.8
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.060, 0.152, 1.06
No. of reflections	10641
No. of parameters	648
No. of restraints	0
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} \ (e \ \text{\AA}^{-3})$	0.61, -0.32
Absolute structure	Flack x determined using 2484 quotients [(I+)-(I-)]/[(I+)+(I-)] [9]
Absolute structure parameter	-0.006 (8)

Supplementary Table 2. Hydrogen-bond and weak interactions (CH....O) geometry (Å, °).

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	D—H···A
N12A—H12A…O12	0.85	2.26	3.076 (13)	159
N12 <i>B</i> —H12 <i>E</i> ····O11	0.86	2.58	3.054 (11)	116
C101—H10 <i>B</i> ····O11	0.97	2.35	2.855 (10)	112
C121—H12 <i>I</i> ···O31	0.96	2.42	3.048 (11)	123
C131—H13 <i>H</i> ····O21 ⁱ	0.96	2.56	3.165 (9)	121
$C12A$ — $H12D$ ···· $O32A^{i}$	0.96	2.08	2.94 (2)	148
C14 <i>B</i> —H14 <i>C</i> ···O22 <i>A</i>	0.96	2.44	3.09 (4)	125
C12B—H12F····O32B	0.96	2.36	3.02 (2)	126
C13B—H13E…O11	0.96	2.56	3.378 (15)	143
C13B—H13F····O22 B^{i}	0.96	2.31	2.974 (16)	125

Symmetry code: (i) x+1, y, z.

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S5. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of synthesized compounds

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