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Exploring the boundaries of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride chemistry

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Considerations. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were performed under an argon atmosphere with anhydrous solvents using Schlenk technics. THF, Et₂O and dioxane were distilled over sodium/benzophenone under argon. Acetonitrile, dichloromethane and toluene were distilled over CaH₂ under argon. Dimethylsulfoxide was distilled over CaH₂ under vacuum. Unless otherwise stated, all reagents were used without prior purification. 2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidine (HTMP) was distilled under vacuum over CaH₂ and was stored over KOH pellets. All organolithium reagents were titrated before use.¹ PE refers to petroleum ether, rt refers to room temperature (25 °C). Column chromatography separations were achieved on silica gel (40-63 µm). All Thin Layer Chromatographies (TLC) were performed on aluminum backed plates pre-coated with silica gel (Merck, Silica Gel 60 F254). They were visualized by exposure to UV light. Melting points were measured on a Kofler bench. IR spectra were taken on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100 spectrometer. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectra were recorded either on a (i) Bruker AV III 300 MHz spectrometer fitted with a BBFO probe at 300 MHz, 75 MHz and 282 MHz or on a (ii) Bruker AV III HD 500 MHz spectrometer fitted with a BBFO probe at 500 MHz, 126 MHz and 470 MHz, respectively. ¹H chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to the solvent residual peak and ¹³C chemical shifts are relative to the central peak of the solvent signal.² Cp refers to the unsubstituted cyclopentadienyl ring of ferrocene. Ferrocenesulfonyl chloride 1 was prepared according to Erb.³ ZnCl₂ TMEDA was prepared according to Mongin.⁴ Compounds 3a, 3e, 3f, 3j, 5b, 6a, 6b, 19a, 19b, 20c, 20d, 27c, 28a, 28b, 30b, 31, 32a, 32b, 33a, 33b, 35a, 35b, 36a, 37a, 38a, 38b, 38c, 39b, 40a were already reported and fully characterized in our preliminary communication.⁵

Safety Considerations. Due to their pyrophoric character, BuLi reagents need to be used only under inert conditions (anhydrous, nitrogen or argon atmosphere) and by people well-trained to the manipulation of reactive organometallics. Due to the inherent dangers of using cryogenic temperatures, the experiments should be performed by well-trained people.

Crystallography. For **3b**, **3k**, **5g**, **15**, **17**, **18**, **29b** and **34a**, the X-ray diffraction data were collected using APEXII Kappa-CCD (Bruker-AXS) diffractometer equipped with a CCD-LDI-APEX2 detector. For **5c**, **5f**, **6e**, **8a**, **10**, **11**, **36b**, the X-ray diffraction data were collected using D8 VENTURE Bruker AXS diffractometer equipped with a (CMOS) PHOTON 70 detector. For **6d**, **22a**, **27a**, **27b**, **38d**, the X-ray diffraction data were collected using D8 VENTURE Bruker AXS diffractometer equipped with a (CMOS) PHOTON 100 detector. The structure was solved by dual-space algorithm using the *SHELXT* program,⁶ and then refined with full-matrix least-square methods based on F^2 (*SHELXL*).⁷ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. H atoms were finally included in their calculated positions and treated as riding on their parent atom with constrained thermal parameters. The molecular diagrams were generated by MERCURY 2020.3.0.

Electrochemical measurements. Measurements were performed in dry, oxygen-free dichloromethane at a concentration of 1 mM, with nBu_4NPF_6 (0.1 M) as the supporting electrolyte. For all the experiments, the working electrode was a glassy carbon disk (diameter 1.5 mm) which was polished (5 μ m grain size) with a slurry of alumina and ethanol and rinsed with dichloromethane before to use. The reference electrode was Ag/AgCl separated from the solution by a glass frit, while the counter electrode was a glassy carbon rod.

Experimental section.

Ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride - 2

Ferrocenesulfonyl chloride **1** (28.6 g, 100 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and KHF₂ (23.4 g, 300 mmol, 3.00 equiv) were placed in a flask under air, acetic acid (100 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 30 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and was poured into a 1 L round-bottom flask. Cyclohexane (200 mL) was added and volatiles were removed under vacuum. The same procedure was repeated four more times. Aqueous NaOH (10%, 350 mL) and EtOAc (350 mL) were added and the solution was stirred at rt until dissolution of almost all solids. The solution was filtrated over cotton wool under vacuum to break the emulsion. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 150 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (3 x 150 mL), brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by filtration on a pad of SiO₂ (20 cm height, 8 cm large), using PE-EtOAc (80:20) to give the title product **2** as an orange solid (17 g, 63%).

On a larger scale, ferrocenesulfonyl chloride (85.9 g, 300 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and KHF₂ (70.3 g, 900 mmol, 3.00 equiv) were placed in a flask under air. Acetic acid (300 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 30 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and was poured into a 2 L round-bottom flask. Cyclohexane (400 mL) was added and volatiles were removed under vacuum. The same procedure was repeated five more times. Aqueous NaOH (10%, 900 mL) and EtOAc (900 mL) were added and the solution was stirred at rt until dissolution of almost all solids. The resulting emulsion was filtrated over cotton wool under vacuum. The two layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (4 x 250 mL). The combined organic layers

were washed with water (4 x 250 mL), brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by filtration on a pad of SiO₂ (25 cm height, 8 cm large), using PE-EtOAc (80:20) to give the title product **2** as an orange solid (51.9 g, 64%).



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.85 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H, FcCH, H2 and H5), 4.58 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H4), 4.44 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.2. The ¹H NMR data are as reported previously.^{5, 8}

Deprotolithiation of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride 2 with sBuLi·(+)-sparteine by using chlorotrimethylsilane as electrophile (Table 2, entry 3).

sBuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 2.20 mL, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of (+)-sparteine (0.55 mL, 562 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in Et₂O (7 mL) at -80 °C. After 30 min at this temperature, the reaction mixture was cooled to -90 °C and a solution of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in Et₂O (7 mL) was added dropwise. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. Chlorotrimethylsilane (0.30 mL, 2.4 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/PE (10:1) to give the title product **3a*** as an orange solid (413 mg, 61%). The er (54:46) was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak IC-3 column, hexane-isopropanol 99:1, 1.0 mL·min⁻¹, 25 °C, $\lambda = 220$ nm, t (major) = 6.09 min, t (minor) = 6.65 min. Starting material was also recovered in 24% yield (130 mg). Its analyses were comparable with the ones of the racemic product.⁵

Deprotolithiation of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride 2 with (R)-PEALi by using chlorotrimethylsilane as *in situ* trap (Table 2, entry 7).

*n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 2.90 mL, 4.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of (*R*)-PEAH (0.91 mL, 902 mg, 4.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (6 mL) at -15 °C. After 5 min at this temperature, the reaction mixture was cooled to -80 °C and was transferred by cannula to a solution of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and chlorotrimethylsilane (0.51 mL, 435 mg, 4.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (6 mL) at -80 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at -80 °C for 30 min. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/PE (10:1) to give the title product **3a*** as an orange solid (286 mg, 42%). The er (57:43) was determined by HPLC analysis on a Chiralpak IC-3 column, hexane-isopropanol 99:1, 1.0 mL·min⁻¹, 25 °C, $\lambda = 220$ nm, t (major) = 6.09 min, t (minor) = 6.65 min. Its analyses were comparable with the ones of the racemic product.⁵ Starting material was also recovered in 43% yield (232 mg).

Deprotolithiation of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride 2 with (*R*)-PEALi by using [$\{(R)$ -PEA $\}_2$ Zn] as *in situ* trap (Table 2, entry 11).

*n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 1.70 mL, 2.40 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of (R)-PEAH (0.55 mL, 540 mg, 2.40 mmol, 2.00 mmol) in THF (7 mL) at -15 °C. After 5 min at this temperature, ZnCl₂·TMEDA (0.30 g, 1.20 mmol, 1.00 mmol) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride 2 (0.32 g, 1.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added in one portion at the same temperature and the reaction mixture was cooled to -80 °C. A cooled (-80 °C) solution of (R)-PEALi (prepared by adding nBuLi (1.70 mL, 2.40 mmol, 2.00 equiv) dropwise to a solution of (R)-PEAH (0.55 mL, 2.40 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (7 mL) at -15 °C and stirring for 5 min) was then added at -80 °C by cannula. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at -80 °C for 30 min before a solution of I₂ (1.22 g, 4.80 mmol, 4.00 equiv) in THF (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. A saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ was added to the reaction mixture which was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography, eluting with EtOAc/PE (10:1) to give the title product $3f^*$ as an orange solid (157 mg, 33%). The er (29:71) was determined by HPLC analysis on a Daicel ODH column, hexane-isopropanol 99:1, 0.5 mL·min⁻¹, 5 °C, $\lambda = 220$ nm, t (major) = 37.27 min, t (minor) = 35.72 min. Its analyses were comparable with the ones of the racemic product. Starting material was also recovered in 22% yield (122 mg).

General procedure A: deprotometallation-electrophilic trapping from 2.

*n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **2** (1.00 equiv) in THF (0.14 M) at -90 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. The required electrophile (1.20 equiv), neat or in solution for solids, was added to the reaction mixture which was warmed to 0 °C. Unless overwise stated, aqueous NH₄Cl was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (proportions given in the product description) to give the title product.

2-(Trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3a

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with the *n*BuLi·TMEDA chelate (prepared by adding *n*BuLi (1.70 mL, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) dropwise to a solution of TMEDA (0.36 mL, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in Et₂O (7 mL) at -80 °C and stirring for 30 min), before chlorotrimethylsilane (305 μ L, 261 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added as the electrophile. The title product **3a** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 10:1) as an orange solid (465 mg, 68%). Its analyses were comparable with the ones reported previously.⁵

1-(Trimethylsilyl)butylsulfonylferrocene (4a) was also isolated as an orange solid (50 mg, 6%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 10:1) = 0.49. Mp 104-105 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3103, 2958, 2871, 1461, 1408, 1301, 1280, 1248, 1181, 1115, 1067, 1012, 841, 820, 771, 732. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.66 (dt, J = 1.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2 or H4), 4.57 (dt, J = 1.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2 or H5), 4.43 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.39 (m, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H4), 2.34 (dd, J = 4.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H, CH), 1.73-1.66 (m, 1H, CH-CHH), 1.62-1.55 (m, 1H, CH-CHH), 1.20-1.10 (m, 1H, CH-CH₂-CHH), 1.05-0.95 (m, 1H, CH-CH₂-CHH), 0.69 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.24 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 90.0 (s, FcC, C1), 71.0 (s, FcCH, C3 or C4), 70.7 (s, Cp), 70.6 (s, FcCH, C2 or C5), 70.5 (s, FcCH, C3 or C4), 69.2 (s, FcCH, , C2 or C5), 57.2 (s, CH), 28.9 (s, CH-CH2), 22.9 (s, CH-CH2-CH2), 13.9 (s, CH3), -0.9 (s, Si(CH3)3).

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (5.36 g, 20.0 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with *s*BuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 22.0 mL, 24.0 mmol, 1.20 equiv) before chlorotrimethylsilane (3.00 mL, 2.61 g, 24.0 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added as the electrophile. The title product **3a** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 10:1) as an orange solid (5.58 g, 82%). Its analyses were comparable with the ones reported previously.⁵

2,5-Bis-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5a) was also isolated as an orange solid (797 mg, 10%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 10:1) = 0.77. Mp 140-142 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2953, 1385, 1242, 1208, 1184, 1131, 1004, 911, 892, 820, 768, 748. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.60 (s, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H4), 4.40 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.37 (s, 18H, 2 x Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 86.0 (d, *J* = 36.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 81.4 (s, FcCH, C3 and C4), 79.5 (s, FcC, C2 and C5), 71.5 (s, Cp), 0.55 (s, 2 x Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 71.6. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₅FFeO₂SSi₂: C, 46.59; H, 6.11; S, 7.77. Found: C, 46.53; H, 6.14;

2-(Phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3b

By following the general procedure A, compound 2 (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with diphenyldisulfide (524 mg, 2.4 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in THF (3 mL) as the electrophile. After addition of saturated NH₄Cl and extraction with EtOAc, the combined organic layers were washed three times with aqueous sodium hydroxide (10%), water, and brine before being dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. The title product **3b** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 90:10) as a yellow solid (509 mg, 67%). Similarly, starting from 12 mmol of compound **2**, the title product **3b** was isolated in 64% yield (2.91 g).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.33. Mp 145-146 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3100, 1581, 1480, 1438, 1397, 1361, 1295, 1219, 1184, 1071, 1024, 962, 833, 751, 741. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.24-7.21 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.18-7.14 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'), 5.03 (dd,

J = 1.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.77 (dd, J = 1.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.66 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 137.7 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.1 (s, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 128.5 (s, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 126.6 (ArCH, H4'), 80.8 (d, J = 37.4 Hz, FcC, C1), 80.6 (s, FcC, C2), 80.2 (s, FcCH, C3), 73.3 (s, Cp), 7.3.1 (s, FcCH, C5), 72.2 (s, FcCH, C4). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FFeO₂S₂: C, 51.08; H, 3.48; S, 17.04. Found: C, 51.16; H, 3.54; S, 17.07.



Crystal data for 3b. $C_{16}H_{13}FFeO_2S_2$, M = 376.23, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic P_{21}/n (I.T.#14), a = 9.4238(7), b = 14.4798(10), c = 11.2622(7) Å, $\beta = 99.638(3)$ °, V = 1515.09(18) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.649 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.284$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3482 unique intensities and 199 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0664$ ($R_F = 0.0285$) for 3013 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189751.



Figure 1. Molecular structure of compound 3b (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-(Diphenylphosphino)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3c

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with chlorodiphenylphosphine (445 μ L, 529 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) as the electrophile. After warming to 0 °C, methanol (0.1 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum to give the crude product. The title product **3c** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 90:10 to 80:20 with 2% of NEt₃) as an orange solid (570 mg, 63%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.24. Mp 187-188 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3085, 1434, 1406, 1390, 1215, 1176, 1153, 834, 747, 731. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.54-7.50 (m, 2H, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 7.43-7.40 (m, 3H, ArCH, 3', H4' and H5'), 7.30-7.27 (m, 3H, ArCH, H3'', H4'' and H5''), 7.21-7.18 (m, 2H, ArCH, H2'' and H6''), 5.09-5.08 (m, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.53 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 4.40 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.98 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 137.7 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, ArC, C1''), 136.5 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, ArC, C1''), 135.0 (d, J = 22.1 Hz, ArCH, C2' and C6''), 132.8 (d, J = 20.0 Hz, ArCH, C2'' and C6''), 129.8 (s, ArCH, C4'), 128.8 (s, ArCH, 30.5 (m))

C6), 132.8 (d, J = 20.0 Hz, AICH, C2 and C6), 129.8 (s, AICH, C4), 120.8 (s, AICH, C4''), 128.7 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, ArCH, C3'' and C5''), 128.5 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, ArCH, C3' and C5''), 82.8 (dd, J = 19.8, 37.3 Hz, FcC, C1), 80.3 (d, J = 22.8 Hz, FcC, C2), 76.6 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, FcH, C3), 74.3 (s, FcCH, C5), 72.8 (s, FcCH, C4), 72.7 (Cp). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.3 (d, J = 7.8 Hz). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) -21.6 (d, J = 7.8 Hz). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₁₈FFeO₂PS: C, 58.43; H, 4.01; S, 7.09. Found: C, 58.62; H, 4.18; S, 7.15.



2-(0,0-Diethoxyphosphonyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3d

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with chlorodiethylphosphate (347 μ L, 414 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 mmol) as the electrophile. The title product **3d** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 50:50 to 10:90) as an orange oil (433 mg, 53%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 50:50) = 0.22. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2984, 1406, 1250, 1215, 1186, 1161, 1077, 1019, 967, 831, 750. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.09 (dd, J = 2.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 5.02 (dd, J = 2.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.73 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.58 (5H, Cp), 4.32-4.25 (m, 2H, CH₂'), 4.18-4.07 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.42 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃'), 1.32 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 80.4 (dd, J = 12.5, 37.9 Hz, FcC, ⁴ $\int_{F_e}^{3-2} P(O)(OEt)_2$ (d, J = 13.0 Hz, FcCH, C3), 75.7 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, FcCH, C5), 73.5 (s, Cp), ⁵F_e (C1), 79.9 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, FcCH, C4), 69.9 (d, J = 216.8 Hz, FcC, C2), 63.1 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, CH₂'), 62.9 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, CH₂), 16.4 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, CH₃ or CH₃'), 16.3 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃ or CH₃'). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.1. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 18.7. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈FFeO₅PS: C, 41.60; H, 4.49; S, 7.90. Found: C, 41.54; H, 4.31; S, 7.93.

2-(Methoxycarbonyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3g

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with methyl chloroformate (618μ L, 756 mg, 8.00 mmol, 4.00 equiv) as the electrophile. The title product **3g** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 80:20) as an orange solid (390 mg, 60%). Similarly, starting from 10 mmol of compound **2**, the title product **3g** was isolated in 66% yield (2.17 g).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.33. Mp 82-83 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3119, 2964, 1726, 1451, 1399, 1374, 1254, 1207, 1162, 1110, 1075, 1039, 1010, 834, 798, 771, 748. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.19 (dd, J = 1.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 5.10 (dd, J = 1.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.71 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.52 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.89 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 168.4 (s, C=O), 79.1 (d, J = 37.6 Hz, FcC, C1), 77.2 (s, FcCH, C3), 75.9 (s, FcCH, C5), 73.5 (s, Cp), 73.3 (s, FcC, C2), 72.2 (s, FcCH, C4), 52.6 (s, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 65.6. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₁FFeO₄S: C, 44.20; H, 3.40; S, 9.83. Found: C, 44.30; H, 3.51; S, 9.86.

On large scale, 1-(methoxycarbonyl)butylsulfonylferrocene (**4b**) was also isolated as an orange solid (219 mg, 6%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.35. Mp 64-66 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3123, 2961, 2876, 1734, 1440, 1410, 1341, 1312, 1296, 1240, 1209, 1190, 1167, 1124, 1105, 1027, 920, 842, 824, 757, 713. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.64 (dt, J = 1.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2 or H5), 4.61 (dt, J = 1.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H,

FcCH, H2 or H5), 4.48-4.47 (m, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H4), 4.44 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.87-3.82 (m, 1H, CH), 3.69 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.94-1.86 (m, 2H, CH-CH₂), 1.37-1.24 (m, 2H, CH₂-CH₃), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 167.0 (s, C=O), 84.8 (s, FcC, C1), 73.2, 71.6, 71.5 and 71.0 (s, FcCH, C2, C3, C4 and C5), 70.9 (s, Cp), 70.6 (s, CH), 52.8 (s, OCH₃), 29.2 (s, CH-CH₂), 20.4 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 13.6 (s, CH₂-CH₃).



<u>2-(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3h</u>

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (1.34 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with *N*,*N*-diethylcarbamoyl chloride (2.50 mL, 2.71 g, 20.0 mmol, 4.00 equiv) as the electrophile. The title product **3h** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 75:25 to 70:30 with 2% NEt₃) as a brown solid (816 mg, 44%). Ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride **2** (525 mg, 39%) was recycled.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.32. Mp 104-105 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3111, 2972, 2935, 1641, 1477, 1407, 1379, 1279, 1233, 1200, 837, 737. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.85 (s, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.74 (s, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.62 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.60 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 3.81 (dq, J = 6.8, 13.7 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 3.16 (dq, J = 6.8, 13.7 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 3.08 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₃), 1.19 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, CHH-CH₃), 0.98 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 163.6 (s, C=O), 89.5 (s, FcC, C2), 76.5 (d, J = 38.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 73.6 (s, Cp), 73.3 (s, FcCH, C3), 70.7 (s, FcCH, C4), 69.9 (s, FcCH, C5), 42.0 (CH₂-CH₃), 39.7 (CHH-CH₃), ⁴ $\frac{3.2}{5}$ CONEt₂ SO₂F Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈FFeNO₃S: C, 49.06; H, 4.94; N, 3.81; S, 8.73. Found: C, 49.15; H, 4.73; N, 3.76; S 8.80.

1-(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)butylsulfonylferrocene (4c) was also isolated as an orange solid (134 mg, 6%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.34. Mp 91-93 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3116, 2967, 2934, 2873, 1635, 1464, 1434, 1309, 1262, 1185, 1121, 1096, 1025, 1003, 824. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.60 (s, 2H, FcCH, H2 and H5), 4.45 (s, 2H, H3 and H4), 4.41 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.07 (dd, J = 4.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.72-3.60 (dq, J = 7.2, 14.6 Hz, 1H, N-CHH), 3.51-3.40 (dq, J = 4.2, 7.2, 14.6 Hz, 1H, N-CHH), 3.33-3.14 (m, 2H, N-CH₂), 1.94-1.78 (m, 2H, CH-CH₂), Fe O₂

2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3i

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with *N*,*N*-dimethylmethyleneiminium iodide (444 mg, 2.4 mmol, 1.20 equiv) as the electrophile. After warming to 0 °C, water is added instead of NH₄Cl. The title product **3i** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 50:50 to 20:80 with 2% NEt₃) as an orange oil (487 mg, 75%). Similarly, starting from 10 mmol of compound **2**, the title product **3i** was isolated in 70% yield (2.37 g).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 50:50 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.22. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2944, 2819, 2770, 1456, 1398, 1239, 1202, 1181, 1035, 1004, 831, 759, 738. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.84 (dd, J = 1.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.63 (dd, J = 1.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.54 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.38 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.77 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.37 (d, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.22 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 86.2 (s, FcC, C2), 77.0 (d, J = 38.4 Hz,

FcC, C1), 75.1 (s, FcCH, C3), 72.2 (s, Cp), 71.4 (s, FcCH, C5), 71.0 (s, FcCH, C4), $56.0 (s, CH_2), 45.1 (s, N(CH_3)_2)$. ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆FFeNO₂S: C, 48.02; H, 4.96; N, 4.31; S, 9.86. Found: C, 47.81; H, 4.76; S, 9.72.

2-(2-Pyridyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 3k

By following the general procedure A, compound **2** (536 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with ZnCl₂·TMEDA (606 mg, 2.4 mmol, 1.20 equiv) as the electrophile. After warming to 0 °C, 2-chloropyridine (757 μ L, 908 mg, 8.00 mmol, 4.00 equiv), PdCl₂ (28.4 mg, 0.16 mmol, 0.08 equiv) and dppf (88.7 mg, 0.16 mmol, 0.08 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 14 h in a pre-heated oil bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30) to give the title product **3k** as an orange solid (292 mg, 42%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.27. Mp 124-126 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3089, 1591, 1564, 1498, 1424, 1392, 1338, 1207, 1170, 1156, 1145, 1107, 1046, 993, 952, 826, 784, 744. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.60 (dt, J = 1.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H6'), 7.66-7.65 (m, 2H, H3' and H4'), 7.21 (ddd, J = 2.9, 4.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H, H5'), 5.16 (dd, J = 1.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 5.04 (dd, J = 1.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.72 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.44 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 154.3 (s, ArC, C2'), 149.5 (s, ArCH, C6'), 136.0 (s, ArCH, C4'), 123.6 (s, ArCH, C3'),

122.4 (s, ArCH, C5'), 88.3 (s, FcC, C2), 76.2 (s, FcCH, C3), 75.8 (d, J = 38.3 Hz, FcC, C1), 73.4 (s, FcCH, C5), 73.3 (s, Cp), 71.5 (s, FcCH, C4). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₂FFeNO₂S: C, 52.20; H, 3.50; N, 4.06; S, 9.29. Found: C, 52.17; H, 3.57; N, 4.05; S, 9.14.



Crystal data for 3k. $C_{15}H_{12}FFeNO_2S$, M = 345.17, T = 150(2) K; orthorhombic $P_{2_1} 2_1 2_1$ (I.T.#19), a = 6.8514(7), b = 9.7058(8), c = 20.4257(18) Å, V = 1358.3(2) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.688 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.278$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3108 unique intensities and 167 parameters converged at $\omega R(F^2) = 0.1159$ ($R_F = 0.0522$) for 2820 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189752.



Figure 2. Molecular structure of compound 3k (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

General procedure B: deprotometallation-electrophilic trapping from 3a, 3b and 3i.

sBuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 1.50 equiv) or *n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 1.50 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound 3a, 3b or 3i (1.00 equiv) in THF (0.3 M) at -90 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. The required electrophile (1.50 equiv), neat or in solution for solids, was added to the reaction mixture which was warmed to 0 °C. Unless overwise stated, aqueous NH₄Cl was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO_2 , using PE-EtOAc (proportions given in the product description) to give the title product.

2-Iodo-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 5b

By following the general procedure B, compound 3a (408 mg, 1.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with *n*BuLi (1.30 mL, 1.80 mmol, 1.50 equiv) before the addition of iodine (457 mg, 1.80 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (4 mL). The title product **5b** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 50:3) as an orange solid (481 mg, 85%). Its analyses were comparable with the ones reported previously.⁵

2-(Trimethylsilyl)-1-(1-iodobutylsulfonyl)ferrocene 4d was also isolated as an orange oil (39 mg, 6%) and was identified by ¹H NMR.

 R_{f} (eluent: PE-EtOAc 15:1) = 0.57. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2958, 2873, 1321, 1244, 1188, 1145, 1123, 1067, 1039, 1033, 955, 822, 755. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.88 (dd, J = 1.4, 2.5_SiMe₃ 3 2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.76 (dd, J = 3.0, 11.1 Hz, CH), 4.63 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), SO2 4.45-4.40 (m, 6H, Cp and FcCH, Cp and H3), 1.92-1.83 (m, 1H, CH-CHH), 1.79-1.69 (m, 1H, CH-CHH), 1.68-1.58 (m, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 1.34-1.20 (m, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 0.83 (t, J = 7.40 Hz, 3H, CHH-CH₃), 0.34 (s, 9H, (CH₃)₃).

By following the general procedure B, compound **3a** (680 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with sBuLi (2.70 mL, 3.00 mmol, 1.50 equiv) before the addition of iodine (761 mg, 3.00 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (4 mL). The title product **5b** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 50:3) as an orange solid (845 mg, 90%). When the reaction was performed on a larger scale (compound 3a, 6.81 g, 20.0 mmol), the title product **5b** was obtained as an orange solid (8.83 g, 95%).

2-Fluoro-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride - 5c

By following the general procedure B, compound **3a** (1.70 g, 5.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with *N*-fluorobenzenesulfonimide (2.36 g, 7.50 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (5 mL) as the electrophile. The title product 5c was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 95:5) as an orange solid (1.15 g, 63%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 10:1) = 0.53. Mp 96-97 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2959, 1468, 1398, 1246, 1197, 1139, 1070, 1020, 921, 826, 750, 698, 682. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.85 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.52 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.18 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 0.33 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 135.5 (d, J = 286.7 Hz, FcC, C2), 72.8 (s, Cp), 71.3 (dd, J = 8.0, 38.5 Hz, FcC, C1), 70.4 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, FcCH, C4), 69.6 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, FcC, C5), 62.0 (d, J = 13.6 ₄ ⁵__SiMe₃ Hz, FcCH, C3), 0.2 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ${}^{19}F{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.9 (d, J = SO₂F Fe 2.1 Hz, SO₂F), -182.0 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₆F₂FeO₂SSi: C, 43.58; H, 4.50; S, 8.95. Found: C, 43.39; H, 4.51; S, 8.82.

Crystal data for 5c. $C_{13}H_{16}F_2FeO_2SSi$, M = 358.26, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/n$ (I.T.#14), a =8.9485(5), b = 11.4607(6), c = 14.4020(5) Å, $\beta = 98.087(2)$ °, V = 1462.32(12) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.627g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.275$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3215 unique intensities and 185 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0962$ ($R_F = 0.0292$) for 3024 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189753.



Figure 3. Molecular structure of compound 5c (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-Methoxycarbonyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride - 5d

By following the general procedure B, compound **3a** (2.55 g, 7.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with methyl chloroformate (1.90 mL, 3.54 g, 37.5 mmol, 5.00 equiv) in THF (25 mL) as the electrophile in reverse addition. The title product **5d** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 90:10 to 80:20) as an orange solid (2.48 g, 83%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.56. Mp 107-108 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2962, 1724, 1450, 1417, 1389, 1350, 1273, 1250, 1240, 1198, 1167, 1080, 1026, 1005, 836, 795, 771, 753. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.24 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.63 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.49 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.88 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.35 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 168.4 (s, C=O), 82.0 (s, FcC, C5), 81.5 (d, *J* = 37.0 Hz, FcC, C1), 79.2 (s, FcCH, C4), 78.7 (s, FcCH, C3), 77.9 (s, FcC, C2), 73.5 (s, Cp), 52.7 (s, CH₃), 0.6 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 67.6. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉FFeO₄SSi: C, 45.23; H, 4.81; S, 8.05. Found: C, 45.30; H, 4.90; S, 8.04.

2-(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 5e

By following the general procedure B, compound **3a** (2.55 g, 7.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with N,N-diethylcarbamoyl chloride (4.80 mL, 5.08 g, 37.5 mmol, 5.00 equiv) in THF (25 mL) as the electrophile in reverse addition. The title product **5e** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 80:20 to 70:30) as a brown solid (3.00 g, 91%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.32. Mp 92-94 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2961, 1632, 1474, 1461, 1441, 1400, 1383, 1248, 1193, 1143, 1065, 824, 760, 752, 739. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.80 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.61 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.51 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 3.84 (dq, J = 7.2, 14.2 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 3.01 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₃), 1.18 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CHH-CH₃), 0.97 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CH₂-CH₃), 0.36 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 164.0 (s, C=O), 93.6 (s, FcC, C2), 80.3 (d, J = 36.9 Hz, FcC, C1), 77.9 (s, FcCH, C4), 74.8 (s, FcC, C5), 74.5 (s, FcCH, C3), 73.5 (s, Cp), 42.8 (CH₂-CH₃), 39.5 (s, CHH-CH₃), 13.9 (s, CHH-CH₃), 12.4 (CH₂-CH₃), 0.4 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁴ S^{O2}F Fe CONEt₂ ⁴ CH₃: ⁴ So₂F Fe CONEt₂ ⁴ F (CONEt₂) ⁵ (PF ¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆FFeNO₃SSi: C, ⁴ 49.20; H, 5.96; N, 3.19; S, 7.30. Found: C, 49.18; H, 6.00; N, 3.24; S, 7.38.

2-Iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 5f

By following the general procedure B, compound **3b** (1.20 g, 3.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with iodine (1.22 g, 4.80 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (10 mL) as the electrophile. After warming to 0 °C, saturated aqueous $Na_2S_2O_3$ was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. The title product **5f** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 95:5 to 90:10) as an orange solid (1.42 g, 88%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.36. Mp 124-125 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3107, 1580, 1477, 1438, 1405, 1296, 1267, 1218, 1194, 1067, 963, 842, 761, 748, 738. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.23-7.20 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'), 4.93 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.75 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.52 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.4 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.5 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 129.2 (s, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 127.2 (s, ArCH, C4'), 83.3 (s, FcC, C5), 81.4 (d, J = 36.9 Hz, FcC, C1), 80.7 (s, FcCH, C3), 79.9 (s, FcCH, C4), 76.1 (s, Cp), 38.8 (s, FcC, C2). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂FFeIO₂S₂: C, 38.27; H, 2.41; S, 12.77. Found: C, 38.21; H, 2.52; S, 12.95.



Crystal data for 5f. $C_{16}H_{12}FFeIO_2S_2$, M = 502.13, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic C 2/c (I.T.#15), a =20.540(3), b = 10.7796(13), c = 15.5376(17) Å, $\beta = 90.036(4)$ °, V = 3440.2(7) Å³. Z = 8, d = 1.939g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 2.928$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3935 unique intensities and 208 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0457$ ($R_F = 0.0195$) for 3701 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189754.



Figure 4. Molecular structure of compound 5f (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-Chloro-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride - 5g

By following the general procedure B, compound **3b** (2.44 g, 6.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with hexachloroethane (2.31 g, 9.75 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (17 mL) as the electrophile. The title product 5g was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 90:10 to 80:20) as a yellow solid (2.27) g, 85%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.57. Mp 113-114 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3114, 1473, 1437, 1412, 1318, 1277, 1228, 1199, 1067, 1002, 973, 897, 852, 836, 741. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 7.22-7.19 (m, 3H, ArCH, H3', H4' and H5'), 4.89 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.66 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.57 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.6 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.4 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or

C3' and C5'), 129.3 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 127.2 (s, ArCH, C4'), 93.8 (s, FcC, C2), 81.7 (s, FcC, C5), 78.3 (d, J = 37.0 Hz, FcC, C1), 76.1 (s, FcCH, C4), 75.5 (s, Cp), 73.1 (s, FcCH, C3). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.6. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂ClFFeO₂S₂: C, 46.79; H, 2.95; S, 15.61. Found: C, 46.82; H, 3.01; S, 15.64.



Crystal data for 5g. $C_{16}H_{12}ClFFeO_2S_2$, M = 410.68, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ (I.T.#14), a =12.426(3), b = 11.340(2), c = 11.384(2) Å, $\beta = 99.083(7)$ °, V = 1584.0(6) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.722 g.cm⁻³, μ = 1.399 mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3618 unique intensities and 208 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0812$ ($R_F = 0.0311$) for 3041 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189755.



Figure 5. Molecular structure of compound 5g (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

<u>2-Fluoro-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 5h</u>

By following the general procedure B, compound **3b** (510 mg, 1.36 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with *N*-fluorobenzenesulfonimide (643 mg, 2.04 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (4 mL) as the electrophile. An inseparable mixture of the title product **5h** (45%) and the compound **3b** (9.5%) was

obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 80:20) as an orange solid (293 mg). Product **5h** was identified by its ¹H and ¹⁹F spectra.



¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.25-7.18 (m, 5H, ArCH, H2', H3', H4', H5' and H6'), 4.84 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.61 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.52 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 71.0 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, SO₂F), -178.9 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, F).

2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 5i

By following the general procedure B, compound **3b** (340 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with N,N-dimethylmethyleneiminium iodide (277 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.50 equiv) as the electrophile. The title product **5i** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 50:50 to 20:80 with 2% NEt₃) as a yellow solid (283 mg, 65%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.18. Mp 119-120 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2948, 2857, 2814, 2767, 1579, 1478, 1439, 1398, 1361, 1249, 1200, 1023, 1003, 837, 757, 735. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.34-7.22 (m, 5H, ArCH, H2'-6'), 4.84 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.79 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.92 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.44 (d, J = 13.7

Hz, 1H, FCCH, H4), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp), 5.92 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H, CHH), 5.44 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.35 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 137.5 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.1 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 128.8 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 126.7 (s, ArCH, C5'), 88.5 (s, FcC, C2), 82.7 (s, FcC, C5), 79.0 (d, J = 36.4 Hz, FcC, C1), 78.5 (s, FcCH, C4), 74.9 (s, FcCH, C3), 73.9 (s, Cp), 56.5 (s, CH₂), 45.2 (s, N(CH₃)₂). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₀FFeNO₂S₂: C, 52.66; H, 4.65; N, 3.23; S, 14.80. Found: C, 52.59; H, 4.69; N, 3.19; S, 14.91.



2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 5j

By following the general procedure B, compound **3i** (408 mg, 1.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with chlorotrimethylsilane (229 μ L, 195 mg, 1.80 mmol, 1.50 equiv) as the electrophile. The title product **5j** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 90:10 to 10:90 with 2% NEt₃) as an orange solid (95 mg, 20%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.23. Mp 61-63 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2952, 2814, 2762, 1463, 1403, 1393, 1246, 1194, 1174, 1009, 925, 830, 749, 731. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.76 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.47 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.36 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.83 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H, *CH*H), 3.39 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H, *CHH*), 2.24 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 0.34 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 89.9 (s, FcC, C2), 80.5 (d, J = 37.5 Hz, FcC, C1), 78.2 (s, FcCH, C4), 77.2 (s, FcC, C5), 77.0 (s, FcCH, C3), 72.1 (s, Cp), 56.6 (s, CH₂), 45.4 (s, N(CH₃)₂), 0.6 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.7. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄FFeNO₂SSi: C, 48.36; H, 6.09; N, 3.53; S, 8.07. Found: C, 48.46; H, 6.11; N, 3.49; S, 8.22.

2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (**5k**) was also isolated as a yellow solid (45 mg, 9%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.89. Mp 102-104 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2948, 2819, 2767, 1394, 1425, 1228, 1189, 1177, 1129, 1108, 1028, 1005, 831, 821, 768, 732. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.92 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.41 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.34 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.55 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.39 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.08 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 0.30 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 91.6 (s, FcC, C2), 80.4 (s, FcC, C3), 80.0 (d, J = 37.9 Hz, FcC, C1), 76.8 (s, FcCH, C4), 72.7 (s, FcCH, C5), 72.3 (s, Cp), 55.7 (CH₂), 44.7 (s, N(CH₃)₂), -0.1 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄FFeNO₂SSi: C, 48.36; H, 6.09; N, 3.53; S, 8.07. Found: C, 48.48; H, 6.24; N, 3.70; S, 8.19.

2-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-1-(1-(trimethylsilyl)butylsulfonyl)ferrocene (**4e**) was also isolated as an orange solid (90 mg, 17%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.42. Mp 72-73 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2959, 2825, 2775, 1467, 1457, 1310, 1286, 1245, 1143, 1124, 1106, 1081, 1031, 999, 838, 824, 786, 771, 719. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.64 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.35 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.28 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.27 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.12 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, N-CHH), 3.37 (t, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H, CH), 2.68 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, N-CHH), 2.12 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 1.69-1.62 (m, 1H, CH-CHH),

1.56-1.49 (m, 1H, CH-CH*H*), 1.09-1.01 (m, 1H, C*H*H-CH₃), 0.95-0.88 (m, 1H, CH*H*-CH₃), 0.66 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, CHH-CH₃), 0.26 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 89.4 (s, FcC, C1), 84.6 (s, FcC, C2), 74.0 (s, FcCH, C3), 72.4 (s, FcCH, C5), 71.0 (s, Cp), 67.8 (s, FcCH, C4), 57.0 (s, N-CH₂), 55.1 (s, CH), 45.2 (s, N(CH₃)₂), 29.0 (s, CH-CH₂), 22.5 (s, *C*H₂-CH₃), 14.0 (s, CH₂-CH₃), -0.5 (s, Si(CH₃)₃).



General procedure C: 'Halogen dance' reaction.

*n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 1.10 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of HTMP (1.10 equiv) in THF (0.55 M) at -15 °C. After addition, the reaction was stirred for 5 min at the same temperature before being cooled to -50 °C. After 2 min, the compound **5b** or **5f** (1.00 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was stirred at -50 °C for 1 h. The desired electrophile (1.10 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. Water was added to reaction mixture which was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (eluant given in the product description) to give the title product.

<u>3-Iodo-2-(methoxycarbonyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 6c</u>

By following the general procedure C, compound **5b** (1.16 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with methyl chloroformate (966 μ L, 1.18 g, 12.5 mmol, 5.00 equiv) as the electrophile in THF (15 mL) in reverse addition. The title product **6c** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 80:20) as an orange oil (18 mg, 2%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 10:1) = 0.71. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2952, 1729, 1441, 1396, 1266, 1248, 1195, 1173, 1120, 1027, 917, 830, 801, 755. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.79 (s, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.52 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.93 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.35 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 166.6 (s, C=O), 86.1 (s, FcCH, H4), 85.0 (s, FcC, C5), 80.8 (s, FcC, C2), 78.9 (d, *J* = 39.2 Hz, FcC, C1), 76.4 (s, Cp), 53.2 (s, CH₃), 44.7 (s, FcC, C3), 0.4 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 66.9.

3-Iodo-2-(3-pyridyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 6d

By following the general procedure C, compound **5b** (932 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with ZnCl₂·TMEDA (555 mg, 2.2 mmol, 1.10 equiv) as the electrophile. After warming to 0 °C, 3-iodopyridine (820 mg, 4.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv), PdCl₂ (28.4 mg, 0.16 mmol, 0.08 equiv) and dppf (88.7 mg, 0.16 mmol, 0.08 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 14 h in a preheated oil bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (80:20 to 50:50) to give the title product **6d** as an orange solid (298 mg, 27%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.40. Mp 160-161 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3663, 2955, 2901, 1566, 1488, 1393, 1265, 1249, 1200, 1185, 1149, 1066, 980, 911, 829, 754. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.88 (br s, 1H, ArCH, H2'), 8.66 (dd, J = 1.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H6'), 7.85 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H4'), 7.35 (dd, J = 5.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H5'), 4.89 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.54 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.41 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 152.2 (s, ArCH, C2'), 149.7 (s, ArCH, C6'), 139.1 (s, ArCH, C4'), 129.2 (s, ArC, C3'), 122.6 (s, ArCH, C5'), 92.9 (s, FcC, C2), 85.0 (s, FcCH, C4), 80.3 (d, J = 37.5 Hz, FcC, C1), 78.5 (s, FcC, C5), 75.2 (s, Cp), 49.4 (s, FcC, C3), 0.5 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 71.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉FFeINO₂SSi: C, 39.82; H, 3.53; N, 2.58; S, 5.90. Found: C, 99.70; H, 3.59; N, 2.66; S, 5.95.

Crystal data for 6d. $C_{18}H_{19}FFeINO_2SSi$, M = 543.24, T = 150(2) K; triclinic $P \overline{1}$ (I.T.#2), a = 8.2515(9), b = 9.8647(10), c = 13.6336(15) Å, a = 69.547(3), $\beta = 75.439(4)$, $\gamma = 81.881(3)$ °, V = 1004.65(19) Å³. Z = 2, d = 1.796 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 2.472$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 4593 unique intensities and 238 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0766$ ($R_F = 0.0330$) for 4139 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189756.



Figure 6. Molecular structure of compound 6d (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

4-Iodo-2-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6a) was also isolated in 9% yield (88 mg). Its analyses were comparable with the ones reported previously.⁵

2-(3-Pyridyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (**6d**') was also isolated in 6% yield (49 mg) as an orange oil and was identified by ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.87 (br s, 1H, ArCH, H2'), 8.56 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H6'), 7.88 (dt, J = 1.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H4'), 7.28 (dd, J = 4.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H5'), 4.86 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3 or H4), 4.64 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3 or H4), 4.47 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.40 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 71.9.



4-Iodo-2-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 6e

By following the general procedure C, compound **5f** (653 mg, 1.30 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with methanol (0.5 mL) instead of an electrophile. The title product **6e** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 95:5) as an orange solid (247 mg, 38%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.59. Mp 118-119 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3107, 1580, 1478, 1437, 1399, 1370, 1224, 1191, 1072, 1023, 1002, 965, 859, 834, 760, 744, 693. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.24-7.19 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'),

5.27 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.98 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.5 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.5 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 129.3 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 127.3 (s, ArCH, C4'), 85.5 (s, FcCH, C3), 82.6 (s, FcC, C2), 81.6 (d, J = 37.7 Hz, FcC, C1), 78.6 (s, FcCH, C5), 76.1 (s, Cp), 38.1 (s, FcC, C4). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂FFeIO₂S₂: C, 38.27; H, 2.41; S, 12.77. Found: C, 38.39; H, 2.62; S, 12.73.



Crystal data for 6e. $C_{16}H_{12}FFeIO_2S_2$, M = 502.13, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ (I.T.#14), a = 7.2866(6), b = 18.0595(16), c = 12.8343(13) Å, $\beta = 99.140(3)$ °, V = 1667.5(3) Å³. Z = 4, d = 2.000 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 3.021$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3807 unique intensities and 208 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0518$ ($R_F = 0.0209$) for 3643 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189757.



Figure 7. Molecular structure of compound 6e (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

Compounds **3b** (80 mg, 16%) and **5f** (39 mg, 6%) were also isolated and identified by their ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra. 3-Iodo-2-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (**6f**) was also isolated as an orange solid (87 mg, 13%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.37. Mp 169-170 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 1582, 1480, 1401, 1288, 1219, 1191, 1025, 1004, 985, 873, 835, 740, 689. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.17-7.14 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'), 5.17 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 5.03 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.52 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.7 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.1 (s, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 128.2 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 126.7 (s, ArCH, C4'), 82.8 (s, FcC, C2), 81.1 (d, *J* = 37.7 Hz, FcC, C1), 79.1 (s, FcCH, C4), 76.0 (s, Cp), 74.4 (s, FcCH, C5), 55.3 (s, FcC, C3). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₂FFeIO₂S₂: C, 38.27; H, 2.41; S, 12.77. Found: C, 38.34; H, 2.52; S, 12.80.

2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-3-iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride - 6g

By following the general procedure C, compound **5f** (753 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was reacted with N,N-dimethylmethyleneiminium iodide (333 mg, 1.80 mmol, 1.20 equiv) as the electrophile. After warming to 0 °C, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were extracted with aqueous HCl (1 M). The combined aqueous layers were washed with Et₂O, basified with K₂CO₃ until pH 12 and were extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30) to give the title product **6g** as a brown solid (100 mg, 12%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.50. Mp 130-131 °C. ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2975, 2942, 2813, 1765, 1582, 1398, 1253, 1199, 1177, 1039, 1019, 1003, 834, 761, 737. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.29-7.27 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.25-7.21 (m, 3H, H2', H4' and H6'), 4.97 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.42 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.92 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.30 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.28

(s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.2 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.9 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 129.3 (s, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 127.3 (s, ArCH, C4'), 89.4 (s, FcC, C2), 85.3 (s, FcC, C5), 84.1 (s, FcCH, C4), 78.2 (d, *J* = 36.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 76.5 (s, Cp), 56.4 (s, CH₂), 46.7 (s, FcC, C3), 45.4 (s, N(CH₃)₂). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉FFeINO₂S₂: C, 40.81; H, 3.42; N, 2.50; S, 11.47. Found: C, 40.88; H, 3.49; N, 2.64; S, 11.46.



Compound **3b** (64%) and **5f** (21%) were also obtained as an inseparable mixture (522 mg) from the organic layer after extraction with aqueous HCl.

2-(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)-3-iodo-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 7a

A cooled (-30 °C) solution of LiTMP (prepared by adding *n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 2.15 mL, 3.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) dropwise to a solution of HTMP (506 μ L, 424 mg, 3.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (5 mL) at -15 °C and stirring for 5 min) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **5e** (659 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and ZnCl₂·TMEDA (379 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (20 mL) at -30 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min and a solution of iodine (762 mg, 3.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (10 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and a saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (80:20) to give the title product **7a** as an orange solid (475 mg, 56%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.60. Mp 157-158 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2952, 1630, 1477, 1462, 1445, 1403, 1383, 1273, 1247, 1194, 1114, 1032, 1005, 851, 835, 842, 822, 755. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.73 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.61 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.68 (dq, J = 7.0, 14.2 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 3.40 (dq, J = 7.0, 14.2 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 2.99 (dq, J = 1.5, 7.0 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₃), 1.22 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CHH-CH₃), 1.06 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, CH₂-CH₃), 0.36 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 162.7 (s, C=O), 96.9 (s, FcC, C2), 84.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 80.7 (d, J = 37.0 Hz, FcC, 5 -SiMe₃ C1), 76.3 (s, Cp), 76.1 (s, FcC, C5), 43.1 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 42.9 (s, FcC, C3), 39.4 (s, CHH-SO₂F CONEt₂ CH₃), 14.0 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 12.5 (s, CHH-CH₃), 0.4 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 Fe Ż MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.8. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅FFeINO₃SSi: C, 38.25; H, 4.46; N, 2.48; S, 5.67. Found: C, 38.21; H, 4.57; N, 2.56; S, 5.73.

2-(*N*,*N*-Diethylcarbamoyl)-1'-iodo-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (**7b**) was also isolated as a brown oil (57 mg, 7%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.50. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2975, 1634, 1476, 1458, 1404, 1266, 1234, 1194, 1149, 1069, 1023, 919, 839, 824, 741. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.98 (dt, J = 1.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2'), 4.94 (td, J = 1.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3'), 4.79 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.66 (dt, J = 1.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5'), 4.57 (td, J = 1.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4'), 4.30 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 3.84 (dq, J = 7.1, 14.1 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 3.13 (dq, J = 7.1, 14.1 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 2.99 (qd, J = 7.1, 14.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₃), 1.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CHH-CH₃), 0.99 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₂-CH₃), 0.41 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 164.4 (s, C=O), 94.8 (s, FcC, C2), 84.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 80.8 (d, J = 37.2 Hz, FcC, C1), 80.4 (s, FcCH, C2'), 78.3 (s, FcCH, C3), 78.2 (s, FcCH, C5'), 77.1 (s, FcCH, C3'), 76.7 (s, FcC, C5), 74.9 (s, FcCH, C4'), 42.9 (s, SiMe₃ CH2-CH3), 40.6 (s, FcC, C1'), 39.6 (s, CHH-CH3), 14.0 (s, CH2-CH3), 12.4 (s, CHH-SO₂F CONEt₂ CH₃), 0.6 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₅FFeINO₃SSi: C, 38.25; H, 4.46; N, 2.48; S, 5.67. Found: C, 38.15; H, 4.48; N, 2.41; S, 5.74.

3-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 8a

*s*BuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 4.9 mL, 5.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **5c** (1.61 g, 4.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (18 mL) at -80 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Hexachloroethane (1.28 g, 5.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in THF (9 mL) was added to the reaction mixture which was warmed to rt. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5) to give the title product **8a** as an orange solid (1.32 g, 75%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.77. Mp 88-89 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2953, 1475, 1403, 1272, 1246, 1199, 1126, 1074, 1006, 951, 831, 748, 736. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.55 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.48 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 0.33 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 131.2 (d, *J* = 290.2 Hz, FcC, C2), 83.6 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, FcC, C3), 74.9 (s, Cp), 71.0 (s, FcCH, C4), 69.7 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 39.6 Hz, FcC, C1), 66.3 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, FcC, C5), 0.1 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.9 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, SO₂F), -186.0 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅ClF₂FeO₂SSi: C, 39.76; H, 3.85; S, 8.16. Found: C, 39.84; H, 3.91; S, 8.06.

Crystal data for 8a. $C_{13}H_{15}ClF_2FeO_2SSi$, M = 392.70, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P_{21/n}$ (I.T.#14), a = 7.1087(16), b = 13.056(3), c = 17.190(4) Å, $\beta = 91.972(9)$ °, V = 1594.5(6) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.636 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.339$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3631 unique intensities and 193 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0612$ ($R_F = 0.0252$) for 3440 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189758.



Figure 8. Molecular structure of compound 8a (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

<u>3-Chloro-2-fluoroferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 9</u>

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M in THF, 5.3 mL, 5.30 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **8a** (1.25 g, 3.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (90:10) to give the title product **9** as an orange solid (784 mg, 70%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.53. Mp 93-94 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3120, 2969, 1471, 1411, 1403, 1382, 1252, 1204, 1147, 1108, 1018, 903, 805, 754. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.59 (s, 6H, Cp and FcCH, Cp and H4 or H5), 4.52 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4 or H5). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 129.1 (d, J = 287.9 Hz, FcC, C2), 82.6 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, FcC, C3), 75.2 (s, Cp), 65.8 (dd, J = 10.8, 41.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 65.0 (s, FcCH, C4 or C5), 60.8 (s, FcCH, C4 or C5). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.3 (s, SO₂F), -190.7 (s, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₇ClF₂FeO₂S: C, 37.47; H, 2.20; S, 10.00. Found: C, 37.38; H, 2.09; S, 10.12.

<u>3-Chloro-2-fluoro-4-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 8b</u>

sBuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 440 μ L, 0.48 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **9** (128 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (1.5 mL) at -90 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. Chlorotrimethylsilane (61.0 μ L, 52.1 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture which was warmed to rt. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (1000:25 to 1000:50) to give an inseparable mixture (81 mg) of the title product **8b** (25%) and its isomer **8a** (25%). The NMR data are only described for the compound **8b**.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.77. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.54 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.37 (s, 1H, FcCH, C5), 0.36 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 130.4 (d, J = 290.2 Hz, FcC, C2), 87.1 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, FcC, C3), 75.0 (s, Cp), 69.8 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, FcC, C4), 67.2 (dd, J = 11.2, 40.8 Hz, FC, C1), 65.5 (s, FcCH, C5), -0.6 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.5 (s, SO₂F), -187.7 (s, F).

2-Fluoro-3-methyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 10

sBuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 2.2 mL, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **5c** (716 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (8 mL) at -80 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Iodomethane (150 μ L, 340 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture which was warmed to rt. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5) to give the title product **10** as an orange solid (638 mg, 85%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.50. Mp 125-126 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2965, 1501, 1424, 1401, 1296, 1266, 1248, 1198, 1139, 1125, 1109, 1004, 971, 839, 827, 791, 758, 745. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.42 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.15 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.31 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 134.1 (d, *J* = 285.5 Hz, FcC, C2), 77.5 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, FcC, C3), 73.3 (s, Cp), 72.3 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, FcCH, C4), 70.4 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 38.8 Hz, FcC, C1), 66.8 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, FcC, C5), 11.1 (s, CH₃), 0.2 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 71.0 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, SO₂F), -185.9 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈F₂FeO₂SSi: C, 45.17; H, 4.87; S, 8.61. Found: C, 45.22; H, 4.98; S, 8.65.

Crystal data for 10. $C_{14}H_{18}F_2FeO_2SSi$, M = 372.28, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/n$ (I.T.#14), a = 9.6910(16), b = 11.7554(19), c = 13.9616(19) Å, $\beta = 96.089(6)$ °, V = 1581.6(4) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.564 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.182$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3597 unique intensities and 194 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0643$ ($R_F = 0.0258$) for 3337 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189759.



Figure 9. Molecular structure of compound 10 (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-Fluoro-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 11

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M in THF, 3.0 mL, 3.00 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **10** (750 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (8 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted

with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (90:10 to 80:20) to give the title product **11** as a yellow solid (537 mg, 89%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.30. Mp 96-97 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3112, 2927, 1460, 1432, 1395, 1384, 1203, 1166, 1141, 1108, 1039, 1000, 942, 831, 815, 756, 717. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.45 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.43 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.23 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 131.8 (d, *J* = 283.3 Hz, FcC, C2), 75.9 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, FcC, C3), 73.4 (s, Cp), 66.2 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 40.6 Hz, FcC, C1), 65.8 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, FcCH, C4), 61.9 (s, FcCH, C5), 11.1 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.3 (s, SO₂F), -190.8 (s, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₀F₂FeO₂S: C, 44.03; H, 3.36; S, 10.68. Found: C, 44.18; H, 3.42; S, 10.85.

Crystal data for 11. C₁₁H₁₀F₂FeO₂S, M = 300.10, T = 150(2) K; orthorhombic $P n a 2_1$ (I.T.#33), a = 13.125(3), b = 13.589(3), c = 6.2890(14) Å, V = 1121.6(4) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.777 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.542$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 2156 unique intensities and 156 parameters converged at $\omega R(F^2) = 0.0598$ ($R_F = 0.0225$) for 2084 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189760.



Figure 10. Molecular structure of compound 11 (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-Fluoro-5-iodo-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 12

sBuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 2 mL, 2.25 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **11** (450 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (4 mL) at -90 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 15 min. Iodine (571 mg, 2.25 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (3 mL) was added to the reaction mixture which was warmed to rt. Saturated aqueous $Na_2S_2O_3$ was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5) to give the title product **12** as a yellow solid (558 mg, 87%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:50) = 0.30. Mp 124-125 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3108, 2926, 1496, 1425, 1403, 1304, 1201, 1142, 1108, 1002, 953, 834, 746. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.62 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 2.08 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 130.9

(d, J = 290.1 Hz, FcC, C2), 76.9 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, FcC, C3), 76.4 (s, Cp), 73.9 (s, FcCH, C4), 68.9 (dd, J = 9.3, 39.5 Hz, FcC, C1), 31.4 (s, FcC, C5), 10.9 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.1 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, SO₂F), -185.4 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₉F₂FeIO₂S: C, 31.01; H, 2.13; S, 7.53. Found: C, 31.14; H, 2.19; S, 7.54.



2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-5-fluoro-3-iodo-4-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 13

*n*BuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 1.1 mL, 1.21 mmol, 1.10 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of HTMP (204 μ L, 171 mg, 1.21 mmol, 1.10 equiv) in THF (2.3 mL) at -15 °C. After addition, the reaction was stirred for 5 min at the same temperature before being cooled to -50 °C. After 2 min, the compound **12** (469 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was stirred at -50 °C for 1 h. *N*,*N*-dimethylmethyleneiminium iodide (224 mg, 1.21 mmol, 1.10 equiv) was added in one

portion and the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. Water was added to reaction mixture which was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were extracted with aqueous HCl (1 M). The combined aqueous layers were washed with Et₂O, basified with solid K₂CO₃ until pH 12 and were extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (80:20 to 10:90) to give the title product 13 as an orange solid (167 mg, 31%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.39. Mp 61-62 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2943, 2819, 2770, 1481, 1428, 1401, 1378, 1327, 1203, 1176, 1148, 1125, 1019, 1005, 884, 832, 761. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.34 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.75 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.25 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.24 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.19 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 131.5 (d, J = 290.2 Hz, FcC, C5), 79.8 (s, FcC, C2), 78.2 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, FcC, C4), 76.7 (s, Cp), 66.1 (dd, J = 10.4, 39.1 Hz,

FcC, C1), 56.3 (s, CH₂), 48.0 (s, FcC, C3), 45.3 (s, N(CH₃)₂), 13.0 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.3 (s, SO₂F), -185.6 (s, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆F₂FeINO₂S: C, 34.81; H, 3.34; N, 2.90; S, 6.64. Found: C, 34.70; H, 3.53; N, 3.06; S, 6.72.

5-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-2-fluoro-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (14) was also isolated as an orange solid (85 mg, 21%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.10. Mp 91-92 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2946, 2817, 2769, 1500, 1424, 1398, 1365, 1354, 1325, 1203, 1162, 1139, 1128, 1037, 1011, 870, 836, 750. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.38 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.35 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.17 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.19 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 132.3 (d, J = 285.7 Hz, FcC, C2), 78.1 (s, FcC, C5), 74.7 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, FcC, C3), 74.0 (s, NMe₂ Cp), 68.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 65.5 (dd, J = 9.7, 39.4 Hz, FcC, C1), 55.8 (s, CH₂), 45.0 (s, SO₂F N(CH₃)₂), 10.9 (s, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.0 (d, J = 1.6۶F

Hz, SO₂F), -188.6 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, F). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇F₂FeNO₂S: C, 47.08; H, 4.80; N, 3.92; S, 8.98. Found: C, 47.20; H, 4.12; N, 3.84; S, 9.06.



NMe₂

SO₂F

2-Chloro-3-methoxycarbonyl-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride - 15

sBuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 2.2 mL, 2.40 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound 5g (822 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (8 mL) at -80 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Methyl chloroformate (618 µL, 756 mg, 8.00 mmol, 4.00 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture which was warmed to 0 °C. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO_2 , using PE-EtOAc (80:20) to give the title product 15 as an orange solid (637 mg, 68%).

 R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.47. Mp 135-136 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2958, 1716, 1449, 1423, 1410, 1367, 1328, 1202, 1181, 1031, 1007, 924, 835, 764, 755, 706. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.33-7.32 (m, 4H, ArCH, H2', H3', H5' and H6'), 7.30-7.28 (m, 1H, ArCH, H4'), 5.10 (s, 1H, FcCH,

H4), 4.57 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.87 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 167.2 (s, C=O), 134.7 (s, ArC, C1'), 131.1 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 129.6 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 128.2 (s, ArCH, C4'), 93.9 (s, FcC, C2), 85.4 (s, FcC, C3), 80.2 (d, J = 36.8 Hz, FcC, C1), 77.0 (s, Cp), 76.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 72.6 (s, FcC, C5), 52.7 (s, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₄ClFFeO₄S₂: C, 46.13; H, 3.01; S, 13.68. Found: C,46.16; H, 3.02; S, 13.59.



Crystal data for 15. $C_{18}H_{14}ClFFeO_4S_2$, M = 468.71, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ (I.T.#14), a =12.4412(13), b = 17.6060(14), c = 8.5001(7) Å, $\beta = 97.985(4)$ °, V = 1843.8(3) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.688g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.221$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 4157 unique intensities and 245 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0713$ ($R_F = 0.0329$) for 3318 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189761.



Figure 11. Molecular structure of compound 15 (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-Chloro-4-iodo-3-methoxycarbonyl-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 16

A cooled (-50 °C) solution of LiTMP (prepared by adding *n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 1.40 mL, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) dropwise to a solution of HTMP (337 μ L, 282 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (4 mL) at -15 °C and stirring for 5 min) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **15** (469 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and ZnCl₂·TMEDA (252 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (4 mL) at -50 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 20 min and a solution of iodine (507 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) in THF (4 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C

and a saturated aqueous solution of $Na_2S_2O_3$ was added. The reaction mixture was warned to 0 ° ° c and a saturated aqueous solution of $Na_2S_2O_3$ was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (85:15) to give the title product **16** as a yellow solid (32 mg, 5%).



R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.43. Mp 80-81 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 1728, 1581, 1478, 1440, 1414, 1317, 1203, 1178, 1022, 994, 937, 840, 816, 769, 741. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.24 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 7.20-7.16 (m, 3H, ArCH, H3', H4' and H5'), 4.60 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.00 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 165.6 (s, C=O), 135.8 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.3 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 128.6 (s, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 127.2 (s, ArCH, C4'), 94.1 (s, FcC, C2), 84.2 (s, FcC, C3), 81.7 (d, *J* = 36.3 Hz, C1), 79.7 (s, FcC, C5), 54.7 (s, FcC, C4), 53.2 (s, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.7.

2-Chloro-3-(N,N-dimethylaminomethyl)-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 17

*s*BuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 2.7 mL, 3.00 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **5g** (1.03 g, 2.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (20 mL) at -80 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. *N*,*N*-Dimethylmethyleneiminium iodide (555 mg, 3.00 mmol, 3.00 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture which was warmed to 0 °C. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (50:50 to 30:70 with 2% NEt₃) to give an inseparable mixture (868 mg) of the title product **17** (64%) and the compound **5i** (10%) as a brown solid.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.40. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2944, 2826, 2777, 1581, 1480, 1458, 1441, 1405, 1360, 1278, 1199, 1178, 1047, 1023, 842, 751, 741. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, compound **17**): δ (ppm) 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 7.20-7.12 (m, 3H, ArCH, H3', H4' and H5'), 4.79

(s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.49 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.55 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.27 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.25 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, compound **17**): δ (ppm) 136.7 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.3 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 129.2 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 127.1 (s, ArCH, C4'), 94.3 (s, FcC, C2), 86.8 (s, FcC, C3), 80.8 (s, FcC, C5), 78.1 (d, J = 37.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 77.8 (s, FcCH, C4), 76.0 (s, Cp), 55.7 (s, CH₂), 45.3 (s, N(CH₃)₂). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.5.



Crystal data for 17. C₁₉H₁₉ClFFeNO₂S₂, M = 467.77, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/n$ (I.T.#14), a = 7.9543(7), b = 19.0071(13), c = 12.9401(9) Å, $\beta = 95.730(4)$ °, V = 1946.6(3) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.596 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.150$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 4379 unique intensities and 246 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0905$ ($R_F = 0.0341$) for 3591 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189762.



Figure 12. Molecular structure of compound 17 (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-Chloro-3-(N,N-dimethylaminomethyl)-4-iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 18

*s*BuLi (1.1 M in hexane, 0.87 mL, 0.96 mmol, 1.20 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of a mixture of compounds **17** and **5i** (370 mg, 0.69 mmol of **17**, 0.11 mmol of **5i**, 1.00 equiv) in THF (4 mL) at -80 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Iodine (244 mg, 0.96 mmol, 1.20 equiv) in THF (1 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. A saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30 to 30:70) to give the title product **18** as a yellow solid (181 mg, 44%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 60:40 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.58. Mp 153-154 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2944, 2869, 2812, 2786, 1581, 1477, 1454, 1439, 1412, 1362, 1351, 1316, 1269, 1252, 1201, 1174, 1040, 1026, 996, 837, 759, 739. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.15 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, ArCH, H4'), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.66 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.46 (s, Cp), 3.66 (s, Cp

1H, C*H*H), 3.47 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H, CH*H*), 2.34 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.4 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.2 (s, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 128.1 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 126.8 (s, ArCH, C4'), 94.6 (s, FcC, C2), 90.2 (s, FcC, C3), 82.3 (s, FcC, C5), 80.2 (d, J = 36.2 Hz, FcC, C1), 78.5 (s, Cp), 59.8 (s, FcC, C4), 57.2 (s, CH₂), 46.0 (s, N(CH₃)₂). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 71.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₈ClFFeINO₂S₂: C, 38.44; H, 3.06; N, 2.36; S, 10.80. Found: C, 38.50; H, 3.22; N, 2.29; S, 10.76.



Crystal data for 18. $C_{19}H_{18}CIFFeINO_2S_2$, M = 593.66, T = 150(2) K; orthorhombic P 2₁ 2₁ (I.T.#19), a = 11.0942(5), b = 11.5718(6), c = 16.5861(9) Å, V = 2129.32(19) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.852 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 2.504$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 4711 unique intensities and 255 parameters converged at $\omega R(F^2) = 0.0531$ ($R_F = 0.0218$) for 4557 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189763.



Figure 13. Molecular structure of compound 18 (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-3-iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (**6g**) was also isolated as an orange solid (20 mg, 32%). Its NMR data were identical to the ones recorded for the compound obtained by the 'halogen dance' reaction.

5-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-3-iodo-2-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (**6h**) was also isolated as an orange solid (35 mg, 54%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 60:40 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.28. Mp 123-124 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2821, 2773, 1581, 1480, 1456, 1441, 1402, 1256, 1195, 1179, 1034, 1003, 835, 779, 739. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.21-7.18 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'), 4.93 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.43 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.45 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.21 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.27 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.7 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.4 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 127.1 (s, ArCH, C4'), 91.5 (s, FcC, C5), 83.7 (s, FcC, C2), 81.7 (d, *J* = 36.4 Hz, FcC, C1), 79.9 (s, FcCH, C4), 76.6 (s, Cp), 59.0 (s, CH₂), 45.5 (s, N(CH₃)₂), 45.0 (s, FcC, C3). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.9.

2-(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)-3-iodoferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 19c

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.0 M in THF, 0.75 mL, 0.75 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added to a solution of compound **7a** (283 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min at 0 °C. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (90:10 to 80:20) to give the title product **19c** as a light sensitive brown solid (162 mg, 65%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.49. Mp 130-131 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2986, 2940, 1629, 1479, 1402, 1383, 1270, 1231, 1192, 1008, 831, 752. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.90 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.86 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.63 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.67 (dq, J = 7.1, 14.0 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 3.41 (dq, J = 7.1, 14.0 Hz, 1H, CHH-CH₃), 3.01 (m, 2H, CH₂-CH₃), 1.22 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CHH-CH₃), 1.04 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H, CH₂-CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 162.2 (s, C=O), 93.2 (s, FcC, C2), 77.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 76.8 (d, J = 38.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 76.3 (s, Cp), 70.1

(s, FcCH, C5), 43.1 (s, CH_2 - CH_3), 41.2 (s, FcC, C3), 39.6 (s, CHH- CH_3), 14.0 (s, CH_2 - CH_3), 12.5 (s, CHH- CH_3). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ (ppm) 69.0. Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{17}FFeINO_3S$: C, 36.54; H, 3.48; N, 2.84; S, 6.50. Found: C, 36.42; H, 3.46; N, 2.90; S, 6.43.



3-Formyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 20a

*t*BuLi (1.6 M, 1.25 mL, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **6a** (466 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (10 mL) at -90 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 5 min. Dimethylformamide (155 µL, 146 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. Aqueous HCl (1 M) was added and the reaction

mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (90:10 to 80:20) to give the title product **20a** as a red solid (305 mg, 83%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.77. Mp 72-73 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3112, 2957, 1689, 1459, 1397, 1371, 1254, 1245, 1194, 1140, 1110, 1092, 1009, 992, 828, 758, 745. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 10.00 (s, 1H, CHO), 5.61 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 5.06 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.52 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.39 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 191.1 (s, C=O), 85.9 (d, *J* = 38.4 Hz, FcC, C1), 83.5 (s, FcC, C3), 80.6 (s, FcC, C5), 80.1 (s, FcCH, C4), 85.2 (s, FcCH, C2), 72.9 (s, Cp), 0.2 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇FFeO₃SSi: C, 45.66; H, 4.65; S, 8.71. Found: C, 45.80; H, 4.68; S, 8.90.

4-Pinacolboryl-2-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 20b

*t*BuLi (1.6 M, 1.25 mL, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **6a** (466 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (10 mL) at -90 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 5 min. Triisopropyl borate (461 µL, 376 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. Methanol (2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. Volatiles were removed under vacuum. Pinacol (236 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and THF (10 mL) were added to the reaction mixture which was stirred at rt for 1 h. Volatiles were removed under vacuum, THF (10 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. Volatiles were removed under vacuum, THF (10 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. Volatiles were removed under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (80:20 to 0:100) to give the title product **20b** as an orange solid (327 mg, 70%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 15:1) = 0.47. Mp 144-145 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2980, 1503, 1484, 1402, 1371, 1345, 1334, 1247, 1204, 1178, 1139, 965, 838, 759, 734. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.28 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.70 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.39 (s, 5H, Cp), 1.36 (s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂), 1.35 (s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂), 0.35 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 85.2 (d, J = 37.6 Hz, FcC, C1), 85.1 (s, FcCH, C3), 84.2 (s, 2 x *C*(CH₃)₂), 80.1 (s, FcCH, C5), 78.8 (s, FcC, C2), 71.9 (s, Cp), 25.1 (s, C(CH₃)₂), 25.0 (s, C(CH₃)₂), 0.3 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). Due to quadrupolar coupling, C4 is not observed. ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.5. ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 31.8. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₈BFFeO₄SSi: C, 48.95; H, 6.05; S, 6.88. Found: C, 48.82; H, 6.01; S, 6.86.

(2-(Fluorosulfonyl) ferrocenylmethyl) trimethylammonium iodide-21

Iodomethane (373 μ L, 852 mg, 6.00 mmol, 3.00 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **3i** (680 mg, 2.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in acetonitrile (12 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min and volatiles were removed under vacuum using a rotary evaporator. Et₂O was added to precipitate the product which was filtrated. The resulting solids were washed with Et₂O and dried under vacuum to afford the title product **21** as a yellow solid (933 mg, quant.).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 50:50) = 0.00. Mp 189-191 °C (decomposition). v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3463 (br), 1487, 1464, 1402, 1254, 1204, 1174, 878, 853, 820, 772, 758, 746. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ (ppm) 5.28 (s, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H5), 5.11 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.88 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H, CHH), 4.56 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.53 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.03 (s, 9H, N(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆): δ (ppm) 79.3 (s, FcCH, C5), 76.3 (d, J = 37.8 Hz, FcC, C2), 74.5 (s, FcCH, C4), 74.3 (s, FcC, C1), 73.6 (s, FcCH, C3), 73.0 (s, Cp), 62.5 (CH₂), 51.9 (s, N(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉FFeINO₂S: C, 36.00; H, 4.10; N, 3.00; S, 6.86. Found: C, 36.12; H, 4.07; N, 3.07; S, 6.88.

2-(Acetoxymethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 22a

A solution of compound **3i** (170 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in acetic anhydride (1.2 mL, 1.27 g, 12.5 mmol, 25.0 equiv) was heated at 120 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and was poured onto an ice and water mixture. K_2CO_3 was added until pH 8-9 and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over

cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30 to 60:40 with 2% NEt₃) to give the title product **22a** as an orange oil (89 mg, 52%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.55. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 1737, 1398, 1373, 1274, 1241, 1221, 1201, 1172, 1108, 1097, 1040, 1019, 971, 950, 829, 814, 753, 736. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.18 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CHH), 5.13 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, 1H, CHH), 4.90 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.58 (t, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.40 (s, 5H, Cp), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 82.8 (s, FcC, C2), 77.4 (d, *J* = 38.9 Hz, FcC, C1), 75.2 (s, FcCH, C3), 72.2 (s, Cp), 72.1 (s, FcCH, C5), 71.4 (s, FcCH, C4), 59.8 (s, CH₂), 20.9 (CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃FFeO₄S: C, 45.90; H, 3.85; S, 9.43. Found: C, 45.96; H, 3.88; S, 9.47.

Crystal data for 22a. C₁₃H₁₃FFeO₄S, M = 340.14, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ (I.T.#14), a = 6.809(4), b = 7.744(2), c = 25.366(10) Å, $\beta = 91.69(2)$ °, V = 1337.0(10) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.690 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.305$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3047 unique intensities and 162 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.1485$ ($R_F = 0.0651$) for 2787 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189764.



Figure 14. Molecular structure of compound 22a (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

3-(Acetoxymethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 22b

A solution of compound **20c** (460 mg, 1.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in acetic anhydride (3.3 mL, 3.57 g, 35.0 mmol, 25.0 equiv) was heated at 120 °C in a pre-heated oil bath for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and was poured onto an ice and water mixture. K_2CO_3 was added until pH 8-9 and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (90:10 to 80:20 with 2% NEt₃) to give the title product **22b** as an orange oil (287 mg, 60%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.62. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3113, 1737, 1400, 1223, 1197, 1095, 1024, 939, 911, 831, 731. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.98 (t, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 4.88-4.89 (m, 3H, CH₂ and FcCH, CH₂ and H5), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.45 (s, 5H, Cp), 2.09 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 170.6 (s, C=O), 86.5 (s, FcC, C3), 78.2 (d, *J* = 39.6 Hz, FcC, C1), 73.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 72.2 (s, Cp), 70.6 (s, FcCH, C2), 70.3 (s, FcCH, C5), 61.1 (s, CH₂), 20.9 (s, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃FFeO₄S: C, 45.90; H, 3.85; S, 9.43. Found: C, 45.88; H, 3.90; S, 9.56.

2-(Hydromethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 23

Diisobutylaluminium hydride (1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 1.3 mL, 1.3 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **3g** (163 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 10 min. Aqueous HCl (1 M) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under

vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30 to 50:50 with 2% NEt₃) to give the title product **23** as a brown solid (74 mg, 49%). This compound should not be stored and used right away.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.35. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3269 (br), 2969, 1399, 1252, 1201, 1167, 982, 834, 750. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.87 (dd, J = 1.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.72 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 4.678 (dd, J = 1.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.55 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.55 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 4.44 (s, 5H, Cp), 2.10 (br s, 1H, OH). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.9

2-(Trimethylsilyloxy)methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 24a

Diisobutylaluminium hydride (1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 3.9 mL, 3.9 mmol, 2.6 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **3g** (489 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 10 min. Aqueous HCl (1 M) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. Layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtrated over cotton wool. Triethylamine (627 µL, 455 mg, 4.5 mmol, 3.00 equiv) and chlorotrimethylsilane (571 µL, 489 mg, 4.5 mmol, 3.00 equiv) were successively added to the filtrate and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. Volatiles were removed under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30 with 2% NEt₃) to give the title product **24a** as an orange oil (381 mg, 68%). Unstable over long period storage at 0 °C.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.75. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2958, 1399, 1250, 1202, 1169, 1100, 1064, 1015, 870, 834, 747. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.83 (dd, J = 1.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.74 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H, CHH), 4.68 (dd, J = 1.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.59 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H, CHH), 4.68 (dd, J = 1.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.59 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H, CHH), 4.51 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.39 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.15 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 89.1 (s, FcC, C2), 76.2 (d, J = 39.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 73.7 (s, FcCH, C3), 72.0 (s, Cp), 71.5 (s, FcCH, C5), 70.7 (s, FcCH, C4), 58.3 (s, CH₂), -0.3 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.5.

<u>3-(Trimethylsilyloxy)methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 24b</u>

Diisobutylaluminium hydride (1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 3.9 mL, 3.9 mmol, 2.6 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **20d** (489 mg, 1.5 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 10 min. Aqueous HCl (1 M) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. Layers were separated and the aqueous one was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtrated over cotton wool. Triethylamine (627 μ L, 455 mg, 4.5 mmol, 3.00 equiv) and chlorotrimethylsilane (571 μ L, 489 mg, 4.5 mmol, 3.00 equiv) were successively added to the filtrate and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. Volatiles were removed under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30 with 2% NEt₃) to give the title product **24b** as an orange oil (390 mg, 70%). Unstable over long period storage at 0 °C.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.75. R_f of the intermediate alcohol (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.22. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2957, 1400, 1251, 1197, 1107, 1071, 1037, 1004, 910, 870, 830, 743. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.91 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 4.83 (dd, *J* = 1.1, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.63 (dd, *J* = 1.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.44 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.41 (s, 2H, CH₂), 0.19 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 92.7 (s, FcC, C3), 72.2 (s, Cp), 72.1

(s, FcCH, C4), 71.9 (d, J = 35.8 Hz, FcC, C1), 69.7 (s, FcCH, C5), 69.3 (s, FcCH, \bowtie C2), 59.7 (s, CH₂), -0.3 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.2.



2-(N,N-Diethylaminomethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 25

A solution of BH₃·THF (1 M in THF, 5 mL, 5.00 mmol, 5.00 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **3h** (367 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (5 mL) at rt. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 15 min and was heated at 80 °C for 14 h. **Remark**: the use of PTFE sleeve is strongly recommended to avoid blockage of the ground glass joints. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and a aqueous solution of NaOH (10%) was added dropwise. **Caution**: as a vigorous evolution of gas was noticed, the first drops of NaOH solution should be added slowly. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PET/EtOAc (70:30 with 2% NEt₃) to give the title product **25** as an orange oil (221 mg, 62%). Compound **3h** was also recovered (28 mg, 7%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30 with 2% NEt₃) = 0.25. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2970, 2935, 2807, 1453, 1398, 1263, 1233, 1201, 1177, 1108, 1057, 1037, 1003, 829, 755. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.82 (s, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.72 (s, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.51 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.38 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.84 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 3.59 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 1H, CHH), 2.59-2.47 (m, 4H, CH₂-CH₃), 1.02 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 6H, CH₂-CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 87.2 (s, FcC, C2), 76.7 (d, *J* = 38.7 Hz, FcC, C1), 75.3 (s, FcCH, C3), 72.2 (s, Cp), 71.3 (s, FcCH, C5), 70.7 (s, FcCH, C4), 50.3 (s, CHH), 46.4 (s, CH₂-CH₃), 11.7 (s, CH₂-CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 67.7. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₀FFeNO₂S: C, 51.00; H, 5.71; N, 3.97; S, 9.08. Found: C, 51.02; H, 5.90; N, 4.07; S, 9.01.

2-(Phenylsulfinyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 26

A solution of *m*CPBA (183 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **3b** (282. mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and a saturated aqueous solution of Na₂S₂O₃ was added dropwise. Layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic layers were washed with NaOH (5%), dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PET/EtOAc (70:30 to 50:50) to give the title product **26** as a light sensitive orange solid (243 mg, 82%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.22. Mp 115-116 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3100, 1445, 1410, 1360, 1220, 1179, 1082, 1070, 1043, 1023, 817, 749. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H, ArCH, COCL_3): δ (ppm) 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H, ArCH, ArCH, COCL_3): δ (ppm) 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H, ArCH, COCL_3): δ (ppm) 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H, ArCH, ArCH, COCL_3): δ (ppm) 7.69-7.67 (m, 2H, ArCH, ArCH,

C2' and C6'), 7.43-7.42 (m, 3H, H3', H4' and H5'), 5.23 (dd, J = 1.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.95 (dd, J = 1.8, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.74 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.68 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 146.2 (s, ArC, C1'), 131.7 (s, ArCH, C4'), 129.5 (s, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 124.5 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 96.4 (s, FcC, C2), 77.6 (d, J = 39.8 Hz, FcC, C1), 73.8 (s, Cp), 73.4 (FcCH, C5), 72.5 (FcCH, C4), 69.0 (FcCH, C3). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.6. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₃FFeO₃S₂: C, 48.99; H, 3.34; S, 16.35. Found: C, 48.88; H, 3.41; S, 16.49.



General procedure D for the Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling of iodinated ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride.

Compound **3f**, **6a** or **19a** (0.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv), the required boronic acid (2.00 mmol, 4.00 equiv), $Pd(dba)_2$ (14.4 mg, 25.0 µmol, 0.05 equiv), SPhos (41 mg, 0.10 mmol, 0.20 equiv) and CsF (152 mg, 1.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) were placed in a dried Schlenk tube, subjected to three cycles of vacuum/argon. Toluene (5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 110 °C in a pre-heated oil bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and water was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (proportions given in the product description) to give the title product.

2-(3-Thienyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 27a

By following the general procedure D, compound **3f** (197 mg, 0.50 mmol) was reacted with 3-thienylboronic acid (256 mg, 2.00 mmol). The title product **27a** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 90:10) as an orange solid (136 mg, 77%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.36. Mp 99-101 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3119, 1454, 1402, 1357, 1312, 1254, 1207, 1193, 1164, 1114, 1030, 1005, 848, 835, 797, 756. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.49 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H2'), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H, H4' and H5'), 4.98 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.63 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.41 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 133.8 (s, ArC, C3'), 128.7 (s, ArCH, C4' or C5'), 125.5 (s, ArCH, C4' or C5'), 123.9 (s, ArCH, C2'), 83.9 (s, FcC, C2), 76.2 (d, *J* = 37.6 Hz, FcC, C1), 74.4 (s, FcCH, C3), 72.9 (s, Cp), 72.3 (s, FcCH, C5), 70.7 (s, FcCH, C4). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁FFeO₂S₂: C, 48.02; H, 3.17; S, 18.31. Found: C, 47.97; H, 3.17; S, 18.34.

Crystal data for 27a. $C_{14}H_{11}FFeO_2S_2$, M = 350.20, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic P_{21}/c (I.T.#14), a = 7.9750(11), b = 21.685(4), c = 7.7176(12) Å, $\beta = 93.869(5)$ °, V = 1331.7(4) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.747 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.453$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3038 unique intensities and 181 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0723$ ($R_F = 0.0299$) for 2676 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189765.



Figure 15. Molecular structure of compound 27a (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 27b

By following the general procedure D, compound **3f** (197 mg, 0.50 mmol) was reacted with 2,5dimethoxyphenylboronic acid (364 mg, 2.00 mmol). The title product **27b** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 90:10 to 70:30) as an orange solid (133 mg, 66%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.21. Mp 108-110 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2961, 1833, 1507, 1466, 1430, 13891, 1301, 1272, 1239, 1216, 1201, 1163, 1140, 1051, 1035, 1005, 978, 863, 836, 812, 743. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.31 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H6'), 6.86 (dd, J = 3.1, 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H4'), 6.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H3'), 4.98 (dd, J = 1.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.70 (dd, J = 1.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.66 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.47 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.84 (s, 3H, 5'-OCH₃), 3.72 (s, 3H, 2'-OCH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 152.9 (s, ArC, C5'), 151.7 (s, ArCH, C2'), 123.3 (s, ArC, C1'), 118.8 (s, ArCH, C6'), 113.6 (s, ArCH, C4'), 111.2 (s, ArCH, C3'), 87.6 (s, FcC, C2), 76.8 (d, J = 36.4 Hz, FcC, C1), 76.3 (s, FcCH, C3), 73.0 (s, Cp), 71.3 (s, FcCH, C5), 70.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 55.9 (s, 5'-OCH₃), 55.5 (s, 2'-OCH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 64.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇FFeO₄S: C, 53.48; H, 4.24; S, 7.93. Found: C, 53.47; H, 4.31; S, 7.94.

Crystal data for 27b. $C_{18}H_{17}FFeO_4S$, M = 404.22, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ (I.T.#14), a = 7.9976(8), b = 7.6106(7), c = 27.200(3) Å, $\beta = 94.676(4)$ °, V = 1650.0(3) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.627 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.072$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3776 unique intensities and 228 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0726$ ($R_F = 0.0295$) for 3506 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189766.



Figure 16. Molecular structure of compound 27b (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

4-(4-Isopropylphenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 29a

By following the general procedure D, compound **6a** (233 mg, 0.50 mmol) was reacted with 4-isopropylphenylboronic acid (328 mg, 2.00 mmol). The title product **29a** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 95:5) as an orange oil (151 mg, 66%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.59. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2959, 1459, 1398, 1309, 1248, 1199, 1151, 1003, 990, 825, 747. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.43 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArCH, H2' and H6'), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 5.43 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.89 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.30 (s, 5H, Cp), 2.92 (sept, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 1.28 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.40 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 148.7 (s, ArC, C4'), 132.6 (s, ArC, C1'), 127.0 (s, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 126.5 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 92.0 (s, FcC, C4), 82.2 (d, *J* = 38.0 Hz, FcC, C1), 77.5 (s, FcCH, C3), 75.7 (FcC, C2), 73.0 (s, Cp), 71.6 (s, FcCH, C4'), 132.6 (s, ArC, C5'), 34.0 (s, CH(CH₃)₂), 24.0 (s, CH(CH₃)₂), 0.4 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.9. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₇FFeO₂SSi: C, 57.64; H, 5.94; S, 6.99. Found: C, 57.72; H, 5.90; S, 7.09.

4-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 29b

By following the general procedure D, compound **6a** (233 mg, 0.50 mmol) was reacted with 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylboronic acid (380 mg, 2.00 mmol). The title product **29b** was obtained after column chromatography (eluent PE-EtOAc 15:1) as an orange solid (131 mg, 54%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 15:1) = 0.53. Mp 129-130 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2970, 2908, 1617, 1395, 1321, 1248, 1203, 1150, 1121, 1107, 1066, 839, 828, 749. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.62 (s, 4H, ArCH, H2', H3', H5' and H6'), 5.50 (d, J = 1.50 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.95 (d, J = 1.50 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.31 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.41 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 139.8 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.7 (q, J = 32.6 Hz, ArC, C4'), 126.6 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6'), 126.0 (q, J = 3.7 Hz, ArCH, C3' and C5'), 124.2 (q, J = 272.3 Hz, Cq, F₃C), 89.2 (s, Fc, C4), 83.1 (d, J = 38.5 Hz, FcC, C1), 77.8 (s, FcCH, C3), 77.2 (s, FcC, C2), 73.2 (s, Cp), 72.1 (s, FcCH, C5), 0.4 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.8 (s, SO₂F), -62.6 (s, F₃C, $f_{3}C$, $f_{4}C$, $f_{5}C$, $f_{4}C$, $f_{5}C$, $f_{4}C$, $f_{4}C$, $f_{4}C$, $f_{5}C$, $f_{4}C$, $f_$

Crystal data for 29b. $C_{20}H_{20}F_{4}FeO_{2}SSi$, M = 484.36, T = 150(2) K; triclinic $P \overline{1}$ (I.T.#2), a = 8.9209(7), b = 9.9176(8), c = 12.6295(10) Å, $\alpha = 88.185(3)$, $\beta = 75.906(3)$, $\gamma = 76.235(3)$ °, V = 1052.21(15) Å³. Z = 2, d = 1.529 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 0.921$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^{2} with 4724 unique intensities and 239 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^{2} = 0.1324$ ($R_{F} = 0.0492$) for 3882 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189767.



Figure 17. Molecular structure of compound 29b (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

2-Methoxycarbonyl-5-(3-pyridyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 30a

*n*BuLi (1.4 M in hexane, 1.10 mL, 1.50 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of HTMP (253 μ L, 212 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.50 equiv) in THF (3 mL) at -15 °C. After addition, the reaction was stirred for 5 min at the same temperature before being cooled to -50 °C. After 2 min, this LiTMP solution was cannulated onto a solution of compound **3g** (326 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and ZnCl₂·TMEDA (253 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (3 mL) at -50 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. 3-Iodopyridine (307 mg, 1.50 mmol, 1.50 equiv), PdCl₂ (14.2 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.08 equiv) and dppf (44.4 mg, 0.08 mmol, 0.08 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 14 h in a pre-heated oil bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (60:40) with 2% of NEt₃ to give the title product **30a** as an orange solid (147 mg, 36%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 60:40 with 2% of NEt₃) = 0.16. Mp 129-130 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3070, 1717, 1448, 1416, 1386, 1281, 1236, 1204, 1158, 1099, 1023, 1011, 834, 814, 800, 748, 714. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.76 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H2'), 8.58 (dd, J = 0.9, 4.6 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H6'), 7.87 (dt, J = 1.7, 7.9 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H4'), 7.30 (dd, J = 4.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H5'), 5.17 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.90 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.55 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.84 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 167.3 (s, C=O), 150.2 (s, ArCH, C2'), 149.4 (s, ArCH, C6'), 136.9

(s, ArCH, C4'), 130.5 (s, ArC, C3'), 123.0 (s, ArCH, C5'), 92.4 (s, FcC, C5), 77.7 (d, J = 39.5 Hz, FcC, C1), 76.1 (s, FcC, C2), 75.0 (s, Cp), 73.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 72.2 (s, FcCH, C3), 53.0 (s, CH₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 65.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₄FFeNO₄S: C, 50.64; H, 3.50; N, 3.47; S, 7.95. Found: C, 50.61; H, 3.52; N, 3.57; S, 8.09.



2-(Phenylthio)-5-(trimethylsilylethynyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 32c

Compound **5f** (502 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), $Pd(PtBu_3)_2$ (15.3 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.03 equiv) and CuI (5.71 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.03 equiv) were placed in a dried Schlenk tube which was subjected to three cycles of vacuum/argon. THF (1.12 mL), diisopropylamine (0.38 mL) and trimethylsilylacetylene (277 μ L, 196 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. It was filtrated over Celite® which was washed with EtOAc until colorless. The combined filtrates were washed with aqueous HCl (1 M), water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5) to give the title product **32c** as an orange solid (364 mg, 77%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.50. Mp 113-114 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2955, 2160, 1581, 1480, 1406, 1292, 1248, 1200, 1074, 1005, 832, 736. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.26-7.22 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.19-7.16 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'), 4.86 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.69 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.24 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) = 0.27 Hz, 147 CH, 147

CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 137.0 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.2 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 129.1 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 127.0 (s, ArCH, C4'), 98.6 (s, C=C-Si), 97.8 (s, C=C-Si), 83.0 (s, FcC, C2), 82.0 (d, *J* = 35.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 78.5 (s, FcCH, C4), 75.8 (s, FcCH, C3), 75.3 (s, Cp), 69.7 (s, FcC, C5), -0.1 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.9. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁FFeO₂S₂Si: C, 53.39; H, 4.48; S, 13.57. Found: C, 53.48; H, 4.60; S, 13.62.



2-(Phenylthio)-4-(trimethylsilylethynyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 32d

Compound **6e** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv), Pd(P*t*Bu₃)₂ (3.00 mg, 6.00 μ mol, 0.03 equiv) and CuI (1.15 mg, 6.00 μ mol, 0.03 equiv) were placed in a dried Schlenk tube which was subjected to three cycles of vacuum/argon. THF (0.75 mL), diisopropylamine (0.15 mL) and trimethylsilylacetylene (55.5 μ L, 39.3 mg, 0.40 mmol, 2.00 equiv) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. It was filtrated over Celite® which was washed with EtOAc until colorless. The combined filtrates were washed with aqueous HCl (1 M), water, brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5) to give the title product **32d** as an orange oil (69 mg, 73%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.60. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2959, 2159, 1582, 1407, 1315, 1269, 1249, 1201, 952, 839, 757, 735. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.26-7.23 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.22-7.18 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'), 5.24 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.94 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.54 (s, 5H, Cp), 0.22 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.8

(s, ArC, C1'), 129.3 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 129.2 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 127.1 (s, ArCH, C4'), 98.8 (s, C=C-Si), 95.4 (s, C=C-Si), 82.2 (s, FcCH, C3), 81.7 (s, FcC, C2), 80.6 (d, J = 37.9 Hz, FcC, C1), 75.2 (s, Cp and FcCH, Cp and C5), 70.1 (s, FcC, C4), -0.0 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.1. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₁FFeO₂S₂Si: C, 53.39; H, 4.48; S, 13.57. Found: C, 53.27; H, 4.42; S, 13.70.



2-Ethynyl-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 33c

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.0 M in THF, 0.80 mL, 0.80 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added to a solution of compound **32c** (189 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 min at 0 °C. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5 to 90:10) to give the title product **33c** as a brown solid (145 mg, 90%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.21. Mp 99-100 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3308, 3282, 1581, 1478, 1427, 1406, 1396, 1293, 1249, 1197, 1073, 998, 827, 772, 731. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.27-7.24 (m, 2H, ArCH, H3' and H5'), 7.22-7.18 (m, 3H, ArCH, H2', H4' and H6'), 4.91 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 4H, FcCH,

H3), 4.72 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.56 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.07 (s, 1H, Fc-C=CH). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 136.6 (s, ArC, C1'), 129.4 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 129.3 (s, ArCH, C2' and C6' or C3' and C5'), 127.2 (s, ArCH, C4'), 83.6 (s, FcC, C5), 81.4 (d, J = 36.1 Hz, FcC, C1), 80.1 (s, Fc-C=CH), 78.5 (s, FcCH, C4), 77.0 (s, Fc-C=CH), 76.4 (s, FcCH, C3), 75.3 (s, Cp), 68.6 (FcC, C2). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 69.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₃FFeO₂S₂: C, 54.01; H, 3.27; S, 16.02. Found: C, 54.11; H, 3.34; S, 16.11.



4-(2-Oxo-N-pyrrolidyl)-2-trimethylsilylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 34a

The compound **6a** (465 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), CuI (190 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and K₃PO₄ (424 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) were introduced in a degassed (argon) Schlenk tube then subjected to three vacuum/argon cycles. Dioxane (2 mL), pyrrolidinone (83.5 μ L, 93.6 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.10 equiv) and *N*,*N*'-dimethylethylenediamine (108 μ L, 88.2 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) were next introduced under argon, and the mixture was heated at 90 °C for 14 h in a pre-heated oil bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt before addition of water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30) to give the title product **34a** as an orange solid (186 mg, 44%). The compounds **6a** (65 mg, 14%) and **3a** (96 mg, 28%) were also isolated.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.26. Mp 153-154 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2963, 1698, 1503, 1389, 1371, 1303, 1239, 1193, 1157, 1090, 986, 845, 830, 761, 729. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.47 (s, 1H, FcCH, H5), 5.13 (s, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.40 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.73-3.63 (m, 2H, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 2.51 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 2.18 (quint, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 0.35 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 174.2 (s, C=O), 100.9 (s, FcC, C4), 78.8 (d, J = 38.2 Hz, FcC, C1), 72.2 (s, Cp), 72.0 (s, FcC, C2), 70.6 (s, FcCH, C3), 64.6 (s, FcCH, C5), 48.3 (s, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 32.1 (s, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 18.3 (s, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 0.3 (s, Si(CH₃)₃). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 70.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂FFeNO₃SSi: C, 48.23; H, 5.24; N, 3.31; S, 7.57. Found: C, 48.24; H, 5.27; N, 3.37; S, 7.59.

Crystal data for 34a. C₁₇H₂₂FFeNO₃SSi, M = 423.35, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P_{21/c}$ (I.T.#14), a = 6.8130(4), b = 18.7277(9), c = 29.0696(15) Å, $\beta = 94.188(2)$ °, V = 3699.1(3) Å³. Z = 8, d = 1.520 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.019$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 8464 unique intensities and 458 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.1223$ ($R_F = 0.0632$) for 7123 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189768.



Figure 18. Molecular structure of compound 34a (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

3-(2-Oxo-N-pyrrolidyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride – 34b

The compound **19a** (394 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv), CuI (190 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and K₃PO₄ (424 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) were introduced in a degassed (argon) Schlenk tube then subjected to three vacuum/argon cycles. Dioxane (2 mL), pyrrolidinone (83.5 μ L, 93.6 mg, 1.10 mmol, 1.10 equiv) and *N*,*N*'-dimethylethylenediamine (108 μ L, 88.2 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) were next introduced under argon, and the mixture was heated at 110 °C for 14 h in a pre-heated oil bath. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt before addition of water and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30) to give the title product **34b** as a brown solid (69 mg, 19%). The compounds **19a** (128 mg, 32%) and **2** (74 mg, 27%) were also isolated.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.13. Mp 139-140 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3091, 1692, 1495, 1395, 1382, 1302, 1248, 1203, 1153, 1073, 826, 773. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.29 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 5.23 (dd, J = 1.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.76 (dd, J = 1.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.41 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.70-3.60 (m, 2H, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 2.50 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 2.18 (quint, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 174.2 (s, C=O), 99.7 (s, FcC, C3), 74.4 (d, J = 39.6 Hz, FcC, C1), 72.3 (s, Cp), 69.9 (s, FcCH, C5), 64.3 (s, FcCH, C4), 60.2 (s, FcCH, C2), 48.2 (s, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N), 32.1 (s, CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-N). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 68.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₄FFeNO₃S: C, 47.88; H, 4.02; N, 3.99; S, 9.13. Found: C, 47.97; H, 4.15; N, 4.13; S, 9.14.

3-Methoxycarbonyl-1-(N-pyrazolyl)sulfonylferrocene – 36b

Compound **20d** (217 mg, 0.66 mmol, 1.00 equiv), pyrazole (89.9 mg, 1.32 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and cesium carbonate (643 mg, 1.98 mmol, 3.00 equiv) were placed under argon in a pre-dried Schlenk tube. Acetonitrile (4 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30 to 60:40) with 2% of NEt₃ to give the title product **36b** as an orange solid (216 mg, 87%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 60:40) = 0.54. Mp 180-181 °C. ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3110, 2958, 1703, 1469, 1381, 1360, 1296, 1208, 1196, 1179, 1162, 1070, 1056, 1036, 971, 922, 906, 842, 775. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.01 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H5'), 7.71 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H3'), 6.36 (dd, J = 1.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H4'), 5.41 (t, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 5.05 (dd, J = 1.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.99 (dd, J = 1.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.81 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125)

MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 169.3 (s, C=O), 144.9 (s, ArCH, C3'), 130.7 (s, ArCH, C5'), 108.6 (s, ArCH, C4'), 86.3 (s, FcC, C1), 75.2 (s, FcC, C3), 73.4 (s, FcCH, C4), 73.0 (s, Cp), 72.1 (s, FcCH, C5), 71.1 (s, FcCH, C2), 52.3 (s, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄FeN₂O₄S: C, 48.15; H, 3.77; N, 7.49; S, 8.57. Found: C, 48.22; H, 3.72; N, 7.53; S, 8.63.



Crystal data for 36b. $C_{15}H_{14}FeN_2O_4S$, M = 374.19, T = 150(2) K; monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ (I.T.#14), a = 19.288(2), b = 5.8549(7), c = 13.2527(17) Å, $\beta = 99.843(5)$ °, V = 1474.5(3) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.686 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.186$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3349 unique intensities and 209 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0645$ ($R_F = 0.0275$) for 3110 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189769.



Figure 19. Molecular structure of compound 36b (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

<u>3-Iodo-1-(*N1*-1,2,4-triazolyl)sulfonylferrocene – 36c</u>

Compound **19a** (295 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv), 1,2,4-triazole (104 mg, 1.5 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and cesium carbonate (731 mg, 2.25 mmol, 3.00 equiv) were placed under argon in a pre-dried Schlenk tube. Acetonitrile (4 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. Water was added and

the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5 to 90:10 to give the title product **36c** as a yellow solid (82 mg, 25%). The compound **19a** (193 mg, 65%) was also isolated.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.23. Mp 158-159 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3125, 3105, 1499, 1386, 1368, 1324, 1269, 1209, 1155, 1133, 1101, 1034, 983, 877, 828. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.61 (s, 1H, ArCH, H5'), 8.00 (s, 1H, ArCH, H3'), 5.11 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp). Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 1.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.53 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 154.0 (s, ArCH, C3'), 144.1 (s, ArCH, C5'), 82.9 (s, FcC, C1), 79.5 (s, FcCH, C4), 75.7 (s, FcCH, C2), 74.5 (s, Cp), 71.1 (s, FcCH, C5), 39.4 (s, FcC, C3). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₀FeIN₃O₂S: C, 32.53; H, 2.28; N, 9.48; S, 7.24. Found: C, 32.47; H, 2.26; N, 9.61; S, 7.25.

<u>N-Acetyl-3-iodoferrocenesulfonamide – 37b</u>

Compound **19a** (197 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.00 equiv), acetamide (59.1 mg, 1.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and sodium hydride (60% dispersion in oil, 87.0 mg, 2.00 mmol, 4.00 equiv) were placed under argon in a pre-dried Schlenk tube. THF (4 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 14 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30 to 64:40) to give the title product **37b** as an orange solid (152 mg, 70%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.42. Mp 174-175 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3227, 1721, 1431, 1370, 1331, 1221, 1206, 1132, 1040, 993, 908, 870, 846, 824. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 8.19 (br s, 1H, NH), 5.09 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H2), 4.87 (dd, J = 1.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.71 (dd, J = 1.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.45 (s 5H, Cp), 2.07 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 168.0 (s, C=O), 86.4 (s, FcC, C1), 78.0 (s, FcCH, C4), 75.6 (s, FcCH, C2), 74.1 (s, Cp), 71.2 (s, FcCH, C5), 39.0 (s, FcC, C3), 23.7 (s, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂FeINO₃S: C, 33.28; H, 2.79; N, 3.23, S, 7.40. Found: C, 33.31; H, 2.88; N, 3.21; S, 7.54.

<u>O-(1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoroisopropyl)ferrocenesulfonate – 38d</u>

1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoroisopropanol (210 μ L, 336 mg, 2.00 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added to a suspension of compound **2** (268 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and cesium carbonate (977 mg, 3.00 mmol, 3.00 equiv) in acetonitrile (5 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 14 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (90:10 to 80:20) to give the title product **38d** as a yellow solid (48 mg, 11%). Compound **2** (184 mg, 68%) was also isolated.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 90:10) = 0.55. Mp 82-83 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2964, 1394, 1371, 1356, 1283, 1234, 1202, 1175, 1155, 1108, 1073, 1033, 1013, 895, 785, 828, 784, 726. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.14 (hept, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H, CH), 4.77 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H, FcCH, H2 and H5), 4.55 (t, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H4), 4.44 (s, 5H, Cp). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 120.1 (q, J = 283.6 Hz, CF₃), 80.7 (s, FcC, C1), 72.3 (s, FcCH, C3 and C4), 71.9 (q, J = 35.3 Hz, CH), 71.6 (s, Cp), 69.7 (s, FcCH, C2 and C5). ¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (⁴⁷⁰ MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) -73.1.

Crystal data for 38d. $C_{13}H_{10}F_6FeO_3S$, M = 416.12, T = 150 K; monoclinic $P_{21/c}$ (I.T.#14), a = 8.8905(8), b = 7.3007(7), c = 22.9465(19) Å, $\beta = 93.063(3)$ °, V = 1487.3(2) Å³. Z = 4, d = 1.858 g.cm⁻³, $\mu = 1.233$ mm⁻¹. A final refinement on F^2 with 3413 unique intensities and 217 parameters converged at $\omega R(F)^2 = 0.0665$ ($R_F = 0.0285$) for 3096 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma$. CCDC 2189770.



Figure 20. Molecular structure of compound 38d (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 30% probability level).

$\underline{\textbf{3-Chloro-}\textit{O}\text{-cyclopentyl-}\underline{\textbf{2-fluoroferrocenesulfonate}-\textbf{38e}}$

Cyclopentanol (381 μ L, 362 mg, 4.20 mmol, 6.00 equiv) was added dropwise to a suspension of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in oil, 91.2 mg, 2.10 mmol, 3.00 equiv) in THF (5 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 15 min. Compound **9** (224 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. Water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5) to give the title product as an orange oil (83 mg, 31%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.32. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2966, 1463 ,1369, 1249, 1182, 1163, 1138, 1108, 928, 905, 874, 829. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.06-5.02 (m, 1H, OCH), 4.54 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.43 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.38 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 1.88-1.83 (m, CH-CHH), 1.81-1.78 (m, 3H, CH-CHH and CH-CH₂), 1.76-1.68 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.57-1.54 (m, 2H, CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 128.9 (d, *J* = 284.0 Hz, FcC, C2), 86.3 (s, OCH), 81.7 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, FcC, C1 or C3), 74.7 (s, Cp), 71.6 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, FcC, C1 or C3), 63.4 (s, FcCH, C4), $\frac{4}{2}$

¹⁹F{¹H} NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) -192.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆ClFFeO₃S: C, 46.60; H, 4.17; S, 8.29. Found: C, 46.75; H, 4.25; S, 8.37.



3-Chloro-O-cyclopentyl-2-(cyclopentyloxy)ferrocenesulfonate (**38f**) was also isolated as an orange oil (25 mg, 8%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.45. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2961, 2873, 1444, 1360, 1249, 1181, 1134, 1110, 1013, 958, 930, 898, 872, 825, 753, 732. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 5.04 (tt, *J* = 2.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H, OCH), 4.85 (tt, *J* = 2.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H, OCH), 4.46 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.44 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4 or H5), 4.41 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4 or H5), 2.09 (m, 1H, CHH), 2.02-1.96 (m, 1H, CHH), 1.99-1.787 (m, 6H, CHH, CHH and 2 x CH₂), 1.77-1.68 (m, 4H, 2 x CH₂), 1.61-1.54 (m, 4H, 2 x CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 118.4 (s, FcC, C2), 89.5 (s, OCH), ^{4,5}

85.7 (s, FcC, C1 or 3), 85.2 (OCH), 74.9 (s, FcC, C1 or C3), 74.0 (s, Cp), 64.5 (s, FcCH, C4 or C5), 62.0 (s, FcCH, C4 or C5), 33.8 (s, CH₂), 35.5 (s, CH₂), 33.3 (s, CH₂), 33.0 (s, CH₂), 23.8 (s, CH₂), 23.7 (s, CH₂), 23.4 (s, CH₂), 23.3 (s, CH₂).



Methylsulfonylferrocene – 39a

A solution of methyllithium (1.5 M in Et₂O, 0.95 mL, 1.50 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **2** (268 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min and water was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (70:30) to give the title product **39a** as an orange solid (222 mg, 84%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 70:30) = 0.41. Mp 73-74 °C (litt. 73-74 °C).⁹ v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3128, 1420, 1413, 1295, 1191, 1130, 1106, 1019, 969, 906, 845, 812, 760. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.67 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H, FcCH, H2 and H5), 4.45 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.44 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H4), 2.98 (s, 3H, CH₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 89.0 (s, FcC, C1), 71.1 (s, FcCH, C3 and C4), 70.7 (s, Cp), 69.3 (s, FcCH, C2 and C5), 45.3 (s, CH₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂FeO₂S: C, 50.02; H, 4.58; S, 12.14. Found: C, 50.06; H, 4.60; S, 12.11.

2,5-Bis(trimethylsilyl)-1-methylsulfonylferrocene – 39c

A solution of methyllithium (1.5 M in Et₂O, 0.95 mL, 1.50 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added dropwise to a solution of compound **5a** (412.4 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 15 min and water was added. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (95:5 to 90:10) to give the title product **39c** as an orange solid (270 mg, 66%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 95:5) = 0.47. Mp 200-201 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2951, 2900, 1409, 1305, 1273, 1242, 1201, 1133, 1109, 950, 908, 890, 820, 758. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 4.51 (s, 2H, FcCH, H3 and H4), 4.41 (s, 5H, Cp), 2.96 (s, 3H, CH₃), 0.37 (s, 18H, 2 x Si(CH₃)₃). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 97.3 (s, FcC, C1), 80.7 (s, FcCH, C3 and C4), 77.8 (s, FcC, C2 and C5), 70.9 (s, Cp), 45.4 (s, CH₃), 1.2 (s, 2 x Si(CH₃)₃). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₈FeO₂SSi₂: C, 49.99; H, 6.91; S, 7.85. Found: C, 49.93; H, 6.98; S, 7.95.

$\underline{2\text{-}Iodo\text{-}1\text{-}(2,5\text{-}dimethoxyphenyl)} sulfonyl ferrocene-40b}$

AlCl₃ (150 mg, 1.13 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added portionwise to a solution of compound **3f** (295 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and 1,4-dimethoxybenzene (1.04 g, 7.50 mmol, 10.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 1 h. Water was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (80:20 to 60:40) to give the title product **40b** as an orange solid (275 mg, 74%). Compound **2** (30 mg, 15%) was also isolated.

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.18. Mp 174-175 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 2964, 2937, 1488, 1461, 1448, 1473, 1410, 1309, 1271, 1220, 1195, 1182, 1145, 1134, 1042, 1018, 919, 878, 818, 802, 738, 713. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.65 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H6'), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 9.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H4'), 6.83 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H3'), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H5), 4.63 (dd, *J* = 1.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H3), 4.52 (s, 5H, Cp), 4.45 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H, FcCH, H4), 3.82 (s, 3H, 5'-CH O) 13 C(H) 12 CH O) 13 C(H) $^$

CH₃O), 3.73 (s, 3H, 2'-CH₃O). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 153.0 (s, ArC, C5'), 151.4 (s, ArC, C2'), 129.5 (s, ArC, C1'), 121.5 (s, ArCH, C4'), 114.6 (s, ArCH, C6'), 114.2 (s, ArCH, C3'), 89.3 (s, FcC, C1), 79.1 (s, FcCH, C3), 73.8 (s, Cp), 72.2 (s, FcCH, C5), 71.4 (s, FcCH, C4), 56.7 (s, 2'-CH₃O), 56.2


(s, 5'-CH₃O), 38.6 (s, FcC, C2). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₇FeIO₄S: C, 42.21; H, 3.35; S, 6.26. Found: C, 42.37; H, 3.33; S, 6.41.

$\underline{\textbf{3-Iodo-1-}(2, \textbf{5-dimethoxyphenyl}) sulfonyl ferrocene-40c}$

AlCl₃ (150 mg, 1.13 mmol, 1.50 equiv) was added portionwise to a solution of compound **19a** (295 mg, 0.75 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and 1,4-dimethoxybenzene (1.04 g, 7.50 mmol, 10.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 1 h. Water was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated over cotton wool and concentrated under vacuum using a rotary evaporator to give the crude product. This was purified by column chromatography over SiO₂, using PE-EtOAc (80:20 to 60:40) to give the title product **40c** as an orange solid (354 mg, 95%).

R_f (eluent: PE-EtOAc 80:20) = 0.30. Mp < 50 °C. v_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3105, 2939, 2834, 1490, 1462, 1435, 1410, 1303, 1271, 1220, 1201, 1137, 1037, 1015, 872, 824, 747, 714. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 7.48 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H6'), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 9.1 Hz, 1h, ArCH, H4'), 6.85 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H, ArCH, H3'), 5.00 (s, 1H, FcCH, H2), 4.78 (s,1H, FcCH, H5), 4.62 (s, 1H, FcCH, H4), 4.50 (s, 5H, Cp), 3.80 (s, 3H, 2'-CH₃O), 3.79 (s, 3H, 5'-CH₃O). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm)

153.2 (s, ArC, C2' or C5'), 151.3 (s, ArC, C2' or C5'), 130.4 (s, ArC, C1'), 121.2 (s, ArCH, C4'), 114.2 (s, ArCH, C3'), 113.4 (s, ArCH, C6'), 90.3 (s, FcC, C1), 77.2 (s, FcCH, C4), 76.2 (s, FcCH, C2), 73.8 (s, Cp), 71.3 (s, FcCH, C5), 56.6 (s, 2'-CH₃O or 5'-CH₃O), 56.1 (s, 2'-CH₃O or 5'-CH₃O), 39.1 (s, FcC, C3). Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{17}FeIO_4S$: C, 42.21; H, 3.35; S, 6.26. Found: C, 42.37; H, 3.30; S, 6.30.



NMR Spectra

Ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (2)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



1-(Trimethylsilyl)butylsulfonylferrocene (4a)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2,5-Bis-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5a)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







2-(Phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(Diphenylphosphino)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃)











NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-(O,O-Diethoxyphosphonyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3d)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)









2-(Methoxycarbonyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3g)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







1-(Methoxycarbonyl)butylsulfonylferrocene (4b)



¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃)



$\label{eq:linear} \ensuremath{\textbf{2-}(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)} ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride~(3h)$



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





1-(*N*,*N*-Diethylcarbamoyl)butylsulfonylferrocene (4c)



2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3i)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







2-(2-Pyridyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3k)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)











NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)




2-(Trimethylsilyl)-1-(1-iodobutylsulfonyl)ferrocene (4d)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-Fluoro-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



 ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 240 to -140 ppm area



$^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) – 40 to -340 ppm area



2-Methoxycarbonyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5d)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



$\label{eq:linear} \ensuremath{\textbf{2-(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)} ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride~(5e)}$

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-Iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5f)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-Chloro-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5g)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-Fluoro-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5h)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)



 $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) - 140 to -40 ppm area



$^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) – 40 to -340 ppm area



2-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-**5-**(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5i) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)









HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5j)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



DEPT 135 (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-3-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5k)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



DEPT 135 (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃)



$\label{eq:2-(N,N-Dimethylaminomethyl)-1-(1-(trimethylsilyl)butylsulfonyl) ferrocene~(4e)$

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)




HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



$\label{eq:2-1} \textbf{3-Iodo-2-(methoxycarbonyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)} ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride~(6c)$



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







3-Iodo-2-(3-pyridyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6d) ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







2-(3-Pyridyl)-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6d')



¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)



4-Iodo-2-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6e)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)









HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-Iodo-2-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6f)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







2-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-3-iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6g)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(*N*,*N*-Diethylcarbamoyl)-3-iodo-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (7a)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







 $\label{eq:linear} 2-(N,N-Diethylcarbamoyl)-1'-iodo-5-(trimethylsilyl) ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride~(7b)$



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (8a)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 240 to -140 ppm area



 ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 40 to -340 ppm area



3-Chloro-2-fluoroferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (9)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





 ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 240 to -140 ppm area



^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) - 40 to -340 ppm area



3-Chloro-2-fluoro-4-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (8b)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 240 to -140 ppm area

 $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) – 40 to -340 ppm area



2-Fluoro-3-methyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (10)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)


HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







 ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 40 to -340 ppm area



2-Fluoro-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (11)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





 ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 240 to -140 ppm area

 $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) – 40 to -340 ppm area



2-Fluoro-5-iodo-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (12)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 240 to -140 ppm area



^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 40 to -340 ppm area



2-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-5-fluoro-3-iodo-4-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (13)





COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





5-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-2-fluoro-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (14)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





 ^{19}F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl_3) - 240 to -140 ppm area

 $^{19}\mathrm{F}$ NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) – 40 to -340 ppm area



2-Chloro-3-methoxycarbonyl-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (15)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-Chloro-4-iodo-3-methoxycarbonyl-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (16)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

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4%--20



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-Chloro-3-(*N*,*N*-dimethylaminomethyl)-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (17)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-Chloro-3-(*N*,*N*-dimethylaminomethyl)-4-iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (18)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





5-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-3-iodo-2-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6h)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(*N*,*N*-Diethylcarbamoyl)-3-iodoferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (19c)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-Formyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (20a)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)


COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





4-Pinacolboryl-2-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (20b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





¹¹B NMR (160 MHz, CDCl₃)



(2-(Fluorosulfonyl)ferrocenylmethyl)trimethylammonium iodide (21)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



COSY (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



HSQC (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



HMBC (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



NOESY (500 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-d₆)



2-(Acetoxymethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (22a)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



DEPT 135 (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-(Acetoxymethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (22b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(Hydromethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (23)

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹⁹F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-(Trimethylsilyloxy)methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (24a)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



DEPT 135 (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-(Trimethylsilyloxy)methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (24b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(*N*,*N*-Diethylaminomethyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (25)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

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COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(Phenylsulfinyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (26)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)




2-(3-Thienyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (27a)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(2,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (27b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





DEPT 135 (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





4-(4-Isopropylphenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (29a)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





4-(4-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (29b)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-Methoxycarbonyl-5-(3-pyridyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (30a)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



DEPT 135 (125 MHz, CDCl₃)



COSY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-(Phenylthio)-5-(trimethylsilylethynyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (32c)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







2-(Phenylthio)-4-(trimethylsilylethynyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (32d)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)











NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2-Ethynyl-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (33c)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





4-(2-Oxo-N-pyrrolidyl)-2-trimethylsilylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (34a)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-(2-Oxo-N-pyrrolidyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (34b)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)




HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-Methoxycarbonyl-1-(N-pyrazolyl)sulfonylferrocene (36b)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)







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3-Iodo-1-(*N1***-1,2,4-triazolyl**)sulfonylferrocene (36c)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)









HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



N-Acetyl-3-iodoferrocenesulfonamide (37b)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



O-(1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoroisopropyl)ferrocenesulfonate (38d)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







3-Chloro-O-cyclopentyl-2-fluoroferrocenesulfonate (38e)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





3-Chloro-O-cyclopentyl-2-(cyclopentyloxy)ferrocenesulfonate (38f)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





Methylsulfonylferrocene (39a)



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃)





HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





2,5-Bis(trimethylsilyl)-1-methylsulfonylferrocene – 39c





HMBC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



2-Iodo-1-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)sulfonylferrocene (40b)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





NOESY (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



3-Iodo-1-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)sulfonylferrocene (40c)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)







HSQC (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





Selected NOESY correlations





	H SO2 Fe	H H H Fe H O ₂ H H
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38 e	40b	40c
DFT calculations.

To calculate the CH acidity values, we used the approach developed earlier and applied successfully in ferrocene series.¹⁰⁻¹⁵ In brief, all electronic structure calculations were carried out using standard DFT methods implemented in Gaussian 09 software.¹⁶ We used the CAM-B3LYP hybrid functional.¹⁷ Vibrational frequencies were calculated to prove the nature of the stationary points (no imaginary values). The LANL2DZ basis set¹⁸ with the effective core potential was used to describe Fe and I, while the 6-31G(d) basis set¹⁹ was used to treat the rest of the atoms. The latter was replaced by 6-311+G(d,p) set for single point energy calculations. To develop an acidity scale without solvent influence, it is important to know gas-phase CH acidities, which were defined as the Gibbs free energy of deprotonation of the substance:

 $\Delta_{\text{acid}}G = G^{0}_{298}(\text{R}^{-}) + G^{0}_{298}(\text{H}^{+}) - G^{0}_{298}(\text{RH})$

While the pK_a values were obtained from the Gibbs energy of the isodesmic reaction between the studied (RH) and a reference compound (HetH):

 $R-H(solv) + Het^{-}(solv) \rightarrow R^{-}(solv) + Het-H(solv)$

here furane with $pK_a(THF)$ of 35.6²⁰ was used as the reference compound. The solvent effects for pK_a calculations were treated using polarizable continuum model (IEF-PCM)²¹ with the default parameters for THF in order to mimic experimental conditions.



Figure 21. Calculated values of the Gibbs energies $\Delta_{acid}G$ [kcal mol⁻¹] for deprotonation at the corresponding positions of the investigated compounds (gas-phase acidities).

Cartesian coordinates of DFT optimized structures.

Compound 2

atom	Х	Y	Z
Fe	1.02807	0.20563	0.00171
S	-2.17307	-0.43502	-0.00219
С	1.13133	-1.84990	0.03031
С	1.80557	-1.30950	1.15868
С	2.84983	-0.46833	0.68452
С	2.81952	-0.48920	-0.73654
С	1.75671	-1.34318	-1.14129
С	-0.27780	1.28271	-1.16543
С	0.75245	2.14011	-0.71250
С	0.75148	2.14159	0.71181
С	-0.27914	1.28481	1.16541
С	-0.91289	0.75601	0.00003
0	-2.21547	-1.11390	-1.27431
0	-2.19503	-1.14450	1.25372
F	-3.46029	0.52373	0.02087
Н	0.26270	-2.49311	0.05962
Н	1.54367	-1.48037	2.19342
Н	3.52294	0.11587	1.29652
Н	3.46513	0.07705	-1.39342
Н	1.45040	-1.54338	-2.15845
Н	-0.52911	1.03464	-2.18588
Н	1.45039	2.67161	-1.34390
Н	1.44815	2.67491	1.34308
Н	-0.53079	1.03976	2.18654



Compound 6a

atom	Х	Y	Ζ	
Fe	-0.22061	-0.51830	0.86346	
S	2.04204	-1.54046	-1.27142	
Si	2.42192	1.89414	0.22435	
С	-0.06228	-2.36465	1.75795	
Н	0.19014	-3.26072	1.20758	
С	-1.36812	-1.83872	1.94845	
Н	-2.28728	-2.26753	1.57366	
С	-1.25043	-0.60849	2.65077	
Н	-2.06469	0.05408	2.90946	
С	0.13016	-0.37593	2.89520	
Н	0.54907	0.49646	3.37692	
С	0.86555	-1.45890	2.34329	
Н	1.94212	-1.55086	2.31518	
С	-0.44111	1.31780	-0.09458	
Н	-0.73609	2.24174	0.38172	
С	-1.34103	0.36181	-0.63792	
С	-0.60190	-0.72889	-1.14223	
Н	-0.98104	-1.63337	-1.59344	
С	0.76974	-0.42116	-0.88872	
С	0.90001	0.85781	-0.24074	
0	1.49223	-2.85337	-1.50351	
F	2.47526	-0.98550	-2.71402	
0	3.19399	-1.33048	-0.42602	
С	3.47993	2.08435	-1.31685	
Н	2.91341	2.54043	-2.13540	
Н	3.85967	1.12029	-1.66592	
Н	4.34280	2.72727	-1.11121	
С	3.41982	1.16846	1.63873	
Н	3.80861	0.18141	1.37991	
Н	2.82316	1.07943	2.55187	
Н	4.27020	1.82225	1.86326	
С	1.75176	3.57678	0.74580	
Н	2.58259	4.24494	0.99731	
Н	1.11134	3.51125	1.63220	
Н	1.17617	4.05652	-0.05250	
Ι	-3.42686	0.55020	-0.69757	



Compound 3i

atom X		Y	Ζ	
Fe	1.45098	-0.39460	0.16899	
S	-0.88190	1.90264	-0.06368	
С	2.15786	0.56700	-1.50873	
С	1.95313	-0.81217	-1.78262	
С	2.77260	-1.56296	-0.89468	
С	3.48258	-0.64683	-0.07278	
С	3.10199	0.67010	-0.45100	
С	0.67286	0.55670	1.81899	
С	0.99462	-0.77684	2.15887	
С	0.25202	-1.64767	1.31270	
С	-0.53813	-0.87731	0.42217	
С	-0.26870	0.49364	0.74714	
0	-0.08227	3.04790	0.29753	
0	-1.21582	1.61720	-1.43867	
F	-2.27491	2.09048	0.69532	
С	-1.49639	-1.37741	-0.62045	
Ν	-2.87608	-1.09791	-0.25543	
С	-3.75931	-1.19090	-1.40176	
С	-3.33414	-1.92163	0.84542	
Н	1.64276	1.38951	-1.98546	
Н	1.26687	-1.21791	-2.51293	
Н	2.81818	-2.64125	-0.82997	
Н	4.16044	-0.90693	0.72843	
Н	3.43948	1.58874	0.00811	
Н	1.07877	1.46348	2.24208	
Н	1.71259	-1.08025	2.90766	
Н	0.30864	-2.72793	1.30803	
Н	-1.29432	-0.86508	-1.56244	
Н	-1.31680	-2.45768	-0.78313	
Н	-3.79480	-2.20582	-1.84105	
Н	-4.77511	-0.91857	-1.10151	
Н	-3.43326	-0.48781	-2.17282	
Н	-4.34716	-1.62405	1.13006	
Н	-3.34947	-3.00000	0.59483	
Н	-2.68627	-1.78313	1.71506	



HPLC data

(±)-2-(Trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3a)

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Gen	era	informations							
Seg	uend	e Name:	2022-06-22						
Insti	ume	ent:	U3000						
Logi	ciel	used:	Chromeleon						
Colu	ımn	used:	CHIRALPAK IA3	DAICEL					
Inje	ctio	n Details							
Injec	ction	Name:	ne: WE-1332-1 - RAC - IC3 - 99/1 - 1mL/min - 25°C Run Tim					15.00 min	
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No.	F	eak Name	Retention Time	Width (50%)	Resolution (EP)	Asymmetry (EP)	Plates (E	P)	
			min	min					
1			6.137	0.093	3.28	1.14	24213		
2			6.695	0.108	n.a.	1.24	21214		

Integration Results									
No.	Peak Name	Retention Time	Area	Height	Relative Area	Relative Height			
		min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%			
1		6.137	59.815	593.527	49.91	53.98			
2		6.695	60.043	506.045	50.09	46.02			
Total:			119.858	1099.571	100.00	100.00			

Deprotonation of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (2) with *s*BuLi·(+)-sparteine using chlorotrimethylsilane as electrophile – Table 2, entry 3

			Chromat	togram and	Results		
Gener	ral informations						
Seque	nce Name:	2022-06-22					
Instrur	ment:	U3000					
Logicie	el used:	Chromeleon					
Colum	n used:	CHIRALPAK IA3	DAICEL				
Inject	ion Details						
Injectio	on Name:	WE-2087-1 - ENA	NT - IC3 - 99/1 - 1	mL/min - 25°C	Run Time:	15.0	00 min
Instrur	nent Method:	Enantio Fc Will			Injection Volume:	3.0	00 µL
Injectio	on Date/Time:	22/juin/22 21:29			Channel:	UV_VIS_1	
					Wavelength:	22	20 nm
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No.	Peak Name	Retention Time	Width (50%)	Resolution (EP)	Asymmetry (EP)	Plates (EP)	
		min	min				
1		6.090	0.093	3.28	1.16	23903	
2		6.652	0.109	n.a.	1.22	20487	

Integr	Integration Results										
No.	Peak Name Retention Time		Area	Height	Relative Area	Relative Height					
		min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%					
1		6.090	53.508	530.844	53.63	57.94					
2		6.652	46.269	385.306	46.37	42.06					
Total:	Total: 99.776 916.150 100.00 100.00										

Deprotonation of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (2) with (*S*)-PEALi using chlorotrimethylsilane as in situ trap – Table 2, entry 8

			Chromatogra	n and R	esults		
Gene	ral informations						
Seque	ence Name:	2022-06-26					
Instru	ment:	U3000					
Logici	iel used:	Chromeleon					
Colun	nn used:	CHIRALPAK IA3 DA	ICEL				
Inject	tion Details						
Injecti	ion Name:	WE-2093-1 - ENANT -	IC3 - 99/1 - 1mL/min	-25°C Ru	ın Time:	15.0)0 min
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%A	iPrOH 10	1 %					
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1	Débit:	1.000 mL	/min	Pr	ession:	1	1 bars
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1		6.090	0.095 3	.20	1.12	22979	
2		0.042	0.109 n	.a.	1.21	20/28	
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No.	Peak Name	me Retention Time		Height	Relative Area	Relative Height
		min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%
1		6.090	80.036	780.181	42.46	46.09
2		6.642	108.470	912.442	57.54	53.91
Total:			188.505	1692.623	100.00	100.00

Deprotonation of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (2) with (R)-PEALi using chlorotrimethylsilane as in situ trap – Table 2, entry 9

			Chromatogram and	d Results		
Gener	al informations					
Sequer	nce Name:	2022-06-26				
Instrun	nent:	U3000				
Logicie	el used:	Chromeleon				
Columi	n used:	CHIRALPAK IA3 DA	AICEL			
Injecti	on Details					
Injectio	on Name:	WE-2094-2 - ENANT	- IC3 - 99/1 - 1mL/min - 25°C	Run Time:	15.00	min
Instrun	nent Method:	Enantio Fc Will		Injection Volume:	3.00	μL
Injectio	on Date/Time:	26/juin/22 12:38		Channel:	UV_VIS_1	
				Wavelength:	220	nm
Instru	ment Method Details					
Instrun	nent Method:	Enantio Fc Will				
%A	iPrOH 10	1 %				
%B	Hexane 90	99 %		Température du four:	25.0	°C
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No	Peak Name	Retention Time	Width (50%) Resolution (FP	Asymmetry (FP)	Plates (FP)	
		min	min		1 1000 (21)	
1		6.097	0.094 3.22	1.13	23235	
2		6.647	0.107 n.a	123	21193	
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No.	Peak Name	ak Name Retention Time		Height	Relative Area	Relative Height					
		min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%					
1		6.097	88.968	871.435	56.87	60.40					
2		6.647	67.487	571.268	43.13	39.60					
Total: 156.455 1442.703 100.00 100.00											

(±)-2-Iodoferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3f)

	Chromatogram and Results							
Gener	al informations							
Seque	nce Name:	2022-06-26						
Instrur	ment:	U3000						
Logicie	el used:	Chromeleon						
Colum	n used:	CHIRALPAK IA3	DAICEL					
Inject	ion Details							
Injectio	on Name:	WE-1849-1 - RAC	- ODH - 99/1 - 0.5	mL/min - 5°C	Run Time:	45.0	0 min	
Instrur	nent Method:	Enantio Fc Will			Injection Volume:	2.0	0 µL	
Injectio	on Date/Time:	26/juin/22 14:20			Channel:	UV_VIS_1		
					Wavelength:	22	0 nm	
Instru	ment Method Details							
Instrur	nent Method:	Enantio Fc Will						
%A	IPrOH 10	1	%		To and for the state of the sec			
%B	Hexane 90	99	%		Temperature du four:	5.	0 °C	
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No	Peak Name	Retention Time	Width (50%)	Resolution (FP)	Asymmetry (EP)	Plates (EP)	-	
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1		35,777	0.700	1.38	na	14486	-	
2		37.458	0.741	n.a.	n.a.	14160		

Integration Results								
No.	Peak Name	Retention Time	Area	Height	Relative Area	Relative Height		
		min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%		
1		35.777	75.922	100.788	49.49	51.29		
2		37.458	77.499	95.702	50.51	48.71		
Total:			153.421	196.490	100.00	100.00		

Deprotonation of ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (2) with (R)-PEALi using [(R)-PEA]₂Zn as in situ trap – Table 2, entry 11

	Chromatogram and Results						
Gener	ral informations						
Seque	ence Name:	2022-06-26					
Instrument:		U3000					
Logicie	el used:	Chromeleon					
Colum	nn used:	CHIRALPAK IA3 D	AICEL				
Inject	tion Details						
Injectio	on Name:	WE-2090-1 - ENANT	- ODH - 99/1 -	0.5mL/min - 5°C	Run Time:	45.0	0 min
Instru	ment Method:	Enantio Fc Will			Injection Volume:	2.0	0 µL
Injectio	ion Date/Time:	26/juin/22 15:06			Channel:	UV VIS 1	
1					Wavelength:	22	0 nm
Instru	iment Method Details				Ť		
Instrui	ment Method:	Enantio Fc Will					
%A	iPrOH 10	1 %	6				
%B	Hexane 90	99 %	6		Température du four:	5.	0 °C
	Débit:	0.500 m	nL/min		Pression:	2	2 bars
Chron	natogram						
300	2022-06-26 #10		WE-2090-1 -	ENANT - ODH - S	9/1 - 0.5mL/min - 5°Ç		UV_VIS_1 WVL:220 nm
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Peak	Peak Results						
No.	Peak Name	Retention Time min	Width (50%) min	Resolution (EP)	Asymmetry (EP)	Plates (EP)	
1		35.718	0.687	1.28	n.a.	14959	1
2		37.273	0.747	n.a.	n.a.	13783	
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integration Results								
No.	eak Name Retention Time		Area	Height	Relative Area	Relative Height		
		min	mAU*min	mAU	%	%		
1		35.718	43.571	59.376	28.98	31.29		
2		37.273	106.768	130.381	71.02	68.71		
Total:			150.339	189.757	100.00	100.00		

Voltammograms

Ferrocene

Cyclic voltammetry





ferrocene (1.5 mM), CH₂Cl₂, Bu₄NPF₆ (0.1 M)



Ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (2)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-(Phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3b)

Cyclic voltammetry



Differential pulse voltammetry

WE-1832-1 (1 mM), CH₂Cl₂, Bu₄NPF₆ (0.1 M)



2-Fluoroferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3e)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-Iodoferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3f)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-(Methoxycarbonyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3g)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-(2-Pyridyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (3k)

Cyclic voltammetry



Differential pulse voltammetry

WE-1328-1 (1 mM), CH₂Cl₂, Bu₄NPF₆ (0.1 M)



2-Fluoro-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5c)



Differential pulse voltammetry



2-lodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5f)



Differential pulse voltammetry



2-Chloro-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (5g)



Differential pulse voltammetry





4-lodo-2-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (6e)



Differential pulse voltammetry





3-Chloro-2-fluoro-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (8a)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-Fluoro-3-methyl-5-(trimethylsilyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (10)



Differential pulse voltammetry



2-Fluoro-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (11)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-Fluoro-5-iodo-3-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (12)

Cyclic voltammetry



Differential pulse voltammetry



2-(*N*,*N*-Dimethylaminomethyl)-5-fluoro-3-iodo-4-methylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (13)



Differential pulse voltammetry



2-Chloro-3-methoxycarbonyl-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (15)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-Chloro-3-(*N*,*N*-dimethylaminomethyl)-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (17)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-Chloro-3-(*N*,*N*-dimethylaminomethyl)-4-iodo-5-(phenylthio)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (18)



Differential pulse voltammetry





3-Iodoferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (19a)



Differential pulse voltammetry





3-(Methoxycarbonyl)ferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (20d)



Differential pulse voltammetry





2-Ethynylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (33a)



Differential pulse voltammetry





3-Ethynylferrocenesulfonyl fluoride (33b)



Differential pulse voltammetry





Additional plots



Plot SI1: E(V) vs. $\Sigma \sigma_P$ for 2-substituted ferrocenesulfonyle fluorides.



Plot SI2: E (V) vs $\Sigma \sigma_P$ for 3-substituted ferrocenesulfonyle fluorides.



Plot SI3: E (V) vs $\Sigma\sigma_m$ for 3-substituted ferrocenesulfonyle fluorides.



Plot SI4: E(V) vs. $\Sigma \sigma_P$ for ferrocenes 2, 3e, 11, 12 and 13.



Plot SI5: E(V) vs. $\Sigma \sigma_m$ for ferrocenes 2, 3e, 11, 12 and 13.



Plot SI6: E(V) vs. $\Sigma \sigma_{p \text{ SO}_2F+}\sigma_{p \text{ substituent adjacent to SO}_2F+}\sigma_{m \text{ substituted remote from SO}_2F}$ for ferrocenes 2, 3e, 11, 12 and 13.



Plot SI7: E(V) vs. $\Sigma \sigma_{p \text{ SO2F+}}\sigma_{p \text{ substituent adjacent to SO2F+}}\sigma_{m \text{ substituted remote from SO2F}}$ for ferrocenes 2, 3b, 5g, 17 and 19.



Plot SI8: E(V) vs. $\Sigma \sigma_p$ for ferrocenes 2, 3b, 5g, 17 and 19.



Plot SI9: E(V) vs. $\Sigma \sigma_m$ for ferrocenes 2, 3b, 5g, 17 and 19.


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