



## Supporting Information

# Synthesis, Spectroscopy, Electrochemistry and DFT of Electron-rich Ferrocenylsubphthalocyanines

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#### 1. Synthesis

Free ferrocenylcarboxylic acids **1–5**, were synthesized in multigram quantities using slightly modified methods than previously published [1], as described in our previous publication [2]. The parent macrocycle SubPc **6** was synthesized using previously published methods [3], see Scheme S1.



Scheme S1 Reaction scheme of parent macrocycle SubPc, 6.

#### 1.1. Preparation of FcCO<sub>2</sub>H, [1,2]:

2-Chlorobenzoyl ferrocene (1.75 g, 0.005 mol) was added to a mixture of potassium tertiary butoxide (13 g, 0.115 mol) and water (0.61 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.034 mol) in dimethoxyethane (0.1 dm<sup>3</sup>) under an argon atmosphere. The mixture produced a yellow slurry which was refluxed for 24 hours. After cooling the mixture, ice water (0.3 dm<sup>3</sup>) was added, and the resulting solution was washed with ether (3 × 0.1 dm<sup>3</sup>). The aqueous phases were combined and acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The residue was collected by filtration, washed thoroughly with water and air-dried, yielding 1.01 g (80%) of as light-yellow crystals. m.p.: 156–162 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$ H (600.28 MHz, CDCl3, 25 °C):  $\delta$  4.84 (2 H, pt, 2 × CH: Substituted-Cp), 4.45 (2 H, pt, 2 × CH: Substituted-Cp), 4.24 (5 H, s, Unsubstituted-Cp). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$ c (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  168.24 (1C, C=O), 70.23 (1C, <u>C</u>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 69.72 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp), 68.42 (2C, Substituted-Cp), 66.24 (2C, Substituted-Cp).

#### 1.2. Preparation of FcCH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, 2 [1,2]

To a solution of potassium hydroxide (1 g, 0.018 mol) in water (10 cm<sup>3</sup>), a suspension of the ferrocene acetonitrile (0.2 g, 0.00074 mol) in ethanol (5 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added and refluxed for 5 h until the evolution of ammonia had ceased. Most (> 95%) of the ethanol was removed under reduced pressure. The residual suspension was dissolved in water (50 cm<sup>3</sup>), extracted with ether (2 × 50 cm<sup>3</sup>) and filtered. The solution was acidified with 2 M HCl and the precipitate filtered, washed and air-dried to yield 0.110 g (51%) as a white powder. m.p.: 159–165 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (600.28 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  4.21 (2 H, pt, 2 × CH: Substituted-Cp), 4.13 (5 H, s, Unsubstituted-Cp), 3.73 (2 H, pt, 2 × CH: Substituted-Cp), 3.38 (2H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  172.34 (1C, C=O), 82.44 (1C, <u>C</u>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 69.19 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp), 68.31 (2C, Substituted-Cp), 67.97 (2C, Substituted-Cp), 39.84 (1C, CH<sub>2</sub>).

#### 1.3. Preparation of Preparation of Fc(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, 4 [1,2]:

The ester (0.150 g, 0.00045 mol) was dissolved in ethanol (25 cm<sup>3</sup>) followed by the addition of sodium hydroxide solution (25 cm<sup>3</sup>, 2 M). The solution was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature followed by the addition of ice (25 m<sup>3</sup>) and washed with cold diethyl ether (3 × 50 cm<sup>3</sup>). While cooling the solution by adding fresh ice chunks, the water phase was acidified with 1 M HCl and the precipitate filtered, washed and air-dried to liberate 0.132 g (93%) as an off-white powder. m.p.: 120–124 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (600.28 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  4.12 (5 H, s, Unsubstituted-Cp), 4.09 (2 H, pt,

2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 4.07 (2 H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 2.38 (2H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.84 (2H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>), 0.86 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR: δ<sub>C</sub> (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 179.42 (1C, C=O), 82.44 (1C, <u>C</u>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 68.31 (2C, Substituted-Cp), 67.48 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp), 66.24 (2C, Substituted-Cp), 33.45 (1C, <u>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.88 (1C, CH<sub>2</sub>-<u>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.45 (1C, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>).</u></u>

#### 1.4. Preparation of FcCO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, 5 [2,4]:

Succinic anhydride (0.250 g, 0.00215 mol) dissolved in dichloromethane (25 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added to a mixture of ferrocene (0.250 g, 0.0215 mol) and aluminium chloride (0.76 g, 0.0056 mol) in dichloromethane (25 cm<sup>3</sup>) under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 hours. After cooling, ice-cold water (40 cm<sup>3</sup>) was added and the aqueous layer extracted twice with dichloromethane. The combined dichloromethane extracts were thoroughly washed with water. The organic phase was then extracted twice with equal amounts of 2 M NaOH. While cooling the solution with ice, the water phase was acidified with 1 M HCl and the precipitate filtered, washed with water and air-dried to liberate 1.1 g (74%) as orange crystals. m.p.: 134–148 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (600.28 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  4.80 (2 H, pt, 2 × CH: Substituted-Cp), 4.51 (2 H, pt, 2 × CH: Substituted-Cp), 4.22 (5 H, *s*, Unsubstituted-Cp), 3.07 (2H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.75 (2H, d, CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  202.54 (1C, C=O), 171.21 (1C, CO<sub>2</sub>H), 80.38 (1C, <u>C</u>-CO<sub>2</sub>H), 72.55 (2C, Substituted-Cp), 70.14 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp), 69.41 (2C, Substituted-Cp), 33.45 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.88 (2C, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>).

#### 1.5. Preparation of ClSubPc(H)12, 6 [3], Scheme S1:

BCl<sub>3</sub> (15 cm<sup>3</sup>,1 M solution in p-xylene, 1.5 eq.) was added to dry phthalonitrile (1 g, 0.008 mol) in a glove box (H<sub>2</sub>O: < 0.5 ppm and O<sub>2</sub>: < 10 ppm) at room temperature in a high-pressure glass tube. The reaction mixture was stirred under reflux (137 °C) for 30 minutes. The solvent was evaporated and the solid was extracted with toluene (0.4 dm<sup>3</sup>). The solution was evaporated, and the resultant purple solid was thoroughly washed with methanol (0.2 dm<sup>3</sup>) and hexane (0.2 dm<sup>3</sup>). Pure ClSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub> was obtained as a purple solid, yield: 94% (0.94 g). MP: 375–380 °C. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (600.28 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.88 (6H, q, non-peripheral H<sub>6</sub>) and 7.94 (6H, q, peripheral H<sub>6</sub>). <sup>11</sup>B-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm B}$  (128.38 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  –16.22 (1B). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  149.68 (6C, C=N: inner core carbons), 125.68 (6C, C=C: iminoisoindoline unit), 122.01 (6C, non-peripheral C<sub>6</sub>), 119.84 (6C, peripheral C<sub>6</sub>). IR:  $\nu/cm^{-1}$ : 1451 (C=C, Stretch). Elemental analysis calculated C, 66.94; H, 2.81; N, 19.51, obtained: C, 66.42; H, 2.68; N, 18.31. 2.1. <sup>1</sup>*H*-*NMR* of *FcCO*<sub>2</sub>*BSubPc*(*H*)<sub>12</sub>, 7:

## 2. NMR



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of FcCO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, 7.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δH (600.28 MHz, CDCl3, 25 °C): δ 8.88 (6H, dd, SubPc), 7.90 (6H, dd, SubPc), 3.96 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 3.95 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 3.63 (5H, s, Unsubstituted-Cp).

2.2. <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of FcCO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, 7:



**Figure S2.** <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of FcCO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, **7.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>B-NMR: δ<sub>B</sub> (128.38 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -16.82 (1B).

2.3. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of FcCO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, 7:



Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of FcCO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, 7.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR: δc (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 172.43 (1C, Fc-<u>C</u>O<sub>2</sub>), 151.67 (6C, SubPc: N-<u>C</u>=N), 131.20 (6C, SubPc: C=C), 130.02 (6C, SubPc: non-peripheral), 122.47 (6C, SubPc: peripheral), 88.08 (1C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 68.51 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp-ring), 68.04 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 67.11 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring).

#### 2.4. <sup>1</sup>*H*-*NMR* of *Fc CH*<sub>2</sub>*CO*<sub>2</sub>*BSubPc*(*H*)<sub>12</sub>, 8:



Figure S4. 1H-NMR of Fc CH2CO2BSubPc(H)12, 8.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δH (600.28 MHz, CDCl3, 25 °C): δ 8.86 (6H, dd, SubPc), 7.89 (6H, dd, SubPc), 3.79 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 3.67 (5H, s, Unsubstituted-Cp), 3.53 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 2.28 (2H, s, 1 x CH<sub>2</sub>).

2.5. <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of Fc CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, 8:



Figure S5. <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of Fc CH2CO2BSubPc(H)12, 8.

<sup>11</sup>B-NMR: δ<sub>B</sub> (128.38 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -16.76 (1B).

## 2.6. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of Fc CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, 8:



Figure S6. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of Fc CH2CO2BSubPc(H)12, 8.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR: δ<sub>C</sub> (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 169.82 (1C, <u>C</u>O), 149.05 (6C, SubPc: N-<u>C</u>=N), 128.59 (6C, SubPc: C=C), 127.41 (6C, SubPc: non-peripheral), 119.85 (6C, SubPc: peripheral), 85.47 (1C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 65.90 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp-ring), 65.43 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 64.49 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 22.81 (1C, Fc-<u>C</u>H<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>).





<sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δH (600.28 MHz, CDCl3, 25 °C): δ 8.86 (6H, dd, SubPc), 7.88 (6H, dd, SubPc), 3.89 (5H, s, Unsubstituted-Cp), 3.84 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 3.70 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 1.76 (2H, s, 1 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.26 (2H, s, 1 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.06 (2H, s, 1 x CH<sub>2</sub>).

#### 2.8. <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of Fc(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, **10**:



Figure S8. <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of Fc(CH2)3CO2BSubPc(H)12, 10.

<sup>11</sup>B-NMR: δ<sub>B</sub> (128.38 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -16.32 (1B).





Figure 9. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of Fc(CH2)3CO2BSubPc(H)12, 10.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR: δc (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 172.40 (1C, <u>C</u>O), 151.64 (6C, SubPc: N-<u>C</u>=N), 131.17 (6C, SubPc: C=C), 129.99 (6C, SubPc: non-peripheral), 122.44 (6C, SubPc: peripheral), 88.05 (1C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 68.48 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp-ring), 68.01 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 67.08 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 28.52 (1C, Fc-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>), 25.40 (1C, Fc-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>), 18.45 (1C, Fc-<u>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub></u></sub>



<sup>1</sup>H-NMR: δH (600.28 MHz, CDCl3, 25 °C): δ 8.85 (6H, dd, SubPc), 7.88 (6H, dd, SubPc), 4.49 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 4.31 (2H, pt, 2 x CH: Substituted-Cp), 3.98 (5H, s, Unsubstituted-Cp), 2.33 (2H, s, 1 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.66 (2H, s, 1 x CH<sub>2</sub>).

## 2.11. <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of FcCO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, **11**:



Figure S11. <sup>11</sup>B-NMR of FcCO(CH2)2CO2BSubPc(H)12, 11.

<sup>11</sup>B-NMR: δ<sub>B</sub> (128.38 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ -16.79 (1B).



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of FcCO(CH2)2CO2BSubPc(H)12, 11.

<sup>13</sup>C-NMR: δc (150.95 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C): δ 176.47 (1C, Fc-<u>C</u>O), 173.83 (1C, Fc-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-<u>C</u>O<sub>2</sub>), 155.71 (6C, SubPc: N-<u>C</u>=N), 135.24 (6C, SubPc: C=C), 134.06 (6C, SubPc: non-peripheral), 126.51 (6C, SubPc: peripheral), 92.12 (1C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 72.55 (5C, Unsubstituted-Cp-ring), 72.08 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 71.15 (2C, Substituted-Cp-ring), 32.59 (1C, Fc-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>), 29.47 (1C, Fc-CO-<u>CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>).</u>

## 3. DFT

## 3.1. LUMO and HOMO of optimized cation species pf SubPc 7, 10 and 11.

## *FcCO*<sub>2</sub>*BSubPc*(*H*)<sub>12</sub>, 7:



Figure 13. LUMO and HOMO of optimized cation species of SubPc 7.

A contour of  $0.03 \text{ e/Å}^3$  was used for the orbital plots. Colour code of atoms (online version): Fe (purple), B (yellow), C (grey), O (red), H (white).



*Fc*(*CH*<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>*CO*<sub>2</sub>*BSubPc*(*H*)<sub>12</sub>, **10**:

Figure S14. LUMO and HOMO of optimized cation species of SubPc 10.

A contour of 0.03 e/Å<sup>3</sup> was used for the orbital plots. Colour code of atoms (online version): Fe (purple), B (yellow), C (grey), O (red), H (white).

## *FcCO(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>,* **11**:



Figure S15. LUMO and HOMO of optimized cation species of SubPc 11.

A contour of 0.03 e/Å<sup>3</sup> was used for the orbital plots. Colour code of atoms (online version): Fe (purple), B (yellow), C (grey), O (red), H (white).

## 3.2. Optimized cation coordinates of FcCO<sub>2</sub>BSubPc(H)<sub>12</sub>, 7:

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Ν	-1.291875000	1.374964000	-0.266953000
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3.3. Optimized cation coordinates of  $FcCH_2CO_2BSubPc(H)_{12}$ , 8:

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# 3.4. Optimized cation coordinates of $Fc(CH_2)_3CO_2BSubPc(H)_{12}$ , **10**:

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