Ferrocene-appended Schiff bases for non-linear optics

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There is a considerable interest on molecular-based second-order nonlinear optical (NLO) chromophores have attracted much interest because of their potential applications in emerging optoelectronic technologies. Particularly, ferrocene-based donor—acceptor materials are efficient SHG organometallic compounds. We have synthesized ferrocenyl schiff-base derivatives [Fe(η -C5H5)(η -C5H4CR NR')][R= H, CH3, and R'= NCH(C6H3 (OH)NO2-p)] from ferrocenecarbaldehyde, acetylferrocene and characterized with the aid of elemental analysis and infrared, ultraviolet, fluorescence and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopic techniques. These derivatives contain the donor— π -acceptor-(D π A) structural motif desired for non-linear optical materials. The spectroscopic characterization, electrochemical and non-linear optical properties will be presented.