1017-30-117 Huaihui Chen, Department of Mathematics, Nanjing Normal University, 210097 Nanjing, Peoples Rep of China, and Paul M Gauthier*, Dépt de mathématiques et de statistiques, Université de Montréal, CP-6128 Succursale Centre Ville, Montréal, Québec H3C 3J7, Canada. Composition operators on μ-Bloch spaces.

Given a positive continuous function μ on the interval $0 < t \leq 1$, we consider the space of so-called μ -Bloch functions on the unit ball. If $\mu(t) = t$, these are the classical Bloch functions. For μ , we define a Finsler metric $F_z^{\mu}(u)$, in terms of which we give a characterization of μ -Bloch functions. Then, necessary and sufficient conditions are obtained in order that a composition operator be a bounded or compact operator between these generalized Bloch spaces. Our results extend those of Zhang and Xiao. (Received February 17, 2006)