

## *Supporting Information*

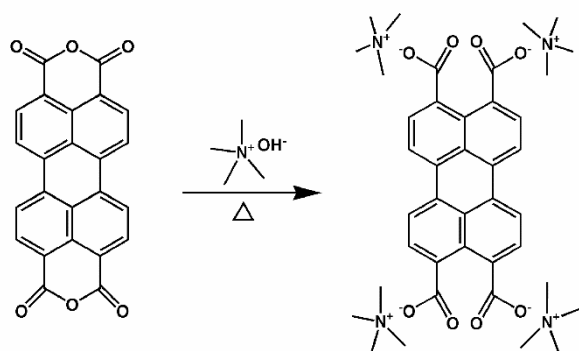
# A Simple Perylene Derivative as a Solution–Processable Cathode Interlayer for Perovskite Solar Cells with Enhanced Efficiency and Stability

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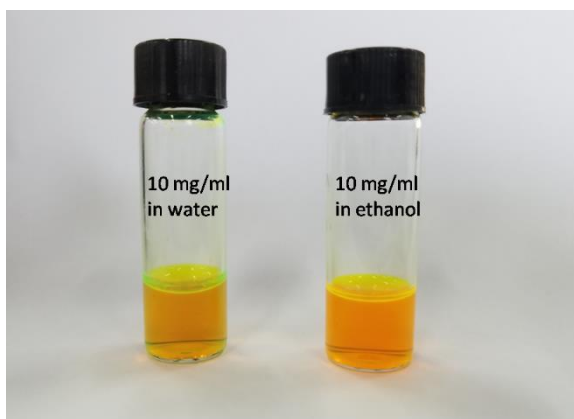
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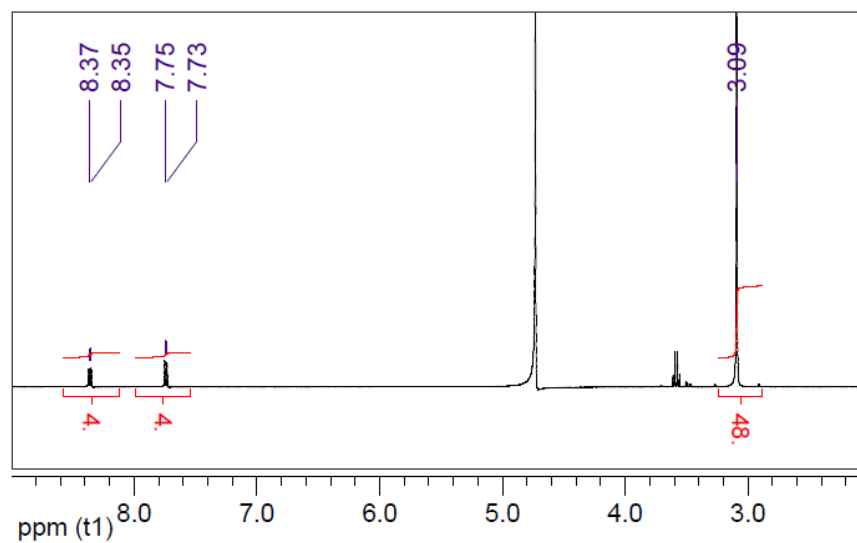
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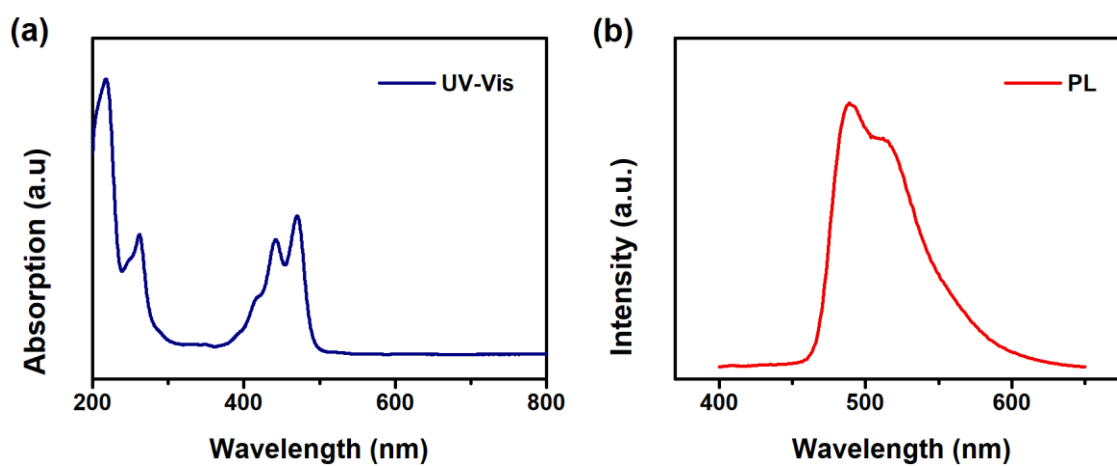
**Scheme S1.** Synthetic route of TMA-PTC.



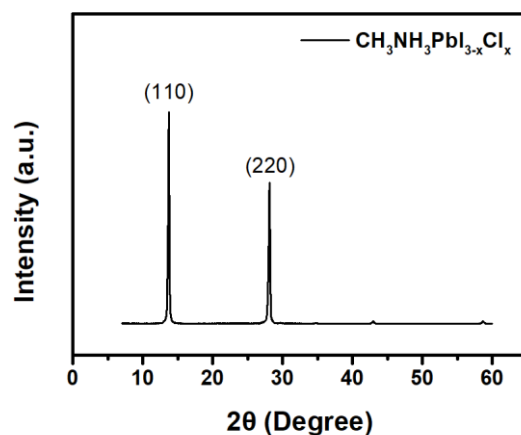
**Figure S1.** Photos of TMA-PTC water and ethanol solutions at the concentration of 10 mg/ml, respectively.



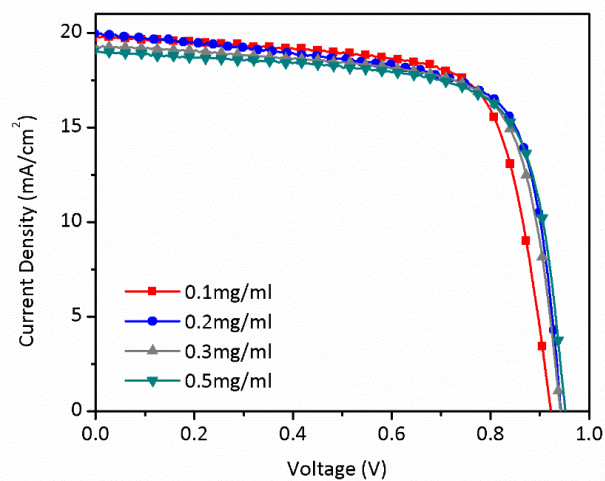
**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TMA-PTC.



**Figure S3.** (a) UV-Vis absorption and (b) PL spectra of TMA-PTC in ethanol (0.5 mg/mL).



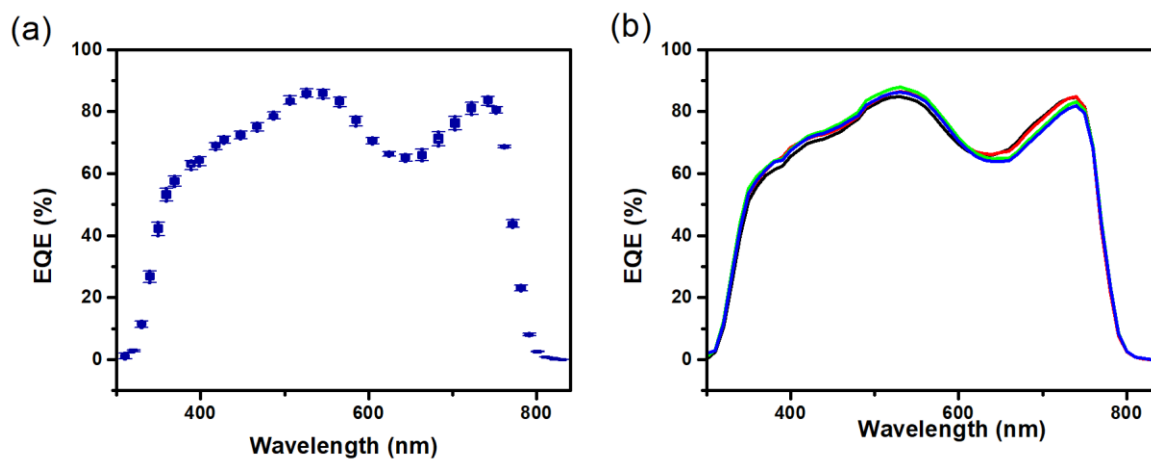
**Figure S4.** XRD patterns of the perovskite film prepared from the mixture of  $\text{PbI}_2:\text{PbCl}_2:\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{I}$  and annealed at 80 °C for 2 hours.



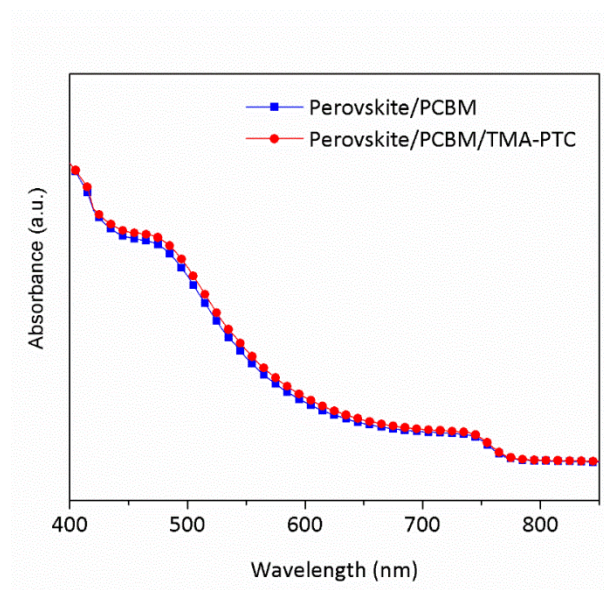
**Figure S5.**  $J$ - $V$  curves of PeSCs with TMA-PTC CIL prepared from the solutions with varied concentrations.

**Table S1.** Photovoltaic parameters of PeSCs with TMA-PTC CIL with varied concentrations.

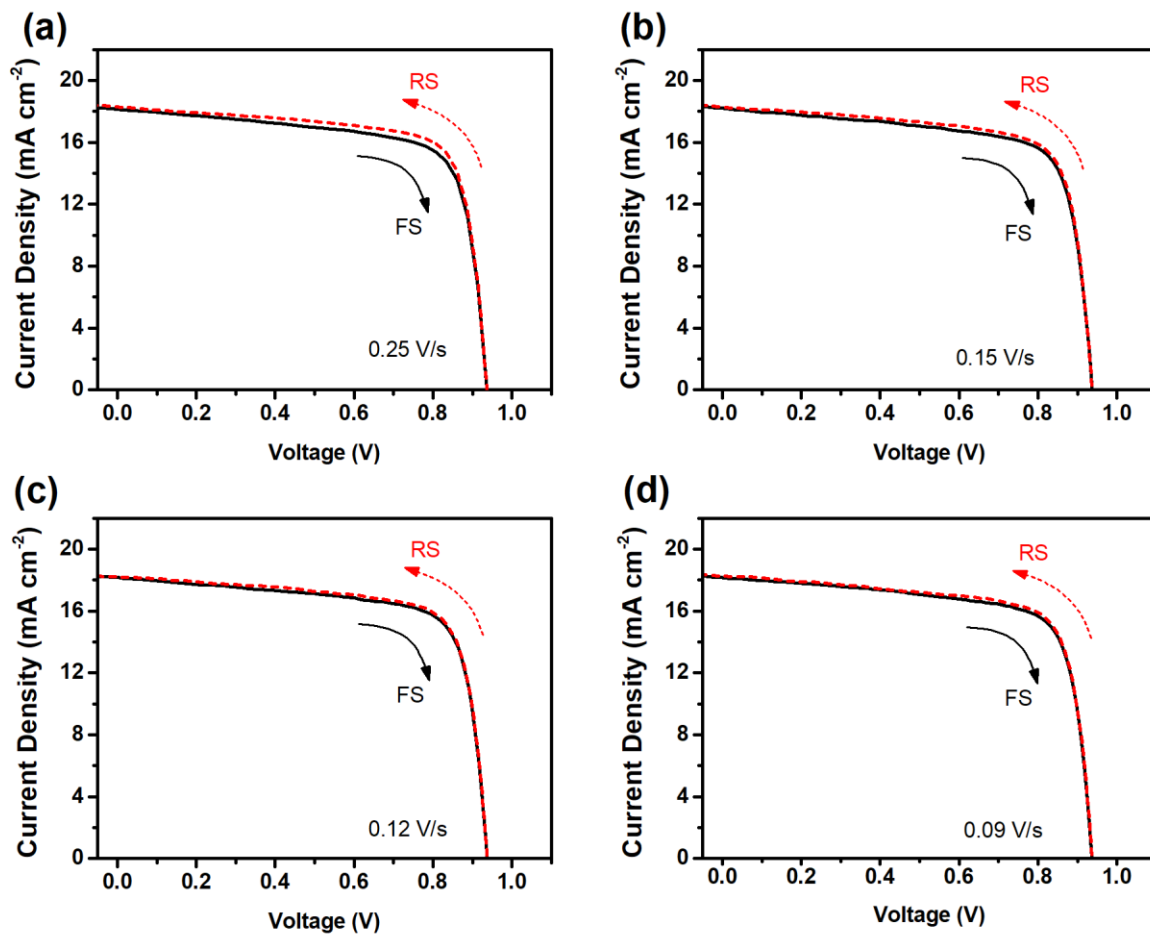
concentration	$V_{oc}$ (V)	FF (%)	$J_{sc}$ (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	PCE (%)
0.1mg/ml	0.925	71.74	19.82	13.14
0.2mg/ml	0.940	70.94	19.99	13.33
0.3mg/ml	0.944	72.22	19.33	13.18
0.5mg/ml	0.951	72.77	19.01	13.15



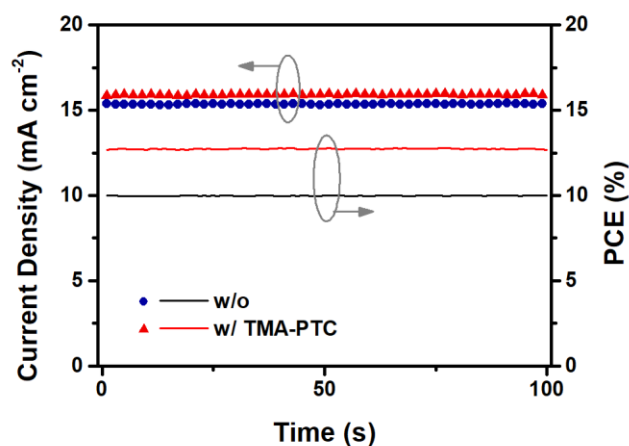
**Figure S6.** (a) EQE spectrum of a typical perovskite solar cells with TMA-PTC CIL, and (b) EQE spectra of four individual perovskite solar cells with TMA-PTC CIL.



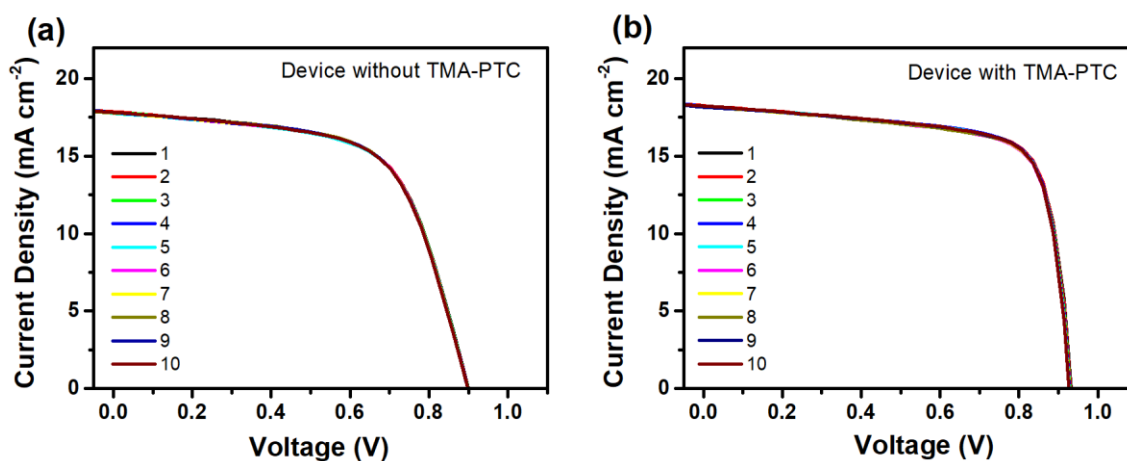
**Figure S7.** UV-Vis absorption spectra of perovskite films coated with PC<sub>61</sub>BM and PC<sub>61</sub>BM/TMA-PTC, respectively.



**Figure S8.**  $J$ – $V$  curves of PeSCs (not the best performance device) with TMA–PTC as the CIL under both forward (FS) and reverse (RS) scans with varied scan speeds (i.e., (a) 0.25 V/s, (b) 0.15 V/s, (c) 0.12 V/s, (d) 0.09 V/s) in 1 sun illumination.

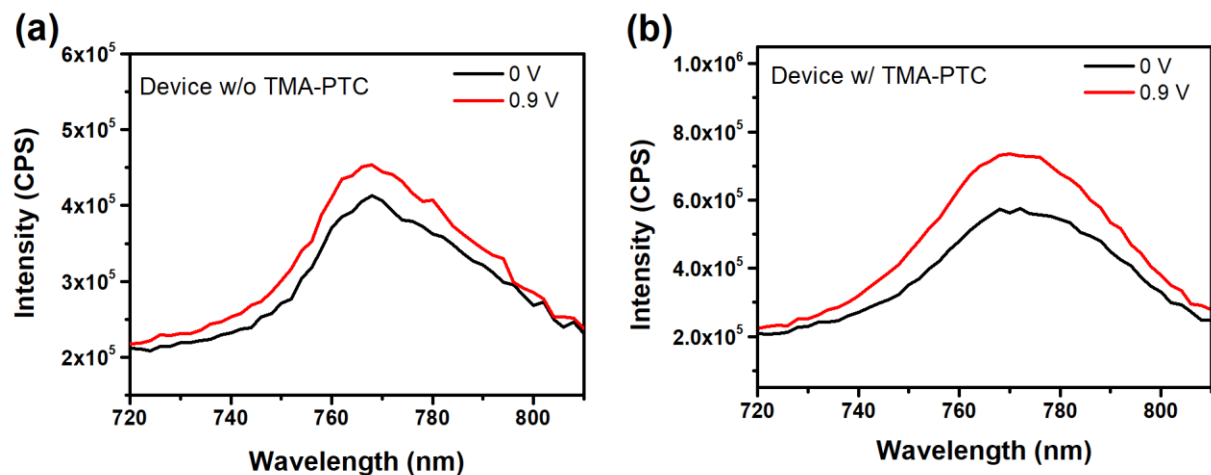


**Figure S9.** Steady-state measurement of  $J_{SC}$  and PCE for the PeSCs (not the best performance devices) with and without TMA-PTC CIL at the corresponding maximum power output points (i.e., at 0.80 V and 0.65 V, respectively).

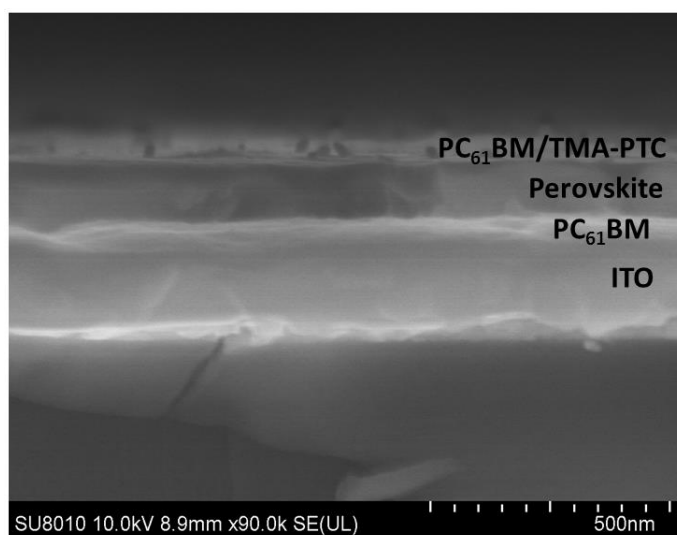


**Figure S10.**  $J$ - $V$  curves of PeSCs (not the best performance devices) (a) with and (b) without TMA-PTC CIL measured at repeated scans of 10 times in 1 sun illumination.

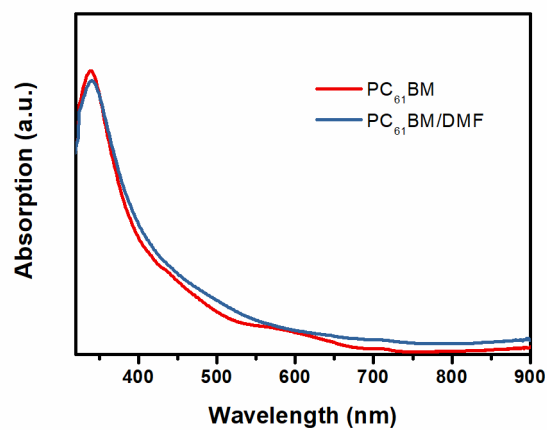




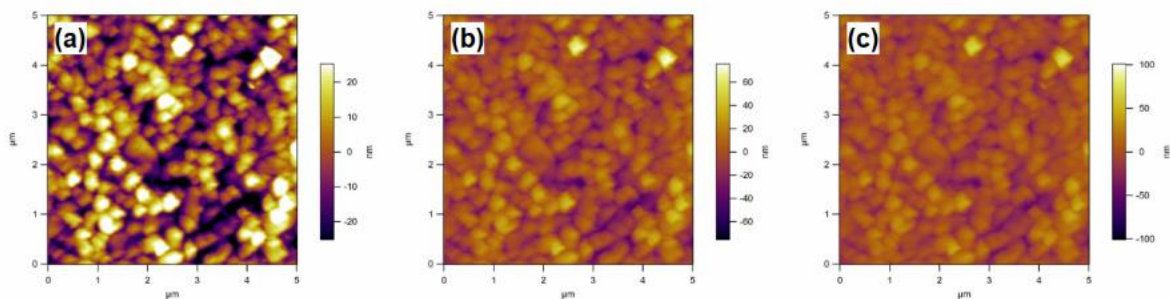
**Figure S11.** (a) PL of the device without TMA-PTC at 0 V and 0.9 V; (b) PL of the device with TMA-PTC at 0 V and 0.9 V.



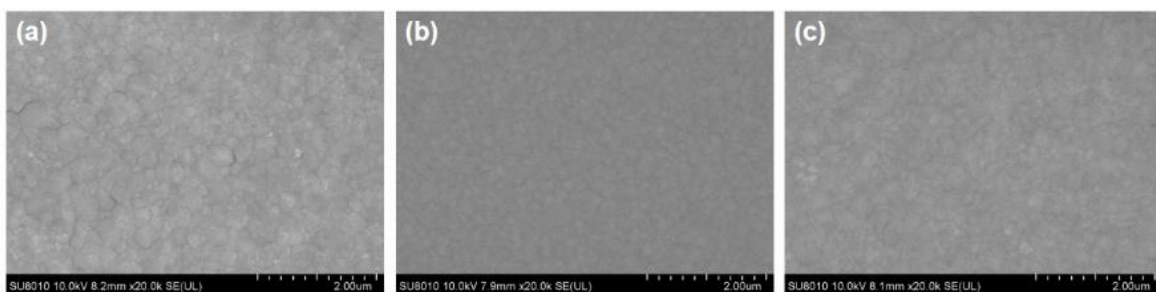
**Figure S12.** Cross sectional SEM image of ITO/PC<sub>61</sub>BM/Perovskite/PC<sub>61</sub>BM/TMA-PTC stacked films in electron-only device.



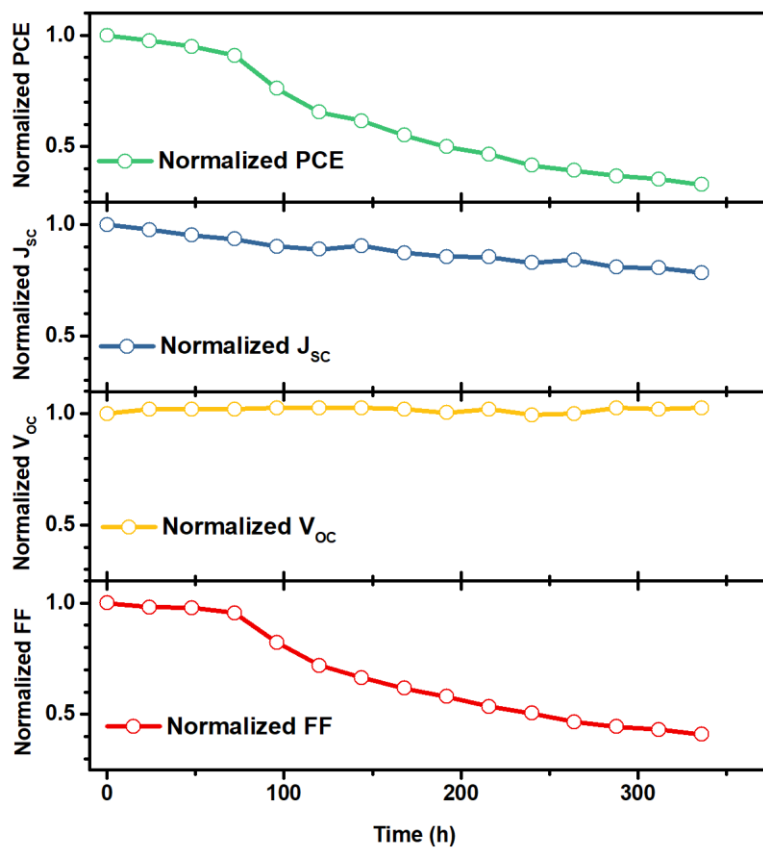
**Figure S13.** Absorption spectra of PC<sub>61</sub>BM films before and after spin-coated with DMF solvent.



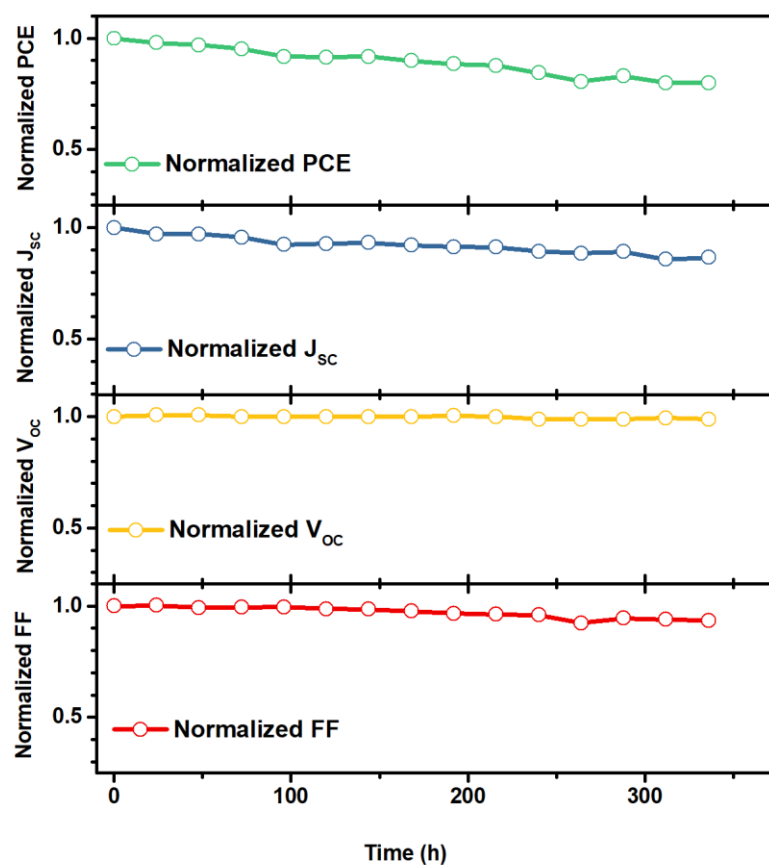
**Figure S14.** AFM images of pristine perovskite films with different color contrast: (a) 50 nm; (b) 100 nm; (c) 200 nm.



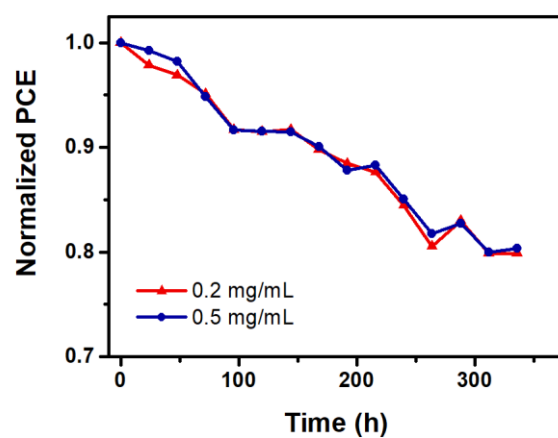
**Figure S15.** Top-view SEM images of (a) pristine perovskite, (b) perovskite/PC<sub>61</sub>BM and (c) perovskite/PC<sub>61</sub>BM/TMA-PTC layers.



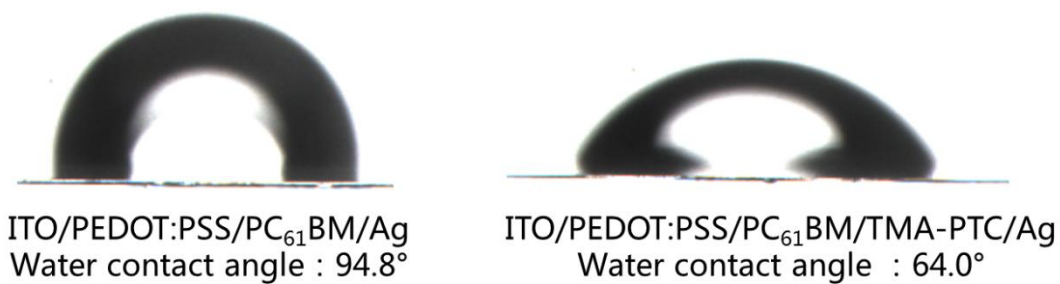
**Figure S16.** Photovoltaic parameters of perovskite solar cell without TMA-PTC decayed as a function of exposition time in the air.



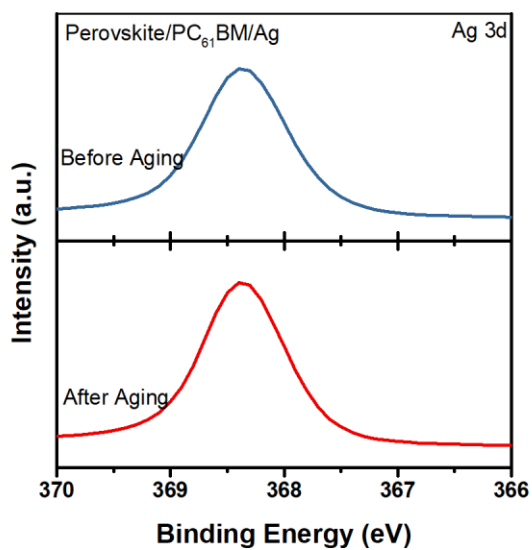
**Figure S17.** Photovoltaic parameters of perovskite solar cell with TMA-PTC decayed as a function of exposition time in the air.



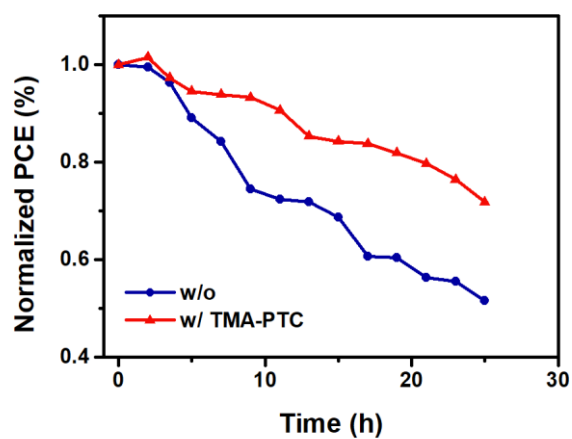
**Figure S18.** PCE decay of PeSCs treated with 0.2 and 0.5 mg/mL TMA-PTC decayed as a function of exposition time in the air.



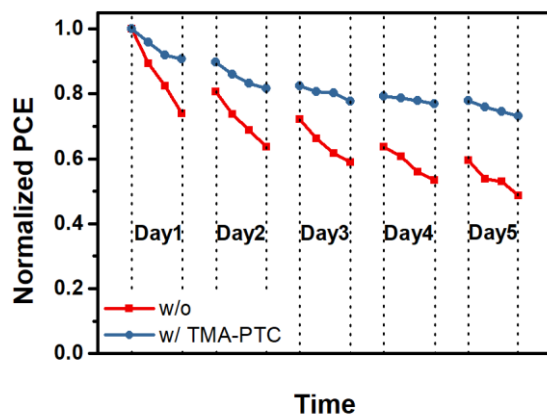
**Figure S19.** Measured water contact angle for the PC<sub>61</sub>BM films with and without TMA-PTC CIL.



**Figure S20.** XPS spectra of Ag 3d obtained from the perovskite solar cell without TMA-PTC CIL before and after aging.



**Figure S21.** PCE decay of unencapsulated PeSCs with or without TMA-PTC as a function of exposure time in the air with a high relative humidity (>60%).



**Figure S22.** PCE decay of perovskite solar cell with and without TMA-PTC under the condition of light (1 sun illumination)-dark cyclings as a function of storage time.

### Space charge limited current (SCLC) measurements

The electron-only devices were fabricated with a configuration of ITO/PC<sub>61</sub>BM/Perovskite/PC<sub>61</sub>BM/TMA-PTC/Ag. The thickness of perovskite layer is ca. 310 nm, while the thickness of PC<sub>61</sub>BM layer is ca. 40 nm. The SCLC can be written as  $J_{SCLC} = 9\epsilon_0\epsilon_r\mu_e(V-V_{BI})^2/(8L^3)$ : where  $J$  is current density,  $\epsilon_r$  is dielectric constant of the perovskite materials (normally a value of 28.8 is used),<sup>1</sup>  $\epsilon_0$  ( $8.8541878176 \times 10^{-12}$  F/m) is the permittivity of vacuum,  $\mu_e$  is electron carrier mobility,  $L$  is film thickness,  $V = V_{appt} - V_{bi}$ ,  $V_{appt}$  is the applied potential, and  $V_{bi}$  is the built-in potential resulting from work function difference between two electrodes (in this device,  $V_{bi} = 0$  V). To calculate the  $\mu_e$  value, the log  $J$ - $V$  line obtained in dark was fitted using a function of  $y = a + 2x$  and electron mobility ( $\mu_e$ ) was calculated from the y-intercept of the fitting line.

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