## **Supporting Information**

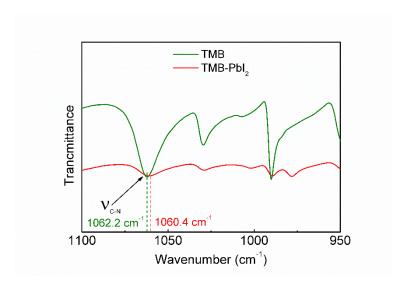
## Radical Form of PbI<sub>2</sub>: A New Defects Passivator for Efficient Perovskite Solar Cells

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**Figure S1.** Fourier transform infrared spectra (FTIR) of pure TMB and TMB-PbI<sub>2</sub> radical powder. In TMB-PbI<sub>2</sub>, the stretching vibration of C-N bond (C-N) appears at 1060.4 cm<sup>-1</sup>, which is low-wavenumber shift in comparison with that in TMB (1062.2 cm<sup>-1</sup>). This result indicates that some chemical interaction exists between TMB and PbI<sub>2</sub>.

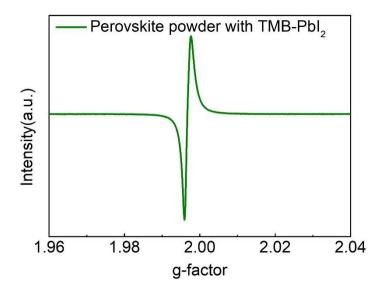


Figure S2. Electron spin resonance (ESR) of perovskite powder with TMB-PbI<sub>2</sub>.

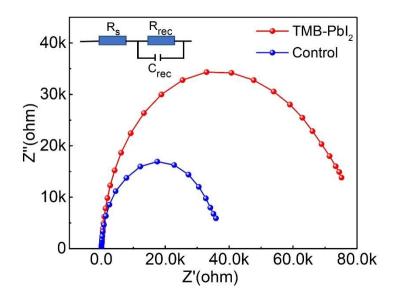
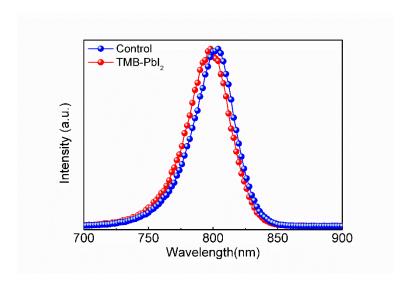
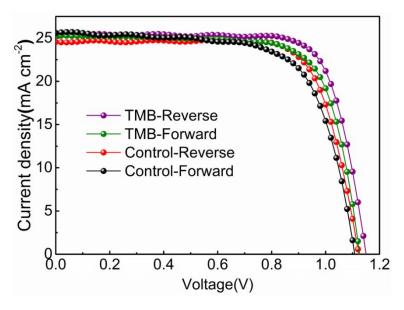


Figure S3. Nyquist plots for the control and  $TMB-PbI_2$  based perovskite devices in the dark.

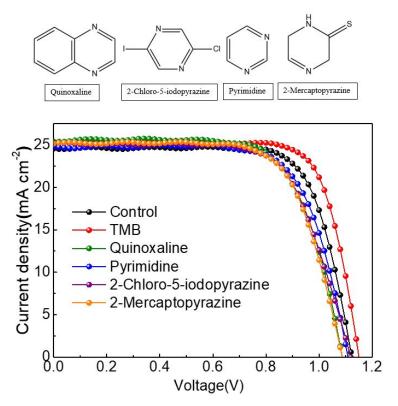


**Figure S4.** Photoluminescence (PL) spectra of control and TMB-PbI<sub>2</sub> based perovskite films. The films are prepared on a glass substrate. The blue-shift of PL in TMB-PbI<sub>2</sub> based perovskite film indicates the defects passivation.



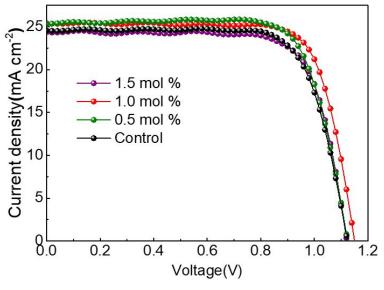
Name	$V_{oc}$	$J_{sc}$	FF	PCE
	<b>(V)</b>	(mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	(%)	(%)
TMB-Reverse	1.15	25.71	75.94	22.63
TMB-Forward	1.13	25.32	73.29	20.90
Control-Reverse	1.12	25.40	71.36	20.48
Control- Forward	1.11	25.60	68.55	19.44

**Figure S-5.** Comparison of hysteresis between TMB-containing devices and control group devices.



N	$V_{oc}$	$oldsymbol{J_{sc}}$	FF	PCE
Name	<b>(V)</b>	(mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	(%)	(%)
Control	1.12	25.40	71.36	20.48
$TMB\text{-}PbI_2$	1.15	25.71	75.94	22.63
Quinoxaline	1.11	24.81	70.86	19.71
Pyrimidine	1.12	25.21	68.20	19.25
2-Chloro-5-iodopyrazine	1.09	25.17	70.12	19.20
2-Mercaptopyrazine	1.09	25.42	70.04	19.35

**Figure S6.** Chemical structure of Nitrogen-containing organic small molecule passivation agent and *J-V* curves and Performance parameter of PSCs under their treatment.



TMB concentration (mol %)	<i>V<sub>oc</sub></i> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
0.5	1.12	25.33	76.54	21.83
1.0	1.15	25.71	75.94	22.63
1.5	1.12	24.34	74.94	20.68

Figure S7. J-V curves of control and different concentration of TMB treatment PSCs.

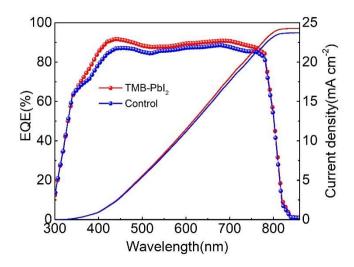


Figure S8. External quantum efficiency (EQE) of control and TMB-PbI $_2$  based PSCs.

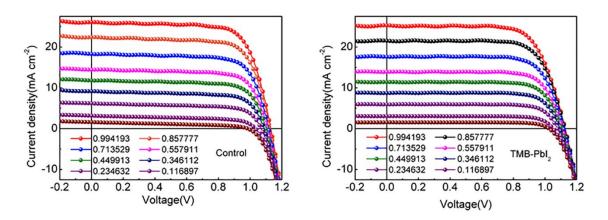
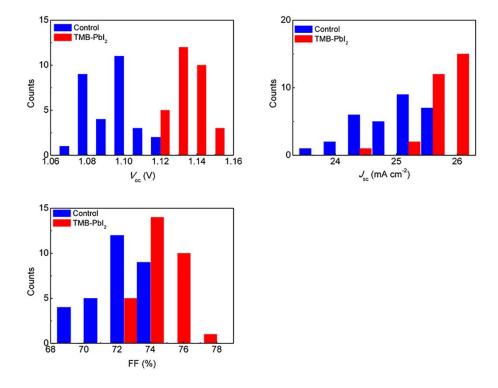


Figure S9. J-V curves of control (left) and TMB-PbI $_2$  (right) based PSCs under different light intensity.



**Figure S10.**  $V_{\rm oc}$ ,  $J_{\rm sc}$  and FF distribution among 30 separated PSCs.