

Support Information

Ternary Bulk Heterojunction Photovoltaic Cells Composed of Small Molecule Donor Additive as Cascade Material

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Figure S3. *J-V* characteristics of the ternary devices of P3HT/DTDCTB/PC₆₁BM with various weight ratios and binary device of P3HT/PC₆₁BM fabricated without DIO as solvent additive.

Figure S4. *J-V* characteristic of the binary blend device of DTDCTB/PC₆₁BM fabricated as the same process of the device of P3HT/PC₆₁BM.

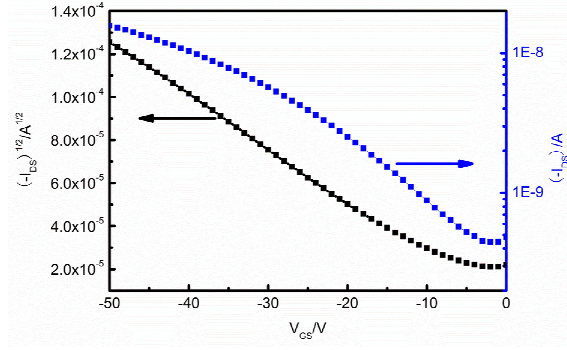


Figure S1 Transfer characteristics of DTDCTB TFT using dielectric layer of SiO₂.

(V_{DS}=-50 V, W=1 mm, and L=150 μm.)

To fabricate the FET device based DTDCTB, a heavily n-doped silicon wafer with a 300 nm thickness SiO₂ was chosen as the substrate. The substrate was firstly cleaned ultrasonically in acetone and isopropyl alcohol (IPA) for 10 minutes, respectively. A thin film of DTDCTB was spun cast on the top of SiO₂, then evaporated under a high vacuum. Finally, gold source-drain electrodes with a thickness of 40 nm were evaporated with a shadow mask to get a channel length of $L = 150 \mu\text{m}$ and channel width of $W = 1 \text{ mm}$.

As shown as figure S1, the bottom-gate field-effect transistor of DTDCTB is investigated, and the hole mobility in extracted saturation regime is $1.18 \times 10^{-4} \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

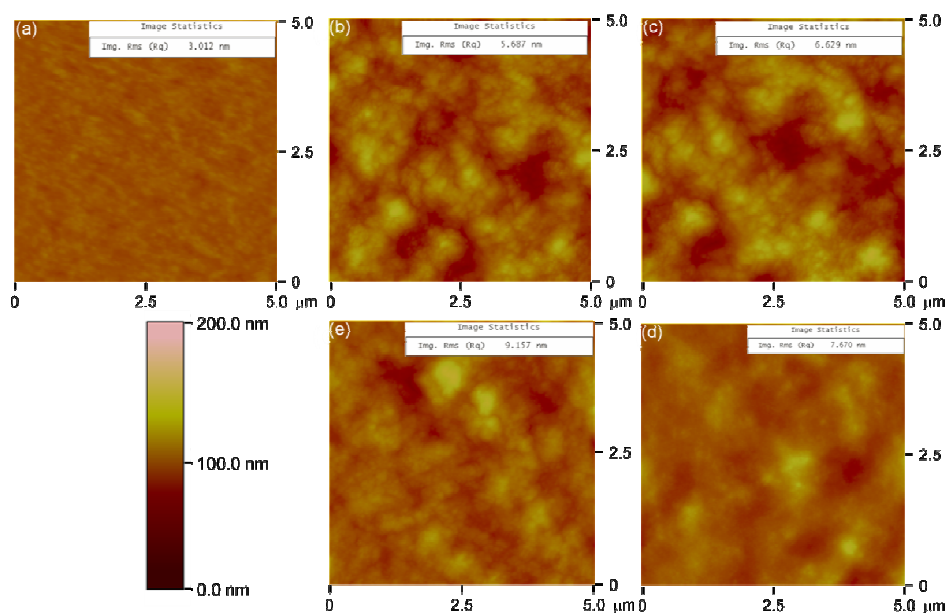


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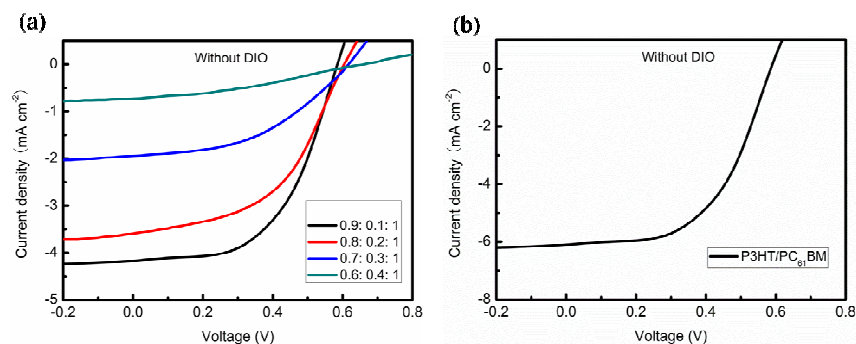


Figure S3. (a) J - V characteristic of the ternary device of P3HT/DTDCTB/PC₆₁BM with various weight ratios fabricated without DIO as solvent additive. (b) J - V characteristic of the binary device of P3HT/PC₆₁BM (1: 1) fabricated without DIO as solvent additive.

The ternary P3HT/DTDCTB/PC₆₁BM and binary P3HT/PC₆₁BM solar cells were fabricated following the methods reported previously for P3HT-based solar cells with solvent additives.¹⁻⁵ In these solar cells, the DIO solvent additive helps to control the morphology and nanoscale phase separation of the donor/acceptor interpenetrating network in the active layer.^{4,5}

As shown in Figure S3, the devices without DIO solvent additive demonstrate low performances.

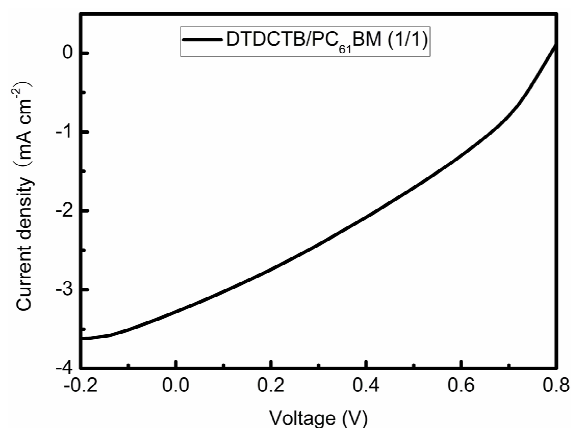


Figure S4. J - V characteristic of the binary blend device of DTDCTB/PC₆₁BM fabricated as the same process of the device of P3HT/PC₆₁BM.

The binary blend device of DTDCTB/PC₆₁BM demonstrated a PCE of 0.85%, with an open circuit voltage (V_{OC}) of 0.78 V, a short circuit current (J_{SC}) of 3.28 mA/cm² and FF of 0.33.

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