## **Supporting information**

## Undesirable Role of Remnant PbI<sub>2</sub> Layer On Low Temperature

## **Processed Planar Perovskite Solar Cells**

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Fig. S1 Scanning electron microscope (SEM) image of c-TiO<sub>2</sub> via anodic oxidation;



**Fig. S2** Cross section SEM images. (a)  $PbI_2$  film fabricated by spinning  $PbI_2$  DMF precursor solution (40 wt%); And  $CH_3NH_3PbI_3$  films fabricated by CSD with various dipping time. (b) 1 min; (c) 3 min; (d) 5 min; (e) 7 min; (f) 9 min.



**Fig. S3** Cross section SEM image of CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> fabricated by CSD method on mesoporous TiO<sub>2</sub> substrate with only 5 min dipping time.



**Fig. S4** (a) J-V curve performance for mesoporous PSCs via CSD without encapsulation by 5 min dipping the CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>I IPA solution; (b) corresponding Nyquist plots.



Fig. S5 Device structure replacing  $CH_3NH_3PbI_3$  with  $PbI_2$  film and corresponding J-V curves performance .



**Fig. S6** (a) steady-state photoluminescence (PL) for the pure CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> on glasses via CSD with different dipping time; (b) corresponding PL measurement when CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> contacted with c-TiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S7** Nyquist plots at V=1.0 v for planar PSCs based on CSD method with different dipping time.



**Fig. S8** SEM cross section images for CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> films with different dipping time. (a) 3 min; (b) 5 min; (c) 7min.



Fig. S9 Nyquist plot at V=1.0 v for planar PSCs based on modified two-step method.



**Fig. S10** J-V curve performance for planar PSCs fabricated by modified two-step method with thermal annealing reaching 2 day.