

## Electronic Supplementary Information for:

### Light harvesting enhancement upon incorporating alloy structured CdSe<sub>x</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub> quantum dots in DPP:PC<sub>61</sub>BM bulk heterojunction solar cell

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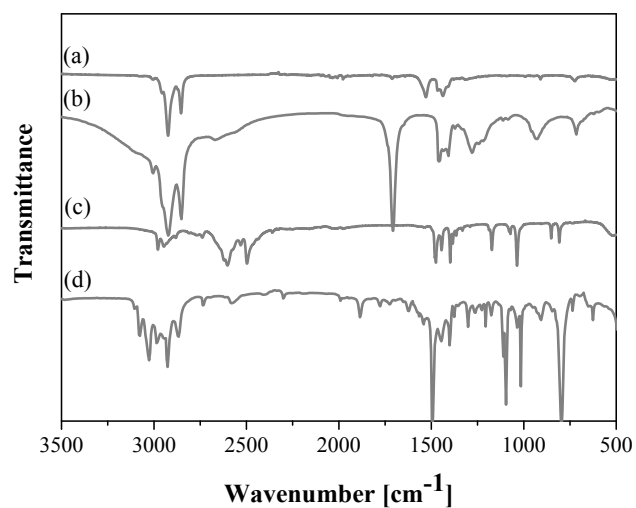


Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of (a) oleate capped CdSe<sub>x</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub> QDs (before ligand exchange), (b) p-methylthiolate capped CdSe<sub>x</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub> QDs (after ligand exchange), (c) oleic acid, and (d) p-methylthiophenole.

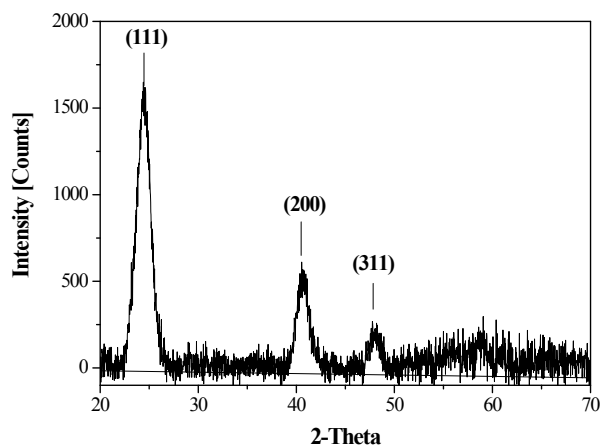


Figure S2. Powder x-ray diffractogram of CdSe<sub>x</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub> QDs demonstrating their cubic zinc blende crystallinity.

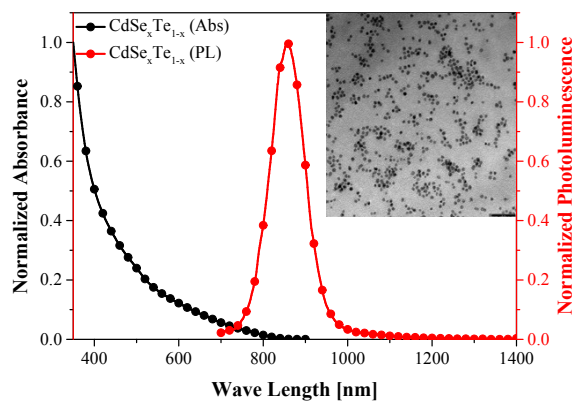


Figure S3. UV-Vis absorption and PL spectra of methylthiophenol-capped  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$  nanoparticles. (Inset: TEM image of nanoparticles (the scale bar is 50 nm)).

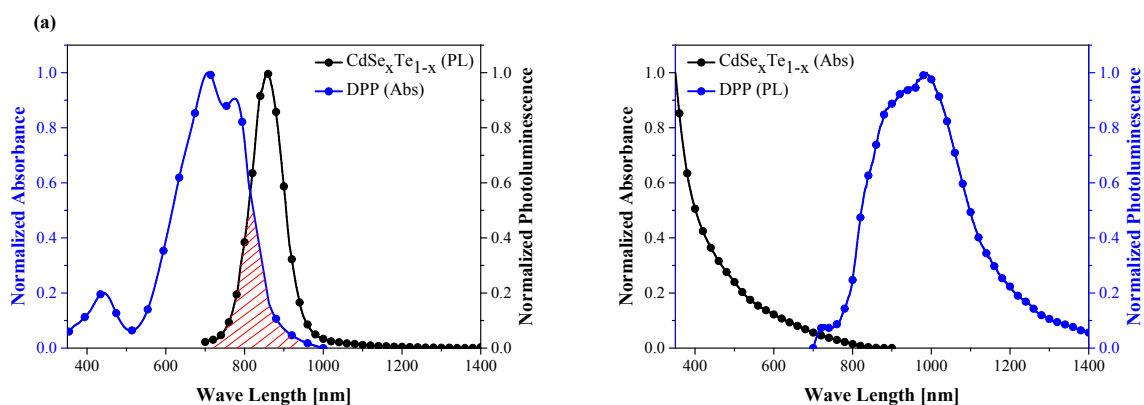


Figure S4. (a) UV-Vis absorption and PL spectra of DPP and  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$  NPs respectively, (b) UV-Vis absorption and PL spectra of  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$  NPs and DPP respectively.

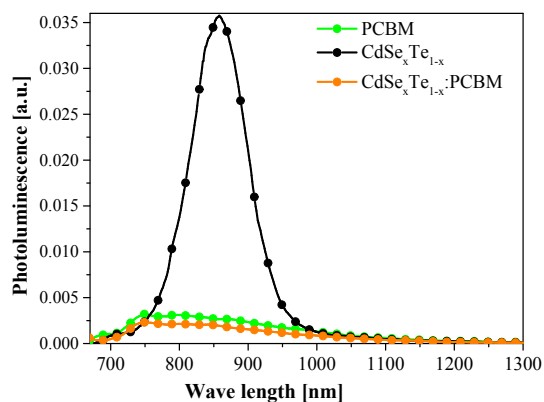


Figure S5. Photoluminescence spectra of PCBM, CdSe<sub>x</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub> and CdSe<sub>x</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub>:PCBM

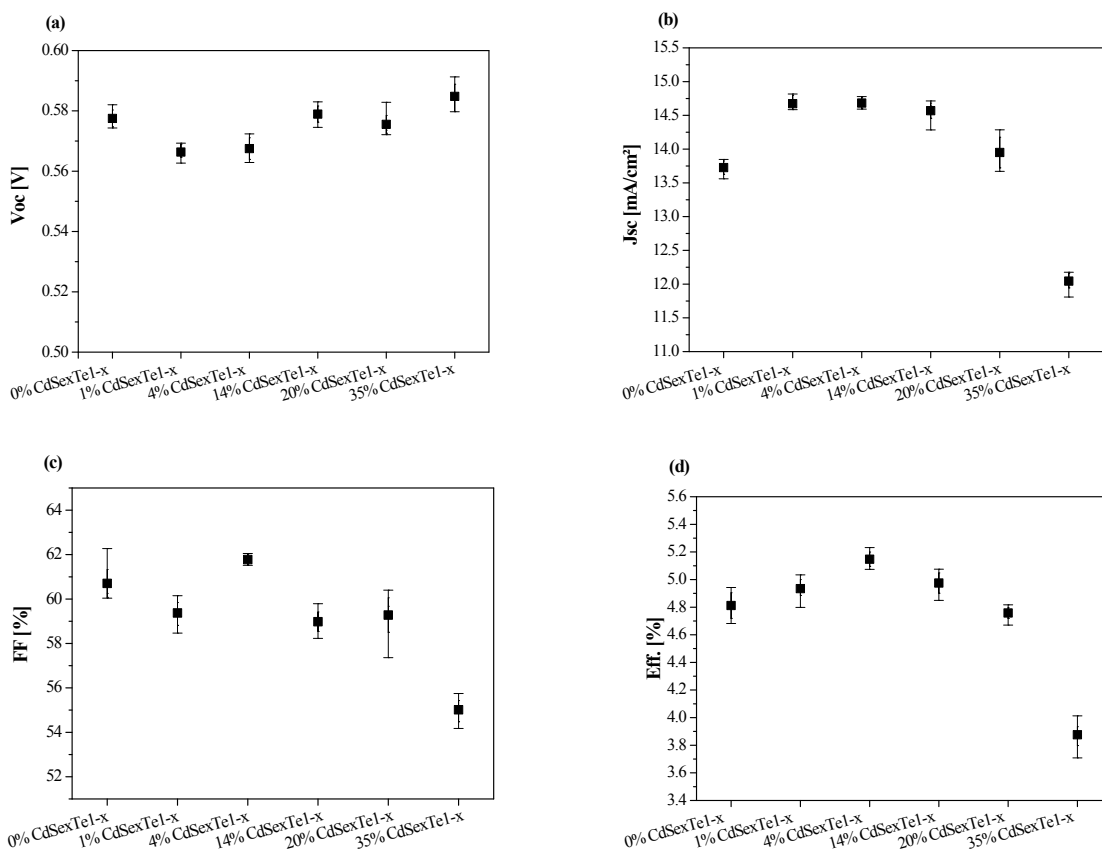


Figure S6. Box diagrams displaying (a) V<sub>oc</sub>, (b) J<sub>sc</sub>, (c) FF and (d) PCE of 6 cells containing different CdSe<sub>x</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub> content.

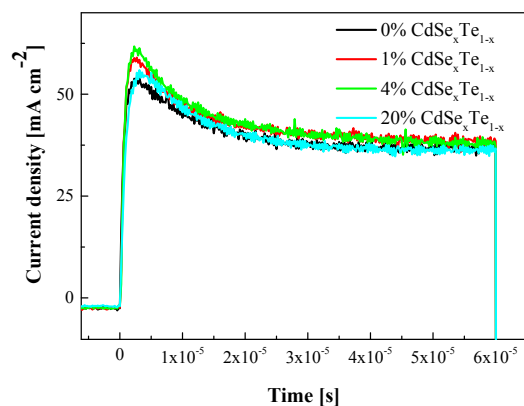


Figure S7. Time dependent photo-CELIV traces of hybrid solar cells with different  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$  concentrations.

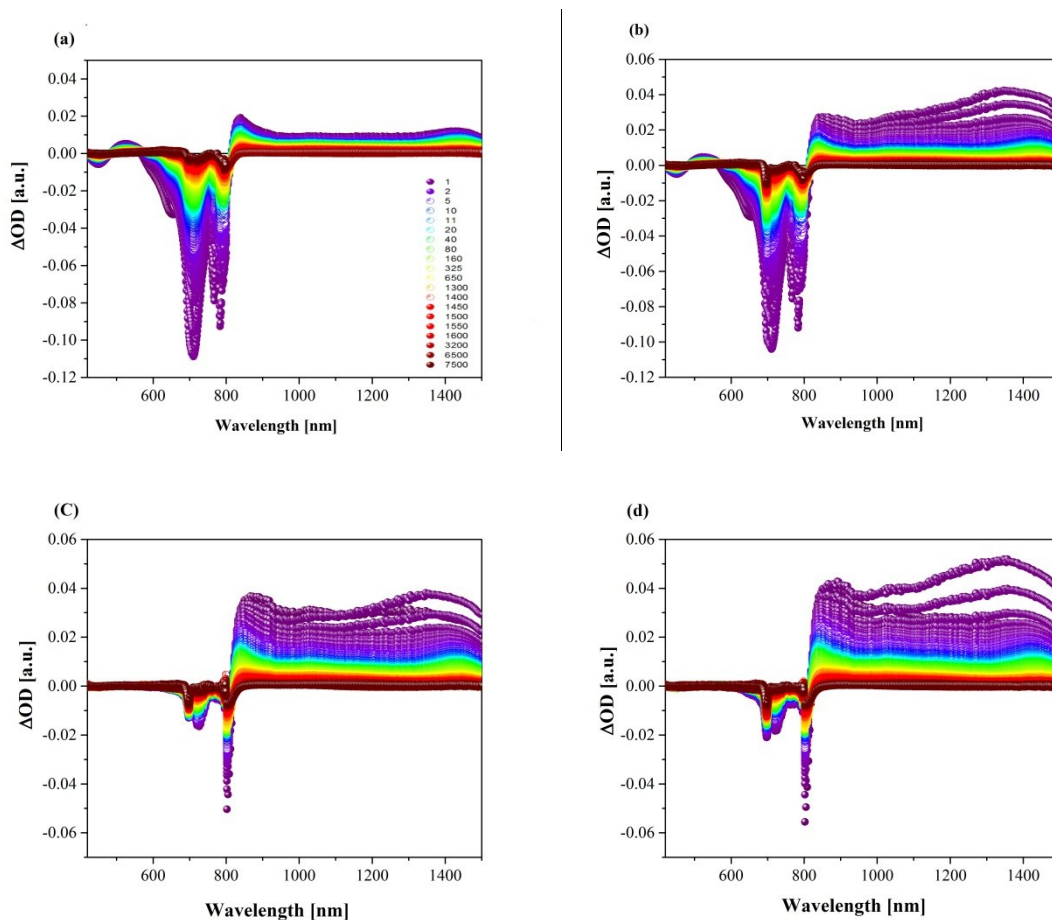


Figure S8. Differential absorption spectra upon excitation at 695 nm (100 nJ) of ternary film containing (a) 1 wt.%  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$ , (b) 4 wt.%  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$ , (c) 14 wt.%  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$ , and (d) 20 wt.%  $\text{CdSe}_x\text{Te}_{1-x}$ . The numbers reported in the legend correspond to the time delays in ps.