Supplementary information

Effect of tantalum doping in TiO_2 compact layer on the performance of planar Spiro-OMeTAD free perovskite solar cells

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Fig. S1 (a) XRD, (b) absorbance, and (c) SEM image of CH₃NH₃PbI₃ perovskite film (inset shows grain size distribution); (d) SEM image of compact TiO₂.

The XRD data shows the characteristic perovskite peak at 14.1°, 28.4°, 31.9° and 43.2° corresponding to diffraction planes of (110), (220), (310) and (314) which are in agreement with previous report.¹ The absorbance spectrum of $CH_3NH_3PbI_3$ film shows broad range of absorbance from 400 to 760 nm suggesting that perovskite film has good absorption in visible region. Further, SEM image shows the grain size of perovskite in the range of 200-1200 nm along with good surface coverage.

Sample	O1s (atomic %)	Ti2p (atomic %)	Ta4f (atomic %)	
Pure TiO ₂	67.1	32.9	0.0	
3.0 mol.% Ta-TiO ₂	66.6	24.7	4.2	
5.0 mol.% Ta-TiO ₂	68.2	23.8	7.2	

Table-S1 Atomic % of different elements for undoped TiO_2 and $Ta-TiO_2$ thin film samples from XPS data

 Table-S2
 Summary of planar perovskite solar cells having P3HT as HTL

Planar device Structure with	J _{sc}	FF	Voc	PCE (%)	Year	Reference
P3HT as HTM	(mA/cm ²)					
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /CH ₃ NH ₃ PbI _{3-x} Cl _x /P3HT/Ag	17.7	56.2	0.92	9.2	2014	2
P3HT doped with Li salt and D- TBP	19.1	66.3	0.98	12.4		
FTO/TiO ₂ /MAPbI ₃ /P3HT/Ag	16.22	45	1.007	7.42	2015	3
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /CH ₃ NH ₃ PbI _{3-x} Cl _x /P3HT/Ag	19.06	56.11	0.70	7.81	2015	4
Au doped P3HT	21.53	0.72	60.72	9.82		
FTO/c-TiO ₂ /CH ₃ NH ₃ PbI _{3-x} Cl _x /P3HT/Ag	18.2	44.6	0.626	5.1	2015	5
P3HT doped with Li salt and D- TBP	21.8	52	0.863	9.7		
FTO/c-TiO ₂ / CH ₃ NH ₃ PbI _{3-x} Cl _x /P3HT/Ag	14.7	55.2	0.56	4.57	2016	6
	14.4	57.1	0.60	5.26 (cesium doped TiO ₂)		
FTO/c-TiO ₂ / CH ₃ NH ₃ PbI _{3-x} Cl _x /P3HT/Ag	14.88 15.04	0.458 0.47	0.85 0.86	5.85- Forward 6.23- Backward	2017	7
Cobalt doped P3HT	21.7 21.8	0.68 0.7	1.05 1.06	15.87- Forward 16.28- Backward		
ITO/TiO ₂ /MAPbI ₃ /P3HT/Ag	16.97	61.32	0.87	9.05	2017	8

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