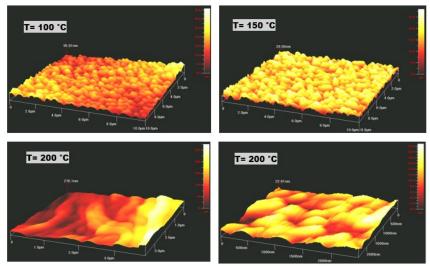
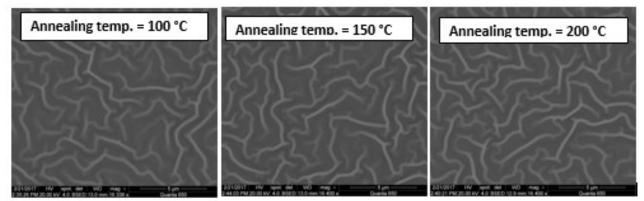
## Supporting Information

## Fabrication of planar heterojunction CsPbBr2I perovskite solar cell using ZnO as electron transport layer & improved solar energy conversion efficiency

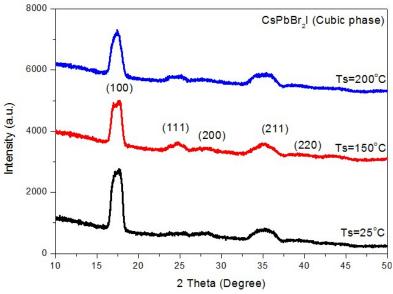
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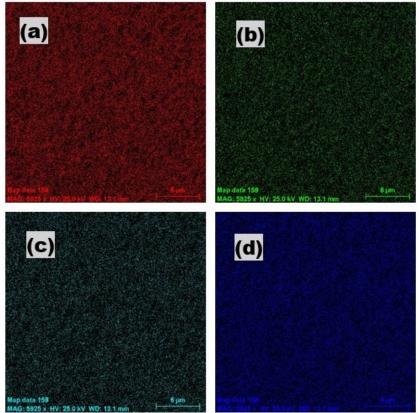
**Figure S1 (a-d).** AFM images of as-deposited ZnO layer on ITO glasses annealed at 100 °C, 150 °C and 200 °C for 30 minutes.



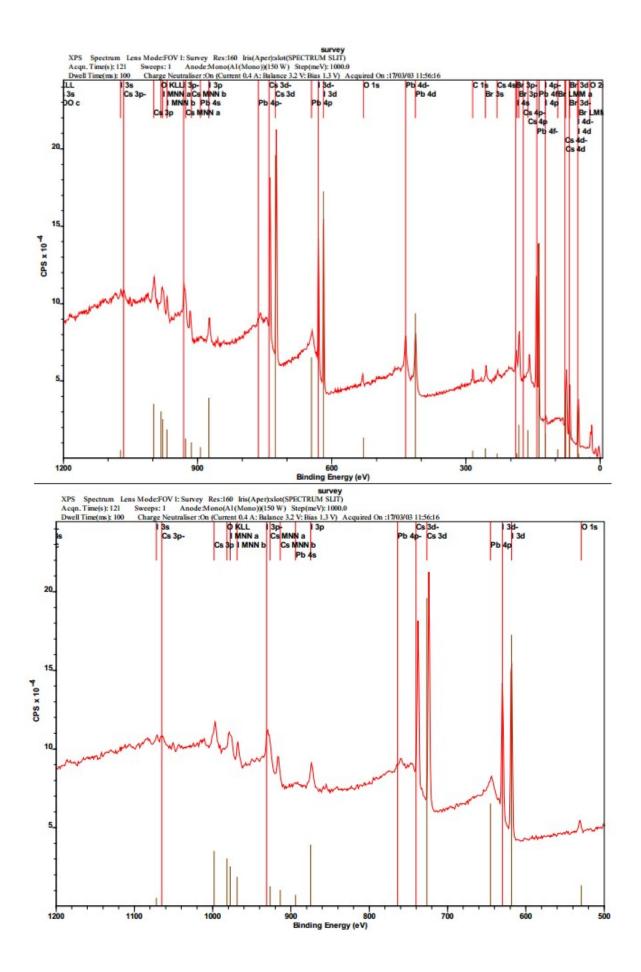
**Figure S2.** SEM image of ZnO deposited at ITO glass and annealed at 100 °C, 150 °C and 200 °C.

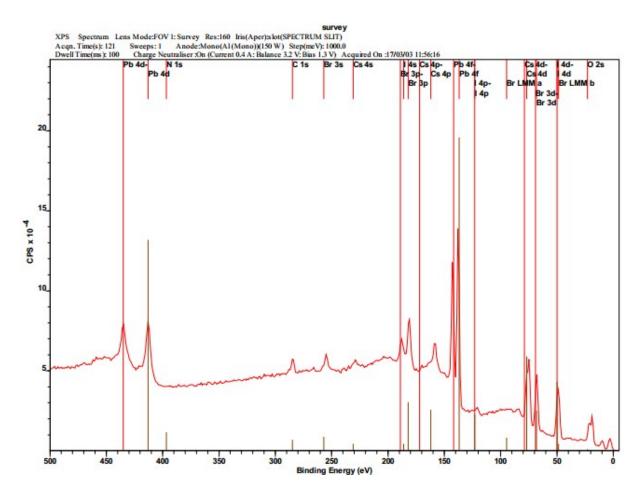


**Figure S3.** P-XRD spectra of as-deposited CsPbBr<sub>2</sub>I perovskite at substrate temperature (Ts) at 25 °C, 150 °C and 200 °C.

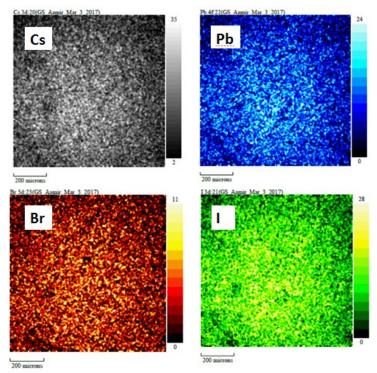


**Figure S4.** EDX mapping of  $CsPbBr_2I$  showing the well distribution of (a) Cs, (b) Pb, (c) Br and (d) I in the interrogated area of film.

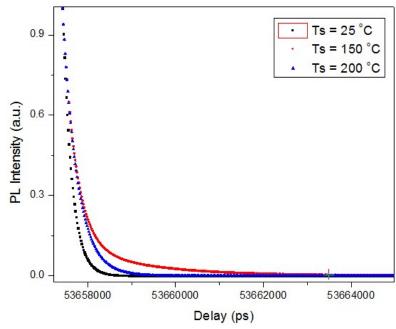




**Figure S5 (a-d).** High resolution XPS analyses of CsPbBr<sub>2</sub>I corresponding to Cs, Pb, Br and I.



**Figure S6.** XPS Q-mapping of CsPbBr2I perovskite thin film deposited at substrate temperature of 150 °C.



**Figure S7.** Life time photoluminescence of CsPbBr<sub>2</sub>I perovskite layers deposited at Ts = 25 °C, 150 °C and 200 °C.

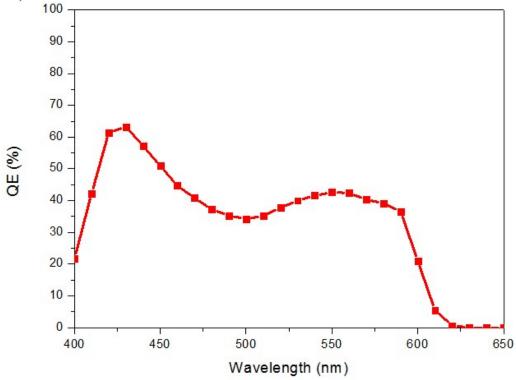
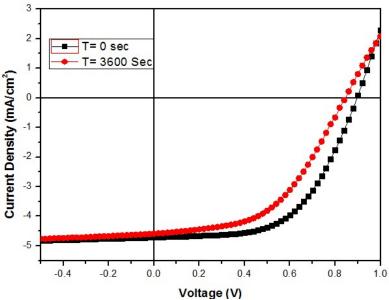
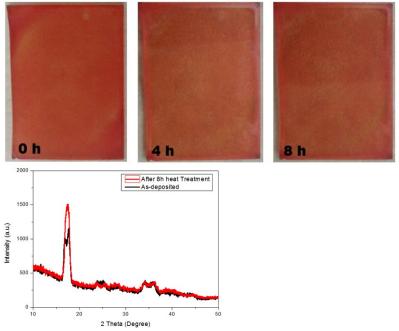


Figure S8. IPCE (QE) of the best device deposited at Ts = 150 °C.



**Figure S9.** J-V curve of CsPbBr<sub>2</sub>I device before and after exposure to continuous illumination of 3600 second to assess photostability.



**Figure S10.** P-XRD spectra and pictures of thermally treated films of ZnO/CsPbBr<sub>2</sub>I at 100 °C, to assess the thermal stability of CsPbBr<sub>2</sub>I perovskite.