Electronic Supplementary Information

Porphyrin Sensitizers with Modified Indoline Donors for Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

Heli Song,^a Jing Zhang,^b Jiamin Jin,^a Haifeng Wang^a and Yongshu Xie*^a

^aKey Laboratory for Advanced Materials and Institute of Fine Chemicals, Centre for Computational Chemistry and Research Institute of Industrial Catalysis, School of Chemistry and Molecular Engineering, East China University of Science and Technology, Meilong 130, Shanghai200237, China. *E-mail: <u>yshxie@ecust.edu.cn</u>

^bDepartment of Chemistry, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou 310028, P. R. China.

Contents

| 1. Emission spectra | S2 |
|--|----|
| 2. Normalized absorption spectra of the dyes in THF and on TiO_2 films | S2 |
| 3. Cyclic voltammetry curves | S3 |
| 4. Raw data of photovoltaic parameters | S3 |
| 5. PL decay traces of the dye-grafted zirconia and titania films | S4 |
| 6. Nyquist plots and estimated charge collection efficiencies of the devices | S5 |
| 7. ¹ H NMR, ¹³ C NMR and MS spectra for the compounds | S6 |

1. Emission spectra



Fig. S1 Emission spectra of XW29-XW32 in THF. The spectra were used to estimate the E_{0-0} values.

2. Normalized absorption spectra of the dyes in THF and on TiO2 films



Fig. S2 Normalized absorption spectra of XW29-XW32 in THF and on TiO₂ films.

3. Cyclic voltammetry curves



Fig. S3 Cyclic voltammetry curves of XW29-XW32.

4. Raw data of photovoltaic parameters

Table S1. Original *J-V* data of DSSC devices based on the individual porphyrin dyes.

| Sensitizer | V _{oc} | $J_{ m sc}$ | FF | РСЕ |
|------------|-----------------|------------------------|------|-------|
| | [mV] | [mA·cm ⁻²] | [%] | [%] |
| XW29 | 723 | 20.71 | 67.0 | 10.03 |
| | 717 | 21.73 | 66.1 | 10.30 |
| | 713 | 21.56 | 66.7 | 10.25 |
| | 712 | 21.05 | 66.7 | 10.00 |
| XW30 | 678 | 19.90 | 64.3 | 8.67 |
| | 678 | 19.18 | 66.3 | 8.61 |
| | 678 | 19.85 | 65.7 | 8.84 |
| | 679 | 19.76 | 64.2 | 8.61 |
| XW31 | 715 | 21.85 | 65.8 | 10.28 |
| | 717 | 21.71 | 66.3 | 10.33 |
| | 724 | 22.46 | 64.3 | 10.45 |
| | 724 | 22.22 | 67.0 | 10.78 |
| XW32 | 676 | 20.45 | 65.3 | 9.03 |
| | 680 | 20.11 | 64.7 | 8.85 |
| | 675 | 19.94 | 64.2 | 8.64 |
| | 676 | 20.01 | 64.8 | 8.76 |

Table S2. Original *J*-*V* data of DSSC devices based on the porphyrin dyes coadsorbed with 1 mM CDCA.

| Dyes | V _{oc} | $J_{ m sc}$ | FF | PCE |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|------|-------|
| | [mV] | [mA·cm ⁻²] | [%] | [%] |
| XW29+CDCA | 700 | 21.94 | 64.4 | 9.90 |
| | 702 | 22.16 | 65.9 | 10.25 |

| | 701 | 21.91 | 64.6 | 9.93 | |
|-----------|-----|-------|------|-------|--|
| | 702 | 22.01 | 65.2 | 10.07 | |
| XW30+CDCA | 689 | 21.51 | 66.6 | 9.86 | |
| | 687 | 21.21 | 66.4 | 9.68 | |
| | 689 | 21.60 | 67.5 | 10.05 | |
| | 688 | 21.61 | 66.6 | 9.90 | |
| XW31+CDCA | 695 | 21.91 | 65.3 | 9.95 | |
| | 695 | 21.93 | 64.9 | 9.89 | |
| | 696 | 22.48 | 65.2 | 10.19 | |
| | 696 | 21.61 | 64.6 | 9.71 | |
| XW32+CDCA | 688 | 21.81 | 66.0 | 9.90 | |
| | 688 | 21.66 | 66.7 | 9.94 | |
| | 688 | 22.01 | 65.9 | 9.98 | |
| | 690 | 22.07 | 65.2 | 9.92 | |

5. PL decay traces of the dye-grafted zirconia and titania films



Fig. S4 PL decay traces of dye-grafted zirconia and titania films immersed in an iodine electrolyte. The PL intensity (*I*) was corrected in term of the absorbance at 670 nm and further normalized with respect to the PL maximum of a corresponding dye-grafted zirconia film ($I_{max, zirconia}$). The PL integral areas (*S*) of the zirconia and titania films were normalized with respect to the global PL integral area of a corresponding dye-grafted zirconia film ($S_{global, zirconia}$). Excitation wavelength: 670 nm; probe wavelength: 740 nm.

6. Nyquist plots and estimated charge collection efficiencies of the devices based on XW29-32



Fig. S5 Nyquist plots of the devices based on XW29-XW32 measured at -0.70 V in the dark.

Table S3. Charge collection efficiencies estimated from the EIS measurements at a bias potential of -0.7 V.

| Device | $R_{ m tr}$ / Ω | $R_{ m rec}$ / Ω | Estimated η_{coll} |
|--------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| XW29 | 4.1 | 408 | 99% |
| XW30 | 3.2 | 98.4 | 97% |
| XW31 | 4.2 | 409 | 99% |
| XW32 | 3.2 | 114 | 97% |

 R_{tr} : transport resistance; R_{rec} : charge recombination resistance. η_{coll} was estimated by $\eta_{\text{coll}} = (1 + R_{\text{tr}} / R_{\text{rec}})^{-1}$.



7. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and MS spectra for the compounds

Fig. S6 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3a in CDCl₃.



Fig. S7 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound **3a** in CDCl₃.



Fig. S8 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 3b in CDCl₃.



Fig. S9 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 3b in CDCl₃.



Fig. S10 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5a in CDCl₃.



Fig. S11 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 5a in CDCl₃.



Fig. S12 FTICR-MS of 5a.



Fig. S13 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5b in CDCl₃.



Fig. S14 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 5b in CDCl_{3.}



 $\begin{array}{c} 9.675\\ 9.667\\ 9.668\\ 8.887\\ 8.887\\ 8.886\\ 8.888\\ 8.$



Fig. S16 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 6a in CDCl₃.



Fig. S17¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6a in CDCl₃.



Fig. S18 FTICR-MS of 6a.



Fig. S19 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 6b in CDCl₃.



Fig. S20 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6b in CDCl₃.



 Meas. m/z
 #
 Ion Formula
 Score
 m/z
 err [ppm]
 Mean err [ppm]
 mSigma
 rdb
 e⁻ Conf
 N-Rule

 1876.140047
 1
 C124H157N506Zn
 100.00
 1876.141981
 1.0
 1.1
 16.3
 49.5
 odd
 ok

Fig. S21 FTICR-MS of 6b.



Fig. S22 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 6c in CDCl₃.



Fig. S23 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6c in CDCl₃.



 Meas.m/z
 #
 Ion Formula
 Score
 m/z
 err [ppm]
 Mean err [ppm]
 mSigma
 rdb
 e
 Conf
 N-Rule

 1823.993898
 1
 C116H141N706SZn
 100.00
 1823.995000
 0.6
 -0.6
 48.5
 50.5
 odd
 ok

Fig. S24 FTICR-MS of 6c.



Fig. S25 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 6d in CDCl₃.



Fig. S26 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6d in CDCl₃.



Fig. S27 FTICR-MS of 6d.

0.9.5260.9.5760.9.5760.9.5760.9.5760.9.5760.9.5760.9.5760.9.5760.9.5760.9.5770.77260.98640.98640.97220.97700.0776



Fig. S28 ¹H NMR spectrum of XW29 in CDCl₃ : DMSO- d_6 (1:2, v/v).



 Meas. m/z
 # Ion Formula
 Score
 m/z
 err [ppm]
 Mean err [ppm]
 mSigma
 rdb
 e^- Conf
 N-Rule

 1675.983633
 1
 C109H137N5O6Zn
 100.00
 1675.985481
 1.1
 0.7
 24.3
 44.5
 odd
 ok

 Fig. S29 FTICR-MS of XW29.







Fig. S31 FTICR-MS of XW30.



Fig. S32 ¹H NMR spectrum of XW31 in CDCl₃ : DMSO- d_6 (1:2, v/v).



 Meas. m/z
 #
 Ion Formula
 Score
 m/z
 err [ppm]
 Mean err [ppm]
 mSigma
 rdb
 e^- Conf
 N-Rule

 1862.124769
 1
 C123H155N506Zn
 100.00
 1862.126331
 0.8
 -0.1
 27.8
 49.5
 odd
 ok

 Fig. S33 FTICR-MS of XW31.



Fig. S34 ¹H NMR spectrum of **XW32** in CDCl₃ : DMSO-*d*₆ (1:2, v/v).