Supporting Information

Efficient and Stable Perovskite Solar Cells based on Perfluorinated Polymers

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1. Synthesis of intermediate 4



1-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-4-iodobenzene (S2)¹



Potassium carbonate (3.86 g, 27.9 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-iodophenol (**S1**, 4.00 g, 18.2 mmol) and 2-ethylhexyl bromide (3.90 mL, 21.8 mmol) in 20 mL of dimethylformamide. The reaction mixture was stirred for 6 h at 130 °C. After cooling down, the suspension was filtrated and the solvent removed under vacuum. The resulting residue was diluted with DCM (40 mL) and washed with water (3 x 40 mL) and brine (1 x 40 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography using hexane as eluent yielding the target product as colourless oil (5.00 g, 83%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ (ppm): 7.57-7.52 (m, 2H, H_a), 6.71-6.66 (m, 2H, H_b), 3.81 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H, H_c), 1.76-1.64 (m, 1H, H_d), 1.56-1.26 (8H, H_{e-g} + H_i), 0.94-0.88 (6H, H_h + H_j).

4-bromo-N,N-bis(4-((2-ethylhexyl)oxy)phenyl)aniline (S3)



A procedure reported in the literature was adapted with some modifications.² 1-(2ethylhexyloxy)-4-iodobenzene (**S2**, 1.00 g, 3.01 mmol) was put in a Schlenk flask and three cycles of argon-vacuum were applied. Next, 4-bromoaniline (0.17 g, 1.00 mmol), potassium hydroxide (0.65 g, 11.6 mmol) and anhydrous toluene (10 mL) were added and the flask was purged with argon for 30 min. Upon addition of copper (I) iodide (12.5 mg, 0.07 mmol) and phenantroline (12.0 mg, 0.07 mmol) the mixture was refluxed for 20 h. Afterwards, the reaction was allowed to cool and the crude product was dissolved in 20 mL of DCM and washed with 20 mL of HCl 1 M. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 x 20 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with brine (1 x 40 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography using PE:DCM (20:1 \rightarrow 10:1) as eluent to give the title product as an orangish solid (0.46 g, 80%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ (ppm): 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H, H_a), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H, H_d), 6.87-6.80 (m, 4H, H_c), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H, H_b), 3.82 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 4H, H_e), 1.77-1.64 (m, 2H,H_f), 1.55-1.27 (16H, H_{e-i} + H_k), 1.00-0.81 (12H, H_i + H_l).

N¹,N¹-bis(4-((2-ethylhexyl)oxy)phenyl)-N⁴,N⁴-diphenylbenzene-1,4-diamine (S4)³



Compound **S3** (2.20 g, 3.79 mmol) was put in a Schlenk flask and three cycles of argonvacuum were then applied. Next tri-*tert*-butyl phosphine (1 M in toluene, 0.40 mL, 0.40 mmol) and sodium *tert*-butoxide (1.09 g, 11.4 mmol) were dissolved in dry toluene (18 mL) degassed with argon for 30 min. Upon addition of Pd₂dba₃ (0.04 g, 0.04 mmol), diphenylamine (0.64 g, 3.79 mmol) was added and the mixture was refluxed over-night. Afterwards, the reaction was allowed to cool down and 20 mL of water and 20 mL of DCM were added to the crude product. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 x 20 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with brine (1 x 40 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography using PE:DCM (10:1) as eluent to give the title product as an orange-yellowish solid (2.17 g, 86%). MS (MALDI-TOF, LDI): calculated for C₄₆H₅₆N₂O₂ [M ⁺]: 668.434, found: 668.403.¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO), δ (ppm): 7.29-7.21 (4H, H_b), 7.08-6.83 (18H, H_a + H_c + H_{d-g}), 3.89 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H, H_b), 1.80-1.68 (m, 2H, H_i), 1.61-1.32 (16H, H_{j-1} + H_n), 1.02-0.88 (12H, H_m + H_o).¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO), δ (ppm): 156.54 (q), 148.99 (q), 145.90 (q), 141.82 (q), 141.47 (q), 130.03 (CH), 127.10 (CH), 127.02 (CH), 123.86 (CH), 122.92 (CH), 122.66 (CH), 116.18 (CH), 71.25 (CH₂), 40.34 (CH), 31.32 (CH₂), 29.82 (CH₂, overlapping with the solvent signal), 24.60 (CH₂), 23.73 (CH₂), 14.37 (CH₃), 11.46 (CH₃).

N^{1} , N^{1} -bis(4-bromophenyl)- N^{4} , N^{4} -bis(4-((2-ethylhexyl)oxy)phenyl)benzene-1, 4-diamine (85)³



Compound S4 (0.73 g, 1.08 mmol) was dissolved in 15 mL of dimethylformamide and the solution was degassed for 30 min with an argon stream. After cooling down the solution to 0 °C, NBS (0.41 g, 2.27 mmol) was added in small portions under exclusion of light. Next, the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 24 h at room temperature. Afterwards, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and 20 mL of DCM and 20 mL of water were added. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 x 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with water (2 x 50 mL) and brine (1 x 50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using PE:DCM ($30:1\rightarrow10:2$) as eluent to give the title compound

as black oil (0.54, 60%). MS (MALDI-TOF, LDI): calculated for $C_{46}H_{54}Br_2N_2O_2$ [M⁺]: 824.255, found: 824.557. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO), δ (ppm): 7.43-7.33 (m, 4H, H_b), 7.08-6.81 (16H, H_a + H_{c-f}), 3.87 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4H, H_g), 1.77-1.65 (m, 2H, H_h), 1.59-1.27 (16H, H_{i-k} + H_m), 0.98-0.85 (12H, H_n + H_o).¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO), δ (ppm): 157.23 (q), 148.27 (q), 147.33 (q), 141.90 (q), 140.28 (q), 133.47 (CH), 128.10 (CH), 127.84 (CH), 125.76 (CH), 122.50 (CH), 116.67 (CH), 115.40 (q), 71.46 (CH₂), 40.53 (CH), 31.52 (CH₂), 30.05 (CH₂, overlapping with the solvent signal), 24.81 (CH₂), 23.94 (CH₂), 14.58 (CH₃), 11.68 (CH₃).

Intermediate 4



Compound **S5** (0.67 g, 0.81 mmol), bis(pinacolato)diboron (0.62 g, 2.43 mmol) and potassium acetate (0.64 g, 6.47 mmol) were dissolved in 15 mL of anhydrous 1,4-dioxane. The solution was degassed for 15 min with an argon stream and PdCl₂(ddpf) (0.02 g, 0.02 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 3 d at 80 °C. After cooling to room temperature, 40 mL of water and 40 mL of DCM were added and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3 x 40 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with water (2 x 100 mL), brine (1 x 100 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using hexane:AcOEt (15:1) with 0.5% NEt₃ as eluent to give the title product as a white solid (0.29 g,39%). MS (MALDI-TOF, LDI): calculated for C₅₈H₇₈B₂N₂O₆ [M⁺]: 920.600, found 920.595. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO)), δ (ppm): 7.66-7.65 (4H, H_a), 7.14-6.89 (16H, H_b-_f), 3.90 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 4H, H_g), 1.79-1.68 (m, 2H, H_h), 1.63-1.26 (40H, H_i-_k + H_m + H_o), 1.01-0.88 (12H, H_i + H_n). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ (ppm): 136.83 (q), 127.68 (CH), 122.68 (CH), 116.43 (CH), 84.42 (q), 71.39 (q), 40.49 (CH), 31.48 (CH₂), 30.45 (CH₂), 30.30 (CH₂),

30.14 (CH₂), 29.99 (CH₂), 29.84 (CH₂), 29.68 (CH₂), 29.53 (CH₂), 25.35 (CH₂), 24.74 (CH₃), 23.87 (CH₂), 14.59 (CH₃),11.59 (CH₃).

2. Synthesis of additives D1, D2 and D3

Additive D1



Compound 2 (0.22 g, 0.52 mmol), 1,4-dibromo-2,5-bis(perfluorohexyl) benzene (1) (0.21 g, 0.24 mmol), aq. NaHCO₃ 0.2 M (4.70 mL, 0.94 mmol) were dissolved in 3 mL of anhydrous toluene. The resulting suspension was degassed with an argon stream before and after $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (37.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred and refluxed for 4 d under argon atmosphere. After cooling to room temperature, 20 mL of water and 20 mL of DCM were added and the phases separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3 x 20 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by column chromatography on silica gel using toluene $(0.5\% \text{ NEt}_3)$ as eluent to give the title product as a yellowish solid (128 mg, 41%).MS (ESI-TOF): calcd for C₅₈H₃₈F₂₆N₂O₄ [M⁺] 1320.24, found 1320.51. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.58 (s, 2H, H_e), 7.14-7.03 (12H, H_b + H_d), 6.94-6.89 (m, 4H, H_c), 6.89-6.82 (m, 8H, H_a).¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ (ppm): -126.33 (4F), -122.99 (4F), -121.92 (4F), -119.61 (4F), -103.25 (4F), -81.13 (6F).¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ (ppm): 156.81 (q), 149.17 (q), 142.56 (q), 141.16 (q), 133.78 (CH), 130.66 (q), 130.38 (CH), 130.17-129.42 (C-F) 127.44 (CH), 119.13 (CH), 115.24 (CH), 55.98 (CH₃). IR-ATR v (cm⁻¹): 3000-2830, 1605, 1505, 1465, 1282, 1239, 1213, 1198, 1137, 1086, 1035, 828, 729, 718, 674, 643, 613, 575, 531, 492, 420.

Additive D2



Monomer 3 (100 mg, 160 µmol) was put in a Schlenk flask under argon. Next, anhydrous toluene (4 mL), water (1 mL) and NaHCO₃ (540 mg, 6.40 mmol) were injected together with 1,4-dibromo-2,5-bis(perfluorohexyl) benzene (1) (140 mg, 160 mmol) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was purged with argon for 30 min before and after $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (11.0 mg, 9.60 μ mol) was added. The mixture was stirred vigorously and refluxed for 5 d and after cooling, 20 mL of DCM and 20 mL of water were added. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (1 x 20 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with 50 mL of brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in DCM and dripped into 150 mL of cold MeOH. The obtained precipitate was collected by filtration and washed consecutively with MeOH (3 d) and acetonitrile (3 d) using a Soxhlet extractor. Each washing lasted until no residue could be found in the chosen solvent (80 mg, 46%). SEC: $M_n = 10231$, $M_w = 16144$, PDI = 1.6. MS (MALDI-TOF, DITHRANOL): calculated for C₄₄H₃₁F₂₆NO [M ⁺]: 1083.198, found: building blocks.¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂), δ (ppm): 7.65 (s, 2H, H_a), 7.20-7.04 (8H, H_b-d), 6.94-6.85 (2H, H_e), 3.89-3.80 (2H, H_f), 1.79-1.67 (1H, H_g), 1.59-1.29 (8H, H_h- $_{j}$ + H_l), 1.01-0.85 (6H, H_k + H_m).¹⁹F NMR $(376 \text{ MHz}, \text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2) \delta$ (ppm): -126.50 (4F), -123.09 (4F), -122.01 (4F), -119.61 (4F), -103.28 (4F), -81.31 (6F).

Additive D3



Monomer 4 (143 mg, 155 µmol) was put in a Schlenk flask under argon. Next, anhydrous toluene (3.8 mL) and aq. NaHCO3 0.2 M (1.41 mL, 282 µmol) were injected together with 1,4dibromo-2,5-bis(perfluorohexyl) benzene (1) (135 mg, 155 µmol) under argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was purged with argon for 30 min before and after Pd(PPh₃)₄ (11. 0 mg, 9.30 µmol) was added. The mixture was stirred vigorously and refluxed for 5 d and after cooling, 20 mL of DCM and 20 mL of water were added. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (1 x 20 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with 50 mL of brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in DCM and dripped into 150 mL of cold MeOH. The obtained precipitate was collected by filtration and washed consecutively with MeOH (3 d) and acetonitrile (3 d) using a Soxhlet extractor. Each washing lasted until no residue could be found in the chosen solvent (156 mg, 73%). SEC: Mn = 10750, Mw = 17600, PDI = 1.6. MS (MALDI-TOF, DITHRANOL): calculated for C₆₄H₅₆F₂₆N₂O₂ [M ⁺]: 1378.392, found: building blocks.¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.63 (s, 2H, H_a), 7.21-6.77 (20H, H_{b-g}), 3.81 (d, J= 5.4 Hz, 4H, H_h), 1.74-1.66 (2H, H_i), 1.50-1.27 (16H, H_i-1 + H_n), 0.96-0.84 (12H, H_m + H_o).¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ (ppm): -126.46 (4F), -123.05 (4F), -121.96 (4F), -119.57 (4F), -103.21 (4F), -81.30 (6F).

3. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound D1





Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of D1.

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Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of D1.

4. ¹H NMR spectra of polymers D2 and D3

D2 (¹H NMR, 400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298K)



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of D2.

D3 (1H NMR, 400 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K)



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 298 K) of P3.

5. IR-ATR spectrum of molecule D1



Figure S5. IR-ATR spectrum of molecule D1.

6. Mass spectrometry of molecule D1 and polymer D3



Figure S6. ESI-TOF for D1.



Figure S7. MALDI-TOF for D3.

7. Water contact angle measurements



Figure S8. Water contact angles of a) molecule D1, b) polymer D2 and c) polymer D3.



Figure S9. Water contact angle measurements after dropping water onto a) FTO/SnO₂/perovskite film, b) FTO/SnO₂/perovskite+**D1** film and c) FTO/SnO₂/perovskite + **D2** film and c) FTO/SnO₂/perovskite + **D3** film.



8. Statistics

Figure S10. Comparison of the devices parameters for reference and stabilized perovskite solar cells. Whiskers show minimum and maximum value, box represents the values between 25% and 75%, circle show mean value.

9. Hysteresis

In case of devices prepared in this chapter, frequently, all the devices from certain batch showed no hysteresis (Table 11). In order to quantify the hysteresis magnitude the hysteresis index (HI) is used as reported in literature.⁴ The HI for the cases when PCE (reverse) > PCE (forward) is calculated using the equation 1, while for cases when PCE (reverse) < PCE (forward), equation 2 is used:

$$HI = [P_{\max,r}/P_{\max,f}] - 1 \tag{1}$$

$$\mathrm{HI} = [P_{\max,\mathrm{f}}/P_{\max,r}] - 1 \tag{2}$$

where $P_{\max,f}$ and $P_{\max,r}$ are the maximum power points on the forward and the reserve scan, respectively.

Sampla	Dovido	Scan	Voc	J _{SC}	FF	PCE	Р	ш
Sample	Device	direction	(V)	(mA cm ⁻²)	(%)	(%)	(mW)	п
	Α	F	1.08	16.93	72.55	13.20	2.11	0.03
		R	1.07	16.79	72.26	13.55	2.17	
Dof	В	F	1.07	16.81	73.71	13.28	2.13	0.01
Kei		R	1.07	16.74	73.42	13.11	2.10	
	C	F	1.07	17.64	72.68	13.75	2.20	0.04
	C	R	1.07	17.55	76.37	14.33	2.29	
	٨	F	1.05	16.85	72.87	12.84	2.05	0 00
	A	R	1.04	16.74	74.04	12.83	2.05	0.00
D1	В	F	1.03	17.64	72.21	13.17	2.11	0.04
DI		R	1.03	17.61	75.57	13.68	2.19	
	С	F	1.03	16.62	71.97	12.30	1.97	0.02
		R	1.02	16.61	74.18	12.56	2.01	
	Α	F	1.08	17.22	72.31	13.41	2.15	0.01
		R	1.06	17.14	74.30	13.54	2.17	
D 2	В	F	1.06	17.75	72.14	13.58	2.17	0.02
D2		R	1.05	17.74	71.70	13.35	2.14	0.02
	C	F	1.08	17.42	74.33	13.92	2.23	0.03
	C	R	1.05	17.24	74.86	13.56	2.17	0.05
	A B	F	1.07	16.61	73.41	13.08	2.09	0.01
		R	1.06	16.54	75.08	13.16	2.11	
D3		F	1.06	17.75	72.91	13.74	2.20	0.02
05		R	1.05	17.69	72.57	13.42	2.15	
	C	F	1.07	28.21	73.64	14.38	2.30	0.02
	U	R	1.06	18.07	73.61	14.07	2.25	

Table S1. Examples of hysteresis index form one batch. F= forward scan; R= reverse scan.



Figure S11. *I-V* curves of a reference-based PSC by forward (solid line) and reverse (dash line) scan. Device A in Table S1.



Figure S12. *I-V* curves of a **D1**-based PSC by forward (solid line) and reverse (dash line) scan. Device A in Table S1.



Figure S13. *I-V* curves of a **D2**-based PSC by forward (solid line) and reverse (dash line) scan. Device A in Table S1.



Figure S14. *I-V* curves of a **D3**-based PSC by forward (solid line) and reverse (dash line) scan. Device B in Table S1.

10.Additional stability measurements



Figure S15. Normalized power measured as a function of time for reference and doped cells kept at MPP in air.



Figure S16. Normalized power measured as a function of time for reference and **D1**-doped cells kept at MPP in air.



Figure S17. Normalized power measured as a function of time for reference and **D2**-doped cells kept at MPP in air.

11.Temperature and humidity measurements



Figure S18. Temperature and humidity tracking in the cavity of the solar simulator where the MPP measurements took place (short-term stability measurement).



Figure S19. Temperature and humidity tracking in the place where the cells were kept until they were measured (long-term stability measurement).

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