

## Supporting Information

### **Molecular Modulator for Stable Inverted Planar Perovskite Solar Cells with Efficiency Enhanced by Interface Engineering**

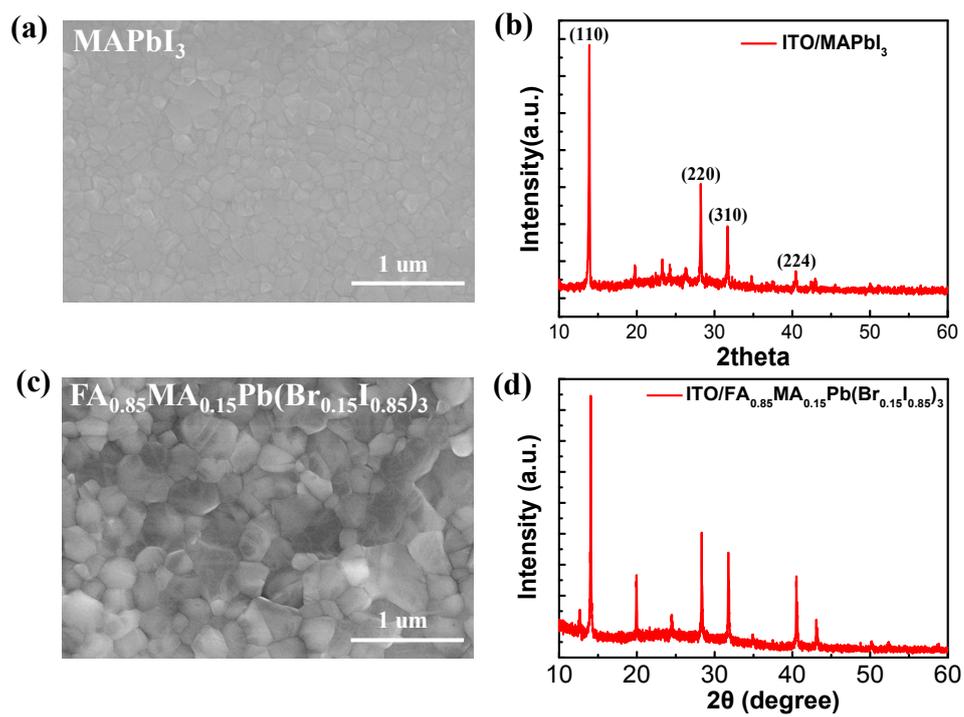
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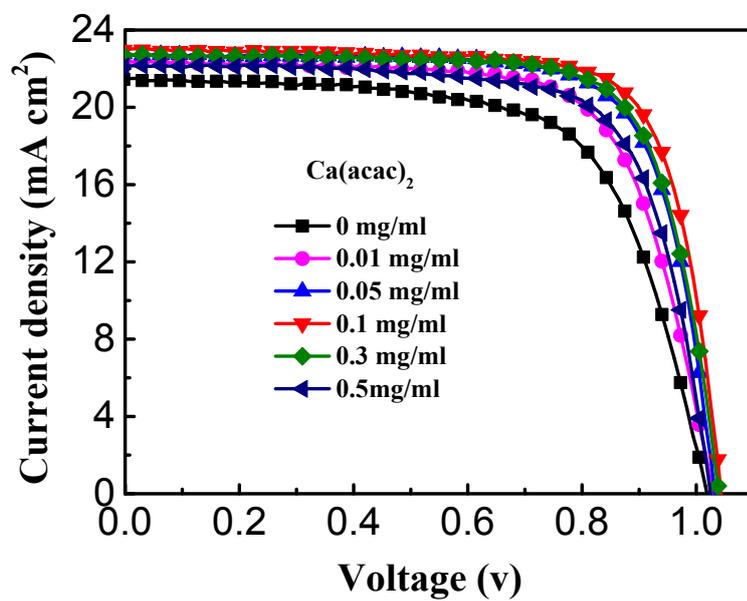
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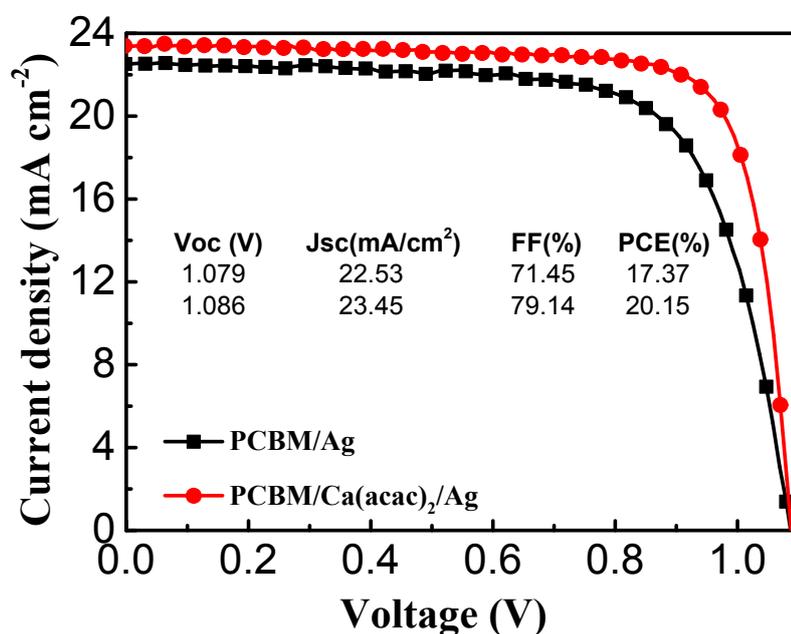
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**Figure S1.** The surface SEM image (a) and XRD patterns (b) of MAPbI<sub>3</sub> on ITO substrate; surface SEM image(c) and XRD patterns (d) of FA<sub>0.85</sub>MA<sub>0.15</sub>Pb(I<sub>0.85</sub>Br<sub>0.15</sub>)<sub>3</sub> on ITO substrate (scale bars: 1 μm).



**Figure S2.** Typical J-V curves of perovskite solar cells with different concentration of  $\text{Ca}(\text{acac})_2$ . The measurements were carried out under AM 1.5 illumination at an irradiation intensity of  $100 \text{ mW} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$  (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>-based PSCs)



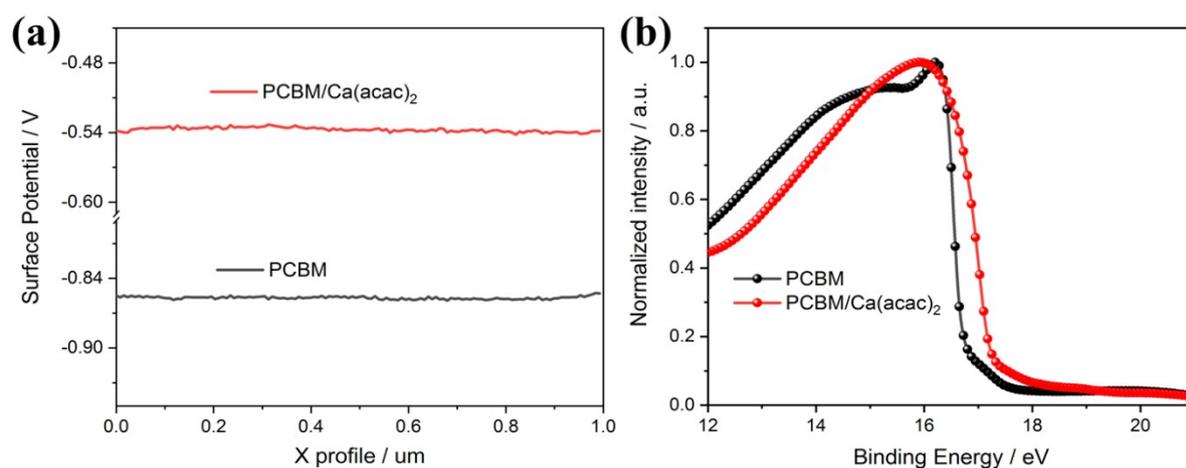
**Figure S3.**  $J$ - $V$  curves under the AM 1.5 G simulated sunlight illumination ( $100 \text{ mW} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$ ) for the inverted planar perovskite solar cells with and without  $\text{Ca}(\text{acac})_2$  interfacial layer ( $\text{FA}_{0.85}\text{MA}_{0.15}\text{Pb}(\text{I}_{0.85}\text{Br}_{0.15})_3$ -based PSCs).

**Table S1.** Photovoltaic parameters of the perovskite solar cells with different  $\text{Ca}(\text{acac})_2$  concentration ( $\text{MAPbI}_3$ -based PSCs).

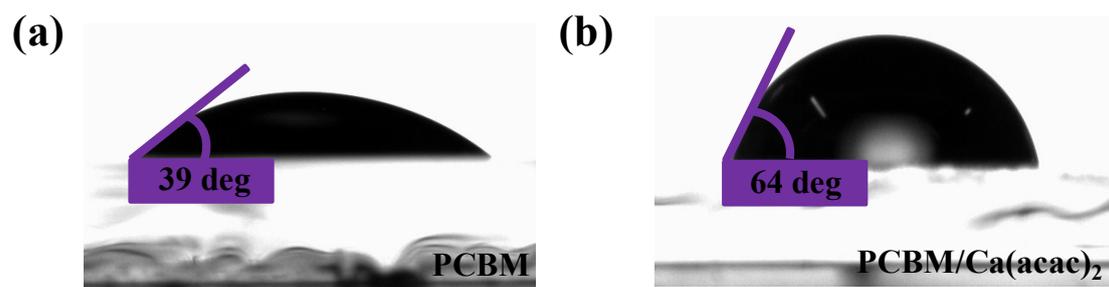
Sample	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
0 mg/ml	1.02	21.49	66.29	14.53
0.01 mg/ml	1.03	22.37	70.19	16.17
0.05 mg/ml	1.03	22.69	74.68	17.45
0.1 mg/ml	1.04	23.02	75.95	18.23
0.3 mg/ml	1.03	22.76	74.73	17.52
0.5 mg/ml	1.02	22.13	72.91	16.46

**Table S2.** Photovoltaic parameters of the best PSCs without and with Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub> ETLs in different scan directions (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>-based PSCs)

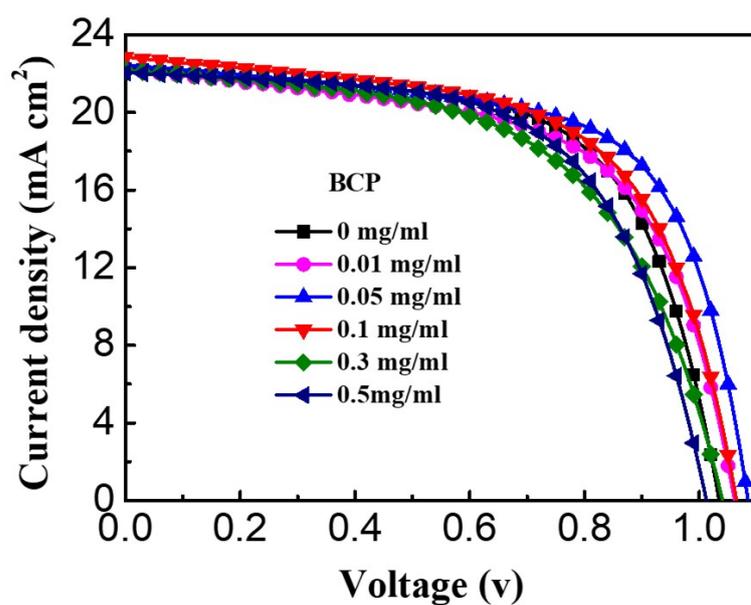
Scan direction	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
PCBM/Ag (Forward)	0.98	21.11	60.03	12.42
PCBM/Ag (Reverse)	1.02	21.49	66.29	14.53
PCBM/Ca(acac) <sub>2</sub> /Ag (Forward)	1.04	22.76	76.75	18.16
PCBM/Ca(acac) <sub>2</sub> /Ag (Reverse)	1.04	23.02	75.95	18.23



**Figure S4.** a) Surface potential profiles ( $V_{sp}$ ) extracted from the SKPM images; b) UPS spectra of the pure PCBM and Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub> coated PCBM films. The work function of PCBM was reduced after Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub> modification.



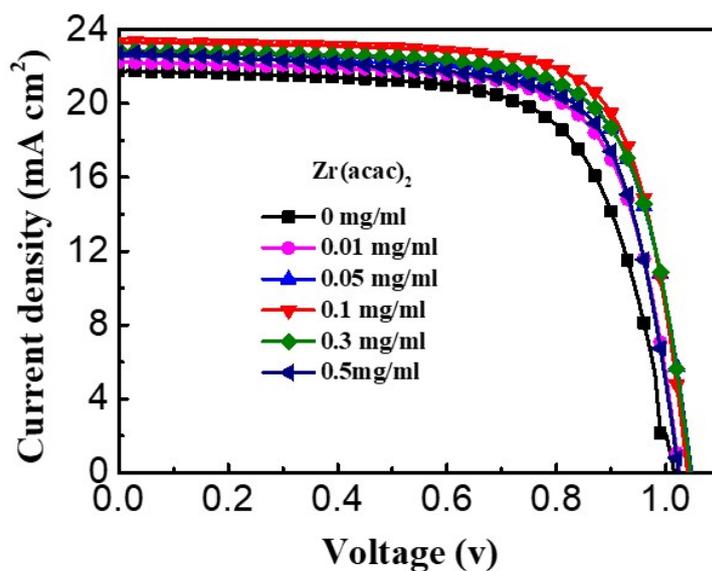
**Figure S5.** Contact angles of water on PCBM (a) and PCBM/Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub> (b) films.



**Figure S6.** Typical J-V curves of perovskite solar cells with different concentration of BCP. The measurements were carried out under AM 1.5 illumination at an irradiation intensity of  $100 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>-based PSCs)

**Table S3.** Photovoltaic parameters of the perovskite solar cells with different BCP concentration (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>-based PSCs).

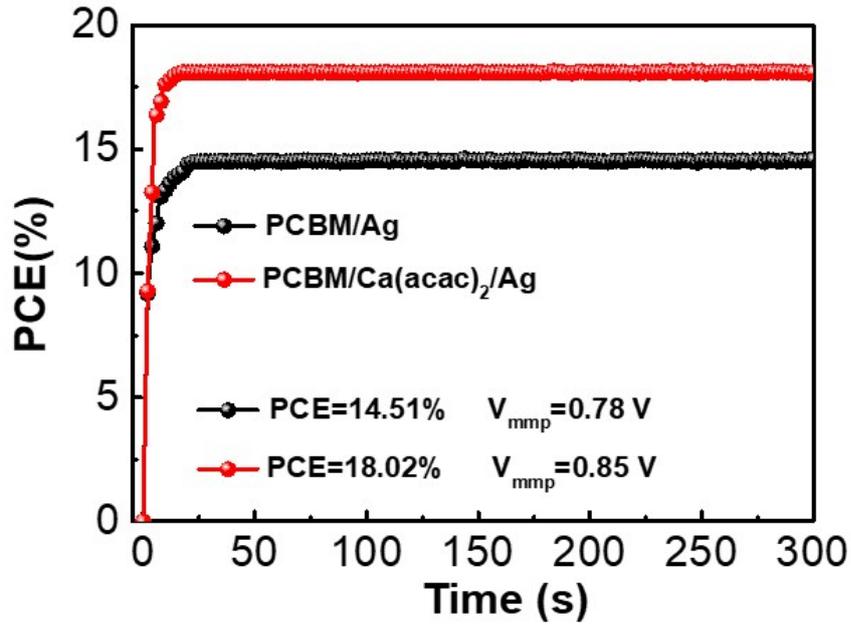
Sample	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
0 mg/ml	1.02	22.24	62.8	14.24
0.01 mg/ml	1.05	22.20	61.2	14.26
0.05 mg/ml	1.07	22.43	63.5	15.24
0.1 mg/ml	1.06	22.84	61.1	14.79
0.3 mg/ml	1.03	22.18	56.7	12.95
0.5 mg/ml	0.997	22.05	61.2	13.45



**Figure S7.** Typical J-V curves of perovskite solar cells with different concentration of  $\text{Zr}(\text{acac})_2$ . The measurements were carried out under AM 1.5 illumination at an irradiation intensity of  $100 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>-based PSCs)

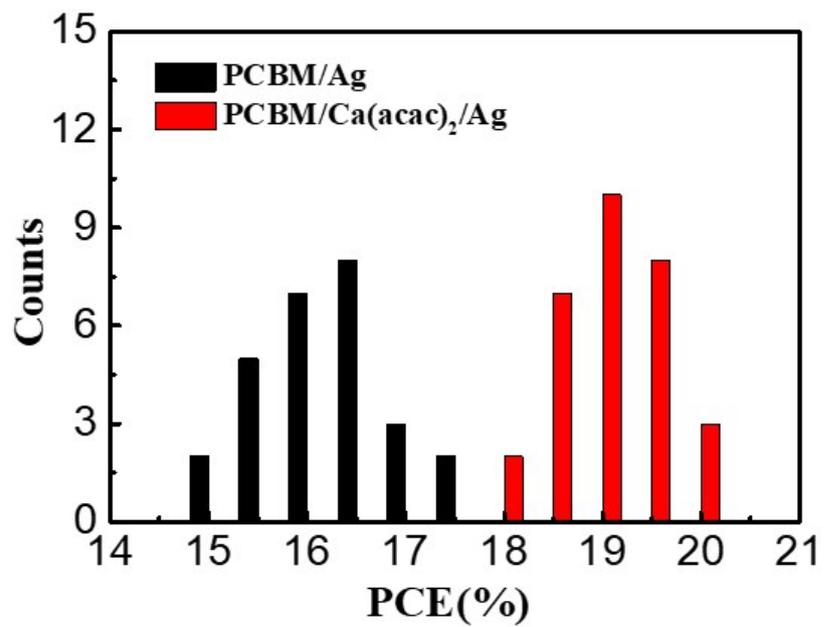
**Table S4.** Photovoltaic parameters of the perovskite solar cells with different  $\text{Zr}(\text{acac})_2$  concentration (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>-based PSCs).

Sample	$V_{oc}$ (V)	$J_{sc}$ ( $\text{mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
0 mg/ml	1.027	21.75	68.40	15.27
0.01 mg/ml	1.033	22.24	71.80	16.49
0.05 mg/ml	1.038	22.78	72.20	17.07
0.1 mg/ml	1.040	23.32	74.10	17.97
0.3 mg/ml	1.040	22.89	72.31	17.21
0.5 mg/ml	1.025	22.74	72.36	16.86



**Figure S8.** Steady photocurrent and PCE output at a fixed bias voltage of its initial maximal power point of each champion device (MAPbI<sub>3</sub>-based PSCs).

The steady-state power output for the control and also for the best device with Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub> as cathode interfacial layers (CILs). The voltage for the devices without and with Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub> are 0.78 V and 0.85 V, respectively, the maximum current density are 18.60 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> and 21.2 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively, and the steady-state output are 14.51 % and 18.02% for control and Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub> as CILs devices, respectively.



**Figure S9.** For FA<sub>0.85</sub>MA<sub>0.15</sub>Pb(I<sub>0.85</sub>Br<sub>0.15</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-based PSC devices: Histogram of solar cell efficiencies of the control and Ca(acac)<sub>2</sub>-modified PSCs (30 devices, respectively).