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Alkylamine screening and zinc doping of highly luminescence 2D tin-

halide perovskites for LED lighting

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Fig. S1 FTIR spectra of 2D $(RNH_3)_2SnBr_4$ perovskites (For simplicity, we use *Cn* to present $(RNH_3)_2SnBr_4$ samples and *n* stands for the number of carbon chain).

Some of the characteristic peaks of 2D (RNH₃)₂SnBr₄ perovskites are described as follows:

 NH_{3}^{+} stretching vibrations: ~3108 cm⁻¹ (C6), ~3110 cm⁻¹(C8),

~3193 cm⁻¹ (C12), ~3118 cm⁻¹ (C18)

-NH₂ bending vibrations: \sim 1570 cm⁻¹

C-H symmetric and asymmetric stretching vibrations: \sim 2850 cm⁻¹ and \sim 2920 cm⁻¹

-CH₃ bending vibrations: \sim 1470 cm⁻¹

C-N stretching vibrations: \sim 1071 cm⁻¹

C-C stretching vibrations: \sim 722 cm⁻¹



Fig. S2 High-resolution XPS spectra of C, N, Sn, and Br elements of 2D $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ perovskites.



Fig. S3 Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of $(C_6H_{13}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (a, b), $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (c, d), $(C_{12}H_{25}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (e, f), and $(C_{18}H_{35}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (g, h) perovskites at other magnifications.



Fig. S4 Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) mapping images of $(C_6H_{13}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (a), $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (b), $(C_{12}H_{25}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (c), and $(C_{18}H_{35}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (d) perovskites.



Fig. S5 TEM (a) and HAADF-STEM (b) images of $(C_{18}H_{35}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ perovskites.



Fig. S6 Plots of $(\alpha h u)^2 vs$ photo energy (hu) of 2D $(C_6H_{13}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (a), $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (b), $(C_{12}H_{25}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (c), and $(C_{18}H_{35}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ (d) perovskites.



Fig. S7 (a, b, c, d) The absolute PLQYs of as-synthesized 2D $(RNH_3)_2SnBr_4$ perovskites under different excitation wavelengths. (For simplicity, we use Cn to present $(RNH_3)_2SnBr_4$ samples and n stands for the number of carbon chain).



Fig. S8 Stability curves displayed by the PLQYs of $(RNH_3)_2SnBr_4$ perovskites. (For simplicity, we use Cn to present $(RNH_3)_2SnBr_4$ samples and n stands for the number of carbon chain).



Fig. S9 Other scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images of 2D $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2Sn(2Br/I)_4$ (a, b) and $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2SnI_4$ (c, d) perovskites at different magnifications.



Fig. S10 FTIR spectra of 2D $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2Sn(2Br/I)_4$ and $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2SnI_4$ perovskites.



Fig. S11 Plots of $(\alpha h \upsilon)^2$ vs photo energy $(h \upsilon)$ of $(C_8 H_{17} N H_3)_2 Sn(2Br/I)_4$ (a) and $(C_8 H_{17} N H_3)_2 SnI_4$ (b) perovskites.



Fig. S12 Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns for Zn^{2+} -doped and undoped ($C_8H_{17}NH_3$)₂SnBr₄ (a), Zn^{2+} -doped and undoped ($C_8H_{17}NH_3$)₂SnI₄ perovskites (b).

| Sample | PLQY (%) | τ _{avg} (μs) | k _r (μs ⁻¹) | k _{nr} (μs ⁻¹) | kr/ k _{nr} |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| $(C_6H_{13}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ | 35.0 | 1.60 | 0.2188 | 0.4063 | 0.5385 |
| $(C_8H_{17}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ | 82.0 | 4.99 | 0.1643 | 0.0361 | 4.5550 |
| $(C_{12}H_{25}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ | 60.2 | 5.31 | 0.1136 | 0.0750 | 1.5150 |
| $(C_{18}H_{35}NH_3)_2SnBr_4$ | 50.5 | 5.21 | 0.0988 | 0.0931 | 1.0612 |

Table. S1 Radiative transition rate (k_r), non-radiative transition rate (k_{nr}) and k_r / k_{nr} of the samples.

Table. S2 τ_{avg} and R^2 of the undoped and doped samples.

| | C8 | C8-ZnBr ₂ | C8-I | C8-Znl ₂ | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|--|
| τ _{avg} (μs) | 4.99 | 4.40 | 1.41 | 1.93 | |
| R ² | 0.999 | 0.999 | 0.998 | 0.995 | |

| Sample | PLQY (%) | $\tau_{avg}(\mu s)$ | k _r (μs ⁻¹) | k _{nr} (μs⁻¹) | k _r /k _{nr} |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| C8 | 82.0 | 4.99 | 0.1643 | 0.0361 | 4.5550 |
| $C8-ZnBr_2$ | 85.0 | 4.40 | 0.1932 | 0.0341 | 5.6670 |
| C8-I | 33.0 | 1.51 | 0.2340 | 0.4752 | 0.4924 |
| C8-Znl ₂ | 50.0 | 1.93 | 0.2591 | 0.2591 | 1.0000 |
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Table. S3 Radiative transition rate (k_r), non-radiative transition rate (k_{nr}) and k_r/k_{nr} of the samples.