

Supplementary Information

Improved photophysical properties and durability of CsPbBr₃ NCs endowed by inorganic oxoacid and bromide ions

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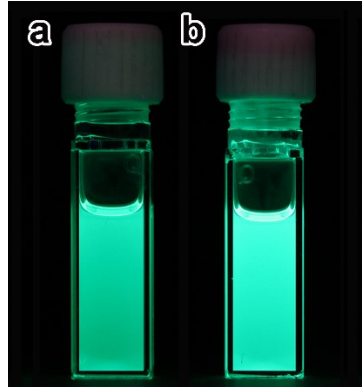


Fig. S1. Photographs of (a) CsPbBr₃ and (b) CsPbBr₃-P-Br NC solution under 365 nm UV light.

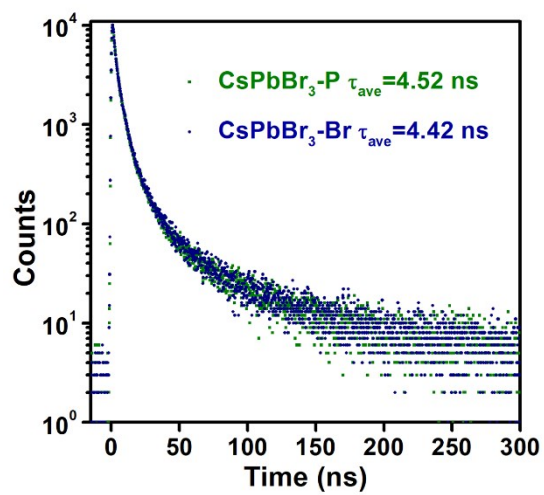


Fig. S2. Time-resolved PL decay curves of CsPbBr₃-P NCs and CsPbBr₃-Br NCs.

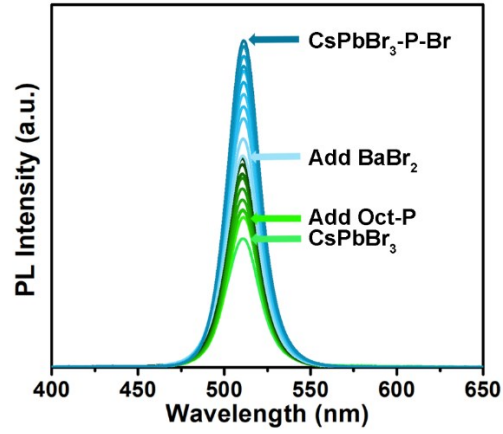


Fig. S3. *In-situ* PL intensity during the reaction process. Oct-P was added and kept for 20 min in the first step, followed by adding BaBr_2 solution and reacted for another 20 min. Time interval is 2 min.

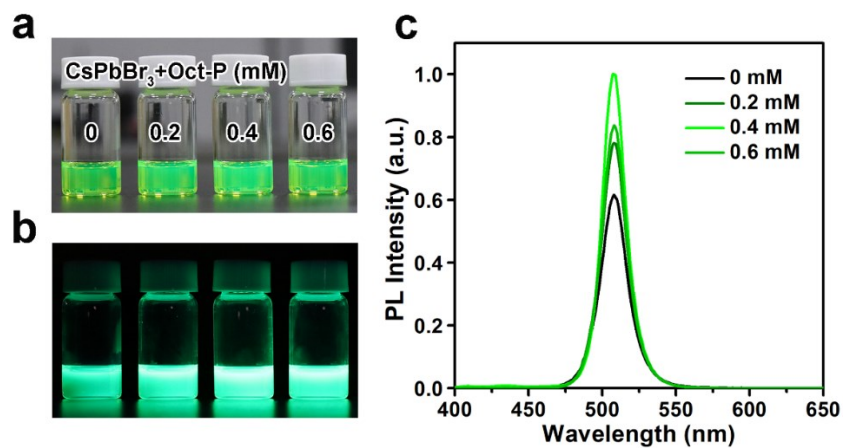


Fig. S4. Photographs of CsPbBr₃ NCs treated by Oct-P with different concentrations under (a) daylight and (b) 365 nm UV light. (c) PL intensity of CsPbBr₃ NCs treated by Oct-P with different concentrations.

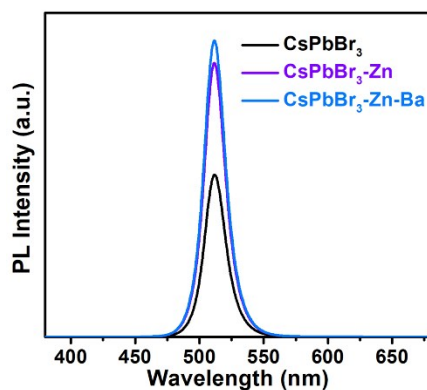


Fig. S5. PL spectra of pristine CsPbBr₃ NCs, CsPbBr₃-Zn NCs and CsPbBr₃-Zn-Ba NCs.

To further confirm the role of Ba²⁺, we carried out a controlled experiment, in which CsPbBr₃-P NCs were passivated by ZnBr₂ (1 mM) followed by Ba(C₂H₃O₂)₂ (1 mM). PL spectra in Fig. S5 show that the PL intensity of CsPbBr₃ NCs increases from 70% to 92% upon the addition of ZnBr₂, and further enhanced to 95% in the presence of Ba(C₂H₃O₂)₂, very closed to that of BaBr₂ (97%). It can be concluded Ba²⁺ can acts as a passivator for CsPbBr₃ but no significant improvement can be found when compared with Zn, Pb and Na, probably due to its trace amount.

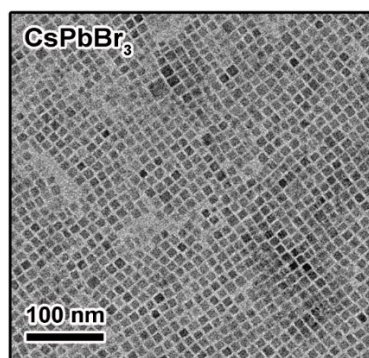


Fig. S6. TEM image of pristine CsPbBr₃ NCs.

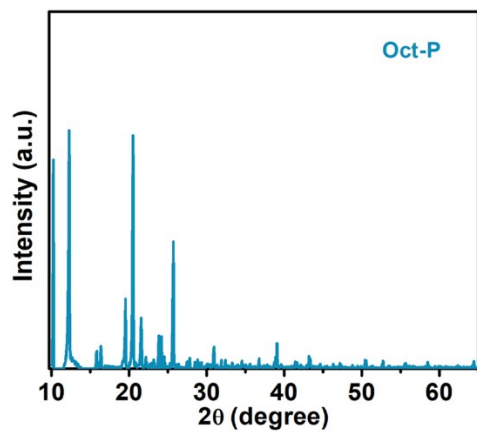


Fig. S7. XRD pattern of the prepared Oct-P powder.

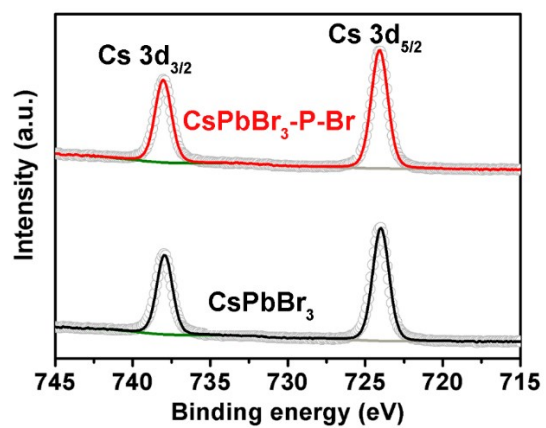


Fig. S8. XPS spectra of Cs 3d from CsPbBr₃-P-Br NCs and CsPbBr₃ NCs.

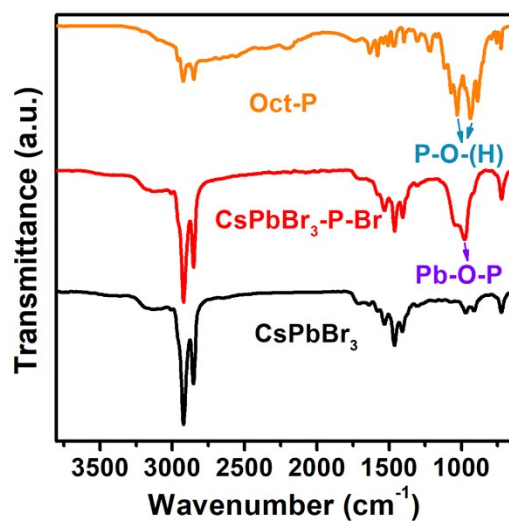


Fig. S9. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) spectra of Oct-P, pristine CsPbBr₃ and CsPbBr₃-P-Br NCs.

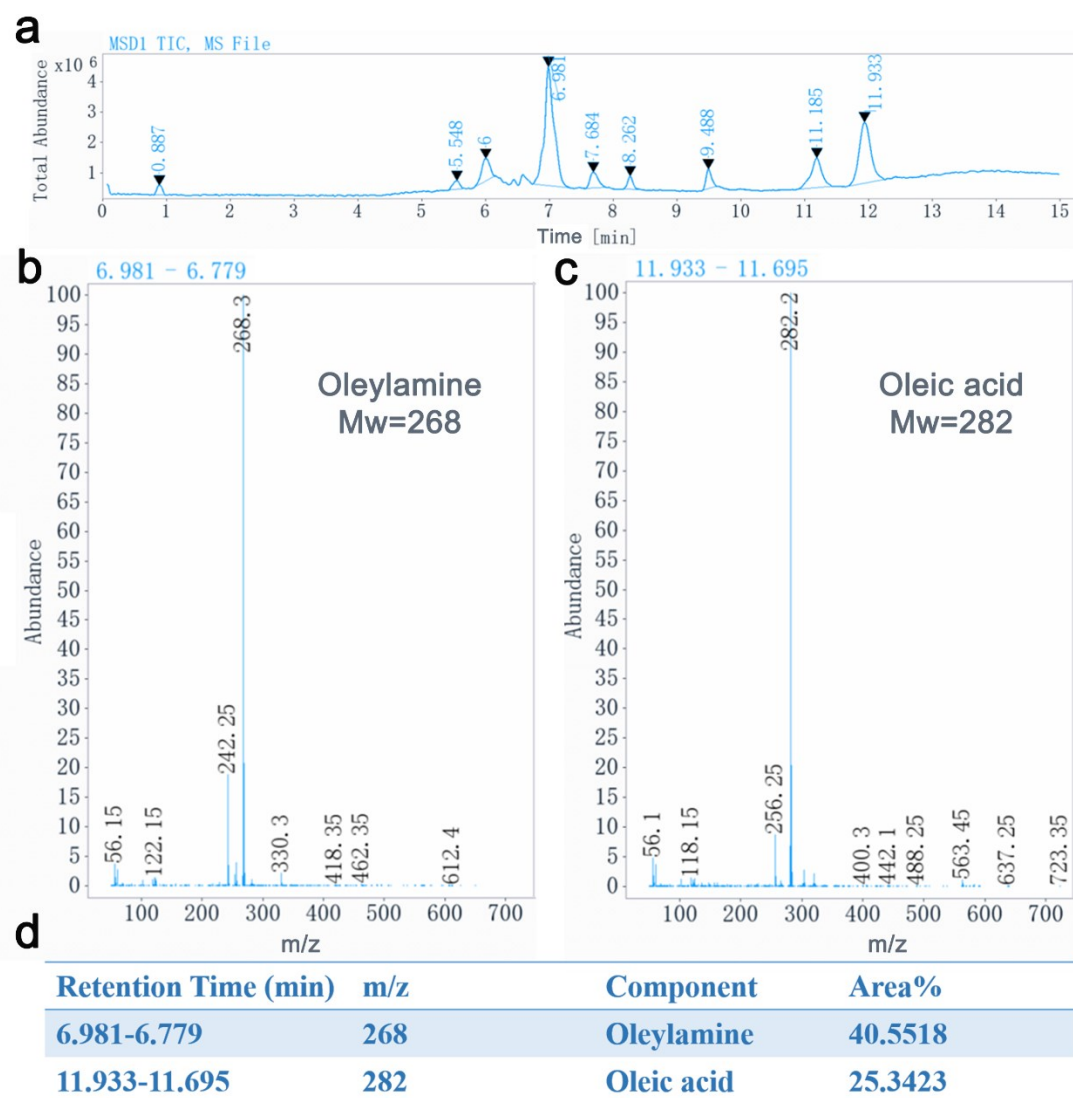


Fig. S10. (a) Chromatogram from HPLC analyses of pristine CsPbBr₃ NCs. MS spectra at retention times of (b) 6.981-6.779 min, (c) 11.933-11.695 min and (d) a table showing the ratio.

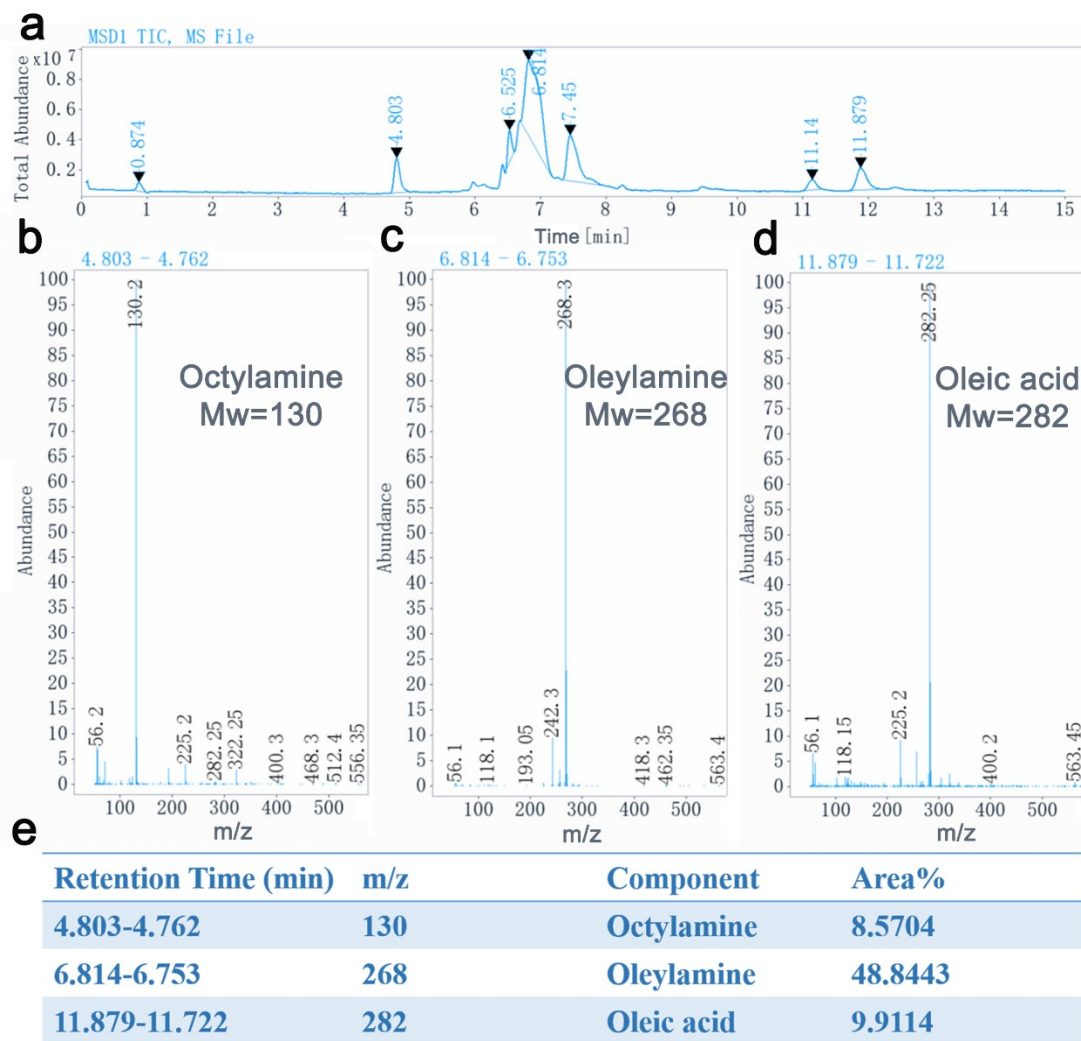


Fig. S11. (a) Chromatogram from HPLC analyses of CsPbBr₃-P NCs purified by centrifugation. MS spectra at retention times of (b) 4.803-4.762 min, (c) 6.814-6.753 min, (d) 11.879-11.722 min and (e) a table showing the ratio.

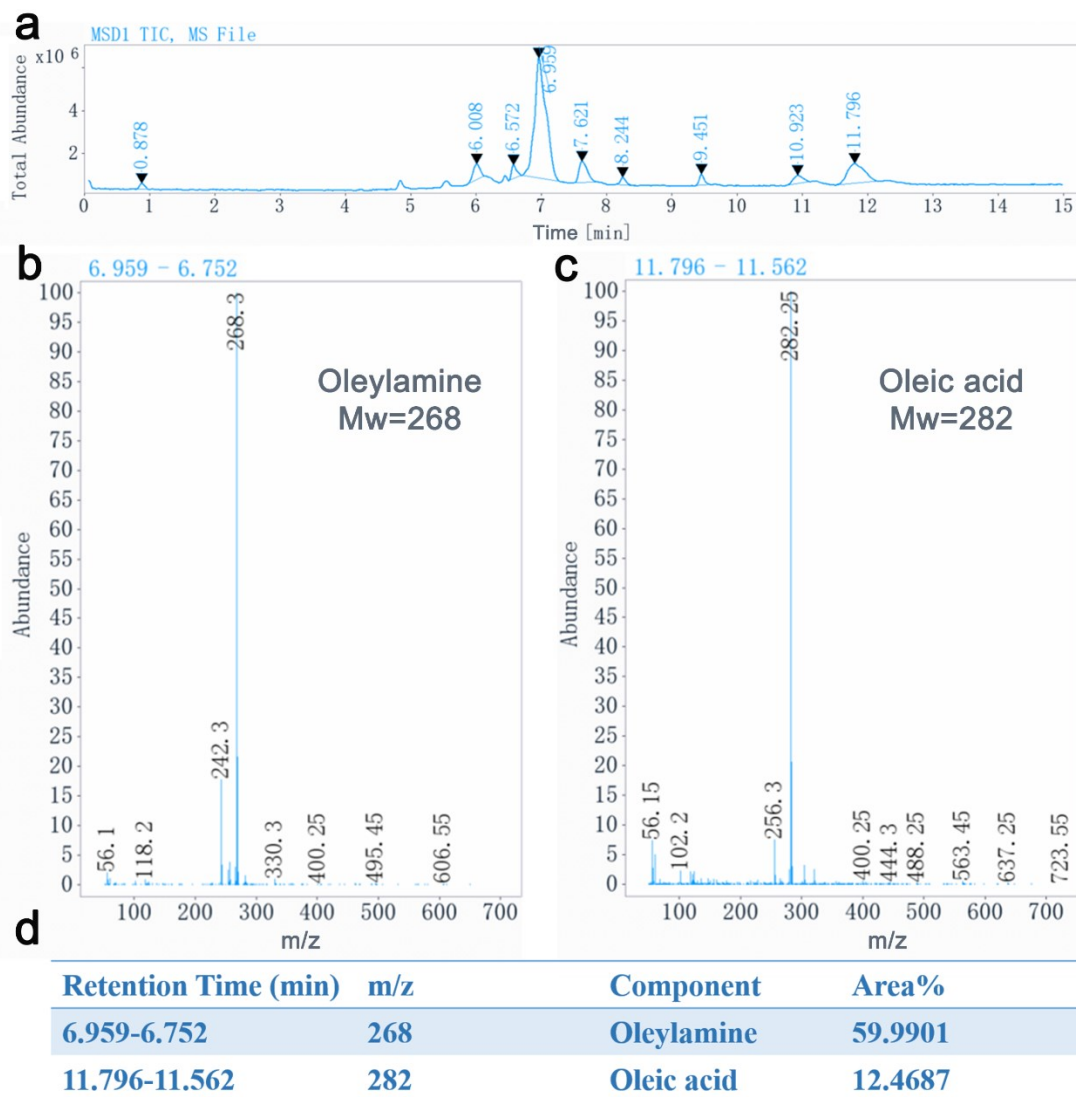


Fig. S12. (a) Chromatogram from HPLC analyses of CsPbBr₃-P NCs purified by ethyl acetate. MS spectra at retention times of (b) 6.959-6.752 min, (c) 11.796-11.562 min and (d) a table showing the ratio.

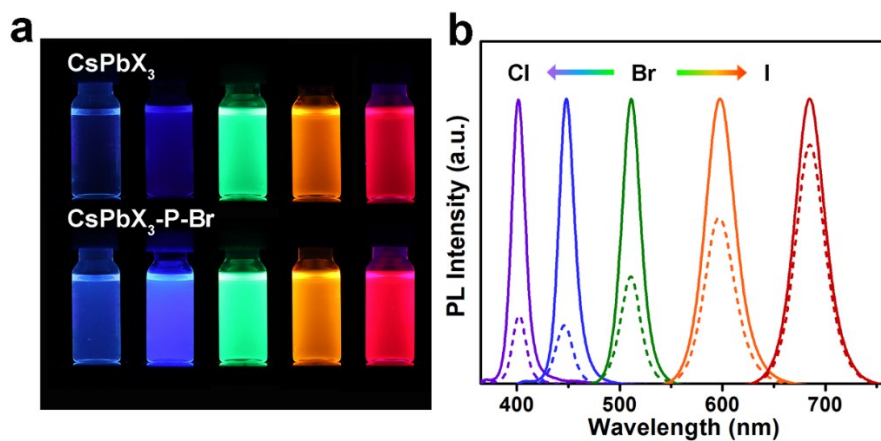


Fig. S13. (a) Photographs of CsPbX_3 NCs and $\text{CsPbX}_3\text{-P-Br}$ NCs under 365 nm UV light ($X=\text{Cl}, \text{Cl}_{0.5}\text{Br}_{0.5}, \text{Br}, \text{Br}_{0.5}\text{I}_{0.5}, \text{I}$, from left to right); (b) Corresponding PL intensity of CsPbX_3 NCs and $\text{CsPbX}_3\text{-P-Br}$ NCs, dashed lines are pristine CsPbX_3 , and solid lines are $\text{CsPbX}_3\text{-P-Br}$.

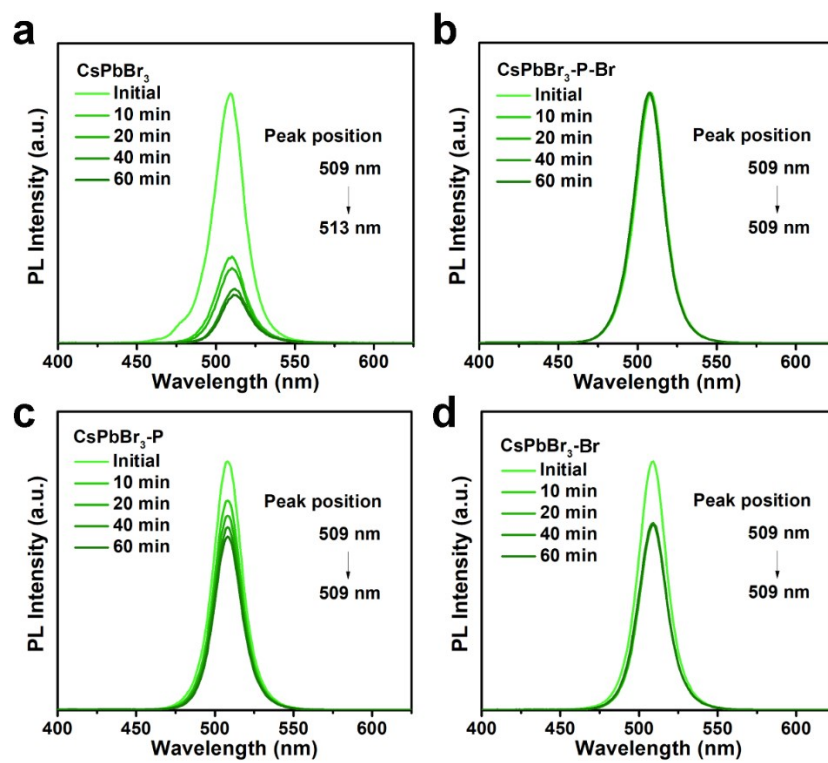


Fig. S14. Time-dependent PL spectra of (a) CsPbBr_3 , (b) $\text{CsPbBr}_3\text{-P-Br}$, (c) $\text{CsPbBr}_3\text{-P}$, and (d) $\text{CsPbBr}_3\text{-Br}$ in the presence of acetone.

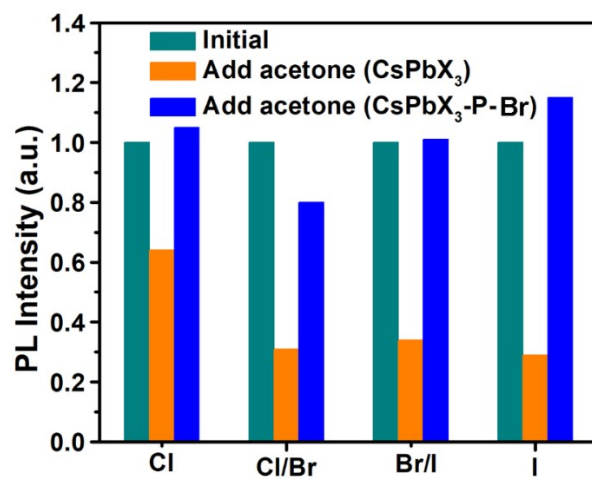


Fig. S15. PL intensity change of CsPbX₃ NCs and CsPbX₃-P-Br NCs (X=Cl, Cl_{0.5}Br_{0.5}, Br_{0.5}I_{0.5}, I) after adding acetone for 60 min.

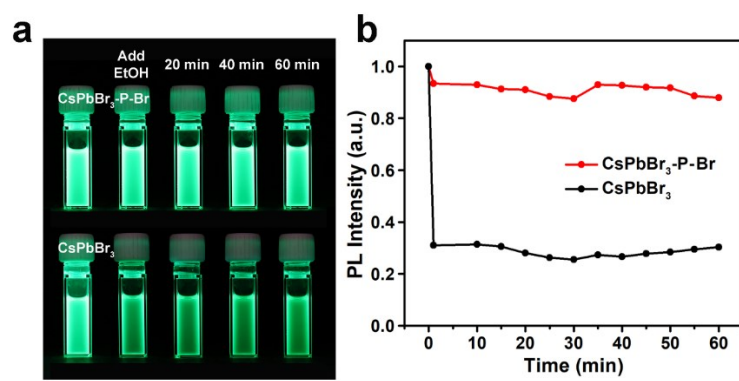


Fig. S16. (a) Photographs of CsPbBr₃-P-Br and CsPbBr₃ NCs after adding 100 μL ethanol under 365 nm UV light, (b) corresponding PL intensity change.

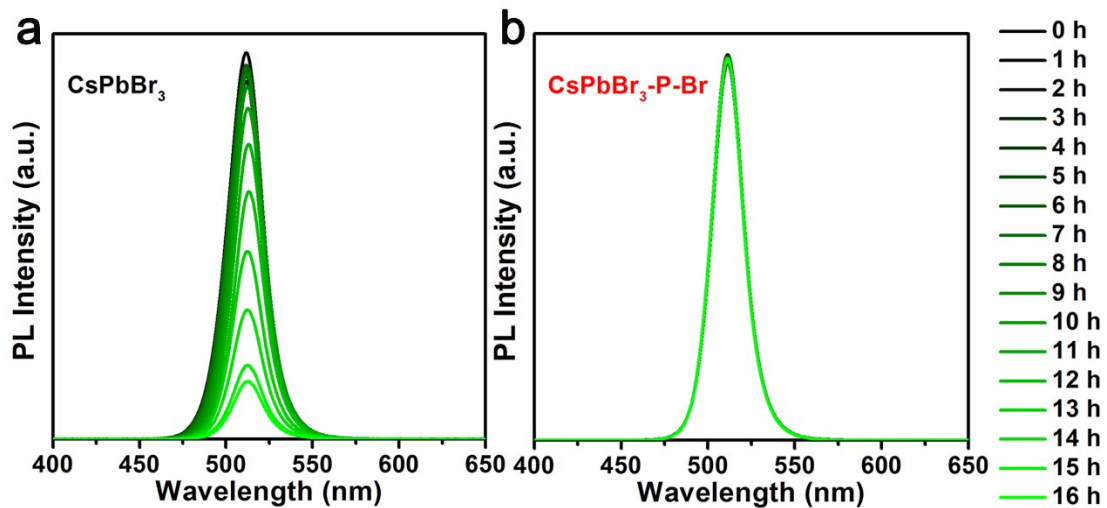


Fig. S17. Time-dependent PL spectra of (a) CsPbBr₃ NCs and (b) CsPbBr₃-P-Br NCs under 365 nm UV light illumination.

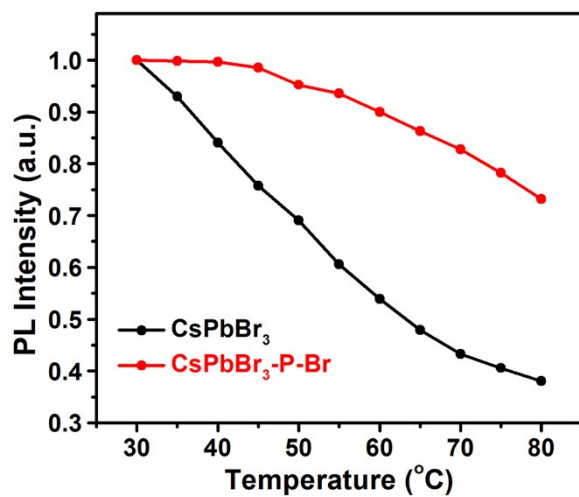


Fig. S18. Temperature-dependent PL intensity of CsPbBr₃ NCs and CsPbBr₃-P-Br NCs.

Table S1. Detailed information of PL decay.

	τ_1 (ns)	A_1 (%)	τ_2 (ns)	A_2 (%)	τ_3 (ns)	A_3 (%)	τ_{ave} (ns)
CsPbBr ₃	7.66	21	51.8	1	2.34	78	3.95
CsPbBr ₃ -P	7.75	26	42.9	2	2.3	72	4.52
CsPbBr ₃ -Br	7.13	32	37.1	2	2.12	66	4.42
CsPbBr ₃ -P-Br	4.29	97	16.6	3	-	-	4.66

From the results, CsPbBr₃-P and CsPbBr₃-Br NCs have a PL lifetime of 4.52 ns and 4.42 ns, respectively, which are longer than that of pristine CsPbBr₃ but shorter than that of CsPbBr₃-P-Br. From their detailed components, it can be found that the photon-radiative recombination τ_1 increases from 21% to 26% (CsPbBr₃-P), 32% (CsPbBr₃-Br) and finally to 97% (CsPbBr₃-P-Br). The longer-lived component τ_2 may be ascribed to the shallow trap-mediated radiative recombination, which has no significant change upon the treatment. τ_3 , the indirect-radiative recombination, decreases to 72% (CsPbBr₃-P), 66% (CsPbBr₃-Br), and vanishes upon the two-step treatment, suggesting that the trap states are removed from the NCs. From the values, it seems that Br⁻ ions can better passivate CsPbBr₃ NCs. However, PO₄³⁻ is found to play a significant role in tuning the long-chain capping ligand composition (Fig. S10-S12), which is found to be a key step for the subsequent Br⁻ treatment.

Table S2. Atomic fraction of Cs, Pb, Br, P, Ba determined from EDX element mapping.

Elements	Cs	Pb	Br	P	Ba
Atomic Fraction (%)	18.71	19.52	56.48	4.89	0.4

Table S3. Zeta potential values of different samples in toluene.

	Positive voltage (mV)	Negative voltage (mV)	Average voltage (mV)
CsPbBr ₃	10.82	11.91	11.36
CsPbBr ₃ -P	52.81	43.93	48.37
CsPbBr ₃ -Br	-9.07	-10.4	-9.73
CsPbBr ₃ -P-Br	25.94	25.10	25.52

*Due to the low conductivity of nonpolar solvent toluene, we selected positive voltage and negative voltage for zeta potential measurement. All the samples were washed by ethyl acetate prior to the test.