Alkylammonium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide as a dopant in the hole-transporting layer for efficient and stable perovskite solar cells

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Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of ionic liquid dopants



Fig. S2. Photographs of PTAA solutions (a) without dopant or with LiTFSI+*t*BP and 9.75 mM of IL dopants, (b) 24.37 mM of IL dopants, and (c) 80.41 mM of IL dopants

Dopant concentration (mM) ^a	BATFSI	HATFSI	OATFSI	DATFSI
9.75	О	О	О	О
24.37	Х	О	О	О
60.92	Х	О	О	О
80.41	Х	Х	О	О
121.84	Х	Х	О	О
243.67	Х	Х	О	О
304.59	Х	Х	Х	Х

Table S1. Miscibility test of alkylammonium TFSIs in PTAA solutions

^{a)}The solutions are also containing PTAA at 10mg ml⁻¹.



Fig. S3. AFM images (5 μ m × 5 μ m) of PTAA containing the same concentration of alkylammonium TFSI dopants with different alkyl chain lengths



Fig. S4. Photographs of perovskite layers with droplets of OATFSI, BMPyTFSI, and BMIMTFSI



Fig. S5. (a) UPS spectra for perovskite, PTAA with or without various dopants, (b) change of energy level for PTAA in present/absence of OATFSI, and (c) energy level alignments of perovskite and PTAA with LiTFSI+*t*BP or OATFSI.



Fig. S6. UV-vis spectra of (a) pristine PTAA in film state (prepared from 10 mg ml⁻¹ of PTAA solution in toluene) and pristine OATFSI in solution state (9.75 mM of OATFSI in toluene) and change of UV-Vis absorption spectra for (b) PTAA film with LiTFSI+*t*BP and (c-e) PTAA films with various dopant concentrations of OATFSI under illumination

Table S2. Electrical property of pristine PTAA film, PTAA film with LiTFSI+*t*BP, and PTAA films with various dopant concentrations of OATFSI

Dopant	Conductivity (S cm ⁻¹)
w/o additive	1.41×10^{-7}
LiTFSI+tBP	2.99×10 ⁻⁵
OATFSI 4.87 mM	3.28×10 ⁻⁵
OATFSI 9.75 mM	1.06×10^{-4}
OATFSI 14.62 mM	1.22×10^{-4}

Dopant Concentration ^a	Scan Direction	V _{oc} (V)	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF	PCE _{max} (%) (PCE _{avg} (%))	Rs (Ω·cm²)	R sh (k $\Omega \cdot cm^2$)
0M	Rev.	0.884	25.29	0.335	7.50 (7.12)	984.71	16.57
0 111.91	Fwd.	0.836	25.09	0.256	5.36 (5.16)	1210.00	1.22
2.44 mM	Rev.	0.985	25.82	0.796	20.24 (20.14)	33.04	27.07
2.44 mivi	Fwd.	0.928	25.84	0.685	16.43 (16.34)	69.32	68.17
4 97 mM	Rev.	0.997	25.41	0.803	20.34 (20.20)	31.59	28.02
4.07 111111	Fwd.	0.952	25.39	0.715	17.27 (17.32)	61.03	33.77
7 21 mM	Rev.	0.997	25.53	0.810	20.63 (20.35)	27.75	3410.00
/.51 mivi	Fwd.	0.962	25.48	0.748	18.33 (17.99)	43.07	117.4
0.75 mM	Rev.	1.028	25.60	0.822	21.63 (21.31)	23.20	725.32
9.75 IIIVI	Fwd.	0.993	25.55	0.775	19.65 (19.49)	33.79	294.01
12 10 mM	Rev.	1.030	25.61	0.818	21.57 (21.07)	24.21	21.32
12.10 11111	Fwd.	0.997	25.61	0.777	19.84 (19.32)	33.42	39.96
14.62 mM	Rev.	1.036	25.17	0.793	20.69 (20.03)	25.28	39.96
14.02 MN	Fwd.	0.948	25.08	0.723	17.19 (16.63)	44.57	32.50

Table S3. Photovoltaic properties of PSCs using different dopant concentrations of OATFSI

^{a)}Devices were fabricated without surface treatment on mp-TiO₂



Fig. S7. (a) J_{SC} , (b) FF, and (c) PCE statistics in box-and-whisker plots (center line: median, box limits: upper and lower quartiles, whiskers: $1.5 \times$ interquartile range, points: outliers) of PSCs using different dopant concentrations of OATFSI



Fig. S8. XPS spectra of (a) pristine perovskite layer and perovskite layer after peeling off PTAA film using 9.75 mM of OATFSI with (b-c) the detailed fitting curves

OA + TFSI on PbI₂ termination



Fig. S9. DFT calculation for interaction between the OATFSI and perovskite

OATFSI Concentration ^a	Surface Treatment	Scan Direction	V _{oc} (V)	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF	PCE _{max} (%) (PCE _{avg} (%))
4.87 mM	v	Rev.	1.007	25.11	0.816	20.62 (20.00)
	Λ	Fwd.	0.981	25.12	0.785	19.34 (18.68)
9.75 mM	Х	Rev.	1.073	25.00	0.833	22.37 (21.93)
		Fwd.	1.022	24.97	0.801	20.44 (20.02)
4.87 mM	0	Rev.	1.036	25.01	0.822	21.31 (20.93)
		Fwd.	0.999	24.95	0.796	19.85 (19.43)
9.75 mM	0	Rev.	1.087	24.89	0.839	22.70 (22.25)
	0	Fwd.	1.034	24.83	0.796	20.42 (20.10)

Table S4. Photovoltaic properties of PSCs before/after surface treatment using OATFSI

^{a)}Devices were fabricated with surface treatments on mp-TiO₂ using strontium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide. Similar to surface treatments using salt materials on ETLs, surface treatment using strontium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide was used to improve the performance of PSCs.¹⁻⁴



Fig. S10. GIWAXS patterns of (a) pristine perovskite, (b) octylammonium bromide (OABr)treated perovskite, and (c) octylammonium TFSI (OATFSI)-treated perovskite. To obtain surface crystalline profile for the corresponding samples, the incidence angle of the X-ray beam was set to 0.10°

	Sample 1 decay time (µs)	Sample 2 decay time (µs)	Sample 3 decay time (µs)	Average decay time (μs)
Pristine perovskite on quartz	6.1	5.3	-	5.7
Perovskite w/ OATFSI surface treatment	9.7	10.0	-	9.8
PTAA w/ OATFSI 4.87 mM ^a	13.2	11.9	13.6	12.9
PTAA w/ OATFSI 9.75 mM ^a	27.7	30.9	30.0	29.5
PTAA w/ LiTFSI+tBP ^a	10.3	10.3	11.3	10.6

Table S5. Summary of long component of lifetime extracting from TCSPC curves

^{a)}Perovskite layers were not treated with OATFSI



Fig. S11. PL transients of perovskite covered by PTAA with LiTFSI+*t*BP



Fig. S12. (Continued on next page) Certification of OATFSI-based PSC exhibiting QSS PCE of 22.23%



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No.	Structure	Measurement Method	Certified PCE (%)	dopant	Reference
This work	n-i-p	QSS measurement	22.2	OATFSI	-
1	n-i-p	Reverse/Forward measurement	22.1	LiTFSI+ <i>t</i> BP	<i>Science</i> 2017 , 356, 1376-1379
2	n-i-p	Reverse/Forward measurement	23.9	F4TCNQ+LiHFDF	Science 2022 , 377, 1227-1232
3	p-i-n	QSS measurement	22.3	Х	<i>Nat. Energy</i> 2020 , 5, 131-140
4	p-i-n	Reverse/Forward measurement	22.8	Х	J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2020 , 142, 20134-20142
5	p-i-n	Reverse/Forward measurement	24.3	Х	<i>Science</i> 2022 , 376, 416-420

Table S6. Summary of the certified performances (with PCE of over 22%) for PTAA-based PSCs reported to date



Fig. S13. *J*–*V* curve for CBD SnO₂-based PSC



Fig. S14. J-V curves of PSCs using the same concentration of alkylammonium TFSIs with different alkyl chain lengths and commercial ionic liquid dopants

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Dopar	nt ^a	Scan Direction		V _{OC} (V)	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)		FF	PCE _{ma} (PCE _{avg}	x (%) g (%))
DATECI		Rev.		1.026	25.63		0.821	21.59 (2	21.10)
BAIF	51	Fwd.		0.991	25.59		0.768	19.47 (1	8.51)
		Rev.		1.039	25.65		0.814	21.69 (2	21.27)
HAIF	51	Fwd.		0.993	25.57		0.775	19.67 (1	.9.33)
OATFSI		Rev.		1.052	25.41		0.819	21.91 (2	21.38)
		Fwd.		1.013	25.43		0.785	20.24 (1	.9.54)
DATFSI		Rev.		1.043	25.56		0.784	20.90 (2	20.00)
		Fwd.		0.936	25.11		0.462	10.85 (1	1.57)
BMPyTFSI		Rev.		1.002	16.34		0.640	10.47 (6.62)
		Fwd.		0.994	16.18		0.471	7.57 (3	8.64)
BMIMTFSI		Rev.		0.976	20.17		0.592	11.66 (9.52)
		Fwd.		0.937	19.94		0.530	9.90 (7	7.90)
^{a)} Devices	were	fabricated	with	surface	treatments	on	mp-TiO ₂	using	strontium

Table S7. Photovoltaic properties of PSCs using the same concentration of alkylammonium TFSIs with different alkyl chain lengths and commercial ionic liquid dopants

^{a)}Devices were fabricated with surface treatments on mp-TiO₂ using strontius bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide.



Fig. S15. Photographs of (a) HTLs containing alkylammonium TFSIs with different alkyl chain lengths and (b) HTLs containing commercial ionic liquid dopants on the perovskite layers; (c) SEM images of HTLs containing commercial ionic liquid dopants on the perovskite layers



Fig. S16. Photographs of changes for perovskite films with and without surface treatment using OATFSI and perovskite films covered by PTAAs doped by OATFSI and LiTFSI+*t*BP at 40~55% RH



Fig. S17. (a) Schematic and (b) optical microscope image of P1, P2, and P3 interconnection lines of the module



Fig. S18. Certification of OATFSI-based perovskite module exhibiting PCE of 18.24%

No.	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	V _{OC} (V)	FF (%)	PCE in aperture area (225 cm²) (%)
1	0.72	31.4	77.8	17.6
2	0.69	31.3	74.5	16.2
3	0.70	30.9	69.3	15.0
4	0.70	31.4	72.0	15.7
5	0.67	30.8	77.0	16.1
6	0.72	31.9	76.2	17.5
7	0.69	31.3	75.2	16.2
8	0.71	32.6	78.2	18.2
9	0.69	30.6	73.4	15.5
10	0.72	32.6	79.7	18.6
11	0.71	31.0	74.1	16.2
12	0.72	31.2	77.0	17.0
13	0.72	30.9	74.6	16.7
14	0.68	30.5	72.1	15.0
15	0.73	33.0	80.0	19.2
16	0.70	32.7	76.1	17.5
17	0.73	32.7	73.2	17.6
18	0.75	32.1	76.8	18.4
19	0.71	32.3	79.9	18.3
20	0.72	32.3	78.2	18.2
21	0.71	32.2	80.0	18.4
22	0.71	32.8	79.7	18.7
23	0.71	33.2	82.0	19.4
24	0.71	31.1	77.4	17.2
Average	0.7105±0.0174	31.83±0.84	76.46±3.11	17.30±1.30

Table S8. Photovoltaic parameters of the perovskite modules using OATFSI



Fig. S19. Result of outsourcing damp heat test for OATFSI-based perovskite module before and after 1000 h

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