

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Alkylsilyl-Substituted Benzodithiophene-Based Small Molecules As Promising Hole-Transport Materials For Perovskite Solar Cells<sup>†</sup>**

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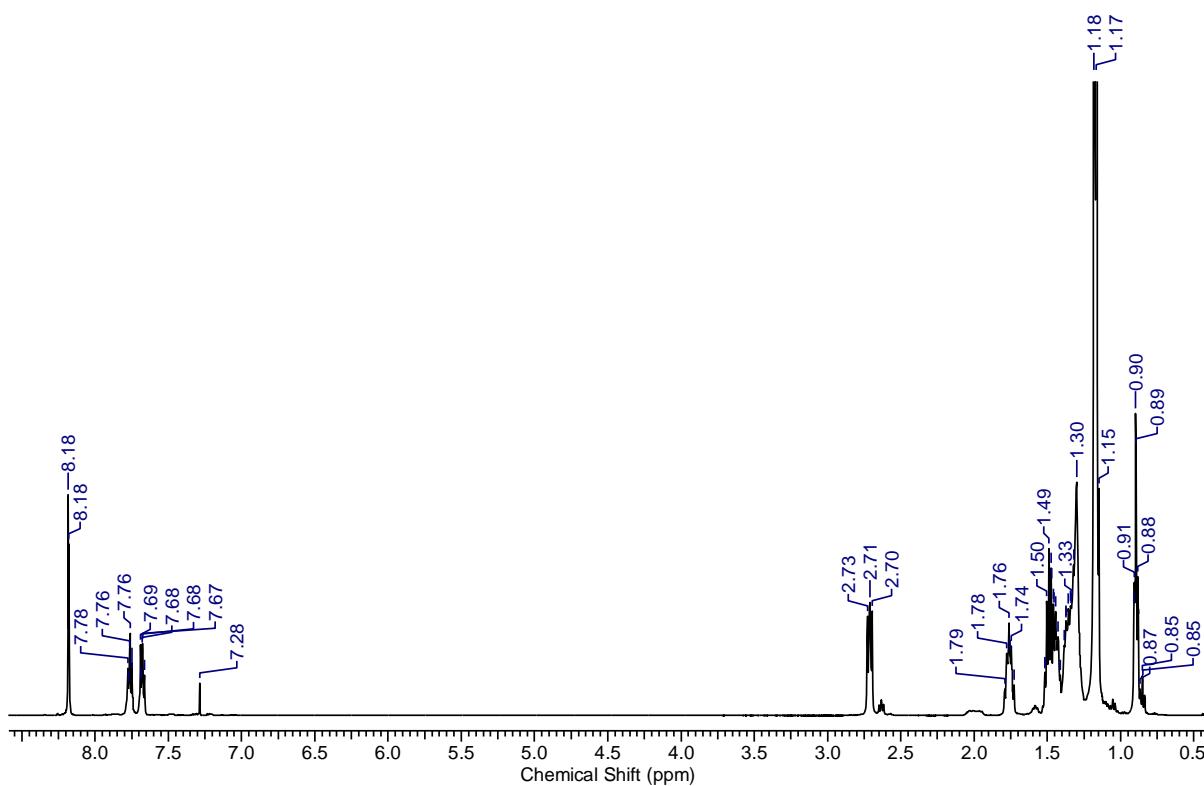


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **2**.

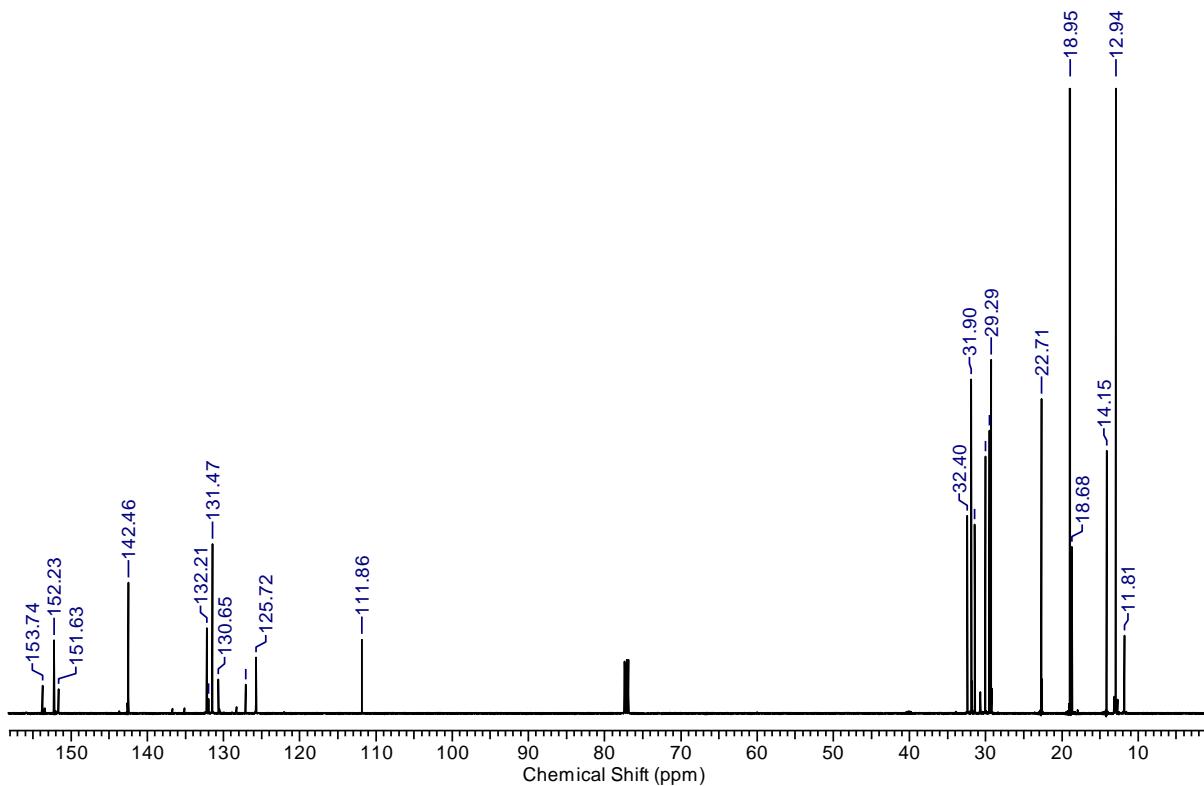


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **2**.

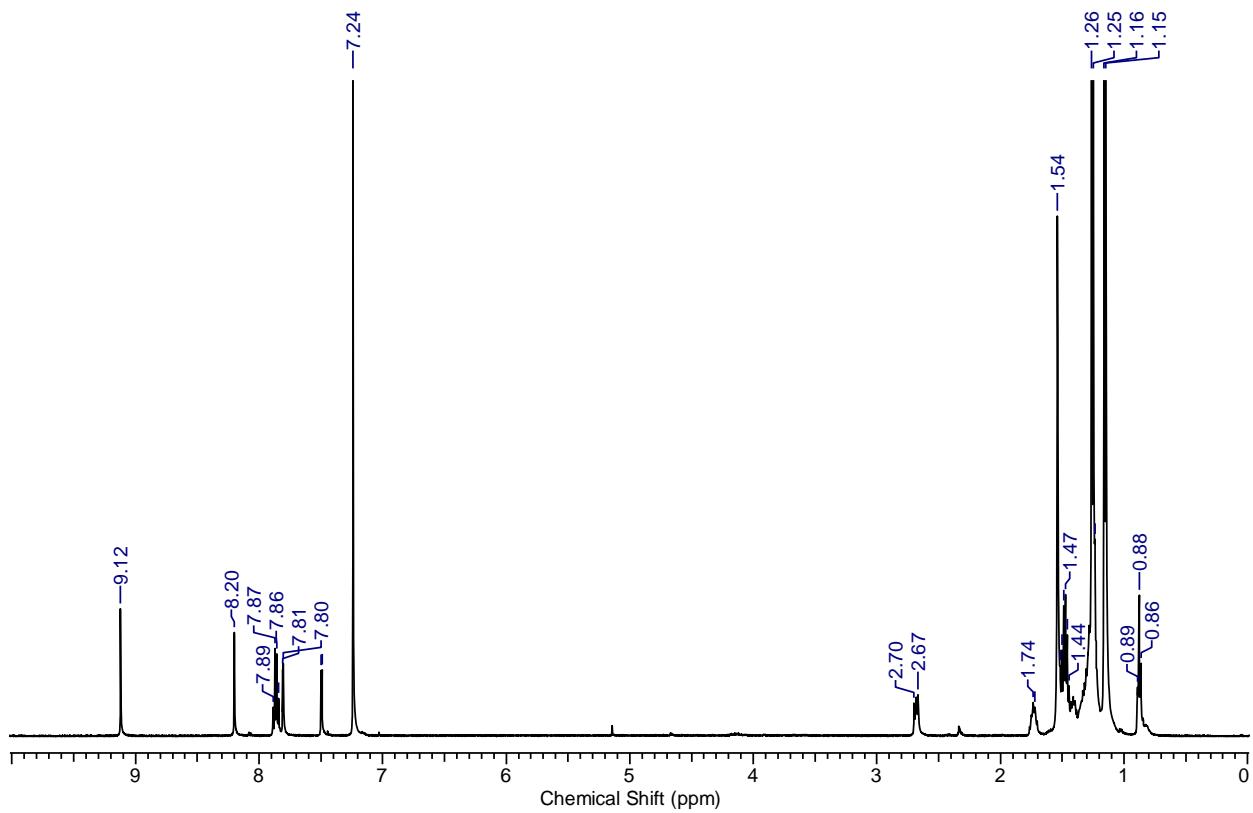


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **TB-Si<sub>3</sub>-3**.

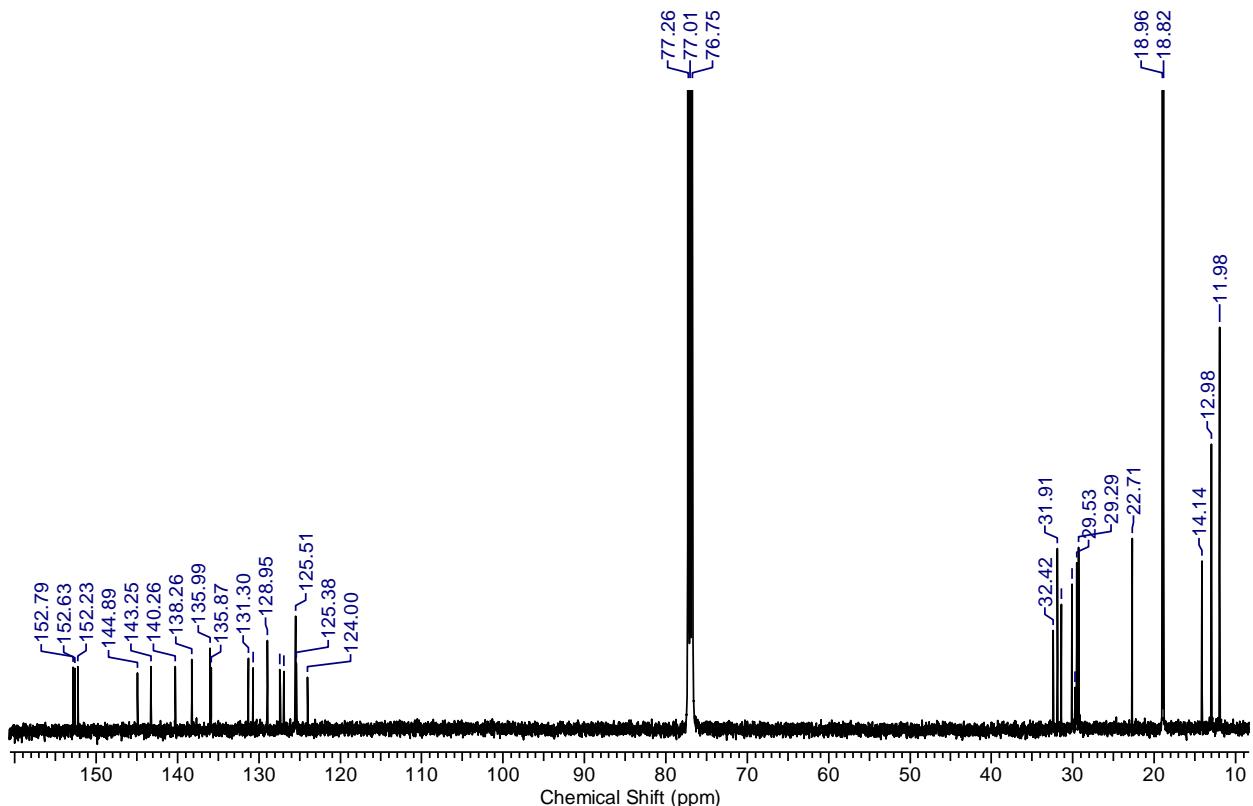


Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **TB-Si<sub>3</sub>-3**.

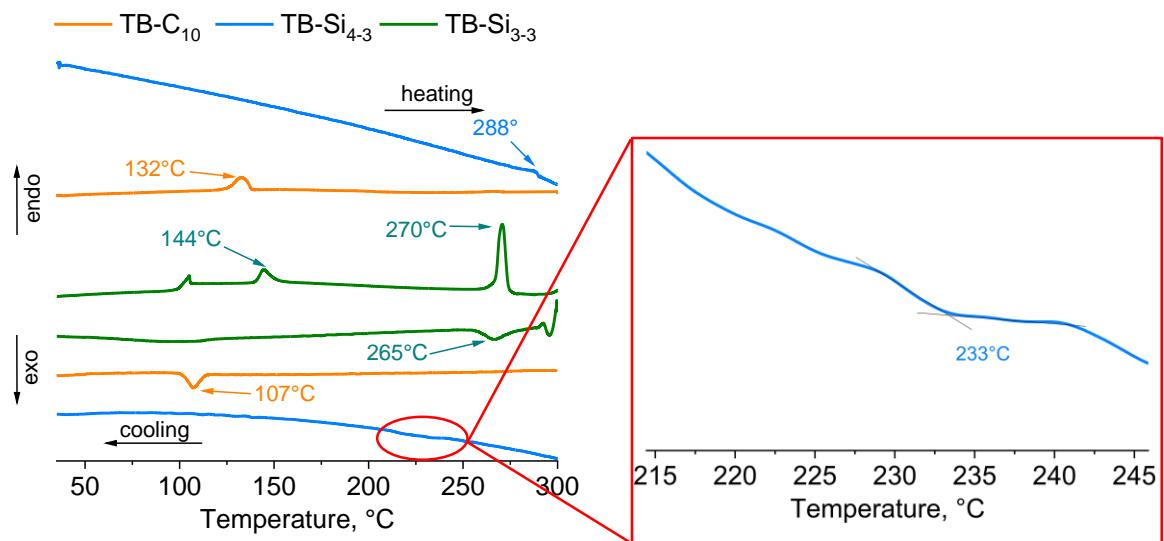


Figure S5. DSC plots for small molecules **TB-C<sub>10</sub>**, **TB-Si<sub>4-3</sub>**, and **TB-Si<sub>3-3</sub>**

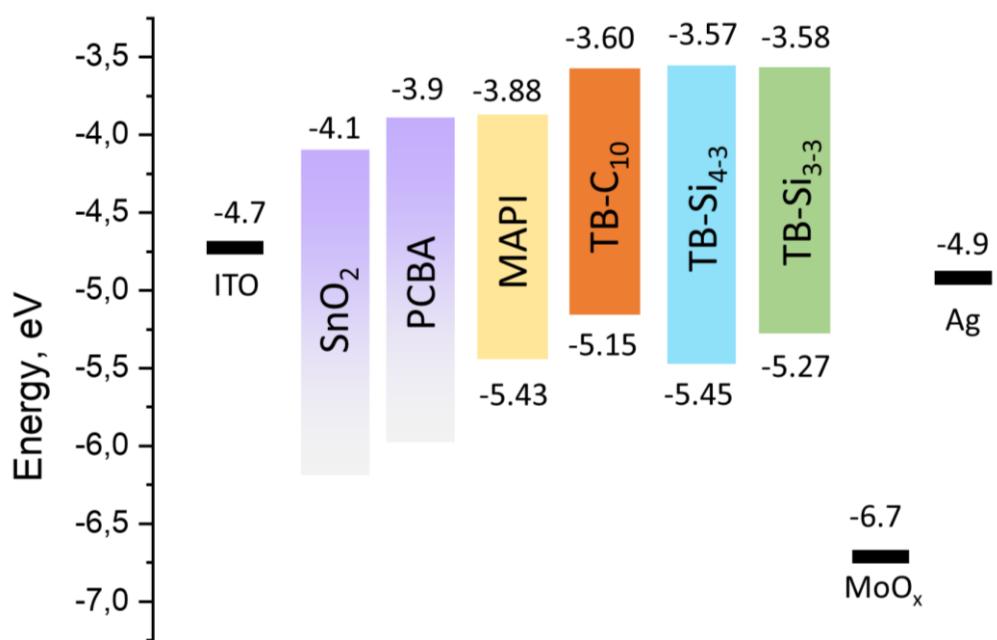


Figure S6. Energy level diagram of components of PSCs.

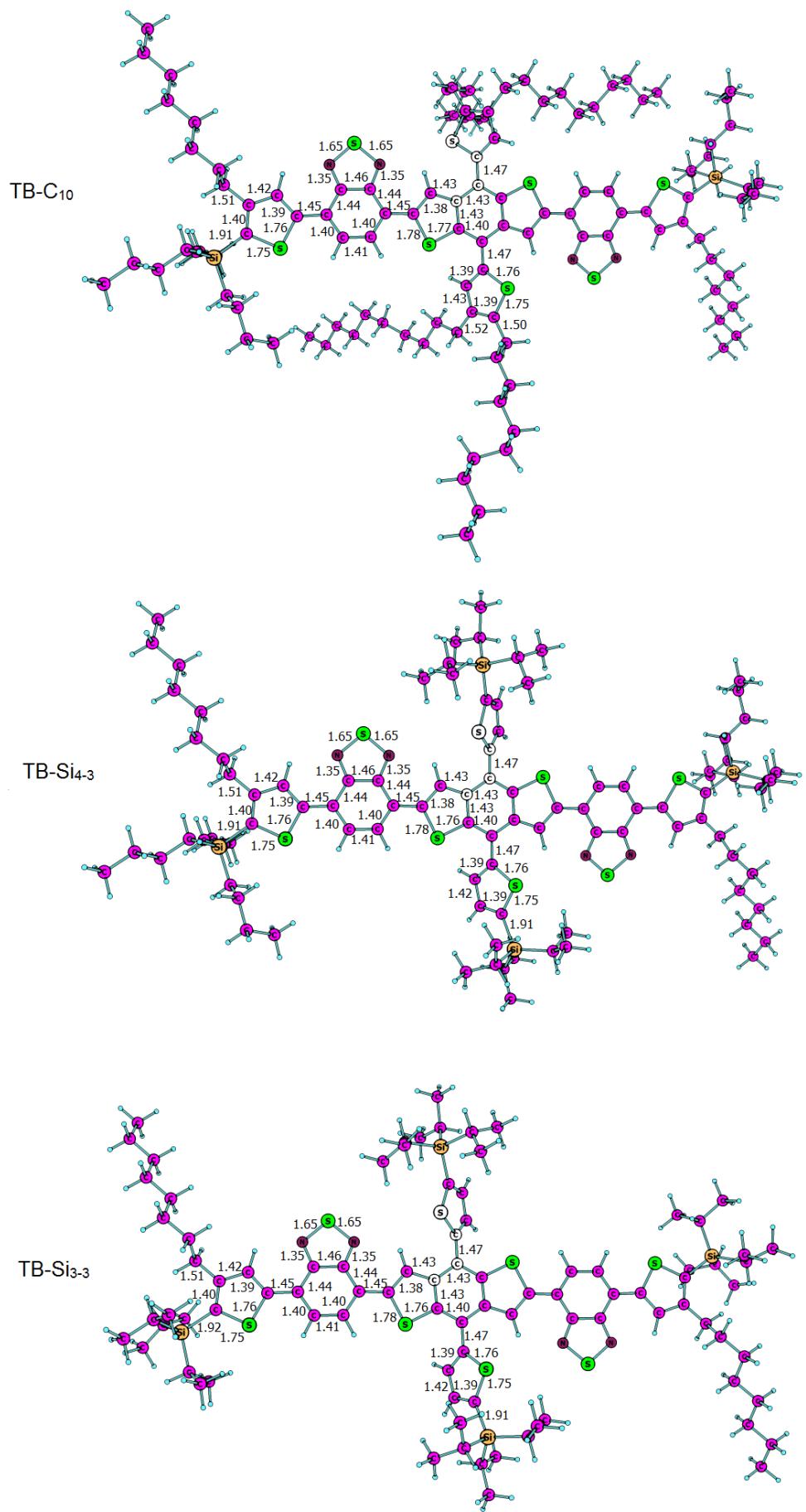


Figure S7. The optimized geometry of the **TB-C<sub>10</sub>**, **TB-Si<sub>4-3</sub>**, **TB-Si<sub>3-3</sub>**. Distances between atoms are indicated in Å.

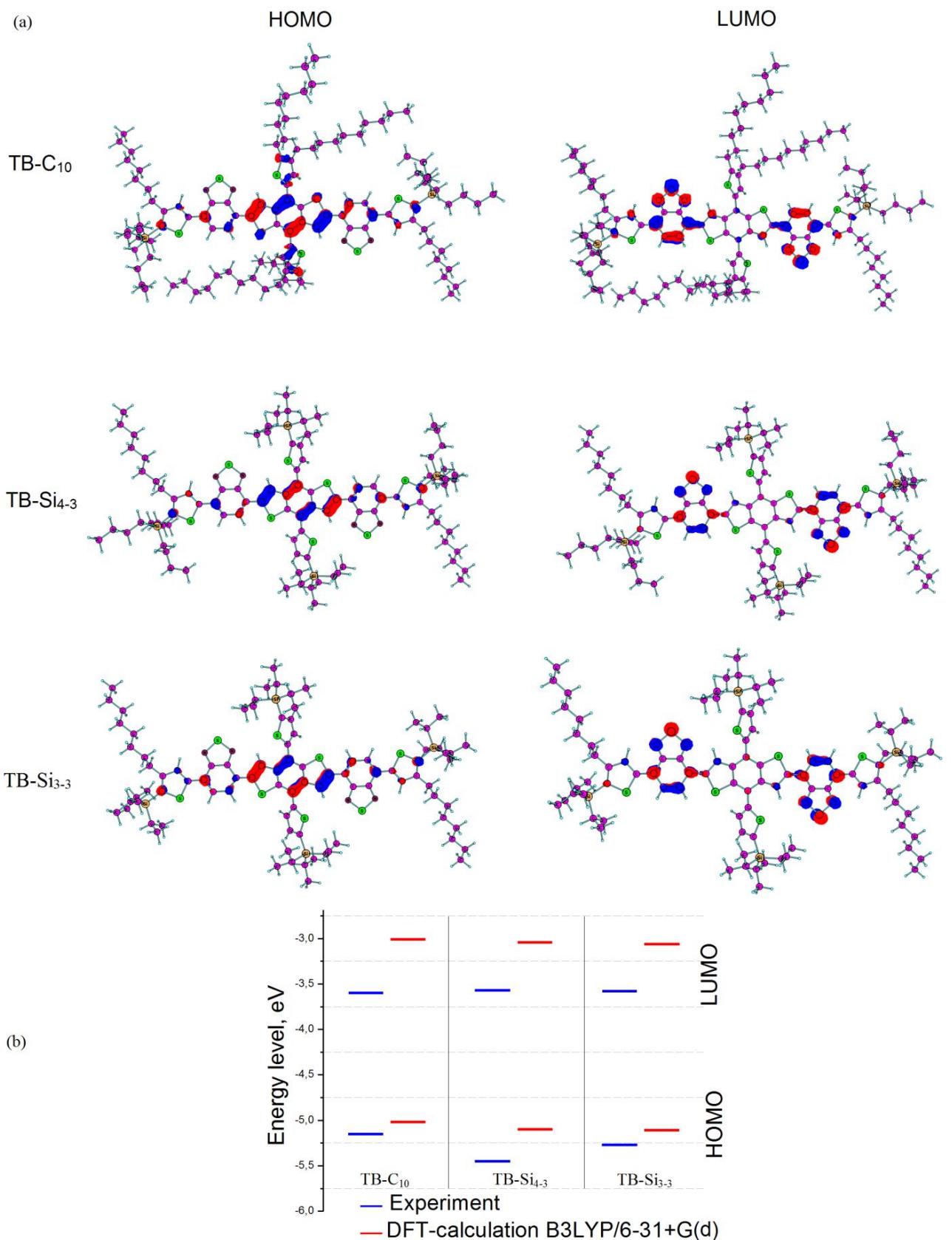


Figure S8. HOMO and LUMO distribution for **TB-C10**, **TB-Si4.3**, **TB-Si3.3** (a); and frontier molecular orbital energy levels as estimated from experiment and predicted by B3LYP/6-31+G(d) calculations (b).

Table S1. HOMO/LUMO energies and energy gaps ( $E_g$ ) for **TB-C<sub>10</sub>**, **TB-Si<sub>4-3</sub>**, **TB-Si<sub>3-3</sub>** calculated using the PBE/6-31+G(d) and B3LYP/6-31+G(d) approaches in comparison with experimental data.

|                            | HOMO/LUMO, eV     |                     |             | $E_g$ , eV        |                     |            |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------|
|                            | Calculation       |                     | Experiment  | Calculation       |                     | Experiment |
|                            | PBE/<br>6-31+G(d) | B3LYP/<br>6-31+G(d) |             | PBE/<br>6-31+G(d) | B3LYP/<br>6-31+G(d) | $E_g^{CV}$ |
| <b>TB-C<sub>10</sub></b>   | -4.49/-3.41       | -5.02/-3.01         | -5.15/-3.60 | 1.08              | 2.01                | 1.55       |
| <b>TB-Si<sub>4-3</sub></b> | -4.58/-3.45       | -5.10/-3.04         | -5.45/-3.57 | 1.13              | 2.06                | 1.88       |
| <b>TB-Si<sub>3-3</sub></b> | -4.60/-3.46       | -5.11/-3.06         | -5.27/-3.58 | 1.14              | 2.05                | 1.69       |

| HTM          | V <sub>OC</sub> ,<br>mV | J <sub>SC</sub> , mA<br>cm <sup>-2</sup> | FF, % | PCE, %  |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|-------|---------|
| Spiro-OMeTAD | 910±60                  | 16.1±0.5                                 | 46±10 | 7.0±2.0 |

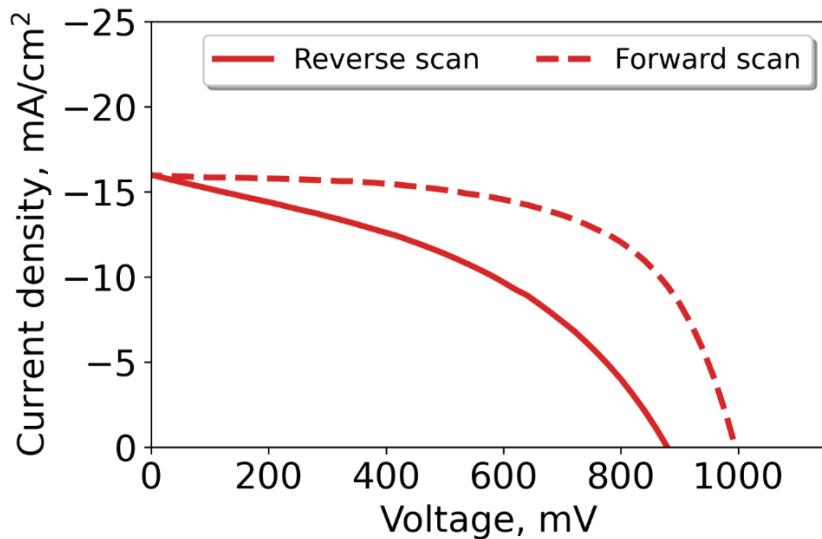


Figure S9. *J-V* curve for PSCs with non-doped spiro-OMeTAD as HTM.

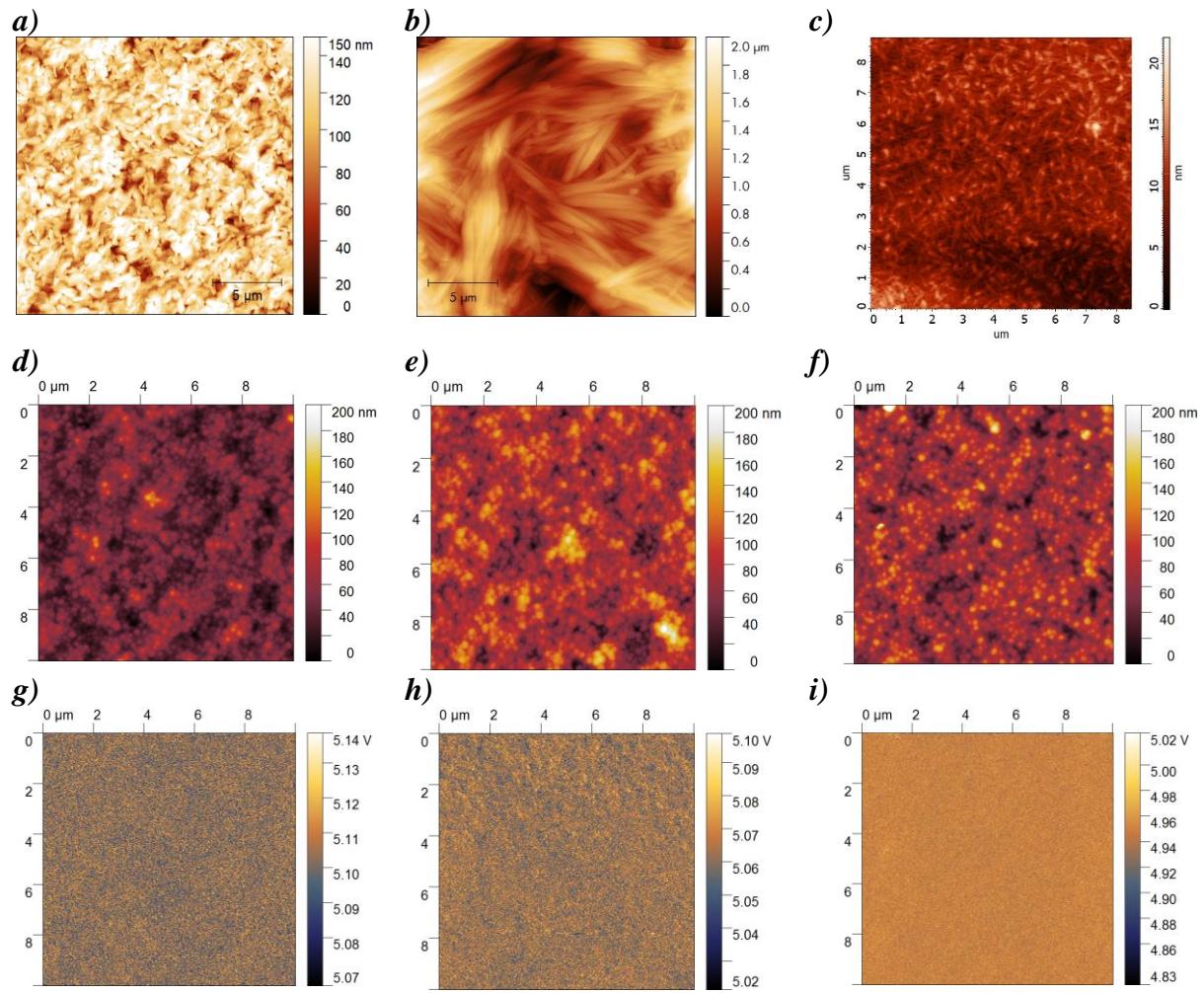


Figure S10. AFM images for thin films of **TB-C<sub>10</sub>** (**a**), **TB-Si<sub>4.3</sub>** (**b**) and **TB-Si<sub>3.3</sub>** (**c**) deposited from chlorobenzene. AFM (**d**, **e**, **f**) and surface potential images (**g**, **h**, **i**) of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>/TB-C<sub>10</sub>, MAPbI<sub>3</sub>/TB-Si<sub>4.3</sub>, MAPbI<sub>3</sub>/TB-Si<sub>3.3</sub>, respectively.

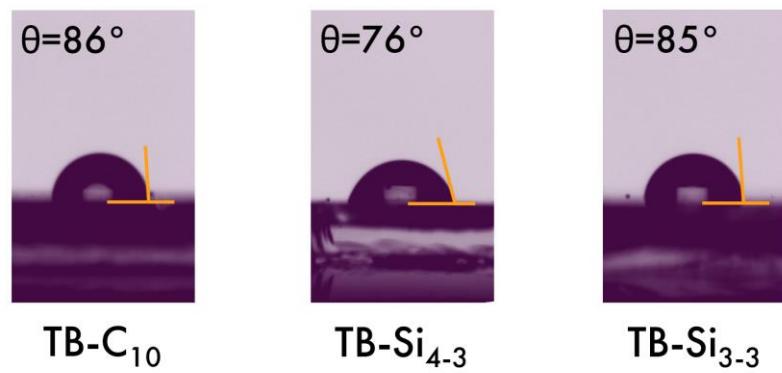


Figure S11. Contact angle of water on the surface of MAPbI<sub>3</sub>/HTMs.

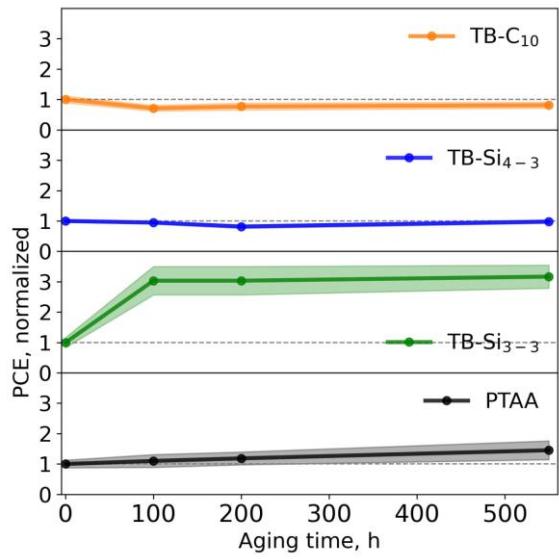


Figure S12. Evolution of relative power conversion efficiency of perovskite solar cells incorporating **TB-C<sub>10</sub>**, **TB-Si<sub>4-3</sub>**, **TB-Si<sub>3-3</sub>** and PTAA as HTMs.