

Supplemental information

Efficient rigid and flexible perovskite solar cells using strongly adsorbed molecules for lattice repair and grain boundary mitigation

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Figure S1. Optimized structures of perovskite (001) surface with the N1 (a), N2 (b), and N3 (c) in TD molecule, respectively. The arrow describes the bond length of Pb-N.

DFT Calculations:

Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed using the Vienna *ab initio* simulation package (VASP)¹. Projector augmented wave (PAW) pseudopotentials² were used to evaluate the interactions between valence electrons and cores. The generalized gradient approximation (GGA)³ of the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) functional with DFT-D3 correction proposed by Grimme⁴ was used for the exchange correlation functional. The cubic-phase FAPbI₃ (α -FAPbI₃) was optimized for its lattice constants and atomic coordinates by using 450 eV cutoff energy and Γ -centered 6X6X6 Monkhorst-Pack (MP) mesh⁵, and its convergence criteria of total energy and force were set to be less than 10⁻⁵ eV and 0.02 eV/Å, respectively. Our optimized lattice constant for α -FAPbI₃ was 6.36 Å, excellent agreement with the previous theoretical and experimental value^{6,7}.

To study the relationship between the additive and perovskite surfaces including (001) and (110) surfaces, and microscopic mechanism behind surface orientation regulation, we constructed 2X2 for (001) surface and 3X2 for (110) surface with the seven atomic layers to simulate the material surface. For supercell surface structures, we use a single Gamma point for the MP mesh. To avoiding the coulomb interaction between periodic surfaces, the thickness of vacuum layer was set to 15 Å. At the same time, we fixed the atoms in the two lower atomic layers to be regarded as the bulk structures, and the remaining atoms were fully relaxed to act as the perovskite surface. The adsorption energy is defined as $E_{ad}=E_{molecule@surface}-E_{molecule}-E_{surface}$. The structural visualizations were obtained by using the VESTA⁸ software.

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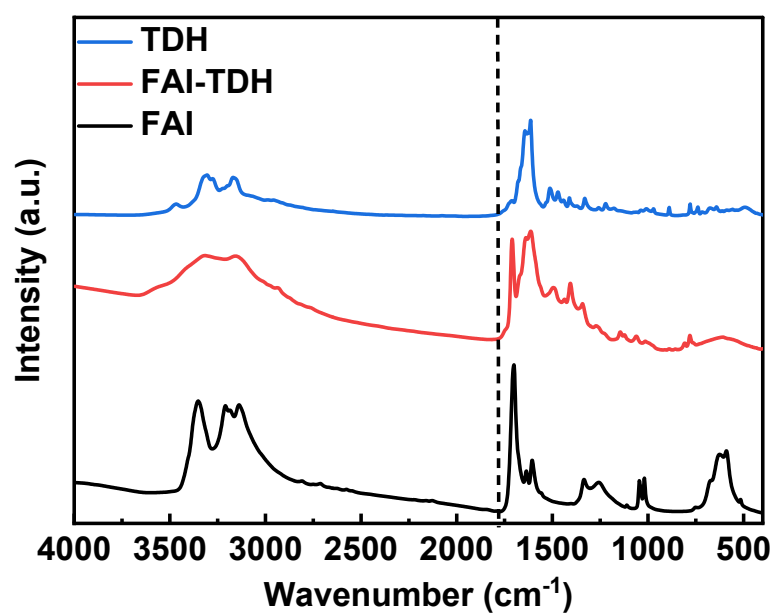


Figure S2. ¹H NMR full spectra of TDH, FAI, and TDH and FAI complex.

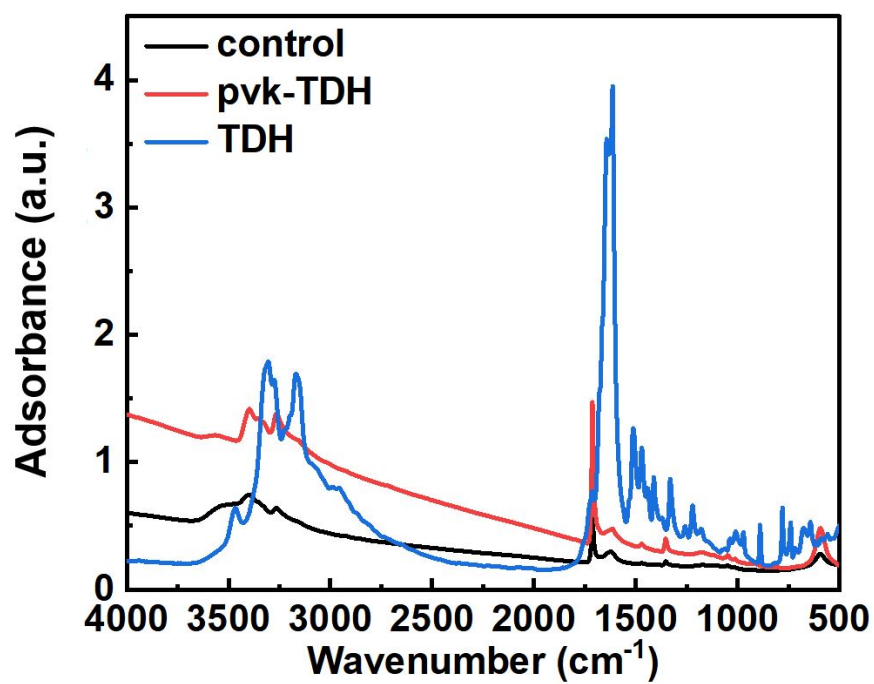


Figure S3. FTIR spectra of TDH, FAI (control), and TDH + FAI complex.

Figure S4. Topographic morphologies of the TDH perovskite films on flexible PET substrates. Scale bar: 2 μm , and 1 μm , respectively.

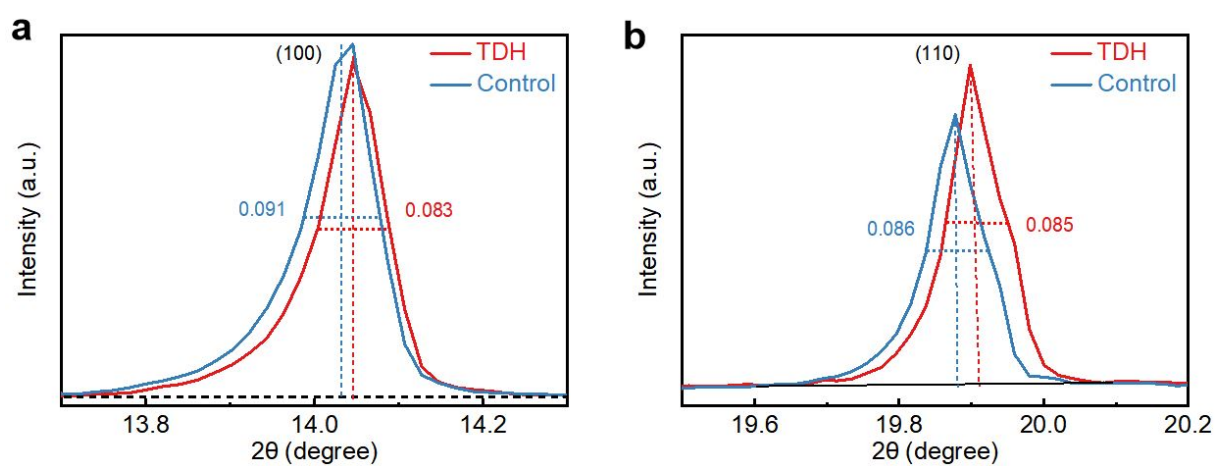


Figure S5. XRD spectra showing (100) (a) and (110) (b) shifts of the perovskite films with the TDH treatments.

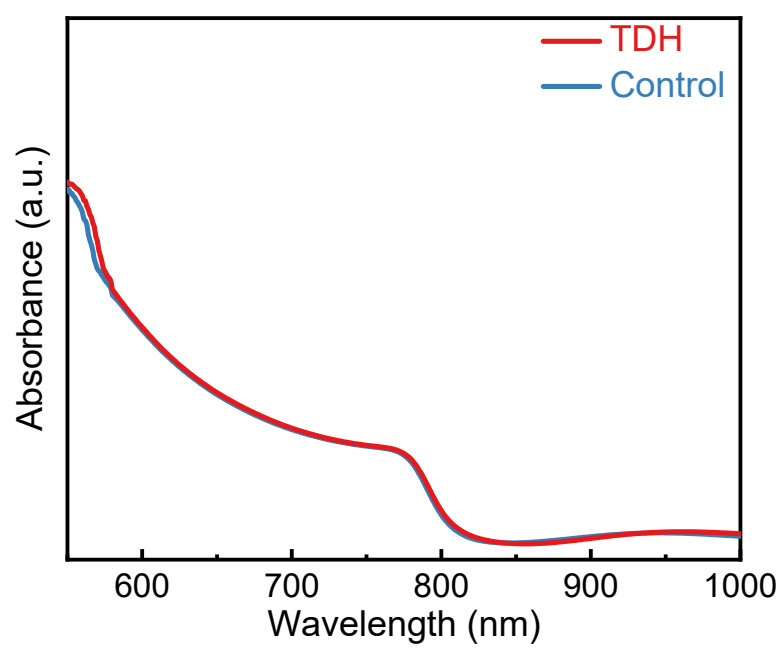
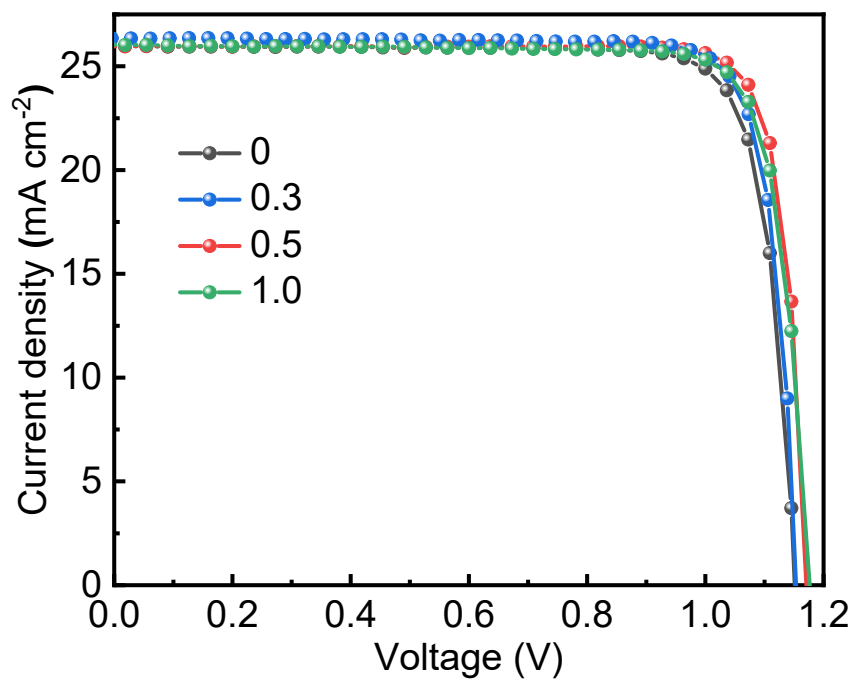
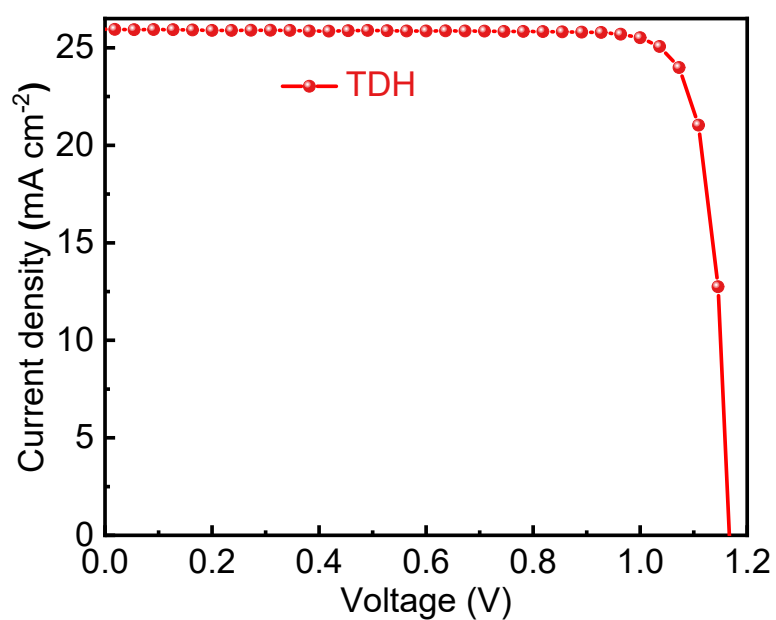


Figure S6. Absorption spectra of the control and TDH perovskite films.



Concentration (mg ml ⁻¹)	V _{OC} (V)	J _{SC} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF(%)	PCE(%)
0	1.15	25.96	83.42	24.93
0.3	1.15	26.34	84.72	25.64
0.5	1.17	25.99	85.94	26.15
1.0	1.18	26.02	83.68	25.61

Figure S7. The TDH concentration optimization for a better device.



V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA cm ⁻²)	FF (%)	PCE(%)
1.167	25.94	86.03	26.03

Figure S8. J - V curve of the rigid PSCs with the TDH passivation showing the maximum FF up to 86.03%.

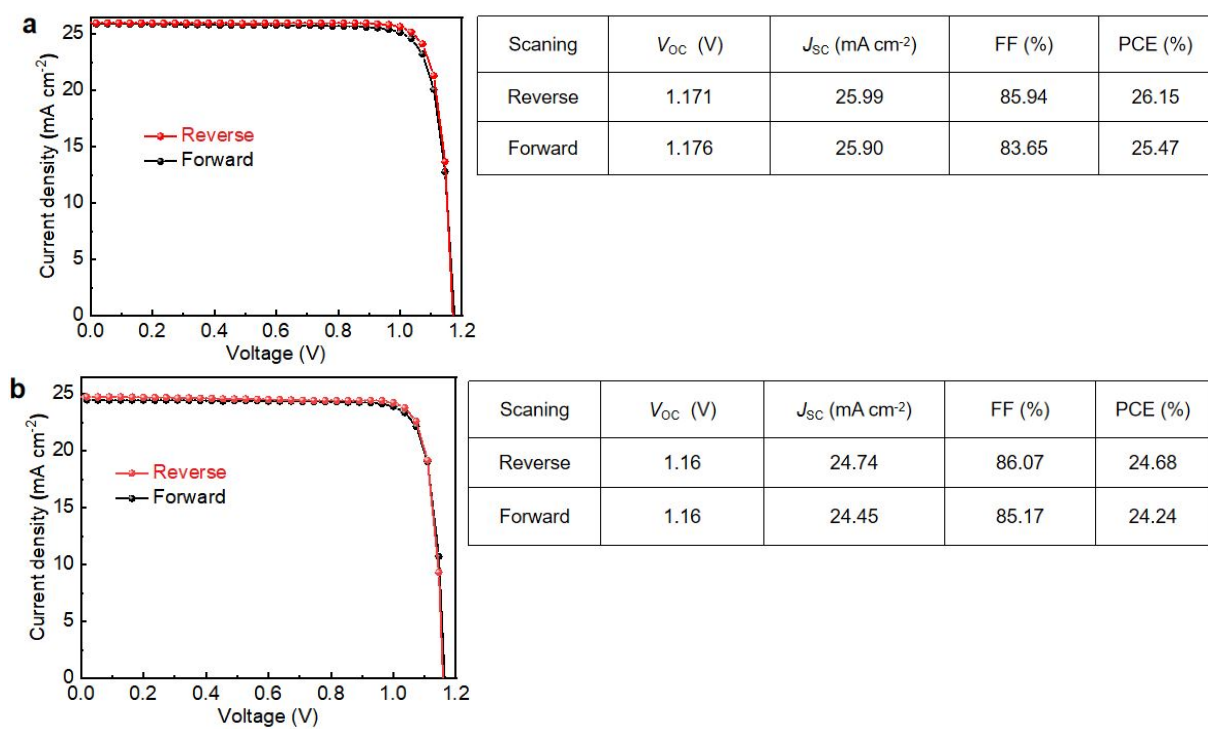


Figure S9. Performance comparison of the optimized rigid (a) and flexible (b) PSCs.

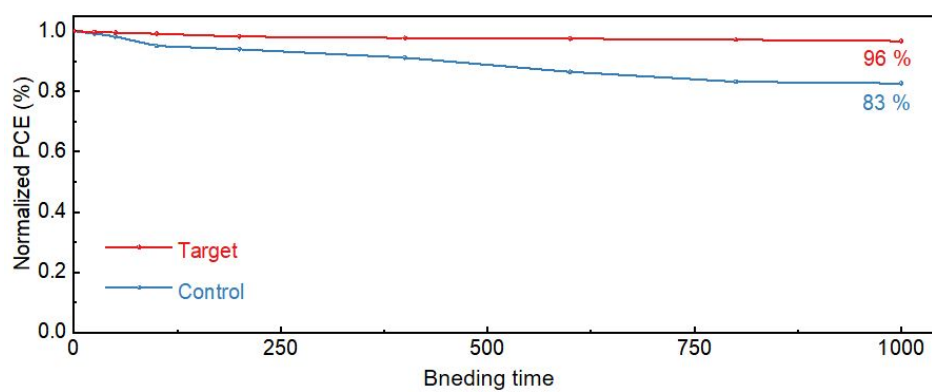


Figure S10. Mechanical flexibility of the flexible PSCs at a bending radius of 5.0 mm.

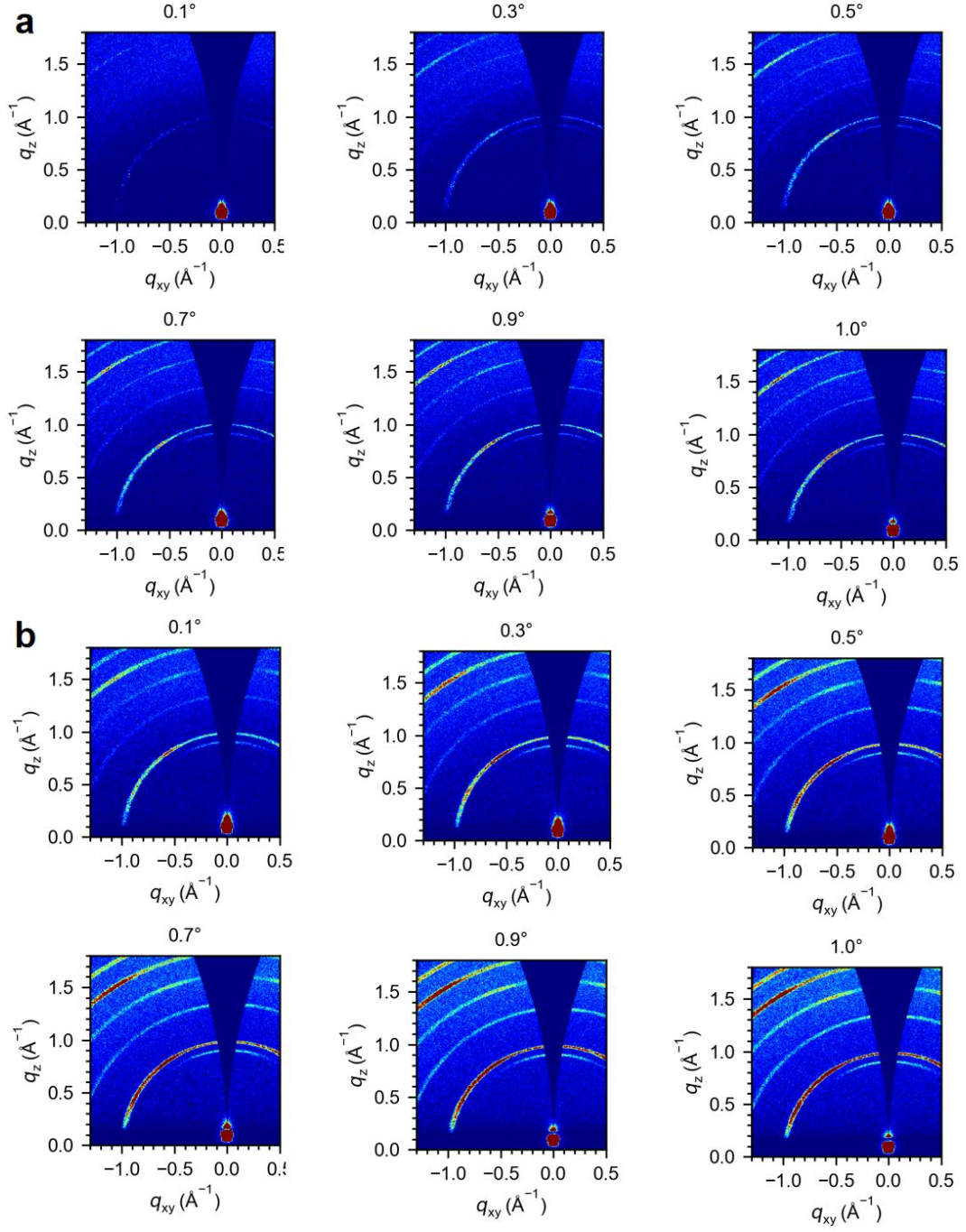


Figure S11. GIWAXS images of control (a) and TDH (b) perovskite films at an incidence angle of 0.1°, 0.3°, 0.5°, 0.7°, 0.9°, and 1.0°.

Table S1. Bond energy (eV) and Bader charge transfer (e) at the Pb-X (X=I and Cl) on the FAPbI₃ surface.

Atoms	I	Cl
Bond energy (eV)	3.24	4.16
Bader charge transfer (e)	0.19	0.28

Table S2. The summarized photovoltaic parameters of the champion flexible PSCs published recently.

V_{OC} [V]	J_{SC} [mA cm ⁻²]	FF [%]	PCE [%]	Publication	Refer
1.16	24.74	86.07	24.68	Here	
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1.19	25.28	82.1	24.71	Energy Environ. Sci. 2024, 17, 2621	2
1.19	25.0	82.4	24.51	Joule 2024, 8, 1120	3
1.18	25.14	80.1	23.70	Energy Environ. Sci. 2024, Advance Article. doi.org/10.1039/D4EE02925A	4
1.17	24.96	83.51	24.45	Adv. Mater. 2024, 36, 2405572	5
1.15	25.49	83.31	24.48	Adv. Mater. 2024, 36, 2403531	6
1.17	23.0	83.42	22.61	Adv. Mater. 2024, 36, 2401236	7
1.16	24.4	78.2	22.1	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2024, 2404686	8
1.14	25.36	83.57	24.08	Energy Environ. Sci. 2023, 16, 5423	9
1.14	24.96	80.5	23.13	Adv. Mater. 2023, 35, e2302752	10
1.17	24.8	81	23.68	Adv. Mater. 2023, 35, 2206387.	11
1.13	24.9	82	23.0	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2022, 32, 2204880	12
1.15	22.55	80.50	20.90	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2022, 32, 2205009	13
1.19	22.21	82.33	21.76	Energy Environ. Sci. 2022, 15, 3439	14
1.11	23.50	80.76	21.08	Adv. Mater. 2022, 34, 2201840	15
1.19	22.2	82.33	21.76	Energy Environ. Sci. 2022, 15, 3439	16
1.11	23.50	80.756	21.08	Adv. Mater. 2022, 34, 2201840	17
1.13	24.8	77.68	21.73	Adv. Mater. 2021, 33, 2105539	18
1.07	23.59	81.22	20.50	Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2021, 61, e202116602	19
1.13	22.05	81.3	20.27	Adv. Funct. Mater. 2021, 31, 2103252	20

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Table S3. q values of the (100) planes of perovskite films.

	Grazing incidence angle (°)	q (Å ⁻¹)
Control	0.1	0.99268
	0.3	0.99260
	0.5	0.99062
	0.7	0.98981
	0.9	0.98923
	1.0	0.98915
THD	0.1	0.98488
	0.3	0.98488
	0.5	0.98488
	0.7	0.98488
	0.9	0.98488
	1.0	0.98488

Table S4. The lifetimes of the control and TDH perovskite films coated on glass substrates.

	A_1	τ_1 (μs)	A_2	τ_2 (μs)	τ_a (μs)
Control	13.25	0.13	0.51	3.59	1.92
TDH	0.56	0.66	0.71	4.27	3.87