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Supporting Information

Cost-effective green antisolvent towards reproducible fabrication of high-efficiency perovskite solar cells

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Experimental Section

Materials:

The SnO₂ colloid precursor was purchased from Alfa Aesar. N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), Tert-butanol (TBA), and chlorobenzene (CB) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. PbI₂, FAI, MAI, CsI, bis(trifluoromethane) sulfonimide lithium salt (Li-TFSI), 4-tert-butylpyridine (TBP) and Spiro-OMeTAD were purchased from Xi'an Yuri Solar Co., Ltd.

Solar cells Fabrication:

The ITO glass substrate (1.5×1.5 cm) was cleaned with deionized water, acetone and isopropanol respectively for 15 minutes. Then the clean substrate was dried by a nitrogen stream, and treated with oxygen plasma for 5 minutes. The SnO₂ colloidal precursor was diluted with ultrapure water (volume ratio 9:40) to prepare the SnO₂ precursor. The SnO₂ precursor was spin-coated on the ITO substrate at a speed of 3500 rpm for 30 s, and then

annealed at 150°C for 30 minutes in the air (relative humidity RH=40%). Then the substrate was transferred to a nitrogen glove box to prepare the perovskite film. The perovskite precursor solution was prepared by dissolving corresponding amounts of CsI (30 mg), FAI (377.3 mg), PbI₂ (1102.4 mg), and MACl (51.8 mg) in DMF: DMSO (8:2, 5:5, 2:8 and 0:10 v/v) mixed solvent (1567 μ L). The perovskite film was prepared by one-step solution deposition method. 60 μ L perovskite precursor solution was deposited onto ITO/SnO₂ substrates and a two-step spin coating procedure with 1000 rpm for 10 s and 5000 rpm for 30 s was adopted. During the second spin-coating step, antisolvent (TBA or CB) was dripped on the rotating substrate at 1th, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, or 25th s. After that, the sample was annealed at 120°C for 60 min in a box (relative humidity RH=20-30%). The Spiro-OMeTAD solution was prepared by dissolving 72.3 mg Spiro-OMeTAD with 28.8 μ L TBP and 35 μ L LiTFSI (260 mg mL⁻¹ in ACN) in 1 mL chlorobenzene. Spiro-OMeTAD solution was then spin-coated on the perovskite layer with 4000 rpm for 30 s. Finally, about 120 nm Au was deposited on the spiro-OMeTAD layer.

Characterization:

FTIR spectra were measured by using VERTEX 70v (BRUKER, Germany). The wavenumber range was 400-4000 cm⁻¹, the resolution was 4 cm⁻¹, the scanning mode was a reflection mode, and the scan number was 64. XPS was measured by XPS machine (ESCALAB250XI, Thermo Fisher Scientific). The X-ray diffraction patterns were measured by using a Rigaku-2500 X-ray diffractometer with an X-ray tube (Cu K α , λ =1.5406 Å). The UV light source is He I, and the energy of He I is 21.22 eV. The basic vacuum of the analytical chamber is 3.0x10⁻⁸ Torr, and the bias voltage is -9 V. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and energy dispersive spectrometer (EDS) images were observed by using a JEOL JSM-8020 field-emission scanning electron microscope (JEOL, Japan) at 5-10 kV. EQE was recorded using a Newport Oriel QE-200 (Newport 300 W xenon lamp). All J-V curves were measured using a source meter (Keithley 2420, USA) under AM 1.5 sunlight at an irradiance of 100 mW cm⁻² provided by a solar simulator (Newport, Oriel Sol3A Class AAA, 94043A). The device area was 0.04 cm². Light intensity was calibrated using a monocrystalline silicon

reference cell with a KG5 window (Newport, Oriel 91150). Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was measured by Zennium (Zahner).

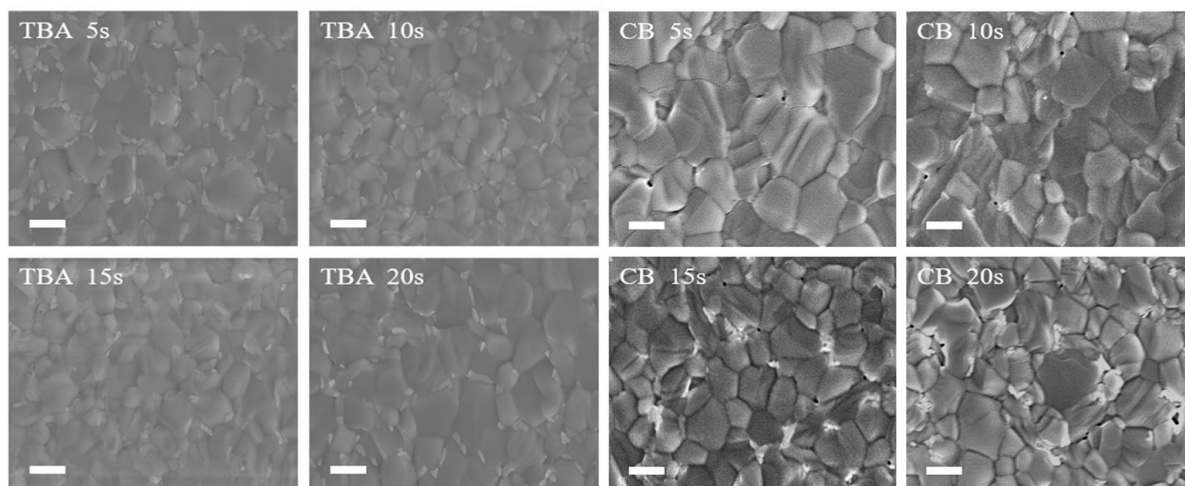


Figure S1 SEM images of perovskite films prepared with different antisolvent dripping time (DMF:DMSO ratio is 8:1, dripping volume is 300 μL), all scale bars are 1.5 μm .

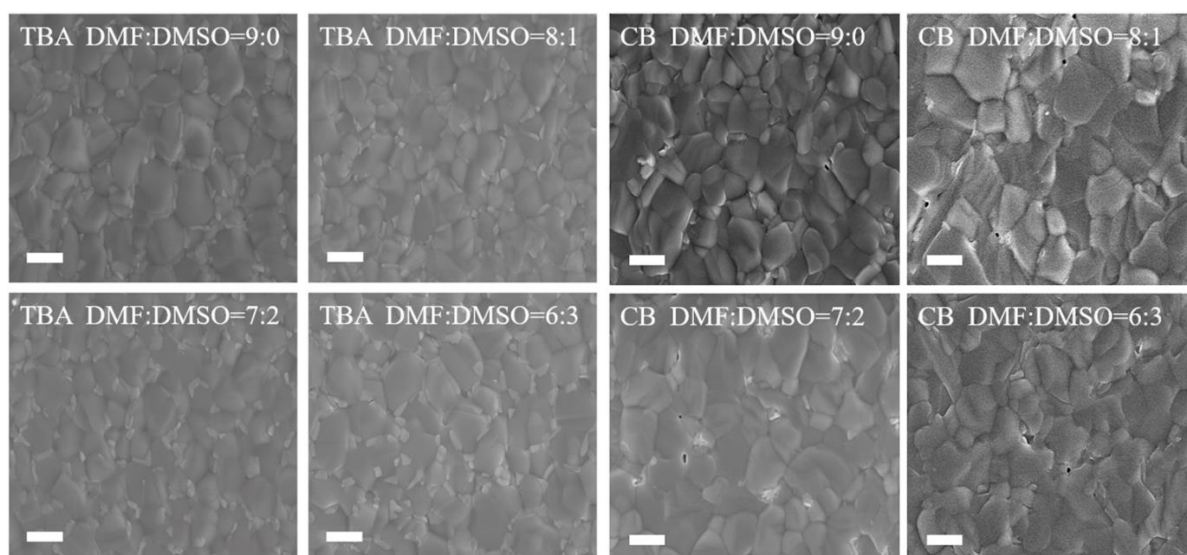


Figure S2 SEM images of perovskite films prepared with different DMF:DMSO ratio (dripping time is 10th s, dripping volume is 300 μL), all scale bars are 1.5 μm .

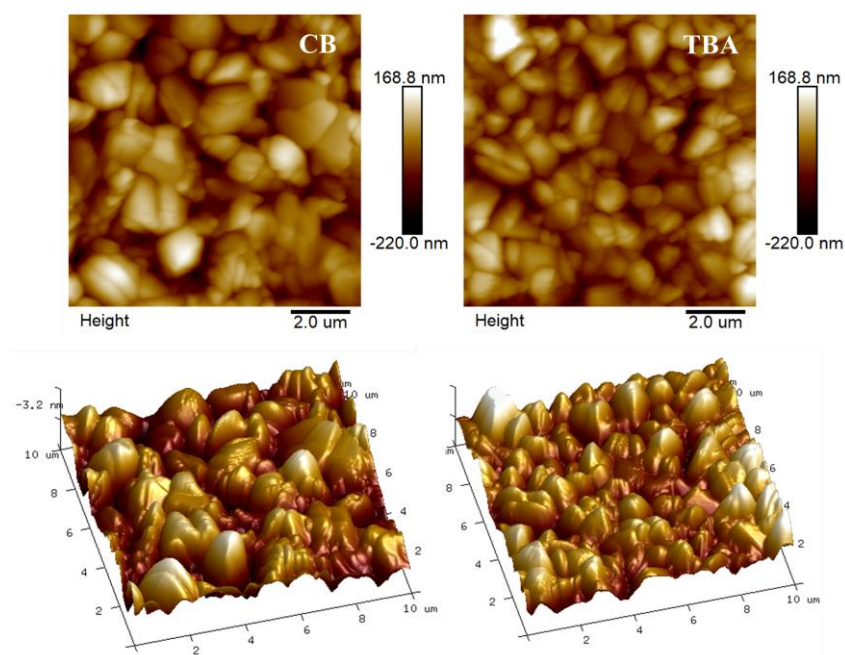


Figure S3 AFM images of perovskite films treated with CB or TBA antisolvent.

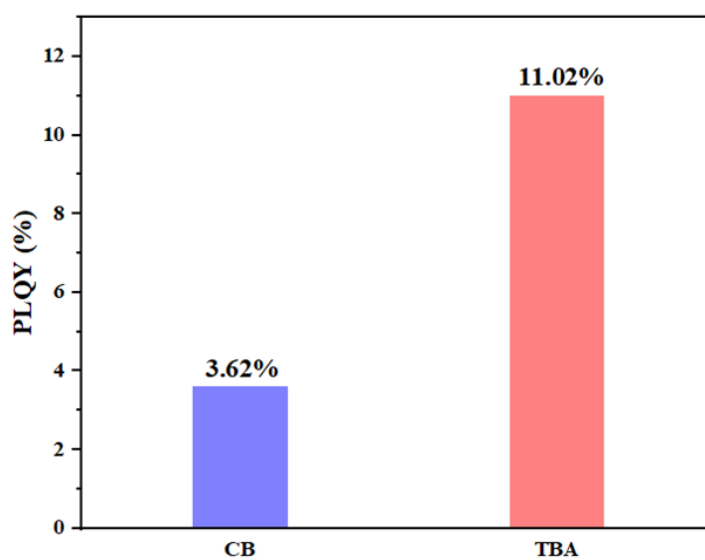


Figure S4 Absolute photoluminescence quantum yield (PLQY) measurements.

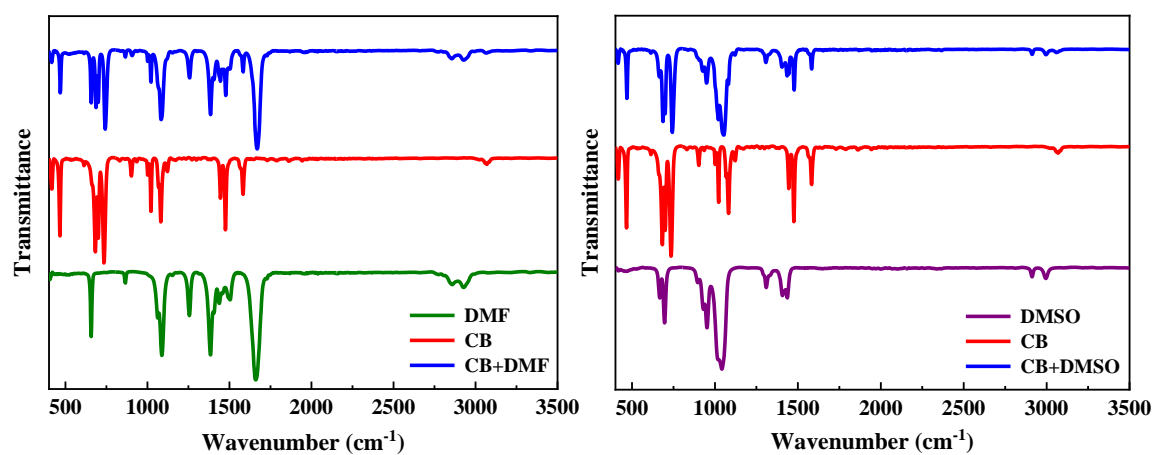


Figure S5 FTIR spectroscopy of solvent.

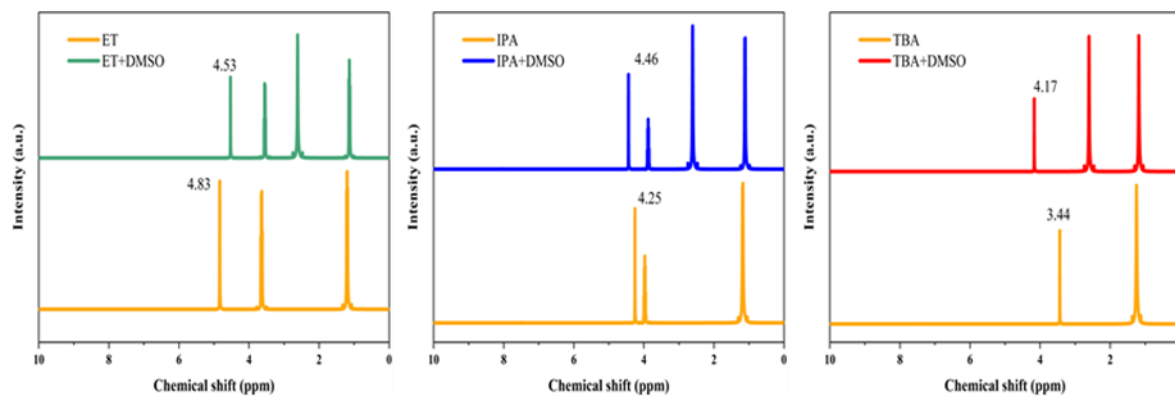


Figure S6 ^1H NMR spectra of solvent.

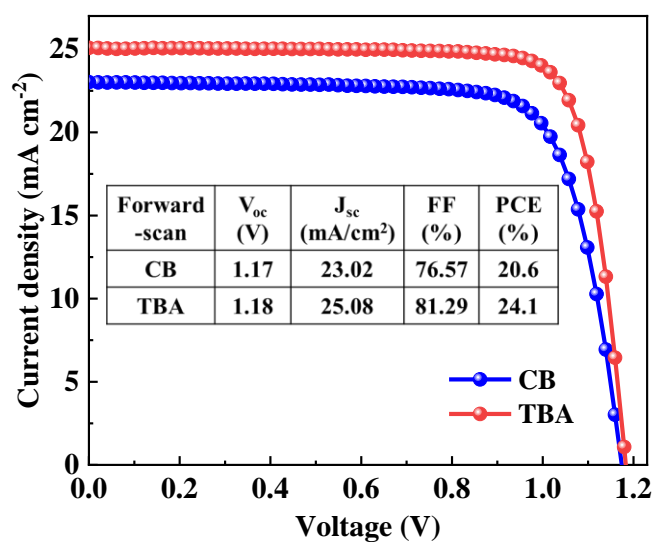


Figure S7 J-V curves of devices (Forward-scan).

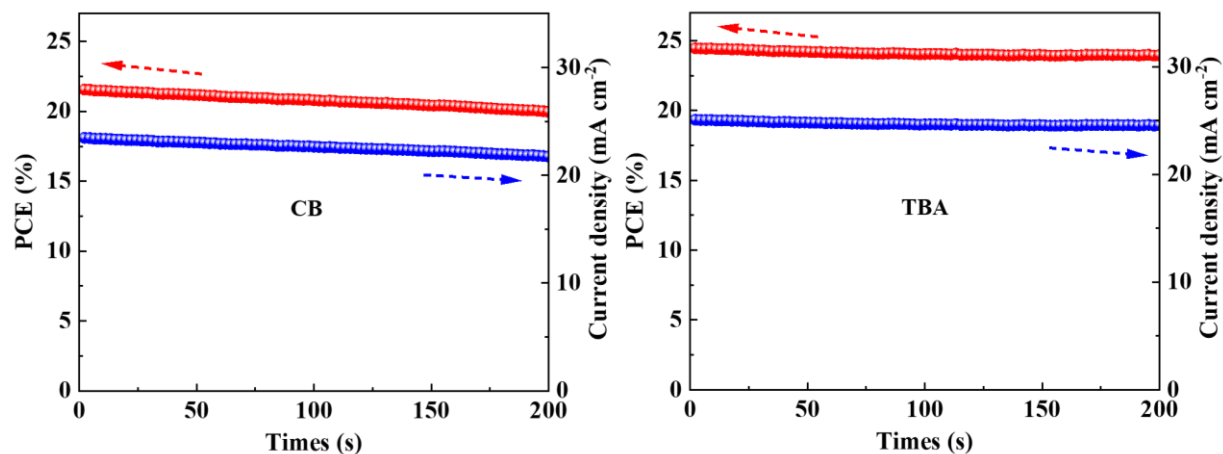


Figure S8 Steady-state output of devices at MPP under 1-sun illumination.

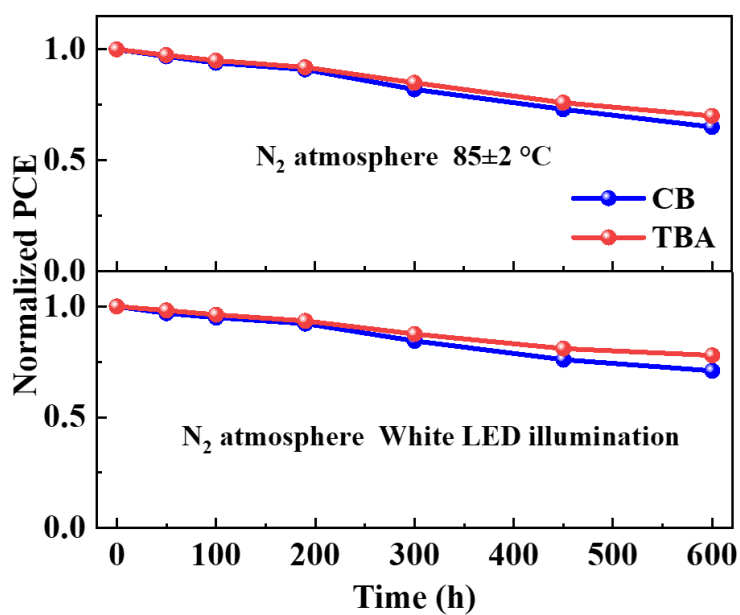


Figure S9 Thermal stability at 85 °C and light stability in simulated one sun illumination achieved by a white-light LED array.

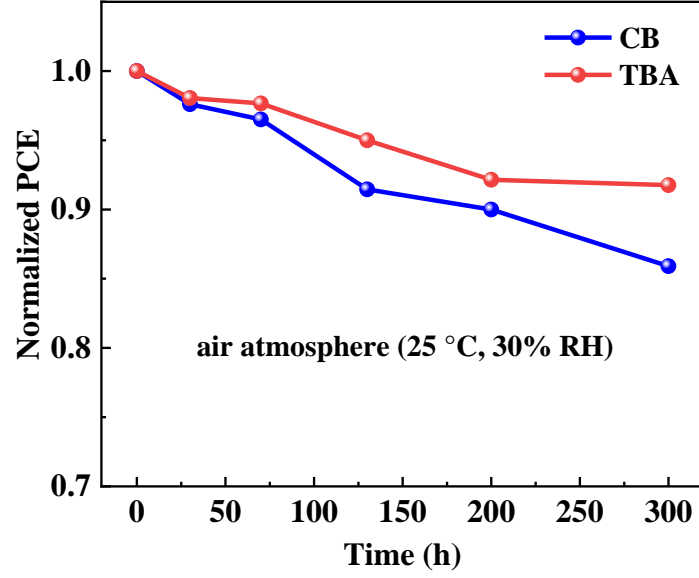


Figure S10 Long-term stability of devices in ambient air at 25 °C and 30% relative humidity without encapsulation.

The average recombination lifetime was estimated from the TRPL spectra fitted by a bi-exponential decay function, the equation is as follows:¹

$$\tau_{ave} = \frac{\sum A_i \tau_i^2}{\sum A_i \tau_i} \quad S1$$

where τ_i is decay times and A_i is amplitudes.

Table S1 Parameters of the TRPL spectra of perovskite films prepared with CB or TBA antisolvent.

Sample	τ_1 [ns]	A_1	τ_2 [ns]	A_2	τ_{ave} [ns]
CB	223.38	16.15	1852.27	173.99	1834.24
TBA	342.55	31.63	3382.88	304.64	3351.25

The trap density (N_t) can be determined from the curves via the following relation:²

$$N_t = \frac{2\epsilon_0\epsilon_r V_{TFL}}{eL^2} \quad S2$$

where ϵ_0 is the vacuum permittivity, ϵ_r is the relative dielectric constant of the perovskite, V_{TFL} is the trap-filled limit voltage, e is the electron charge, and L is the perovskite film thickness.

Table S2 Calculated trap density (N_t) of perovskite films prepared with CB or TBA antisolvent.

Sample	L [nm]	ϵ	V_{TFL} [V]	$N_t [\times 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}]$
CB	620	42	0.30	3.6
TBA	620	42	0.24	2.9

Table S3 EIS parameters of PSCs prepared with CB or TBA antisolvent.

Sample	$R_s [\Omega]$	$R_{tr} [\text{k}\Omega]$	$C_{tr} [\text{F}]$	$R_{rec} [\text{k}\Omega]$	$C_{rec} [\text{F}]$
CB	1.48	0.777	1.083E-7	12.69	5.576E-7
TBA	0.92	0.443	9.709E-8	15.64	2.234E-7

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