## **Supporting Information**

## Layer-by-layer deposition and photovoltaic property of Ru-based metal-organic frameworks

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**Table. S1**. Photovoltaic performance parameters of solar cell with a photoanode sensitized with

 Ru-MOF (LbL) film at various LbL cycles.

Photoanode	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	J <sub>sc</sub> (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	FF	E <sub>FF</sub> (%)
$FTO/TiO_2/Ru MOFs-10$ cycles (undoped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.48	0.33	0.39	0.06
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ru MOFs-2 cycles (doped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.56	0.84	0.57	0.27
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ru MOFs-4 cycles (doped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.59	1.19	0.60	0.43
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ru MOFs-6 cycles (doped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.61	1.43	0.61	0.53
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ru MOFs-8 cycles (doped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.62	2.13	0.62	0.83
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ru MOFs-10 cycles (doped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.63	2.56	0.63	1.22
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ru MOFs-12 cycles (doped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.63	2.49	0.63	0.99
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ru MOFs-14 cycles (doped I <sub>2</sub> )	0.61	1.45	0.63	0.58

Table S2. Interfacial resistance obtained by fitting the impedance spectra using Z-view software.

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Photoanode	Rs (Ω cm <sup>2</sup> )	R1 (Ω cm <sup>2</sup> )	R2 (Ω cm <sup>2</sup> )	
I <sub>2</sub> doped	12.47	1.32	129.26	
undoped	12.51	1.67	364.08	



**Fig. S1** SEM top (a) and cross sectional (b) views of a thin film of Ru-MOFs prepared by LbL technique (10 LbL cycles) on a glass substrate. (c) UV/Visible absorption spectrum of the same film.



Fig. S2 SEM top views of doctor blade  $TiO_2$  film on a FTO glass (a) before and (b) after, sensitizing with LbL film of Ru-MOFs at 10 LbL cycles.



**Fig. S3**(a) Plot showing the estimation of HOMO-LUMO energy gap of Ru-MOFs film, (b) CV of Ru-MOFs film in acetonitrile containing 0.1 M tetra-n-butlammonium tetra fluoroborate. The arrow in CV indicates the HOMO level.



**Fig. S4** UV/visible spectra of iodine solution in acetonitrile (a) before and (b) after, immersing thin LbL film of Ru-MOFs on a glass substrate for 8h.