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### High performance platinum-free counter electrode of molybdenum

## sulfide/carbon used in dye-sensitized solar cells †

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Figure S1-S4, Table S1



Fig. S1 EDS spectrum of the MoS<sub>2</sub>/C sample.



**Fig. S2** CVs for MoS<sub>2</sub>/C electrodes with different thicknesses, measuring at scan rate of 10 mV $\cdot$ s<sup>-1</sup>.

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Fig. S3 Nyquist plots of the dummy cells based on two identical MoS<sub>2</sub>/C electrodes with different

#### thicknesses.



Fig. S4 J-V curves of the DSSCs based on the MoS<sub>2</sub>/C CEs with different carbon contents.

**Table S1** The photoelectric properties of the DSSCs based on the  $MoS_2/C$  CE with various thicknesses. ( $V_{oc}$ : open circuit voltage; *FF*: fill factor;  $J_{sc}$ : short-circuit current density)

CE thickness	$V_{oc}\left(\mathbf{V} ight)$	$J_{sc}$ (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF	η (%)
4 μm	0.68	12.29	0.61	5.10
8 µm	0.73	14.53	0.65	6.89
12 µm	0.75	15.07	0.68	7.69
16 µm	0.74	14.35	0.66	7.01
20 µm	0.67	12.48	0.58	4.85