

Supporting Information

## Facile preparation of $\text{TiO}_x$ film as interface material for efficient inverted polymer solar cells

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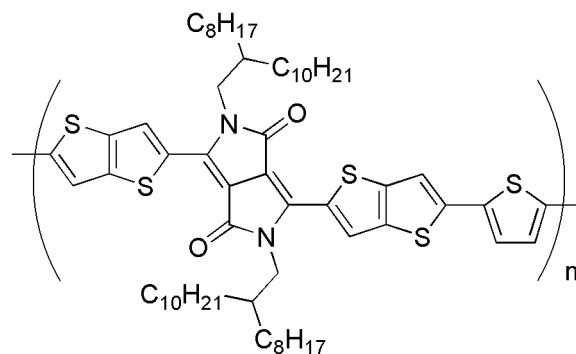
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### 1. Low bandgap polymer and device fabrication

Scheme S1 shows the structure of low bandgap polymer **P1**, which was obtained from Shenzhen (China) Derthon Optoelectronic Materials Science & Technology Co., LTD. The molecular weight (Mw) is 87600 and the polydispersity index (PDI) is 3.65.

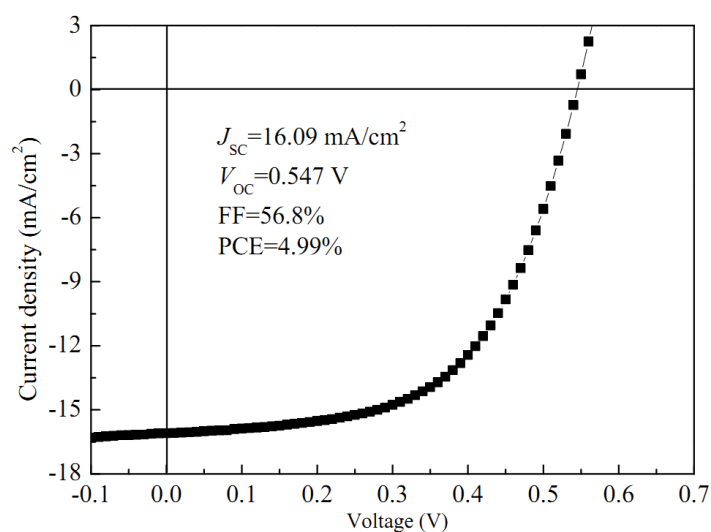
Inverted polymer solar cell was fabricated with polymer **P1** by spin-coating of a 1:2 polymer:PC<sub>71</sub>BM mixture in a 4:1 chloroform/*o*-dichlorobenzene solution onto an ITO: $\alpha$ -TiO<sub>x</sub> substrate, followed by evaporation of MoO<sub>3</sub> (5 nm)/Ag (100 nm) as an anode. The concentration of **P1** and the thickness of active layer are the same with Ref. 1.



**Scheme S1.** The molecular structure of P1.

## 2. Photovoltaic performance of the PSC

Figure S1 shows the photovoltaic performance of the inverted PSC based on **P1**:PC<sub>71</sub>BM. The PCE 4.99% is obtained, with an improved short circuit current density ( $J_{SC}$ ) of 16.09 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, an open circuit voltage ( $V_{OC}$ ) of 0.547 V and a fill factor (FF) of 56.8%. One can observe that its  $J_{SC}$  was improved compared to the data of Ref. 1 (15.0 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>). The improved  $J_{SC}$  is consistent with the results obtained from the devices based on P3HT and fullerenes system.



**Figure S1.** Photovoltaic performance of inverted polymer solar cell based on **P1**:PC<sub>71</sub>BM system.

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