

## Supporting Information

### Enhanced charge extraction of Polymer Solar Cell by Solution-Processable Gold Nanoparticles

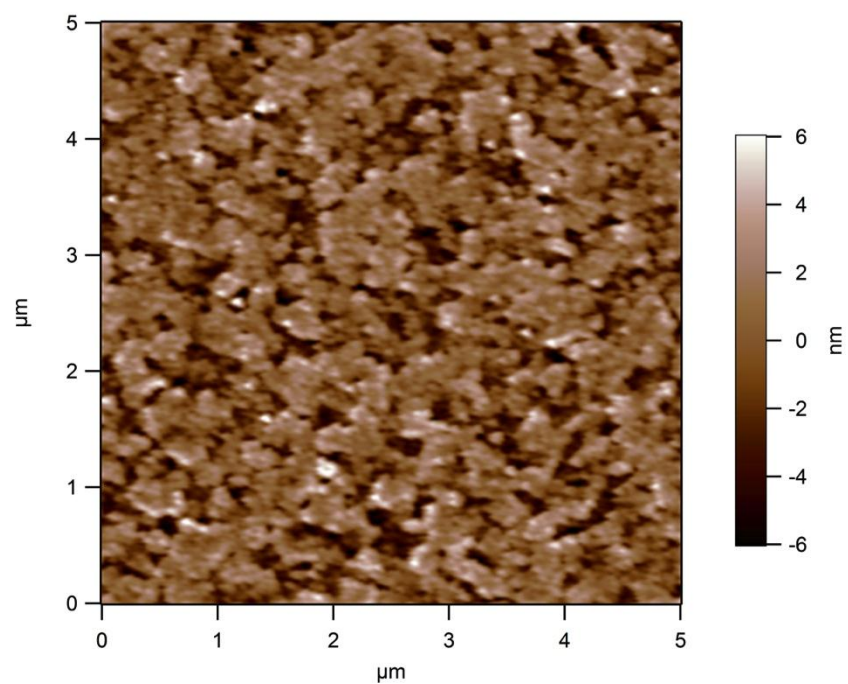
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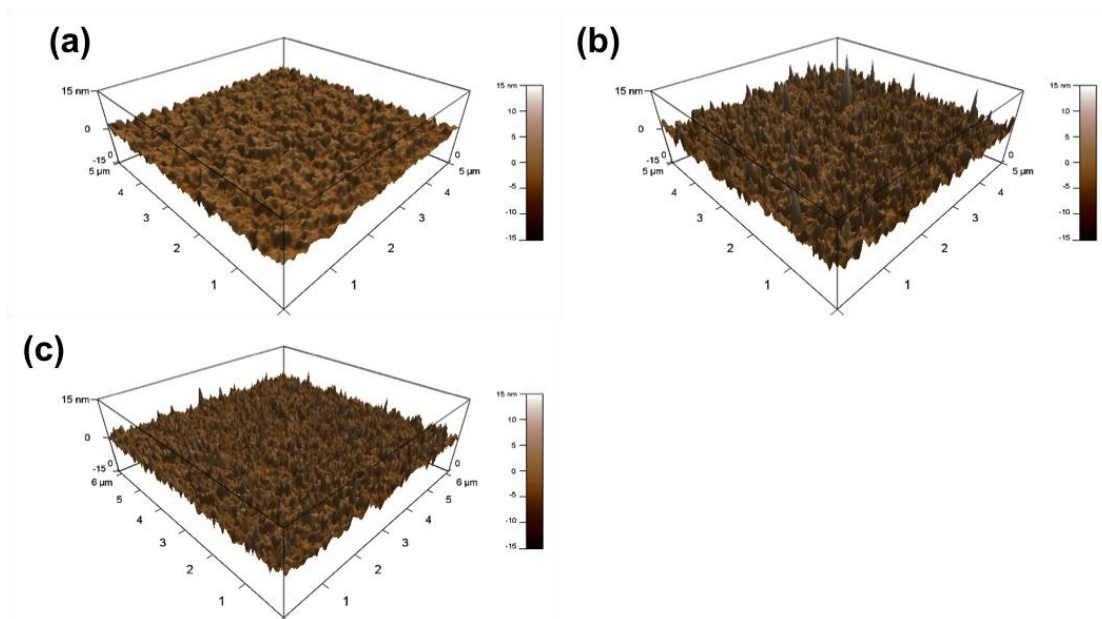
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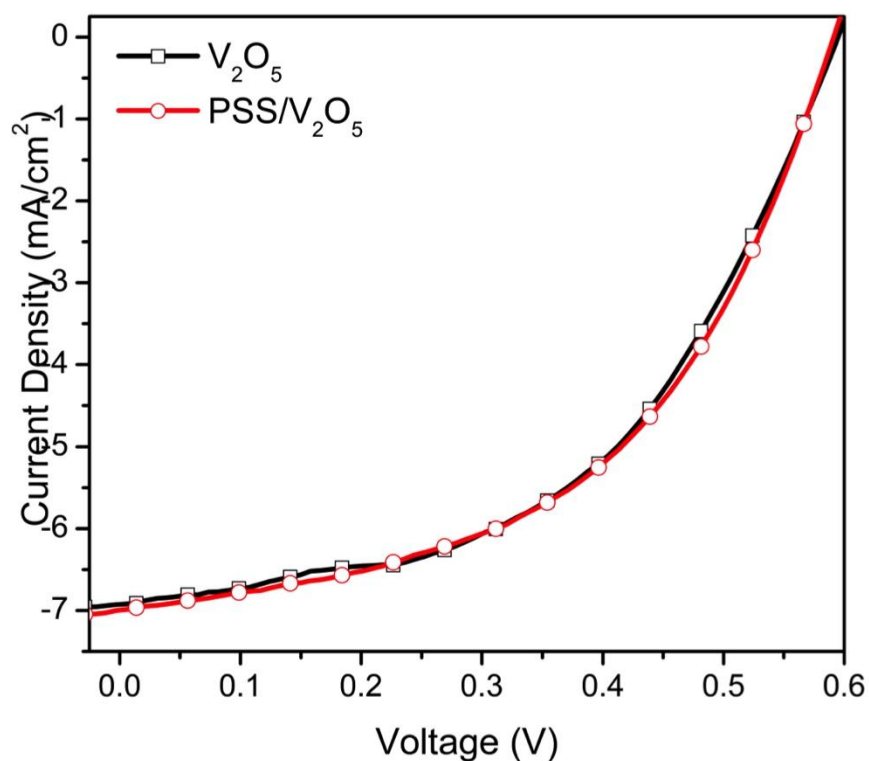
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**Figure S 1:** AFM height topography of blank ITO substrate.



**Figure S 2:** 3D AFM topography images of (a) V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, (b) Au-NP/V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, (c) Au-NP:PSS/V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> on ITO substrate.



**Figure S 3:** The effect of insertion of PSS between  $V_2O_5$  and ITO substrate on the current-voltage characteristics of polymer solar cells.

**Table S 1:** Summary of performance parameters of P3HT:PC<sub>61</sub>BM solar cells fabricated by varying the component in buffer layer.

Buffer Layer	$V_{oc}$ (V)	$J_{sc}$ (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	PCE (%)	FF (%)
$V_2O_5$	0.596	7.02	2.11	50.5
PSS/ $V_2O_5$	0.592	7.00	2.13	51.4