Organic spacer-based quasi-two-dimensional perovskites with improved moisture stability for high-performance planar solar cells

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Quasi-two-dimensional (Q-2D) perovskites have shown great potential for application in solar cells due to their intrinsic stability, where the organic spacer dominantly determines the Q-2D perovskite ambient stability and device performance. In this work, a novel Q-2D perovskite photosensitizer was prepared by 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)ethylamine hydroiodide (MPAI) as organic spacer and methylammonium iodide (MAI) for the fabrication of perovskite solar cells (PSCs). The synthesized MPA<sub>0.2</sub>MA<sub>0.8</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub> film exhibited the absorption bands at  $\sim$ 760 nm and optical bandgap was estimated as  $\sim$ 1.63 eV. The morphological, optical and photovoltaic properties of Q-2D perovskites were enhanced by adding different amine derivatives i.e. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, NH<sub>4</sub>F, NH<sub>4</sub>SCN as light-harvesting layer. The fabricated device of configuration FTO/TiO<sub>2</sub>/MPA<sub>0.2</sub>MA<sub>0.8</sub>PbI<sub>3</sub>/NH<sub>4</sub>SCN/Spiro-OMeTAD/Au achieved power conversion efficiency (PCE) of  $\sim$ 15.1% with short circuit current density (J<sub>sc</sub>) of  $\sim$ 22.9 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, open-circuit voltage (V<sub>oc</sub>) of 1.11 eV and fill factor (FF) value of 0.59.