Supporting Information for

# Manipulating Crystal Growth and Secondary Phase PbI<sub>2</sub> to Enable

## Efficient and Stable Perovskite Solar Cells with Natural Additives

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# **Supplementary Figures and Tables**



**Fig. S1** Synthesis process of cellulose derivatives of (**a**) C-CN, (**b**) C-Im and (**c**) C-Im-CN



**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of cellulose derivatives of (**a**) C-CN, (**b**) C-Im and (**c**) C-Im-CN



Fig. S3 Statistic grain size of the control and perovskites passivated with different cellulose derivatives



Fig. S4 (a-c) Top-view SEM images of PVSK/C-Im-CN film



Fig. S5 AFM images and height distribution curves of the perovskite films treated with cellulose derivatives



**Fig. S6** TOP-view SEM image, EDS maps and element content map of the "white flakes" on grain surface of perovskite passivated with C-Im-CN



**Fig. S7** TOP-view SEM image, EDS maps and element content map of the "plate-like crystallite" at grain boundary of perovskite passivated with C-Im-CN



**Fig. S8** TOP-view SEM image, EDS maps and element content map of the dark regions in the PVSK/C-Im-CN film



Fig. S9 Top-view SEM images of PVSK/C-Im-CN films with different DS values of C-Im-CN



**Fig. S10** Top-view SEM images of the control and PVSK/C-Im-CN films with different concentration of C-Im-CN



**Fig. S11** Cross-sectional SEM image and EDS mapping of PVSK/C-Im-CN film (Scale bar: 500 nm)



Fig. S12 XRD spectra of perovskites passivated with cellulose derivatives



**Fig. S13** Intensity vs. scatter factor  $(q_z)$  profiles of the control and PVSK/C-Im-CN taken from 2D GIWAXS patterns



Fig. S14 GIWAXS patterns of the perovskite films passivated with different cellulose derivatives

Table S1 Data fit of crystal orientation from 2D GIWAXS patterns of the control and PVSK/C-Im-CN

Sample	FWHM (001)	h <sub>c1</sub>	FWHM (110)	h <sub>c2</sub>
Control	29.85	0.83	24.40	0.86
PVSK/C-Im-CN	14.09	0.92	17.57	0.90



**Fig. S15** (a) C 1s and (b) O 1s high-resolution XPS spectra of control and perovskites passivated with cellulose derivatives



Fig. S16 XRD curves of PbI2 and PbI2@C-Im-CN films



Fig. S17 GIWAXS patterns of (a) PbI<sub>2</sub> and (b) PbI<sub>2</sub>/C-Im-CN films



Fig. S18 TOP-view SEM images of (a) PbI2 and (b) PbI2/C-Im-CN films

**Table S2** Efficiency and detailed performance parameters of the control and perovskites

 with different cellulose derivatives

Devices	V <sub>oc</sub> (V)	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
Control	1.13	23.77	76.72	20.58
PVSK/CA	1.14	24.05	77.19	21.20
PVSK/C-Im	1.16	24.67	77.93	22.42
PVSK/C-CN	1.16	25.07	78.52	22.88
PVSK/C-Im-CN	1.17	24.90	80.16	23.35

 Table S3 Efficiency, HI index and detailed performance parameters of reverse and forward of the control and PVSK/C-Im-CN

Devices	$V_{ m oc}$ (V)	$J_{\rm sc}~({\rm mA}\cdot{\rm cm}^{-2})$	FF (%)	PCE (%)	HI index (%)
Control-RS	1.13	23.77	76.72	20.58	0.52
<b>Control-FS</b>	1.12	22.87	72.57	18.62	9.52
PVSK/C-Im-CN-RS	1.17	24.90	80.16	23.35	2 75
PVSK/C-Im-CN-FS	1.17	24.31	79.55	22.57	2.75

**Table S4** Efficiency, HI index and detailed performance parameters of reverse and forward of the control plus and PVSK/C-Im-CN plus.

Devices	$V_{\rm oc}$ (V)	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)	HI index (%)
Control plus-RS	1.17	24.50	78.82	22.55	5 1 4
Control plus-FS	1.16	24.14	76.35	21.39	5.14
PVSK/C-Im-CN plus-RS	1.20	25.69	80.45	24.71	2 59
PVSK/C-Im-CN plus-FS	1.20	25.09	79.50	24.06	2.39



**Fig. S19** Statistical distribution of experimental J-V parameters with PVSK/C-Im-CN devices. (a) Voc; (b) Jsc; (c) FF; (d) PCE



**Fig. S20** Steady-state PCE versus time for the champion devices of the control and PVSK/cellulose derivatives measured at maximum power point (without CH<sub>3</sub>O-PEAI)



Fig. S21 GIWAXS patterns of the control and PVSK/C-Im-CN treated with  $CH_3O-PEAI$ 



**Fig. S22** J-V curves of PVSK/C-Im-CN devices fabricated by using C-Im-CN/DMF/DMSO with different concentrations of C-Im-CN

**Table S5** Efficiency and detailed performance parameters of PVSK/C-Im-CN devices fabricated by using C-Im-CN/DMF/DMSO with different concentrations of C-Im-CN

C-Im-CN	$V_{\rm oc}$ (V)	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
0.10 mg ⋅ mL <sup>-1</sup>	1.19	25.04	80.75	24.15
0.15 mg·mL <sup>-1</sup>	1.20	25.69	80.45	24.71
0.20 mg·mL <sup>-1</sup>	1.19	25.23	80.45	24.23
0.25 mg⋅mL <sup>-1</sup>	1.18	25.12	79.67	23.66



Fig. S23 J-V curves of PVSK/C-Im-CN devices with different DS of C-Im-CN

C-Im-CN (DS)	$V_{\rm oc}$ (V)	$J_{\rm sc}$ (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
0.35	1.20	25.09	79.74	24.02
0.63	1.20	25.69	80.45	24.71
1.35	1.19	24.72	79.69	23.47
2.66	1.18	24.63	77.87	22.67

**Table S6** Efficiency and detailed performance parameters of PVSK/C-Im-CN devices

 with different DS of C-Im-CN

**Table S7** Efficiency and detailed performance parameters of PSCs based on different cellulose additives in recent years [S1–S11]

Туре	Voc (V)	Jsc (mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)	Year and Ref.
EC	0.90	18.62	63.00	10.60	2016 [1]
EC	0.99	21.18	67.20	14.08	2016 [2]
EC	1.10	22.89	77.10	19.41	2019 [3]
HEC	0.89	16.12	62.00	8.90	2019 [4]
CDHC	0.96	17.73	61.00	10.38	2019 [4]
HEC	1.12	17.90	78.50	15.70	2021 [5]
CA	1.08	10.88	64.00	7.52	2021 [6]
CA	1.11	23.05	76.33	19.53	2021 [7]
HPC	1.15	22.75	78.39	20.46	2022 [8]
HEC	1.16	23.02	79.74	21.26	2022 [8]
CAB	1.13	23.49	81.00	21.50	2023 [9]
C-Cz	1.14	24.59	82.12	23.02	2023 [10]
Cin-CNCs	1.15	24.84	81.07	23.18	2023 [11]
C-Im-CN plus	1.20	25.69	80.45	24.71	This work

**Table S8** Fitting parameters for PL decays and derived time constants of the control and perovskite/cellulose derivatives films

No.	$ au_1(\mu s)$	A1	$ au_2(\mu s)$	$A_2$	τ <sub>ave</sub> (ns)
Control	0.5623	444.08	0.5623	542.76	498.35
PVSK/CA	0.5642	447.33	0.5642	546.73	502.00
PVSK/C-Im	0.5591	744.36	0.5591	909.77	835.33
PVSK/C-CN	0.1124	301.17	0.9649	946.86	923.79
PVSK/C-Im-CN	0.5246	1610.51	0.5246	1968.40	1807.35



Fig. S24 Dark J-V curves for the electron-only devices with the structure of  $ITO/SnO_2$ /perovskite/PCBM/Ag



Fig. S25 Dark J-V curves for the hole-only devices with the structure of ITO/PEDOT:PSS/perovskite/Spiro-OMETAD



Fig. S26 UPS spectra and work function  $(W_f)$  results of the control and perovskite/cellulose derivatives films



Fig. S27 UPS spectra and valence band maximum (VBM) results of the control and perovskite/cellulose derivatives films



**Fig. S28** (**a**, **b**) Cross-sectional SEM images of the control and PVSK/C-Im-CN film under high humidity condition after 300 h (RH = 50-60%, T = 20-25 °C) (Scale bar: 500 nm); (**c**) PCEs of the control and the PVSK/C-Im-CN devices under high humidity condition (RH = 50-60%, T = 20-25 °C)

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