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Two Low-Cost and Efficient Hole-Transporting Materials for n−i−p Type Organic−Inorganic Hybrid Perovskite Solar Cells

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ABSTRACT: The simpler the design, the better and more effective it is. Two novel conjugated triarylamine derivatives in donor−π−donor structure employing biphenyl core and pyrene core as π -bridges, which are termed as Bp-OMe and Py-OMe, have been synthesized and characterized and then applied to perovskite solar cells (PSCs) as hole-transport materials (HTMs) successfully. Using $2,2',7,7'$ -tetrakis(N,N di-p-methoxy-phenylamine)-9,9′-spirobiuorene (spiro-OMe-TAD) as a relative reference, Py-OMe-based PSCs showed the best power conversion efficiency (PCE) of 19.28% under AM 1.5 G illumination at 100 mW cm[−]² , which is comparable to that of PSCs based on spiro-OMeTAD with a best PCE of 18.57% with doping. Although Bp-OMe-based PSCs performed with relatively poor PCEs (best PCE of 15.06%) than

those of Py-OMe-based PSCs, attributing to the poor planarity and hole mobility, taking the cost into consideration, Bp-OMe and Py-OMe are much more likely to be promising efficient HTMs for PSCs.

■ INTRODUCTION

When power conversion efficiencies (PCEs) in photovoltaic industry oriented by crystal silicon solar cells almost reached their peaks,^{[1](#page-5-0),[2](#page-5-0)} the roaring across the horizon of organic− inorganic hybrid perovskite solar cells (PSCs) at the dawn of the 21th century gave the scientific and energy community a great surprise. Excellent photovoltaic properties, such as a large absorption scope, narrow band gap, high carrier mobility, long carrier diffusion, and high stability of the perovskite (PVSK) light-absorber in PSCs makes it the most striking material of the new generation in photovoltaics, and the skyrocketing PCEs, simplification of device architectures, and cost reduction of PSCs give infinite and positive possibilities.^{[3](#page-5-0),[4](#page-5-0)}

It has been certified by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) recently that the PCEs of PSCs have reached to over 22% from the initial 3.8% by engineering of charge extracting layers and device architectures, as well as decrease in defects and hysteresis.⁵ [It is good to be reminded](#page-5-0) that introducing hole-transport materials (HTMs) to PSC devices led to a noteworthy improvement in PCEs.^{6,7} Besides extracting holes from PVSK to metal electrodes, HTMs also prevent the backflow of electrons from PVSK to metal electrodes and determine the open voltage circuit (V_{OC}) of PSCs.⁸ [Owing to their excellent performance, organic small](#page-5-0) molecules 2,2′,7,7′-tetrakis(N,N-di-p-methoxy-phenylamine)- 9,9′-spirobiuorene (spiro-OMeTAD) and macromolecule

poly[-bis(4-phenyl)(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)amine] become the most successful and popularly employed HTMs in PSC devices.[9](#page-5-0),[10](#page-5-0) However, their disadvantages such as long synthetic route and high cost are negative to PSCs' commercialization.^{[11,12](#page-5-0)} Therefore, developing low-cost and efficient HTMs is still an urgent task. Recently, some organic small molecules that are typically linear, 13 [star-shaped,](#page-5-0) 14,15 14,15 14,15 14,15 14,15 and butterfly-shaped¹⁶ donor- π −[donor conjugated were intro](#page-5-0)duced into PSCs as HTMs. Using molecules such as spiro[fluorene-9,9'-xanthene],¹⁷ [thiophene,](#page-6-0)¹⁸ [3,4-ethylenediox](#page-6-0)ythiophene,¹⁹ [carbazole,](#page-6-0)²⁰ [naphtho-dithiophene,](#page-6-0)^{[21,22](#page-6-0)} and triazatruxene 23 as π [-bridges and diphenylamine, triphenylamine,](#page-6-0) or diarylamine-substituted carbazole as electron donors, these HTMs showed excellent photoelectric function performance in PSCs.

In this work, as shown in [Scheme 1](#page-1-0), two new triarylamine derivatives named as Bp-OMe and Py-OMe, respectively, employing biphenyl core and pyrene core as π -bridges were synthesized and characterized and then applied to PSCs as HTMs. For photoelectric conversion, using spiro-OMeTAD as an objective and relative reference, doping with lithium bis(trifluoromethane-sulfonyl)imide salt (Li-TFSI) and 4-tert-

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^aa: Pd(PPh₃)₄, 2 M K₂CO₃, tetrahydrofuran (THF)/H₂O (10:1), under N₂, and reflux for 12 h.

butylpyridine (TBP), Py-OMe-based PSCs showed the best PCE of 19.23% (under AM 1.5 G illumination at 100 mW cm[−]²), which is higher than that of PSCs based on spiro-OMeTAD with the best PCE of 18.57%. Although Bp-OMebased PSCs performed with relatively poor PCEs (a best PCE of 15.06%) than those of Py-OMe-based PSCs, attributing to the poor planarity and hole mobility, taking the cost into consideration, Bp-OMe and Py-OMe are much more likely promising efficient HTMs for PSCs for they can be obtained by a one-step Suzuki−Miyaura C−C cross-coupling²⁴ [with](#page-6-0) high yields and sample purification. The estimated costs of Bp-OMe and Py-OMe are $$62.7$ and $$50.1\text{ g}^{-1}$, respectively, much cheaper than that of our purchased spiro-OMeTAD (\approx \$176.5 g⁻¹),^{[12](#page-5-0)[,25](#page-6-0)} making them very possible as prevailing commercial HTMs for PSCs. For PVSK absorber layer, replacing methylammonium (MA) with the larger formamidinium (FA) cation can further lower its band gap and extend light absorption to the infrared region.^{26−[28](#page-6-0)} On the other hand, doping moderate bromide to the absolute iodine PVSK enhances the charge carrier lifetime. As has been reported, a combination of two PVSK materials with the nominal formula $(FAPbI₃)_{0.85}(MAPbBr₃)_{0.15}$ may create a higher PCE,^{[28](#page-6-0),[29](#page-6-0)} so we used this kind of PVSK in the present paper.

■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis. Biphenyl-triphenylamine and pyrene-triphenylamine derivatives (Bp-OMe and Py-OMe), which can be purified via simple recrystallization, were synthesized by onestep straightforward Suzuki−Miyaura cross-coupling under a N2 atmosphere in excellent overall yields (85% for Bp-OMe and 89% for Py-OMe), starting from commercial 4-(4,4,5,5 tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-N,N-bis(4 methoxyphenyl)aniline, brominated biphenyl, and brominated pyrene. The chemical structures of Bp-OMe and Py-OMe were confirmed by ${}^{1}H/{}^{13}C$ (400 MHz) NMR and high-resolution mass spectroscopy. The detailed synthesis, characterization, and cost estimation method of two new HTMs is shown in the [Supporting Information.](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsomega.8b01817/suppl_file/ao8b01817_si_001.pdf)

Thermomechanical Analysis. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) measurements were carried out to determine thermal properties of Bp-OMe and Py-OMe (Figure 1). It was found that Bp-OMe and Py-OMe show good thermal stability up to 431 °C, indicating that the change of π -linker does not influence thermal stability.

Energy Levels of HTMs Matching with Those of Perovskite. Ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS)

Figure 1. Thermogravimetric analysis of Bp-OMe and Py-OMe at (scan rate: 10 °C min[−]¹).

determined the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) energy levels of these organic molecule films.^{30,31} According to the UPS data in [Figure 2](#page-2-0)a, HOMO energy levels of spiro-OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe were calculated to be −5.10, −5.30, and −5.40 eV with respect to the vacuum level ([Figure 2](#page-2-0)c), respectively. HOMO energy levels of Bp-OMe and Py-OM are located between the valence band of $(FAPbI₃)_{0.85}(MAPbBr₃)_{0.15}$ (−5.50 eV) and Au electrode (−5.10 eV), indicating that they are appropriate to extract the hole from PVSK absorber layer to Au electrodes. In addition, films of spiro-OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe express their initial absorption band edges (λ_{onset}) at 416, 400, and 454 nm and maximum absorption wavelength (λ_{max}) at 384, 342, and 426 nm, respectively ([Figure 2](#page-2-0)c). Absorption regions of three HTMs appearing between 300 and 500 nm are assigned to the $\pi-\pi^*$ transitions resulting from their conjugated system.^{[32](#page-6-0)−[34](#page-6-0)} From the band gap formula $E_{\rm g}$ = $1240/\lambda_{\text{onset}}^{35,36}$ $1240/\lambda_{\text{onset}}^{35,36}$ $1240/\lambda_{\text{onset}}^{35,36}$ the corresponding band gaps (E_{g}) for spiro-OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe are 2.98, 3.10, and 2.73 eV, respectively. Lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) energy levels were calculated from the formula LUMO = HOMO – E_g^{37} [and values of LUMO energy levels of spiro-](#page-6-0)OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe films were −2.12, −2.20, and −2.67 eV, respectively, meeting the requirements of preventing electron backflow from PVSK to metal electrodes. UPS and absorption results above are summarized in [Table 1](#page-2-0), and energy level diagram of indium tin oxide $(ITO)/SnO₂/$ $(FAPbI₃)_{0.85}(MAPbBr₃)_{0.15}/HTM/Au$ devices is shown in [Figure 2](#page-2-0)c. As the HOMO energy level of Py-OMe film is

Figure 2. (a) UPS spectrum of spiro-OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe films on Si substrates. (b) UV−vis absorption spectra of solid films of three HTMs. (c) Energy level distribution for each functional layer in PSC devices.

Table 1. UV−Vis Absorption and Energy Level Data of Spiro-OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe films

compound	n_{max} (nm)	E_{HOMO} $\overline{(\text{eV})}$	λ _{onset} (nm)	$\epsilon_{\rm (eV)}^{E_{\rm g}}$	$E_{\rm LUMO}$ (eV)
spiro-OMeTAD	384	-5.10	416	2.98	-2.12
Bp-OMe	342	-5.30	400	3.10	-2.20
Py-OMe	426	-5.40	454	2.73	-2.67

lower than that of Bp-OMe, we can expect a higher V_{OC} of Py-OMe-based PSC.

Photovoltaic Conversion. To evaluate the properties of two new HTMs, n−i−p type planar PSC devices based on spiro-OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe doping with Li-TFSI and TBP were fabricated with a stack of $ITO/SnO_2/$ $(FAPbI₃)_{0.85}(MAPbBr₃)_{0.15}/HTM/Au$ and here the device based on spiro-OMeTAD can be a good reference. Generally, in our devices, the thickness for $SnO₂$, PVSK, HTM, and Au is 30, 600, 150, and 100 nm, respectively. For voltage scans from −1.2 to −0.2 V, current density−voltage (J−V) curves of three kinds of PSCs are shown in [Figure 3](#page-3-0)a. Under the same conditions (AM 1.5 G, 100 mW cm[−]²), Py-OMe-based PSCs showed their best PCE at 19.28%, with a V_{OC} of 1.11 V, shortcircuit current (J_{SC}) of 22.82 mA cm⁻², and fill factor (FF) of 76.1% when devices based on spiro-OMeTAD performed at the best PCE of 18.57% and devices based on Bp-OMe performed at the best PCE at 15.06%, with a V_{OC} of 0.98 V, short-circuit current $(J_{\rm SC})$ of 21.93 mA cm⁻², and FF of 70.0%. The lower HOMO energy level of Py-OMe contributes to the higher V_{OC} of PSCs based on Py-OMe, whereas J_{SC} and FF are consistent with HTMs' hole mobility and conductivity.[38,39](#page-6-0) J− V curves of devices based on Bp-OMe, Py-OMe, and spiro-OMeTAD ([Figure S1\)](http://pubs.acs.org/doi/suppl/10.1021/acsomega.8b01817/suppl_file/ao8b01817_si_001.pdf), which were scanned in two directions (100 mV s^{-1}) , were compared to study the hysteresis. There is only a hysteresis of 0.43 for the device's PCE based on Py-

OMe, whereas the hysteresis of the devices with Bp-OMe and spiro-OMe are 1.57 and 1.04, respectively.

Thirty uniform PSC devices based on each HTM were measured to appraise Gaussian distributions and average values of corresponding photovoltaic parameters [\(Figure 3](#page-3-0)b and [Table 2\)](#page-3-0). The average PCE values are 13.29, 17.29, and 16.86% for PSCs based on Bp-OMe, Py-OMe, and spiro-OMeTAD, respectively. Furthermore, holding the voltage at the maximum power point, PCEs of 14.97, 19.13, and 18.24% corresponding to devices with Bp-OMe, Py-OMe, and spiro-OMeTAD all show good stability ([Figure 3](#page-3-0)c). For long-term stability in a natural environment, the PCE of devices based on three HTMs can all maintain over 90% within 15 days and decrease to 65−70% in the 55th day and devices based on Py-OMe performed slightly more stable than Bp-OMe and spiro-OMeTAD-based PSCs ([Figure 3](#page-3-0)d).

Hole Mobility Analysis. Prior to PSC fabrication, the hole-transport ability of HPB-OMe and HTB-OMe was measured by space-charge-limited current technique [\(Figure](#page-4-0) [4](#page-4-0)a) with the device structure ITO/poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene):polystyrene sulfonate (PEDOT:PSS)/HTM/Au and calculated by the Mott−Gurney law,⁴⁰ which is fi[tted by the](#page-6-0) J− V curves, investigated from the formula

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J = \frac{9}{8} \mu \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon \frac{V^2}{d^3}
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where *J* is the current density, μ is the hole mobility, ε_0 is the vacuum permittivity (8.85 \times 10⁻¹² F m⁻¹), ε is the relative permittivity of the material (approaching 3 for organic semiconductors), V is the applied voltage, and d is the thickness of the active layer. For Bp-OMe, Py-OMe, and spiro-OMeTAD, the thicknesses are 180, 170, and 190 nm, respectively, which are measured by the step profiler. The hole mobility values of different HTMs are summarized in

Figure 3. (a) J−V curves of PSCs based on three HTMs. (b) PCE distribution for devices under ambient conditions (30 devices were tested). (c) Stabilized PCEs of solar cells. (d) Devices' PCE variations in 50 days without package under ambient conditions.

Table 2. Photovoltaic Parameters of the PSCs Based on Three HTMs and HTMs' Hole Mobilities

compound	$V_{\rm OC}$ (V)	$J_{\rm SC}$ (mA cm ⁻²)	FF $(\%)$	PCE $(\%)$	PCE_{avg}^a (%)	hole mobility ^b (cm ² V ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)
Bp-OMe	0.98	21.93	70.0	15.06	13.29	1.251×10^{-3}
spiro-OMeTAD	1.10	22.50	75.0	18.57	16.86	4.375×10^{-3}
Py-OMe	1.11	22.82	76.1	19.28	17.29	4.443×10^{-3}

Table 2. Py-OMe film exhibits a hole mobility of 4.443×10^{-3} $\text{cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, which is over 3.6 times that of Bp-OMe, which can be attributed to its intrinsic structure for the pyrene core that leads to a better layer-by-layer stacking.⁴

Photoluminescence (PL) and Time-resolved Photoluminescence (TRPL). Incident photon-to-current efficiency (IPCE) spectra of PSCs based on three HTMs are shown in [Figure 4b](#page-4-0). Spiro-OMeTAD-based devices reached a maximum of 91% external quantum efficiency (EQE), and Bp-OMe and Py-OMe-based devices exceeded 80% EQE from 380 to 760 nm spectral scope, which is slightly weaker than that of spiro-OMeTAD-based devices. The resultant IPCE values are in good agreement with J_{SC} in the $J-V$ curves and for spiro-OMeTAD, Bp-OMe, and Py-OMe are 22.63, 21.70, and 22.01 mA cm[−]² , respectively.

Time-resolved transient photoluminescence (TRPL) and continuous wave photoluminescence (PL) spectra were recorded to compare the carrier transfer and recombination in three kinds of PSCs. $42,43$ The radiative lifetimes of the pristine PVSK, PVSK/spiro-OMeTAD, PVSK/Bp-OMe, and PVSK/Py-OMe are about 60.3, 16.2, 28.5, and 18.7 ns, respectively. The shorter decay time of the Py-OMe-based device than that of Bp-OMe-based device demonstrates Py-OMe's more effective hole extraction ability and less charge recombination in PSC devices. As shown in [Figure 4](#page-4-0)d, the PL peak intensity of PVSK/Py-OMe is smaller than that of PVSK/ Bp-OMe. It is consistent with the TRPL measurement that Py-OMe has stronger ability to extract, which can result in a better PCE.

■ CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we synthesized two novel conjugated triarylamine derivatives employing biphenyl core and pyrene core as π bridges, which are termed as Bp-OMe and Py-OMe, and then applied to PSCs as HTMs. Best PCEs of 15.06, 18.57, and 19.28% under AM 1.5 G illumination at 100 mW cm[−]² were measured for the devices with Bp-OMe, Py-OMe, and spiro-OMeTAD as HTMs with doping, respectively. Although Bp-OMe-based PSCs performed with relatively poor PCEs than those of Py-OMe-based PSCs, attributing to the poor planarity and hole mobility, taking the cost into consideration, Bp-OMe and Py-OMe are all likely to be promising efficient HTMs for PSCs.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. Chemicals and reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification if not specially mentioned. Air-sensitive reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. The device preparation was done in air atmosphere. NMR spectra were recorded in designated deuterated solvent on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz spectrometer at 298 K. Coupling constant (J) is

Figure 4. (a) J−V curves for the hole-only ITO/PEDOT:PSS/HTM/Au devices. (b) Incident photon-to-current efficiency (IPCE) spectra for corresponding devices. (c) Time-resolved photoluminescence (TRPL) spectra for the pristine PVSK film and PVSK/HTM bilayer, with excitation at 445 nm and monitoring at 765 nm. (d) Photoluminescence (PL) spectra of corresponding devices, with excitation at 600 nm.

given in Hz and chemical shift (δ) is given in parts per million (ppm). Mass data were obtained with a Bruker Daltonics Inc. Apex II FT-ICR or Autoflex III matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization (MALDI)-time-of-flight mass spectrometer. Emission spectra were recorded using an F-380 spectrofluorimeter of Tianjin Gangdong Sic. & Tech. Development Co. Ltd., with a red-sensitive photomultiplier tube R928F. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed using a TA Instruments TGAQ500 with a ramp of 10 $^{\circ}$ C min⁻¹ under N₂ from 100 to 900 °C.

Synthesis of Bp-OMe. A heterogeneous mixture of K_2CO_3 (0.54 g, 7.31 mmol), 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-N,N-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)aniline (1.08 g, 2.5 mmol), 3,3',5,5'-tetrabromobiphenyl (235.0 mg, 0.5 mmol), and Pd(PPh₃)₄ (57.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in THF/H₂O (10:1, a total of 22 mL) was degassed for 20 min under nitrogen. After the reaction was heated at 90 °C for 18 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and then 10 mL of water was added. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 three times (3) \times 20 mL), and the organic phase was combined. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude product was recrystallized in dichloromethane/methanol and washed with methanol to give the Bp-OMe as white solid (0.58 g, yield 85%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) *δ*/ppm: 7.84 (s, 4H), 7.75 (s, 2H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 8H), 7.05 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 16H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 16H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 8H), 3.74 (s, 24H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, (CD_3) ₂SO) δ /ppm: 155.8, 148.0, 141.6, 141.1, 140.0, 131.7, 127.7, 126.7, 123.1, 122.9, 119.5, 119.2, 114.9, 55.2. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) (MALDI): calcd for $C_{92}H_{78}N_4O_8$ $[M + H]^+,$ 1367.5783; found, 1367.5791.

Synthesis of Py-OMe. A heterogeneous mixture of K_2CO_3 (0.54 g, 7.31 mmol), 4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)-N,N-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)aniline (1.08 g, 2.5 mmol), 1,3,6,8-tetrabromopyrene (258.9 mg, 0.5 mmol), and $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (57.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in THF/H₂O (10:1, a total of 22 mL) was degassed for 20 min under nitrogen. After the reaction was heated at 90 °C for 18 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and then 10 mL of water was added. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 three times $(3 \times 20 \text{ mL})$, and the organic phase was combined. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude product was recrystallized in dichloromethane/methanol and washed with methanol to give the Py-OMe as yellow solid (0.63 g, yield 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ /ppm: 8.16 (s, 4H), 7.89 (s, 2H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 8H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 16H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 8H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 16H), 3.72 (s, 24H). ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ /ppm: 155.4, 147.4, 140.1, 136.2, 132.1, 130.4, 129.1, 128.6, 127.0, 126.0, 124.2, 119.2, 113.9, 54.7. HRMS (MALDI): calcd for $C_{96}H_{78}N_4O_8$ $[M + H]^+$, 1415.5821; found, 1415.5832.

Preparation of Perovskite Films and Device Fabrication. The conductive glass substrates (ITO-coated glass) were cleaned by ultrasonication in isopropanol (30 min), suds (30 min), deionized water (30 min), acetone (15 min), and isopropanol (30 min), respectively. Then, the cleaned ITO was dried under a flux of nitrogen and further cleaned in the UV- $O₃$ cleaner for 30 min. The precursor solution of the electron transport layer $(SnO₂)$ was spin-coated onto ITO at 3000 rpm for 30 s, then annealed at 150 °C for 30 min. The perovskite precursor solution was prepared by dissolving $1.32 \text{ M} \text{PbI}_2$, 0.12 M PbBr₂, 1.08 M FAI, 0.24 M MAI, and 0.12 M MABr in dimethylformamide/dimethyl sulfoxide mixed solvent $(v/v =$ 4:1). To fabricate the perovskite films, the precursor solution was spin-coated onto the $SnO₂$ -coated ITO at 4000 rpm for 25 s in air atmosphere and 2 mL of diethyl ether was dripped on the rotating substrate in 2 s before the surface changed to turbid. Then, the prepared perovskite film was annealed at 65 °C for 1 min and 100 °C for 2 min. Optimized concentrations in 1 mL of chlorobenzene were found to be 65 mM for spiro-OMeTAD and 20 mM for Bp-OMe and Py-OMe, respectively. Thirty microliters of 4-tert-butylpyridine (>96.0%, TCI), and 35 μL of lithium bis(trifluoromethane-sulfonyl)imide (Li-TFSI) (99.95%, Sigma-Aldrich) solution (260 mg Li-TFSI in 1 mL acetonitrile, 99.8%, Sigma-Aldrich) were added as additives. Then, the HTM solution was spin-coated onto the perovskite layer at 3000 rpm for 30 s. Due to the low solubility of Bp-OMe, the HTM solution as well as the substrate were heated to 100 °C for spin-coating. Finally, 100 nm of gold as the metal electrode on the HTM-coated films was evaporated in a metallization chamber.

The hole-only devices were fabricated by spin-coating PEDOT:PSS (1−3% in water) onto precleaned, patterned ITO substrates. A film of the HTM was spin-coated on top from its chlorobenzene solution with a concentration same as that for perovskite device fabrication. As a counter electrode, Au of 100 nm thickness was deposited on top by vacuum evaporation. The current density−voltage curves of the devices were recorded with a Keithley 2400 source.

Film and Device Characterization. The current density− voltage (J−V) curves were measured using a solar simulator manufactured by Enli Technology Co., Ltd. with a source meter (Keithley 2400) at 100 mA cm[−]² illumination (AM 1.5 G). The light intensity was adjusted with an NREL-calibrated silicon solar cell. The active area (0.12 cm^2) was defined with a mask with aperture. Transient-state photoluminescence (PL) was measured by FLS980 (Edinburgh Instruments Ltd.) with an excitation at 600 nm. All measurements of solar cells were conducted at room temperature under ambient atmosphere without encapsulation.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

6 Supporting Information

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the certified standard silicon solar cell (SRC-2020, Enlitech) at 100 mV cm[−]² . The external quantum efficiency (EQE) data were obtained by using the solar-cell spectral-response measurement system (QE-R, Enlitech).

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