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Supporting Information

Improving the Efficiency and Stability of Inorganic Red Perovskite Light Emitting Diodes by Traces of Zinc Ions

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Figure S1. SEM images of the prepared $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ films by adding different amounts of ZnI_2 into the precursor solution. (a) 0.0%, (b) 0.5%, (c) 1.0%, and (d) 1.5% molar ratio of Zn/Pb.



Figure S2. AFM images of the prepared perovskite films. Tapping-mode AFM images of the pristine CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x film (a)(b). The film RMS roughness is about 1.17 nm, the scan area is 3 μ m × 3 μ m. Tapping-mode AFM images of the CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x thin film incorporating with ZnI₂ (c)(d). The film RMS roughness is about 1.10 nm, the scan area is 3 μ m × 3 μ m.



Figure S3. (a) XPS spectra of pristine and ZnI_2 -passivated CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x films. XPS analysis of pristine and ZnI₂-passivated films for (b) Zn 2p, (c) Pb 4f and (d) I 3d.



Figure S4. SEM image and corresponding elemental mapping images of pristine $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ perovskite thin film. Scale bar: 1 μ m.



Figure S5. SEM image and corresponding elemental mapping images of passivated $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ perovskite thin film. Scale bar: 1 µm.



Figure S6. Stability regions of various compounds against Cs and Pb chemical potentials in CsPbI₂Br. The region indicates the available equilibrium chemical potential region for CsPbI₂Br. Three representative points (A: Br-rich/I-poor, B: moderate, C: I-rich/Br-poor conditions) are selected for the formation energy calculations.



Figure S7. UPS spectra of the pristine $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ and ZnI_2 -passivated $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ films. Their W_Fs are -4.51 eV and -4.56 eV, respectively. Their HOMOs are -5.71 eV and -5.64 eV, respectively.



Figure S8. PL spectra (a) and TRPL spectra (b) of pristine and ZnI_2 -passivated CsPbI_{3-x}Br films with different molar ratio of Zn/Pb on PEDOT:PSS films.



Figure S9. Comparison of the perovskite crystallinity. XRD patterns of the CsPbI₃₋ $_x$ Br_x films with and without ZnI₂ passivation.



Figure S10. (a) J-V-L curves, (b) EQE versus current density curves, (c) EL spectra and (d) CE versus luminance of $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ PeLEDs with different molar ratio of Zn/Pb.



Figure S11. CIE coordinates of the ZnI_2 -passivated CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x PeLEDs under different bias voltages. Inset is CIE color coordinates under an applied voltage of 3.6 V.



Figure S12. EL spectra of the ZnI_2 -passivated CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x based PeLEDs at the bias voltages from 2.8 V to 5.6 V. Inset is a photograph of red emission PeLED operating under 5.4 V forward bias.



Figure S13. Temperature-dependent PL spectra of (a) pristine and (b) passivated $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$.



Figure S14. (a) Time-dependent EL spectrum and (b) time-dependent TRPL of passivated device. (testing every two minutes)

Perovskite	τ_1	τ_2	τ_3	τ_{ave}
	[ns]	[ns]	[ns]	[ns]
0.0 % (Pristine)	4.83	30.15	146.27	75.81
0.5%	5.19	33.34	168.70	96.82
1.0%	5.27	33.98	167.48	100.92
1.5%	4.10	26.48	142.02	94.51

Table S1. Fitting parameters of the PL decay lifetime for the pristine $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ and ZnI_2 -passivated $CsPbI_{3-x}Br_x$ films with different molar ratio of Zn/Pb.

Devices	V _{on}	EL peak	L _{max}	EQE _{max}	CE _{max}	T ₅₀ *
	[V]	[nm]	[cd m ⁻²]	[%]	[cd A ⁻¹]	[h]
Pristine	2.75	666	2020	6.94	1.46	2269.0
ZnI ₂ -passivated	2.70	666	4258	9.93	2.66	2667.0

Table S2. Device performances of red emission PeLEDs based on ZnI_2 -passivatedCsPbI $_{3-x}Br_x$ perovskite films.

* The initial luminance is 100 cd m $^{-2}$.

Table S3. Calculated formation energies (in eV) for defects in Zn doped $CsPbI_2Br$ atthe three selected points A, B and C in Figure S6.

	Α	В	С
Cs substitution	0.84	3.060814	5.279681
Pb substitution	4.30	2.09	-0.12

Table S4. The summarization of the performances of all-inorganic red emission PeLEDs with perovskite NCs or perovskite films emitters (the peak wavelength is from 630 nm to 700 nm).

Perovskite	Device Structure	Device Performance Parameters R				Ref.	
Material		EL	EQE	L_{max}	η_{CE}	V_{on}	
		(nm)	(%)	(cd m ⁻²)	(cd A ⁻¹)	(V)	
CsPb(Br/I) ₃ NCs	ITO/ZnO-PEI /Perovskite	648	6.20	0016	6.42	10	(4)
	NCs/CBP/TCTA/MoO _x /Au		6.30	2216		1.9	(1)
NMA _a Cs (Ph. Ia)	ITO/ ZnO/ PEIE/Perovskite/	689	3.7	440	-	2.0	(2)
NIVIA205n-1FDnI3n+1	TFB/MoO _x /Au						
	ITO/NiO/TFB/PVK/Perovskite/TP	683	7.3	~100	-	~3.2	(3)
	Bi/Ca/Al						
	ITO/ZnO/PEI/Perovskite/	695	1.12	101	-	4.7	(4)
	Poly-TPD/WO ₃ /Al						
CsPbl ₃ NCs	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/Poly-TPD/	688	5.02	7/8		11	(5)
(IDA-treated)	Perovskite NCs/TPBi/LiF/Al	000	5.02	740	-	4.1	(5)
CsPb(Br/I) ₃ NCs	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/Poly-TPD/	645	14.1	794	11.6	2.7	(6)
	Perovskite NCs/TPBi/Liq/Al	653	21.3	500	10.6	2.8	(0)
	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/Poly-TPD/	637	3 55	2671	2.97	3.6	(7)
031 5(517)3 1003	Perovskite NCs/TPBi/Liq/Al		0.00				
BA2Cs _{n-1} Pb _n I _{3n+1} /	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/Poly-TPD/	680	6.02	1202	1 71	~2.6	(8)
PEO	Perovskite/BCP/LiF/AI	000	0.20	1092	1.7 1	2.0	(0)
NMA _a Cs (Ph. Ia)	ITO/ ZnO/ PEIE/	694	7.3	732	0.36	1.9	(9)
	Perovskite/TFB/MoO _x /Au						
PEOXA/CsPbBr _{0.6} I	ITO/ZnMgO/Perovskite/	668	6 55	.55 338	1.36	1.5	(10)
2.4	Poly-TPD/MoO ₃ /Ag	000	0.00				
Ag-doped CsPbl ₃	Ag/PEDOT:PSS/Perovskite	600	11.2	1106	_	25	(11)
NCs	NCs/TCTA/MoO ₃ /Au	030	11.2	1100	-	2.0	(11)
PBA Cs Ph la r	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/Poly-TPD/	664	13.3	968	-	2.6	(12)
	PVK/Perovskite/TPBi/LiF/Al	004					
$CsPb_{0.64}Zn_{0.36}I_{3}$	ITO/ZnO/ PEI/Perovskite	668	15.1	2202	-	2.0	(13)
NCs	NCs/TCTA/MoO ₃ /Au	000					
NEA/α-CsPbl ₃	ITO/PEDOT:PSS/PVK/	682	8.65	210	-	2.8	(14)
	Perovskite/TPBi/LiF/Al						
CsPb(Br _{0.43} I _{0.57}) ₃	ITO/PTAA/PEDOT:PSS/	664	0.8	2765	0.84	2.5	(15)
	Perovskite/TPBi/LiF/Al	004					
4-F-PMAI/	ITO/Poly-TPD/Perovskite/	689	18.6	~60	_	~3.0	(16)
CsPbl _{2.8} Br _{0.2}	TPBi/LiF/AI		10.0	J -00	-		

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