

**A novel azo dye molecule enables defect passivation and crystallization
toward efficient perovskite solar cells**

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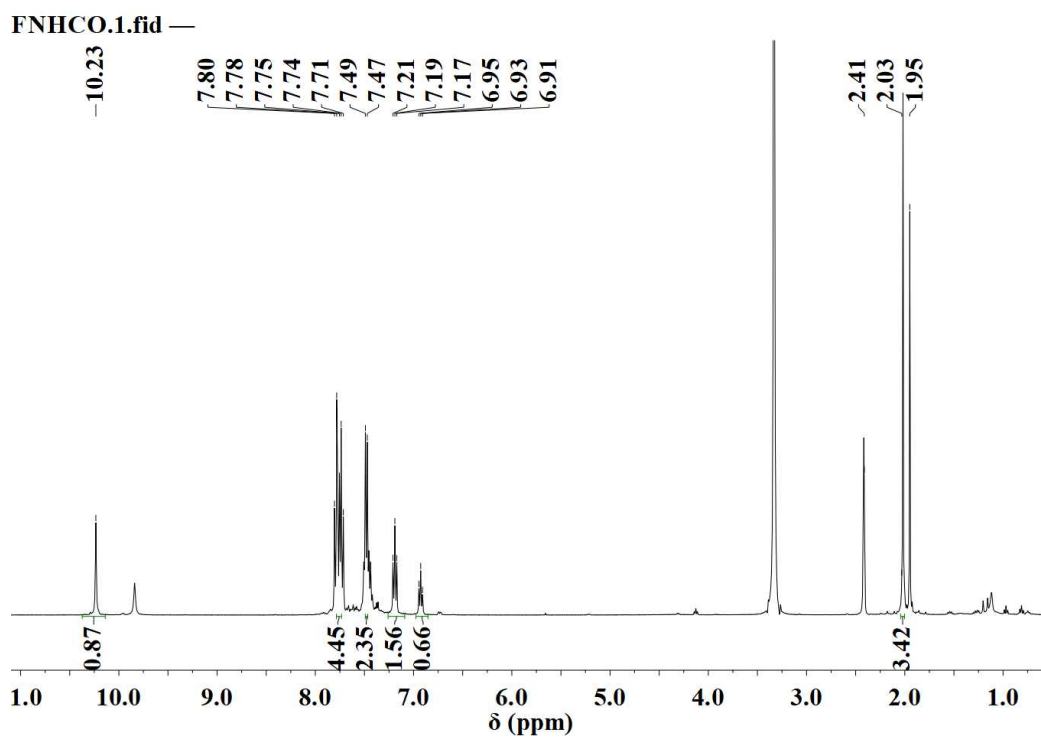


Figure S1. The ^1H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra of Ph-azo-PhAmi in DMSO- d_6 .

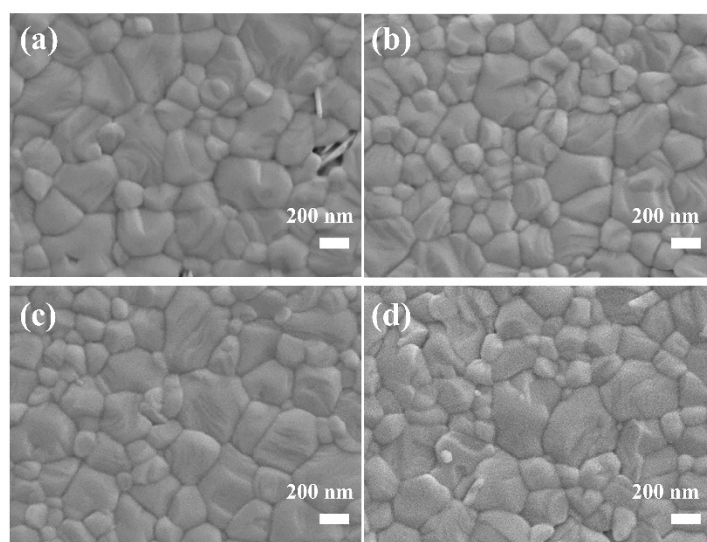


Figure S2. The SEM surface images of the perovskite film with (a) 0, (b) 0.05, (c) 0.1 and (d) 0.2 mg/mL Ph-azo-PhAmi.

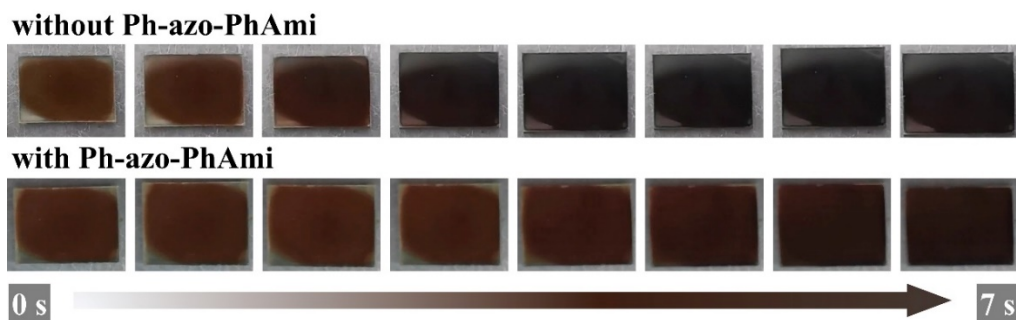


Figure S3. The morphological changes of perovskite films during annealing.

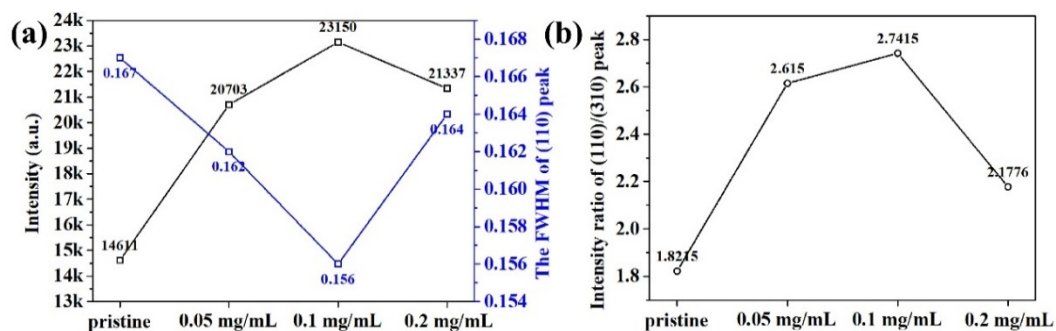


Figure S4. (a) The intensity and peak width at half height for the (110) peak of the perovskite. (b) The intensity ratio of (110)/(310) peak of the perovskite with different concentration of Ph-azo-PhAmi (0, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2 mg/mL).

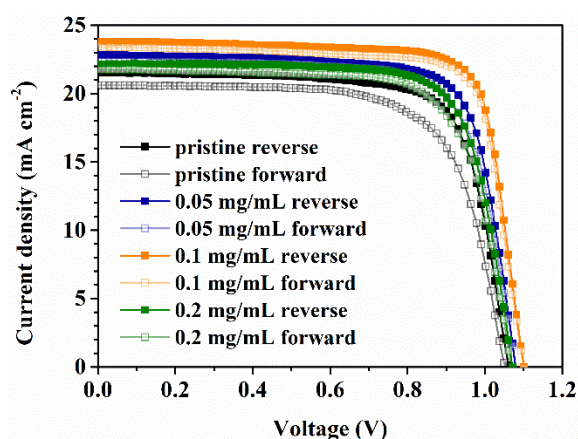


Figure S5. The J-V curves of the PSCs with different concentration of Ph-azo-PhAmi (0, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2 mg/mL).

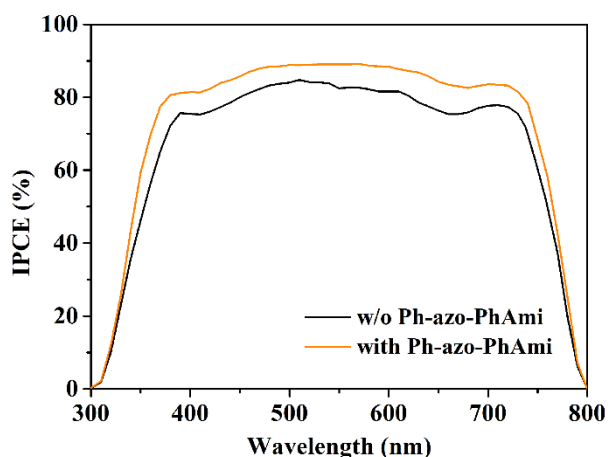


Figure S6. The IPCE spectra of the PSCs without and with 0.1 mg/mL Ph-azo-PhAmi.

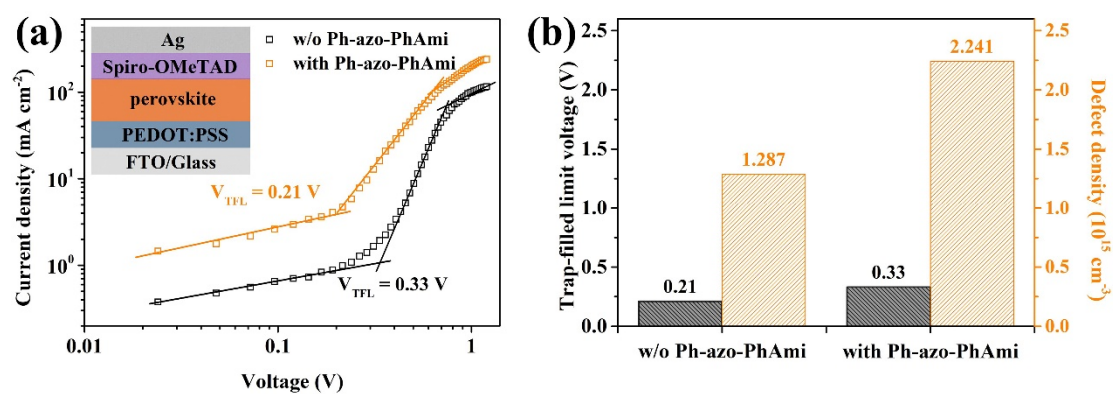


Figure S7. (a) The SCLC curves of electron-only PSCs (without and with Ph-azo-PhAmi) with the structure of FTO/PEDOT:PSS/MAPbI₃/spiro-OMeTAD/Ag.

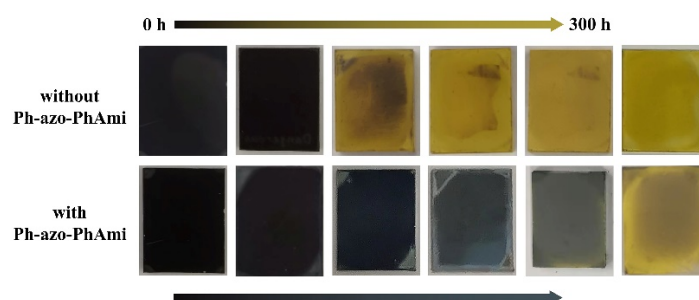


Figure S8. The morphology photographs for the perovskite films without and with Ph-azo-PhAmi under dark and humid air condition (in room temperature and RH: 65-75%) for 300 h without stress.

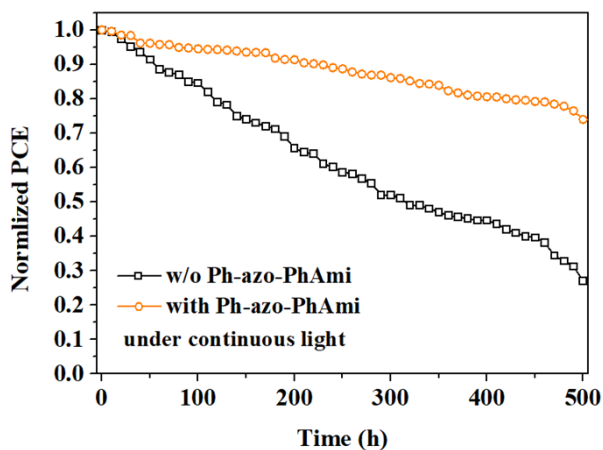
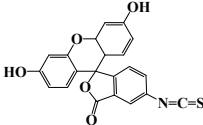
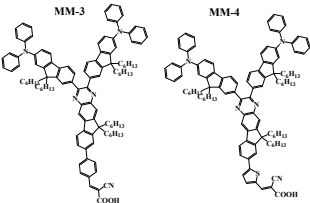
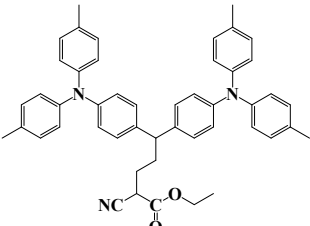
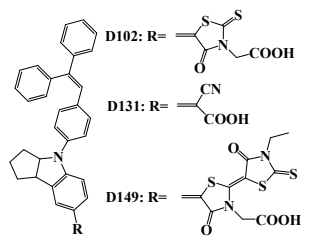
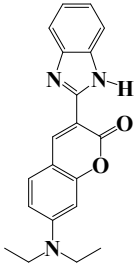
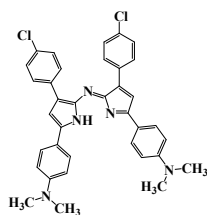
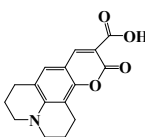
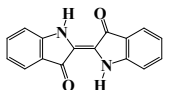


Figure S9. The light stability of devices without and with Ph-azo-PhAmi under continuous light soaking 100 mW/cm² for 500 h at room temperature (RH: 30±5%).

Table S1. Summary of PSCs fabricated in open air with different dye additives in literature.

Additives	Categories	Structures	Perovskite	Anchor	PCE (%)	Ref
AQ310	organic dye		FAMA perovskite	-COOH	19.43	1
YD2-o-C8	zinc porphyrin dye		CsFAMA perovskite	-C=O	20.5	2
N719	organic dye		FAMA perovskite	-C=O	19.6	3

FITC	organic dye		CsPbI _{1.5} Br _{1.5}	-SCN	14.05	4
MM-3	organic dyes		CsFAMA	-COOH	20.31	5
MM-4			perovskite			
MC1	merocyanine dye		CsFAMA	-CN	20.31	6
			perovskite	-C=O		
D102	indoline dyes				3.97	
D131			Cs ₂ AgBiBr ₆	-C=O	2.57	7
D149					4.23	
8GFF	fluorescent dye		MAPbI ₃	-C=O	19.16	8
Aza-DIPY	organic dye		MAPbI ₃	pyrrole, benzene ring and Cl	19.71	9
Coumarin 343	organic dye		FACs	-C=O	20.9	10
Indigo	organic dye		CsFAMA	-C=O	23.22	11
			perovskite	-N-H		

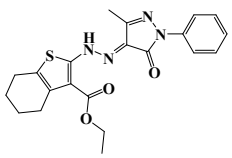
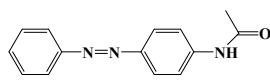
Th-azi-Pyr	hydrazone		MAPbI ₃	-C=O	19.27	12
	dye			-N-H		
Ph-azo- PhAmi	azo dye		MAPbI ₃	-N-H	20.85	This work
				-C=O		

Table S2. The fitting results of the TRPL and EIS measurements of perovskite films with and without Ph-azo-Ph.

Samples	A ₁ (cnts)	τ ₁ (ns)	A ₂ (cnts)	τ ₂ (ns)	τ _{ave}	R _s	R _{ct}
without Ph-azo-PhAmi	437.83	4.63	292.44	67.716	61.85	2.04	4130
with Ph-azo-PhAmi	337.77	141.28	237.03	6.32	137.22	0.36	6460

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