Supplementary Information

Addressing Ambient Stability Challenges in Pure FASnI3

Perovskite Solar Cells Through Organic Additives Engineering

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Materials

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and Acros Organics, and used as received without further purification. Anhydrous solvents were dried using a Pure Solve solvent purification system. Column chromatography was performed using silica gel (40 to 60 μm, Acros Organics) from Fisher as the stationary phase, and thin layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted on pre-coated silica gel. The materials used in the photovoltaic study were obtained from commercial suppliers in high purity and employed without further purification: Formamidinium iodide (FAI, 99.99%) was purchased from Greatcell Solar Materials. C60 (99.95%) was obtained from Nano-C. Tin (II) iodide (SnI₂, 99.99%), tin (II) fluoride (SnF₂, 99%), bathocuproine (BCP, 99.99%), N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF, 99.8%), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO, 99.8%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. PEDOT:PSS AI 4083 aqueous solution was purchased from Heraeus.

Device fabrication

2.5 x 2.5 cm pre-patterned ITO substrates were washed in subsequent ultrasonic baths for 15 minutes each. First, the substrates were washed with water and soap and rinsed with mili-Q water. Then, the substrates were washed with ethanol, acetone and isopropanol and finally dried with N₂ flow and cleaned with an UV-Ozone lamp for 15 minutes just before the hole transport material (HTM). For the deposition of the HTM, a PEDOT:PSS solution was filtered with 0.45 μ m PVDF filter and spin-coated on top of ITO at 3500 rpm (3500 rpm·s⁻¹) for 40 s and then annealed at 125°C for 30 minutes. After the deposition of the HTM, the substrates were introduced to a N₂-filled glovebox for the FASnI₃ layer deposition (FA, formamidinium). The FASnI₃ solution (0.9 M in 9:1 DMSO:DMF, with 10% SnF₂) was spin-coated on top of PEDOT:PSS at 4000 rpm for 50s. After 27 seconds of spinning, 350 µL of chlorobenzene with or without **OM4** or **OM6** 0.40 mM and AIBN 0.04 mM were dropped on the substrate to induce perovskite

crystallization, followed by a two-step annealing at 70°C for 1 minute and 100°C for 20 minutes. As an electron transport layer, 30 nm of C_{60} were thermally evaporated on top of the perovskite layer, followed by 6 nm of BCP as a buffer layer and 100 nm of Ag as metal contact. Finally, a three-day light soaking treatment was performed as part of device fabrication.¹

Molecular characterization

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy

All the NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 300 (300 MHz for ¹H NMR; 75 MHz for ¹³C NMR and 376 MHz for ¹⁹F NMR) spectrometer at 298 K and referenced to deuterated solvent (e.g., CHCl3-d corrected to 7.26 and 77.16 ppm; DCM-d2 to 5.32 and 54.00 ppm; DMSO-d6 to 2.50 and 39.52 ppm for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, respectively). Coupling constants (J) are given in Hz and chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm. Multiplicities are denoted as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (doublet of doublets), m (multiplet), br s (broad singlet), br m (broad multiplet).

Mass spectrometry

High-Resolution Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption Ionization, coupled to a Time-Of-Flight (TOF) analyzer experiments (MALDI-TOF) were carried out on a Bruker Ultraflex III spectrometer. All data were recorded at a maximum accelerating potential of 20 kV in the linear negative ion mode. DCTB was used as a matrix and AgTFA was added as the cationic ionization agent.

Structural characterization

X-ray diffraction (XRD)

XRD patterns of the films were measured using a powder X-ray diffractometer (D8 Advance, Bruker-AXS) in a Bragg-Bretano geometry, using Cu K_{α} X-ray radiation ($\lambda_1 = 1.5406$ Å, $\lambda_2 = 1.5444$ Å, I₂/I₁ = 0.5), with a tube voltage and intensity of 40 kV and 40 mA, respectively. The goniometer arm length was 217.5 mm, using a divergence slit fixed at 0.6°. The detector was a BRUKER-binary V3, using a scan range from 5.0° to 70.0° (20°), with a scan step size of 0.02 (20°) and a counting time of 75 s/step. Measurements were registered at room temperature (298 K).

Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

The topographical and cross-sectional images were taken using a field emission scanning electron microscope (FEG-SEM) JEOL 3100F operated at 15 kV. The SEM images were recorded from films deposited on top of ITO covered substrates.

X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS)

The surface chemical composition and electronic state of perovskites films with and without OM4 and OM6 were determined by XPS (ESCA-2SR, Scienta-Omicron). Spectra were recorded using monochromatic Al K α = 1486.6 eV operated at 200W. The charge was controlled with the charge neutralizer (CN-10) operated at 5 μ A and 2eV. The binding energy scale was referenced to adventitious carbon (284.8 eV). CasaXPS processing software (Casa software Ltd) was used to analyze the data and the quantitative analysis was made using sensitivity factors provided by the manufacturer.

Water contact angle

The water contact angle was measured using a Kruss DSA25E Drop Shape Analyzer by dropping a droplet of deionized water onto the different substrates. A 30-seconds video was recorded registering the behavior of the drop until its stabilization and the contact angle of the stable drop was measured using the DSA25E built-in software.

Optoelectronic characterization

UV-Vis Spectra

The absorption spectra were recorded using a Varian Cary 300 UV/Vis absorption spectrophotometer. UV-Vis spectra were obtained from films deposited on top of glass substrates.

Steady-state Photoluminescence (PL) and Time-Resolved PL (TRPL)

The PL and TRPL characterization of the different fabricated samples was carried out at room temperature and vacuum conditions, in order to avoid any oxidation effect during the measurements and hence having identical conditions for all samples (that were conveniently packed inside the glove box where they were prepared). The characterization was performed in a 900 excitation-detection backscattering configuration using a high-resolution Edinburgh FLS1000 system using an excitation wavelength of 465 nm produced by a Xe lamp for PL or a supercontinuum pulsed laser (FYLA SCT1000) for TRPL, both filtered by the excitation double monochromator. The detection for both PL and TRPL was performed with a cooled near-infrared photomultiplier (Hamamatsu H10330-75). The overall time resolution was in the range of 0.3-0.4 ns, because any deconvolution was applied for extracting the characteristic decay times.

Solar Cell Performance Measurement

The current density -voltage (J-V) curves were measured using an Abet technologies (Sun, 2,000) solar simulator. The light intensity was adjusted to 1 sun (100 mW·cm⁻²) using a calibrated Si solar cell and a photodiode The devices were measured in ambient conditions and without encapsulation. The active area of the cell is defined with a 0.121 cm² mask.

Computational details and results

We computed bulk FASnI₃ matrix in the orthorhombic Amm2 phase, as derived from XRD analysis, and extracted the lattice parameters: a = 6,448 Å; b = 8.718 Å; c = 8.919 Å. From these lattice values, we built up slabs with (001) surface orientation and the most stable SnI₂ termination. On these slabs, we included relevant defect species in Sn-based perovskites,² namely V_{Sn} and Sn₁, and both **OM4** and **OM6** adsorbed species; their atomic structures are illustrated in **Figure S28**. All these geometries were optimized with the VASP code³⁻⁶ at the PBE level of theory⁷ on the Γ point, until a threshold value for the forces of 0.05 eV/Å. We used dispersion corrections,⁸ a cutoff energy for the plane-wave basis set of 500 eV, and a vacuum separation between adjacent layers of 8 Å.

Synthesis of OM4 and OM6

The synthesis of **OM4** and **OM6** are depicted in **Schemes S1** and **S2**. All the details and spectroscopy data are described below.



Scheme S1. Synthetic route for OM4.



Scheme S2. Synthetic route for OM6.

4-[2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenol (OM1)

Ethynyltrimethylsilane (0.93 mL, 6.72 mmol) was added to a solution of 4-iodophenol (1,4.64 mmol, 1.02 g), Pd(PPh₃)₂Cl₂ (98.26 mg, 0.14 mmol) and Cul (26.63 mg, 0.14 mmol) in 15 mL Et₃N and the mixture was refluxed at 80°C overnight under nitrogen atmosphere. The solution was then cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc as eluent to give the final compound as a white powder (700 mg, 79%). MS (MALDI-TOF): calculated for $C_{11}H_{14}OSi$ [M+H⁺]: 191.10, found: 191.08. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.36-7.33 (m, 2H, H_a), 6.75-6.72 (m, 2H, H_b), 4.91 (s, 1H, H_c), 0.22 (s, 9H, H_d) ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, (CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 156.23, 133.79, 115.55, 105.52, 92.59, 61.28, 0.15.

4-ethynylphenol (OM2):

4-[2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenol (0.5 g, 2.6 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF (10 mL) and 3.12 mL of TBAF sol. 1 M in THF (1.2 eq) were added dropwise at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred for 3 hours. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution and the mixture extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with water and brine. After drying over MgSO₄ and evaporating the solvent, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc as eluent to give the corresponding final product as a red oil (0.24 g, 80%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.40-7.37 (m, 2H, H_a), 6.79-6.76 (m, 2H, H_b), 5.32 (s, 1H, H_c), 2.98 (s, 1H, H_d).

4,4'-(pyridine-3,5-diylbis(ethyne-2,1-diyl))diphenol (OM3):



3,5-Diiodo pyridine (100 mg, 0.30 mmol), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (21.06 mg, 0.03 mmol) and Cul (5.71 mg, 0.03 mmol) were dissolved in the minimum amount of toluene (60 mL). Et₃N (20 mL) and **OM2** (74.36 mg, 0.63 mmol) were then added and the reaction mixture was heated at 80°C overnight. The solvent was removed and the product crude dissolved in EtOAc and washed with water and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc as eluent to give the corresponding final product as a white powder (78.70 mg, 84%). MS (MALDI-TOF): calculated for $C_{21}H_{13}NO_2$ [M+H⁺]: 312.34, found: 312.10. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-d₆), δ (ppm): 8.92 (s, 2H, H_a), 8.64 (d, 2H, H_b), 7.95 (s, 1H, H_c), 7.49-7.46 (m, 4H, H_d), 6.94-6.91 (m, 4H, H_e) ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ (ppm): 160.08, 151.54, 141.07, 134.94, 122.06, 117.30, 114.53, 95.11, 84.87

4,4'-((perfluoro-1,4-phenylene)bis(ethyne-2,1-diyl))diphenol (OM5):



1,2,4,5-tetrafluoro-3,6-diiodobenzene (100 mg, 0.24 mmol), $PdCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ (21.06 mg, 0.03 mmol) and Cul (5.71 mg, 0.03 mmol) were dissolved in 40 mL of THF. Subsequently, 20 mL of diisopropylamine and **OM2** (59.42 mg, 0.50 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was heated at 85°C for 24h. The solvent was removed and the product crude dissolved in EtOAc and washed with water and brine. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄ and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAc as eluent to give the corresponding final product as a white powder (51.72 mg, 69%). MS (MALDI-TOF): calculated for $C_{22}H_{10}F_4O_2$ [M+H⁺]: 382.06, found: 382.31. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, Acetone-d₆), δ (ppm): 8.95 (s, 2H, H_a), 7.43-7.40 (m, 4H, H_c), 6.89-6.86 (m, 4H, H_b) ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, Acetone-d₆) δ (ppm): 159.66, 134.95, 134.59, 116.88, 116.70, 113.13, 82.11, 73.14

(pyridine-3,5-diylbis(ethyne-2,1-diyl))bis(4,1-phenylene) diacrylate (OM4):



50 mg of **OM3** were dissolved in THF and triethylamine (29.34 mg, 0.29 mmol) was added. Acryloyl chloride (25.96 mg, 0.29 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe under a nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched after 24 h with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, (30 mL) and transferred to a separating funnel. The final mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and water before being dried with MgSO₄, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAC as eluent to give the final product as a yellow powder (48,46 mg, 72%). MS (MALDI-TOF): calculated for C₂₇H₁₇NO₄ [M+H⁺]: 420.44, found: 420.11. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 8.68 (s, 2H, H_a), 7.93 (s, 1H, H_b), 7.59-7.56 (m, 4H, H_c), 7.19-7.16 (m, 4H, H_d), 6.66-6.60 (dd, 2H, H_e), 6.37-6.28 (q, 2H, H_f), 6.06-6.02 (dd, 2H, H_g) ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ _(ppm): 164.27, 151.09, 150.96, 140.71, 133.21, 133.11, 127.79, 122.00, 120.12, 92.62, 85.44 ((perfluoro-1,4-phenylene)bis(ethyne-2,1-diyl))bis(4,1-phenylene) diacrylate (OM6):



50 mg of **OM5** were dissolved in THF and triethylamine (27.51 mg, 0.27 mmol) was added. Acryloyl chloride (24.30 mg, 0.27 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe under a nitrogen atmosphere at room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched after 24 h with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and transferred to a separating funnel. The final mixture was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and transferred to a separating funnel. The final mixture was washed with under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using Hexane/EtOAC as eluent to give the final product as a white powder (52,74 mg, 82%). MS (MALDI-TOF): calculated for $C_{28}H_{14}F_4O_4$ [M+H⁺]: 491.41, found: 491.13. 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ (ppm): 7.65-7.62 (m, 4H, H_a), 7.21-7.19 (m, 4H, H_b), 6.67-6.61 (dd, 2H, H_c), 6.38-6.28 (q, 2H, H_d), 6.07-6.03 (dd, 2H, H_e) 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 164.77, 151.83, 134.91, 134.46, 133.83, 128.29, 122.55, 120.09, 116.34, 81.51, 74.67



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM1





Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM1

OM2 (¹H NMR, 300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K)



Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl_3, 298K) of OM2

OM3 (¹H NMR, 300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K)



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM3





Figure S5. ¹³C NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM3



Figure S6. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM4

OM4 (¹³C NMR, 300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K)



Figure S7. ¹³C NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM4



Figure S8. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM5

OM5 (¹³C NMR, 300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K)



Figure S9. ¹³C NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM5



Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM6





Figure S11. ¹³C NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM6



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Figure S12. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum (300 MHz, CDCl₃, 298K) of OM6



Figure S13. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of OM1



Figure S14. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of OM3



Figure S15. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of OM5



Figure S16 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of OM4



Figure S17 MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of OM6



Figure S18. Top and cross section SEM images of perovskite films at top and bottom rows,

respectively, with and without **OM4** and **OM6**, indicated in the column.



Figure S19. FTIR spectra for **OM4** and **OM6** molecules, as well as the pristine FASnI₃ perovskite film with and without additives.



Figure S20. ¹H NMR spectra of OM4, OM4+Snl₂, OM4+FAI and OM4+FAI+Snl₂ in DMSO-d6.



Figure S21. ¹H NMR spectra of OM6, OM6+Snl₂, OM6+FAI and OM6+FAI+Snl₂ in DMSO-d6.



Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectra of OM4 and OM4+Snl₂ DMSO-d6.



Figure S23. ¹⁹F NMR spectra of OM6 and OM6+SnI₂ DMSO-d6.



Figure S24. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy spectra of Sn 3d for the perovskite films with and without **OM4** and **OM6**.



Figure S25. Variation in Sn⁴⁺ content (%) of pristine FASnI₃, Sn-OM4 and Sn-OM6 samples



Figure S26. Full Width at Half-Maximum (FWHM) of the (a) (100) and (b) (120) diffraction peaks of **FASnI₃**, **Sn-OM4** and **Sn-OM6**.



Figure S27. Valence band high resolution XPS spectra of the perovskite films with and without **OM4** and **OM6**.



Figure S28. Statistics of the solar cell parameters with different concentrations of **OM4**: (a) J_{SC} , (b) V_{OC} , (c) FF and (d) PCE. All the parameters were extracted from J-V curves under 100 mW·cm⁻² AM 1.5 G illumination.



Figure S29. Statistics of the solar cell parameters with different concentrations of **OM6**: (a) J_{SC} , (b) V_{OC} , (c) FF and (d) PCE. All the parameters were extracted from J-V curves under 100 mW·cm⁻² AM 1.5 G illumination.



Figure S30. EQE spectrum and integrated current density of the devices with and without **OM4** and **OM6**.



e S31. Forward (F) and reverse scans (R) of the J-V curves for the champion devices with and without **OM4** and **OM6**.



Figure S32. Device parameters histogram of 20 devices with and without **OM4** and **OM6** after the 3-days light-soaking treatment.



Figure S33. Atomic representation of FASnI₃ slabs with (001) surfaces including defects and

ligands. Upper panels show side views, lower panels show top views.



Figure S34. Band gap region with computed total DOS and projected DOS in the insets (only for spin up component). The arrows show the position of the peaks in the insets relative to the conduction band minima.

Binding Energy (eV)					
Sn ²⁺ (3d _{3/2})	Sn ⁴⁺ (3d _{3/2})	Sn ²⁺ (3d _{5/2})	Sn ⁴⁺ (3d _{5/2})		
495.79	496.79	487.39	488.39		
495.71	496.71	487.31	488.31		
495.65	496.65	487.25	488.25		
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Table S1. Peak binding energies of $\mathsf{FASnI}_3,$ Sn-OM4 and Sn-OM6 films

Table S2. Decay times with the standard deviation deduced from TRPL spectra registered forthe different films.

Sample	τ1 (ns)	A1	τ2 (ns)	A2	τave (ns)
FASnl ₃	0.4	0.69	1.1	0.31	0.7
FASnI₃+OM4	1.3	0.88	2.8	0.12	1.4
FASnl₃+OM6	2.0	0.82	3.5	0.18	2.2

Table S3. Forward and reverse photovoltaic parameters of champion devices with each additive.

Sample	Scan direction	J _{sc} (mA∙cm⁻²)	V _{oc} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
FASnl₃	Forward	19.91	0.581	66.59	7.71
	Reverse	19.84	0.577	66.07	7.56
FASnl₃+OM4	Forward	19.97	0.689	67.14	9.25
	Reverse	20.13	0.686	66.89	9.24
FASnl₃+OM6	Forward	20.04	0.706	68.23	9.66
	Reverse	20.15	0.703	67.45	9.56

Table S4. Averaged photovoltaic parameters with the standard deviation for the devices with

 each additive.

Sample	J _{sc} (mA∙cm⁻²)	V _{oc} (V)	FF (%)	PCE (%)
FASnl₃	19.9 ± 0.7	0.57 ± 0.05	59 ± 5	6.7 ± 0.5
FASnl₃+OM4	19.9 ± 1.0	0.67 ± 0.04	63 ± 5	8.4 ± 0.5
FASnl₃+OM6	19.9 ± 0.9	0.71 ± 0.02	65 ± 3	9.2 ± 0.3

Table S5. Summary of the best reported air-stability of FASnI3 based solar cells withoutencapsulation.

Device structure	Best PCE (%)	Storage condition	Lifetime (80% retention)	Ref
FTO/(PEG)PEDOT:PSS/FASnl ₃ /PCBM/BCP/Ag	5.12	Dark, 40% RH	6 h	9
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/GUA:FASnI ₃ /C60/BCP/Ag	9.60	Dark, 60% RH	96 h	10
ITO/NiOx/FASnl ₃ (KHQSA)/PCBM/Ag	6.76	Dark, 20% RH	500 h	11
ITO/NiOx/FASnI₃ (GA)/PCBM/ BCP/Ag	9.03	Dark, 20% RH	1000 h	12
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/ FASnl ₃ (3D/2D)/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	10.60	Dark, 40% RH	240 h	13
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/FASnl ₃ (MACI)/PCBM/AI	7.14	Dark, 37% RH	4 h	14
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/FASnl ₃ (C ₆₀ Cl ₆)/PCBM/BCP/Ag	13.30	Dark, 20% RH	10h*	15
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/MAFASnI _{2.75} Br _{0.25} /PCBM/BCP/Ag	10.30	Dark, 40% RH	30 h	16
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/FASnI _{2.7} Br _{0.3} /PCBM/PDINN/Cu	13.05	Dark, 20% RH	8 h	17
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/FASnl ₃ (OM4)/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	9.25	Dark, 30% RH	220 h	This Work
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/FASnl ₃ (OM6)/C ₆₀ /BCP/Ag	9.66	Dark, 30% RH	250 h**	This Work

*95% retention after 10 hours

**>90% retention after 250 hours

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