

Supplementary Information

Non-fullerene Acceptor Organic Photovoltaics with Intrinsic Operational Lifetimes over 30 Years

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Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of the stability of NFA OPVs in our work with some recent reports. PCE₀ and PCE(t) are the efficiency of devices before and after stability tests.

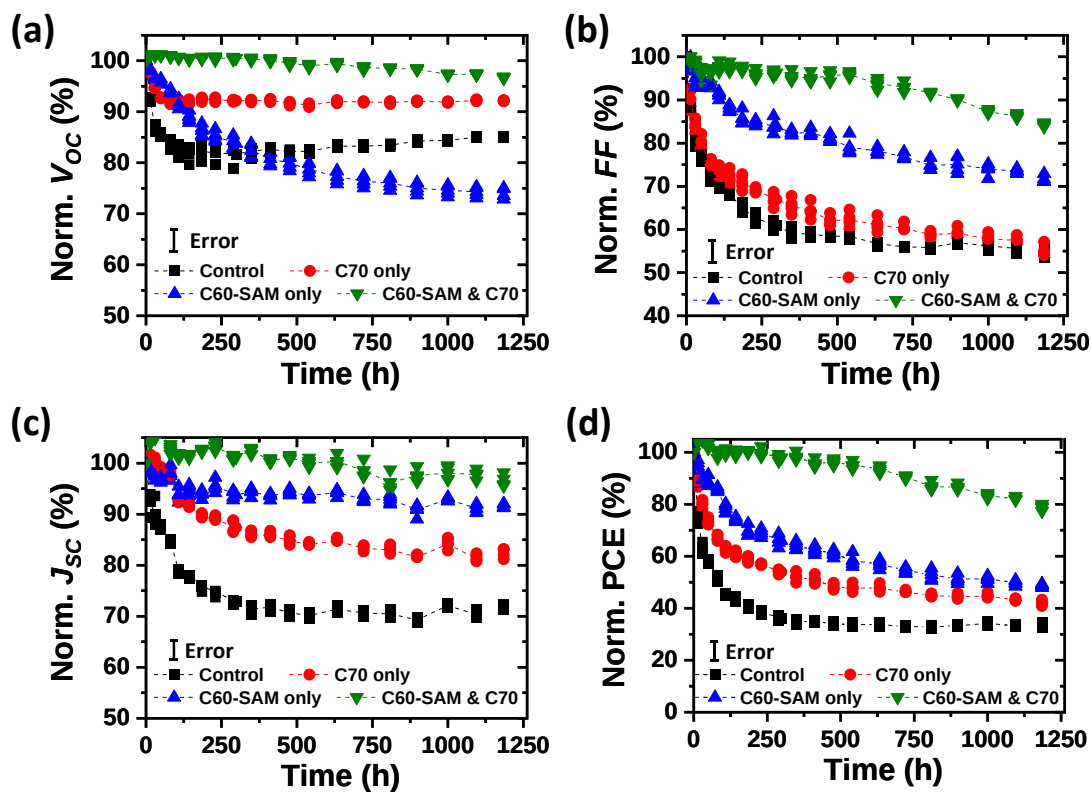
Device Structure	Light Source	Aging condition	Degradation factor	PCE ₀ (%)	PCE(t)/PCE ₀	Estimated T_{80} (h)	Ref
ZnO/ITO/ZnO/IC-SAM/PCE-10:BT-CIC/C ₇₀ /MoOx/Al	Xe Arc (200-2800 nm)	Encap, 1900 h open-circuit, 55°C	Light & Thermal	9.8	94%	56,000	This work
ITO/ZnO/IC-SAM/PCE-10:BT-CIC/C ₇₀ /MoOx/Al	Xe Arc w/ filter (400-2800 nm)	Encap, 2400 h MPP, 55°C	Light & Thermal (wo/UV)	10.2	94%	56,000	This work
ITO/ZnO/IC-SAM/PCE-10:BT-CIC/C ₇₀ /MoOx/Al	Xe Arc w/ filter (400-2800 nm)	Encap, 3000 h open-circuit, 45, 55 & 65°C	Light & Thermal (wo/UV)	10.2	92%	56,000	This work
ITO)/ZnO/P3HT:IDTBR/PEDOT:PSS/Ag	White LED (410-780 nm)	N ₂ , 2000 h open-circuit	Light (wo/UV & IR)	6.1	95%	N/A	(1)
ITO/ZnO/ PBDB-T:ITIC-2F /MoOx/Al	White LED (410-780 nm)	N ₂ , 1600 h open-circuit, < 40°C	Light (wo/UV & IR)	7.8	85%	11,000	(2)
ITO/ZnO/ PM6:IT-4F /MoOx/Al	White LED (410-780 nm)	N ₂ , 1600 h open-circuit, < 40°C	Light (wo/UV & IR)	10.8	76%	1300	(3)
ITO/ZnO/ P3HT: <i>o</i> -IDTBR/MoOx/Al	Metal halide (380-800 nm)	N ₂ , 2000 h open-circuit, 25°C	Light (wo/UV & IR)	5.0	92%	N/A	(4)
ITO/ZnO/ C60-SAM/PTB-7-Th:IEICO-4F/MoOx/Al	LED (350-980 nm)	Encap, 2000 h open-circuit, 25°C	Light (wo/UVB & IR)	9.9	105%	34,000	(5)
ITO/ZnO/SAM/PBDBT:IT-IC/MoOx/Ag	Metal halide (330-780)	Encap, 180 h open-circuit, 25°C	Light (wo/UVB & IR)	10.1	70%	N/A	(6)
ITO/PEDOT:PSS/PM6:PM7:Y6:PC ₇₁ BM/PFNDI-Br/Ag	LED (N/A)	N/A, 1000 h	Light	17.7	81%	N/A	(7)
ITO/ZnO/NDI-B/PBDB-TF:BTP-eC9/MoOx/Al	White LED (410-780 nm)	Encap, 1800 h open-circuit, 50°C	Light (wo/UV & IR)	17.0	93%	N/A	(8)
ITO/2PACz/PM6:N3/PFNBr/Ag	White LED (410-780 nm)	Vacuum, 120 h MPP	Light (wo/UV & IR)	16.3	74%	N/A	(9)
ITO/ZnO/PM-6:IT-4F/MoOx/Ag	Xe Arc (200-2800 nm)	N ₂ , 24 h open-circuit	Light	13.5	89%	N/A	(10)
ITO/ZnO/PEI/PM6:Y6:PC ₇₁ BM/MoOx/Ag	Xe Arc (200-2800 nm)	N ₂ , 1000 h open-circuit	Light	15.4	75%	N/A	(11)
ITO/ZnO/Py-BDP/PM-6:IT-4F/MoOx/Al	Xe Arc (200-2800 nm)	Encap, 9 h open-circuit, 25°C	Light	11.2	66%	N/A	(12)
ITO/ZnO/PBDBT:IT-IC/MoOx/Ag	Xe Arc (200-2800 nm)	Encap, 1100 h open-circuit, 25°C	Light	10.1	25%	N/A	(13)

Supplementary Table 2. Operating characteristics of OPVs based on PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) with different anode buffer layers under simulated of AM 1.5G, 100 mW/cm², illumination.

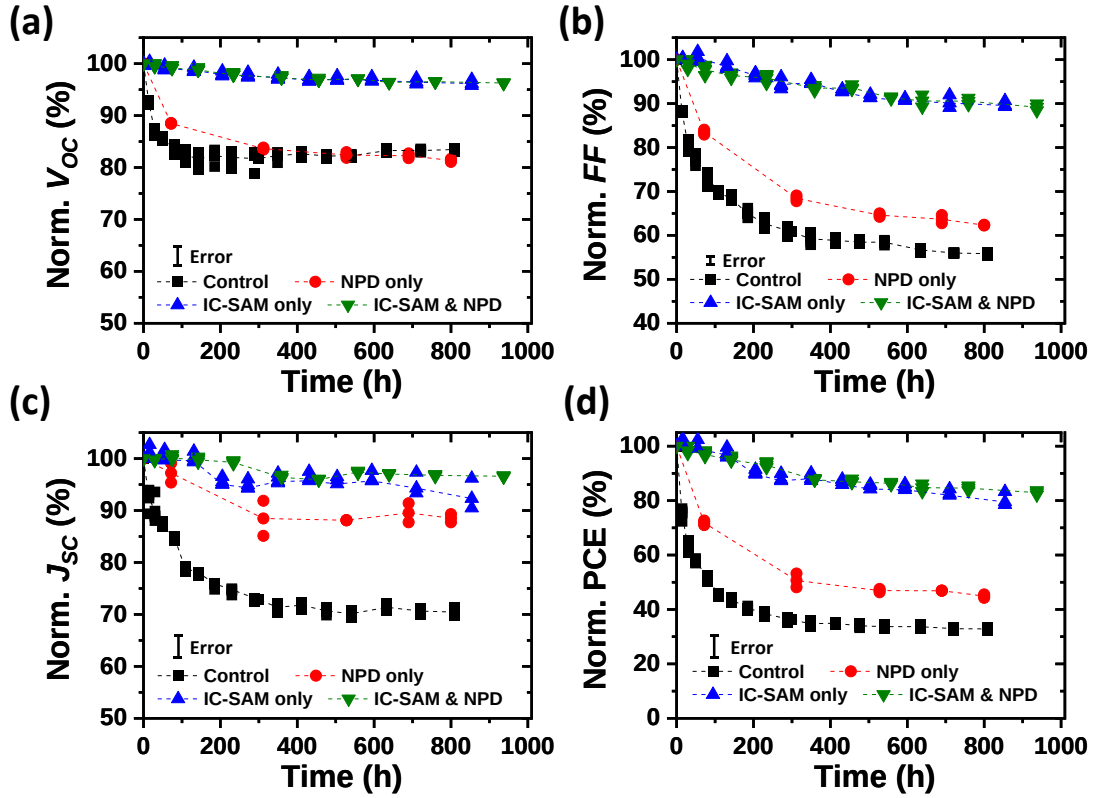
Buffers	J_{sc} [mA/cm ²]	V_{OC} [V]	FF [%]	PCE [%]
C ₆₀ -SAM:C ₇₀	22.40±0.11	0.663±0.007	64.5±0.4	9.59±0.12
C ₆₀ -SAM:DBP	22.70±0.09	0.669±0.003	63.3±0.2	9.61±0.05
C ₆₀ -SAM:NPD	23.96±0.21	0.678±0.003	64.4±0.3	10.46±0.13
C ₆₀ -SAM:Bphen	21.52±0.01	0.312±0.01	43.4±0.3	2.90±0.19
C ₆₀ -SAM: TPBi	23.46±0.25	0.481±0.01	53.4±0.2	6.01±0.19

Supplementary Table 3. Operating characteristics of OPVs based on PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) with different cathode buffer layers under simulated of AM 1.5G, 100 mW/cm², illumination.

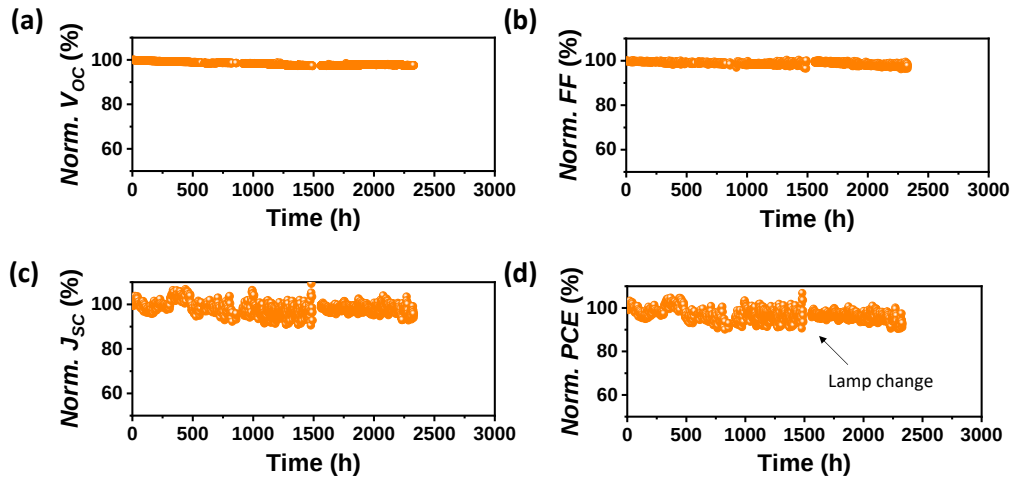
Buffers	J_{sc} [mA/cm ²]	V_{OC} [V]	FF [%]	PCE [%]
IC-SAM:C ₇₀	23.25±0.14	0.672±0.001	65.7±0.4	10.2±0.09
C ₇₀ :C ₇₀	23.81±0.24	0.652±0.002	63.4±0.2	9.80±0.10
IM :C ₇₀	16.58±0.07	0.673±0.001	62.3±0.1	6.95±0.07
C60-SAM:C ₇₀	22.40±0.11	0.663±0.002	64.5±0.4	9.59±0.12



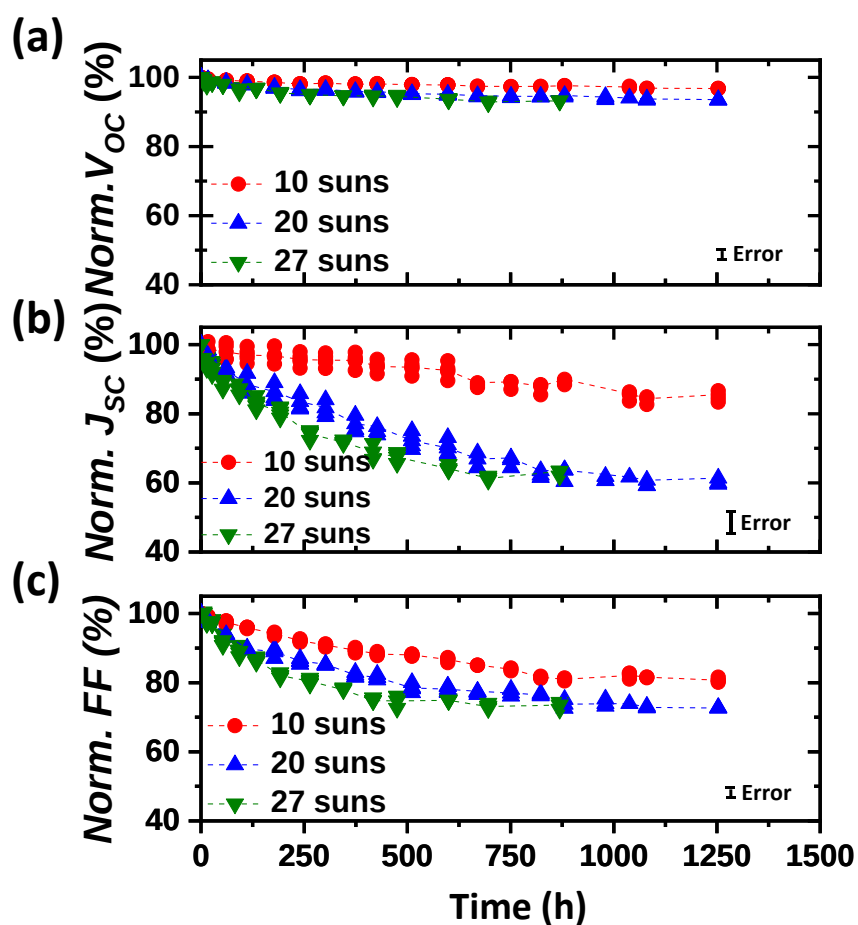
Supplementary Figure 1. Normalized (a) V_{OC} , (b) FF , (c) J_{SC} and (d) PCE of a PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) OPV plotted vs aging time under 1-sun simulated AM1.5G illumination with C₆₀-SAM as a cathode buffer and C₇₀ as an anode buffer (averaged for 4 devices). The error bars indicate the 1 s.d. uncertainty of each measurement.



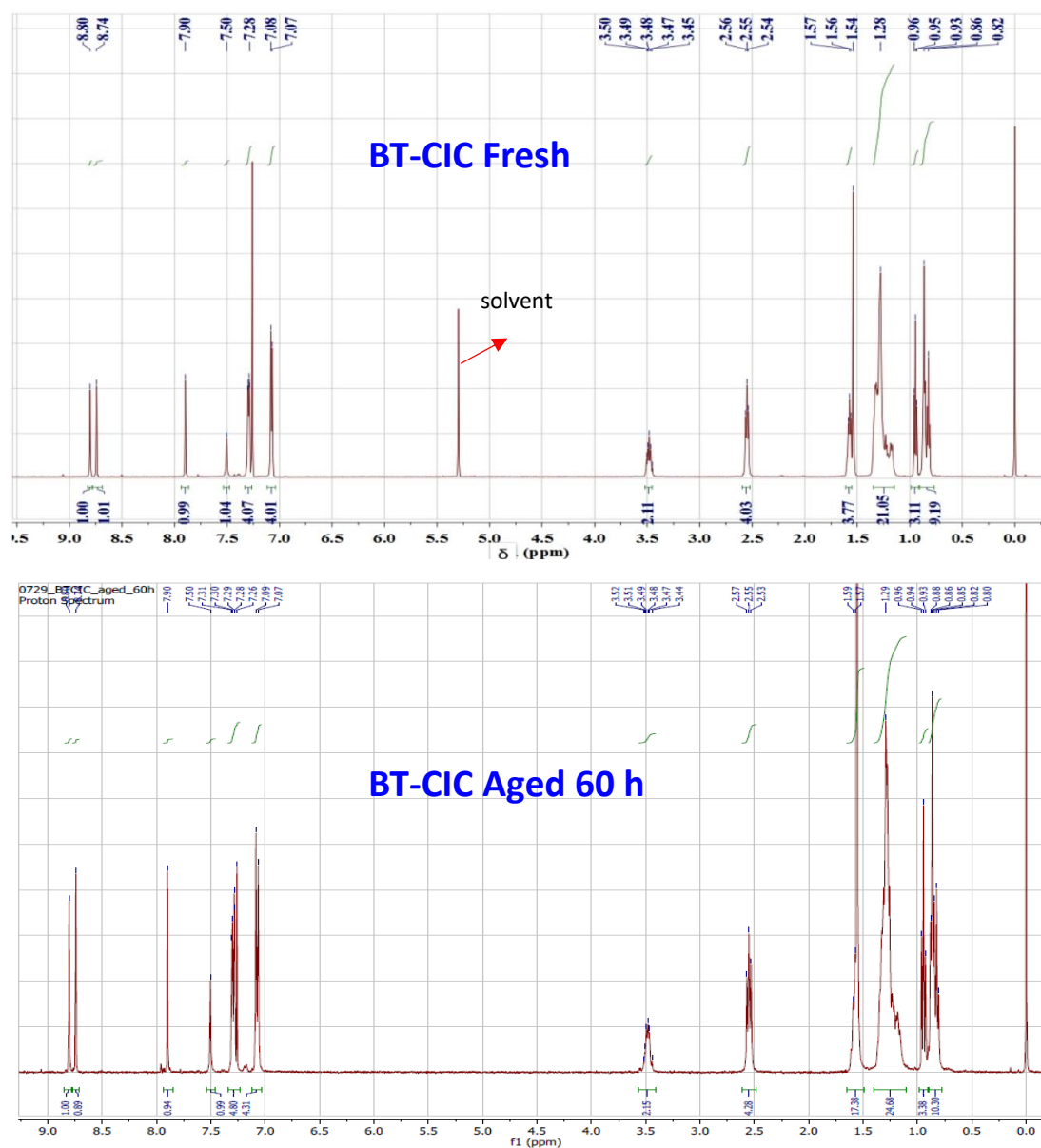
Supplementary Figure 2. Normalized (a) V_{oc} , (b) FF , (c) J_{sc} and (d) PCE of a PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) OPV plotted vs. aging time under 1-sun simulated AM1.5G illumination with IC-SAM as a cathode buffer and NPD as an anode buffer (averaged for 3-4 devices). The error bars indicate the 1 s.d. uncertainty of each measurement.



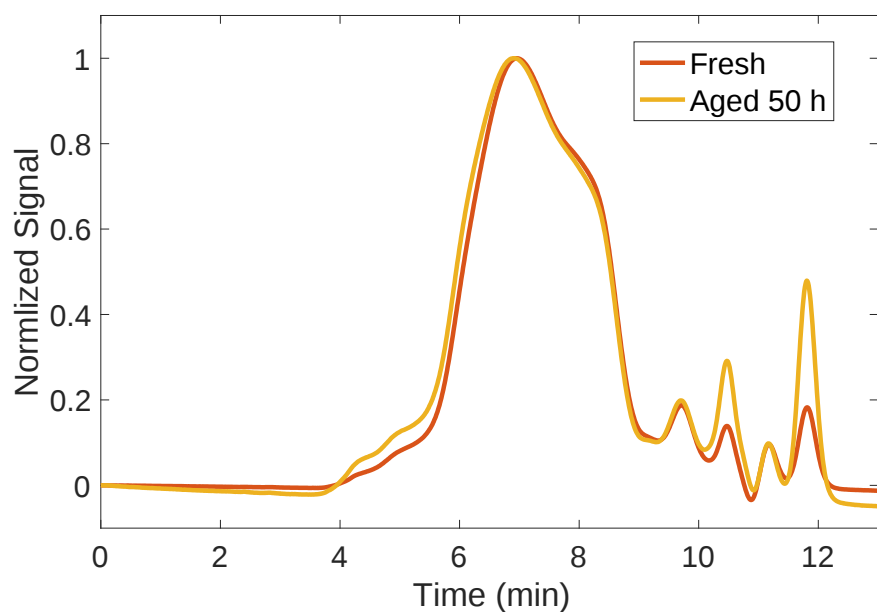
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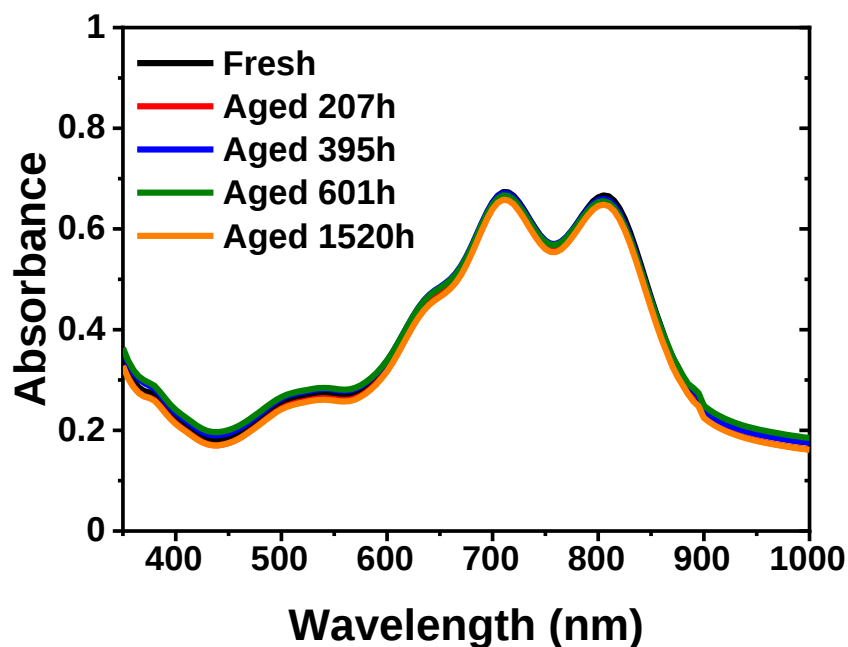
Supplementary Figure 4. Normalized (a) V_{OC} , (b) J_{SC} and (c) FF of a PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) OPV with IC-SAM as a cathode buffer, C_{70} as an anode buffer plotted vs. aging time under illumination equivalent to 10 ± 1.2 , 20 ± 2.5 and 27 ± 3.8 suns (averaged for populations of 2-4 devices). The error bars indicate the 1 s.d. uncertainty of each measurement.



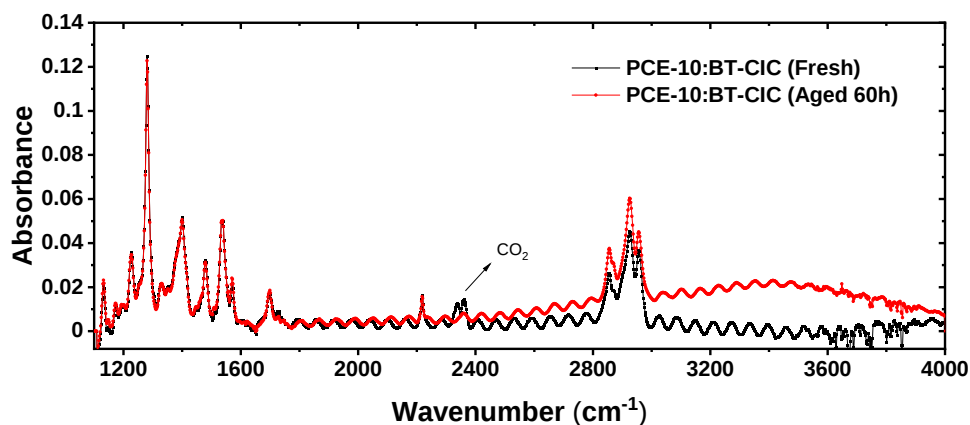
Supplementary Figure 5. ^1H NMR spectra of BT-CIC fresh and aged samples in CDCl_3 .



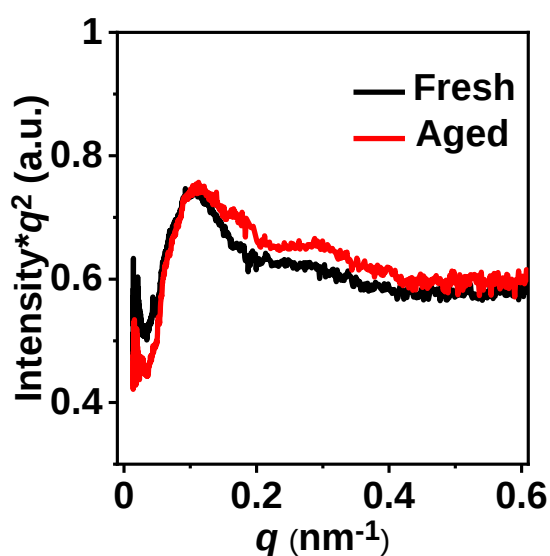
Supplementary Figure 6. Molecular weight spectra of PCE-10 fresh and aged samples using gel permeation chromatography with THF as solvent.



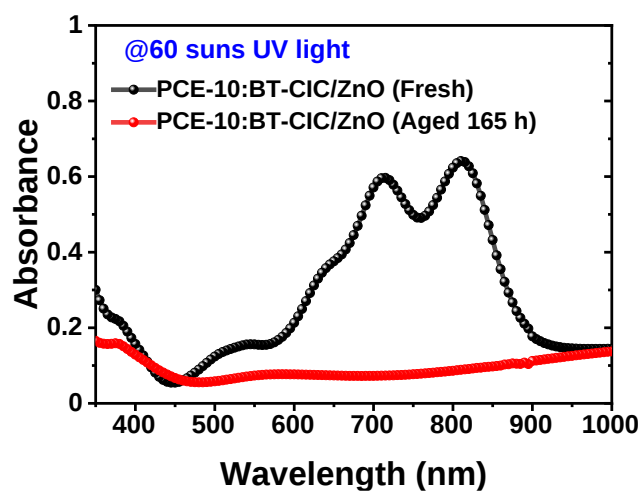
Supplementary Figure 7. UV-Vis absorption spectra plotted vs. aging time of an encapsulated PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) thin film on the quartz under 1-sun illumination.



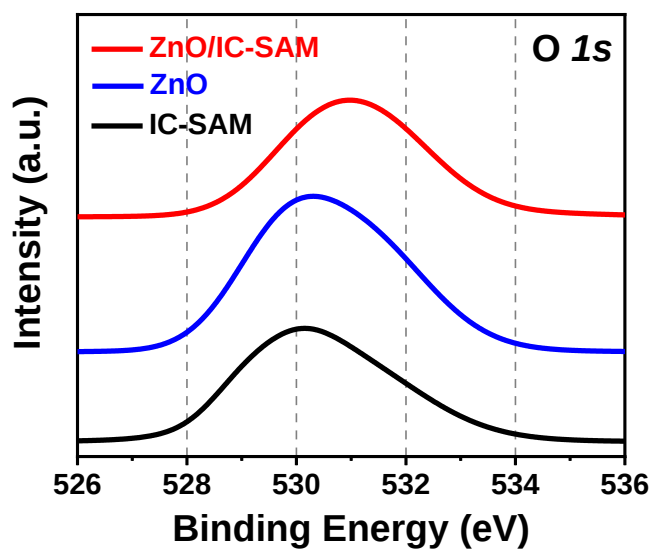
Supplementary Figure 8. Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) plotted vs. aging time of an encapsulated PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) thin film on the CaF₂ under 1-sun illumination.



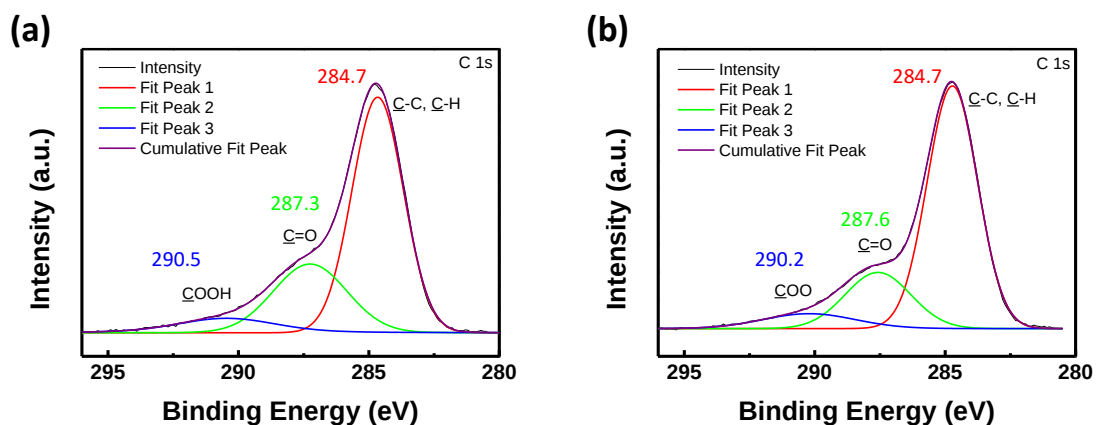
Supplementary Figure 9. Lorentz corrected and thickness normalized resonant soft x-ray scattering profiles of fresh and aged PCE-10:BT-CIC blend under simulated AM1.5G 1-sun illumination for 60 h. Here, q is the scattering vector.



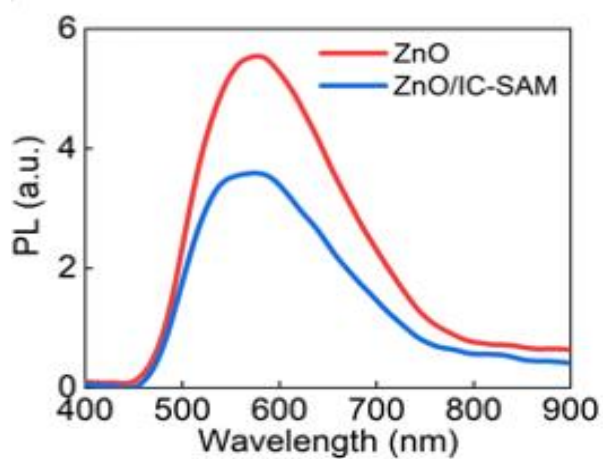
Supplementary Figure 10. UV-Vis absorption spectra plotted vs. aging time of an encapsulated PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w) thin film on the ZnO under 60-sun UV illumination.



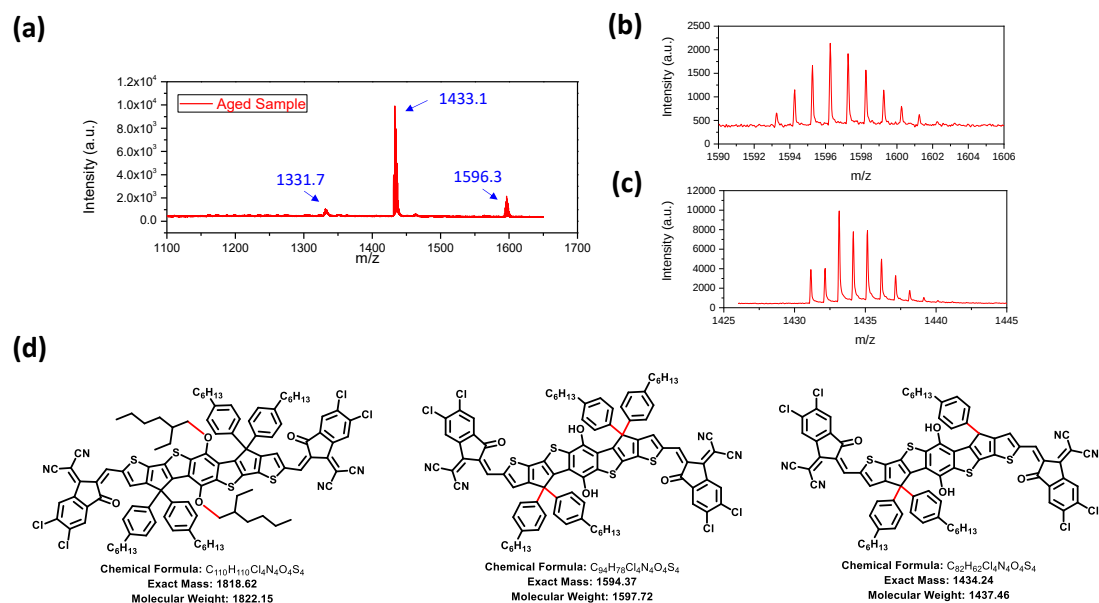
Supplementary Figure 11. The X-ray photoelectron spectra of O *1s* for the ZnO/IC-SAM, ZnO and IC-SAM films deposited on ITO glass.



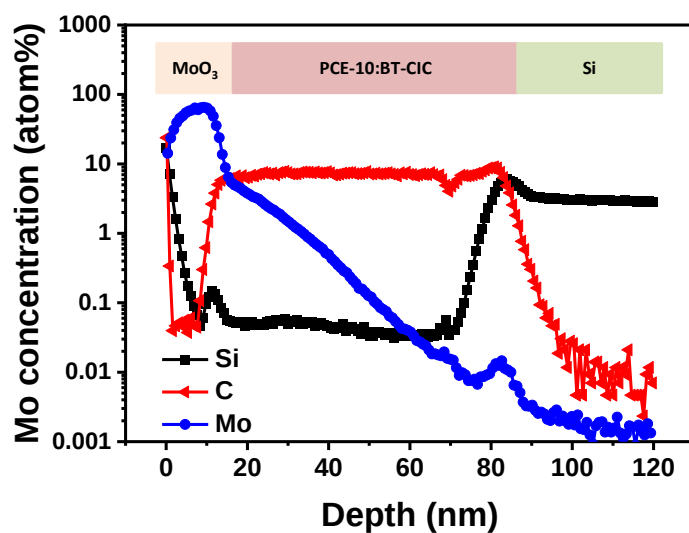
Supplementary Figure 12. The X-ray photoelectron spectra of C 1s for the (a) IC-SAM, and (b) ZnO/IC-SAM films deposited on ITO glass.



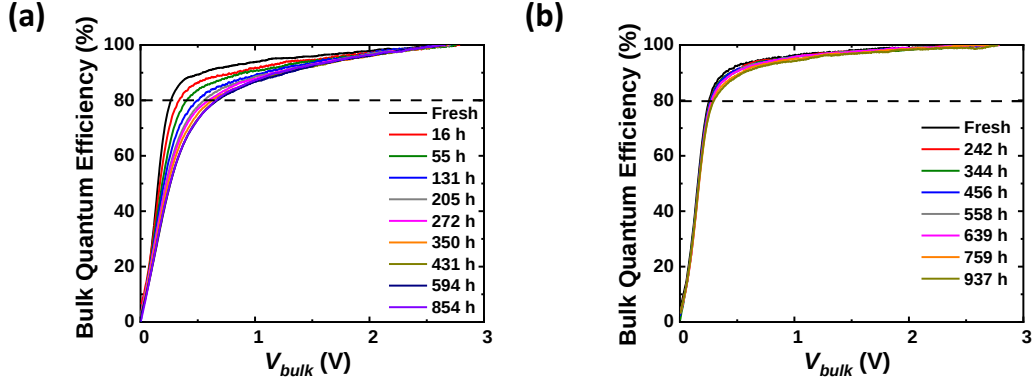
Supplementary Figure 13. Photoluminescence spectra of ZnO and ZnO/IC-SAM films deposited on quartz with an additional 400 nm long pass filter.



Supplementary Figure 14. (a) MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry of aged BT-CIC, (b) Detail of molecular fragments with $m/z = 1596.3$, and (c) $m/z = 1433.1$, (d) Molecular products proposed for BT-CIC is dissociated into the fragment with $m/z = 1596.3$, illustrated in red, and then further dissociated into $m/z = 1433.1$. The calculated molecular weight is shown in below each molecular structure.



Supplementary Figure 15. Time of flight secondary-ion mass spectra of a device comprising a PCE-10:BT-CIC bottom layer and MoO_3 top layer.



Supplementary Figure 16. Bulk quantum efficiency - V_{bulk} characteristics of the aged devices with identical BHJs comprising PCE-10 as the donor and BT-CIC as the acceptor (1:1.5, w/w, 80 nm) and (a) control device, (b) the device with IC-SAM as a cathode buffer, C_{70} as an anode buffer and a 400 nm cutoff UV-filter.

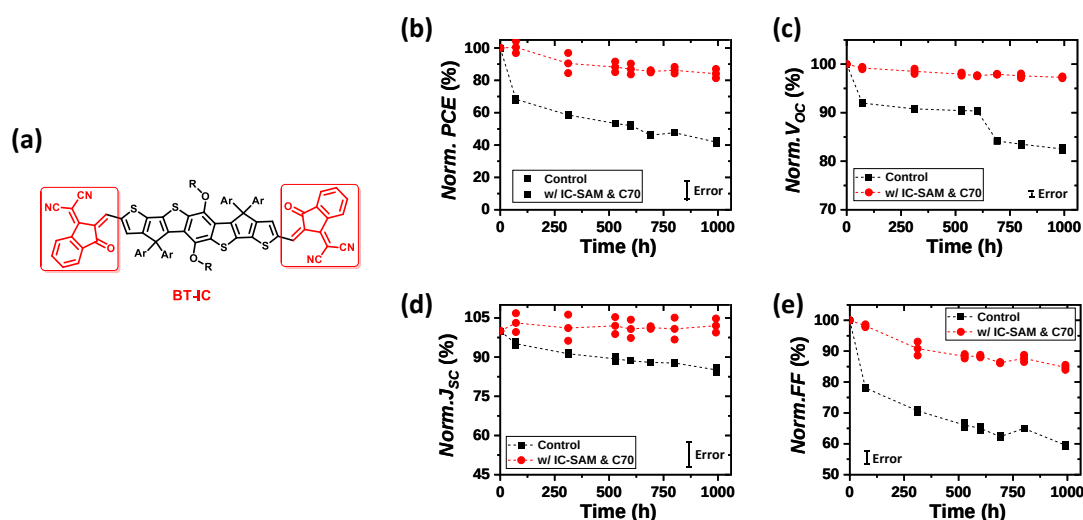
Supplementary Note 1. The stability of the bulk morphology is also evident from the calculation of the photogeneration efficiency of the BHJ, known as the bulk quantum efficiency (BQE); a quantity that only measures the photogeneration properties of the BHJ. Specifically, the BQE and does not depend on contributions to the photo response from the layers peripheral to the BHJ (i.e. the electrodes, buffer layers and interfaces). The BQE is given by¹⁴:

$$BQE(V_{bulk}) = \frac{J_{ph}(V_{off} - V_{bulk})}{J_{sat}}$$

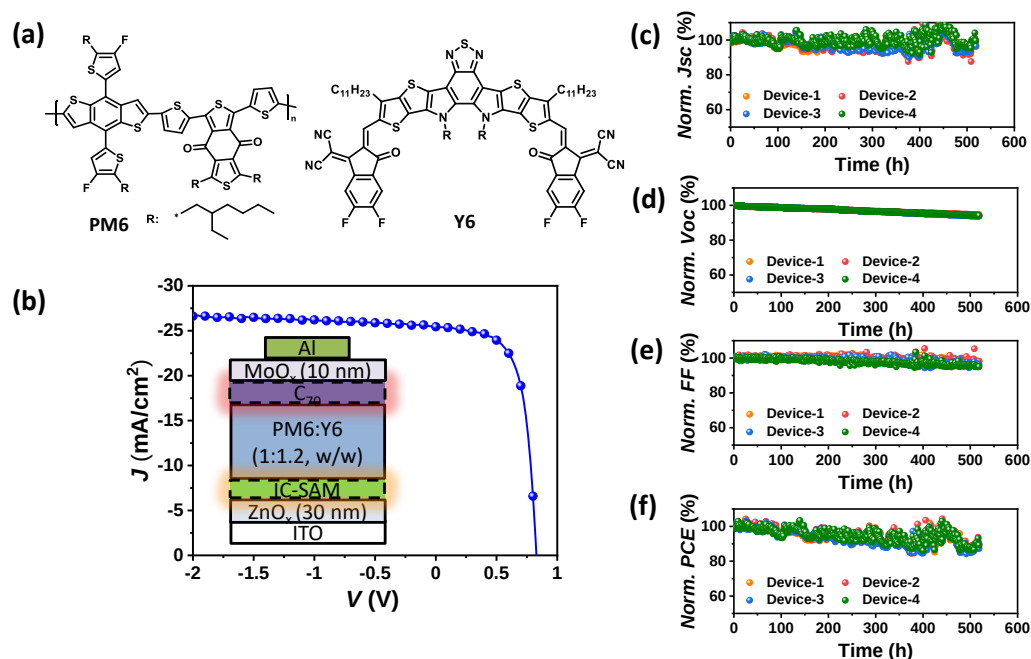
where V_{bulk} is the voltage across the BHJ, J_{ph} is the photocurrent, V_{off} is the applied voltage at which J_{ph} is zero, J_{sat} is the saturated photocurrent at a large reverse bias. In this work, J_{sat} is determined at -2 V. For ease in comparing the BQE- V_{bulk} data, V_{80} is defined as V_{bulk} required to achieve 80% of the maximum cell photogeneration efficiency measured in the 4th quadrant of the J-V characteristics under 1 sun, AM1.5G simulated illumination. The smaller the V_{80} is, the more easily the photogenerated charges are extracted from the BHJ.

To evaluate the efficacy of the buffering and filtering schemes, we fabricated both control and buffered devices with the following respective structures: ITO / ZnO (30 nm) / PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w, 80 nm) / MoO_x (10 nm) / Al (100 nm) and ITO / ZnO (30 nm) / IC-SAM / PCE-10:BT-CIC (1:1.5, w/w, 80 nm) / C_{70} (2 nm) / MoO_x (10 nm) / Al (100 nm). **Figure S16** shows the time evolution of the BQE- V_{bulk} characteristics of both devices aged for approximately 900 h under AM 1.5G one sun illumination. The BQE decreases continuously in the control device, while V_{80} increases from 0.26 V to 0.67 V. In contrast, V_{80} remains almost constant for the devices with

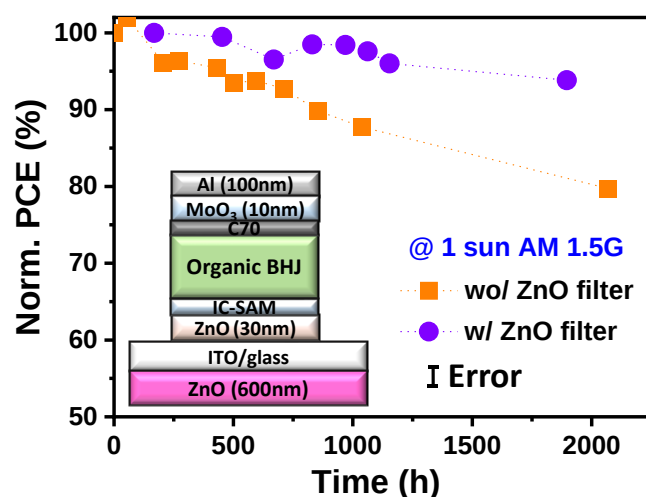
buffer and UV filter layers, suggesting that there is no significant morphology change that occurs in the BHJ.



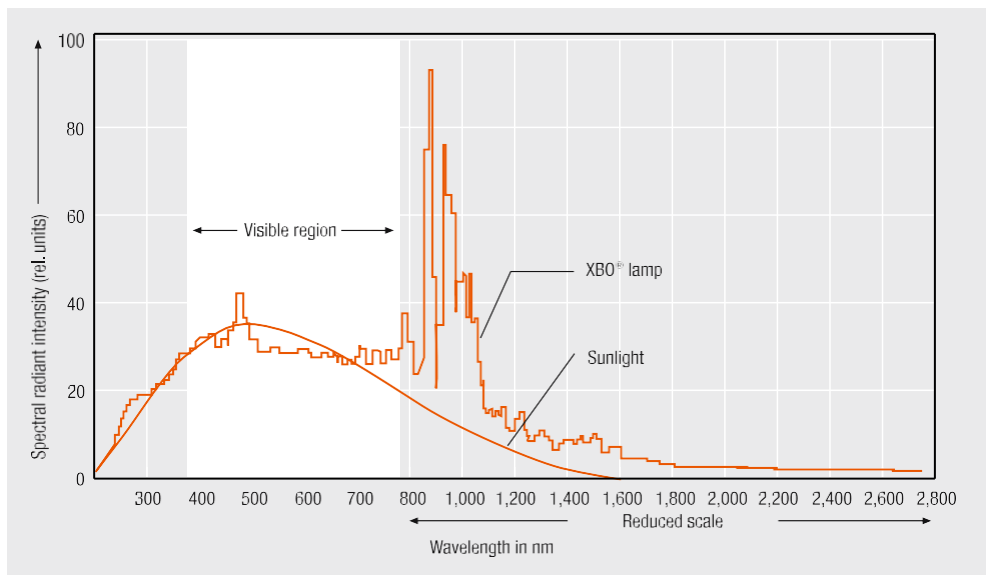
Supplementary Figure 17. (a) Molecular structural formulae of BT-IC, (b) Normalized PCE, (c) V_{oc} , (d) J_{sc} and (e) FF of a PCE-10:BT-IC (1:1.5, w/w) OPV plotted vs. aging time under 1-sun simulated AM1.5G illumination with IC-SAM as a cathode buffer and C₇₀ as an anode buffer (averaged for 4 devices). The error bars indicate the 1 s.d. uncertainty of each measurement.



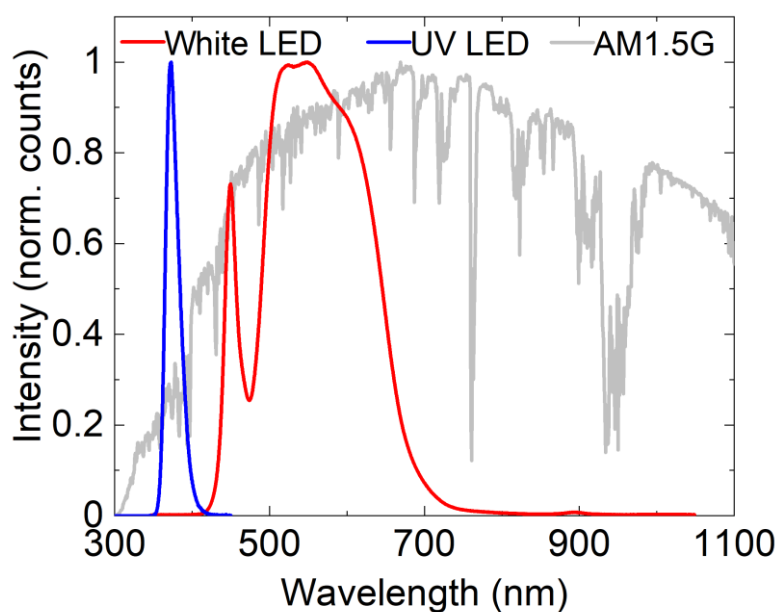
Supplementary Figure 18. (a) Molecular structural formulae of PM6 and Y6, (b) Current-density-voltage characteristics of fresh PM6:Y6 (1:1.2, w/w) devices. Inset, schematic of the device structure with J_{sc} 25.59 ± 0.35 mA cm⁻²; V_{oc} 0.83 ± 0.01 V; fill factor $66 \pm 2\%$ and PCE $14.1 \pm 0.6\%$ before ageing, (c) Normalized J_{sc} , (d) V_{oc} , (e) FF and (d) PCE of a PM6:Y6 (1:1.2, w/w) OPV plotted vs. aging time under 1-sun simulated AM1.5G illumination with IC-SAM as a cathode buffer, C₇₀ as an anode buffer and 400 nm longpass UV-filter.



Supplementary Figure 19. Normalized PCE of the OPV integrated with ZnO UV filter and one without the UV filter plotted vs. aging time under 1-sun simulated AM1.5G illumination. (averaged for 4 devices). The error bars indicate the 1 s.d. uncertainty of each measurement.



Supplementary Figure 20. The spectral distribution of radiant intensity of a typical XBO® Xenon lamp (1600 W/HS OFR XL) and a 6,200 K black body radiator. (About 6 % of the electric power consumed is emitted in the form of UV radiation below 380 nm, provide by vendor.)



Supplementary Figure 21. The spectra of the white LEDs and UV LED, compared with the AM1.5G spectrum.

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