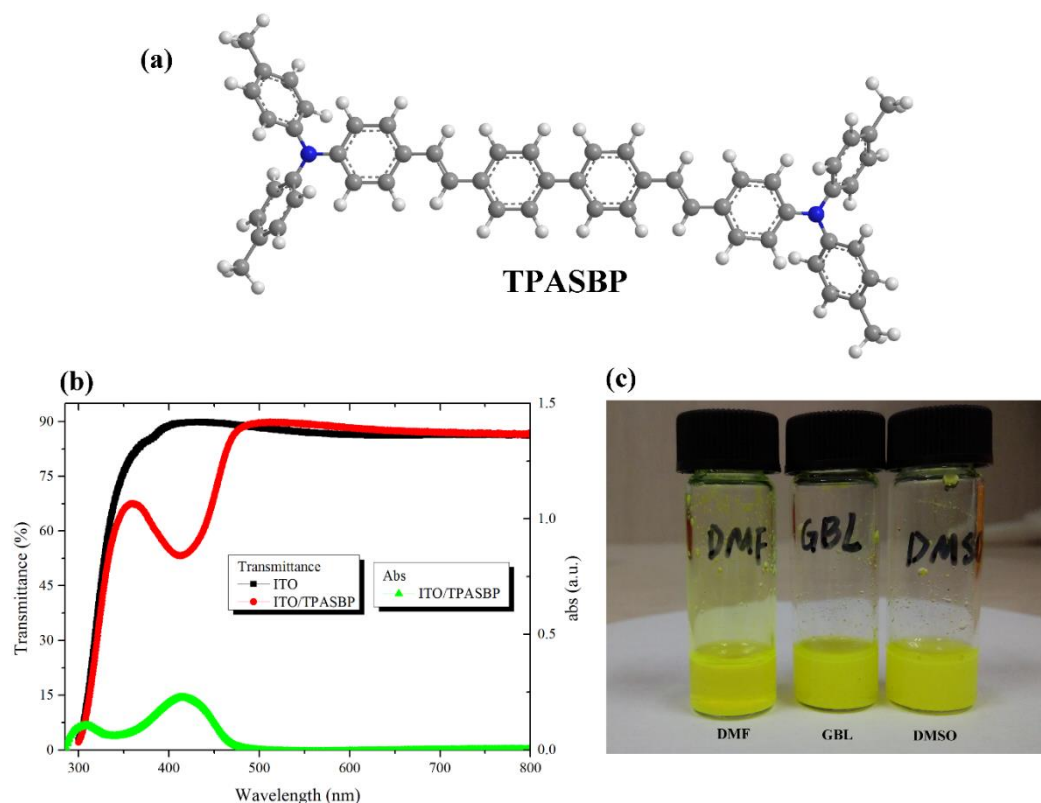


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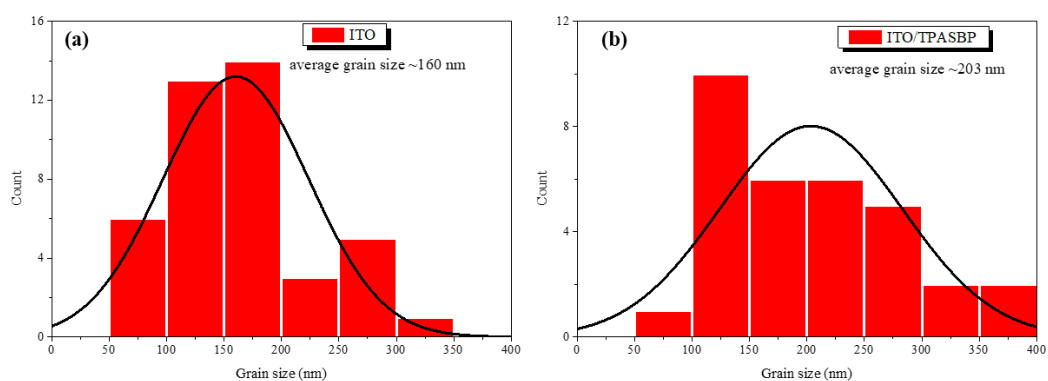
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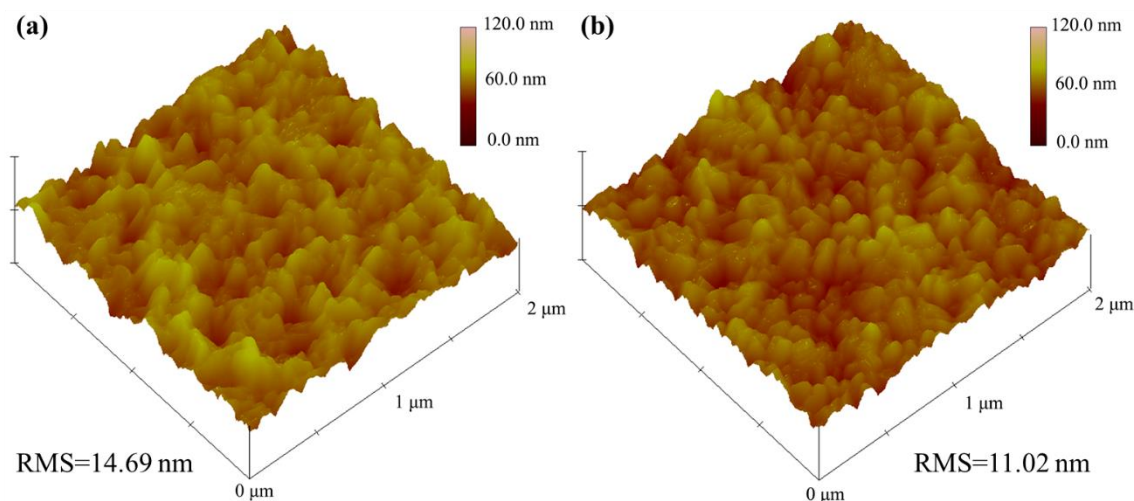
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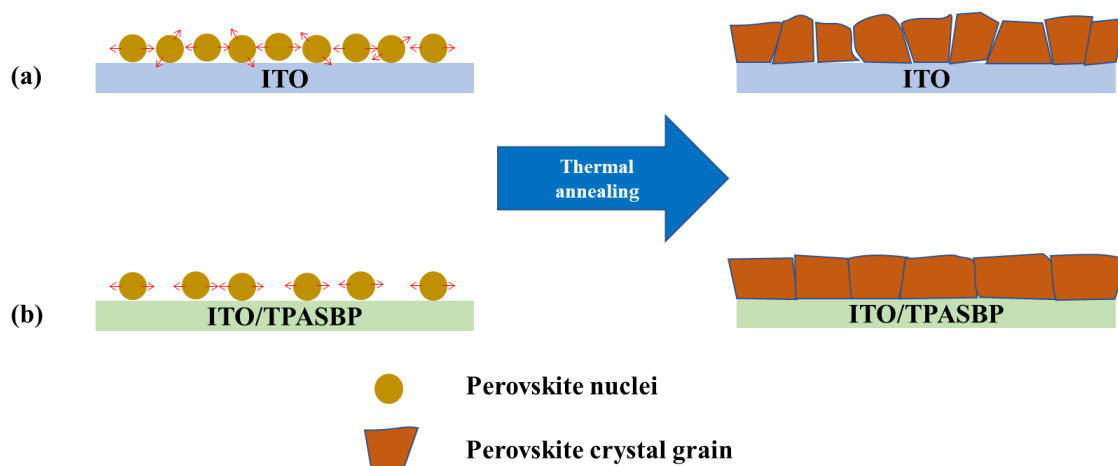
**Figure S1.** (a) chemical structure of TPASBP, (b) transmittance spectra of TPASBP/ITO glass with ITO/grass as reference and UV-vis absorption spectra of TPASBP on ITO, (c) TPASBP solutions in DMF, GBL, and DMSO, respectively, with the concentration of 5 mg/ml.



**Figure S2.** (a) grain size distribution of the perovskite film in Figure 1(c), (b) grain size distribution of the perovskite film in Figure 1(d).



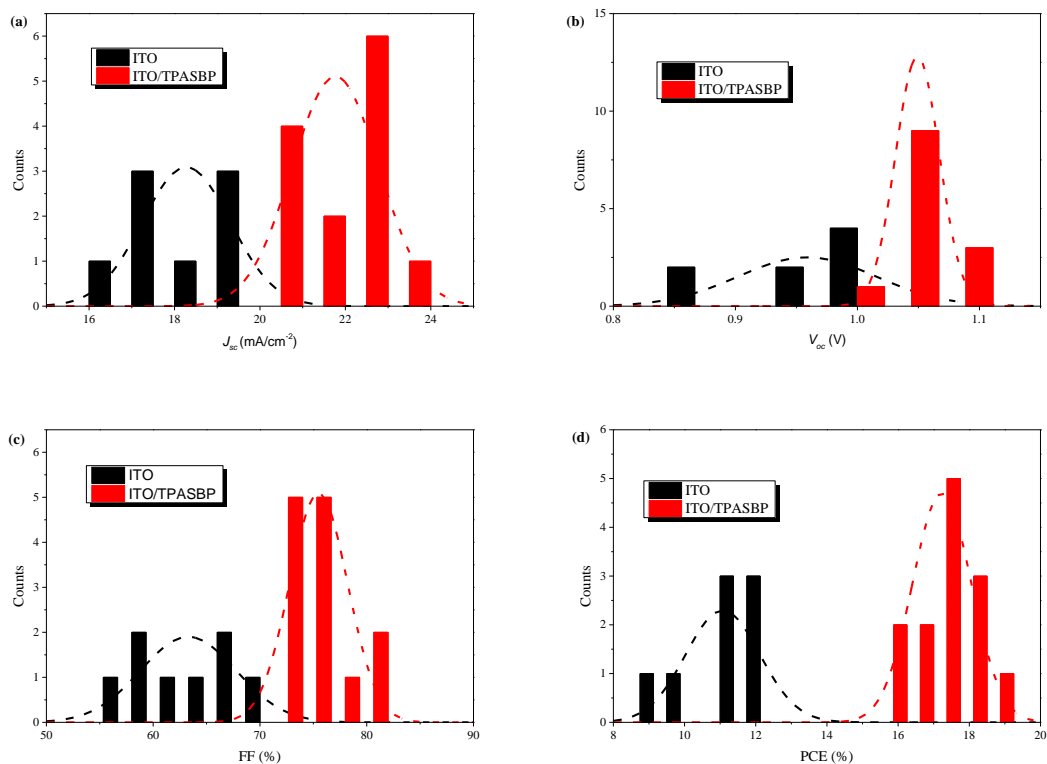
**Figure S3.** 3D-AFM topography images of the perovskite films deposited on (a) bare and (b) TPASBP-covered ITO substrates.



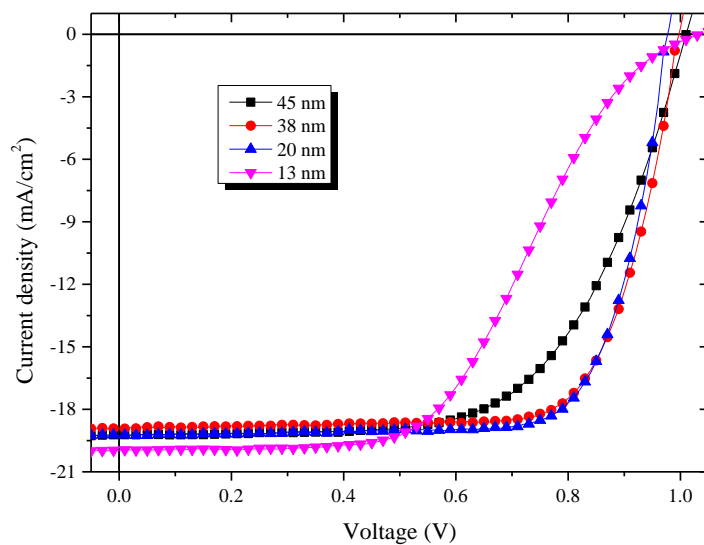
**Figure S4.** Depiction of the growth process for perovskite films on (a) hydrophilic ITO and (b) hydrophobic TPASBP.

**Table S1.** Time resolved PL measurements.

Samples	$\tau_1$ (ns)	fraction 1 (%)	$\tau_2$ (ns)	fraction 2 (%)	Averaged time (ns)
ITO/ $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$	0.61	8.35	35.15	91.65	32.26



**Figure S5.** Distributions of (a)  $J_{sc}$ , (b)  $V_{oc}$ , (c) FF, and (d) PCE obtained from 8 identical cells for PSCs based on ITO and 13 identical cells for PSCs based on TPASBP.



**Figure S6.** Dependence of main parameters of the device performance on the thickness of TPASBP layer.

**Table S2.** The photovoltaic parameters of PSCs with different thickness of TPASBP.

Thickness	$V_{oc}$ (V)	$J_{sc}$ (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	FF (%)	PCE (%)
45 nm (1500 rpm)	1.01	19.24	62.18	12.08
38 nm (2000 rpm)	1.00	18.94	73.88	13.99
20 nm (3000 rpm)	0.98	19.29	75.15	14.21
13 nm (4000 rpm)	1.03	19.97	49.70	10.22