# Metal-Organic Decomposition-Mediated Nanoparticulate Vanadium Oxide Hole Transporting Buffer Layer for Polymer Bulk-heterojunction Solar Cells 

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Figure S1. SEM images of NP- $\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ films prepared by using various concentrations of PEG (a) 10 mM , (b) 20 mM , and (c) 80 mM .


Figure S2. Cross-section SEM images of (a) bare $\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ and (b) NP- $\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ prepared using 40 mM PEG.


Figure S3. Photocurrent density-voltage curves of the OSCs with $\mathrm{NP}^{-} \mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ HTL prepared using various concentrations of PEG from 10 mM to 80 mM .


Figure S4. Contact angle and AFM images of water droplets ( $12 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ ) on the surface of (a) PEDOT:PSS and (b) NP$\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ films prepared using 40 mM PEG.

Table S1. Summary of the device performance parameters.

| Devices ${ }^{\text {a,b }}$ | $V_{o c}(\mathrm{~V})$ | $J_{s c}\left(\mathrm{~mA} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}\right)$ | FF (\%) | PCE (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PEDOT:PSS | $\begin{gathered} 0.734 \\ ( \pm 0.01) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.95 \\ ( \pm 0.02) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 68.09 \\ ( \pm 0.11) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.47 \\ ( \pm 0.09) \end{gathered}$ |
| Bare $\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.562 \\ ( \pm 0.54) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.06 \\ ( \pm 4.58) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20.70 \\ ( \pm 9.24) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.24 \\ ( \pm 1.09) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NP}-\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} \\ (10 \mathrm{mM} \text { PEG) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.725 \\ ( \pm 0.07) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.79 \\ ( \pm 0.04) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 66.47 \\ ( \pm 0.24) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.55 \\ ( \pm 0.22) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NP}-\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} \\ (20 \mathrm{mM} \text { PEG) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.723 \\ ( \pm 0.04) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.84 \\ ( \pm 0.02) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 67.12 \\ ( \pm 0.18) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.68 \\ ( \pm 0.19) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NP}-\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} \\ (40 \mathrm{mM} \text { PEG }) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.723 \\ ( \pm 0.05) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.81 \\ ( \pm 0.03) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 69.01 \\ ( \pm 0.15) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.89 \\ ( \pm 0.11) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NP}-\mathrm{V}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5} \\ (80 \mathrm{mM} \text { PEG) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.717 \\ ( \pm 0.13) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.10 \\ ( \pm 0.37) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 66.04 \\ ( \pm 0.41) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.15 \\ ( \pm 0.52) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The cell area was determined by using an aperture of area $11.43 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$. The aperture was placed on top of the cell (of approximately $15 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ ). These area values were carefully characterized with a video microscope (Sometech, SV-35). ${ }^{\text {b }}$ The average values were obtained from 10 devices for each condition.

