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## Improved surface passivation of AgBiS2 quantum dots for photovoltaic applications

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AgBiS2 colloidal quantum dots (QDs) are a non-toxic alternative for the commonly used PbS QDs for photovoltaic applications. Similar to its PbS QDs, they show great promise due to a tunable bandgap and solution processing. What makes them stand out is the abundance of materials as well as a high absorption coefficient, which enables to reduce the thickness of the active layer to around 35 nm. Additionally, studies have shown that they are more stable in water and can effectively harvest photons in the near-infrared part of the solar spectrum. One of major issues that impede the development of AgBiS2 based photovoltaics is QD surface defects induced recombination losses. Here, we aim to improve the surface passivation of individual QDs and improve the charge transport in the QD films using surface ligand treatment with ZnI, mercaptocarboxylic acid (MPA) and TBAI as surface ligands. The optical and electrical properties of corresponding QDs films are characterized utilizing FTIR, XPS and UPS techniques, and further the corresponding device performances are investigated.

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