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Reporting Checklist For Solar Cell Manuscripts

In order to improve the reproducibility and transparency of manuscripts related to photovoltaic cells, we strongly recommend that authors consider the following points in the preparation of their manuscript. **Please supply a response to the checklist alongside your submitted manuscript, and ensure that the relevant responses are also provided in the main manuscript, methods section or supplementary information as appropriate.** The completed checklist will be shared with reviewers.

► Solar Cell Data:	Response
1. Have current–voltage (J–V) plots in both forward and backward direction been supplied? Have the stabilization of photocurrent at maximum power point voltage or maximum power point data (see ref.7 for further details) been shown?	
2. Has external quantum efficiency (EQE) or incident photons to current efficiency (IPCE) data for the devices been provided? Has the integrated response under the standard reference spectrum been compared to the response measured under the simulator? In case of tandem solar cells, have the following been stated: bias illumination intensity; bias voltage used for each subcell?	
3. Please describe the voltage scan conditions (direction, speed, dwell times), and test environment for your devices (for example: temperature, in air or in glove box). If a preconditioning protocol has been used before the characterization, please describe it.	
4. Please state the light source and the reference cell or sensor used for the characterization. Was the reference cell calibrated and certified? Was a spectral mismatch calculation between the reference cell and the devices under test performed? What is the mismatch factor used?	
5. Please state the dimensions of the tested solar cells.	
6. Please state whether a mask/aperture was used for measurements. If this is the case, please state the size of the mask/aperture and declare whether the measured short-circuit current density of the devices varies with the mask/aperture area. If a mask/aperture was not used, please explain why.	

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7. Have you observed hysteresis or any other unusual behaviour during the characterization of the solar cells? If this is the case, please include a description of the observed behaviour and the related experimental data.
8. Please state whether the photovoltaic performance of your devices has been confirmed from independent certification laboratories.
(If this is the case, please include a copy of the certificate in the Supplementary Information).
9. How many solar cells have been tested? Has a statistical analysis of the performance been included?
10. Has a stability analysis been performed? If so, please clearly describe the type of analysis (for example: thermal stress, shelf-life, light-soaking test, UV stress) and the bias conditions used during this characterization.

► Further reading:

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A number of international committees develop industry standards on the characterization of photovoltaic technologies (for example [ASTM-E44](#) and [IEC-TC 82](#)), which can provide guidance for academic research.