

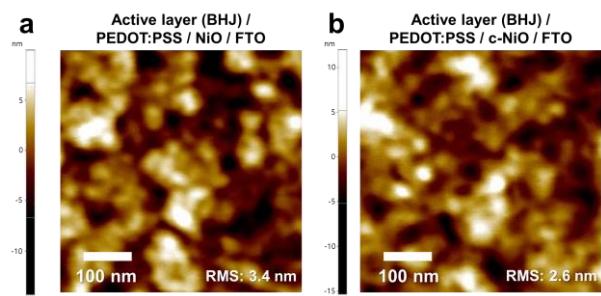
Supplementary information

## **PEG-assisted Sol-gel Synthesis of Compact Nickel Oxide Hole-selective Layer with Modified Interfacial Properties for Organic Solar Cells**

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**Figure S1.** AFM images of active layers coated on PEDOT:PSS/nickel oxide/FTO (a) and PEDTO:PTSS/compact nickel oxide (c-NiO)/FTO (b).

**Table S1.** Photovoltaic parameters of OPVs.

<b>Devices<sup>1</sup></b>	<b><math>V_{oc}</math> (V)</b>	<b><math>J_{sc}</math> (mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>FF (%)</b>	<b>PCE (%)</b>
Bare FTO	0.26	11.54	27.17	0.82
NiO/FTO	0.696 ( $\pm 0.23$ )	14.06 ( $\pm 1.58$ )	58.10 ( $\pm 2.24$ )	5.68 ( $\pm 1.32$ )
c-NiO/FTO	0.722 ( $\pm 0.15$ )	14.28 ( $\pm 0.61$ )	66.98 ( $\pm 1.17$ )	6.91 ( $\pm 0.83$ )
P (PEDOT:PSS)	0.682	13.63	59.34	5.52
P/NiO/FTO	0.738 ( $\pm 0.11$ )	14.70 ( $\pm 0.44$ )	66.92 ( $\pm 0.37$ )	7.26 ( $\pm 0.65$ )
P/c-NiO/FTO	0.744 ( $\pm 0.08$ )	15.39 ( $\pm 0.48$ )	69.23 ( $\pm 0.55$ )	7.93 ( $\pm 0.43$ )

<sup>1</sup> The average values were obtained from 10 devices for each condition except the OPVs prepared by bare FTO without any interlayer and PEDOT:PSS interlayer.

**Table S2.** Summary of PL decay lifetimes and fractional intensities of the samples. The average lifetime ( $\tau_{avr}$ ) was  $\tau_1 f_1 + \tau_2 f_2$ , where  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are fractional intensities and  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are lifetime.

Devices composed of:	$\tau_1(f_1)$ [ns]	$\tau_2(f_2)$ [ns]	$\tau_{avr}$ [ns]
NiO/FTO	0.514 (0.57)	3.169 (0.43)	1.659
c-NiO/FTO	0.082 (0.77)	2.255 (0.23)	0.582
P/NiO/FTO	0.137 (0.59)	0.675 (0.41)	0.358
P/c-NiO/FTO	0.046 (0.87)	0.519 (0.13)	0.107