Electronic Supplementary Information for

Development of biomineralization-inspired hybrids based on β-chitin and zinc hydroxide carbonate and their conversion into zinc oxide thin films

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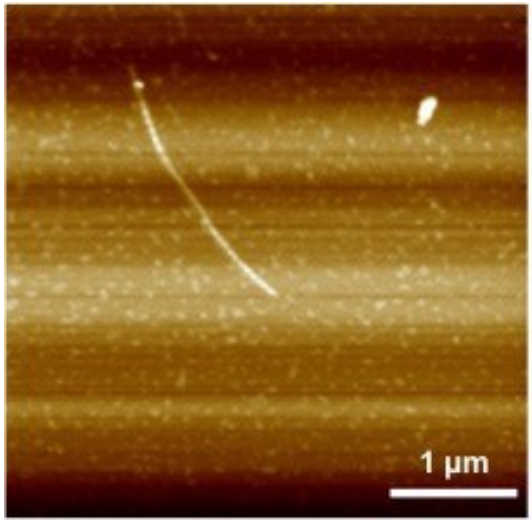

Fig. S1 Atomic force microscope image of a *β*-chitin nanofiber.

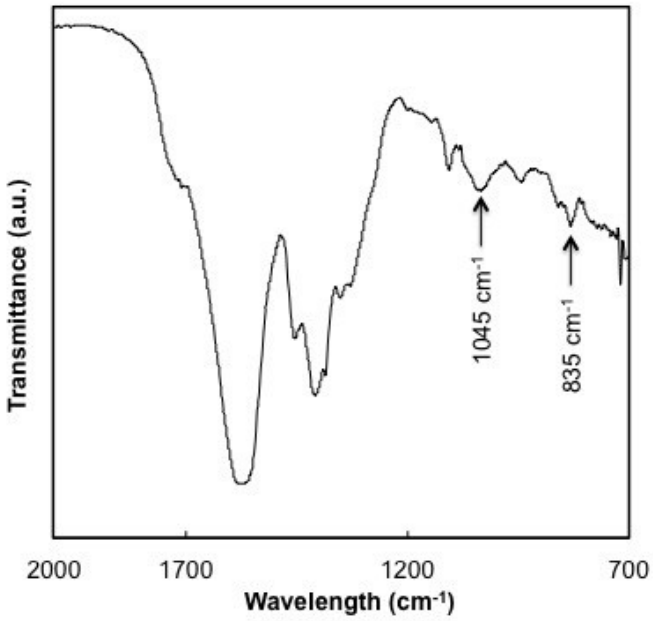

Fig. S2 FT-IR spectrum of chitin/ZHC hybrid with the presence of PAA.

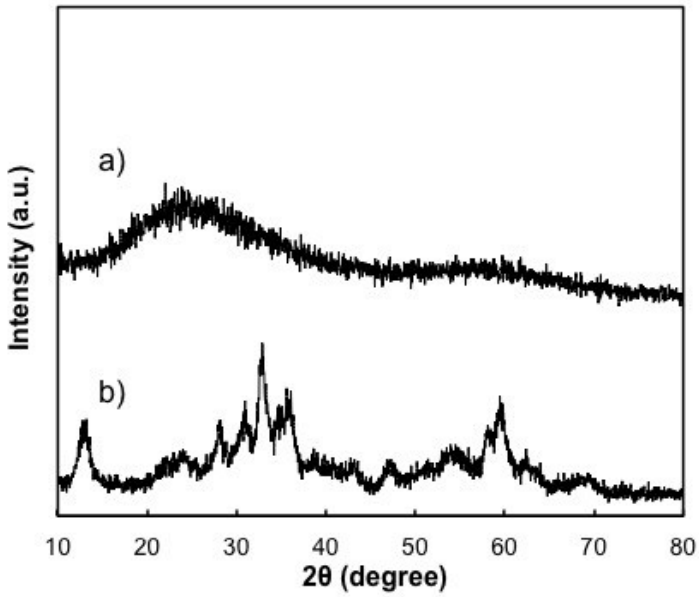

Fig. S3 XRD patterns of zinc hydroxide carbonate precipitates formed a) with 3.6×10^{-2} wt% of PAA and b) in the absence of PAA.

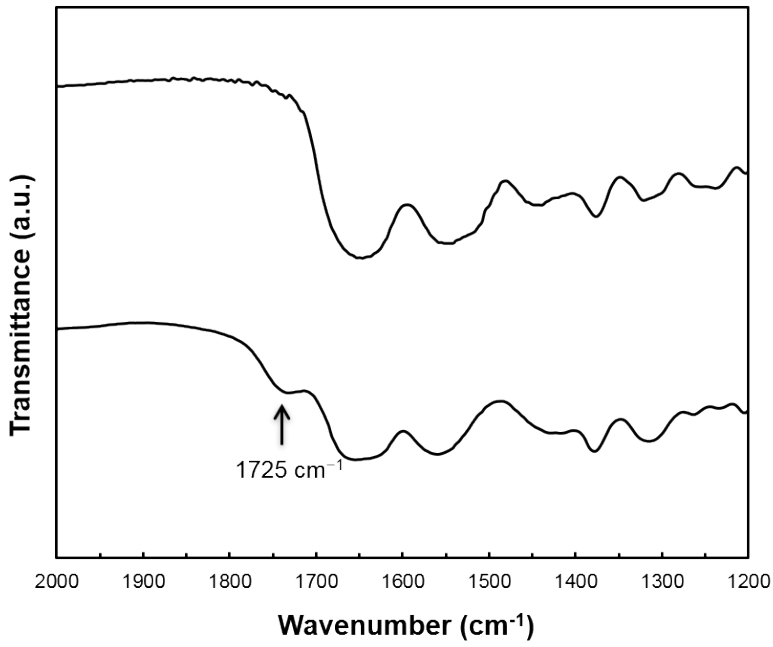

Fig. S4 FT-IR of a) *β*-chitin and b) TEMPO-mediated oxidized *β*-chitin. The peak at 1725 cm^{-1} is attributed to carboxylic acid group.