**Supplementary Information** 

## First phosphorus AB<sub>2</sub> monomer for flame-retardant hyperbranched polyphosphoesters: AB<sub>2</sub> vs A<sub>2</sub>+B<sub>3</sub>

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K) of 1.



Figure S2.  ${}^{31}P$  {H}-NMR (121 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K) of 1.



**Figure S3.** ASAP-MS of **1** [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 262.9 m/z.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K) of poly-1.



**Figure S5.** <sup>31</sup>P {H}-NMR (121 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K) of **poly-1**.



Figure S6. Total ion chromatogram of pyrolysis GC MS of poly-1 measured at 250 °C (first decomposition step).



Figure S7. Total ion chromatogram of pyrolysis GC MS of poly-1 measured at 500 °C (full decomposition).



**Figure S8.** Mass spectrum at 5.62 min in the pyrolysis GC MS total ion chromatogram of **poly-1** at 250 °C, identified by NIST 14 library as tetrahydro thiophene.



Figure S9. Comparative spectra of tetrahydro thiophene from NIST chemistry webbook.



**Figure S10.** Mass spectrum at 2.60 min in the pyrolysis GC MS total ion chromatogram of **poly-1** at 500 °C, identified by NIST 14 library as 1,5-hexadiene.



Figure S11. Comparative spectra of 1,5-hexadiene from NIST chemistry webbook.



**Figure S12.** Mass spectrum at 3.56 min in the pyrolysis GC MS total ion chromatogram of **poly-1** at 550 °C, identified by NIST 14 library as cyclohexene.



Figure S13. Comparative spectra of cyclohexene from NIST chemistry webbook.



**Figure S14.** Mass spectrum at 6.57 min in the pyrolysis GC MS total ion chromatogram of **poly-1** at 500 °C, identified by NIST 14 library as 5-hexen-1-ol.



Figure S15. Comparative spectra of 5-hexen-1-ol from NIST chemistry webbook.



**Figure S16.** TGA-FTIR spectrum of **poly-1**, identifying the main decomposition products (tetrahydro thiophene; 1,5-hexadiene; 5-hexen-1-ol) at specific decomposition temperatures (222 °C, 274 °C) using references from NIST library.



**Figure S17.** Evolved gas analysis of **EP-FRs** during pyrolysis via TGA coupled with FTIR (TG-FTIR), comparing the products at ca. 290 °C and ca. 360 – 380 °C.



**Figure S18.** Results from hot-stage FTIR measurements, comparing the condensed phase spectra of **EP-FRs** at 100 °C and 300 °C.



**Figure S19.** Results from hot-stage FTIR measurements, comparing the condensed phase spectra of **EP-FRs** at 500 °C and 600 °C.



**Figure S20.** Results from DSC measurements, comparing glass-transition temperatures ( $T_g$ ) of **EP** and EP-FRs.

**Table S1.** Results from cone calorimeter measurements of EP-FRs, comparing total heat evolved (THE; = total heat released at flame-out), peak of heat release rate (PHRR), time to ignition ( $t_{ig}$ ), residue yield, and effective heat of combustion (EHC; = THE / total mass loss).

	EP	EP-poly-1	EP-poly-2	EP-BDP
THE / MJ m <sup>-2</sup>	108.4 ± 2.6	85.9 ± 0.0	89.8 ± 3.0	87.4 ± 1.2
PHHR / kW m <sup>-2</sup>	1696 ± 180	1170 ± 32	953 ± 41	1180 ± 41
t <sub>ig</sub> / s	47 ± 1	39 ± 2	38 ± 3	42 ± 6
Residue / wt%	0.7 ± 0.1	11.5 ± 0.8	7.5 ± 0.6	3.1 ± 0.2
EHC / MJ kg <sup>-1</sup>	26.9 ± 1.0	24.3 ± 0.2	24.3 ± 0.6	22.7 ± 0.2

**Table S2.** TGA results of **EP** and EP-FRs, comparing onset temperature ( $T_{5\%}$ ), temperature of maximum mass loss rate ( $T_{max}$ ), and residue at 700 °C.

	EP	EP-poly-1	EP-poly-2	EP-BDP
<i>T</i> <sub>5%</sub> / °C	338 ± 1	268 ± 1	289 ± 1	304 ± 1
T <sub>max</sub> / °C	372 ± 1	350 ± 0	351 ± 1	357 ± 0
Residue / wt%	4.5 ± 0.1	7.9 ± 0.3	7.7 ± 0.0	8.2 ± 0.1



Scheme S1. Chemical structure of bisphenol A bis(diphenyl phosphate) (BDP).



Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 298 K) of poly-2 showing a ratio of n<sub>Double-bond</sub>/n<sub>Ester</sub> of 0.39.

**Table S3.** Elemental analysis of **poly-2**. %C, %H, %N and %S was measured, the other values were calculated as follows: %O&P = 100-(%C+%H+%N+%S); %P<sub>%O&P</sub> = M(P)/(4\*M(O) + M(P)) \* 100%; %P = %O&P \* %P<sub>%O&P</sub> / 100%.

	%C	%Н	%N	%S	%0&P	%Р <sub>%0&amp;Р</sub>	%Р
Poly-2	55.23	8.66	0	12.48	23.64	33	7.7