

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Aluminum-organophosphorus hybrid nanorods for simultaneously enhancing flame retardancy and mechanical properties of epoxy resin

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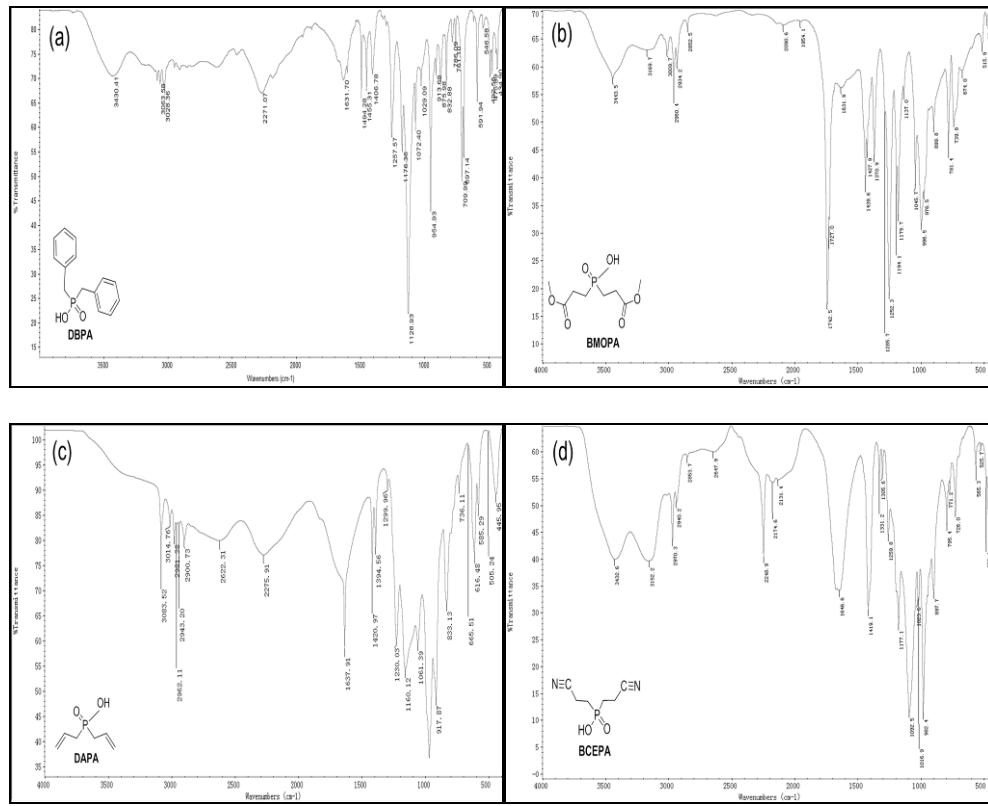
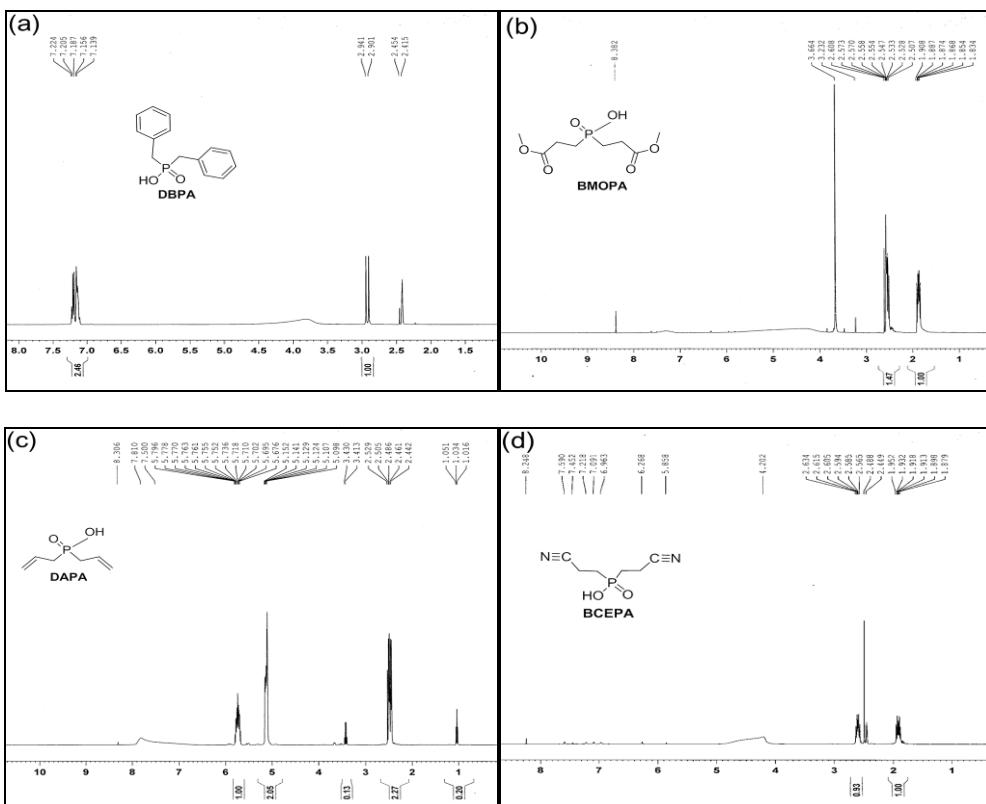
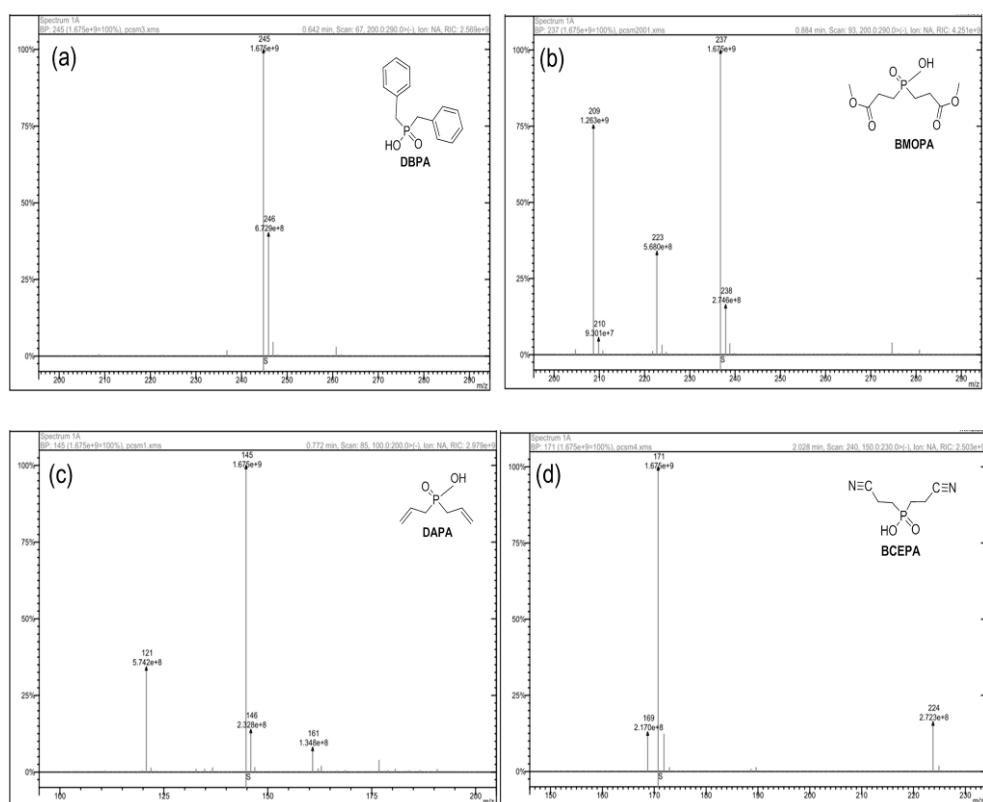


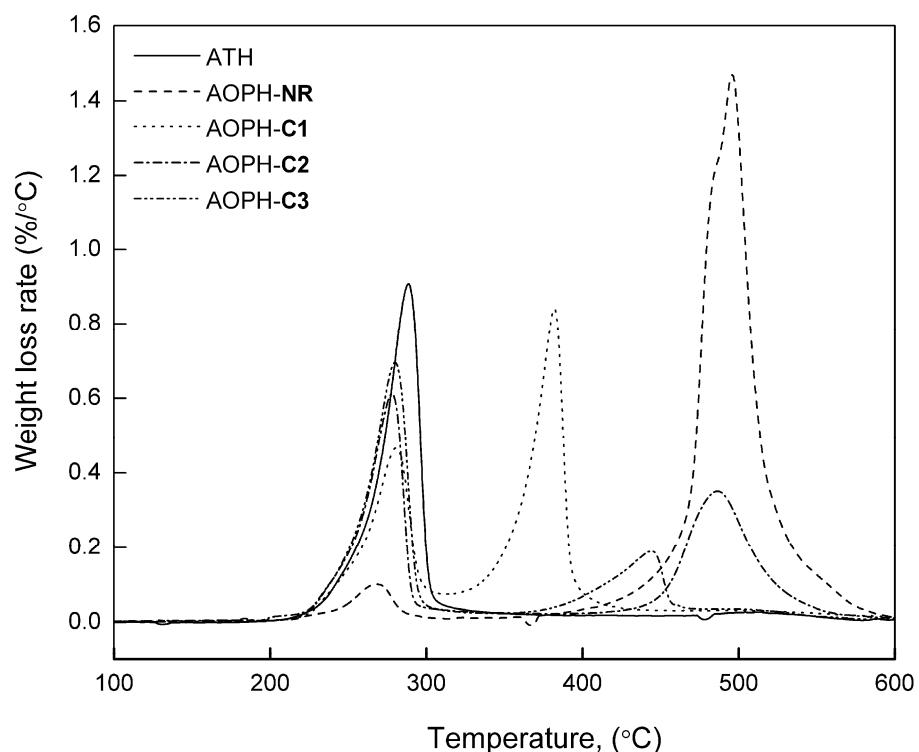
Fig. S1 FTIR spectrum of organophosphinic acids.



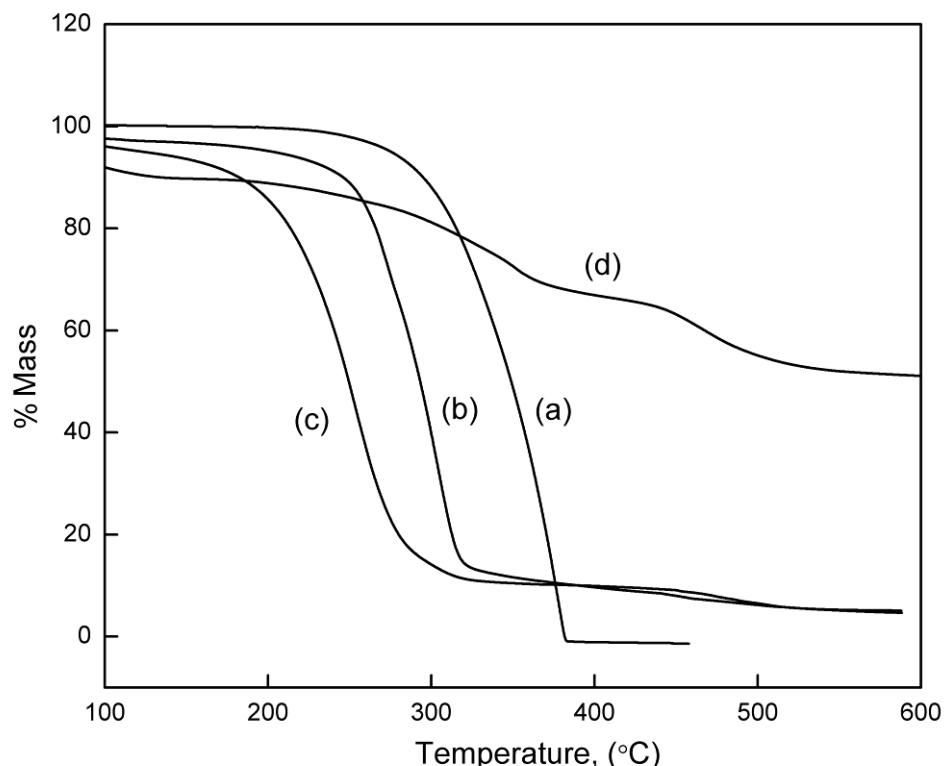
**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectrum of organophosphinic acids.



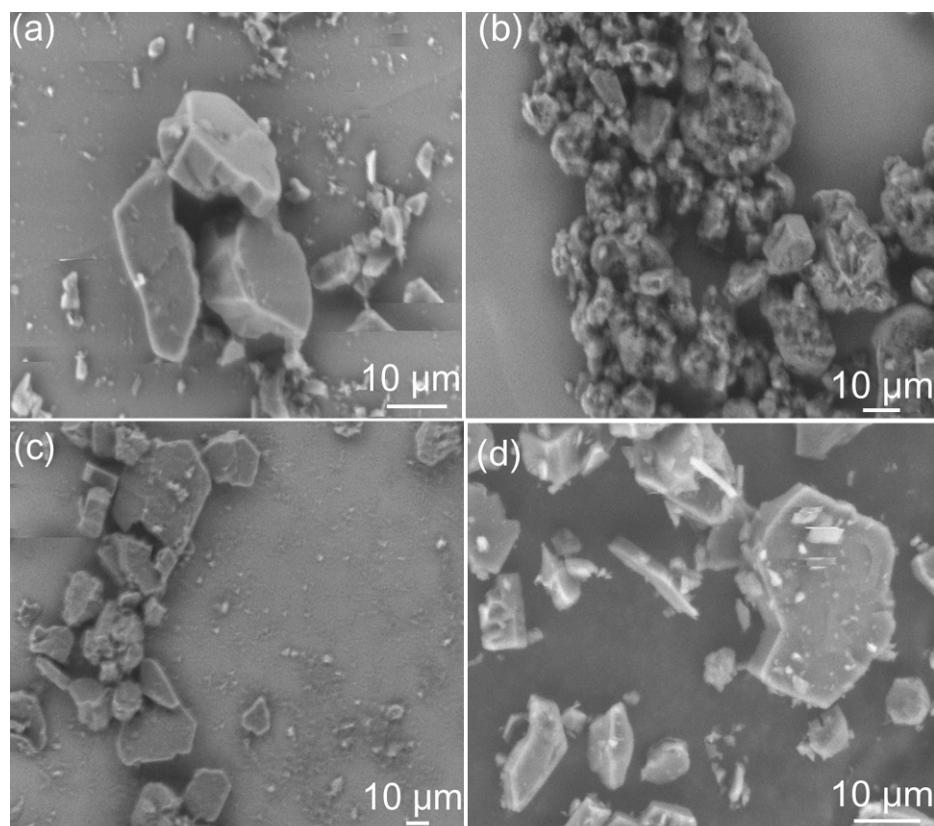
**Fig. S3** Mass spectra of organophosphinic acids.



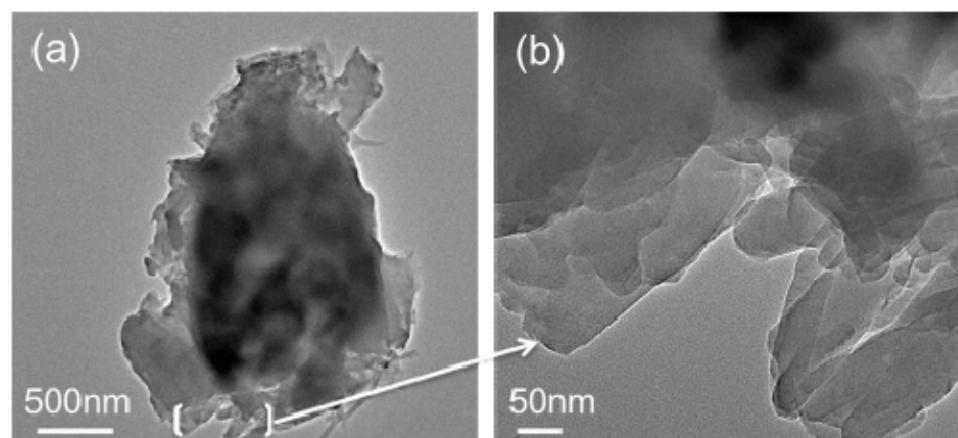
**Fig. S4** Derivative thermogravimetric analysis (DTG) curves of ATH, AOPH-NR and other AOPHs.



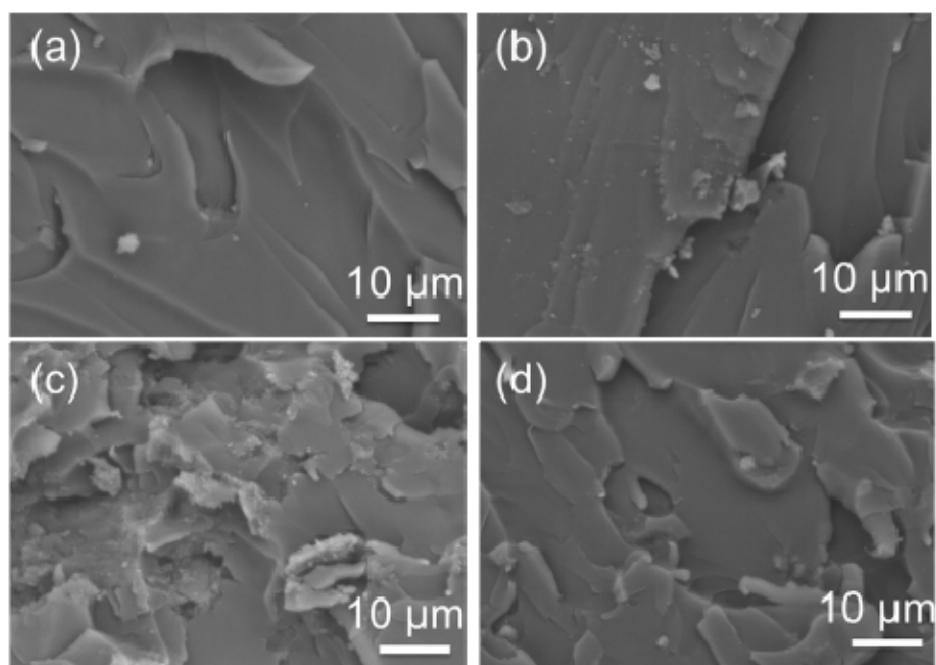
**Fig. S5** TGA curves of organophosphinic acids in nitrogen: (a) DBPA, (b) BMOPA, (c) DAPA and (d) BECPA.



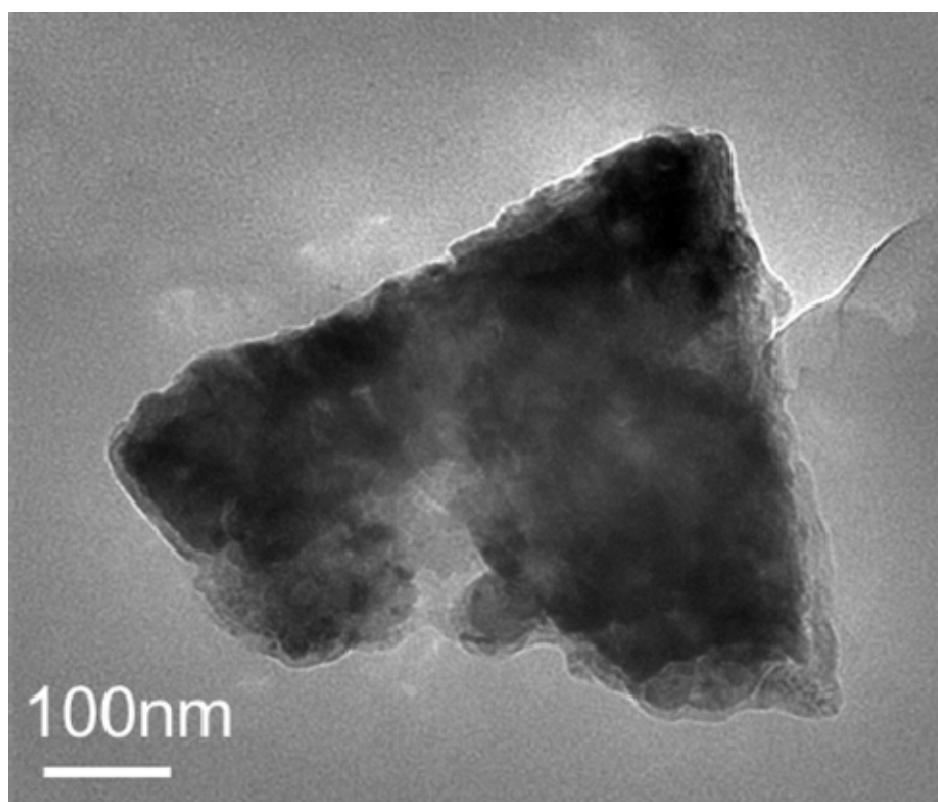
**Fig. S6** SEM images of ATH and AOPHs: (a) ATH, (b) APOH-**C1**, (c) APOH-**C2** and (d) APOH-**C3**.



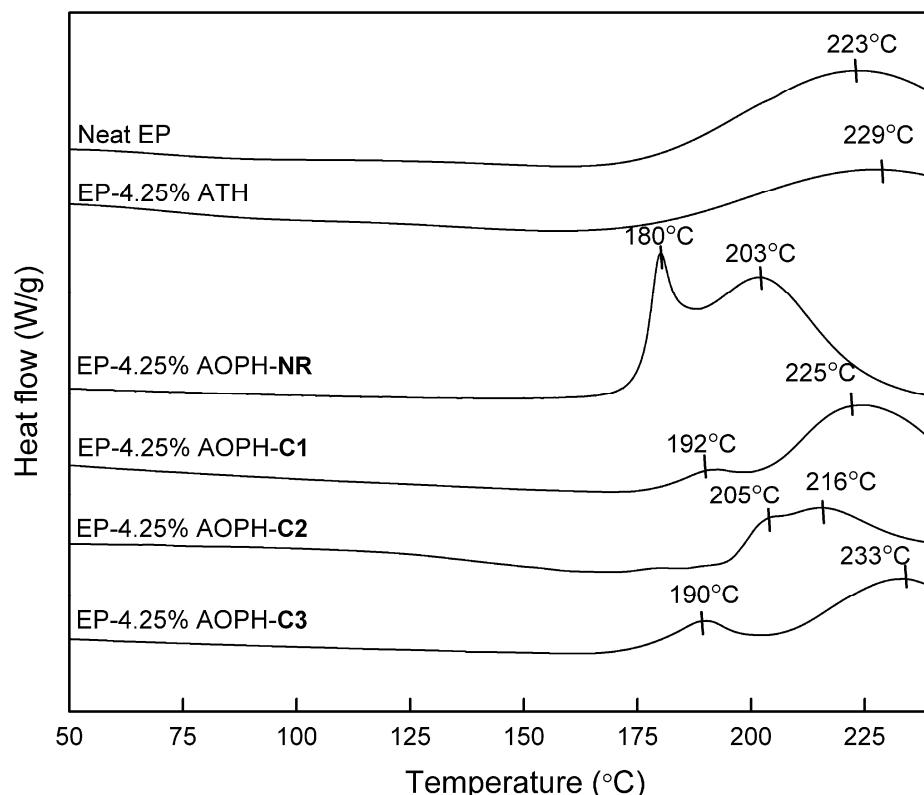
**Fig. S7** TEM images of AOPH-C1 (a) and the tactoids (b).



**Fig. S8** SEM images of cross section of EP-4.25%ATH composite (a), EP -4.25%AOPH-C1 composite (b), EP -4.25%AOPH-C2 composite (c) and EP -4.25%AOPH-C3 composite (d).



**Fig. S9** TEM image of EP-4.25%AOPH-C1 composite.



**Fig. S10** Curing behavior of neat EP, EP/AOPH-NR composite, and other EP/AOPHs composites

(by non-thermal DSC at a heating rate of  $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ ).