

# Electronic Supplementary Material

## Regulating the micro-nano structure of cellulose nanofibers reinforced polyvinyl alcohol composites for enhanced mechanical and barrier properties via one-pot wet milling

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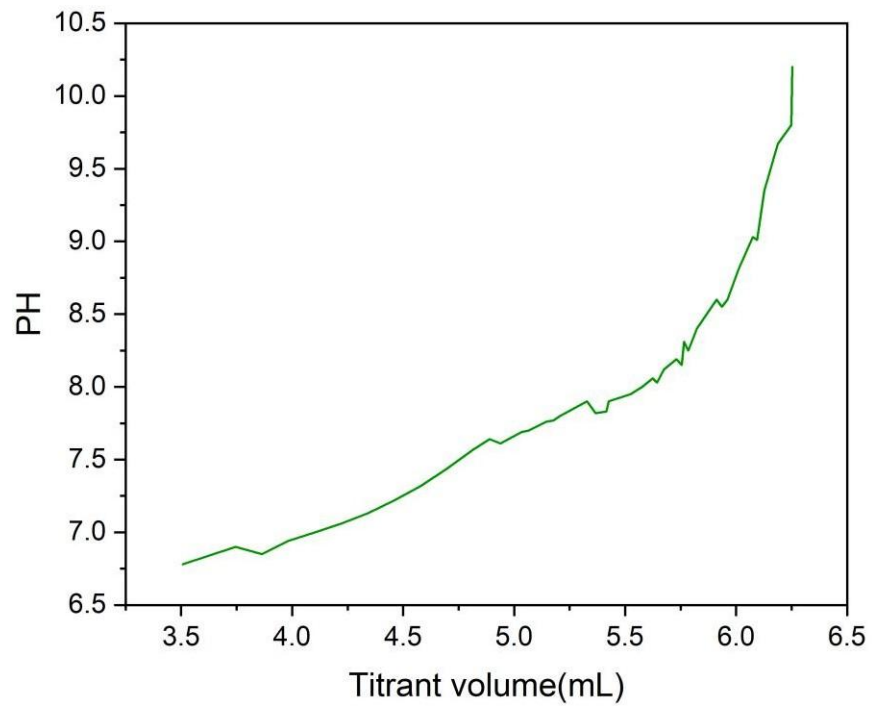
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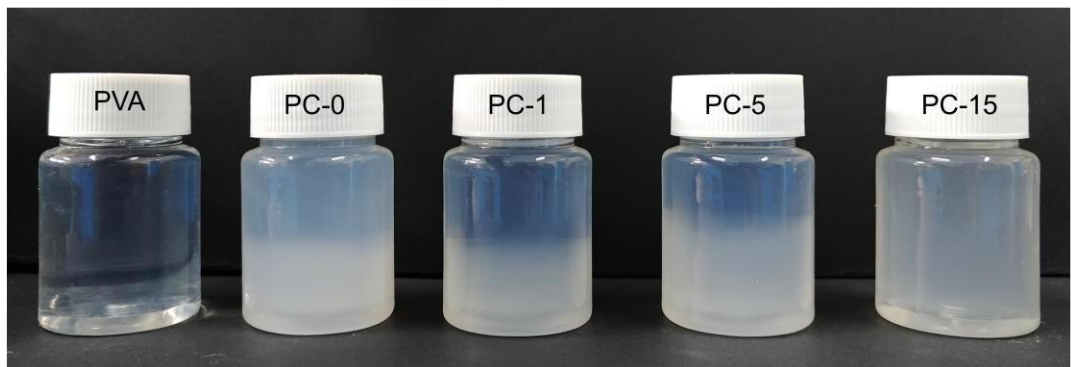
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**Table S1** Comparison of mechanical properties of PC<sub>-15</sub> composite film and PVA/CNFs(10wt%) films in other researches

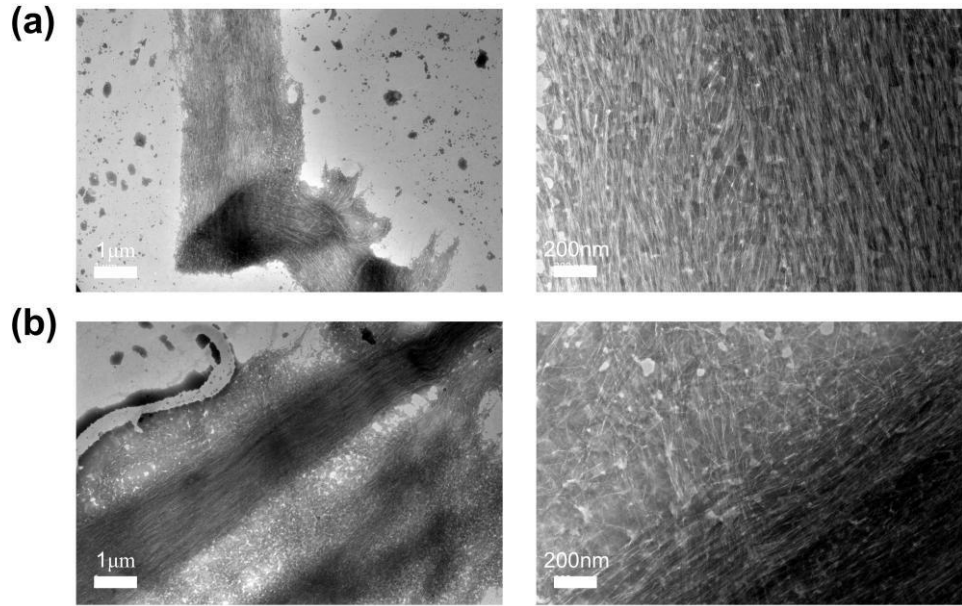
PC composite films	Tensile strength [MPa]	Elongation at break [%]	Young's modulus [MPa]	References
PC <sub>-15</sub>	49.3	125.1	1337.12	
PVA/CNFs (10wt%)	44.2	134.8	476.6	(Liu et al. 2013)
	44.3	89.2	1473.86	(Miao et al. 2016)
	14.89	/	517	(Schoeler et al. 2020)
	53.5	25.2	1033	(Qiu and Netravali. 2012)



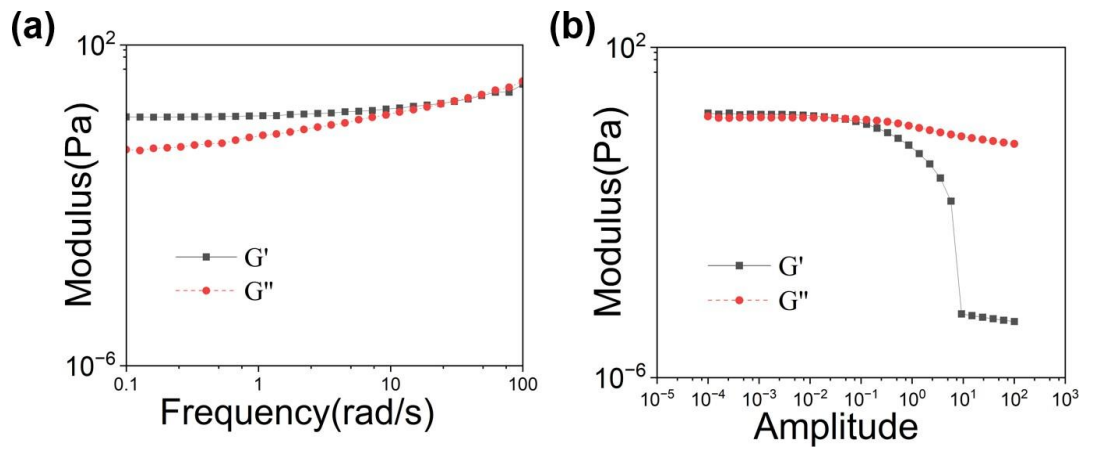
**Fig.S1** The pH titration curve of the carboxylate content measurement to determine endpoint for PH



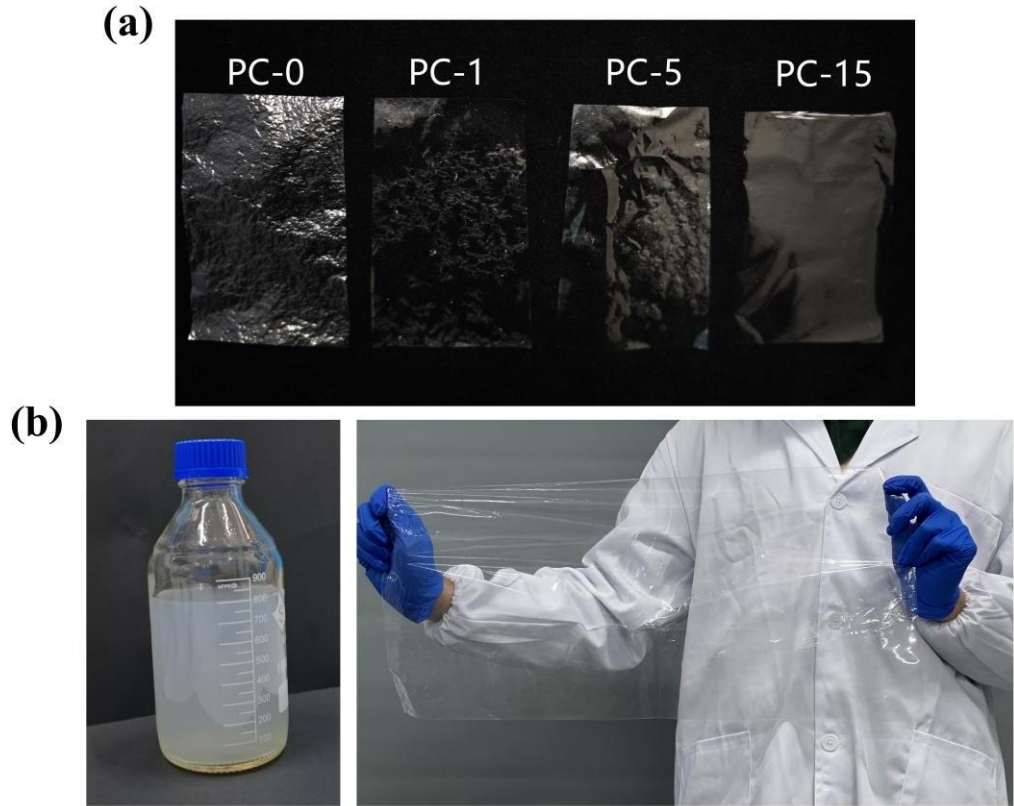
**Fig.S2** PVA aqueous solution and PC series suspension after being sat still for several days



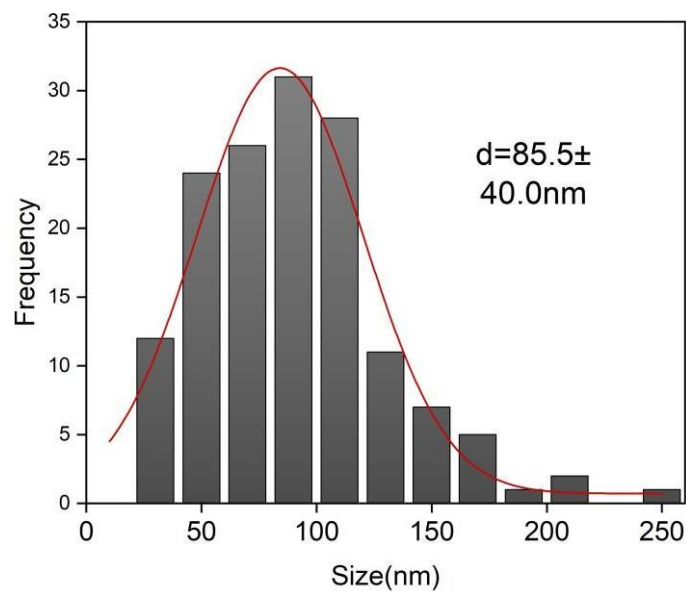
**Fig.S3** TEM images of (a) PC-1 and (b) PC-5 composites in different scale: the dark areas represent penetrated dye, while the overexposed areas may indicate a continuous and impenetrable phase.



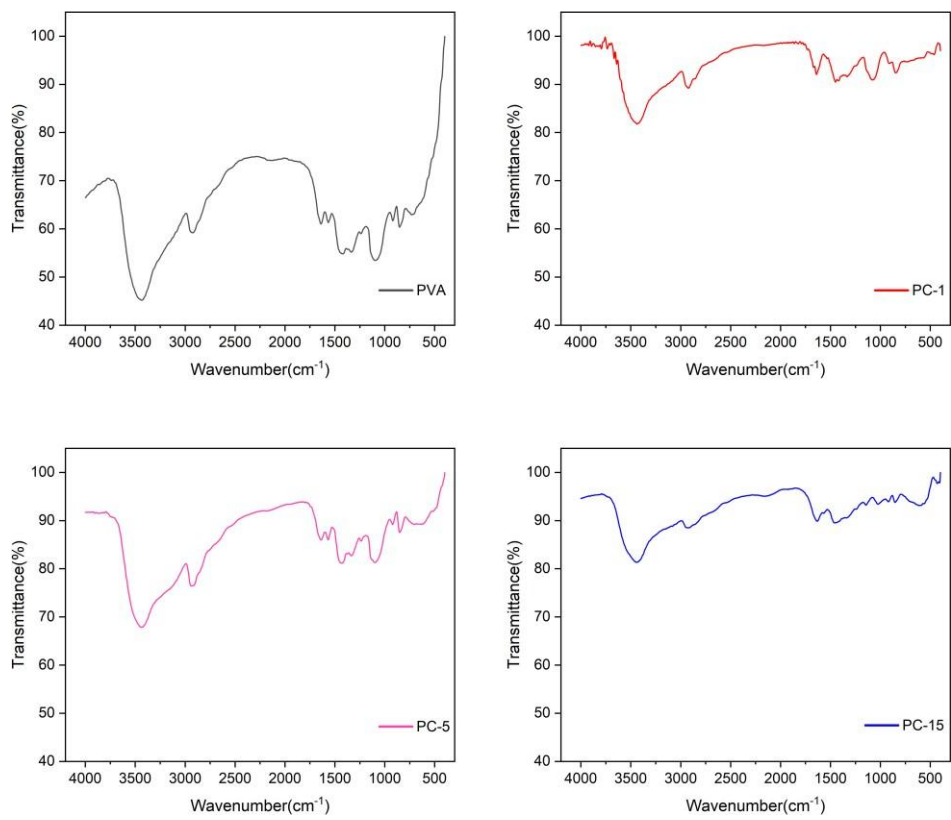
**Fig.S4** Rheological behavior of PC-5 suspension: (a)  $G'$  and  $G''$  as a function of frequency. (b)  $G'$  and  $G''$  as a function of amplitude



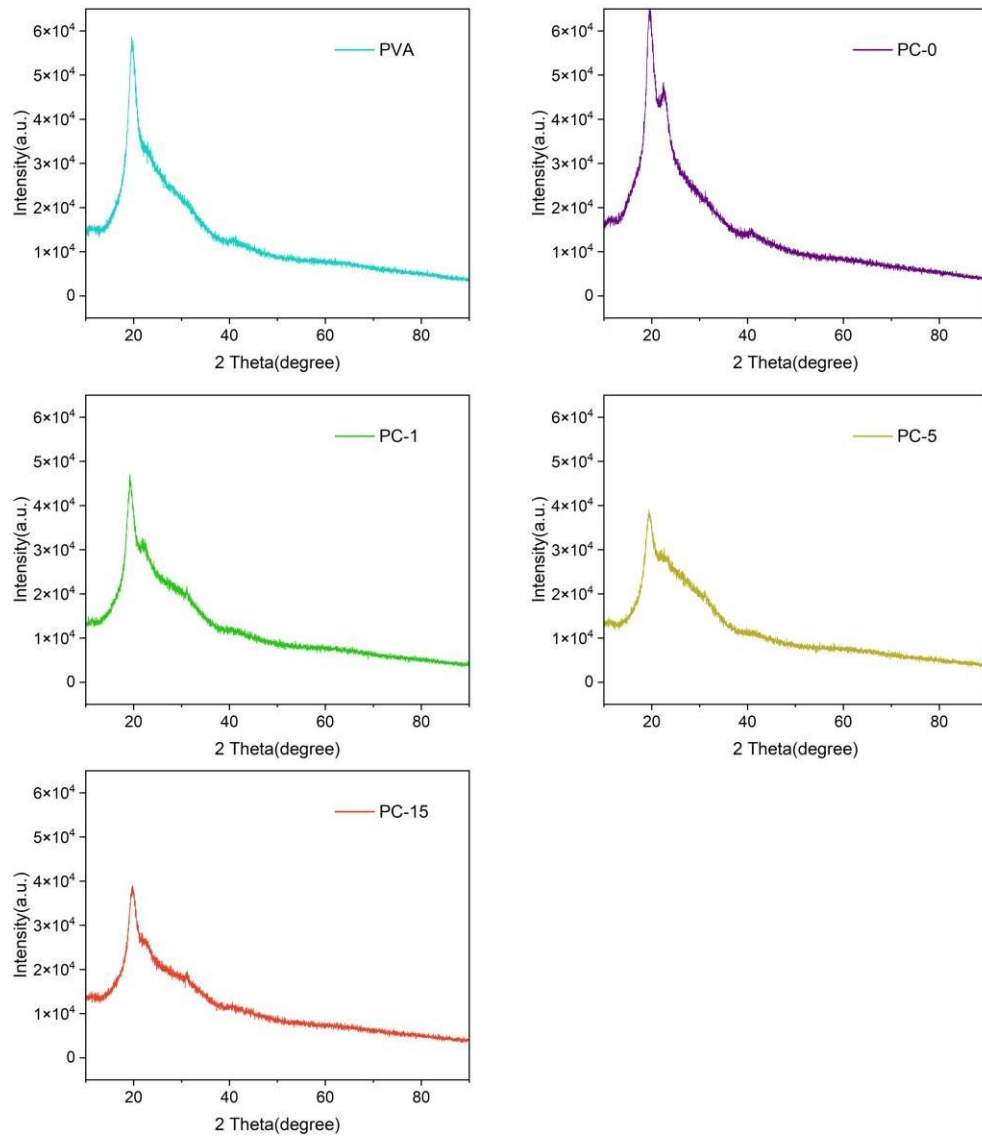
**Fig.S5** (a) photographs of PC<sub>0</sub>, PC<sub>1</sub>, PC<sub>5</sub> and PC<sub>15</sub> films. (b) grinding PC<sub>15</sub> slurries in a substantial volumes and casting in a 70×30cm mold to produce a large-sized PC<sub>15</sub> film



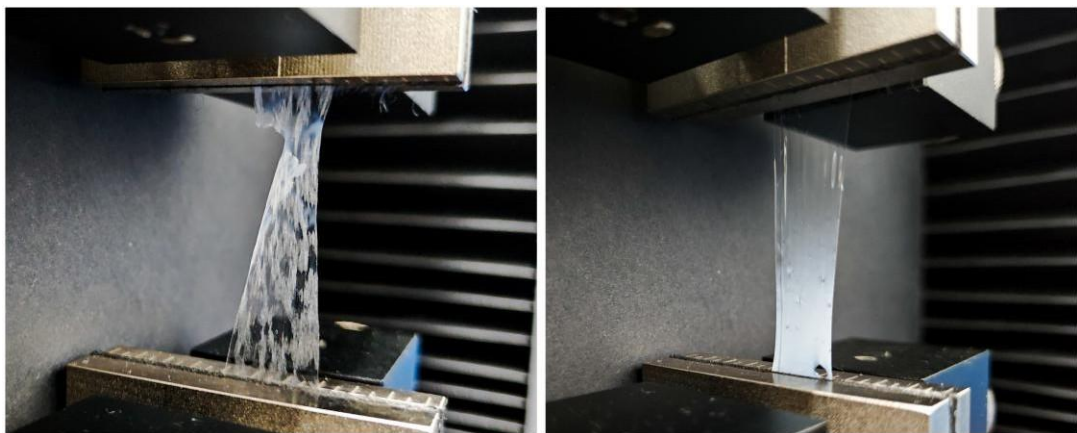
**Fig.S6** Size distribution of CNFs discontinuous phase in the cross-section SEM image of PC<sub>15</sub> film



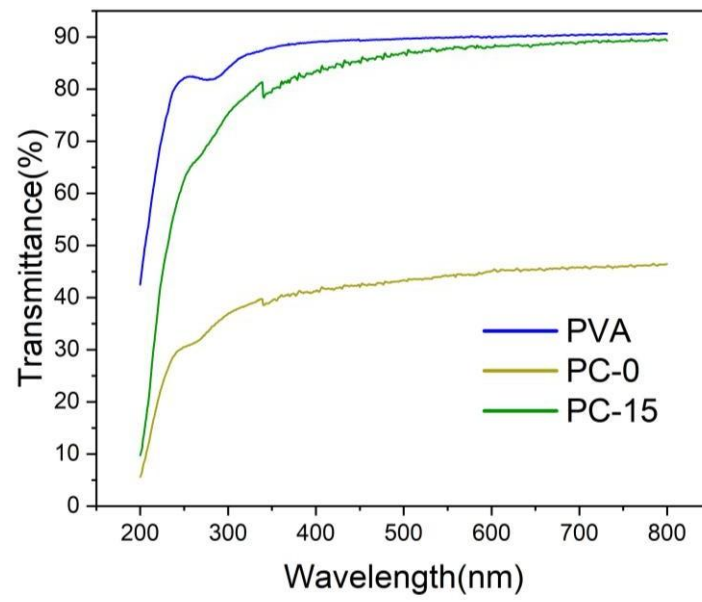
**Fig.S7** The original FTIR spectra of PVA, PC-1, PC-5 and PC-15 composite films



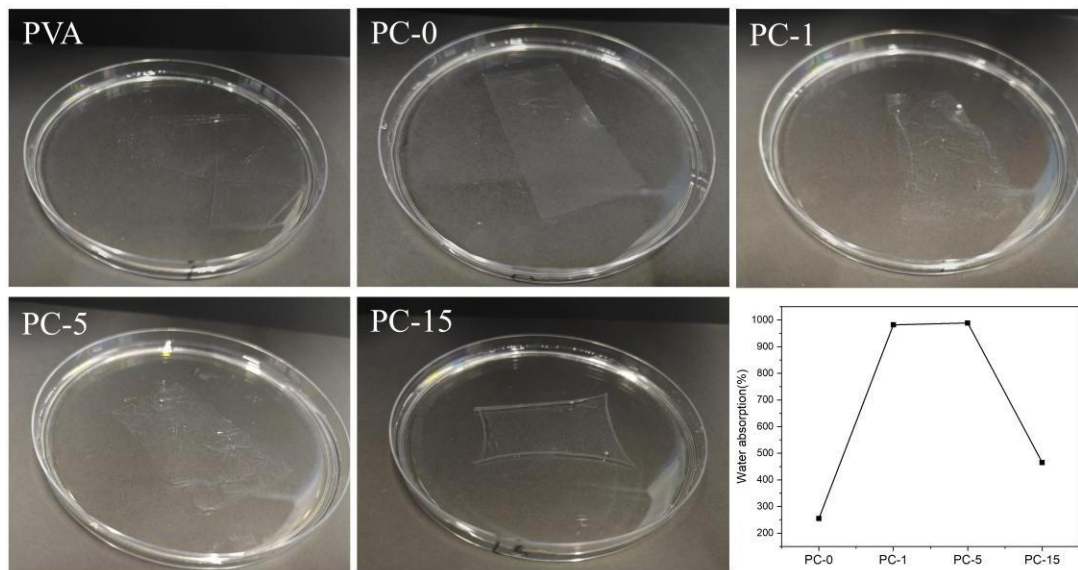
**Fig.S8** The original XRD patterns of PVA and PC films without background correction and peak deconvolution



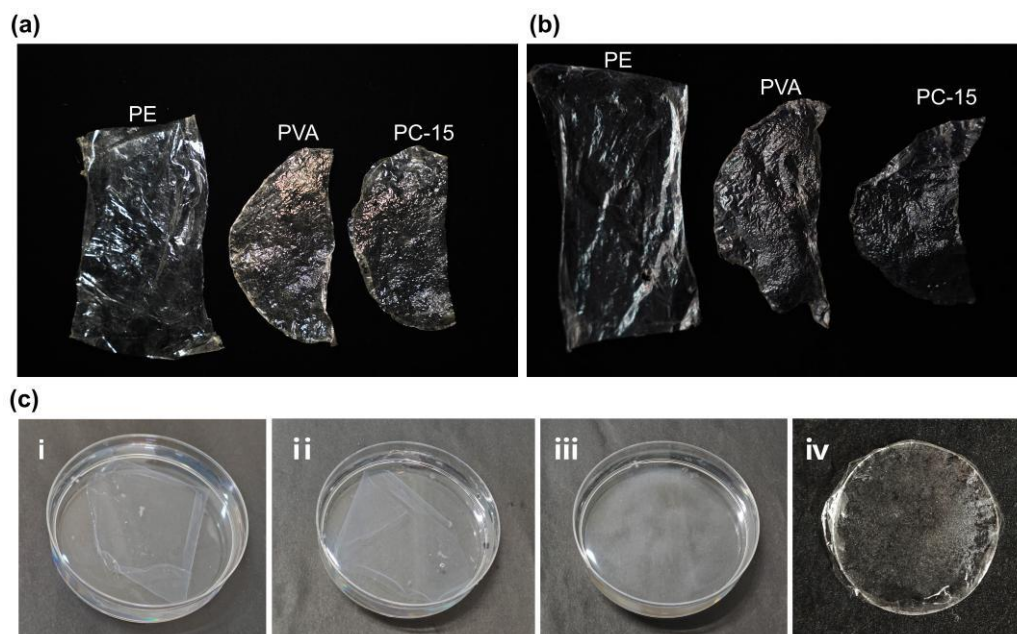
**Fig.S9** Photographs of PC<sub>0</sub> and PC<sub>15</sub> films during tensile strength test manifesting their respective breaking mechanisms



**Fig.S10** UV-vis spectra of PVA, PC<sub>0</sub> and PC<sub>15</sub> films



**Fig.S11** Shape retention and water absorption of PVA and PC films under 2 hours of water swelling



**Fig.S12** Polyethylene (PE), PVA and PC-15 films after (a) 30 days and(b) 60 days of landfilling. (c) PC-15 films after (i) 2 hours and ( ii ) 24 hours of soaking in water under ambient condition, and ( iii ) after 6 hours in a 90 °C water bath