This journal is © the Owner Societies 2017

3

4

5

Supplementary Materials: Metal-oxide assisted surface treatment of polyimide gate insulator for high-performance organic thin-film transistors 2

| (a) 0. | 1 wt% | | | (b) 0.0 |)5 wt% | | | (c) 0.0 | 1 wt% | | |
|--------|--------|--------|----------|------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | • | 20.0 nm | | • | | 20.0 nm | | | | 5.0 nm |
| | | | | i Minne | • | | | | | | 1 |
| 122 | | | -20.0 nm | A STATE OF | 9 | | -20.0 nm | | | | -5.0 nm |
| 0.0 | Height | 5.0 um | | 0.0 | Height | 5.0 um | | 0.0 | Height | 5.0 um | |

| (d) | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| ` , | ODPA concentration (wt%) | Water Contact angle (°) | Roughness (nm) | | | | | |
| | 0.1 | 97.7 | 4.48 | | | | | |
| | 0.05 | 98.8 | 3.22 | | | | | |
| | 0.01 | 97.5 | 0.41 | | | | | |

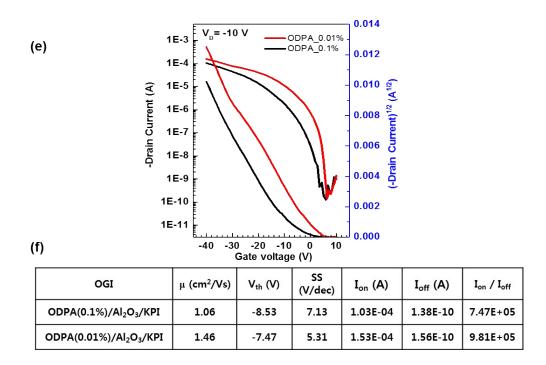
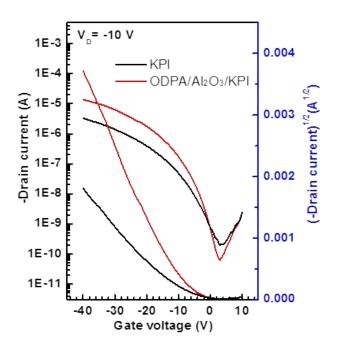


Fig. S1 (a-c) AFM images (5 μ m × 5 μ m) of ODPA/ α -Al₂O₃/KPI thin films as different concentrations of ODPA in ethanol solution (0.1, 0.05 and 0.01 wt%), respectively. (d) Surface properties of each film were summarized in table. (e) Transfer curve and (f) electrical characteristics of Ph-BTBT-C₁₀ TFTs

1 with ODPA/α-Al₂O₃/KPI gate insulators as different concentration of ODPA in ethanol solution (0.1

2 and 0.01 wt%)



| 3 |
|---|
| 4 |
| 5 |

| Gate Insulator | Mobility ^a [cm ² /Vs] | $V_{\text{th}}\left[V\right]$ | S-slope [V/decade] | $I_{\rm on}/I_{\rm off}$ |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| KPI | 0.04 ± 0.02 | -13.62 | 8.91 | 1.64 x 10 ⁴ |
| $ODPA/\alpha\text{-}Al_2O_3/KPI$ | 0.14 ± 0.03 | -9.57 | 6.55 | 2.17 x 10 ⁵ |

^a Average field-effect mobility of 12 TFT devices.

7

10

⁸ Fig. S2 Transfer characteristics and electrical properties of the pentacene TFTs non-treated KPI and

ODPA/ α -Al₂O₃/KPI gate insulators.

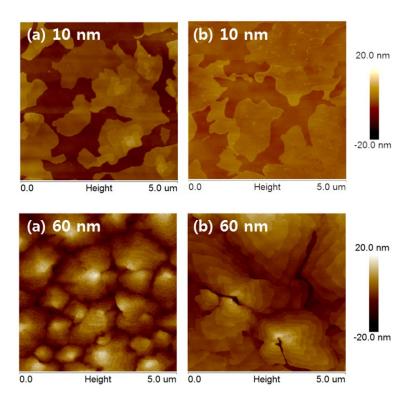


Fig. S3 AFM images (5 μ m \times 5 μ m) of 10 nm and 60 nm-thick pentacene layers on (a) non-treated KPI

3 and (b) ODPA/ α -Al₂O₃-treated KPI gate insulator films.