

## Supplementary information

### Mechanochemical synthesis of Zn-bionanohybrids: Size-effect on the nanoscale to improve their enzyme-like activity

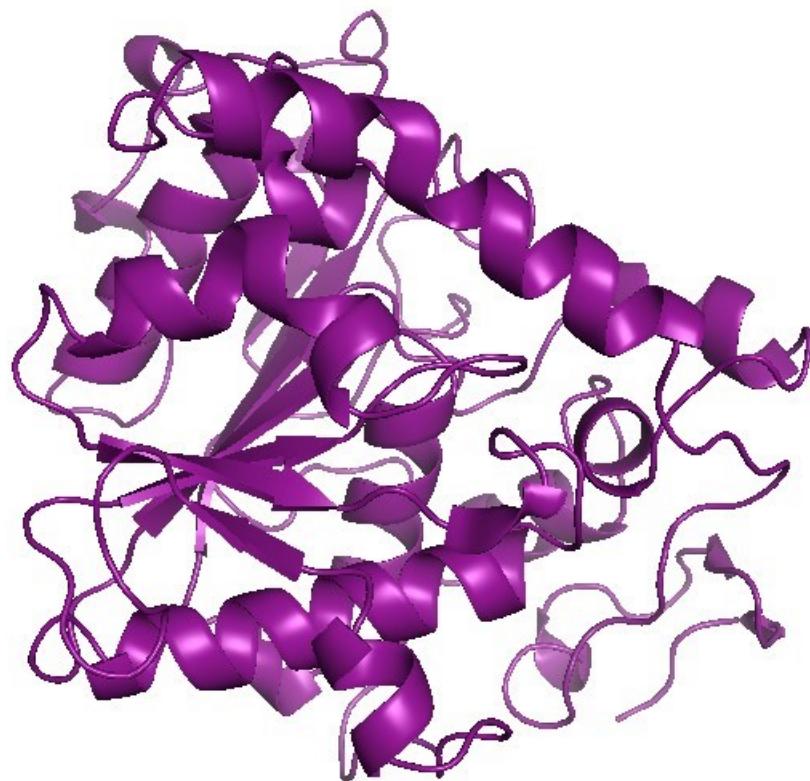
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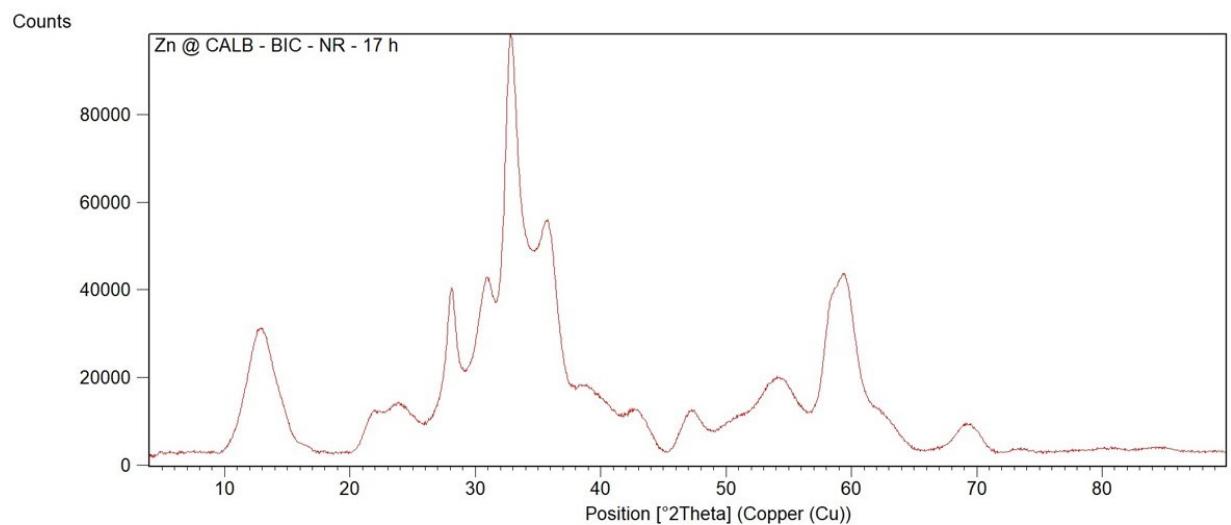
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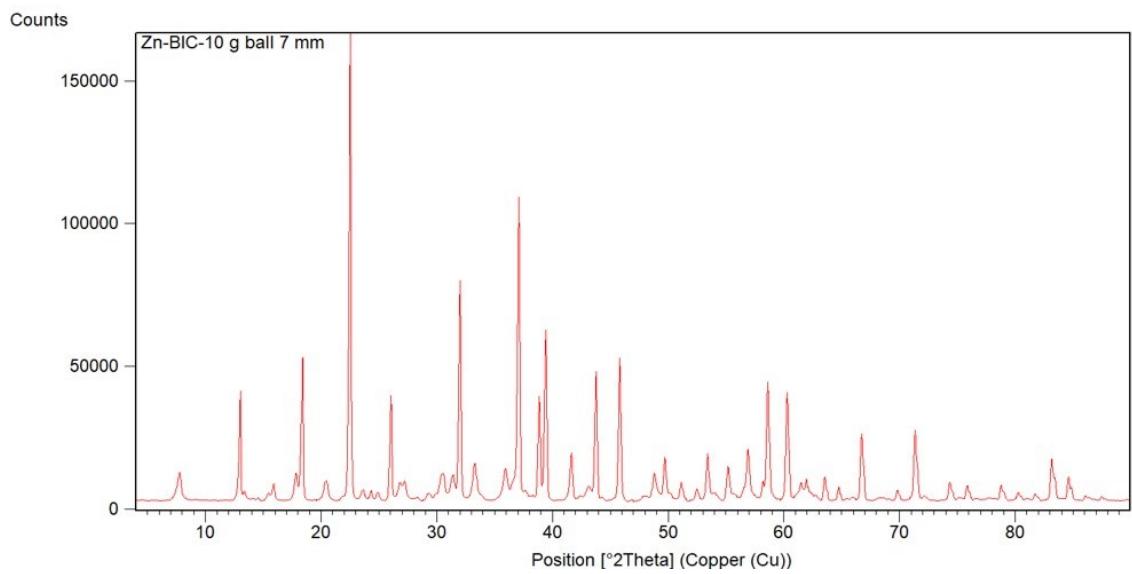
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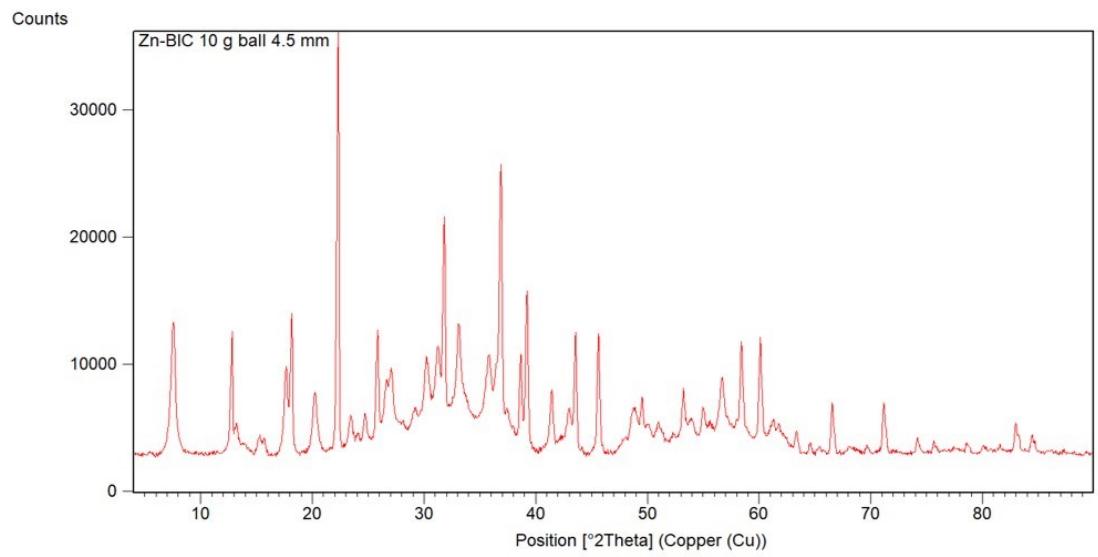
**Fig. S1.** Crystal structure cartoon of CALB. The protein structure was obtained from the Protein Data Bank (pdb code: 1TCA) and the picture was created using Pymol.



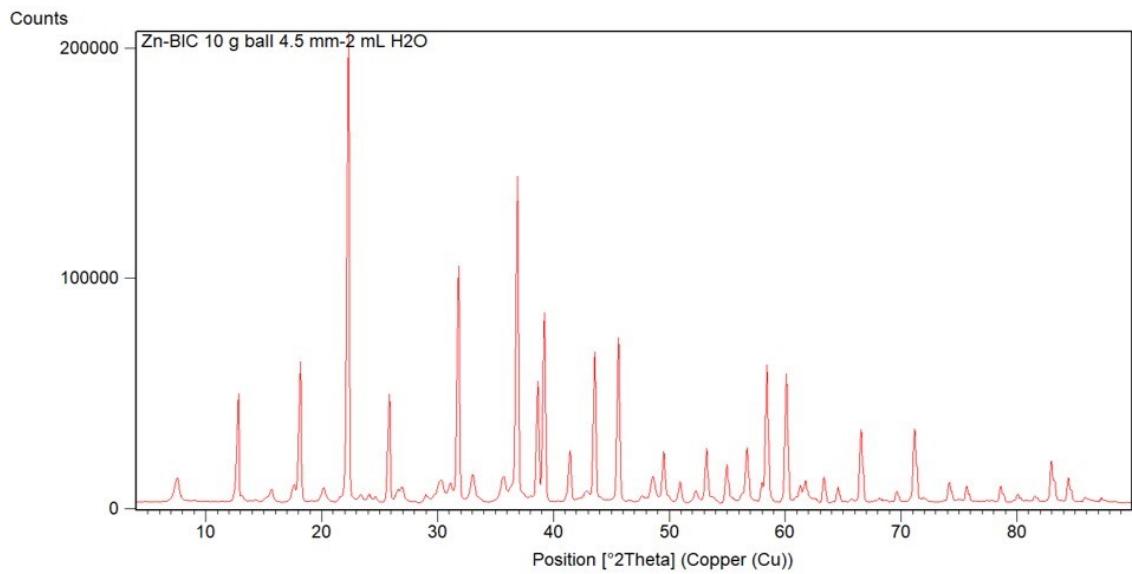
**Fig. S2.** XDR pattern of **Aq-Zn-BIC**.



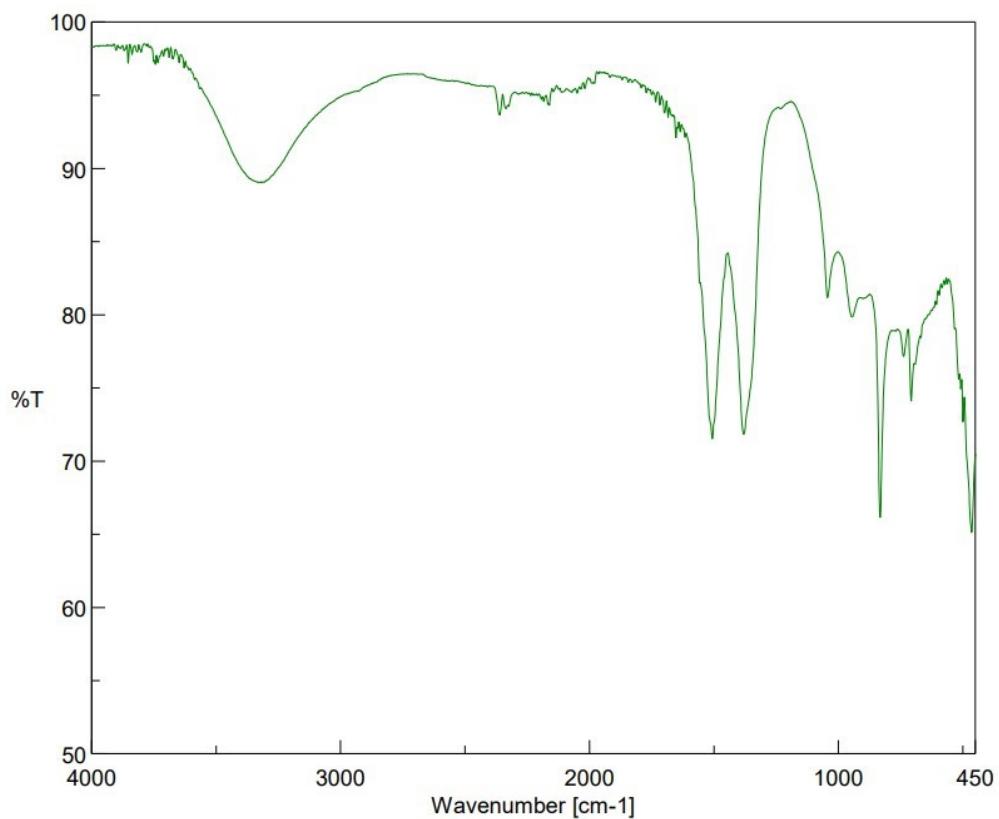
**Fig. S3.** XDR pattern of **M7-Zn-BiC**.



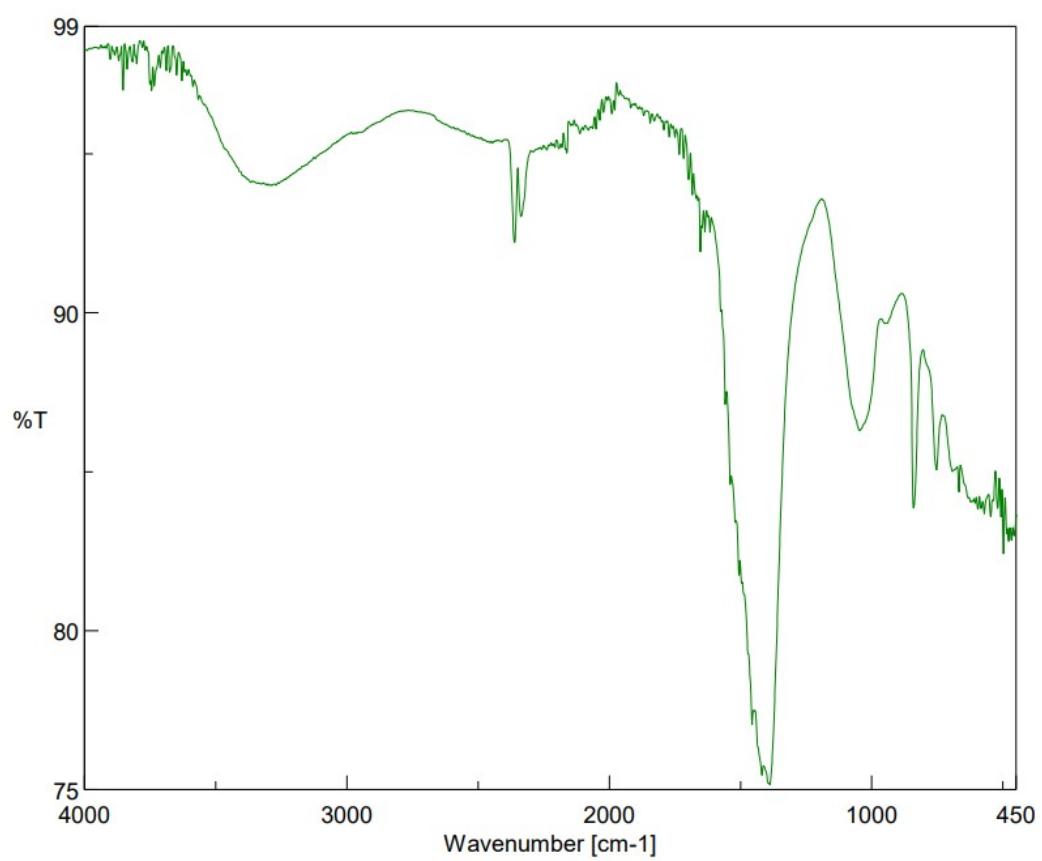
**Fig. S4.** XDR pattern of **M4.5-Zn-BIC**.



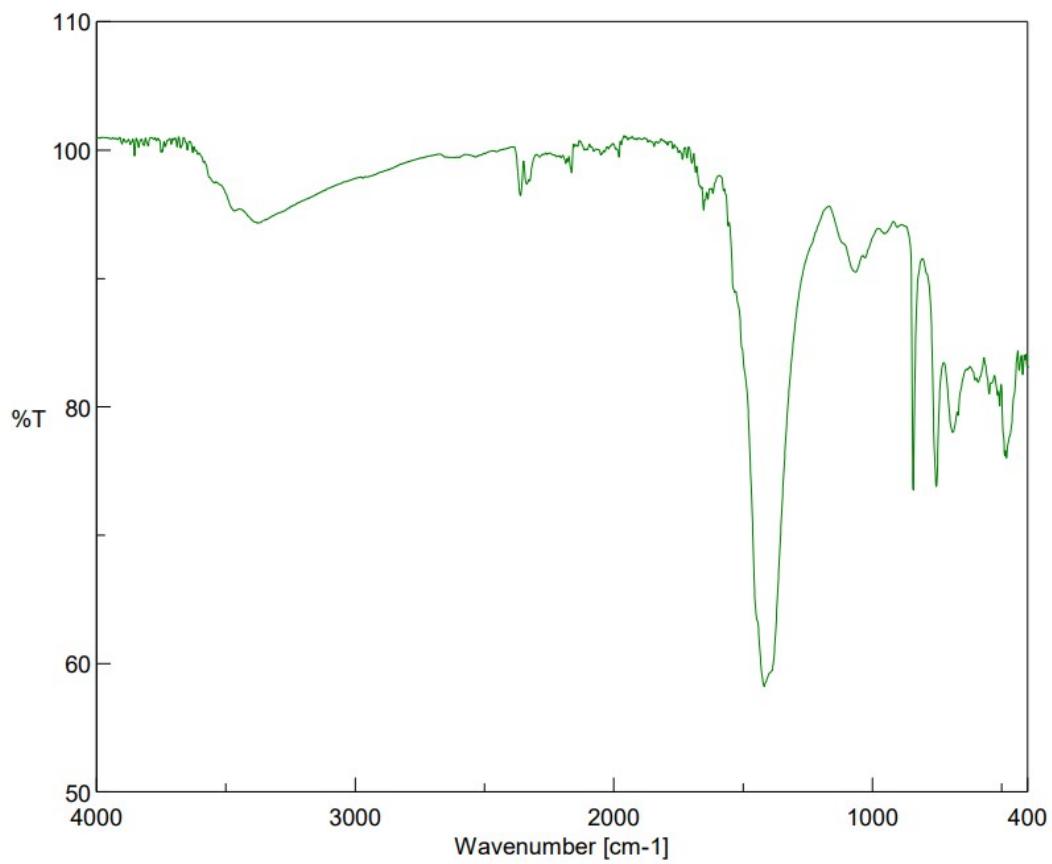
**Fig. S5.** XDR pattern of **M4.5-Zn-BIC-2H<sub>2</sub>O**.



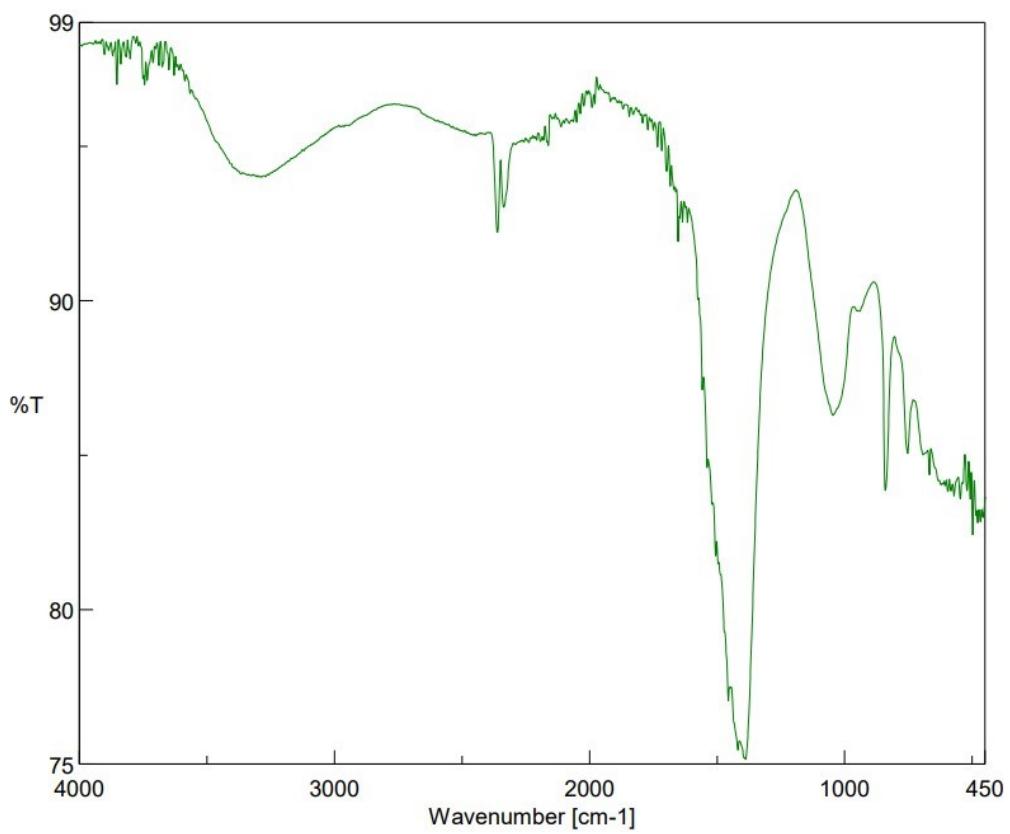
**Fig. S6.** FT-IR spectra of Aq-Zn-BIC.



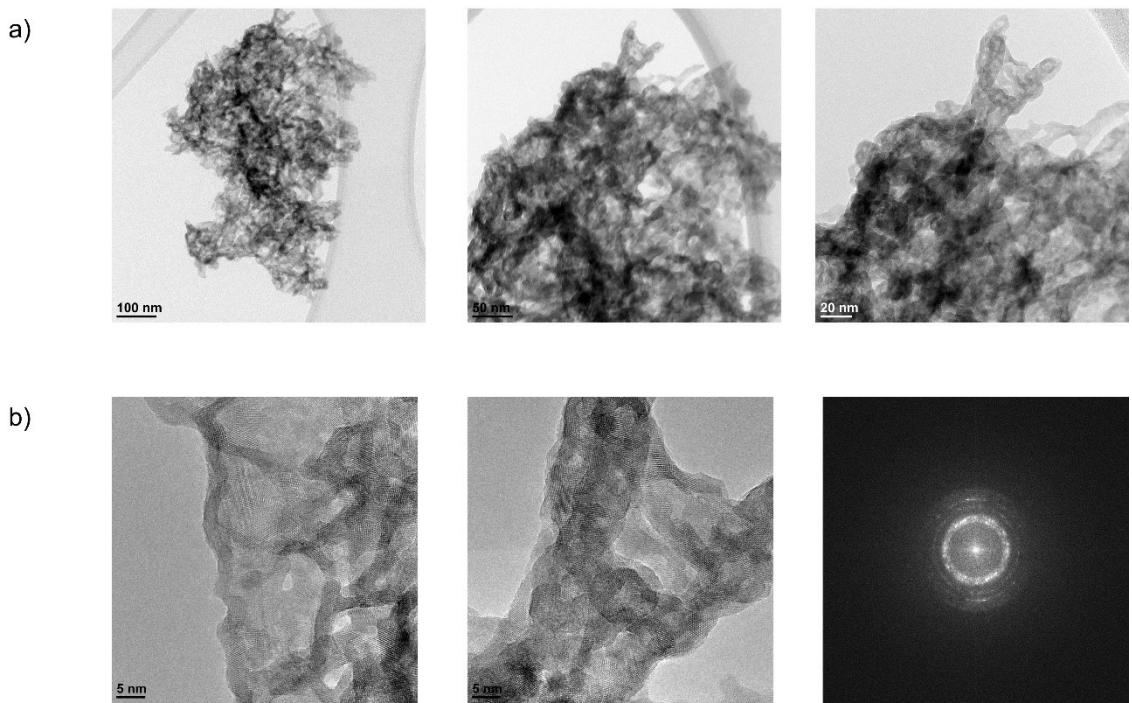
**Fig. S7.** FT-IR spectra of **M7-Zn-BIC**.



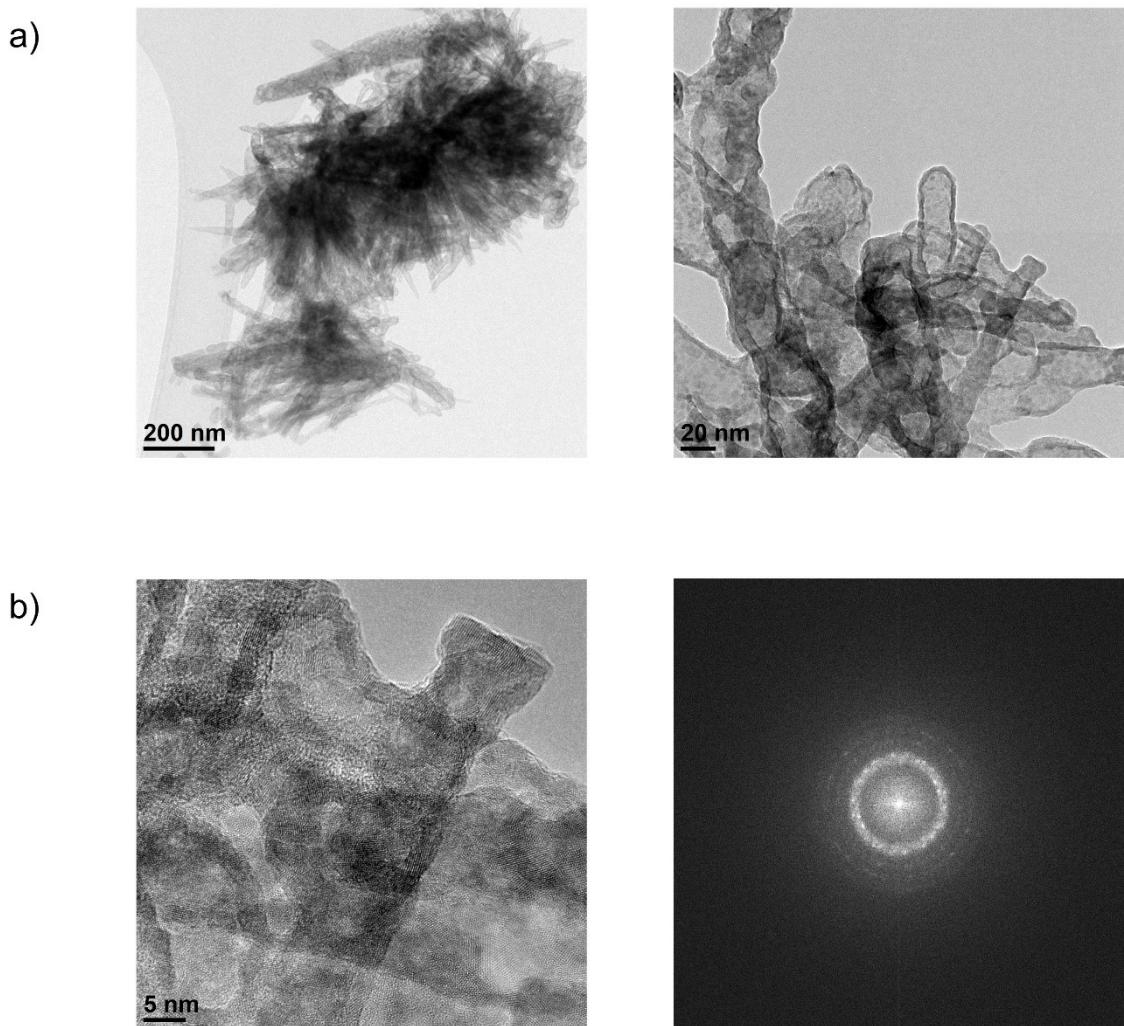
**Fig. S8.** FT-IR spectra of **M4.5-Zn-BIC**.



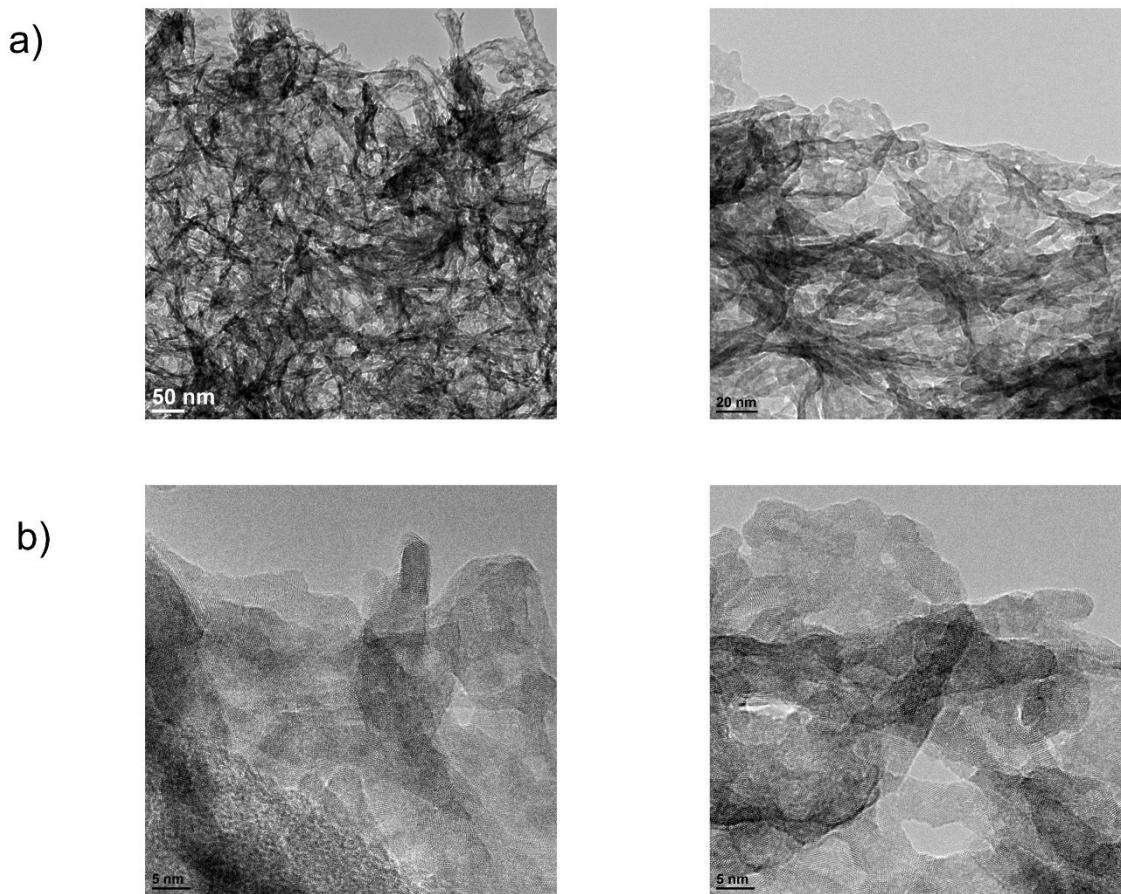
**Fig. S9.** FT-IR spectra of **M4.5-Zn-BIC-2H<sub>2</sub>O**.



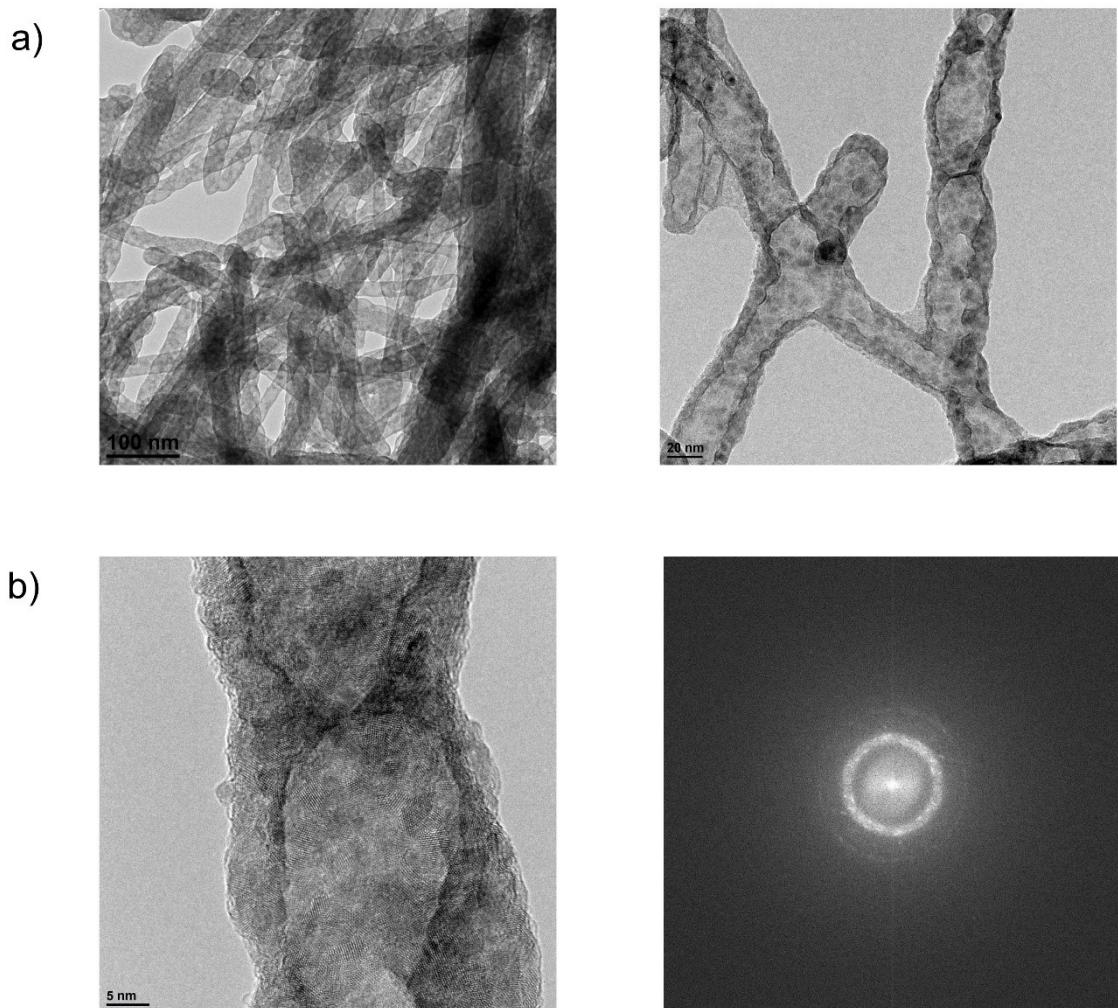
**Fig. S10.** Characterisation of **Aq-Zn-BIC**. **a)** Transmission electron microscopy (TEM). **b)** High Resolution TEM (HR-TEM) inset Fast Fourier transform (FFT) patterns from HRTEM images.



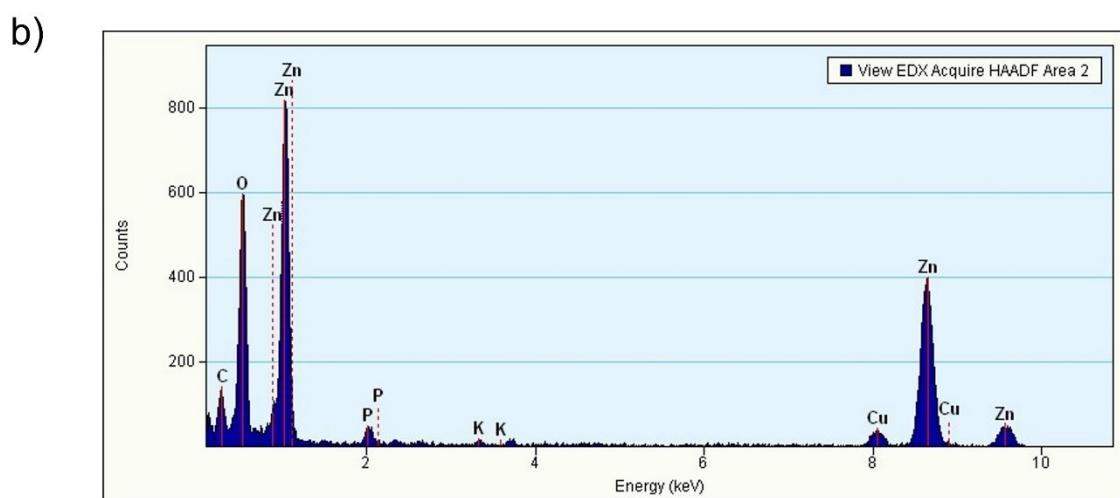
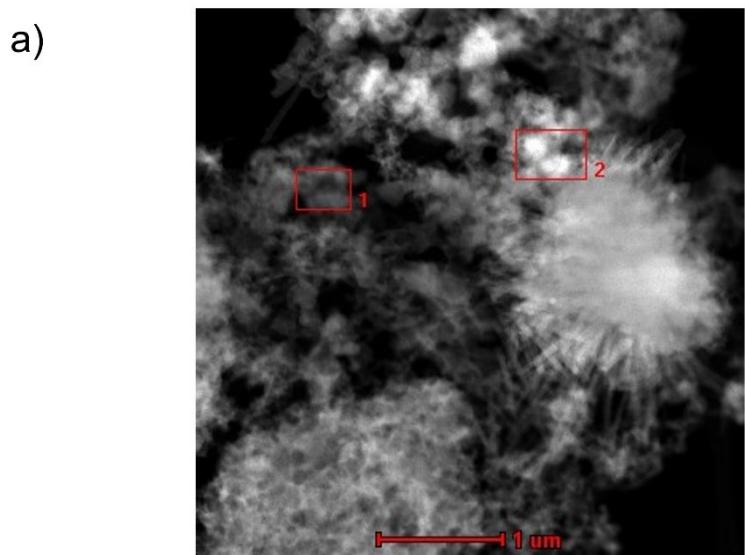
**Fig. S11.** Characterisation of **M7-Zn-BIC**. **a)** Transmission electron microscopy (TEM). **b)** High Resolution TEM (HR-TEM) inset Fast Fourier transform (FFT) patterns from HRTEM images.



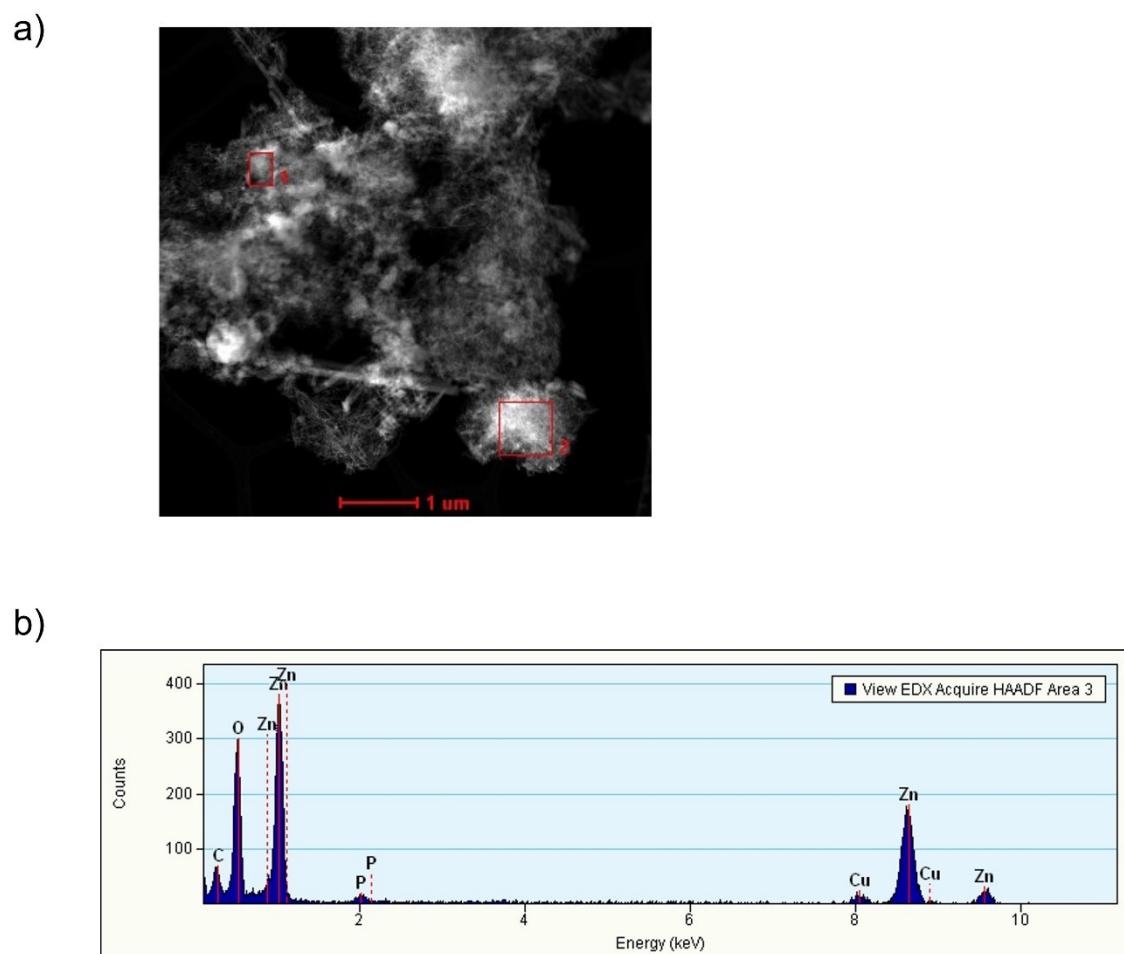
**Fig. S12.** Characterisation of **M4.5-Zn-BIC**. **a)** Transmission electron microscopy (TEM). **b)** High Resolution TEM (HR-TEM).



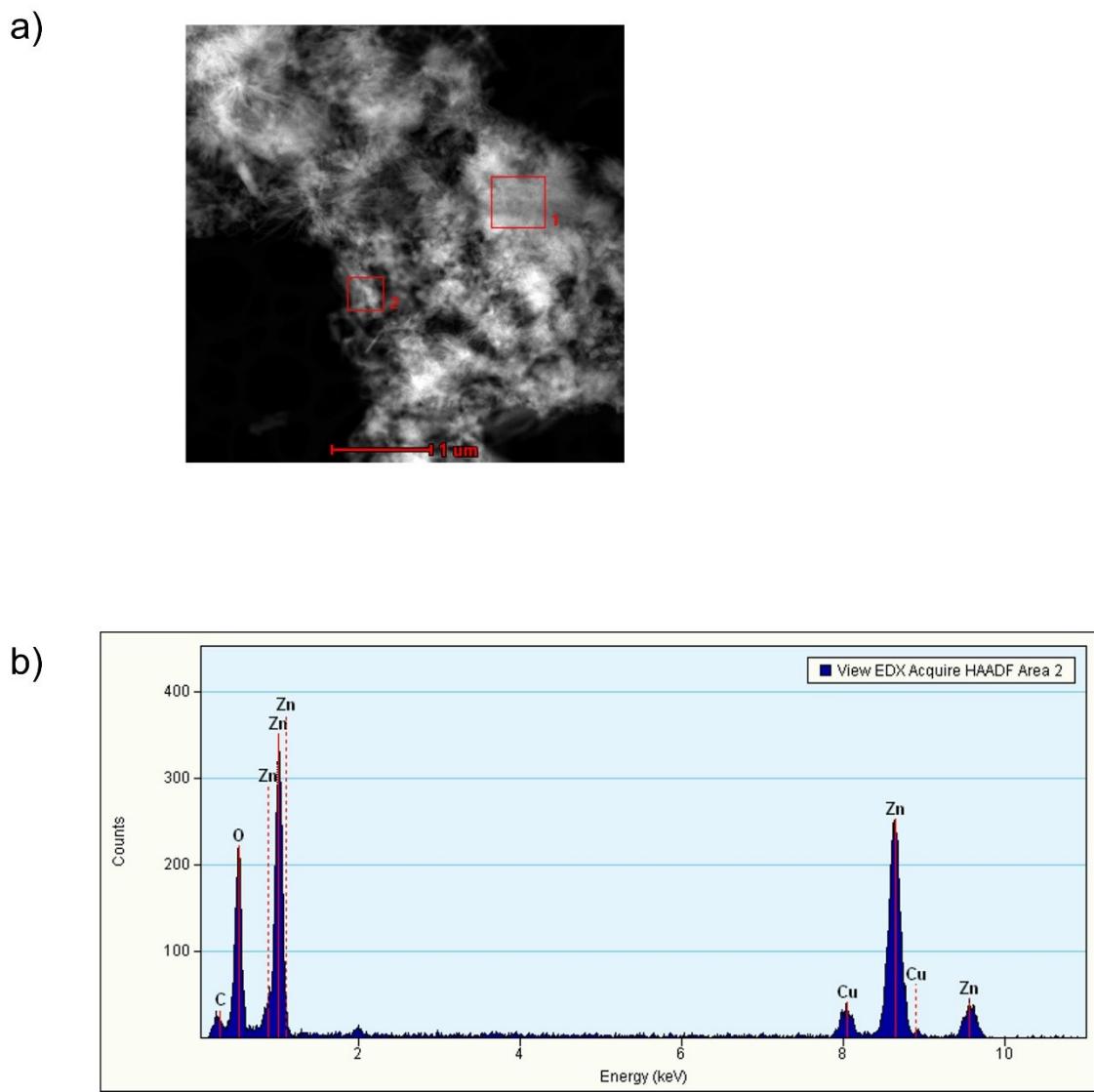
**Fig. S13.** Characterisation of **M4.5-Zn-BIC-2H<sub>2</sub>O**. **a)** Transmission electron microscopy (TEM). **b)** High Resolution TEM (HR-TEM).



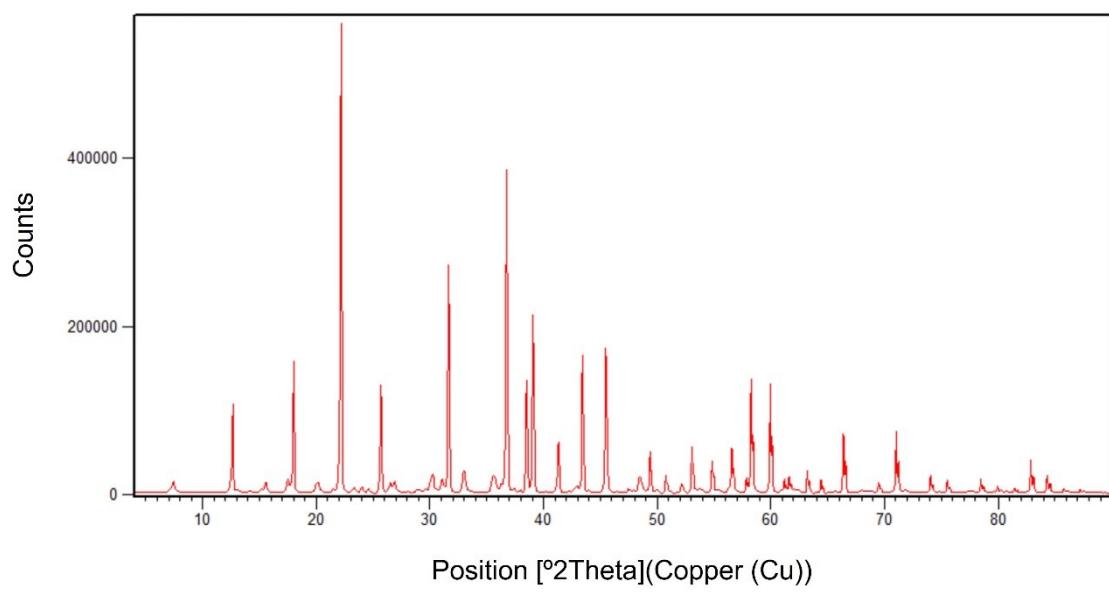
**Fig. S14. a)** STEM image of **M7-Zn-BIC**; **b)** HAADF spectra.



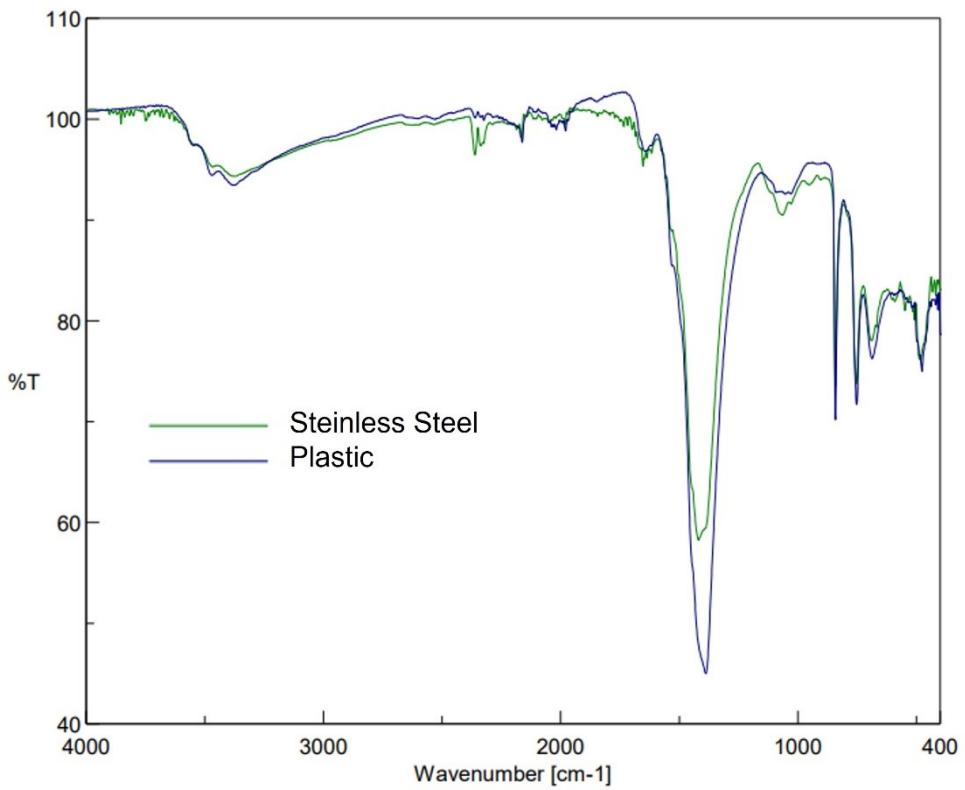
**Fig. S15.** a) STEM image of M4.5-Zn-BIC; b) HAADF spectra.



**Fig. S16.** a) STEM image of **M4.5-Zn-BIC-2H<sub>2</sub>O**; b) HAADF spectra.



**Fig. S17.** XDR pattern of **M7-Zn-BiC-2H<sub>2</sub>O-P.**



**Fig. S18.** FT-IR spectra of **M7-Zn-BIC -2H<sub>2</sub>O** (green line, stainless steel grinding balls) and **M7-Zn-BIC-2H<sub>2</sub>O-P** (blue line, plastic grinding balls).

**Table S1.** Experimental conditions and yield of the mechanochemical synthetised Zn bionanohybrids.

Zn bionanohybrid	Ball milling method	Grinding balls diameter (nm)	Water content (mL)	Yield (mg)
<b>M7-Zn-BIC</b>	Planetary	7	0	64
<b>M7-Zn-BIC- 2H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	Planetary	7	2	117
<b>M4.5-Zn-BIC</b>	Planetary	7	0	51
<b>M4.5-Zn-BIC- 2H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	Planetary	7	2	164
<b>M7-Zn-BIC-2 H<sub>2</sub>O-P</b>	Planetary	7	2	251
<b>M-Zn-PHOS</b>	Horizontal	4.5	2	108

**Table S2.** Content of Zn in the different bionanohybrids determined by ICP-OES.

<b>Zn bionanohybrid</b>	<b>Amount of Zn (%)</b>
<b>Aq-Zn-BIC</b>	40
<b>M7-Zn-BIC</b>	12
<b>M7-Zn-BIC-2H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	9
<b>M4.5-Zn-BIC</b>	30
<b>M4.5-Zn-BIC-2H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	7
<b>Aq-Zn-PHOS</b>	53
<b>M-Zn-PHOS</b>	33