Supporting Information

Flexible Poly(vinyl chloride) Nanocomposites Reinforced with Hyperbranched Polyglycerol–Functionalized Graphene Oxide for Enhanced Gas Barrier Performance

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Figure S1. ¹³C NMR spectrum of the HPG-grafted GO in D₂O.



Figure S2. C 1s XPS spectra of (a) graphite and (b) BGO.

Sample	C (at%)	O (at%)	C/O ratio
graphite	92.6	7.4	12.5
GO	60.2	39.8	1.51
BGO	68.3	31.7	2.15
HGO	66.0	34.0	1.94

Table S1. Atomic percentages of carbon and oxygen in graphite, GO, BGO, and HGO.



Figure S3. UV-Vis spectra of (a) PVC/HGO and (b) PVC/BGO nanocomposites.



Figure S4. SEM images of fractured surface of (a) PVC/HGO 1 wt%, (b) PVC/HGO 2 wt%, (c) PVC/HGO 3 wt%, (d) PVC/BGO 1 wt%, (e) PVC/BGO 2 wt%, (f) PVC/BGO 3 wt%.



Figure S5. Stress-strain curves of PVC/HGO 3 wt%, PVC/BGO 3 wt%, PVC/GO 3 wt%, and neat plasticized PVC films, and SEM images of fractured surface of the corresponding films.



Figure S6. (a) Stress-strain curve of PVC/HGO 5 wt% and (b) SEM image of fractured surface of PVC/HGO 5 wt%.

Table	S2.	The	mechanical	and	thermal	data	for	neat	plasticized	PVC	and
nanoc	ompo	sites.									

Sample	Young's modulus (MPa)	Tensile strength (MPa)	Elongation at break (%)	Toughness (MJ/m ³)	Storage modulus at 25 °C (MPa)	Glass transition temperature (°C)	Temperature at 10% weight loss (°C)
neat plasticized PVC	7.37±0.60	13.8±0.68	351±18.2	28.1±2.99	5.12	26.6	279
PVC/HGO 1 wt%	7.66±0.36	14.6±0.45	375±12.5	31.9±2.78	5.94	27.7	285
PVC/HGO 2 wt%	8.44±0.53	15.2±0.41	353±25.6	31.6±2.76	7.16	29.1	291
PVC/HGO 3 wt%	9.00±0.39	15.9±0.39	351±10.6	32.9±1.67	9.90	31.8	302
PVC/BGO 1 wt%	9.76±0.34	14.0±0.65	324±6.8	27.4±1.80	9.38	28.9	281
PVC/BGO 2 wt%	12.2±0.87	13.7±0.67	281±10.3	23.9±1.15	10.9	30.9	284
PVC/BGO 3 wt%	17.5±1.27	12.7±0.52	229±10.3	19.3±1.95	18.2	34.3	291



Figure S7. Oxygen permeation fluxes of PVC/HGO nanocomposites.