# **Supporting Information For**

## Magnetic polydopamine decorated with Mg-Al-LDH nanoflakes as a

### novel bio-based adsorbent for simultaneous removal of heavy metals

#### and anionic dyes

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		Theoretical $C_s(mg/g)$	Calculated C <sub>S</sub> (mg/g)	$k_2(mg/(mg min))$	
	LDH, C <sub>Cu(II)</sub> =20 mg/L	19.1	20.5	1.5	
	MPL <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>Cu(II)</sub> =4 mg/L	22.5	25.8	2.3	
Cu(II)	MPL <sub>3</sub> , C <sub>Cu(II)</sub> =10 mg/L	47.9	28.2	1.2	
	MP, C <sub>Cu(II)</sub> =20 mg/L	54.1	59.5	1.6	
	MPL <sub>3</sub> ,C <sub>Cu(II)</sub> =20 mg/L	67.7	67.1	7.6	
	MPL <sub>3</sub> , MO	200.1	198.4	0.1	
	MPL <sub>3</sub> , CR	170.6	165.4	0.1	

**Table S1** Theoretical and calculated  $C_s$  values, pseudo-second-order rate constants,  $k_2$ , and

correlation	coefficient va	lues $(R^2)$



Fig. S1 Time profile of Cu(II) removal by the LDH, MP and MPL<sub>3</sub> assembly at  $pH = 5.6 \pm 0.1$ , I

= 0.01 M NaNO<sub>3</sub>, m/V = 0.1 g/L.



Fig. S2 Zeta potentials of the MPL<sub>3</sub> assembly as a function of solution pH.



Fig. S3 Distribution of Cu(II) species as a function of pH based on the equilibrium constants.

Dyes	Molecular structure	Dimensions (nm)	Molecular weight	λ <sub>max</sub> (nm)
МО	CH <sub>3</sub> N=N-SO <sub>3</sub> Na <sup>+</sup> CH <sub>3</sub>	1.31×0.55×0.18	327	465
CR	<sup>+</sup> Na <sup>-</sup> O <sup>-</sup> S <sup>=</sup> O N <sup>=</sup> N <sup>=</sup> N <sup>=</sup> N <sup>=</sup> N <sup>=</sup> N <sup>+</sup>	2.62×0.74×0.43	697	695

Table S2 Physicochemical characteristics of the studied dyes

Table S3 Parameters for Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm n	nodels
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	Langmuir model			Freundlich model		
	C <sub>s max</sub> (mg/g)	b (L/mg)	$R^2$	$\frac{K_{\rm F}}{({\rm mg^{1-n}L^n/g})}$	п	$R^2$
MPL <sub>3</sub> , Cu(II)	75.013	2.523	0.923	44.607	0.208	0.984
MPL <sub>3</sub> , Cd(II)	65.812	0.158	0.969	16.437	0.476	0.985
MPL <sub>3</sub> , Pb(II)	55.517	0.277	0.979	15.024	0.394	0.993
MPL <sub>3</sub> , MO	624.893	0.025	0.897	344.843	0.544	0.995
MPL <sub>3</sub> , CR	584.563	0.024	0.925	276.662	0.157	0.988
LDH, Cu(II)	23.909	0.470	0.964	8.563	0.379	0.973
LDH, Cd(II)	21.489	0.425	0.973	7.201	0.404	0.989
LDH, Pb(II)	19.745	0.136	0.956	3.079	0.568	0.961

Table S4 Summary of Cu(II), MO and CR adsorption isotherm constants and characteristics for

#### the binary-solute Freundlich isotherm

Dye concentration (mg/L)		0	30	90	150			
Cu(II)+MO								
Cu(II)	$K_{\rm F} ({ m mg^{1-}}$ ${ m ^nL^n/g})$	44.607	45.727	50.136	55.425			
	n	0.208	0.491	0.613	0.392			
	R <sup>2</sup>	0.984	0.978	0.981	0.987			
Cu(II)+CR								
Cu(II)	$K_{\rm F} ({ m mg^{1-}}$ $^{ m n}{ m L^{n}/g})$	44.607	48.835	55.321	64.083			
	n	0.208	0.316	0.505	0.418			
	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>	0.984	0.976	0.982	0.975			

a <sub>ij</sub> -		Dye concentration (mg/L)				
		0	30	90	150	
	5	0	3.21	3.56	3.98	
i+j Cu(II)+MO	10	0	2.34	2.76	3.01	
	15	0	1.32	1.68	1.73	

#### Table S5 Summary of competition coefficients for the binary systems

a <sub>ij</sub>		Dye concentration (mg/L)				
		0	30	90	150	
i+j Cu(II)+CR	5	0	3.54	3.87	4.06	
	10	0	1.23	1.34	3.15	
	15	0	0.45	0.67	1.98	



Fig. S4 SEM image and the elemental distribution mapping of MPL<sub>3</sub> assembly after simultaneous

removal of Cu(II) and MO (initial concentration: 10 mg/L Cu(II) and 100 mg/L MO).



Fig. S5 Removal isotherm of different metal ions onto LDH (A) and MPL<sub>3</sub> assembly (B) simulated by the Langmuir model (solid line) and Freundlich model (dash line).  $pH = 5.6 \pm 0.1$ , I = 0.01M NaNO<sub>3</sub>, m/V = 0.1 g/L.



Fig. S6 XRD patterns of LDH before and after the removal of Cu(II).



Fig. S7 Evaluating the removal efficiency and reusability of  $MPL_3$  assembly in model textile effluent.