## **Supporting Information**

## Natural iron embedded hierarchically porous carbon with thin-thickness and high-efficiency microwave absorption properties

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Fig. S1 TG curve of raw BSES.



Fig. S2 FESEM images of (a) HPC-0.5, and (b) HPC-2.



Fig. S3. (a) Low-magnification, (b) high-magnification TEM images, and (c) HRTEM image of HPC-1.



Fig. S4 XRD patterns of (a) raw BSES, and (b) C-700, respectively.



Fig. S5. The data of ICP-AES measurement of raw BSES.



**Fig. S6** (a) Raman spectrum, (b) Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherm, and (c) pore size distribution of C-700.

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m²/g)	$S_{Micro}$ $(m^{2}/g)$	$S_{External}$ $(m^2/g)$	$S_{Micro}/S_{BET}$ (%)	V <sub>Total</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>Micro</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>Micro</sub> /V <sub>Total</sub> (%)
C700	73.43	19.47	53.96	26.52	0.15	0.01	6.67
HPC-0.5	553.60	459.89	93.71	83.07	0.34	0.24	70.59
HPC-1	1192.00	972.50	219.50	81.59	0.71	0.52	73.24
HPC-2	1886.16	1231.82	654.34	65.31	0.92	0.49	53.26

Table S1. The pore structure parameters of C700 and HPCs.



**Fig. S7** Frequency dependence of (a) complex permittivity, (b) complex permeability, (c) threedimensional map of RL, and (d) attenuation factor for C-700.

**Table S2.** Comparison of the microwave absorption properties of HPC-1 with the recently reported bioderived absorbers.

	Minimum RL		Effective absorption bandwidth		
Microwave absorber	Value (dB)	f <sub>m</sub> (GHz)	f <sub>e</sub> /GHz (t/mm)	Filler loading (wt%)	Ref.
Porous carbon	-42.4	8.88	2.24 (1.50)	70	1
3D porous carbon	-44.6	9.15	2.20 (1.68)	30	2
Porous rGOs	-51.7	9.80	3.90 (3.50)	15	3
Carbonaceous photonic crystals	-57.9	7.30	2.10 (2.50)	30	4
Porous carbon/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	-43.6	7.10	3.30 (4.70)	30	5
Porous carbon/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	-39.5	6.40	4.00 (1.60)	50	6
Porous carbon/NiO	-33.8	16.40	2.50 (6.00)	30	7
AC/Ni(OH) <sub>2</sub>	-23.0	14.50	2.00 (5.50)	50	8
Porous carbon/MnO	-51.6	10.4	3.00 (2.47)	30	9
HPC-1 (BSES)	-53.6	10.40	4.00 (1.43)	20	Herein

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