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Supporting Information

Electrochemical Sensor-Adsorbent for Lead (Pb²⁺) Ions in Aqueous Environment by Katiragum-Arginine Schiff Base

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21 **1. Experimental**

22 **1.1 Determination of dialdehyde content**

23 The dialdehyde content in KGD is determined spectrophotometrically according to the previous
24 report.¹ The detail procedure is given in our previous communication.² Shortly, a fixed amount
25 of KGD is allowed to react with 2,4- dinitrophenyl hydrazine (2,4-DNPH) in water. The solution
26 is vigorously stirred upto 90 min. The supernatant after centrifugation is analyzed by UV-VIS
27 spectrophotometer (Schimadzu, Japan) at $\lambda = 361$ nm to estimate the unreacted DNPH. The
28 dialdehyde content (DAC) in KGD is calculated by using the following equation

$$30 \quad \text{DAC}(\text{mmole/g}) = \frac{\text{Reacted 2,4-DNPH}(\text{mmol/g})/198.14}{\text{Conc}(\%) \times 10^{-4}} \quad \text{Eq. (S1)}$$

31 The dialdehyde content is found to be in the KGD 68.67 %.

32 **1.2 Detection Limit**

33 Following equation is used for the calculation of limit of detection (LOD).³

$$34 \quad \text{LOD} = 3\sigma/K \quad \text{Eq. (S2)}$$

35 Where, σ is the standard deviation obtained from the graph of I (A) versus concentration of
36 KGDR (Fig. S7b) and K refers to the slope of the calibration curve obtained by plotting current I
37 (A) vs concentration of Pb^{2+} (Fig. 4b).

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42 1.3 Adsorption Kinetics

43 Pseudo first order, pseudo second order kinetics and intra particle diffusion kinetic models are
44 used to evaluate the adsorption kinetics.

45 The pseudo first order or Lagergren kinetic model is expressed by the following equation⁴

$$46 \quad \ln(q_e - q_t) = \ln q_e - k_1 t \quad \text{Eq. (S3)}$$

47 where, q_e and q_t are the amount of Pb^{2+} adsorbed by KGDR at equilibrium and at the time t
48 respectively in mg g^{-1} , k_1 is the pseudo first order rate constant which is calculated from the slope
49 of the plot $\ln(q_e - q_t)$ versus t .

50 The pseudo second order kinetic model is expressed by the following equation⁵

$$51 \quad \frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{1}{q_e} t \quad \text{Eq. (S4)}$$

52 Where, k_2 is the pseudo second order rate constant in $\text{g mg}^{-1} \text{min}^{-1}$ is calculated from the slope
53 and intercept of the plot of t/q_t versus t .

54 The intra particle diffusion model is developed by Weber and Morris,⁶ which explains the
55 diffusion kinetics and mechanism of adsorption. It is represented as:

$$56 \quad q_t = k_d t^{1/2} + c \quad \text{Eq. (S5)}$$

57 Where, k_d ($\text{mg.g}^{-1}.\text{min}^{-1/2}$) is the intra particle diffusion rate constant, c is the boundary layer
58 thickness. k_d and c are calculated from the slope and the intercept of the plot q_t versus $t^{1/2}$
59 respectively.

60 1.4 Adsorption isotherms

61 Three adsorption isotherm models namely Freundlich, Langmuir and Temkin are used to
62 describe the adsorption equilibrium between the adsorbed $[Pb^{2+}]$ and the residual $[Pb^{2+}]$ in the
63 solution over the entire studied concentration range.

64 Freundlich isotherm model is used to express the adsorption process onto the heterogeneous
65 surface of the adsorbents. The isotherm is expressed by⁷

$$66 \quad q_e = K_F C_e^{1/n} \quad \text{Eq. (S6)}$$

67 The linearized form of the adsorption is expressed by the following equation

$$68 \quad \ln q_e = \ln K_F + \frac{1}{n} \ln C_e \quad \text{Eq. (S7)}$$

69 Where, K_F ($L \cdot g^{-1}$) and $1/n$ are Freundlich adsorption isotherm constants respectively. K_F and $1/n$
70 are calculated from the slope and intercept of the straight line plot $\ln q_e$ versus $\ln C_e$.

71 In the Langmuir isotherm model, it is assumed that adsorption process takes place at the
72 homogeneous sites of adsorbent's surface which is filled with non-interacting adsorbent
73 molecules and the adsorption process follows monolayer adsorption mechanism. The linear form
74 of the equation is expressed by⁸

$$75 \quad \frac{1}{q_e} = \frac{1}{b q_m C_e} + \frac{1}{q_m} \quad \text{Eq. (S8)}$$

76 Where C_e ($mg \cdot L^{-1}$) represents the equilibrium Pb^{2+} ion concentration, q_e ($mg \cdot g^{-1}$) denotes amount
77 of Pb^{2+} adsorbed onto the KGDR at equilibrium. q_m ($mg \cdot g^{-1}$) and b ($L \cdot mg^{-1}$) are Langmuir
78 constants, which are calculated from the slope and intercept of the linear plot of $1/q_e$ versus $1/C_e$.

79 The characteristic parameter of Langmuir isotherm is expressed by a dimensionless parameter
80 R_L , called equilibrium parameter which is represented as follows

$$81 \quad R_L = \frac{1}{1 + bC_0} \quad \text{Eq. (S9)}$$

82 The R_L value lies within 0 to 1 indicate a favourable adsorption process.

83 Temkin isotherm model consider the adsorbent-adsorbate interaction where it is assumed that,
84 increasing the surface coverage by adsorption linearly decreases the heat of adsorption of all the
85 molecules in the layer. Temkin adsorption isotherm model is expressed by the following
86 equation ⁹

$$87 \quad q_e = \frac{RT}{b_T} \ln A_T + \frac{RT}{b_T} \ln C_e \quad \text{Eq. (S10)}$$

88 Where A_T is the Temkin isotherm constant ($L.g^{-1}$), T is the absolute temperature, R is the
89 universal gas constant and b_T is the Temkin constant related to the heat of adsorption B ($J.mole^{-1}$)
90 [$B = RT/b_T$]. The value of A_T and b_T are calculated from slope and intercept of the plot q_e versus
91 $\ln C_e$.

92 **1.5 Adsorption thermodynamics**

93 Van't Hoff equation¹⁰ is used to calculate various thermodynamic parameters like the enthalpy
94 change (ΔH°), changes in entropy (ΔS°) of the adsorption in the temperature range $10^\circ C$ to $60^\circ C$.

95 The Van't Hoff equation is

$$96 \quad \ln K_T = \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R} - \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT} \quad \text{Eq. (S11)}$$

97 The standard free energy (ΔG°) is calculated by the following equation

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$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$$
 Eq. (S12)

99 R is the universal gas constant (8.314 J.mol⁻¹.K⁻¹). The ΔH° and ΔS° are calculated from the
100 linear plot between $\ln K_T$ versus $1/T$. K_T is the thermodynamic equilibrium constant which can be
101 calculated by using following equation¹¹

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$$K_T = \frac{S_e}{C_0 - S_e}$$
 Eq. (S13)

103 Where S_e is the concentration of Pb^{2+} adsorbed onto KGDR at equilibrium and C_0 is the initial
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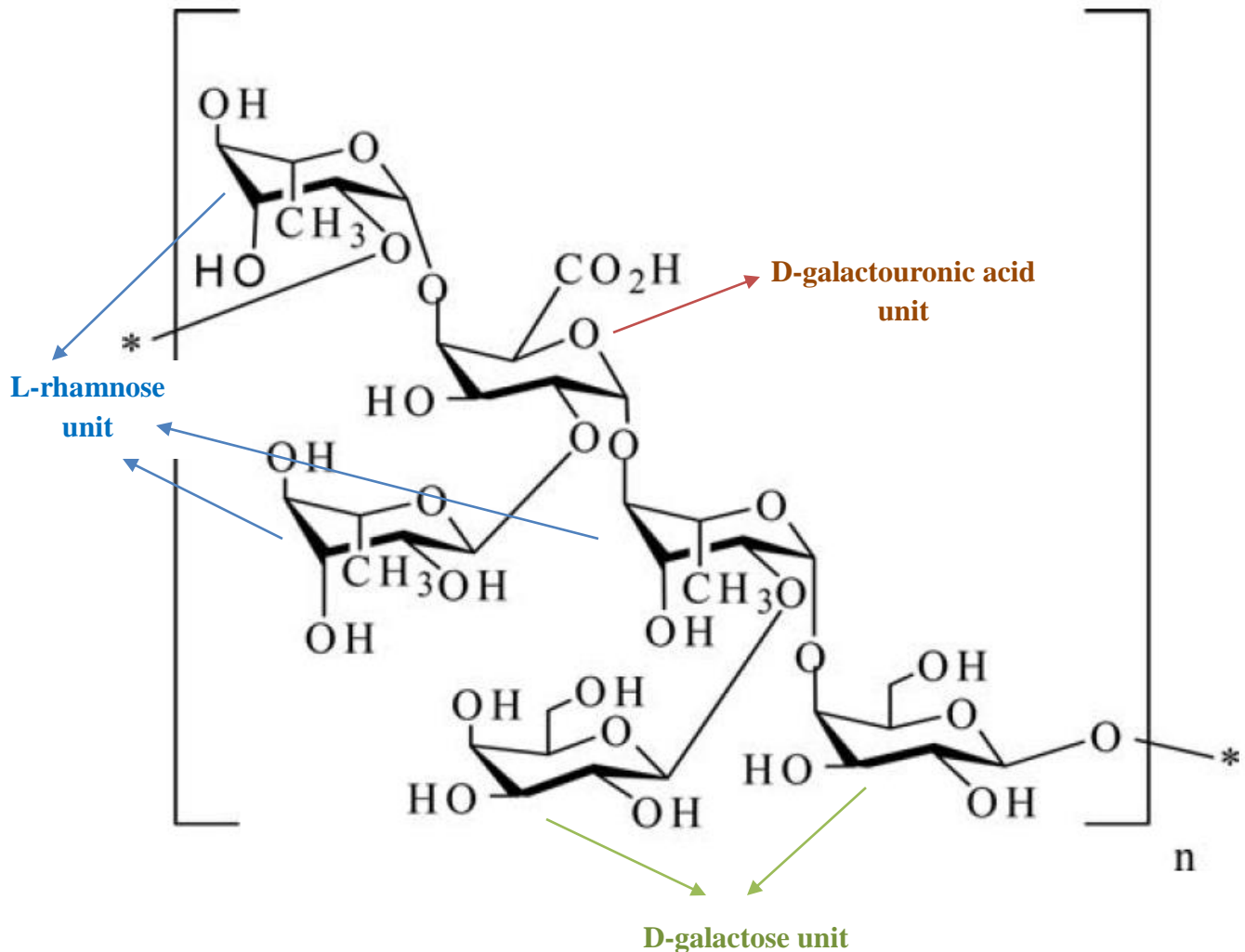


Fig. S1 The structure of Katiragum showing the monosaccharide units.

131 **Fig. S2** ^1HMR spectroscopy of (a) KGD (b) KGDR.

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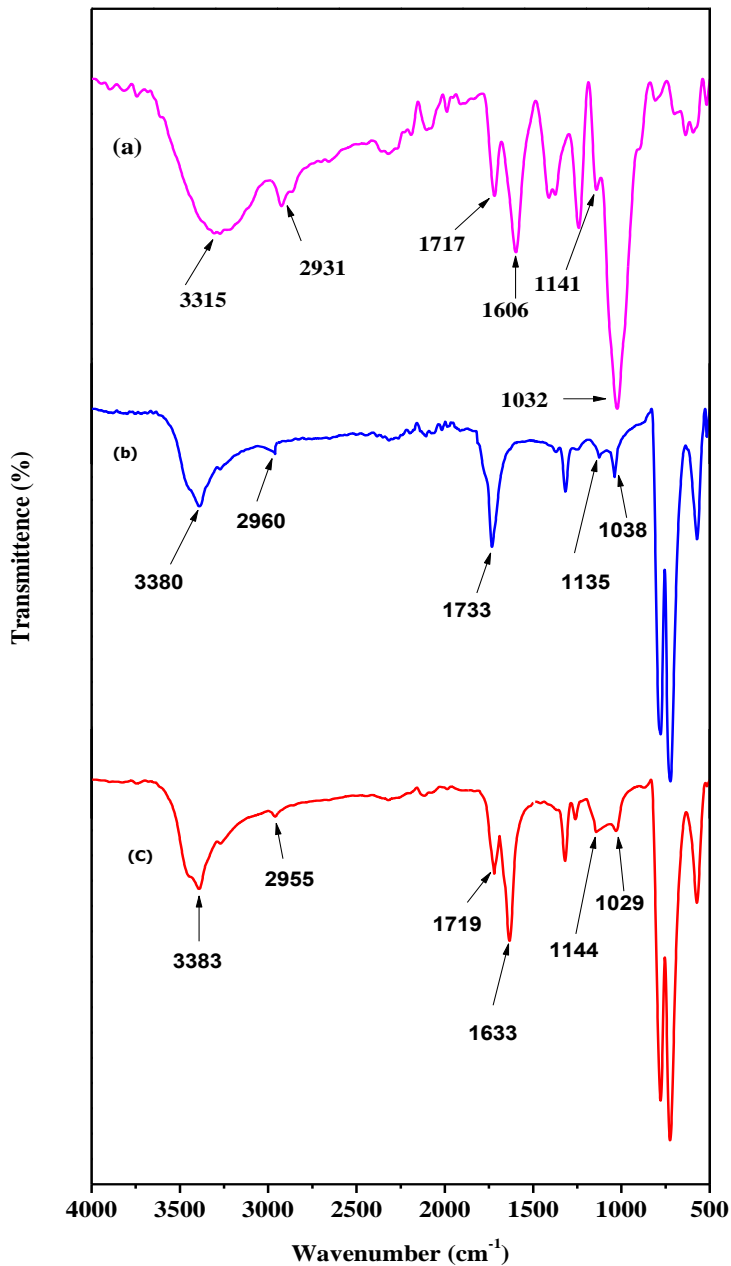
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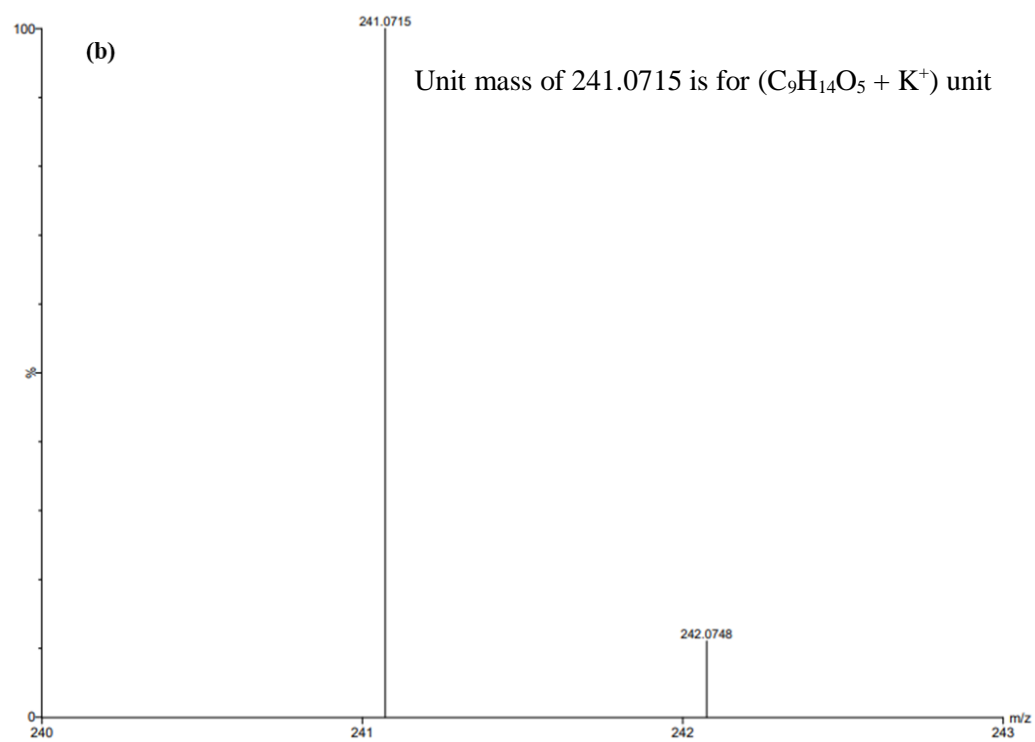
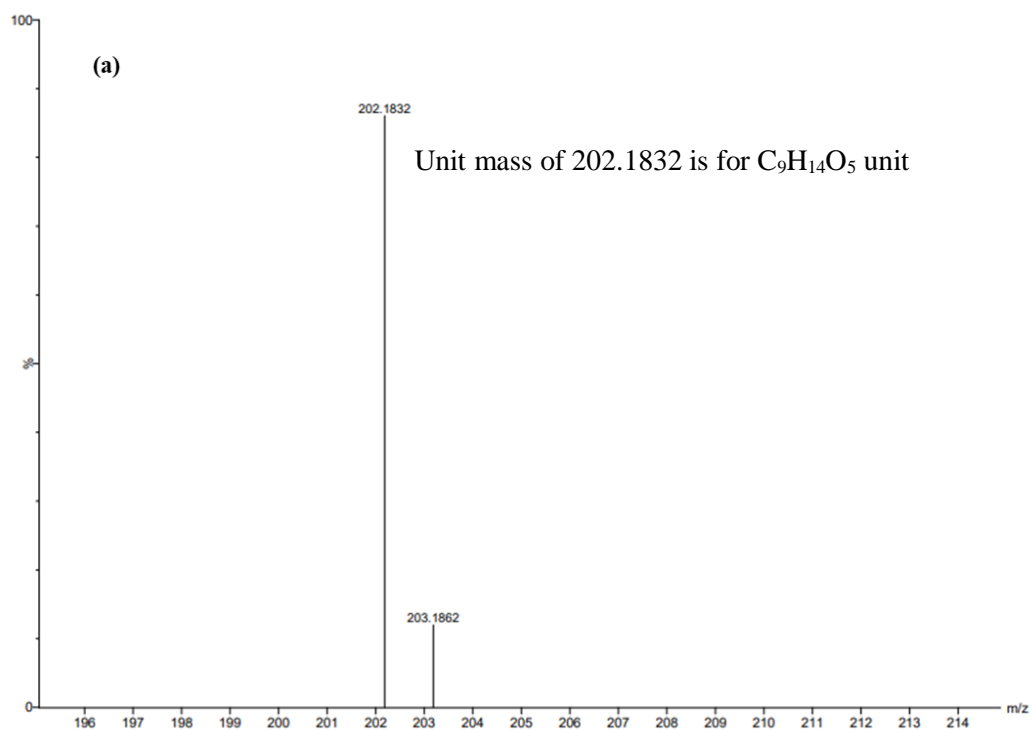
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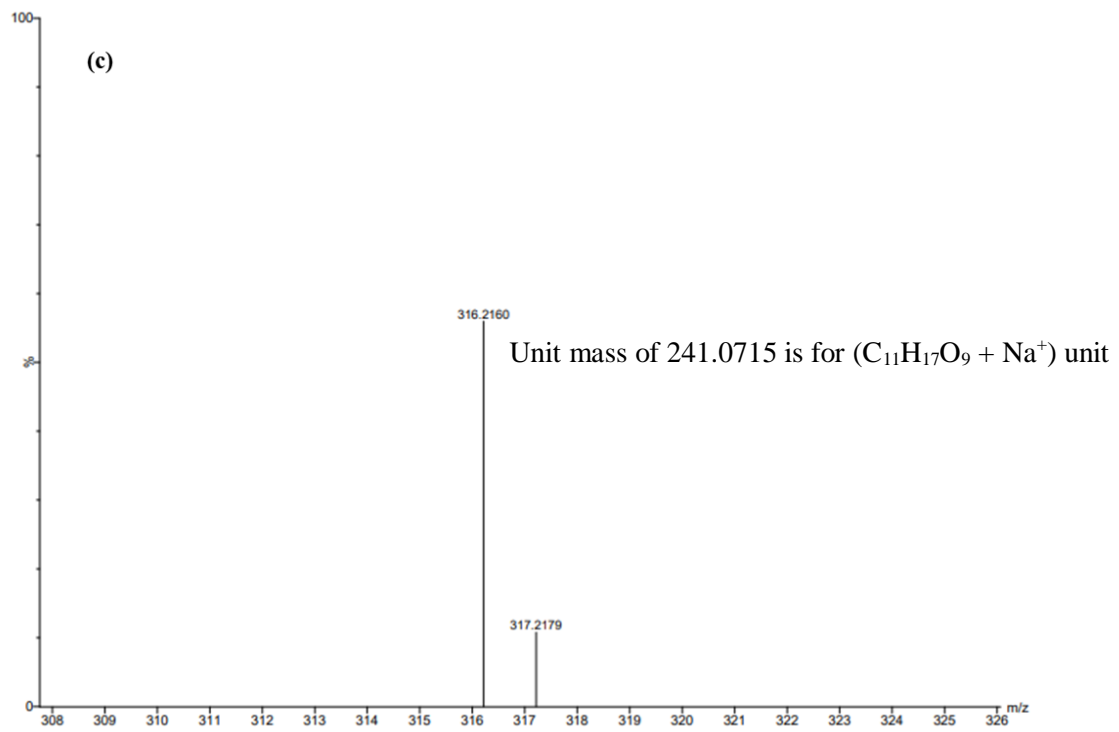
152 **Fig. S3** FTIR spectra of (a) KG (b) KGD (c) KGDR

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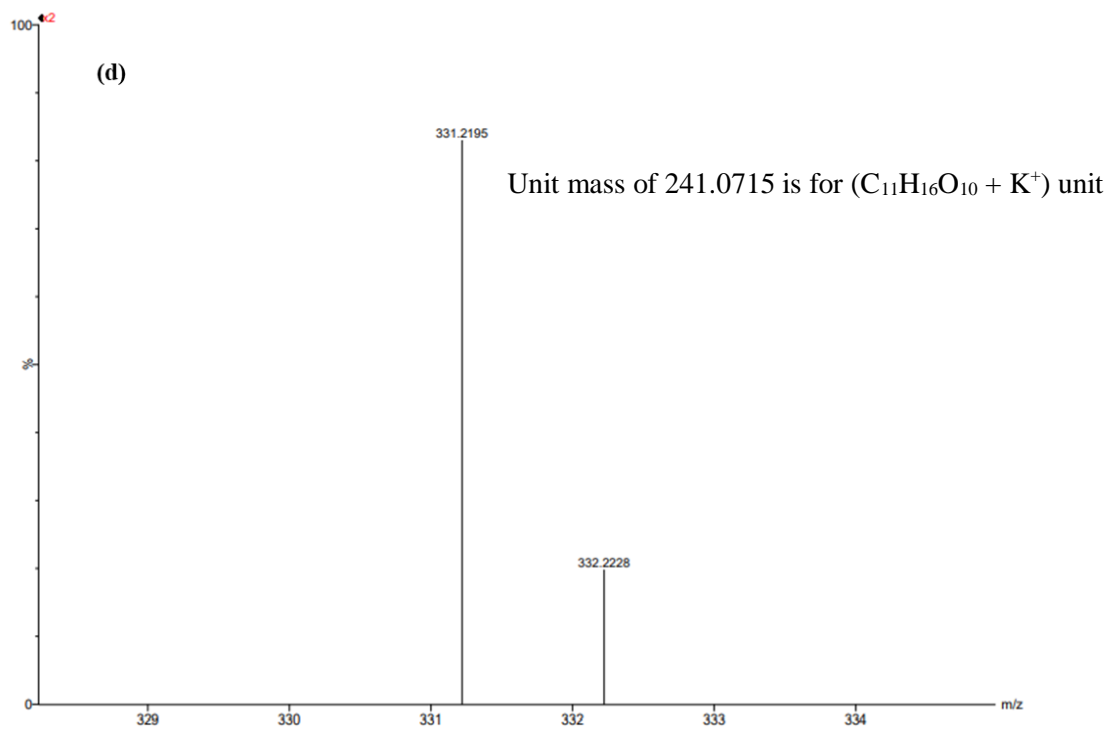




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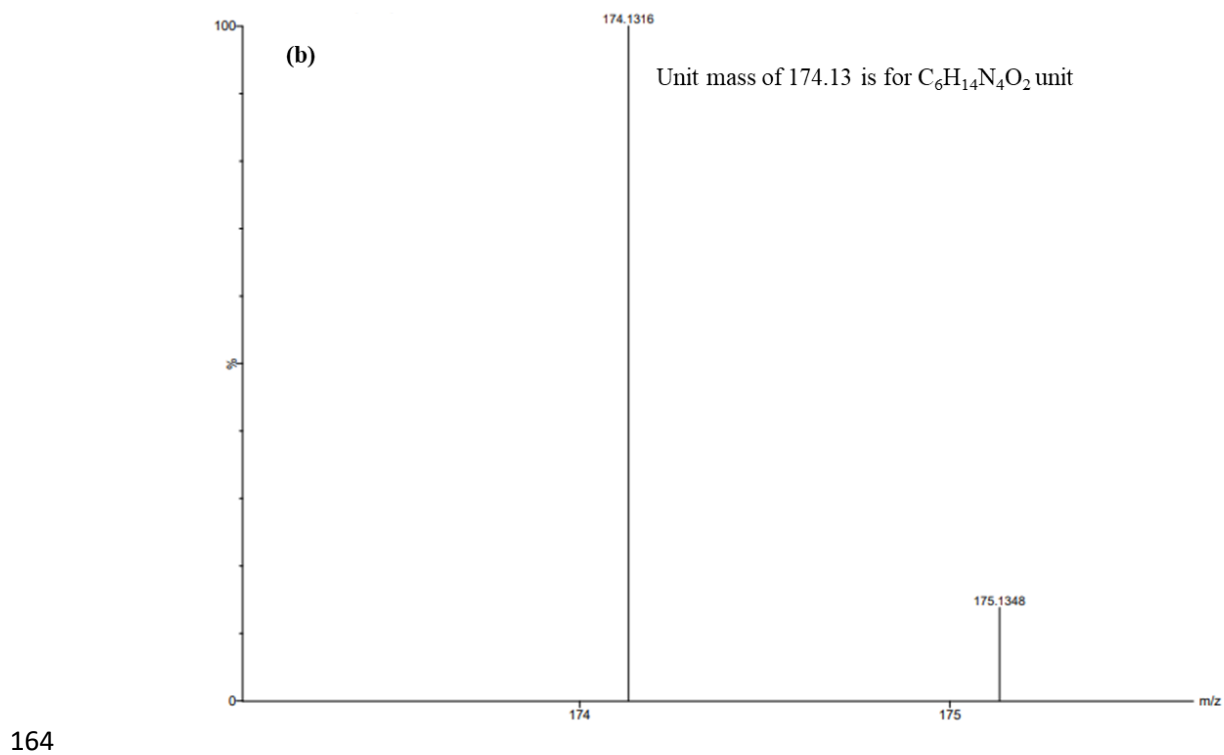
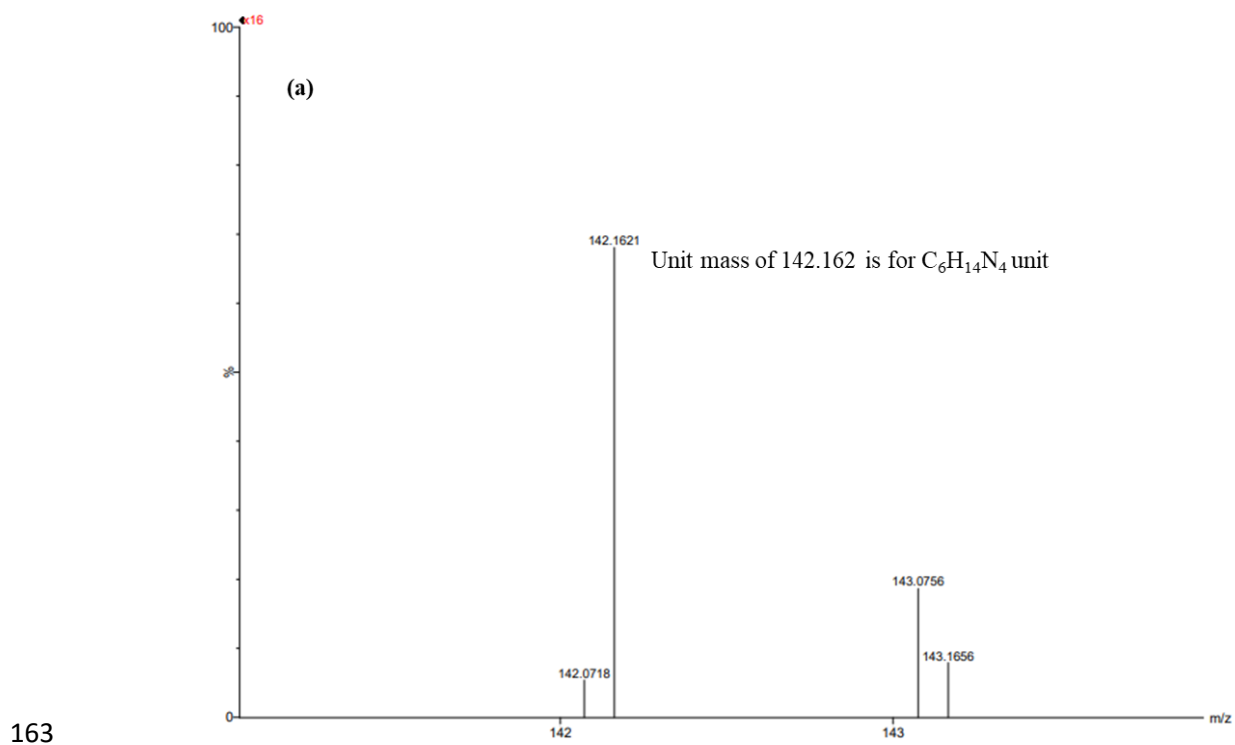


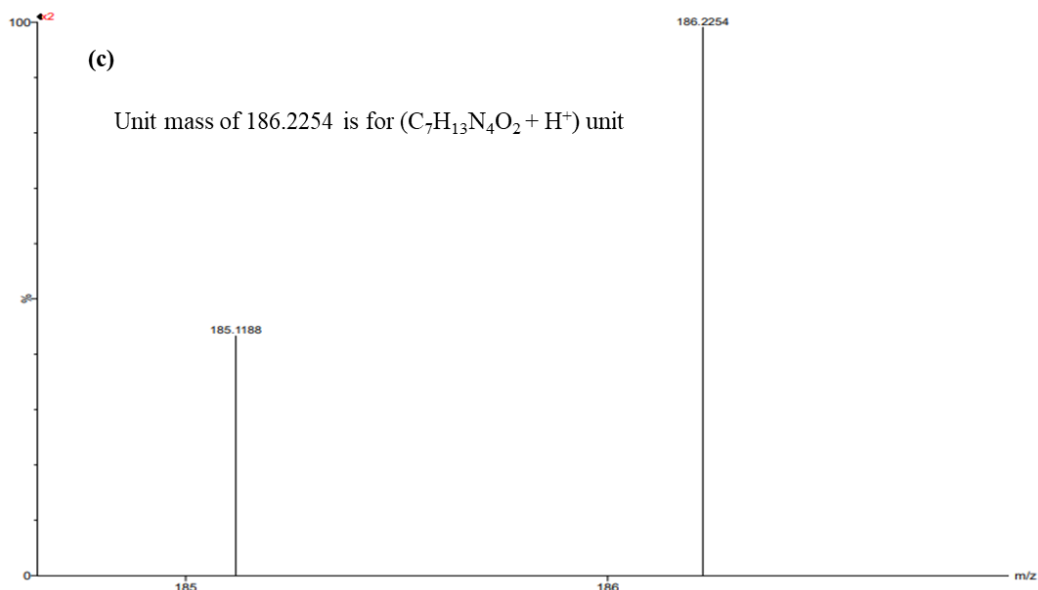
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160 **Fig. S4** High Resolution Mass Spectral analysis of KGD showed characteristic peaks for (a)
161 $C_9H_{14}O_5$ molecular unit, (b) $C_9H_{14}O_5$ molecular unit with K^+ cation, (c) $C_{11}H_{17}O_9$ molecular unit
162 with Na^+ cation, and (d) $C_{11}H_{16}O_{10}$ molecular unit with K^+ cation.





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166 **Fig. S5** High Resolution Mass Spectral analysis of KGDR showed characteristic peaks for (a)
 167 $C_6H_{14}N_4$ unit, (b) $C_6H_{14}N_4O_2$ unit, and (c) $C_7H_{13}N_4O_2$ unit with H^+ cation.

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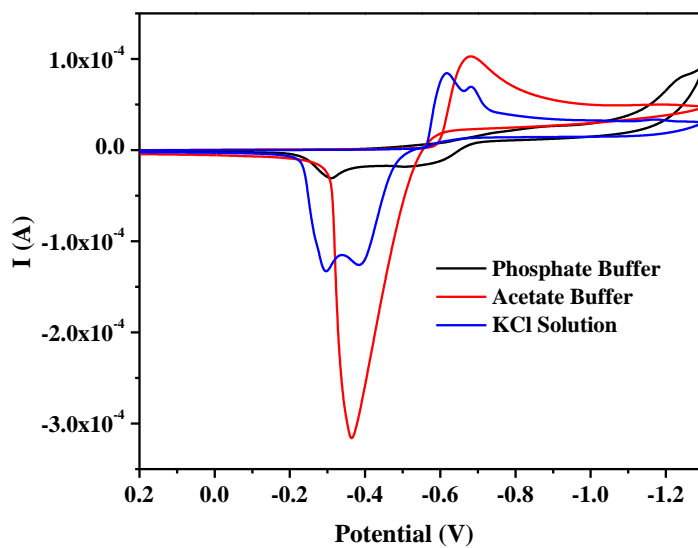
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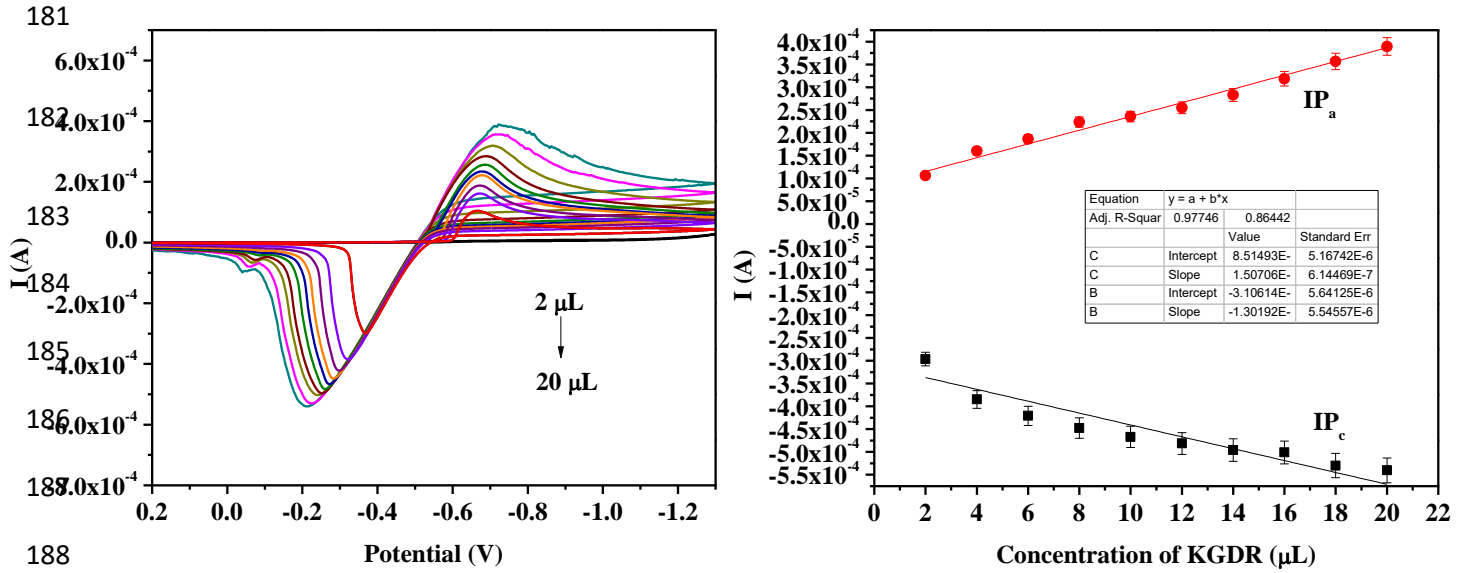
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178 **Fig. S6** CV analysis of KGDR/GCE in various electrolyte solutions (pH=5).

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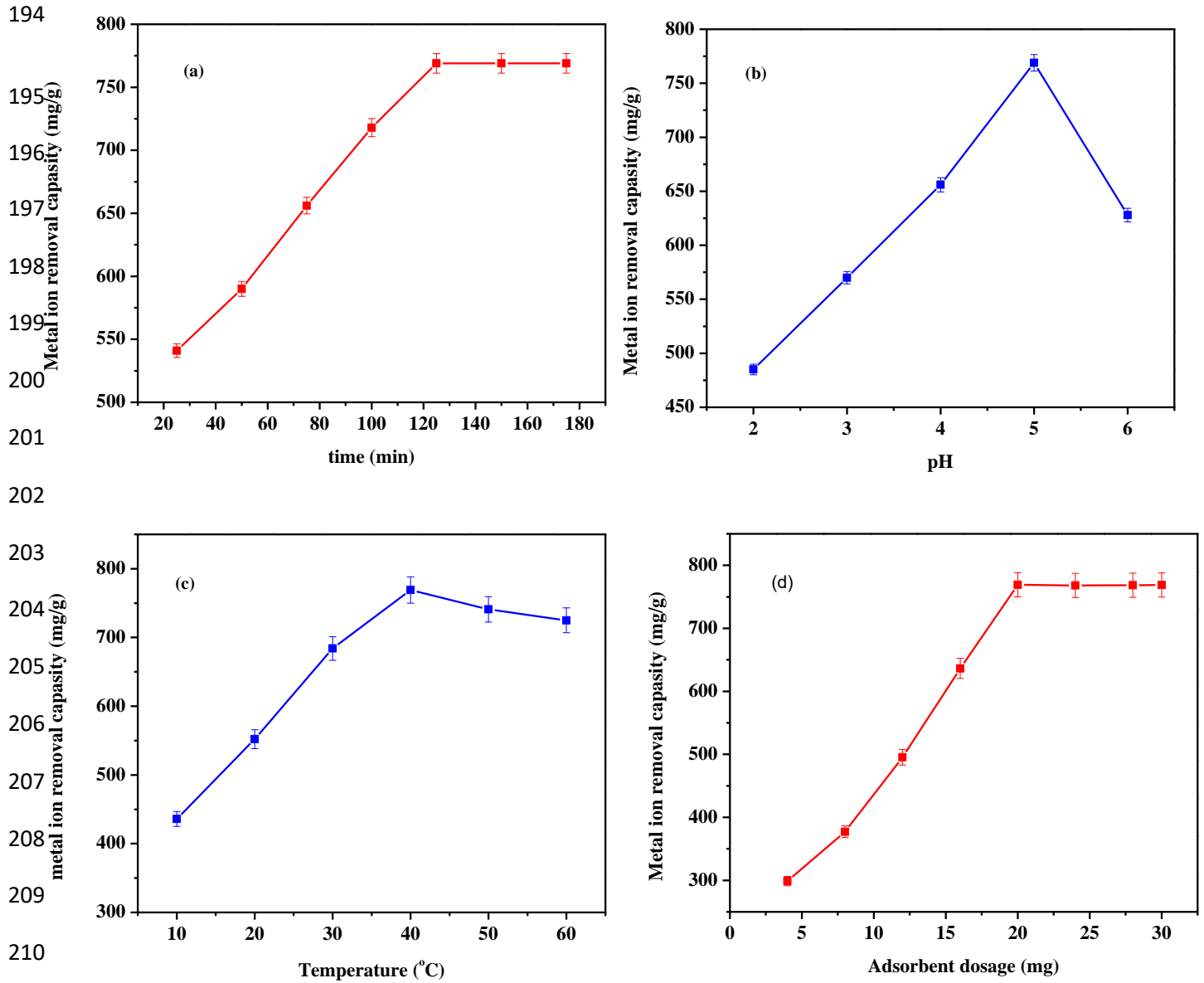
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190 **Fig. S7** (a) CV analysis of KGDR/GCE in 0.1 (M) ABS (pH 5) at various concentrations of

191 KGDR ($2 \mu\text{L}$ to $20 \mu\text{L}$). (b) Calibration curve of peak current (I (A)) versus concentration of

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212 **Fig. S8** Effect of (a) contact time (b) pH (c) temperature (d) adsorbent dosage of Pb²⁺ ion
 213 adsorption onto the surface of KGDR.

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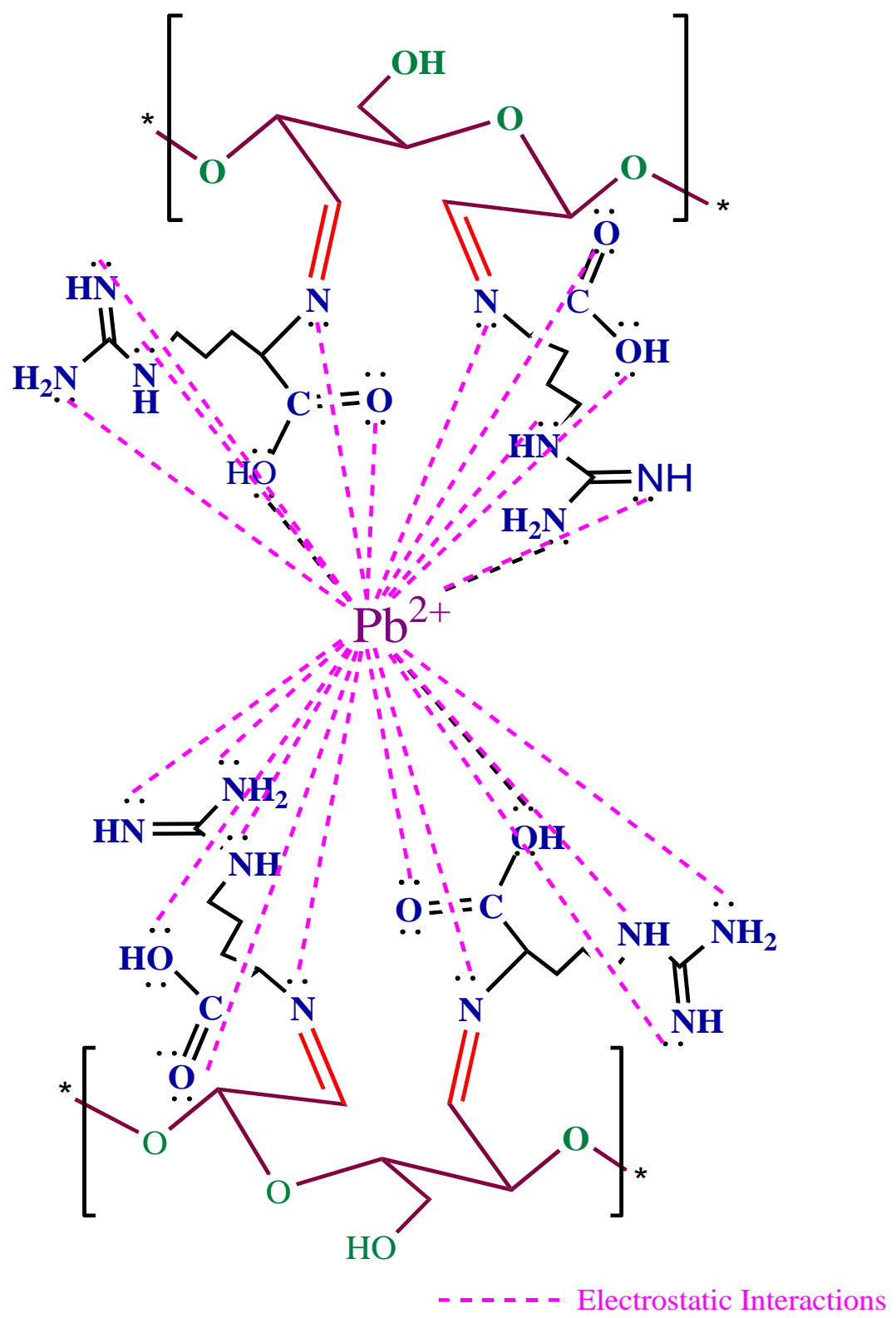


Fig. S9 Adsorption mechanism of KGDR.

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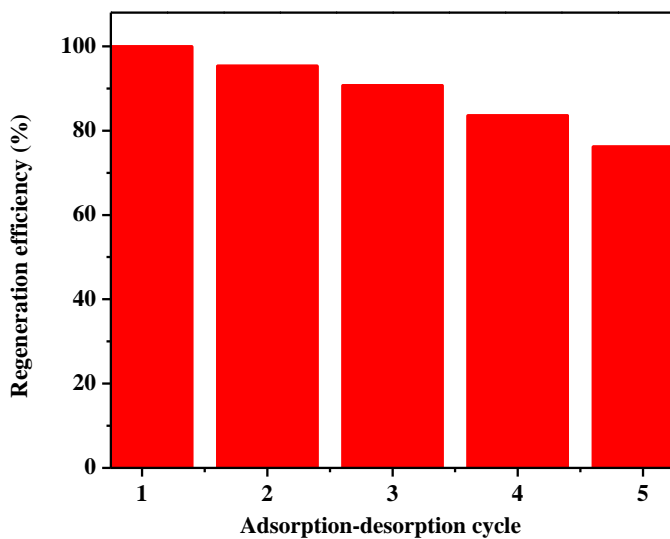
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251 **Fig. S10** Pb²⁺ ion adsorption-desorption cycle by KGDR.

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260 **Table S1** Comparison of KGDR/GCE with some previously reported works for sensing of Pb²⁺
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Modifier	Method	Detection limit (μM)	Reference
CB-18-crown-6/GCE	DPASV	1.5	12
ZnFe ₂ O ₄ /GCE	DPASV	0.56	13
Salicylic acid	CV	0.18	14
P(DPA-co-2ABN)/GC-ME	DPASV	0.165	15
GSH-Fe ₃ O ₄ /GCE	SWASV	0.182	16
G/PANI/PS nanoporous fiber/GCE	CV	3.3	17
MWCNTs/synthesis Schiff base/CPE	SWASV	0.25	18
SWCNHs/SPE	SWASV	0.4	19
ZnO-Gr/SPCE	ASV	0.8	20
KGDR/GCE	CV	0.146	This work

262 DPASV: Differential pulse anodic stripping Voltammetry. CV: Cyclic Voltammetry

263 SWASV: square wave anodic stripping Voltammetry. ASV: anodic stripping Voltammetry

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266 **Table S2** Summary of the CV analysis of KGDR/GCE towards Pb²⁺ sensing from real samples.

Samples	Added Pb ²⁺ ion (μM)	Obtained (μM)	Recovery %	RSD (%)
1	5	4.92	98.4	4.7
2	10	9.89	98.9	3.2
3	15	14.95	99.67	3.8

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272 **Table S3** Various parameters of adsorption kinetics along with their R^2 values for Pb^{2+}
 273 adsorption onto the surface of KGDR (Condition: Pb^{2+} ion concentration 1 g/L, 1.5 g/L, 2.07
 274 g/L, 2.5 g/L, 3 g/L and 3.5 g/L, pH = 5, temperature 40°C and contact time 125 min).

Pseudo-first-order-kinetics						
Concentration of Pb^{2+} ion (mg/L)	1000	1500	2070	2500	3000	3500
k_1 (min^{-1})	0.02012	0.01572	0.01836	0.02536	0.01828	0.02668
Standard Deviation (SD)	0.1096	0.01273	0.0986	0.2045	0.0109	0.1175
Co-relation Coefficient (R^2)	0.94513	0.88383	0.94662	0.88478	0.93958	0.96366
Pseudo-second-order-kinetics						
Concentration of Pb^{2+} ion (g/L)	1000	1500	2070	2500	3000	3500
k_2 (g/mg/min)	6.436×10^{-5}	4.866×10^{-5}	6.262×10^{-5}	1.202×10^{-5}	8.327×10^{-5}	3.948×10^{-5}
Standard Deviation (SD)	6.61×10^{-3}	8.52×10^{-3}	3.64×10^{-3}	1.55×10^{-3}	2.08×10^{-3}	2.47×10^{-4}
Co-relation Coefficient (R^2)	0.99290	0.98167	0.99535	0.99894	0.99725	0.99995
Intra particle diffusion						
Concentration of Pb^{2+} ion (g/L)	1000	1500	2070	2500	3000	3500
k_2 ($mg/g \cdot min^{-1/2}$)	25.452	32.229	30.808	21.468	27.096	15.219
c (mg/g)	189.474	225.439	391.122	650.323	754.59	1135.772
Standard Deviation (SD)	16.324	20.542	18.149	15.348	15.961	18.388
Co-relation Coefficient (R^2)	0.93622	0.93697	0.94573	0.92175	0.94575	0.80065

275 **Table S4** Various parameters of adsorption isotherms along with their R^2 values for Pb^{2+}
 276 adsorption onto the surface of KGDR (Condition: Pb^{2+} ion concentration 2.07 g/L, pH = 5,
 277 temperature 40°C and contact time 125 min).

Langmuir Isotherm	
q_m (mg.g ⁻¹)	5482.46
b (L.mg ⁻¹)	5.985 x 10 ⁻⁵
R_L	0.8902
Standard Deviation (SD)	1.8896 x 10 ⁻⁵
Co-relation coefficient (R^2)	0.99746
Freundlich Isotherm	
K_F (L.g ⁻¹)	0.00704
n	0.63
Standard Deviation (SD)	0.03302
Co-relation coefficient (R^2)	0.98709
Temkin Isotherm	
A_T (L.g ⁻¹)	1.809
B (J.mole ⁻¹)	0.00995
Standard Deviation (SD)	0.0351
Co-relation coefficient (R^2)	0.9629

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292 **Table S5** Various thermodynamic parameter for Pb²⁺ adsorption onto the surface of KGDR
 293 (Condition: Pb²⁺ ion concentration 2.07 g/L, pH = 5, temperature 20°C to 60°C and contact time
 294 125 min).

Thermodynamic Parameters						
ΔH° (KJ/mole)			3.62			
ΔS° (J/K/mole)			14.384			
Temperature (K)	283	293	303	313	323	333
ΔG° (KJ/mole)	-0.45	-0.595	-0.738	-0.882	-1.026	-1.169

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