

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

### **Cellulose-based hydrogel for adsorptive removal of cationic dyes from aqueous solution: Isotherms and Kinetics**

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**Supplementary Table 1.** ANOVA and coefficients model for the CV removal process

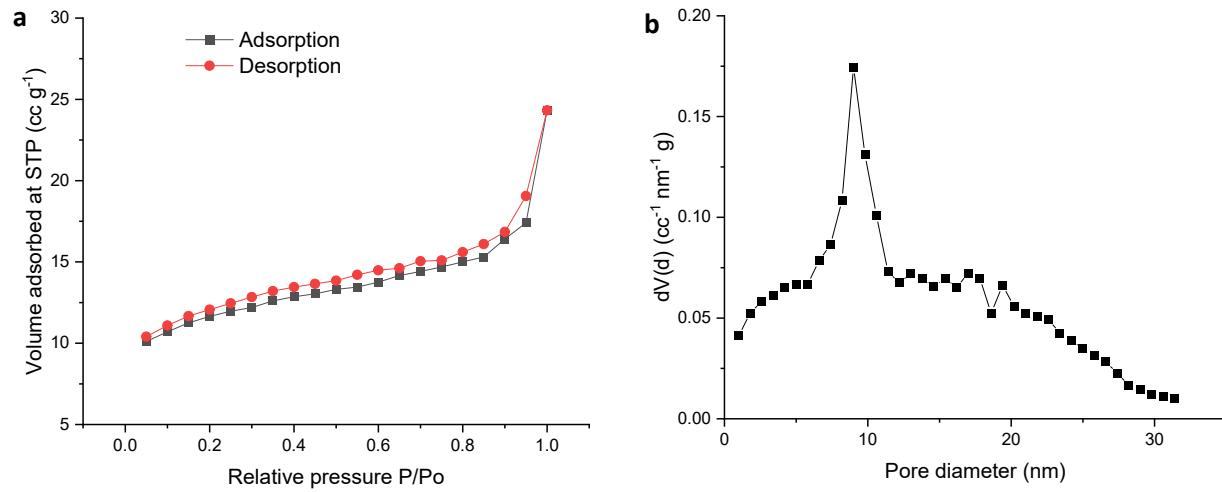
Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F-value	p-value	Significant/ Non-significant
<b>Model</b>	89.18	14	6.37	85.19	< 0.0001	S
A	43.19	1	43.19	577.57	< 0.0001	S
B	6.14	1	6.14	82.12	< 0.0001	S
C	7.16	1	7.16	95.80	< 0.0001	S
D	0.48	1	0.48	6.40	0.0299	S
AB	0.34	1	0.34	4.56	0.0585	NS
AC	0.99	1	0.99	13.30	0.0045	S
AD	0.00	1	0.00	0.01	0.9411	NS
BC	1.08	1	1.08	14.41	0.0035	S
BD	0.80	1	0.80	10.69	0.0084	S
CD	0.04	1	0.04	0.53	0.4826	NS
A <sup>2</sup>	2.67	1	2.67	35.75	0.0001	S
B <sup>2</sup>	0.03	1	0.03	0.36	0.5642	NS
C <sup>2</sup>	1.42	1	1.42	18.96	0.0014	S
D <sup>2</sup>	1.09	1	1.09	14.62	0.0034	S
<b>Residual</b>	0.75	10	0.07			
Lack of Fit	0.24	4	0.06	0.70	0.6204	NS
Pure Error	0.51	6	0.09			
<b>Cor Total</b>	89.93	24				
<b>CV = 0.30 %</b>		<b>R<sup>2</sup> = 0.99</b>		<b>Adj R<sup>2</sup> = 0.98</b>		<b>Pred R<sup>2</sup> = 0.87</b>
						<b>Adeq. Precision = 33.82</b>

\*S-Significant; NS-Non-significant

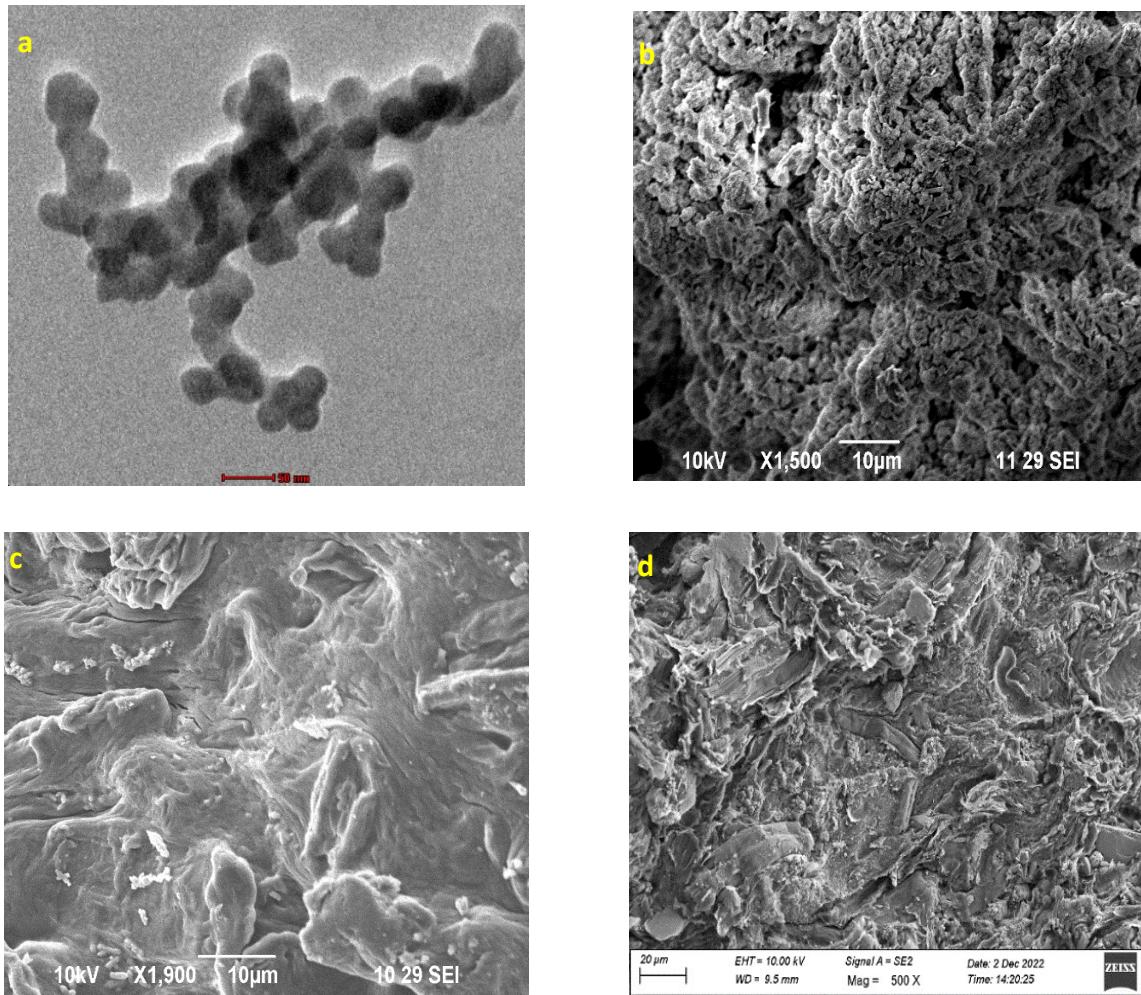
**Supplementary Table 2.** ANOVA and coefficients model for the MB removal process

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F-value	p-value	Significant/ Non-significant
<b>Model</b>	534.03	14	38.14	30.55	< 0.0001	S
A	60.60	1	60.60	48.53	< 0.0001	S
B	28.27	1	28.27	22.64	0.0008	S
C	2.79	1	2.79	2.24	0.1655	NS
D	14.61	1	14.61	11.70	0.0065	S
AB	64.30	1	64.30	51.50	< 0.0001	S
AC	29.92	1	29.92	23.96	0.0006	S
AD	8.00	1	8.00	6.40	0.0298	S
BC	63.52	1	63.52	50.87	< 0.0001	S
BD	0.33	1	0.33	0.26	0.6206	NS
CD	0.01	1	0.01	0.01	0.9233	NS
A <sup>2</sup>	4.24	1	4.24	3.39	0.0952	NS
B <sup>2</sup>	24.66	1	24.66	19.75	0.0012	S
C <sup>2</sup>	7.75	1	7.75	6.20	0.032	S
D <sup>2</sup>	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	0.9818	NS
<b>Residual</b>	12.49	10	1.25			
Lack of Fit	11.90	8	1.49	5.05	0.1759	NS
Pure Error	0.59	2	0.29			
<b>Cor Total</b>	546.51	24				
<b>CV = 1.26 %</b>		<b>R<sup>2</sup> = 0.98</b>		<b>Adj R<sup>2</sup> = 0.94</b>		<b>Pred R<sup>2</sup> = 0.81</b>
						<b>Adeq. Precision = 23.06</b>

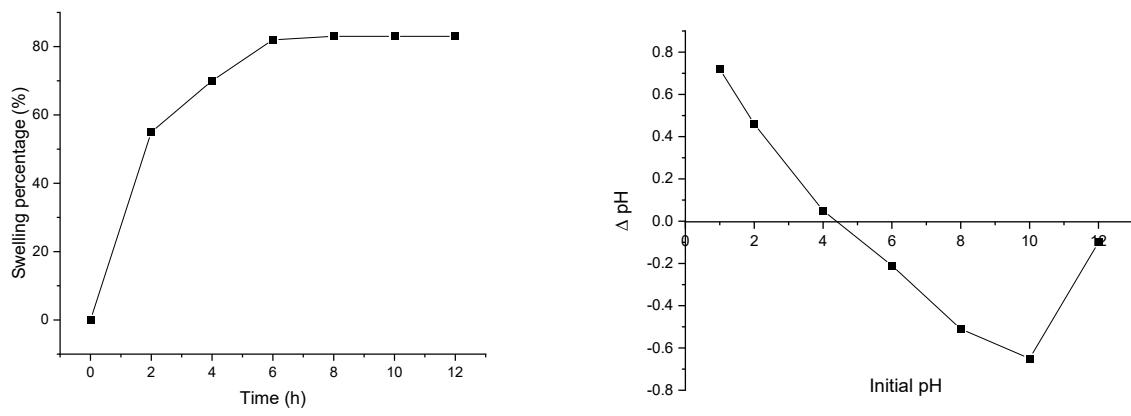
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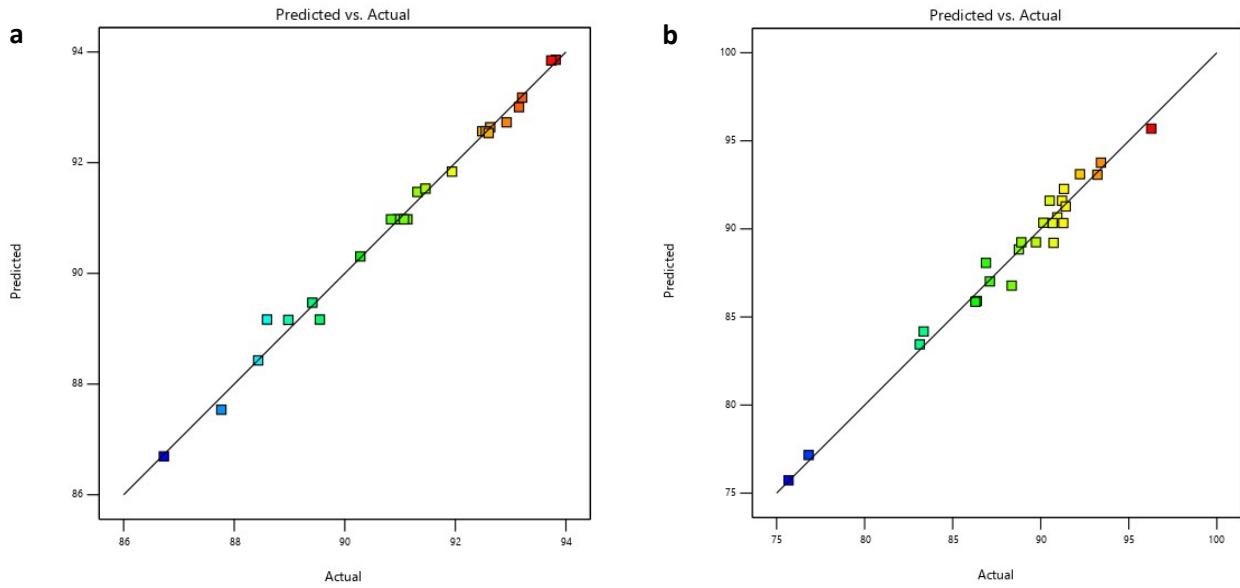
**Supplementary Figure 1.** (a) BET nitrogen adsorption isotherm plot (b) Pore size distribution plot



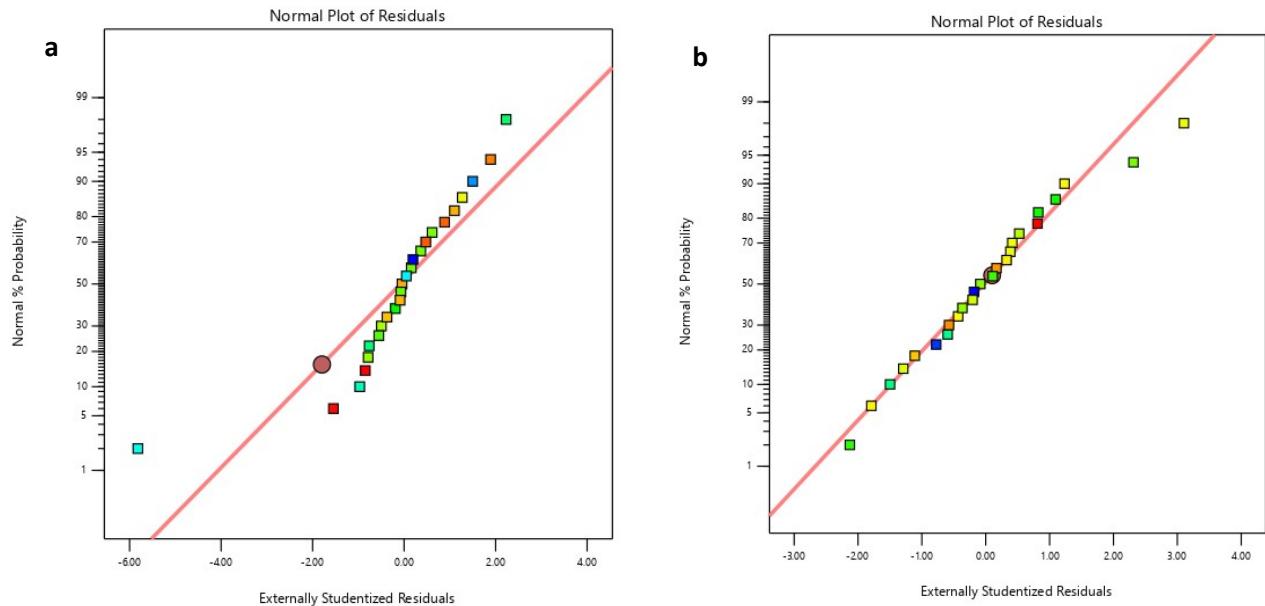
**Supplementary Figure 2.** (a) TEM micrograph of NCC and SEM micrographs of NCC-CH hydrogel bead (b) before adsorption (c and d) after adsorption.



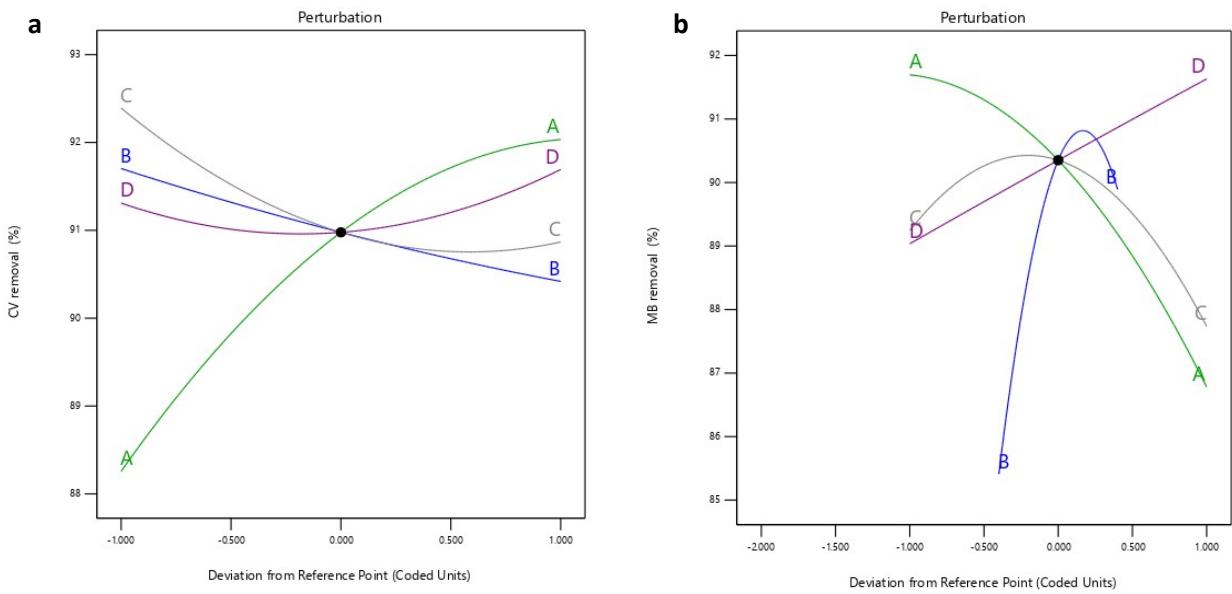
**Supplementary Figure 3.** (a) Point of zero charge and (b) Swelling ratio of NCC-CH hydrogel bead.



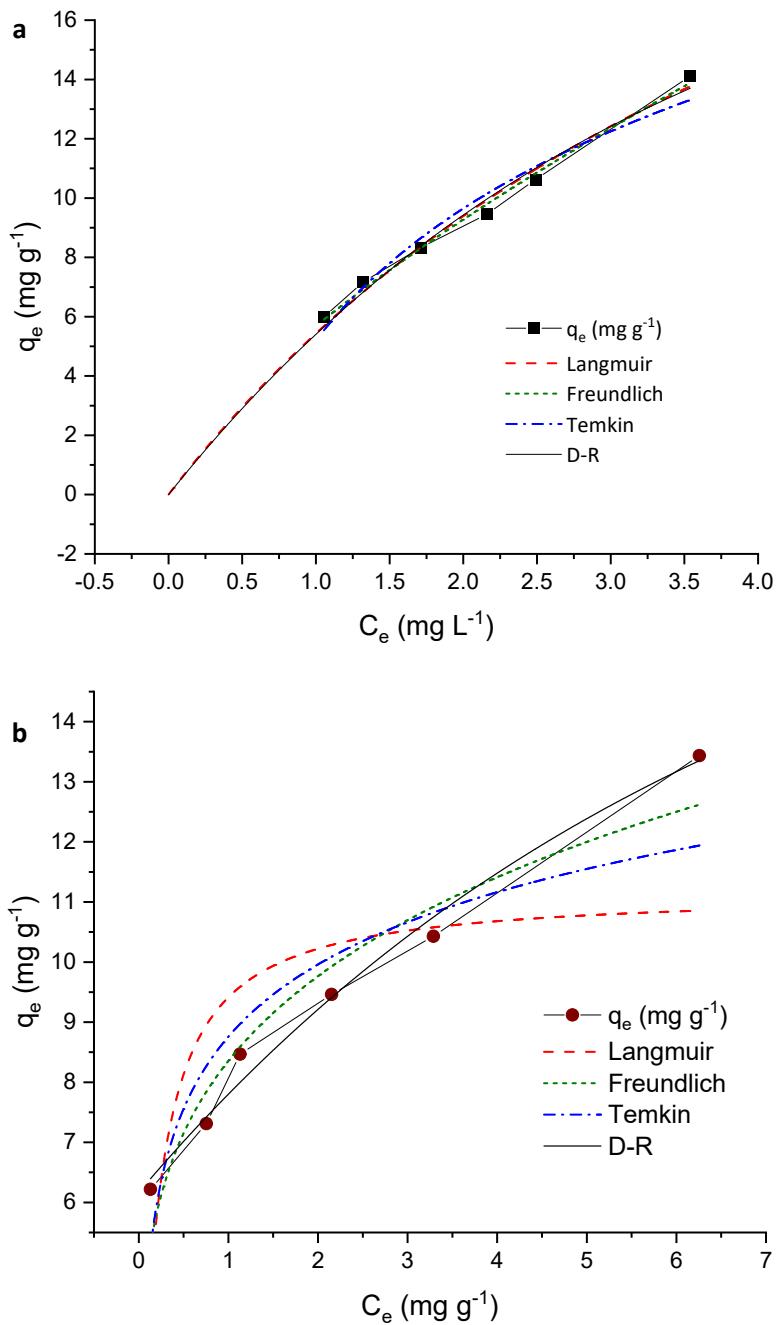
**Supplementary Figure 4.** Predicted vs Experimental plots (a) CV removal and (b) MB removal



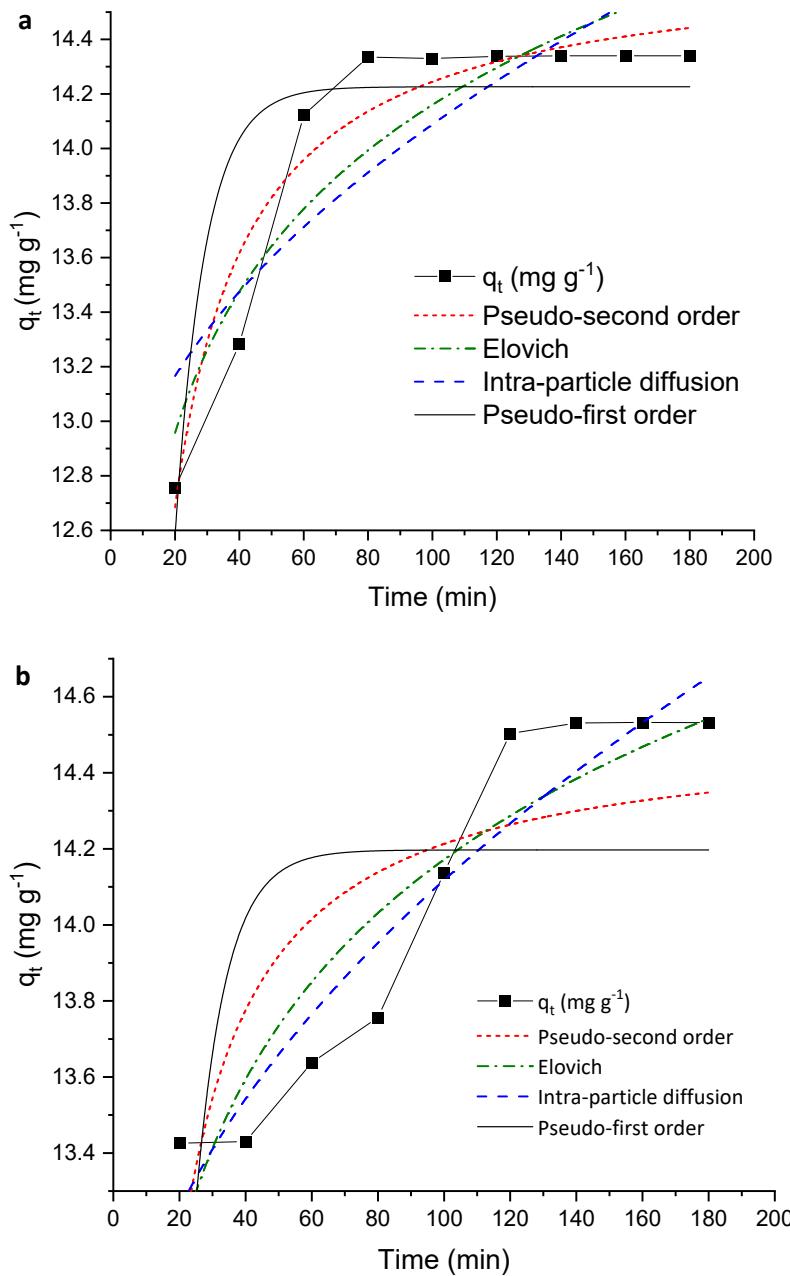
**Supplementary Figure 5.** Normal plot of residuals (a) CV removal and (b) MB removal



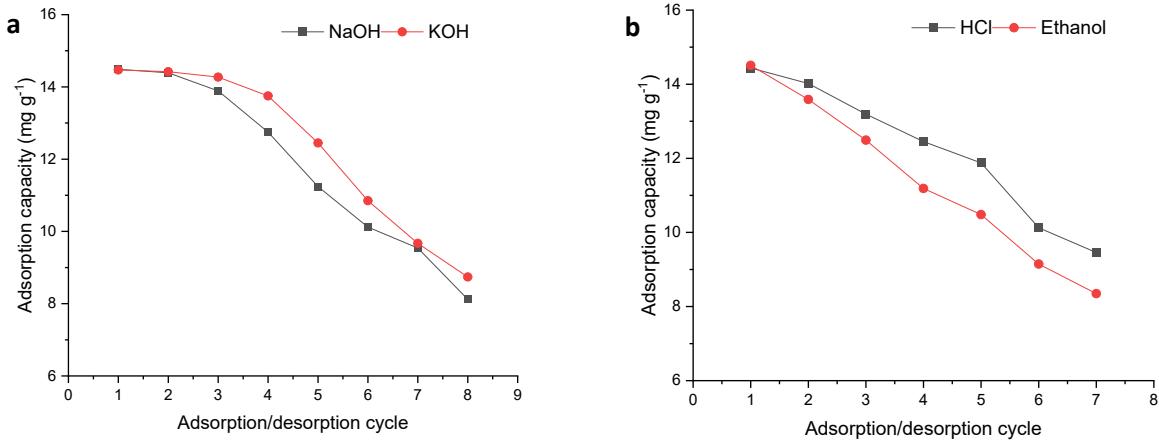
**Supplementary Figure 6.** Perturbation plot (a) CV removal and (b) MB removal



**Supplementary Figure 7.** Adsorption isotherm models for CV (a) and MB (b) removal



**Supplementary Figure 8.** Adsorption kinetic models for CV (a) and MB (b) removal



**Supplementary Figure 9.** Adsorption capacity of NCC-CH in adsorption/desorption cycles (a) CV adsorption and (b) MB adsorption