

**Cation- $\pi$ -induced mixed-matrix nanocomposite for detection and removal of Hg<sup>2+</sup> and azinphos-methyl towards environment remediation**

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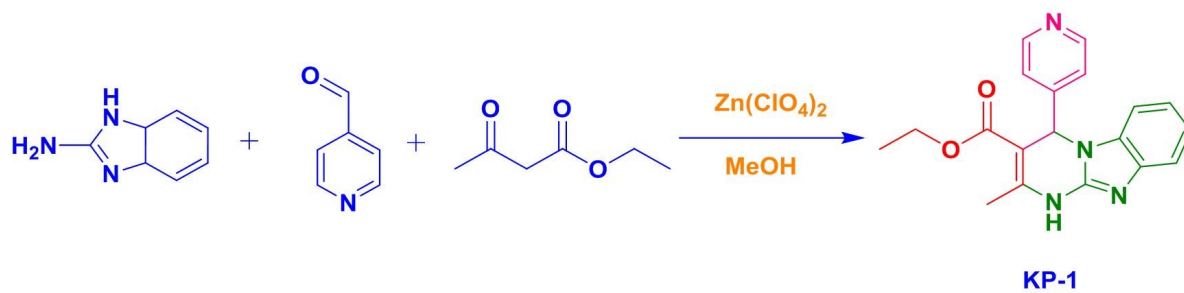
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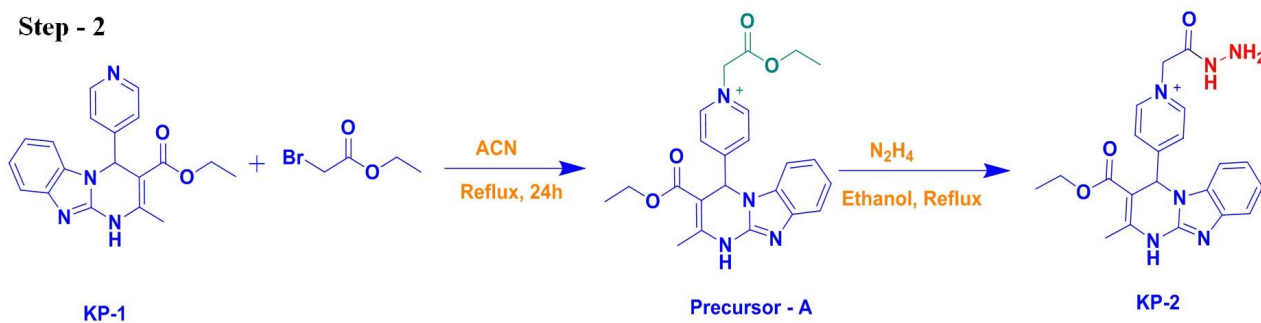
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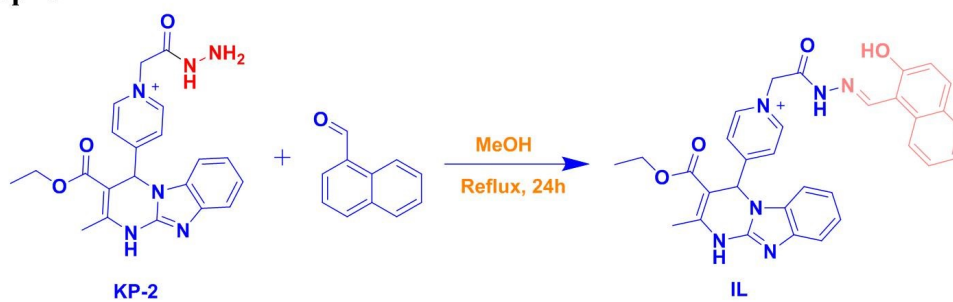


Figure S1. Synthesis of organic cation (IL).

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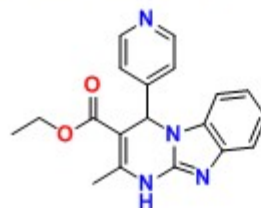
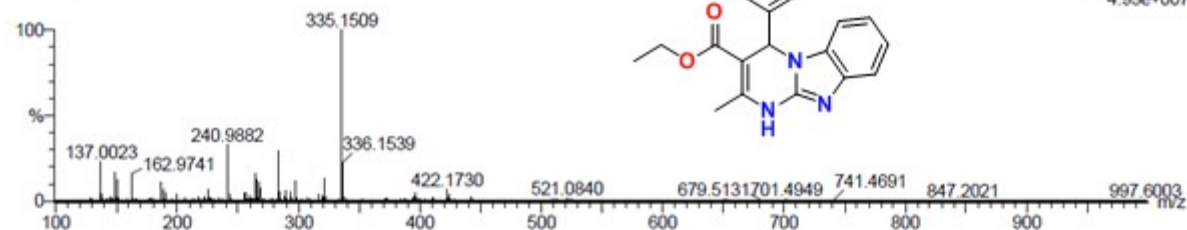
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54 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)

Elements Used:

C: 19-19 H: 1-100 N: 1-7 O: 1-8

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1: TOF MS ES+  
4.93e+007

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**Figure S2.** HRMS spectrum of KP-1  
 HRMS (ESI,m/z): calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+1], 335.1508, found 335.1509

## Elemental Composition Report

## Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 mDa / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

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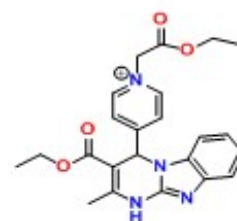
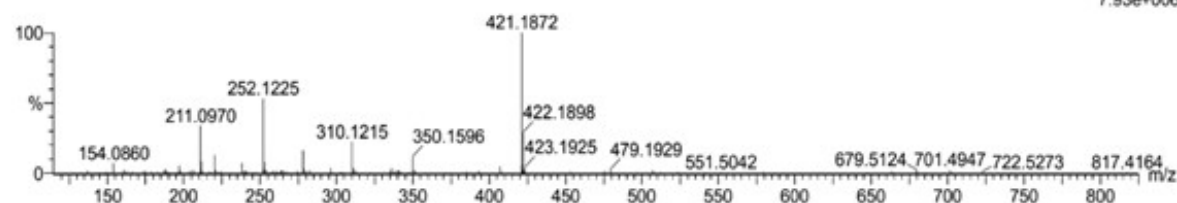
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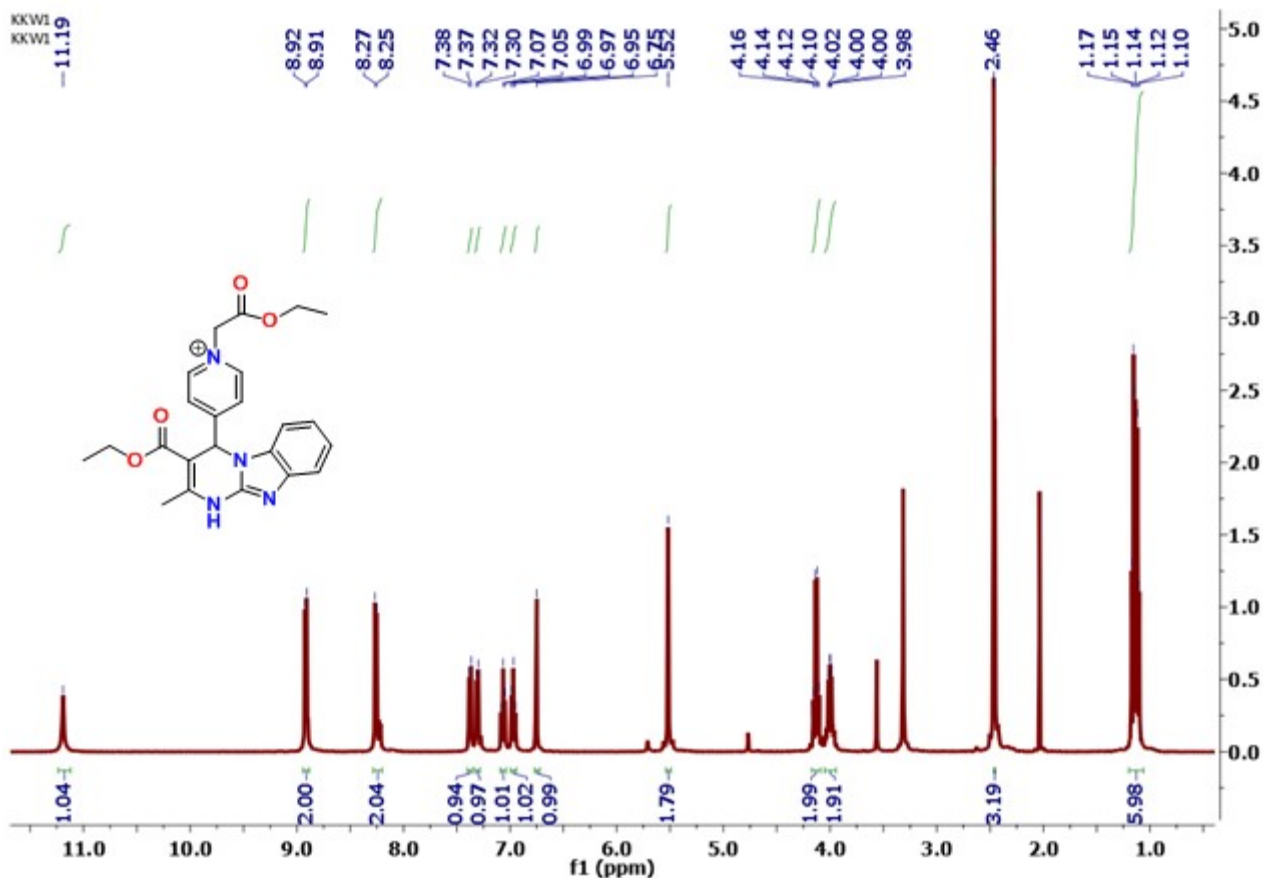
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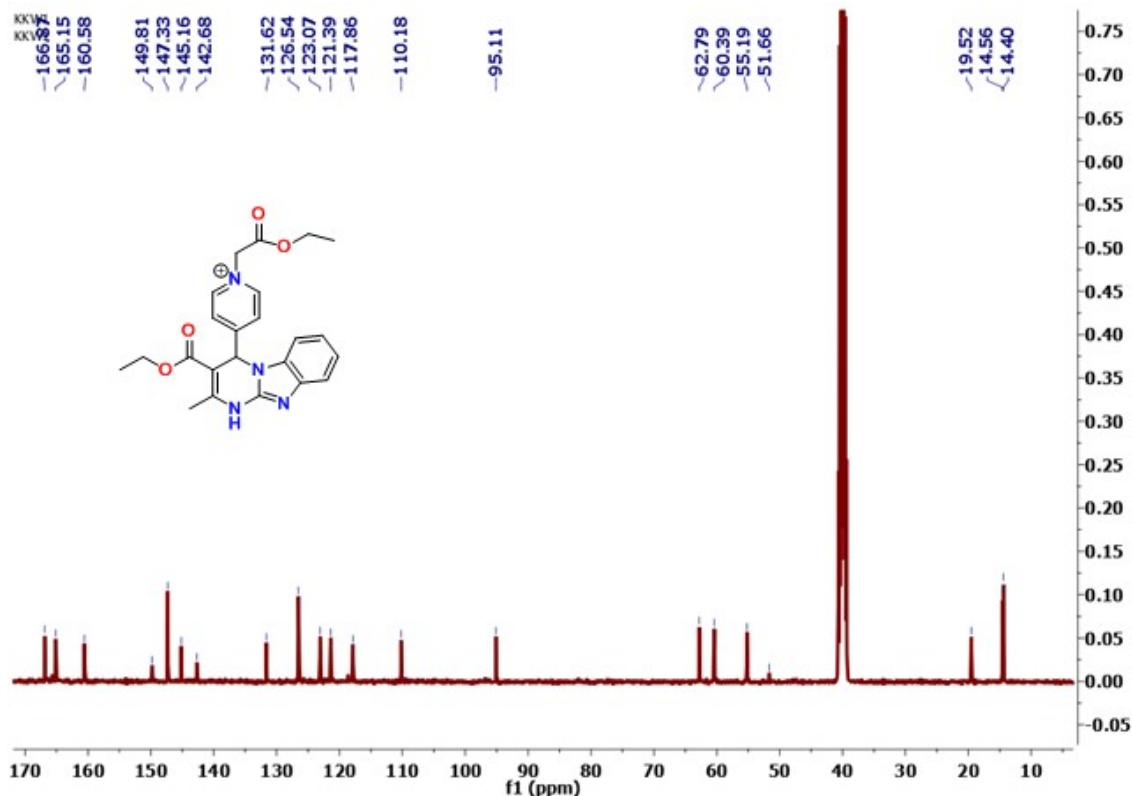
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421.1872	421.1876	-0.4	-0.9	13.5	879.7	n/a	n/a	C23 H25 N4 O4

**Figure S3.** HRMS of precursor A  
 HRMS (ESI,m/z): calculated for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup>, 421.1876, found 421.1872



**Figure S4.** HRMS spectrum for precursor A

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)-** δ 11.19 (s, NH, 1H), 8.92 (d, Ar-H, 2H), 8.26 (d, Ar-H, 2H), 7.38 (d, Ar-H, 1H), 7.31 (d, Ar-H, 1H), 7.07 (t, Ar-H, 1H), 6.97 (t, Ar-H, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.13 (q, 2H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 1.14 (m, 6H).



**Figure S5.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of precursor A

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ ) -  $\delta$  166.8, 165.1, 160.5, 149.8, 147.3, 145.1, 142.6, 131.6, 126.5, 123.0, 121.3, 117.8, 110.1, 95.1, 62.7, 60.3, 55.1, 51.6, 19.5, 14.5, 14.4.

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#### Single Mass Analysis

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Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

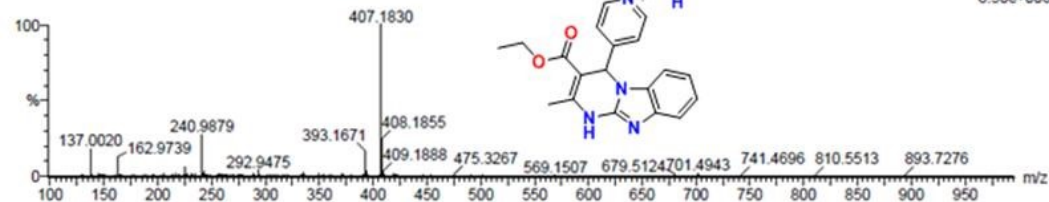
Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions

55 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass)

Elements Used:

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Minimum: -1.5  
Maximum: 50.0

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407.1830	407.1832	-0.2	-0.5	13.5	838.6	n/a	n/a	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>

**Figure S6.** HRMS spectrum of KP-2

HRMS (ESI,m/z): calculated for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_6\text{O}_3$   $[\text{M}]^+$ , 407.1832, found 421.1830

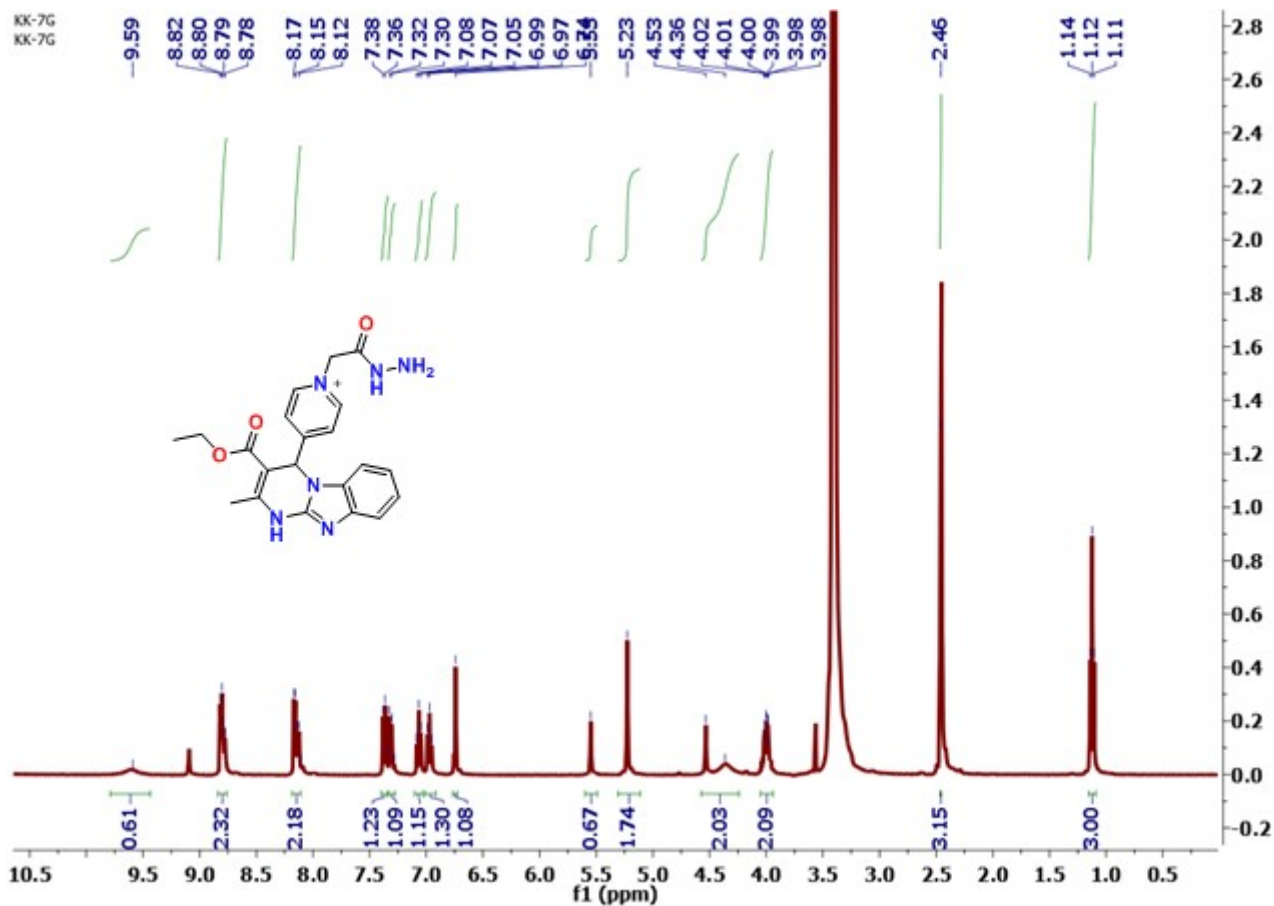


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of KP-2

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) - δ 9.59 (s, -NH, 1H), 8.82-8.78 (m, Ar-H, 2H), 8.17-8.10 (m, Ar-H, 2H), 7.38-7.35 (t, J= 7.36, Ar-H, 1H), 7.32-7.28 (m, Ar-H, 1H), 7.08-7.05 (t, J= 7.07, Ar-H, 1H), 6.99-6.95 (t, Ar-H, 1H), 6.74 (s, -CH, 1H), 5.55 (s, -NH, 1H), 5.23 (s, CH<sub>2</sub>, 2H), 4.53 (d, -NH, 2H), 4.01-3.98 (q, -CH<sub>2</sub>, 2H), 2.46 (s, CH<sub>3</sub>, 3H), 1.14-1.11 (t, J=1.12, CH<sub>3</sub>, 3H).



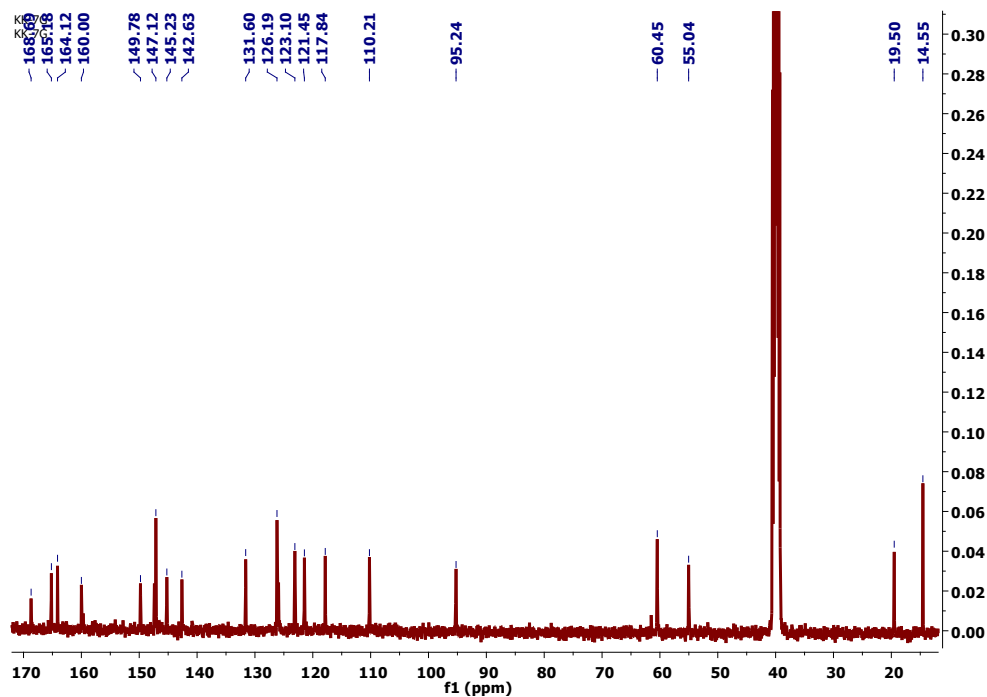


Figure S8.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of KP-2

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )-  $\delta$  168.6, 165.1, 164.1, 160.0, 149.7, 147.1, 145.2, 142.6, 131.6, 126.1, 123.1, 121.4, 117.8, 110.2, 95.2, 60.4, 55.0, 19.5, 14.5

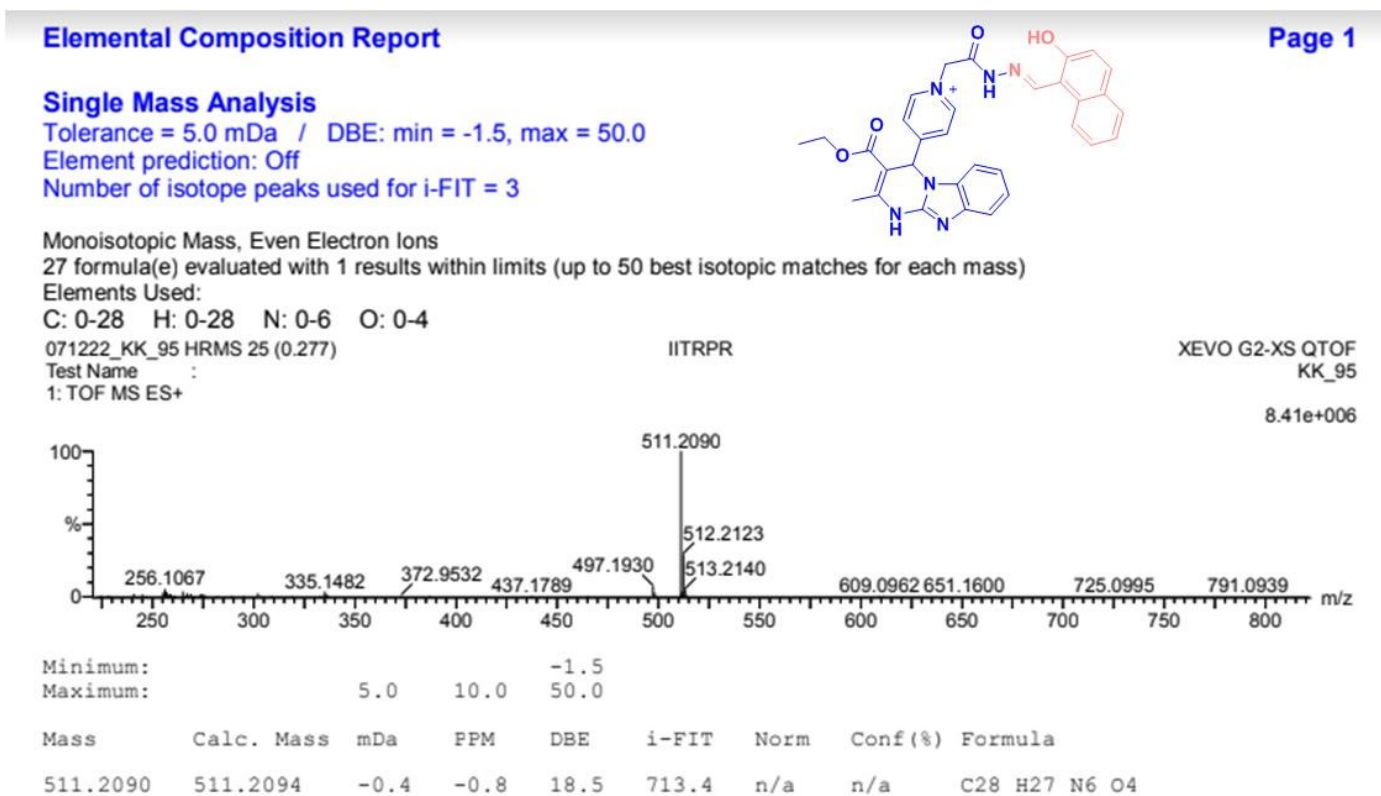


Figure S9 . HRMS of IL

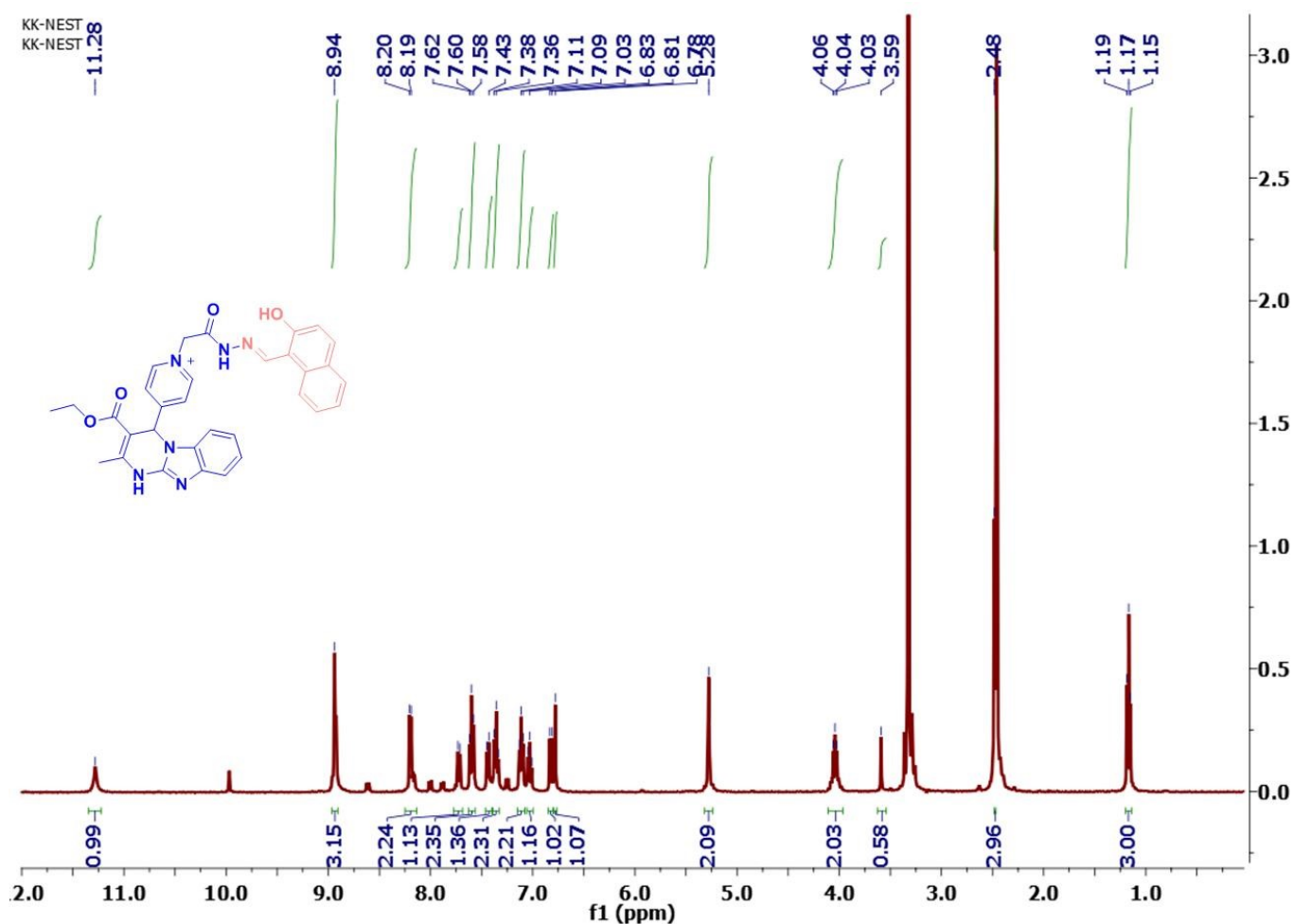
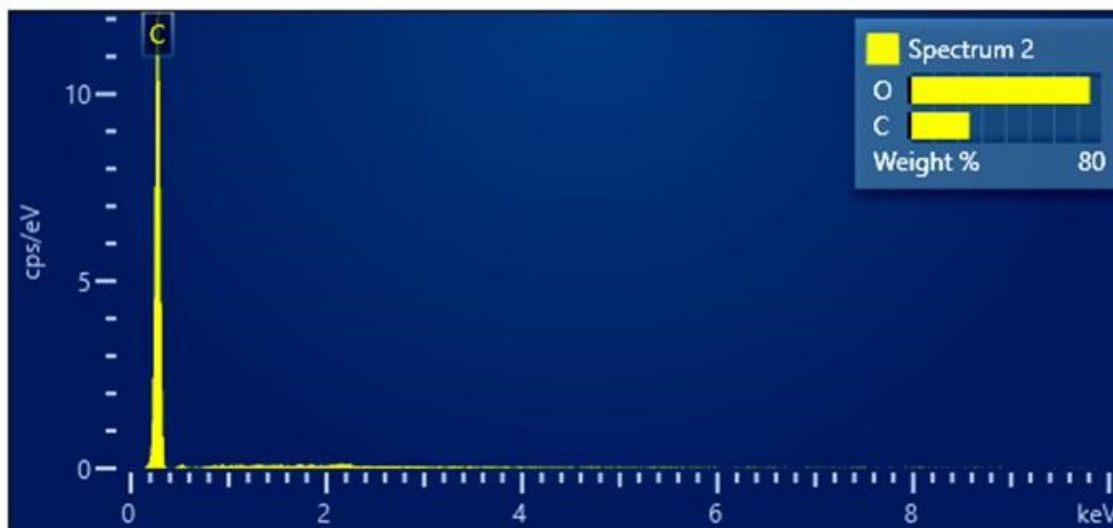


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of IL

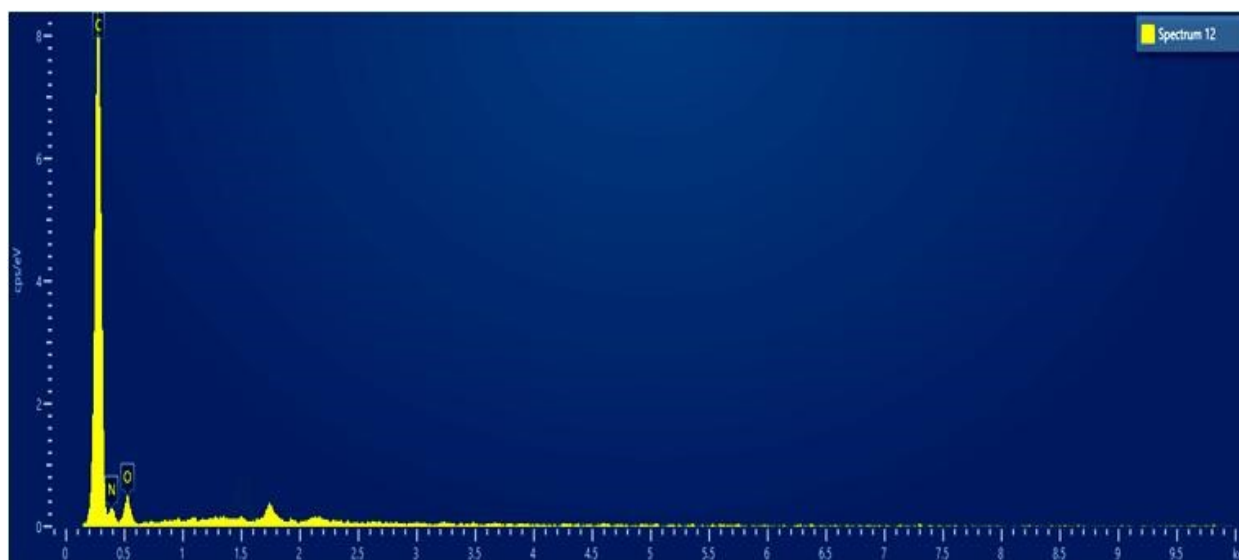
$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )-  $\delta$  1.17 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 1H, -NH), 4.06-4.03 (m, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 6.83-6.81 (d, 1H), 7.03 (t, 1H), 7.11 (t, 1H), 7.36 (t, 2H), 7.45-7.43 (d, 1H), 7.60 (t, 2H), 7.73-7.71 (d, 1H), 8.20-8.19 (d, 2H), 8.94 (3H, s), 11.28 (s, -OH)

Membrane	PA (wt %)	IL@MWCNTs
PA	1.0	0
PA/IL@MWCNTs <sub>2.5</sub>	1.0	2.5
PA/IL@MWCNTs <sub>5</sub>	1.0	5
PA/IL@MWCNTs <sub>7.5</sub>	1.0	7.5

Figure S11. Composite fabricated membranes



**Figure S12:** EDAX spectrum of bare MWCNT



**Figure S13:** EDAX spectrum of IL@MWCNTs

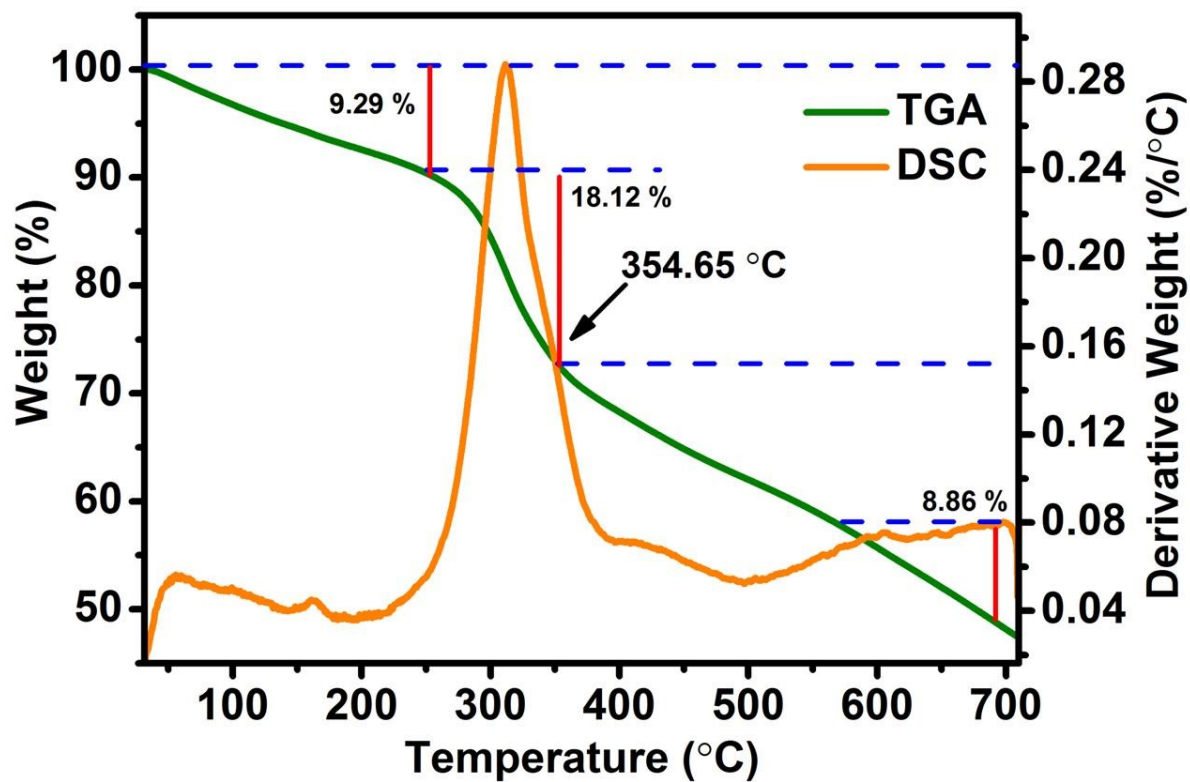


Figure S14. TGA-DSC analysis of MWCNTs

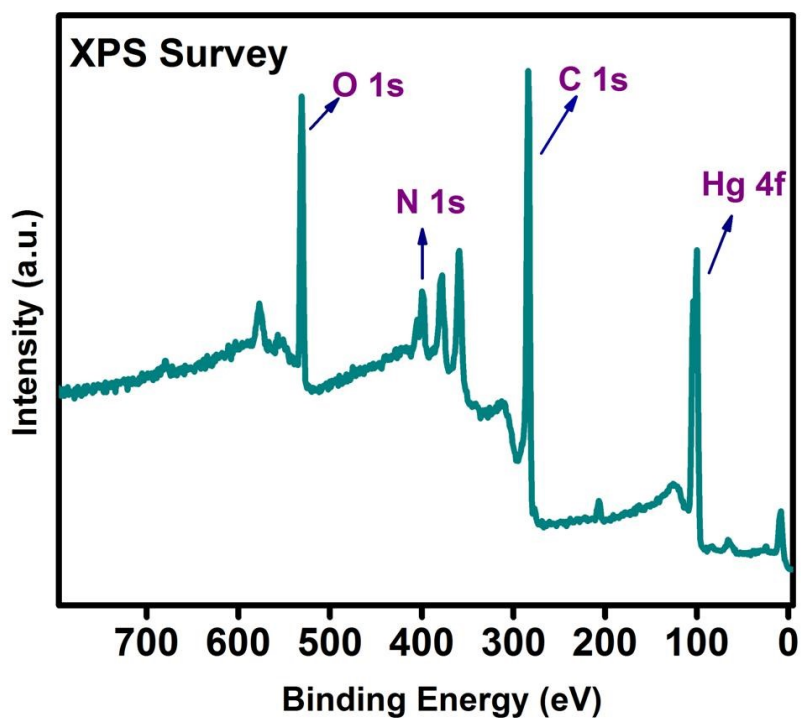
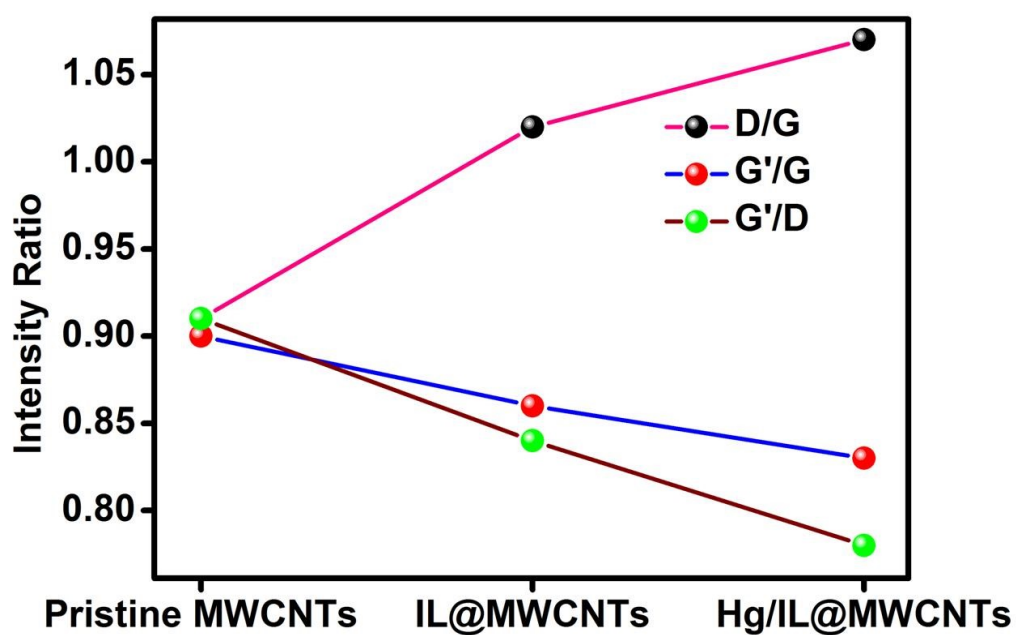


Figure S15. XPS spectrum of full region

Element	Atomic %
C 1s	70.51
N 1s	9.75
O 1s	16.62
Hg 4f	3.12

**Figure S16.** Peak table showing the atomic % of elements present in the **Hg/IL@MWCNTs** composite



**Figure S17.** Relative intensity ratios of D/G, G'/G, and G'/D peaks of pristine MWCNTs, IL@MWCNTs and Hg/IL@MWCNTs.

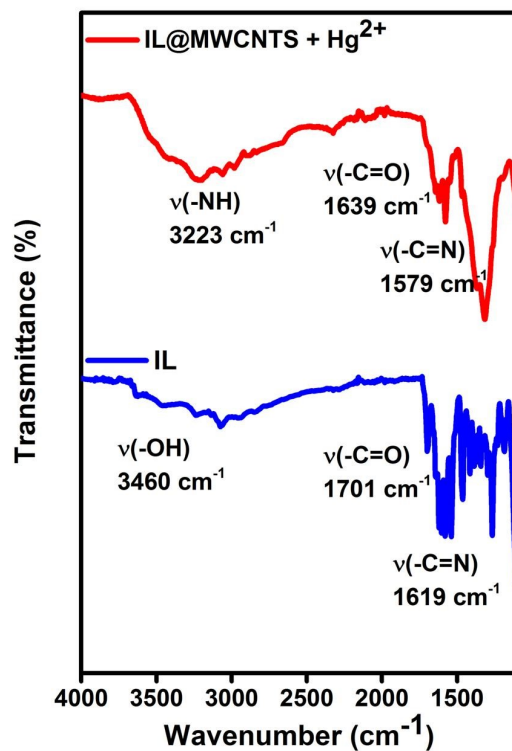


Figure S18. FTIR spectra of IL@MWCNTs and IL@MWCNTs+Hg<sup>2+</sup>.

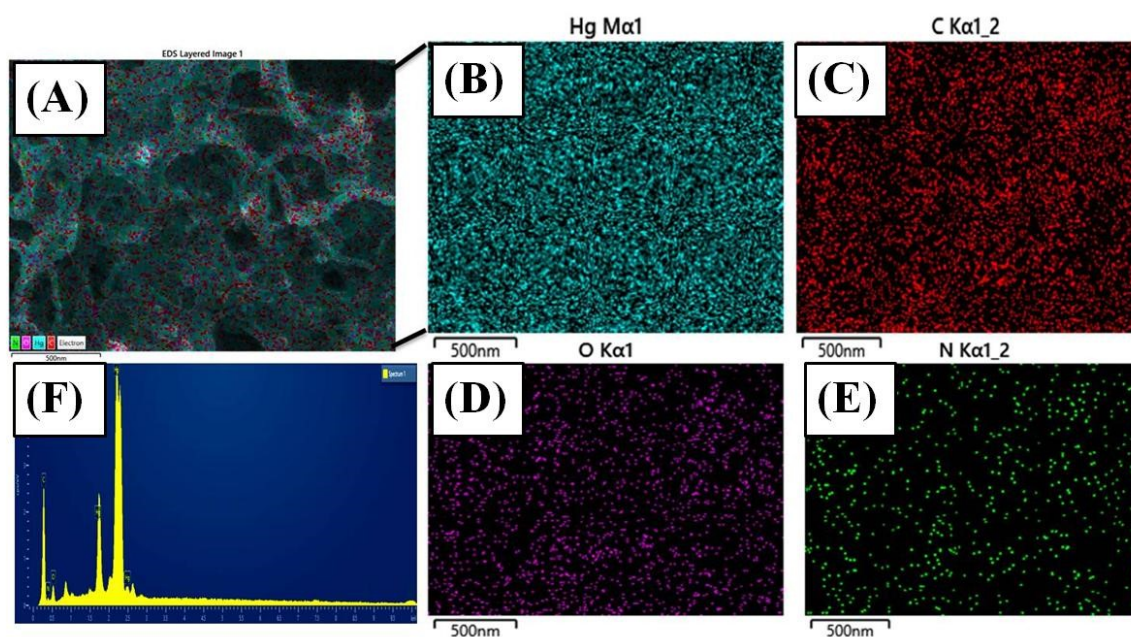
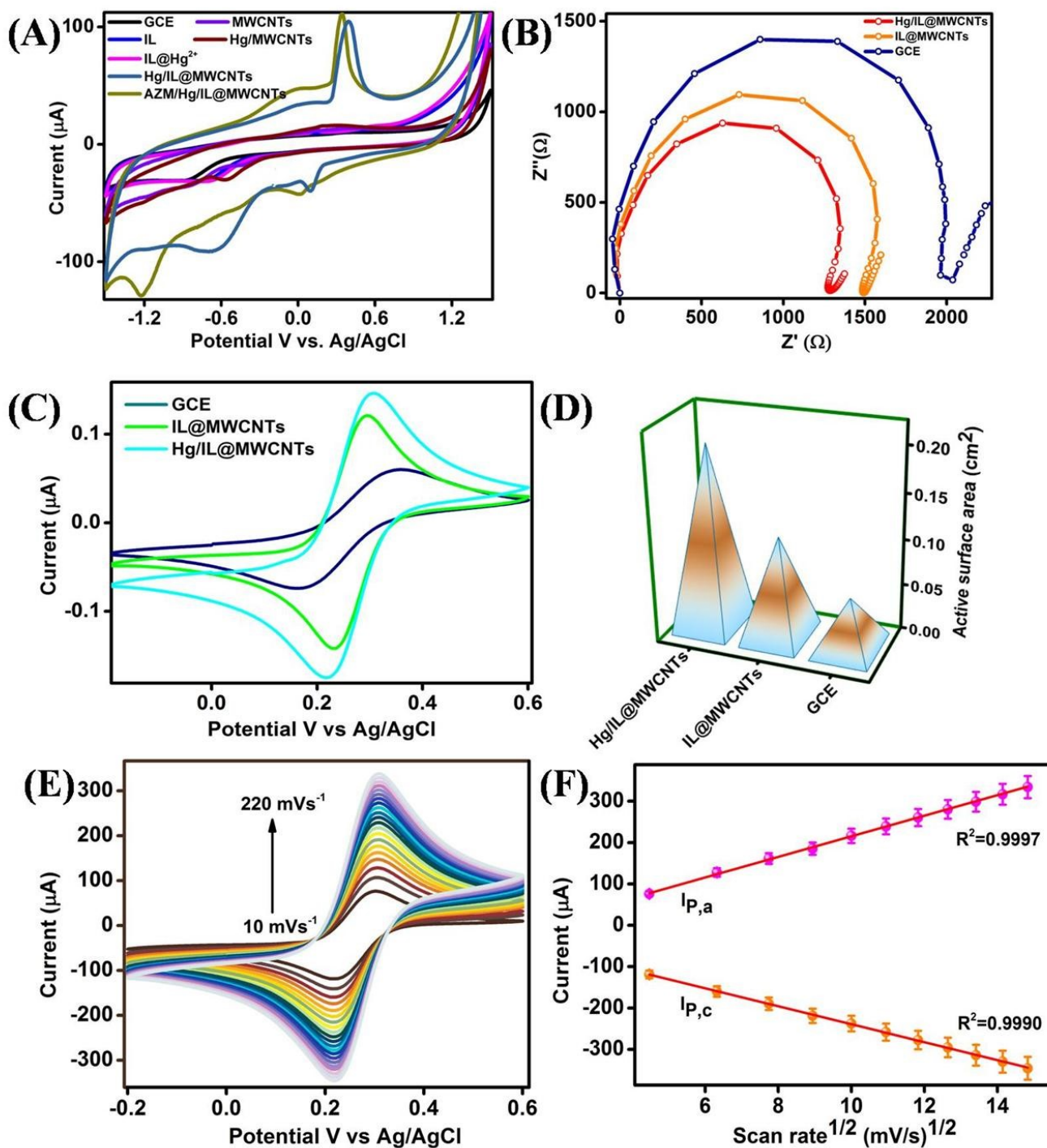


Figure S19. (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) Bright field FE-SEM images of Hg/IL@MWCNTs, Elemental mapping of Hg/IL@MWCNTs and (F) EDAX of Hg/IL@MWCNTs.





**Figure S20.** (A) Comparative cyclic voltammetry graphs of bare GCE, MWCNTs@GCE, IL/GCE, IL@MWCNTs/GCE and Hg/IL@MWCNTs/GCE, (B) EIS plot and cyclic voltammetry profiles of bare GCE, IL@MWCNTs/GCE and Hg/IL@MWCNTs/GCE at frequency 50 to  $3 \times 10^6$  Hz, (C) Cyclic voltammetry graphs of bare GCE, IL@MWCNTs/GCE and Hg/IL@MWCNTs/GCE in mixture of 0.1 M KCl consisting  $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  and  $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ , (D) Comparative profiles of active surface area with differently modified electrodes, (E) Cyclic voltammetry response of Hg/IL@MWCNTs/GCE with varying scan rates from 20 to 220  $\text{mV/s}$  in a mixture 0.1 M KCl consisting of  $\text{K}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  and  $\text{K}_4[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  solution and (F) Linear regression plot showing relationship between cathodic and anodic peak currents vs square root of scan rate.

### Adsorption capacity of Hg<sup>2+</sup> ions onto IL@MWCNTs

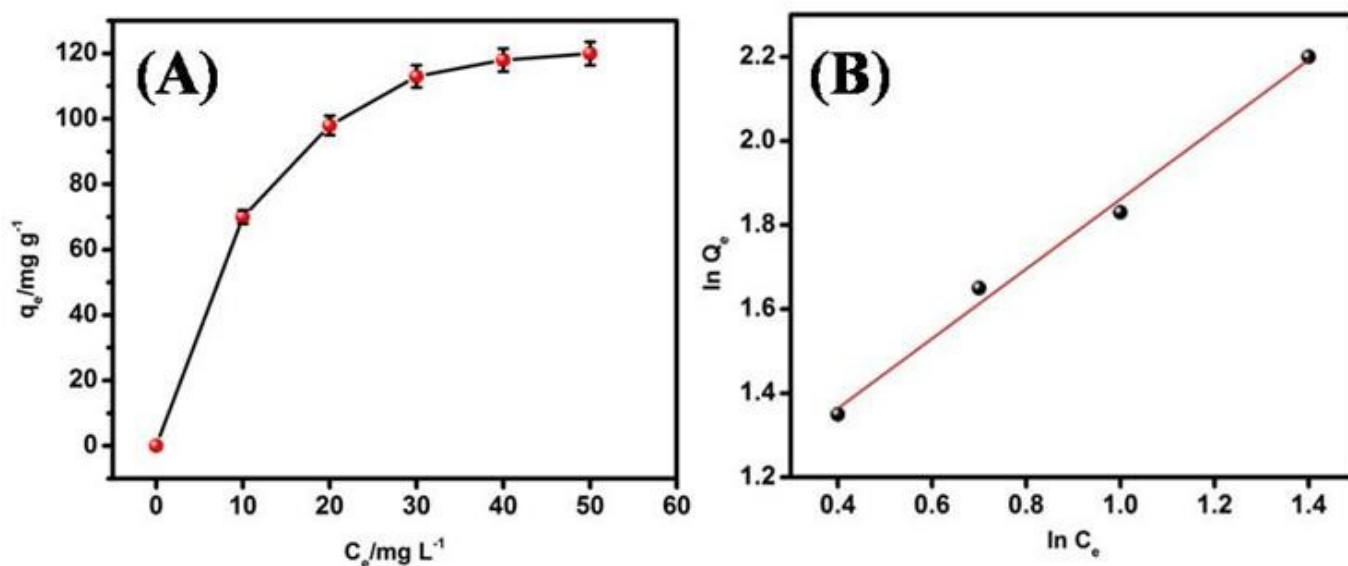
Many current Hg<sup>2+</sup> sensing probes can only detect the heavy-metal ions, but cannot extract them from solution. In the present work, we endowed IL@MWCNTs with adsorptive and separable properties to remove the mercury ions from aqueous solution. To determine the adsorption capacities of the functionalized materials, the IL@MWCNTs (5 mg) samples were added to an aqueous solution containing 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 100, 150 and 200 ppm different concentrations of Hg<sup>2+</sup>. Then, the solution was stirred for 12 h at a fixed temperature (25 °C). After filtration, the final Hg<sup>2+</sup> concentrations remaining in aqueous solution were determined with AAS (atomic absorption spectrometry). The equilibrium metal ions adsorption capacity was calculated for each Hg<sup>2+</sup> sample using the following expression.

$$q_e = (C_0 - C_e) \times V / m$$

where  $q_e$  is the adsorbent adsorption capacity (mg g<sup>-1</sup>),  $C_0$  and  $C_e$  are the initial and equilibrium concentration of Hg<sup>2+</sup> ions (mg L<sup>-1</sup>),  $m$  is the mass of IL@MWCNTs, and  $V$  is the sample volume (L). The adsorption capacities of IL@MWCNTs with regard to Hg<sup>2+</sup> adsorption are presented in Figure 8. In order to optimize the use of adsorbents, it is important to establish the most appropriate adsorption isotherm. The adsorption results were fitted using Freundlich adsorption isotherm model supporting multilayer adsorption mechanism (Figure 8B). The Freundlich adsorption isotherm is expressed as follows:

$$\log Q_e = \log K_f + 1/n \log C_e \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

where  $q_e$  represents equilibrium adsorption capacity of membrane,  $C_e$  is equilibrium concentration after adsorption,  $k_F$  is the Freundlich isotherm constant and  $n$  is the heterogeneity factor, respectively. The maximum adsorption capacity for Hg<sup>2+</sup> is 152.7 mg g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S21.** (A) Adsorption capacities of IL@MWCNTs with regard to Hg<sup>2+</sup> adsorption and (B) Freundlich adsorption isotherm plots for Hg<sup>2+</sup> adsorption onto IL@MWCNTs.



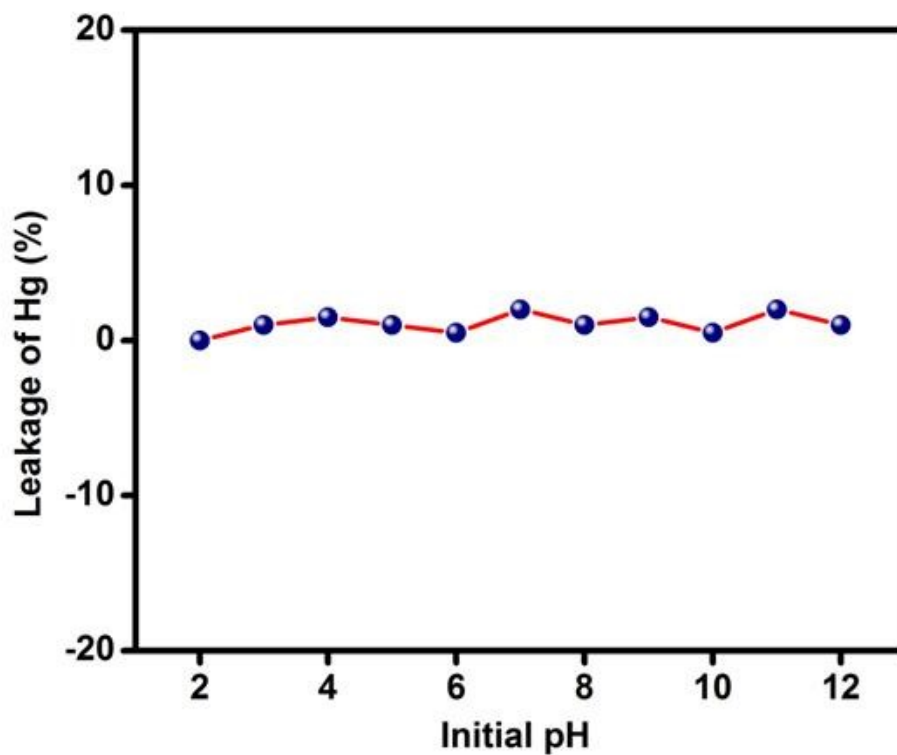


Figure S22. Leaching study of IL@MWCNTs for Hg<sup>2+</sup> ion

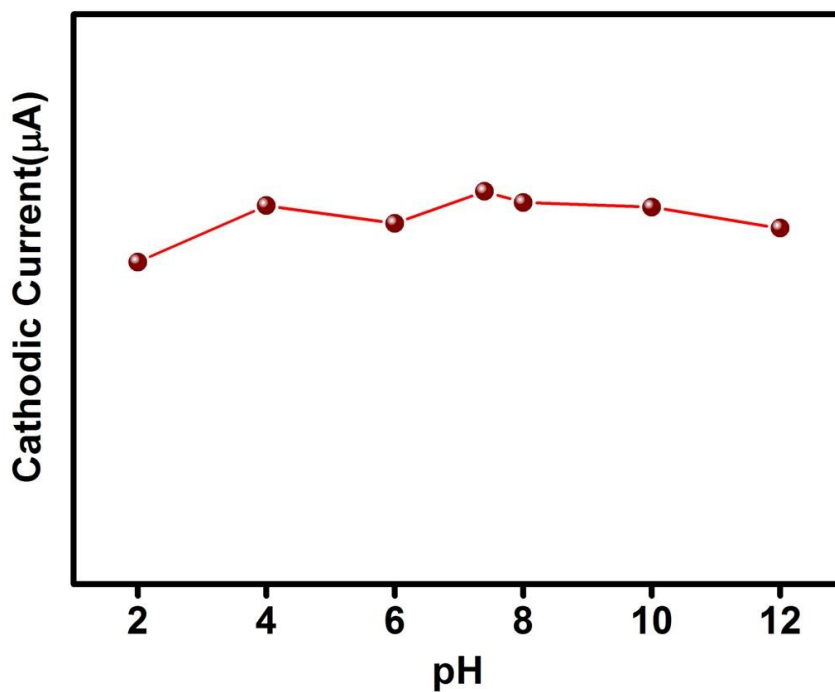
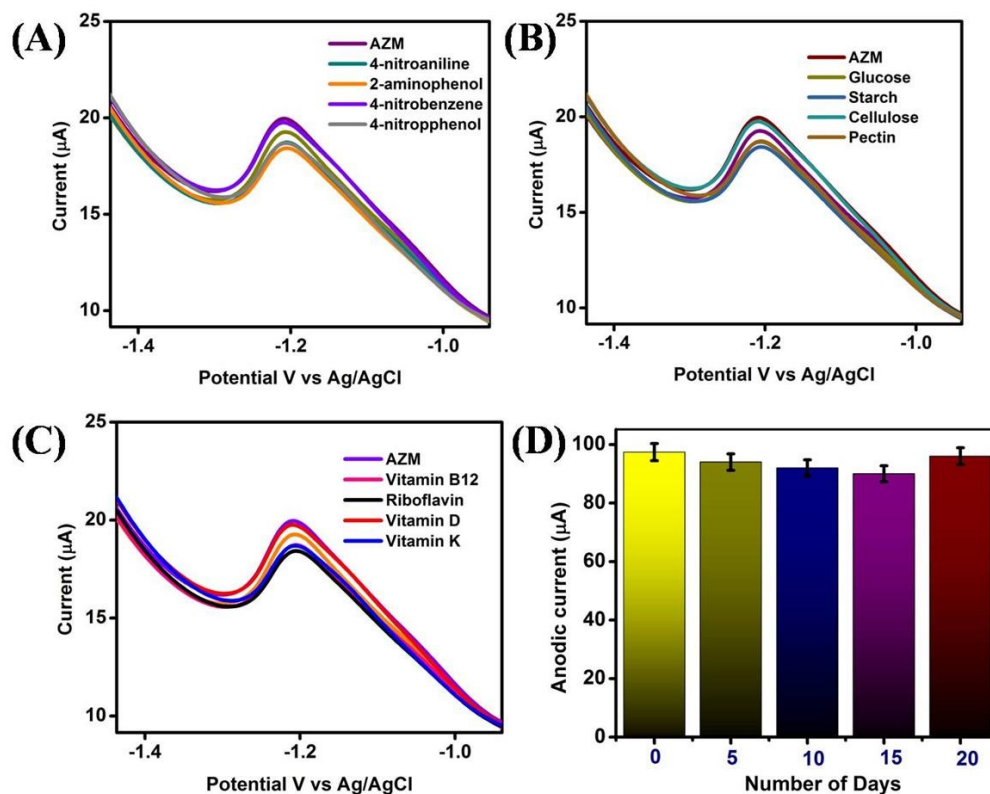
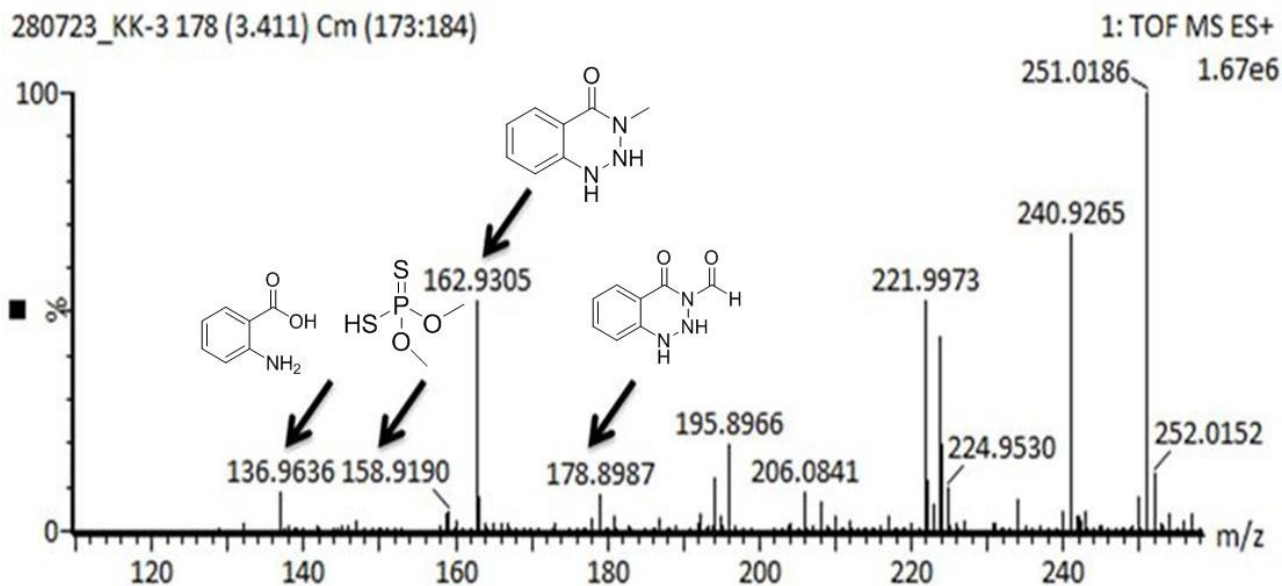


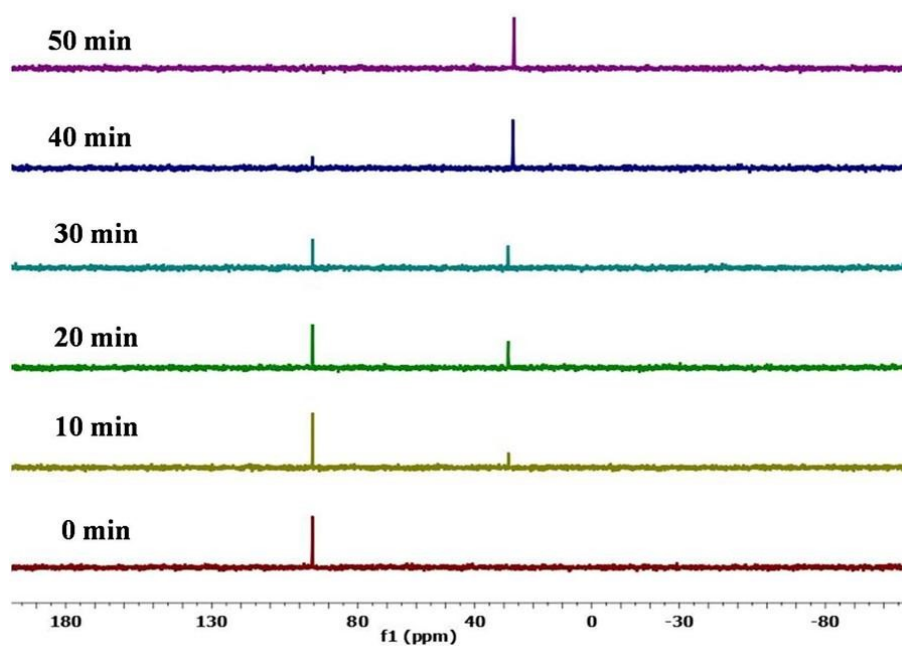
Figure S23. Effect of pH on cathodic current after addition of AZM



**Figure S24:** DPV response of Hg/IL@MWCNTs (A) nitroaromatics; (B) polysaccharides; (C) Vitamins and (D) Bar graph showing the stability of response of Hg/IL@MWCNTs for AZM detection with number of days.



**Figure S25.** Mass spectra of degraded AZM products



**Figure S26.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum obtained for AZM in presence of Hg/IL@MWCNTs catalyst in DMSO- $d_6$ : D $_2$ O (35:65 v/v).

**Table S1**

Sample	Conc. of spiked samples [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]	Found conc. in samples [ $\mu\text{M}$ ]	Recovery [%]	RSD <sup>a</sup>
Tap Water	10	9.63	96.3	0.417
	20	19.96	99.8	0.247
	30	29.86	99.5	0.103
Agriculture run-off	10	10.54	105.4	1.150
	20	20.11	100.5	1.629
	30	30.22	100.7	0.527
River Water	10	9.92	99.2	0.364
	20	19.32	96.6	1.247
	30	29.19	97.3	0.721

<sup>a</sup> Measurements of three experiments (n = 3)

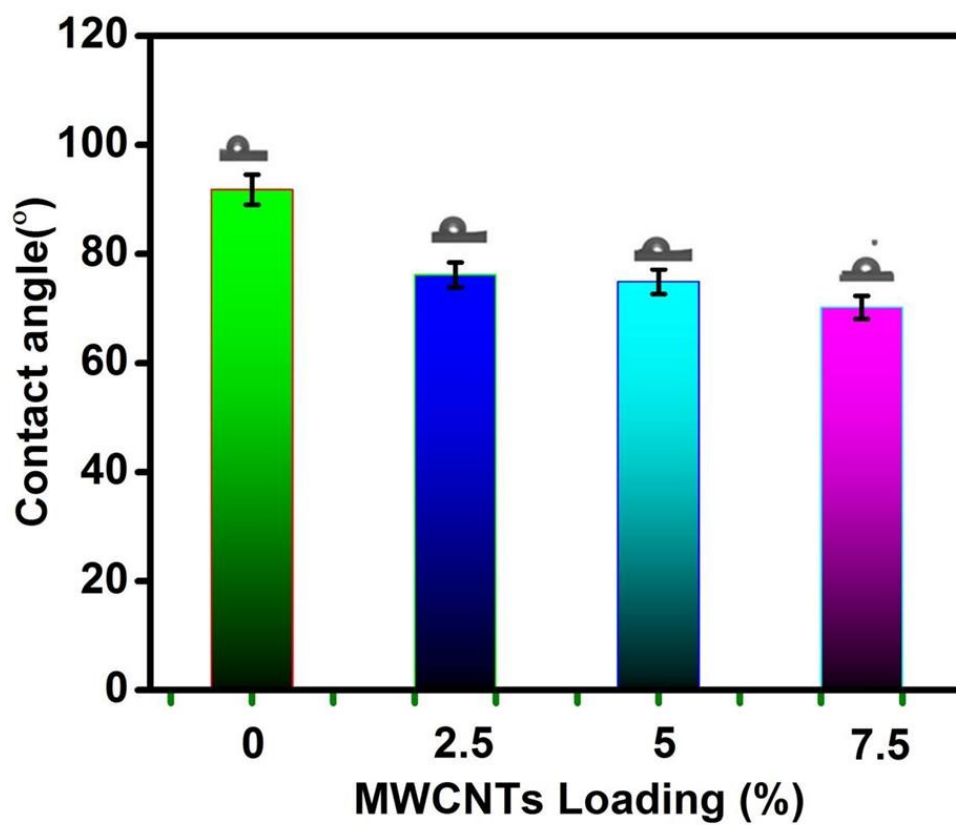


Figure S27: Contact angle measurement

Table S2

Sample	$S_{\text{BET}}$ ( $\text{m}^2\text{g}^{-1}$ )	$V_{\text{total}}$
PA	6.98	0.29
PA/IL@MWCNTs-2.5	61.31	0.27
PA/IL@MWCNTs-5	74.18	0.23
PA/IL@MWCNTs-7.5	87.68	0.19

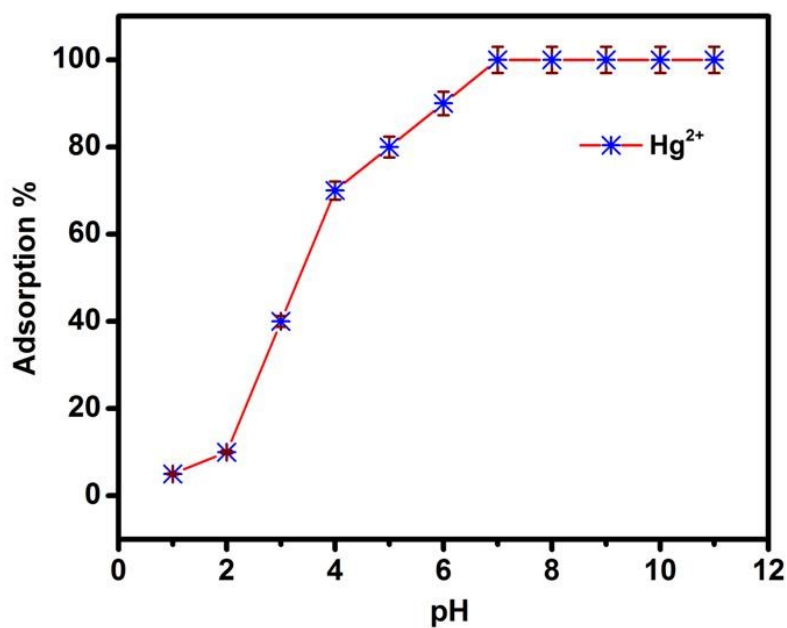
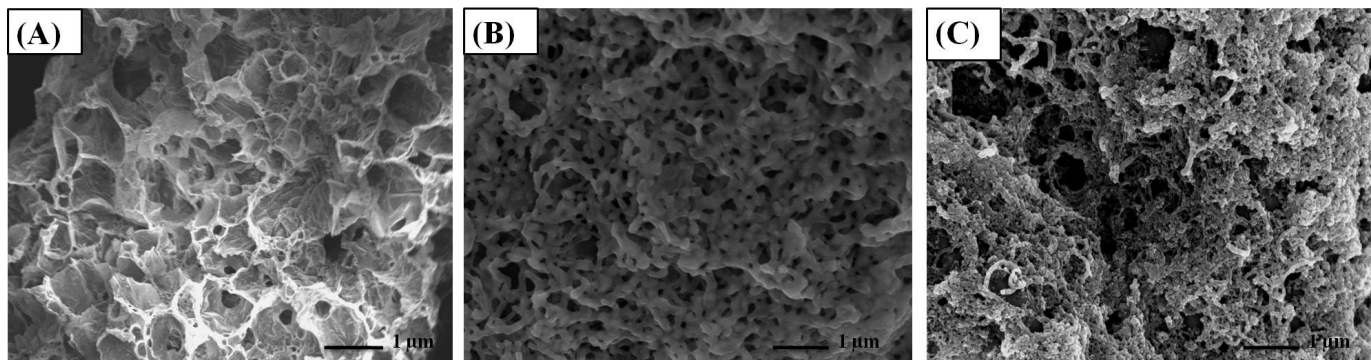


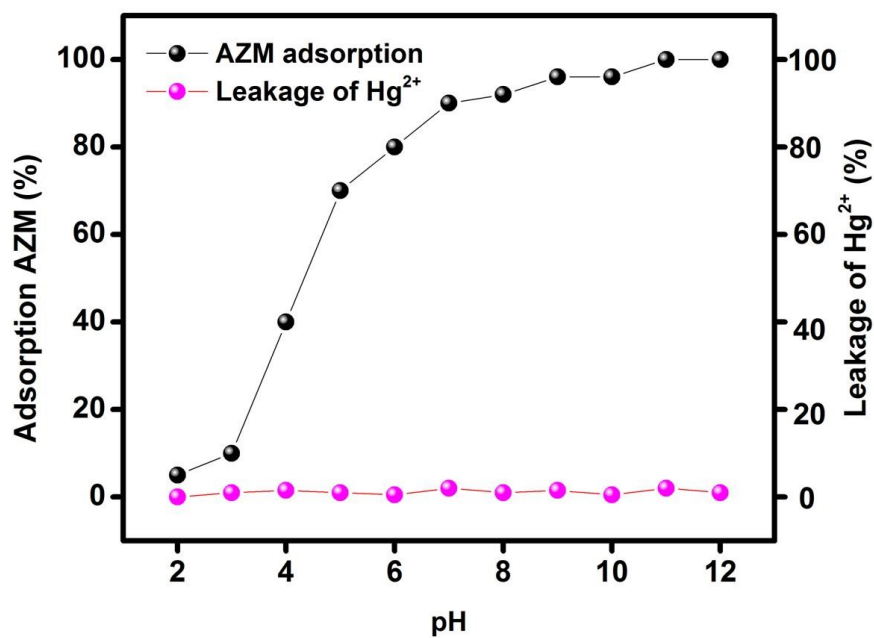
Figure S28. Influence of pH on adsorption kinetics of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  ion

Table S3

Volume of AZM (ml) passed through membrane (PA/IL@MWCNTS/ $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ) (Adsorbed $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ = 19 mg Membrane = $3 \times 3 \text{ cm}^2$ )	Degradation (%)
5 ml	99.50
10 ml	97.80
15 ml	96.50
20 ml	93.50
25 ml	90.60
30 ml	89.70



**Figure S29.** FE-SEM image of (A) pristine membrane, (B) PA/IL@MWCNTs membrane and (C) after filtration of Hg<sup>2+</sup> and AZM.



**Figure S30.** Influence of pH on AZM adsorption

Table S4

S.No.	Method/Probe	Quantification and Degradation	Linear range	LOD and degradation %age	Type of Real sample	References
1.	Electrochemical (Cyclic voltammetry)/ N/Cu-HPC/GCE	Quantification	0.5 $\mu\text{M}$ to 60 $\mu\text{M}$	0.026 mM	Rice	<b>1</b>
2.	GC-MS/MS and LC-MS/MS	Multiresidue analysis	-	10 ng/g	Avocado Extract	<b>2</b>
3.	Enhanced chemiluminescence enzyme linked immunosorbent	Quantification	-	9.04 $\text{mgL}^{-1}$	Cucumber, Cabbage	<b>3</b>
4.	Solar light photo transformation and HPLC	Detection and degradation	-	-	Clay and goethite	<b>4</b>
5.	SERS/ Graphene-AuNRs	Quantification		5 ppm	-	5
6.	Lumniscence/ MOF	Quantification	-	-	Apple and Tomato Juice	6
7.	Fluorescent chemosensor	Quantification	1 – 100 $\mu\text{M}$	5.16 $\mu\text{M}$	RO water, Tap Water and Orange Juice	7
8.	HPLC-photodiode array/ Fabric phase sorptive extraction	Quantification	5-700 $\mu\text{gL}^{-1}$	9.6 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$	Fruit juice, carrot juice and wastewater	<b>8</b>
9.	Stripping Voltammetry	Quantification	-	65.87 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$	Honey	<b>9</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Electrochemical/ IL@MWCNTs</b>	<b>Quantification, degradation and removal</b>	<b>0.20 - 180 <math>\mu\text{M}</math></b>	<b>1.10 <math>\mu\text{M}</math></b>	<b>River water, agricultural run-off and</b>	<b>Present Work</b>

					<b>tap water</b>	
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