# Highly porous activated carbon derived from papaya plant (stems and leaves) for superior adsorption of alizarin red s and methylene blue dyes from water

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## **Supporting Information**

Table S1. Properties of methylene blue and alizarin red	S
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Dyes	Molecular formula	Molecular structure	Three- dimensional molecular	$\lambda_{\max}$	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Type of dye
		Ν	structure			
Methylene blue	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub> S	H <sub>3</sub> C <sub>N</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> Cl <sup>-</sup>		664nm	319.86 g/mol	Cationic dye
Alizarin red S	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NaO <sub>7</sub> S			424nm (acidic medium) 520 nm (basic medium)	342.26 g/mol	anionic dye

## Table S2: Surface characteristics of SAC and LAC.

Sample	SAC	LAC	
BET surface area	1053.52 m²/g	441.671 m²/g	
BJH adsorption surface	266.186 m²/g	143.413 m²/g	
area			
Pore volume	0.785116 cc/g	0.338432 cc/g	
Pore radius	1.92765 nm	1.9282 nm	
DFT adsorption surface	923.3446 m²/g	352.5197 m²/g	
area			
Pore Volume	1.1580 cc/g	0.4858 cc/g	



Figure S1. Pore size distribution of SAC and LAC



Figure S2. Zeta potential of SAC.



Figure S3: SEM images of SAC (A-C).



Figure S4: Effect of temperature on the removal of MB and ARS dyes using LAC and SAC.

### **S1:**

The PFO model usually predicts the behavior at the initial stage of the adsorption process, while PSO model predicts the behavior at all stages of the adsorption process[1].

Pseudo-first-order kinetic model:

$$\log(q_e - q_t) = \log q_e - \frac{K_1 t}{2.303}$$
(1)

Pseudo-second-order kinetic model:

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{K_2 {q_e}^2} + \frac{t}{q_e}$$
(2)

Where  $k_1 \pmod{1}$  and  $k_2 \pmod{1} \min^{-1}$  are the rate constants.  $q_t$  and  $q_e$  are the adsorption uptake of heavy metal at time t (min) and at equilibrium. Where  $k_1 \pmod{1}$  and  $k_2 \pmod{1} \min^{-1}$  are the rate constants.  $q_t$  and  $q_e$  are the adsorption uptake of heavy metal at time t (min) and at equilibrium.



**Figure S5:** PFO kinetic models for the adsorption of MB and ARS onto SAC (A) and LAC (B); Freundlich isotherm model for the adsorption of MB and ARS onto SAC (C) and LAC (D).



Figure S6: FTIR spectra of SAC Before and after MB adsorption (A) and ARS adsorption.

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