Electronic Supplementary Information

Template-free synthesis of hierarchical γ-Al_2O_3 nanostructures and their adsorption affinity toward phenol and CO_2

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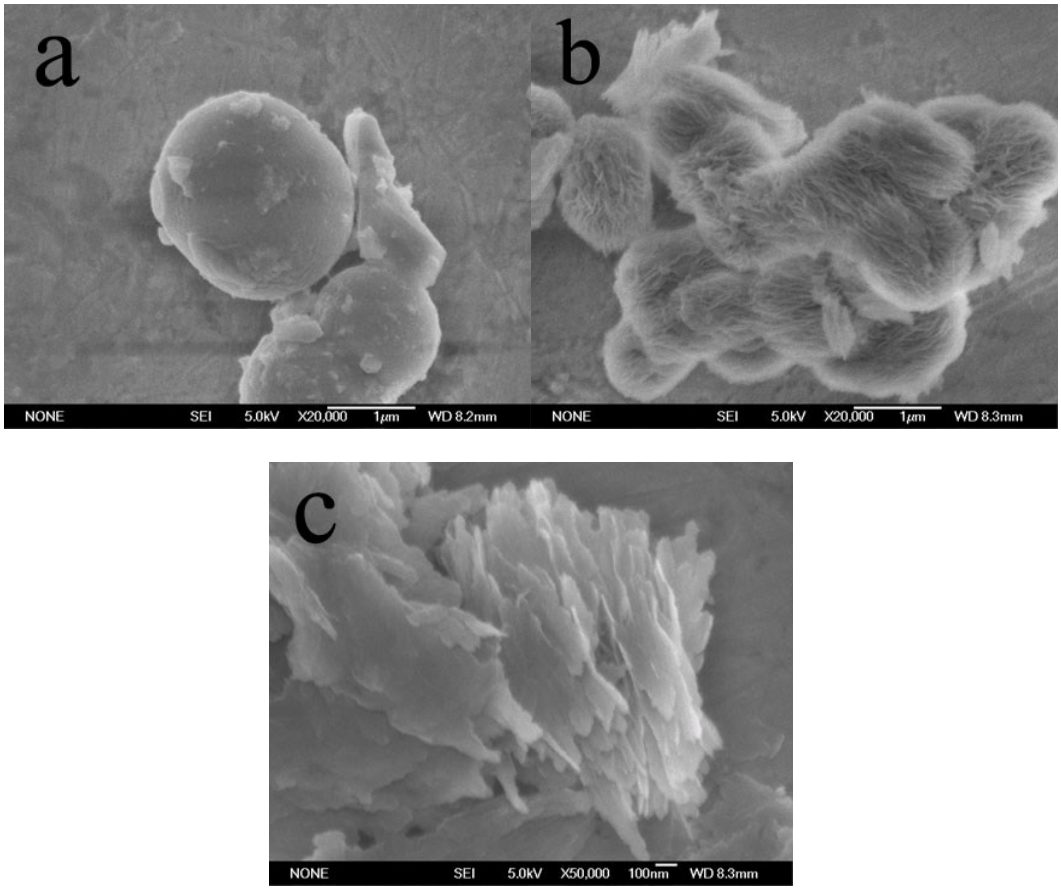

Fig. S1 SEM images of the hierarchical alumina samples obtained from different precursors at Rs=2: (a) A-s-2, (b) A-c-2, (c) A-n-2.

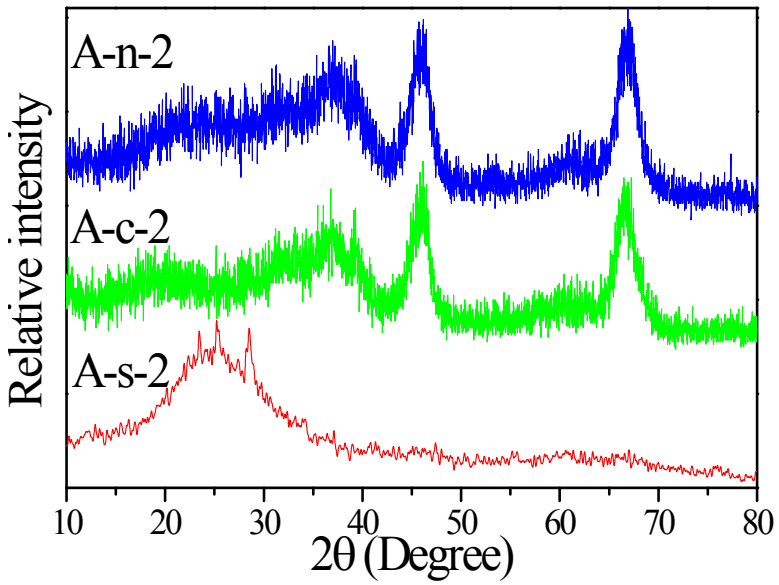

Fig. S2 XRD patterns of the hierarchical alumina samples after calcination obtained from different aluminum precursors at Rs=2.

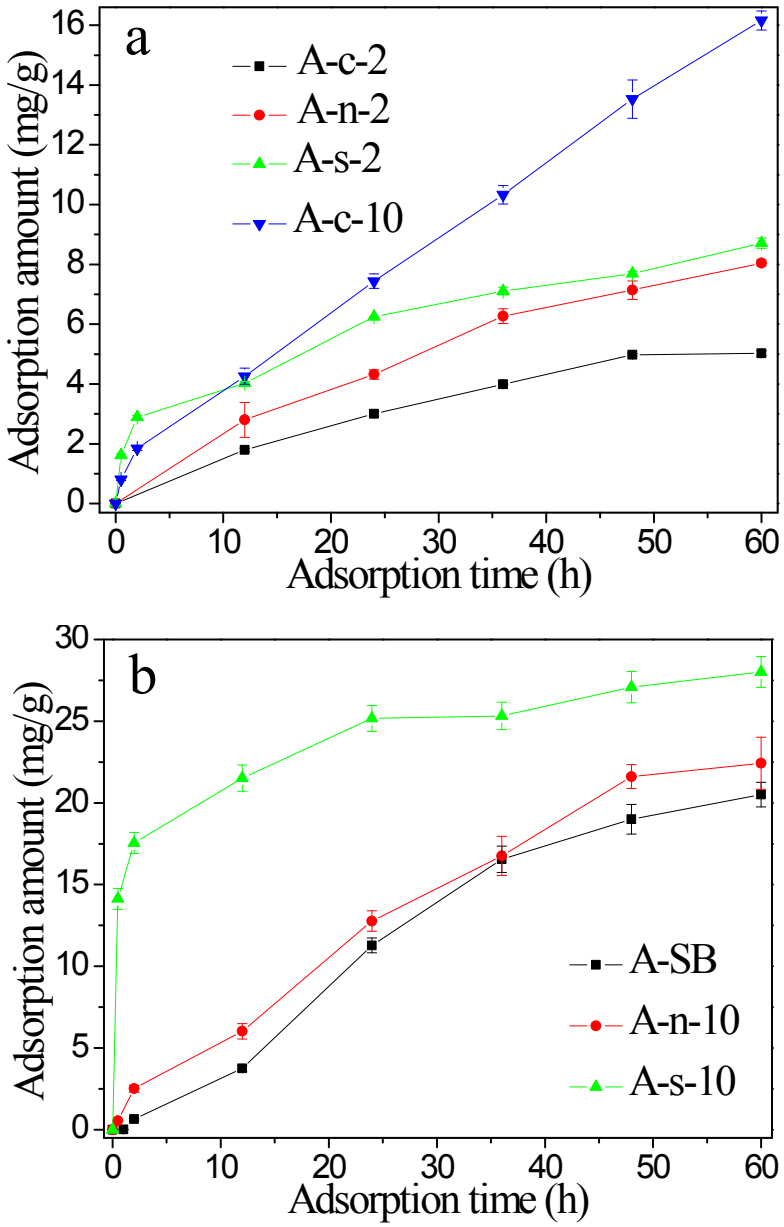

Fig. S3 Adsorption amounts of phenol with error bars on the hierarchical aluminas prepared from different aluminum precursors at different molar ratio of thiourea to Al^{3+}.