## **Supporting information**

## Selective Removal of Anionic Dyes using Poly (N,N-Dimethyl Amino Ethylmethacrylate) Functionalized Graphene Oxide

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Models	Parameters	GO		GO-PDMAEMA	
		MB	OG	MB	OG
	$C_0(mg/g)$	6.68	6.65	6.68	6.65
	$q_{e.exp} (\mathrm{mg/g})$	3.80	0.71	0.90	3.36
Pseudo-first-	$k_1(min^{-1})$	0.0017	0.0020	0.0012	0.0051
order model	$q_{e,cal} (\mathrm{mg/g})$	3.43	0.67	0.82	2.45
	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95
Pseudo-second-	$K_2$ (g/mg min)	0.00038	0.0021	0.00017	0.0037
order model	$q_{e,cal} (\mathrm{mg/g})$	5.49	1.00	1.19	3.60
	$R^2$	0.97	0.97	0.95	1.00
Intra-particle	k <sub>id</sub> (g/mg min <sup>0.5</sup> )	0.11	0.022	0.027	0.15
diffusion model	С	-0.14	0.032	-0.0047	0.30
	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	0.99	1.00	1.00	0.97

Table S1 Kinetics values calculated for GO & GO-PDMAEMA at 25°C

Dyes	Sorbent	Langmuir isotherm parameters				
		q <sub>m</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$k_l(dm^3mg^{-1})$	R <sup>2</sup>		
OG	GO	161.6	1.09×10-3	0.97		
	GO- DMAEMA	609.8	0.015	0.98		
MB	GO	232.6	2.33	0.95		
	GO-DMAEMA	41.1	0.19	0.99		
		Freundlich isotherm parameters				
		$k_{\rm F} ({\rm mg^{1-1/n}}~{\rm dm^{3/n}}~{\rm g^{-1}})$	n	R <sup>2</sup>		
OG	GO	194.7	0.81	0.98		
	GO- DMAEMA	665.3	2.04	0.95		
MB	GO	371.4	6.39	0.96		
	GO-DMAEMA	67.7	3.74	0.97		

Table S2 Parameters of the Langmuir and Freundlich models at 25°C



Scheme S1. Simplified schematic of the possible desorption mechanism of CR using the GO-PDMAEMA nanocomposite.



**Figure S1** (a) UV–vis spectra shows (a) selective removal of CR in the mixture of MB (10.1 mg/L) and CR (10.1 mg/L) and (b) form of the  $(MB_1CR_1)$  complex.



**Figure S2** Photography of (a) MB solution (10.1mg/L), (b) OG solution (10.1mg/L), (c) mixture of MB and OG (10.1mg/L respectively) and (d) mixture of MB and OG (10.1mg/L respectively) after adsorption for 20 minutes.

After adsorption for 20 minutes, it is clearly observed that there are characteristic blue color of MB appeared in the solution, indicating that MB was released from the (MB<sub>1</sub>OG<sub>1</sub>) complex due to the removal of OG by GO-PDMAEMA.