

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Reduction of Graphene Oxide with L-lysine to Prepare Reduced Graphene Oxide Stabilized with Polysaccharide Polyelectrolyte

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#### 1、UV-Vis spectra of L-Lys and CMS

Fig.S1 shows that CMS has no absorption in the ultraviolet range, and L-Lys has a maximum absorption peak ( $\lambda_{\max}$ ) of 214 nm that is on the left of the absorption peak of GO or RGO.

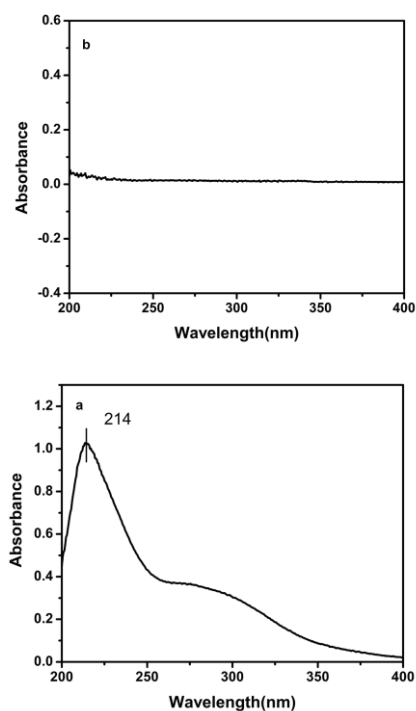


Figure S1. UV-Vis absorption spectra of L-Lys (a) and CMS (b)

#### 2、The magnified SEM image of RGO/CMS foams.

Figure S2 clearly shows uniform distribution of RGO sheets in the CMS matrix.

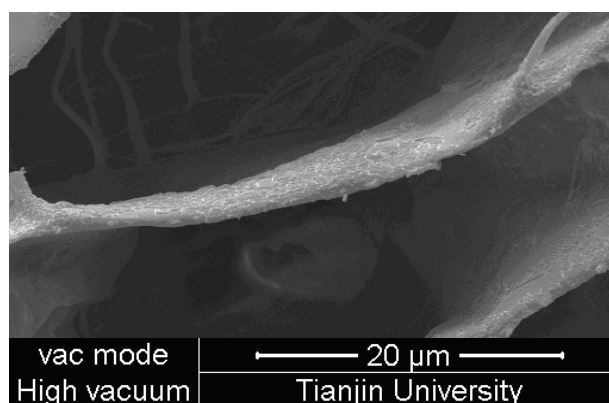


Figure S2. The magnified SEM image of the pore of RGO/CMS foams (RGO concentrations: 1%)

### 3、X-Ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) analysis.

Figure S3 shows the XPS spectra of the GO, RGO and RGO with CMS. A new peak corresponding to the N1s is observed near 400.0 eV, which comes from the nitrogen in the L-Lys. It indicates that RGO is attached with L-Lys.

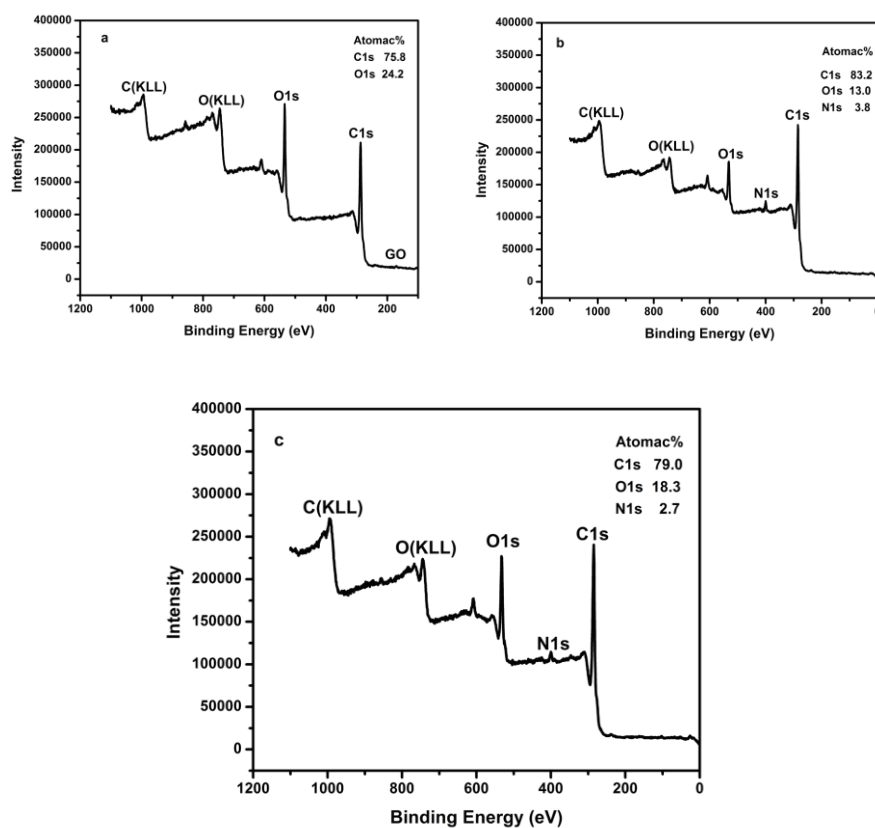


Figure S3. The XPS spectra for GO (a), RGO (b) and RGO with CMS

The desorption of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  from absorption materials have been reported in recently years.<sup>S1-S4</sup> The methods to recycle the porous RGO/CMS foams and collect the metal ions are illustrated in Figure S4.

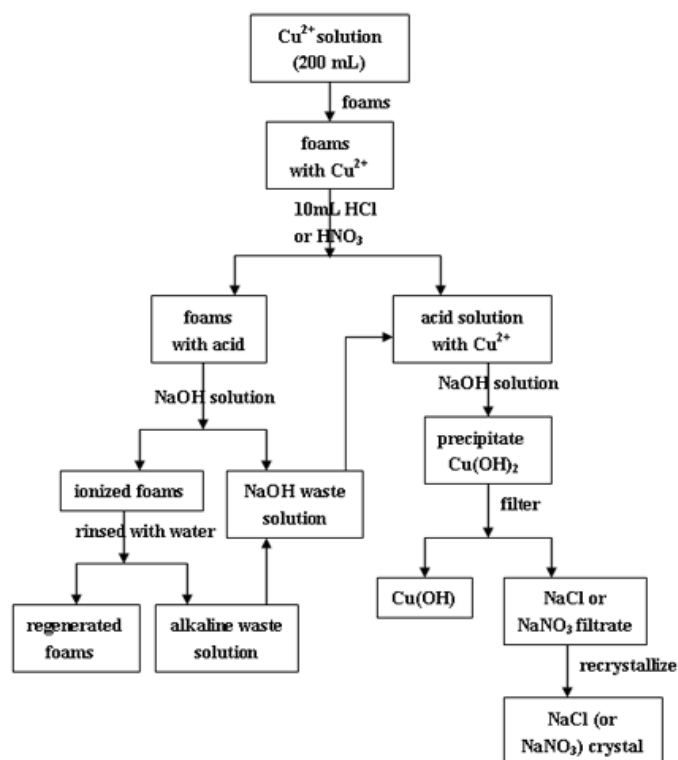


Figure S4. Illustration of the absorption and regeneration of the porous RGO/CMS foams for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$

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