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## Synthesis, characterization and evaluation of hollow molecularly imprinted polymers for Sudan I

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Fig. S1 The chemical structures of Sudan I-IV.

Fig. S2 FT-IR spectra of SPS (a), PS/SiO<sub>2</sub> (b), M/PS/SiO<sub>2</sub> (c), MHSiO<sub>2</sub> (d), HMIPs (e), and HNIPs (f).

Fig. S3 TG curves of PS/SiO<sub>2</sub>, HMIPs, and HNIPs.

Fig. S4 HPLC-UV Chromatograms of Sudan I standard solution of 0.40 nmol mL<sup>-1</sup> (a), non-spiked chilli powder sample with (b) and without (c) HMIPs treated. The experimental conditions in the text.

Fig. S5 SEM results of HMIPs before (a) and after (b) six cycles used.