

## Supplementary Data

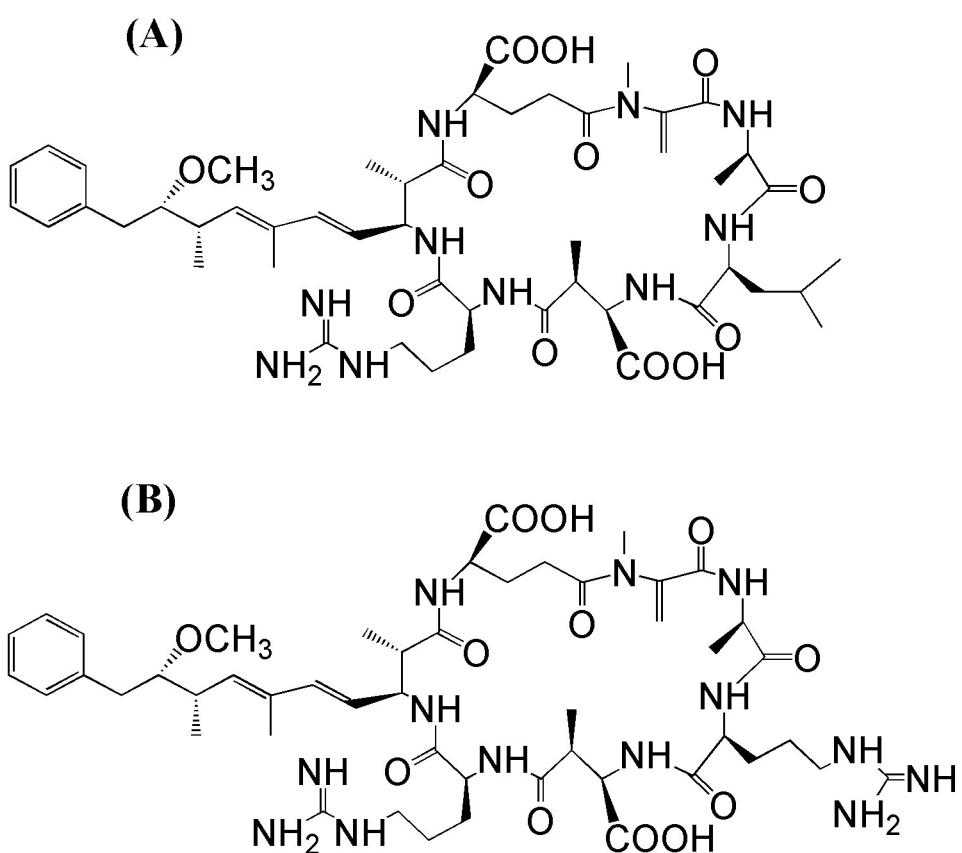
### Protonated mesoporous graphitic carbon nitride for rapid and high efficient removal of microcystins

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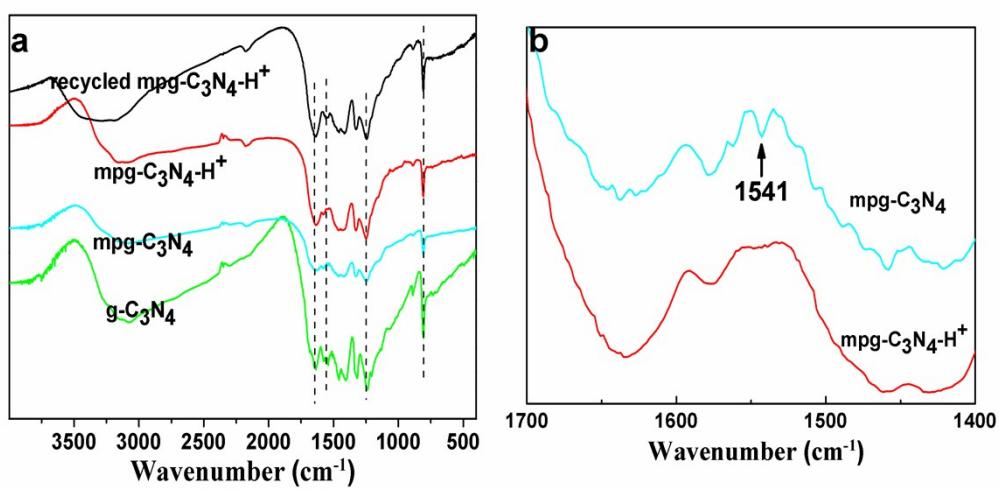
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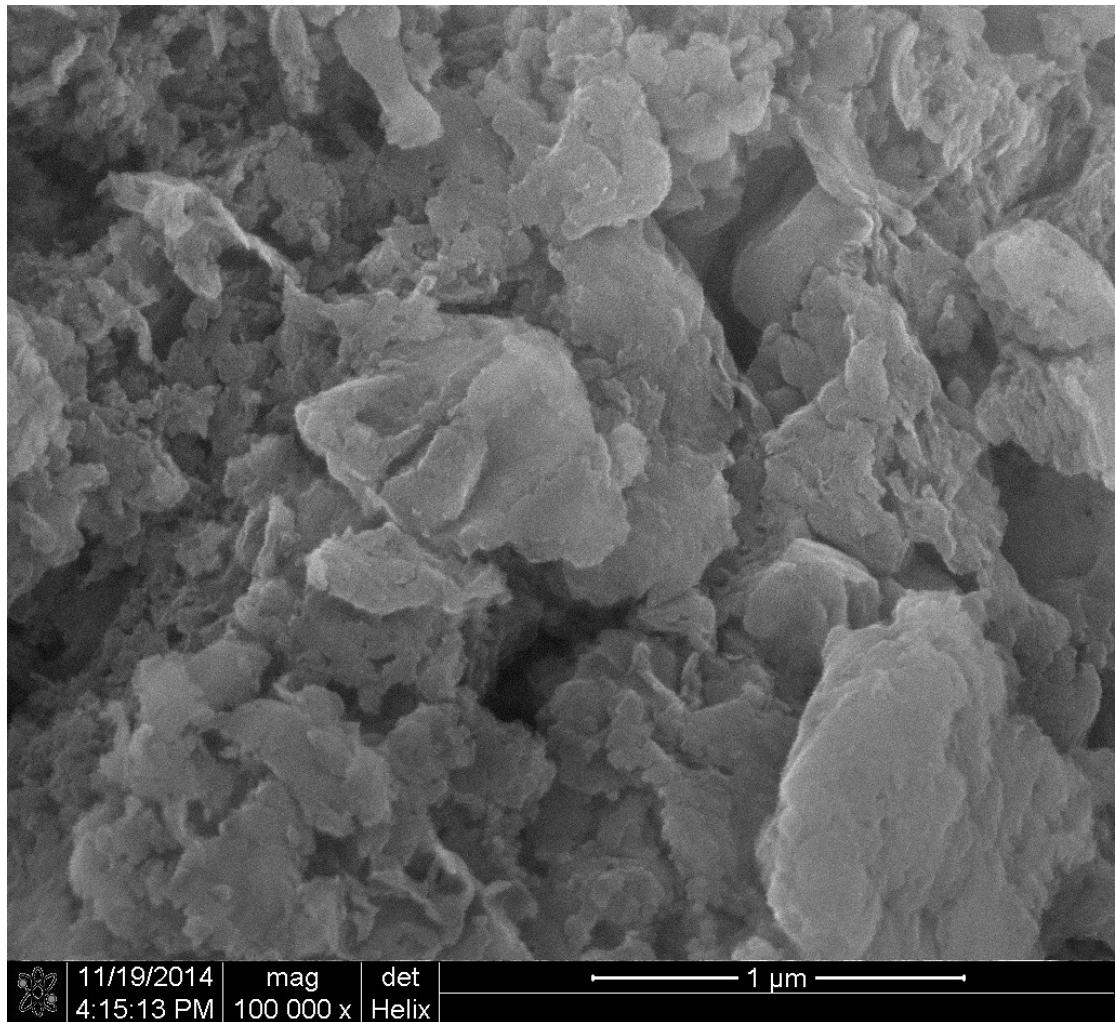
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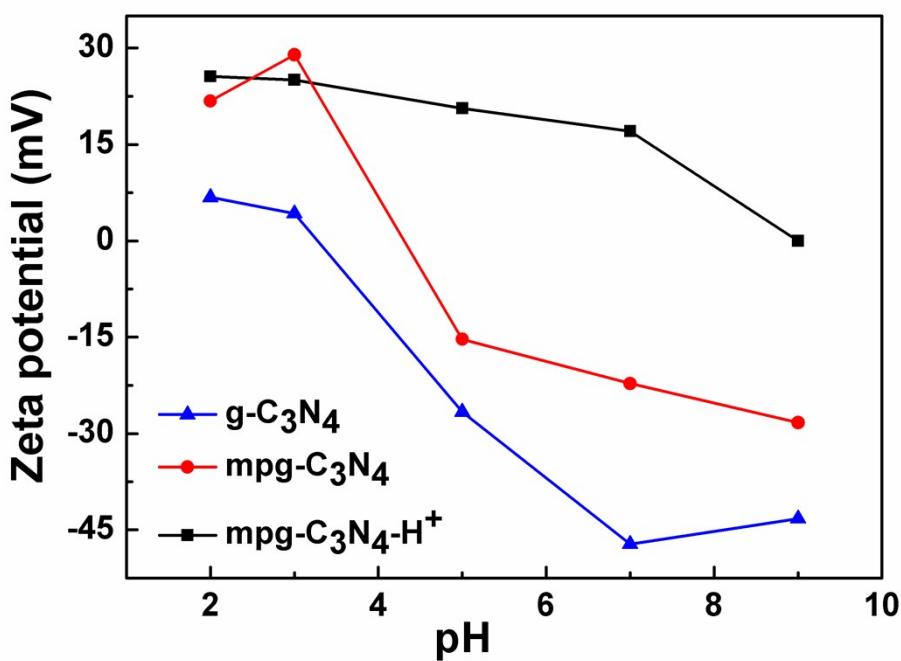
**Fig. S1.** Chemical structure of microcystins; (A) MC-LR; (B) MC-RR.



**Fig. S2.** FT-IR spectra.



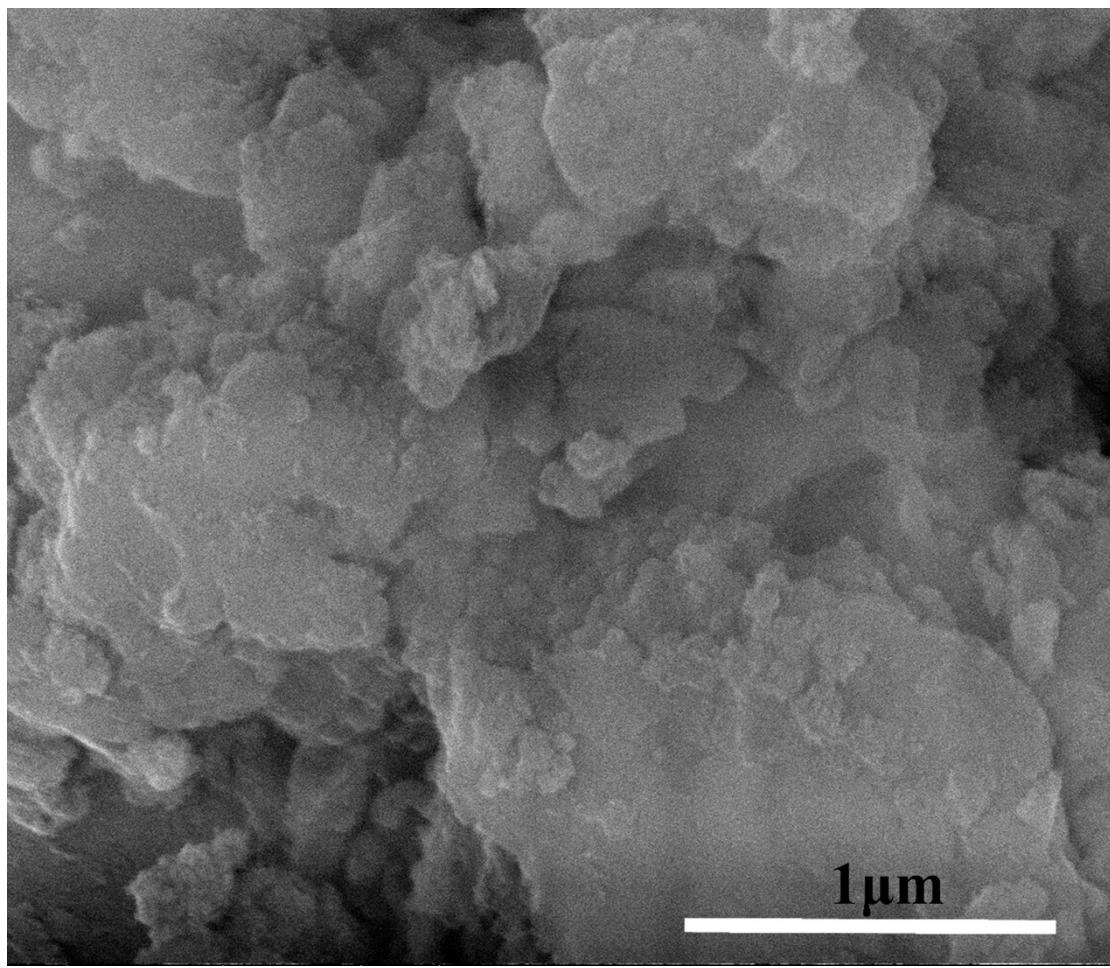
**Fig. S3.** SEM images of the bulk g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.



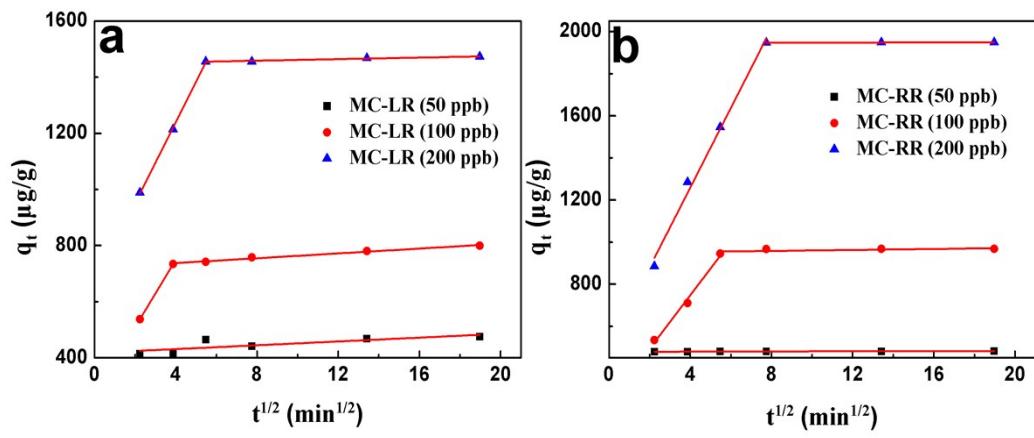
**Fig. S4.** Zeta potential of the adsorbent (0.15 mg/mL) at 30 °C.

**Table S1. Kinetic parameters for adsorption of MCs on mpg-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-H<sup>+</sup> at 30 °C.**

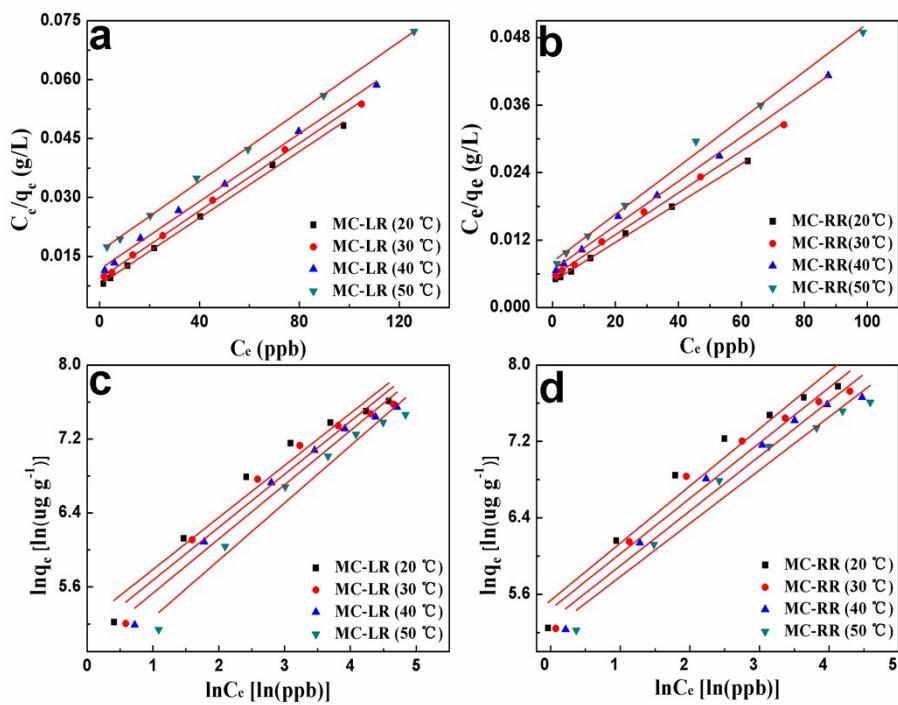
	Pseudo-first-order kinetic model			
	$C_0$ /(ppb)	$q_{e \text{ (cal)}}$ / (ug/g)	$k_l$ / (/min)	$R^2$
MC-LR	50	26.59	2.59E-03	0.6450
	100	76.68	2.54E-03	0.7797
	200	91.19	3.31E-03	0.6618
MC-RR	50	0.67	5.43E-03	0.3172
	100	36.40	2.18E-03	0.1562
	200	132.72	2.54E-03	0.2106



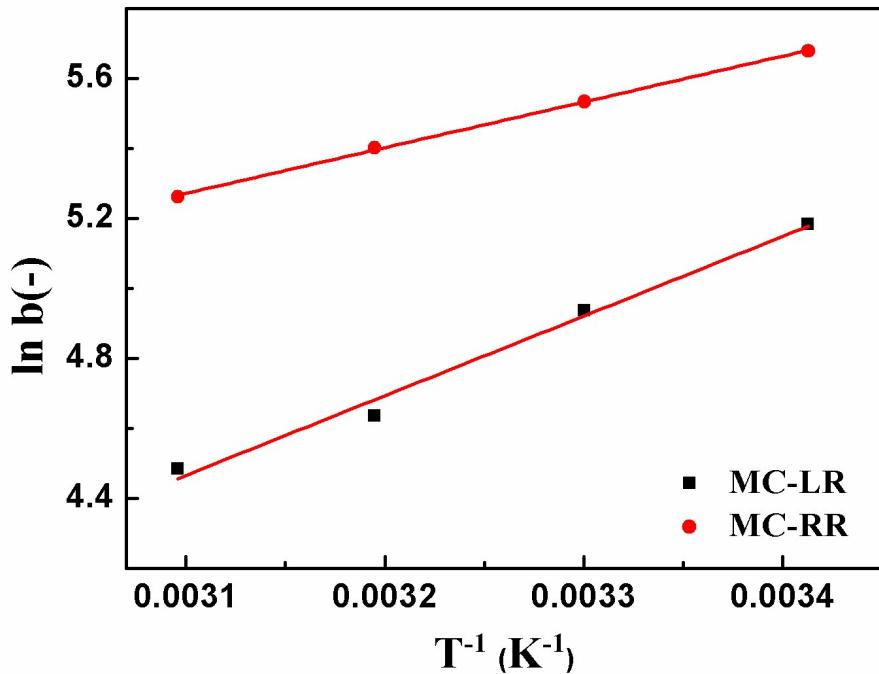
**Fig. S5.** SEM images of the recycled mpg-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-H<sup>+</sup>.



**Fig. S6.** Intraparticle diffusion plot for the adsorption of MCs on mpg-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-H<sup>+</sup> (0.1mg) with different initial concentrations of MCs at 30 °C; pH 7.0.



**Fig. S7.** (a) Langmuir plots of the isotherms; (b) Langmuir plots of the isotherms; (c) Freundlich plots of the isotherms; (d) Freundlich plots of the isotherms.



**Fig. S8.** Van't Hoff plot of the Langmuir constants  $b$  as a function of temperature, used to calculate the  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  of the MCs adsorption over mpg-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-H<sup>+</sup>.

**Table S2. Maximum adsorption capacity of MCs on various adsorbents**

Adsorbent	$Q_{\max}(\text{MC-LR})$	$Q_{\max}(\text{MC-RR})$	Reference
Ordered mesoporous carbons	526 mg/g	— <sup>a</sup>	S1
magnetic mesoporous carbon	220 mg/g	180 mg/g	S2
carbon nanotubes	14.8 mg/g	5.9 mg/g	S3
MIL-100(Al) gels	9007 $\mu\text{g/g}$	— <sup>a</sup>	S4
mpg-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -H <sup>+</sup>	2360.96 $\mu\text{g/g}$	2868.78 $\mu\text{g/g}$	this work
Graphene oxide	1700 $\mu\text{g/g}$	1878 $\mu\text{g/g}$	S5
commercial activated carbon	1481.7 $\mu\text{g/g}$	1034.1 $\mu\text{g/g}$	S5
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @copper silicate nanotube	500 $\mu\text{g/g}$	— <sup>a</sup>	S6
peat	255.7 $\mu\text{g/g}$	— <sup>a</sup>	S7
Cu <sup>2+</sup> -immobilized magnetite nanoparticles	60 $\mu\text{g/g}$	— <sup>a</sup>	S8

—<sup>a</sup>, not determined.

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