

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

**Selective sorption of palladium by thiocarbamoyl–substituted thiocalix[*n*]arene derivatives immobilized in amberlite resin:
Application to leach liquors of automotive catalysts**

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Constituents	
Matrix structure	Acrylic
Classification	Nonionic Spherical
Specific surface area (m ² /g)	500
Pore volume (cm ³ /g)	0.6
Pore diameter (Å)	100
Apparent density (g/L)	~655
Moisture holding capacity (%)	61-69
Harmonic mean diameter (mm)	0.43 - 0.69
Uniformity coefficient	≤ 2.0
Effective pH range	0-14
Polarity	Intermediate polarity

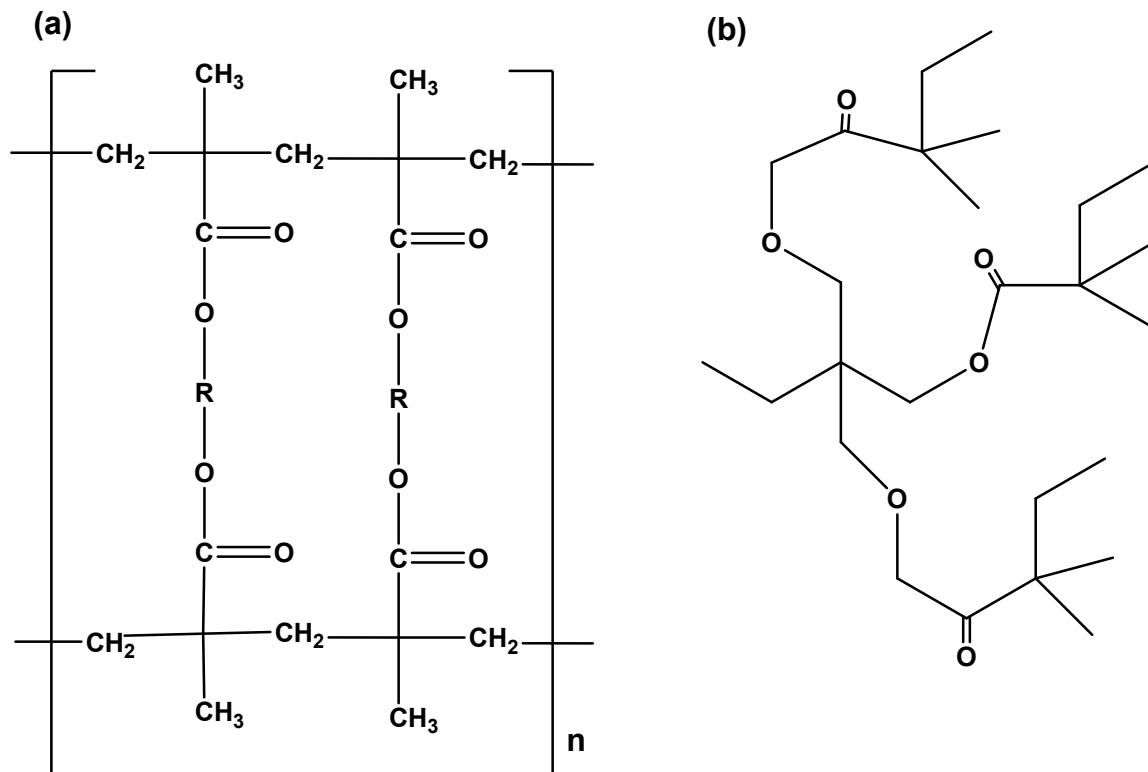


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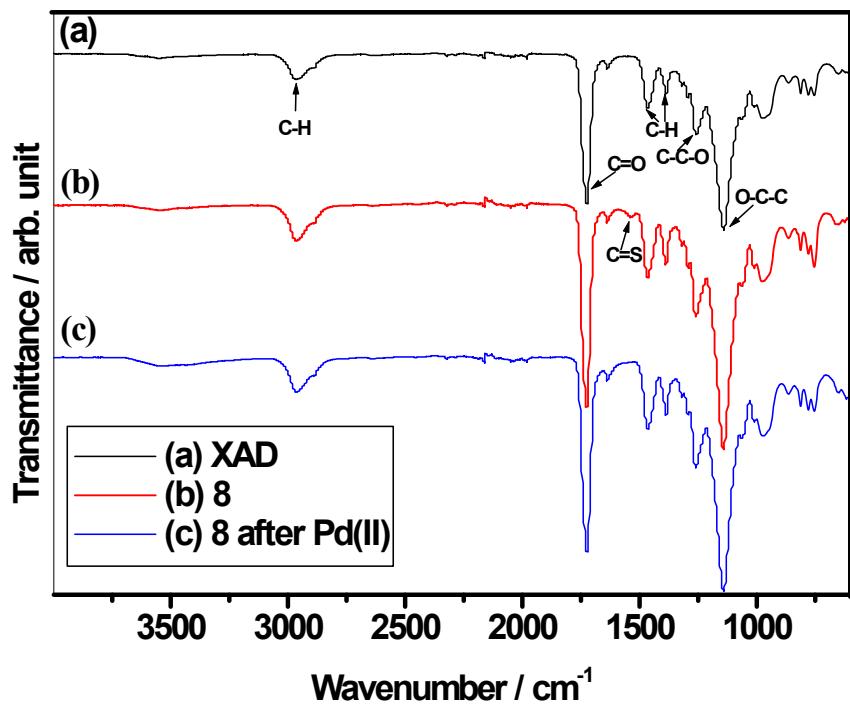


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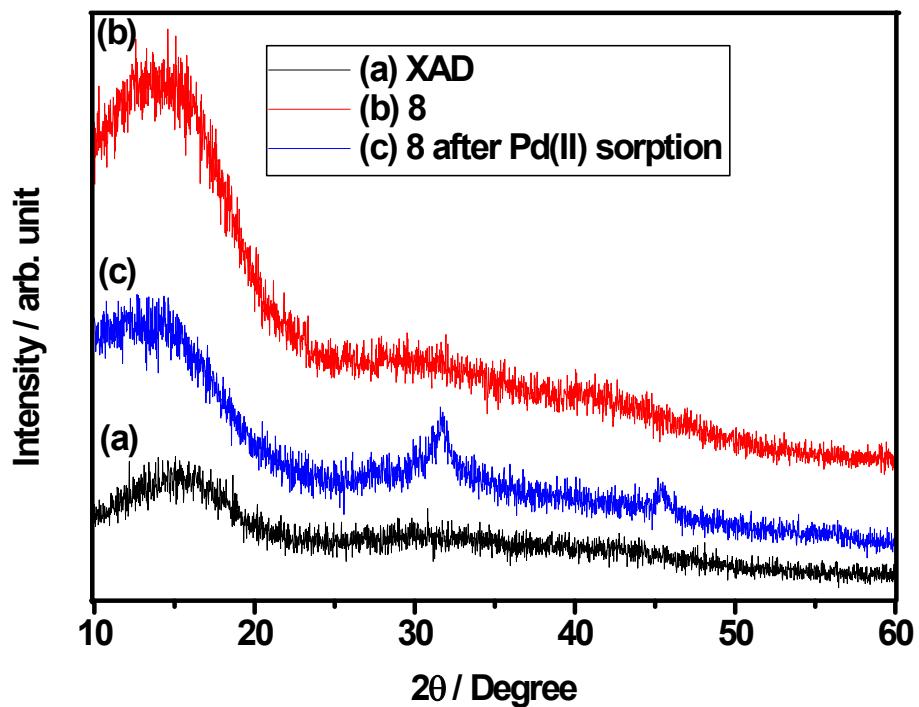


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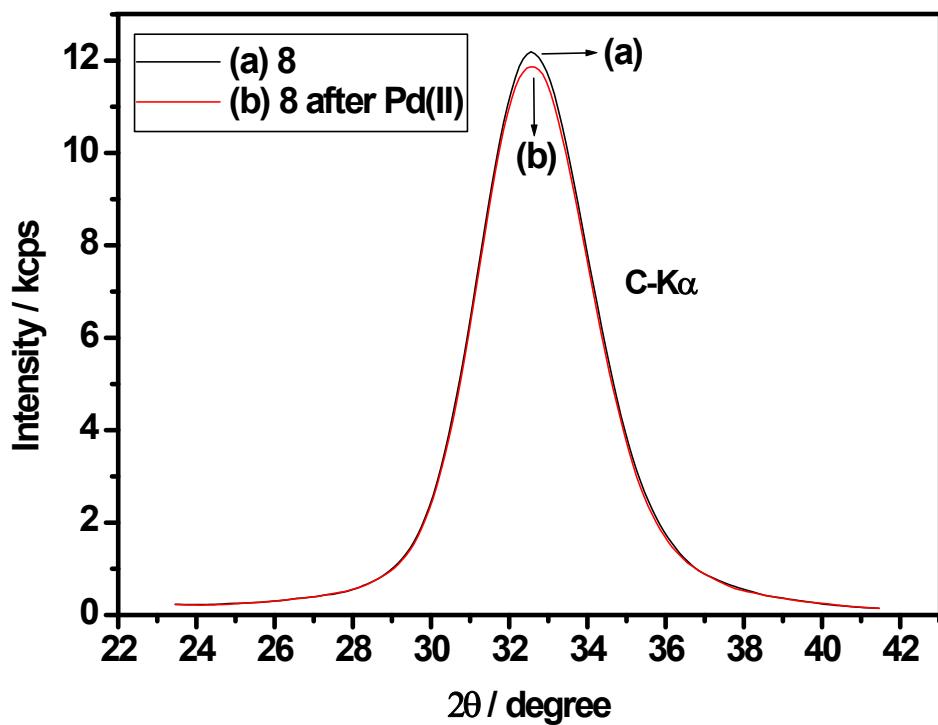


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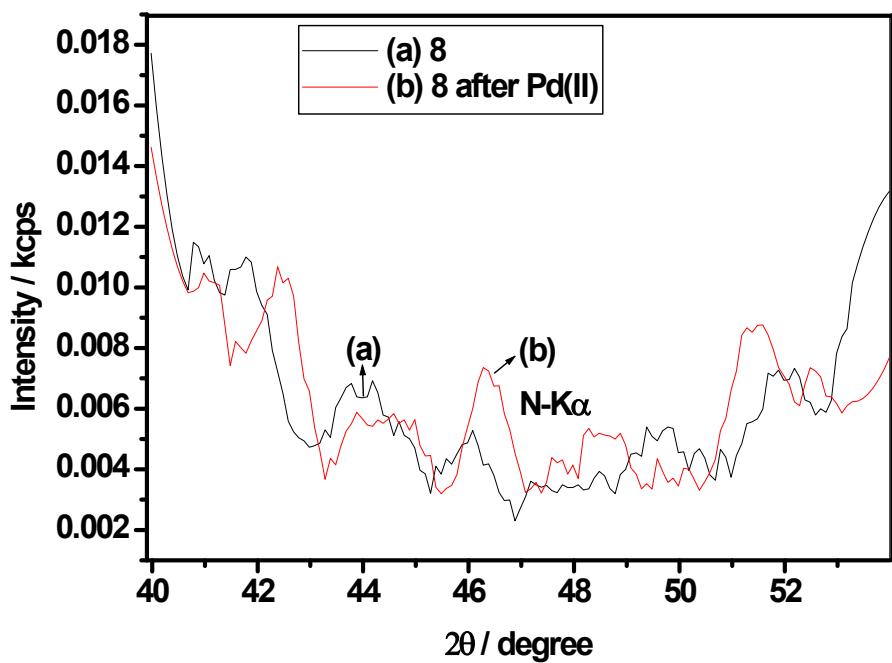


Fig. S5 (a-b) WDXRF spectra of N K α for **8** resin before and after Pd(II) sorption.

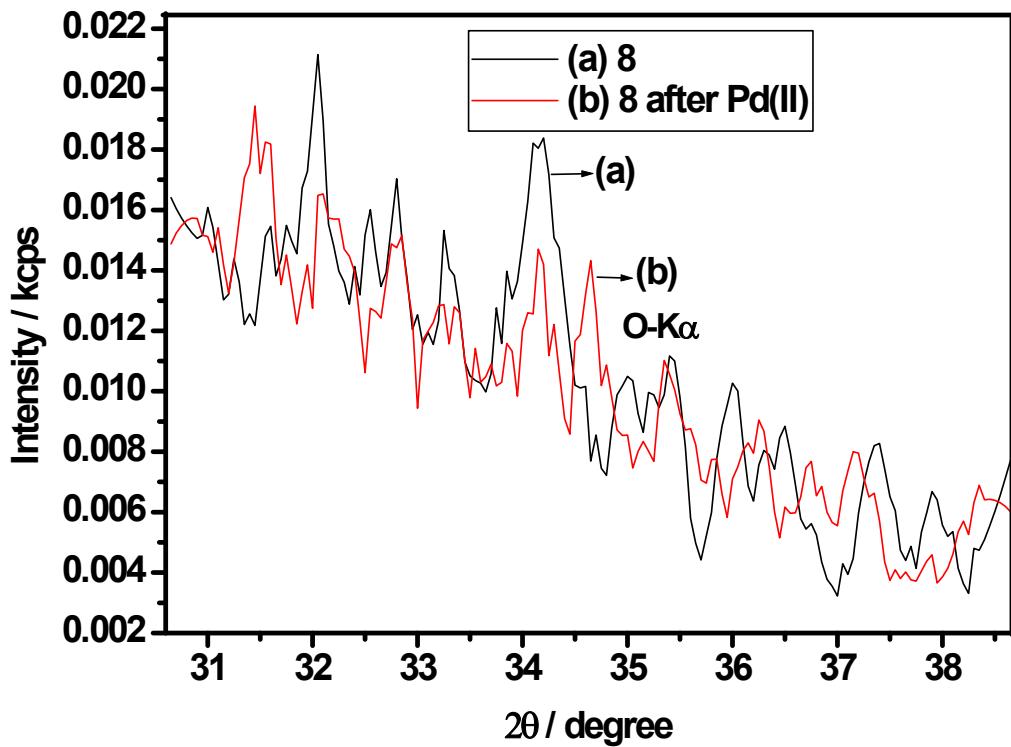


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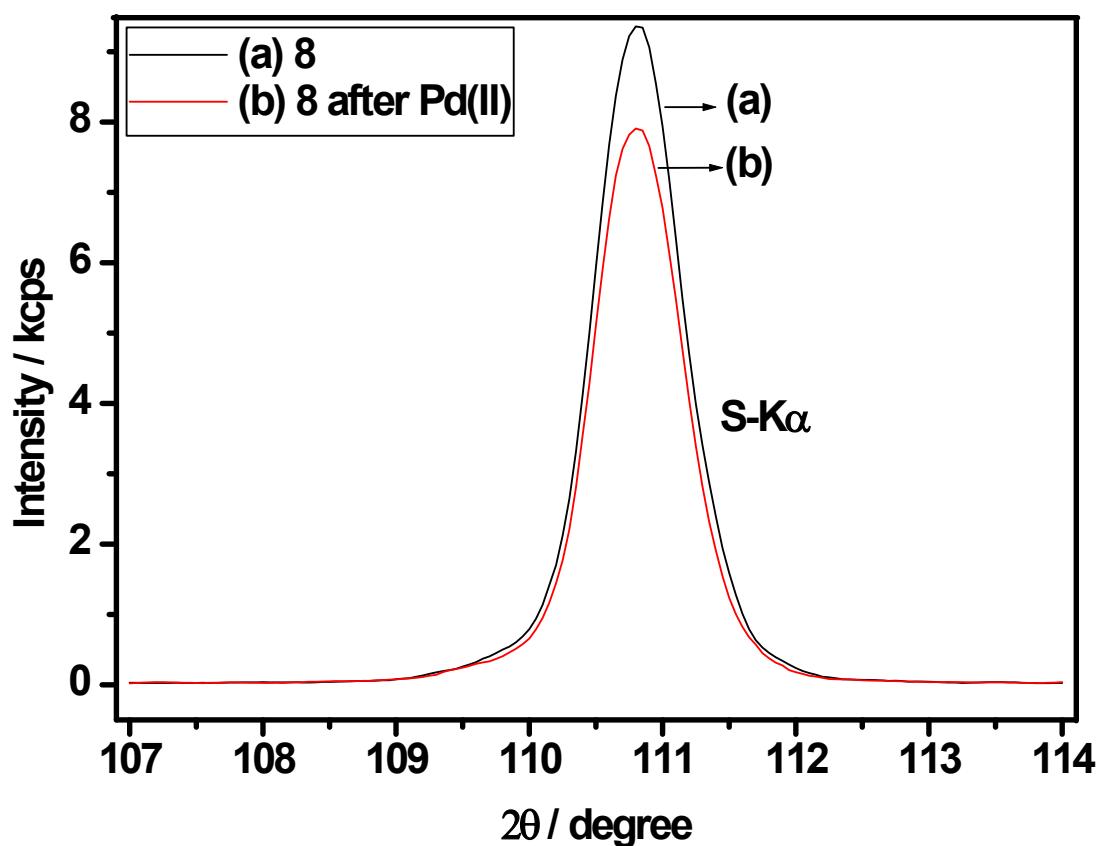


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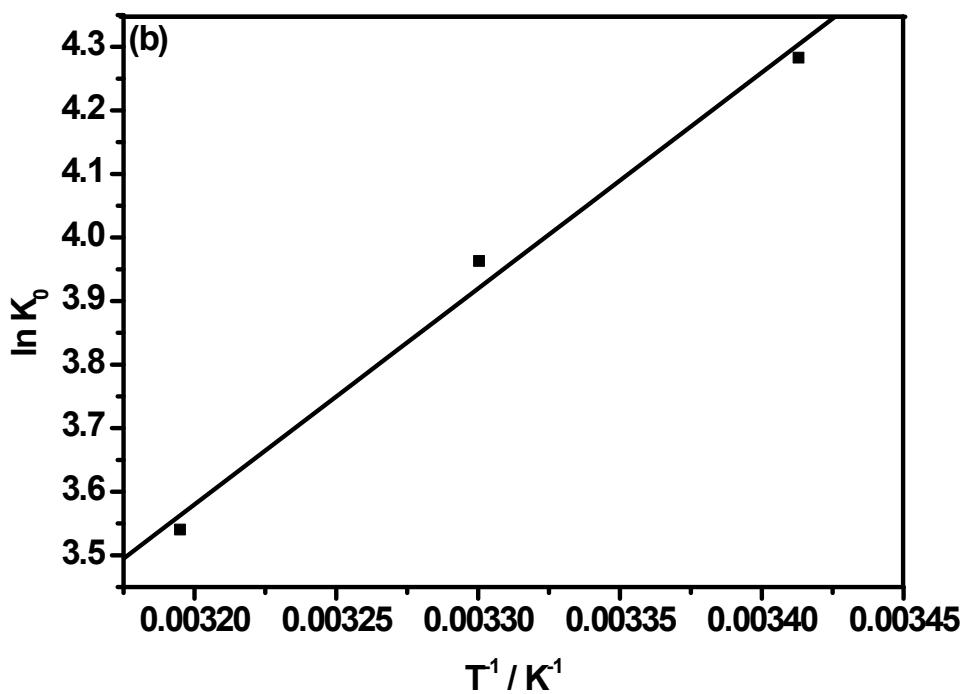
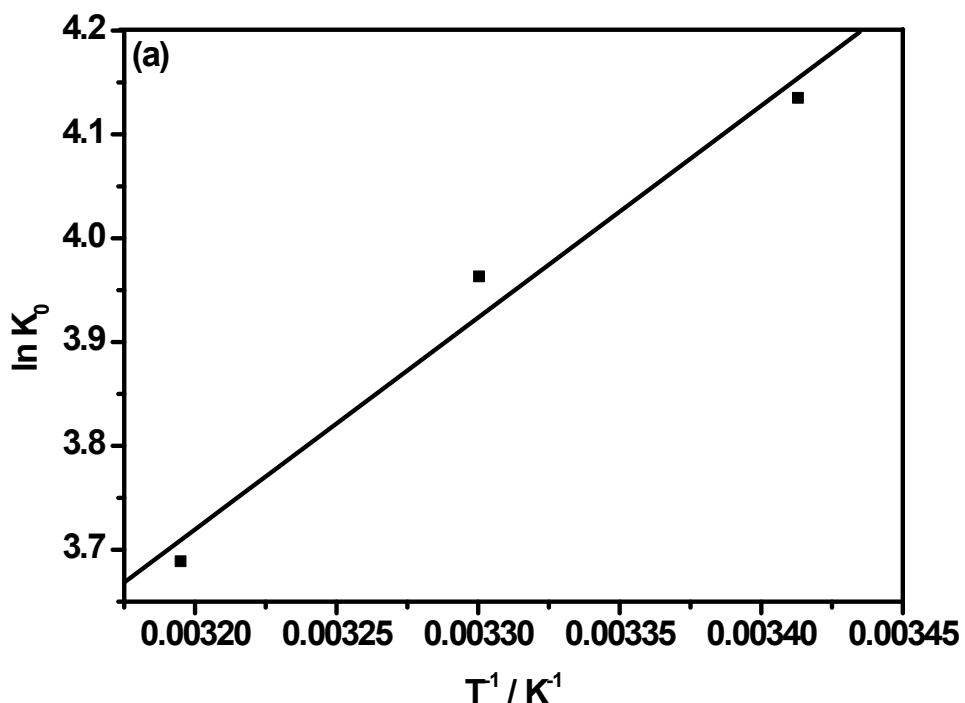


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Thermodynamic	7	8
303 K	-10.07	-10.43
ΔG° (kJ mol ⁻¹)	313 K -9.96	323 K -9.98 -9.59
ΔH° (kJ mol ⁻¹)	-16.96	-28.25
ΔS° (kJ mol ⁻¹ K ⁻¹)	-0.023	-0.060

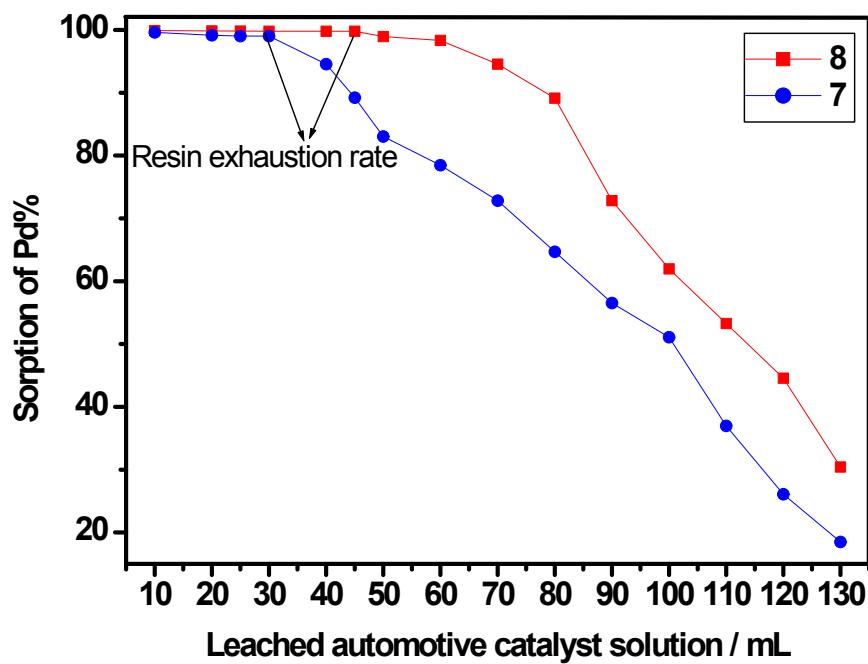


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S. No	Polymeric adsorbents	Sorption capacity (mg/g)	Ref.
1	Diaion WA21J	5.7	16a
2	Melamine-formaldehyde-thiourea (MFT) resin	15.2	16b
3	Duolite GT-73	27.7	16c
4	Thiourea-Formaldehyde Chelating Resin (PTF1)	30.7	16d
5	Thiourea-Formaldehyde Chelating Resin (PTF2)	49.8	16d
6	Phosphine sulphide-chelating polymer (Polymer 3)	53.0	16e
7	Duolite GT-73	21.2	17a
8	Calix[4]pyrrole[2]thiophene immobilized polymer	65.0	17b
9	POLYORGS V	18.4	17c
10	POLYORGS VI	48.0	17c
11	Polythioether resin with aminoisopropyl-mercaptopan	64.8	17d
12	Spheron Oxine 1000	57.0	17e
13	Spheron Salicyl 1000	10.0	17e
14	Spheron 1000	1.6	17e
15	Dithizone modified chloromethylated polystyrene	72.1	18a
16	Amidinothioureido-silica gel	14.9	18b
17	Benzimidazolylazo resin	65.7	18c
18	Lewatit MP-500	9.9	18d
19	Lewatit MP-500A	9.4	18d
20	TUF resin	31.8	18e
21	Purolite S-940	53.2	19a
22	Amberlite XAD-7 impregnated Cyphos IL-101	71.0	9b
23	Triisobutyl phosphine sulfide resin (Polymer A)	54.0	19b
24	Triisobutyl phosphine sulfide resin (Polymer A)	76.3	19b
25	IRA 910	81.6	19b
26	Macroporous poly(vinyl-aminoacetone)	66.8	19c
27	Pyrazolone immobilized styrene-divinylbenzene	59.4	19d
28	7	51.55	Present study
29	8	91.74	Present study