Supplementary Information

From spent dye-loaded palygorskite to a multifunctional

palygorskite/carbon/Ag nanocomposite

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Fig. S1 The molecular structure scheme of MB, TC, CTC and MV.



Fig. S2 SEM image of PAL/C/AgNPs-10 (a); Elemental mapping of Ag element in PAL/C/AgNPs-10 (b), and C element in PAL/C/AgNPs-10 (c).



Fig. S3 FTIR spectra of the hydrothermal treated MV-loaded PAL at 180 °C (HSPA-180) in the absence of Ag(I) and the nanocomposites prepared at different hydrothermal temperatures in the presence of 10 mass% of AgNO₃.



Supernate after hydrothemal reaction

Fig. S4 Digital photographs of the supernate after being treated at different hydrothermal temperature.



Fig. S5 Digital photographs of the supernate before and after adsorption by different dosage of PAL/C/AgNPs-5 nanocomposite (g/L).



Fig. S6 A proposed mechanism for the adsorption of MB onto the PAL/C/AgNPs

nanocomposite