

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### **Preparation of neutral red functionalized Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub> and its application for magnetic solid phase extraction of trace Hg(II) from environmental water samples**

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### Pseudo first order and pseudo second order models

The pseudo first order and pseudo second order models can be expressed by Eqs. (S1) and (S2) [1], respectively:

$$\ln \frac{(q_e - q_t)}{q_e} = -k_1 t \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{t}{q_e} \quad (\text{S2})$$

Here, in Eq. (S1),  $k_1$  is the pseudo first order rate constant ( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) of the adsorption, and  $q_e$  and  $q_t$  ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ) are the amounts of metal ion adsorbed at equilibrium time and at time  $t$ , respectively. The values of  $\ln(q_e - q_t)$  were calculated from the experimental data and used to plot against  $t$  (min). In Eq. (S2),  $k_2$  is the pseudo second order rate constant of the adsorption. The values of  $q_e$  and  $k_2$  could be calculated from slope and intercept of the linear plot of  $t/q_t$  vs.  $t$ . The kinetic parameters acquired from fitting results were summarized in Table S1.

Table S1. Kinetic parameters for the pseudo first order and pseudo second order models for Hg(II) adsorption by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2\text{-NR}$

$C_0$ $\text{mg L}^{-1}$	$q_e(\text{exp})$ ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ )	Pseudo first order kinetics			Pseudo second order kinetics		
		$k_1$	$q_{e,\text{cal}}$	$R_1^2$	$k_2$	$q_{e,\text{cal}}$	$R_2^2$
2	1.93	0.004	0.226	0.665	1.41	1.92	0.999

### Langmuir and Freundlich adsorption isotherm models

The Langmuir isotherm [2] is given as:

$$\frac{C_e}{q_e} = \frac{C_e}{q_m} + \frac{1}{q_m K_L} \quad (\text{S3})$$

where  $q_e$  is the equilibrium amount of Cd(II) adsorbed on the adsorbent ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ),  $q_m$  is the maximum adsorption capacity of Cd(II) on the adsorbent ( $\text{mg g}^{-1}$ ),  $C_e$  describes the equilibrium concentration of Cd(II) ( $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ), and  $K_L$  ( $\text{L mg}^{-1}$ ) is a Langmuir adsorption constant related to the adsorption energy.

The Freundlich model [2] can be presented by

$$\ln q_e = \ln K_F + \frac{1}{n} \ln C_e \quad (\text{S4})$$

where  $q_e$  and  $C_e$  have the same meanings with those in the Langmuir model, and  $K_F$  and  $n$  are

Freundlich constants related to the maximum adsorption capacity and the adsorption intensity, respectively.

Table S2. Langmuir and Freundlich parameters for Hg(II) adsorption by Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-NR

T(°C)	Langmuir model			Freundlich model		
	K <sub>L</sub> (L mg <sup>-1</sup> )	q <sub>m</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>F</sub>	n	R <sup>2</sup>
30	0.05	83.71	0.997	5.62	1.91	0.971

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