

**Table A. List of Abbreviations**

<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub></b>	Iron oxide magnetic nanoparticles
<b>SiO<sub>2</sub></b>	Silicon oxide
<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub></b>	Iron oxide coated with Silica
<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-Pr-NH<sub>2</sub>(APTMS)</b>	Amine (3-Aminopropyltrimethoxy Silane) coated silica magnetic nanoparticles
<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-Pr-NH<sub>2</sub>(APTES)</b>	Amine (3-Aminopropyltriethoxy Silane) coated silica magnetic nanoparticles
<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-Pr-NH-SO<sub>3</sub>H(AM)</b>	Chlorosulphonic acid coating on amine (3-Aminopropyltrimethoxy Silane) coated silica magnetic nanoparticles
<b>Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@SiO<sub>2</sub>-Pr-NH-SO<sub>3</sub>H(AE)</b>	Chlorosulphonic acid coating on amine (3-Aminopropyltriethoxy Silane) coated silica magnetic nanoparticles
<b>MNPs</b>	Magnetic nanoparticles
<b>TMSCN</b>	Trimethylsilyl cyanide
<b>TEOS</b>	Tetraethylorthosilicate
<b>CDCl<sub>3</sub></b>	Deuterated chloroform
<b>Fe<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub></b>	Iron(III) sulfate
<b>FeSO<sub>4</sub></b>	Iron(II) sulfate
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>OH</b>	Ammonium hydroxide
<b>DCM</b>	Dichloromethane
<b>BaCl<sub>2</sub></b>	Barium dichloride
<b>NaHCO<sub>3</sub></b>	Sodium bicarbonate
<b>FT-IR</b>	Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy
<b>XRD</b>	X-ray diffraction
<b>VSM</b>	Vibrating sample magnetometer
<b>TEM</b>	Transmission electron microscopy
<b>TGA</b>	Thermogravimetric analysis
<b>BET</b>	Brunauer–Emmett–Teller
<b>XPS</b>	X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
<b>NMR</b>	Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
<b>TLC</b>	<i>Thin-layer chromatography</i>
<b>MHz</b>	Megahertz
<b>Ms</b>	Saturation magnetization
<b>ppm</b>	<i>Parts per million</i>

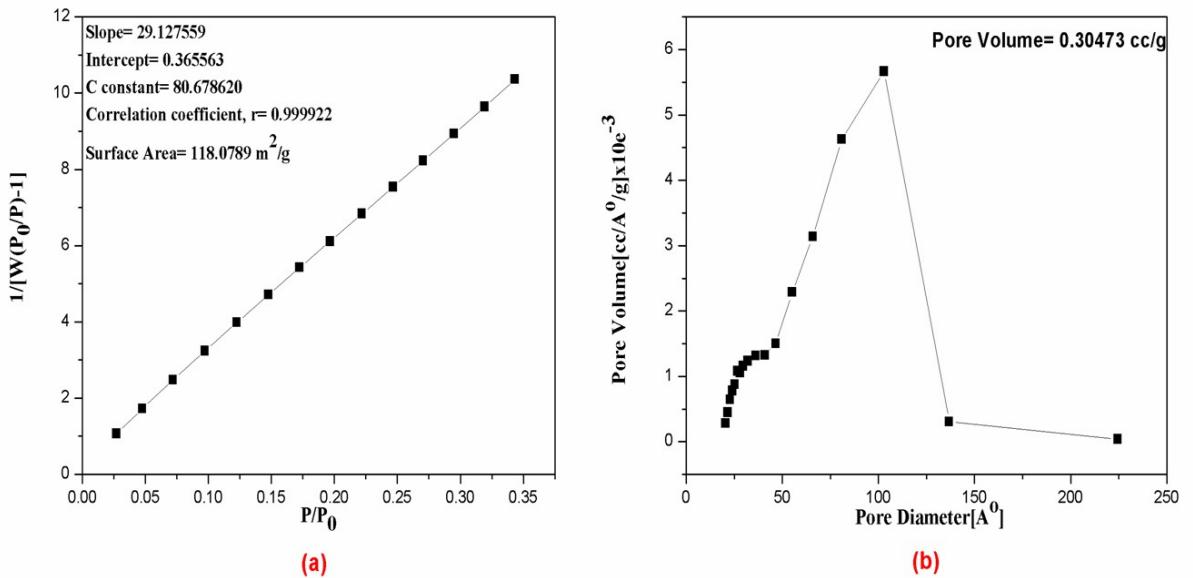


Fig. 1 (a) Surface area plot of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  (b) Pore volume plot of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

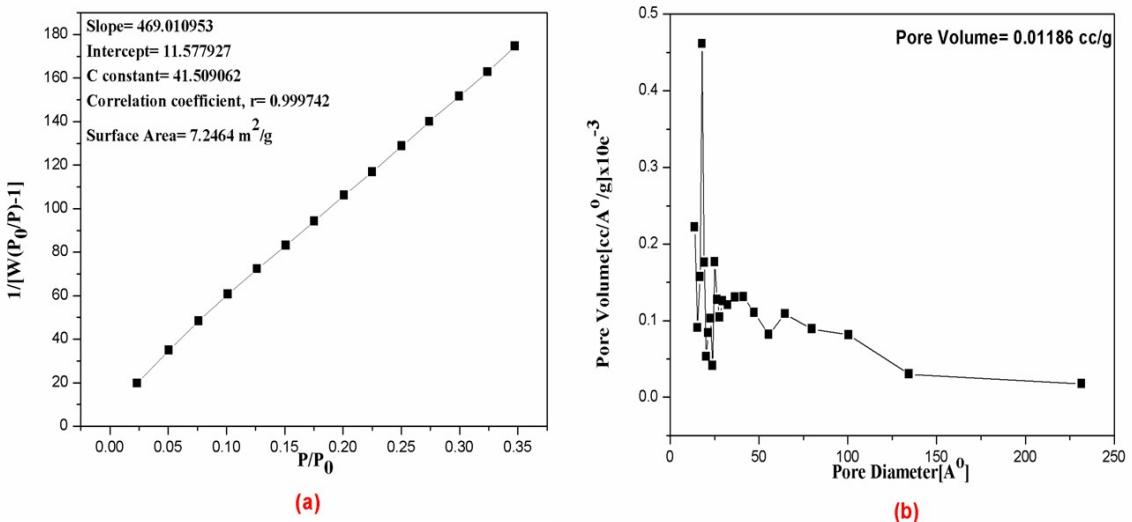


Fig. 2 (a) Surface area plot of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2$  (b) Pore volume plot of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2$

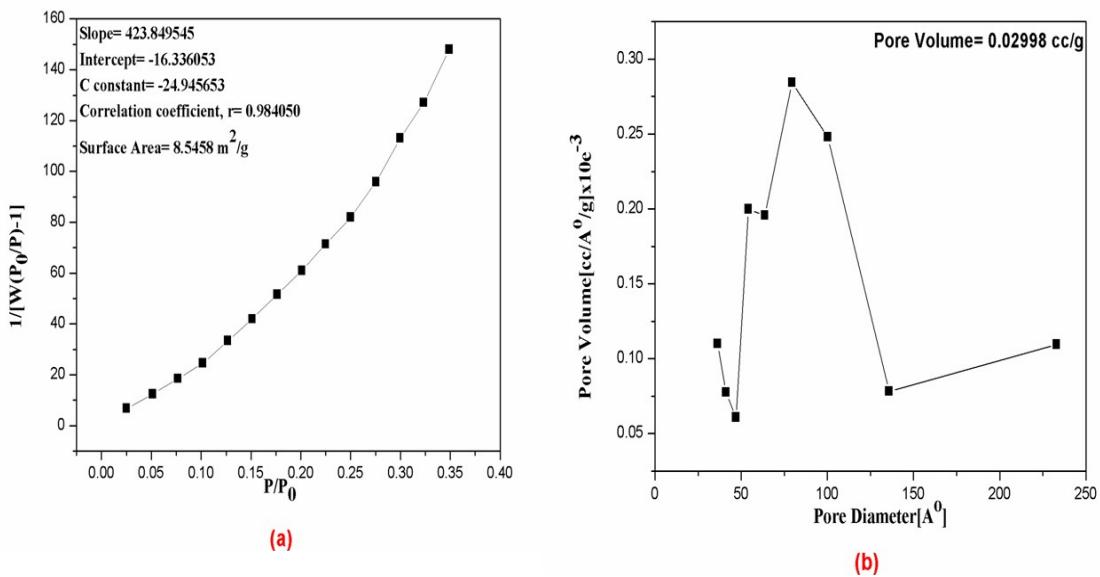


Fig. 3 (a) Surface area plot of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2-\text{Pr-NH}_2(\text{APTMS})$ (b) Pore volume plot of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2-\text{Pr-NH}_2(\text{APTMS})$

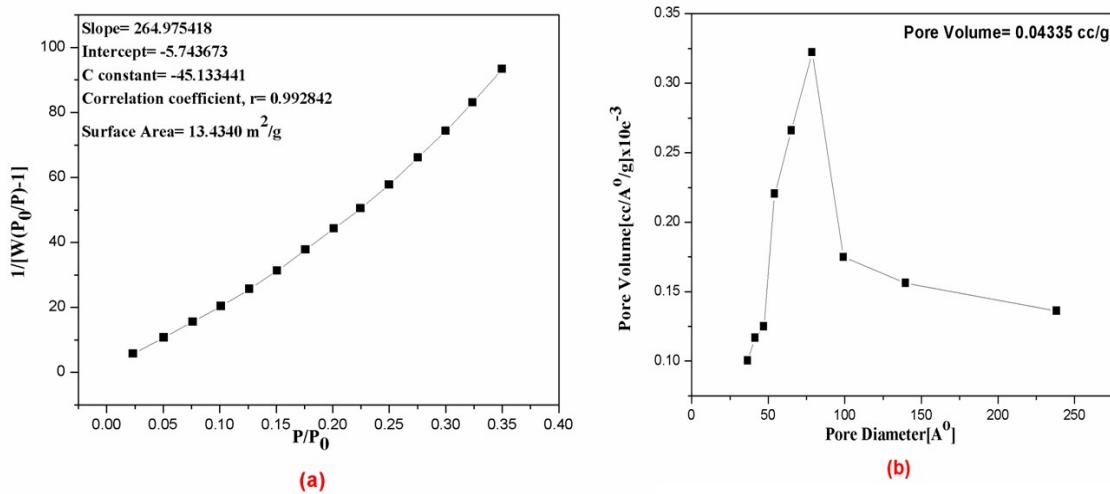


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