

## Supplementary information

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Adsorbent	Adsorption capacity (mg/g)				Reference	Metal uptake by
	Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	Zn <sup>2+</sup>		
Polyamidoxime chelating corn-cob cellulose	216.1		215.3	191.0	<sup>17</sup>	
Poly(amidoxime) chelating khaya cellulose	282		229	211	<sup>32</sup>	
Amidoxime-modified polyacrylonitrile nanofibers	52.70	263.5			<sup>35</sup>	
Poly(hydroxamic acid)-poly(amidoxime) acacia cellulose	163.2		145.6	245.7	<sup>36</sup>	
Poly(amidoxime) chelating sago starch	192			60.8	<sup>43</sup>	
Poly(hydroxamic acid) chelating sago starch	221.4		126.4		<sup>44</sup>	
Amidoximed cotton cellulose ligand	102.4				<sup>45</sup>	
Fibrous amidoxime-functionalized SiO <sub>2</sub> microspheres		284			<sup>46</sup>	
Poly(amidoxime-hydroxamic acid) cotton cellulose	395.3	333.3	268.8	216.9	This work	

adsorbents containing amidoxime and/or hydroxamic acid functional groups