

## Supplementary Information

### On the Subtle Tuneability of Cellulose Hydrogels: Implications for Binding of Biomolecules Demonstrated for CBM 1

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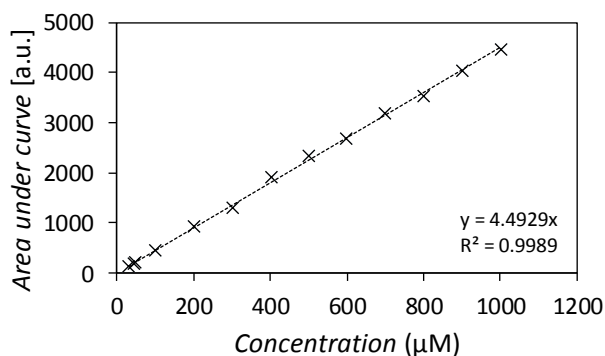


Figure S1. Methylene blue HPLC calibration curve.

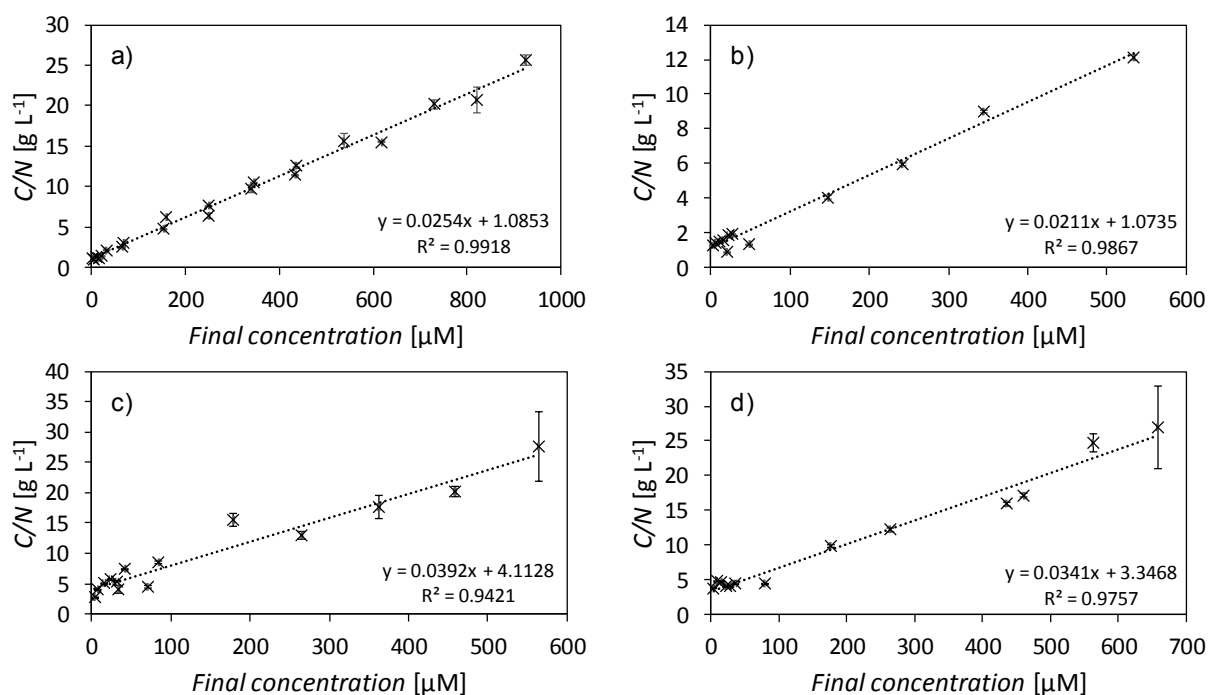
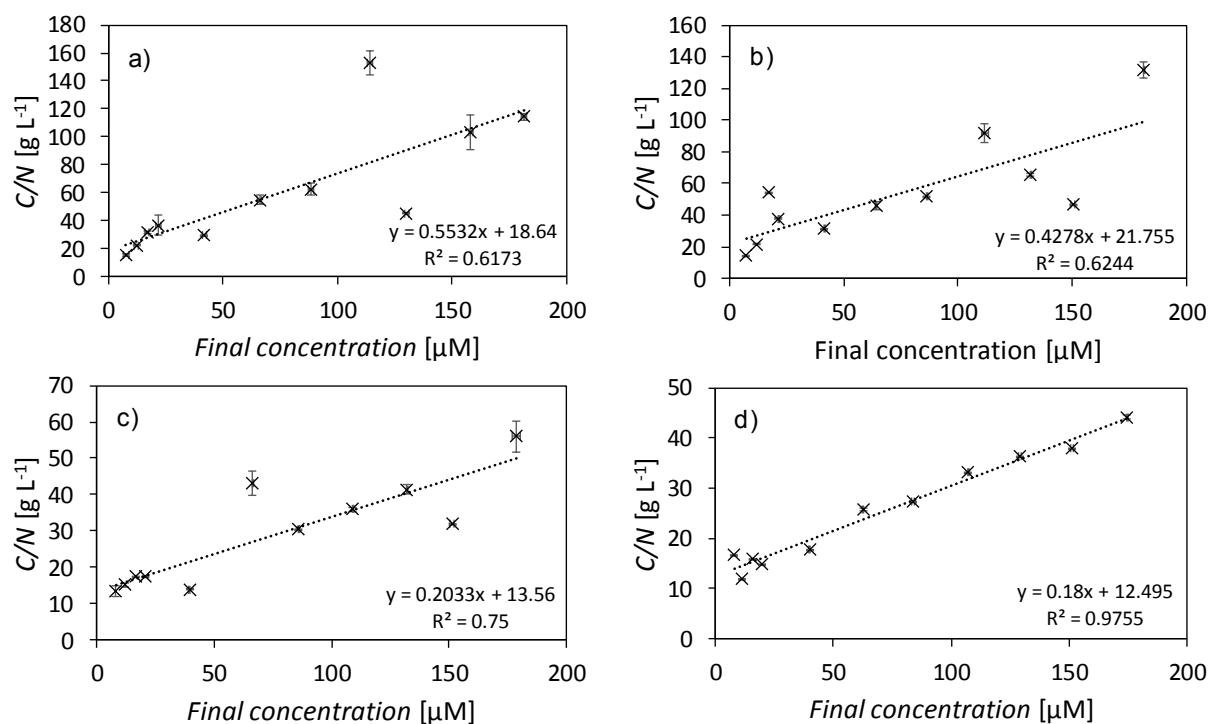


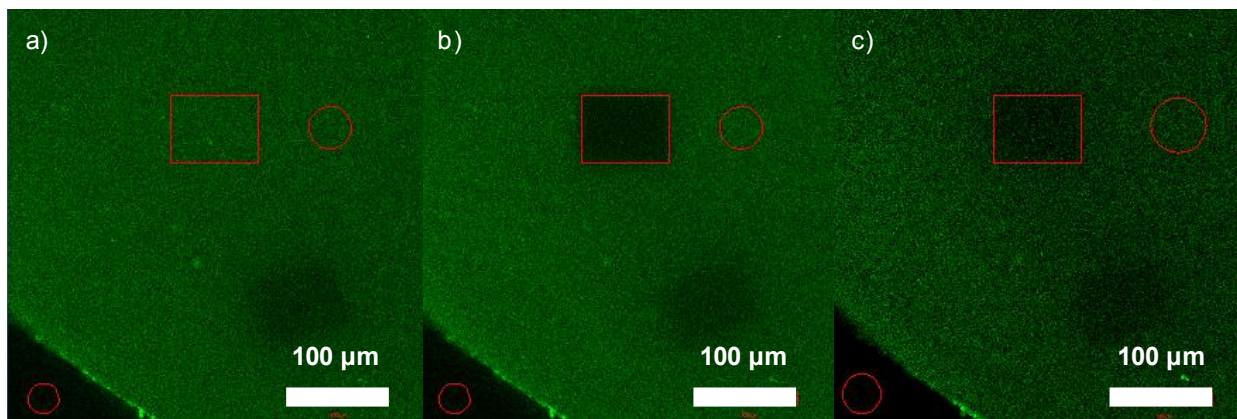
Figure S2. Plots to determine  $N_m$  and  $K$  for methylene blue adsorption isotherms on a) ACrM, b) ACrW, c) BCrM, d) BCrW hydrogels.



**Figure S3.** Plots to determine  $N_m$  and  $K$  for  $ThCBM_{CBM1}$  adsorption isotherms on a) ACrM, b) ACrW, c) BCrM, d) BCrW hydrogels. While  $R^2$  values for the lines of best fit are low in some cases, this reflects the experimental challenges associated with accurate estimation of the quantity of cellulose in “never-dried” hydrogels. Nonetheless, the lines of best fit reflect the trends in the data, which is complete, i.e. no apparently anomalous points have been removed.

**Table S4.** Number of moles of probe molecule per gram of cellulose required to form a monolayer,  $N_m$ , and curve constant,  $K$ , for methylene blue and  $ThCBM_{CBM1}$  adsorption isotherms on hydrogels.

Sample	MB $N_m$ [ $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1}$ ]	MB $K$ [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1}$ ]	CBM $N_m$ [ $\mu\text{mol g}^{-1}$ ]	CBM $K$ [ $\mu\text{M}^{-1}$ ]
ACrM	39.4	0.023	1.8	0.030
ACrW	47.4	0.020	2.3	0.020
BCrM	25.5	0.010	4.9	0.015
BCrW	29.3	0.010	5.6	0.014



**Figure S5.** Bleaching of Alexa Fluor 488 tagged *ThCBM*<sub>CBHI</sub> on cellulose hydrogel a) before bleaching, b) immediately after bleaching, c) 33 minutes after bleaching