## **Supporting Information**

### Synchronous, efficient and fast removal of phosphate and organic

matter by carbon-coated lanthanum nanorods

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## **Experimental section**

#### **Digestion method**

(1) Boil 0.01 g of products with 10 mL of aqua regia and 2 mL of  $HClO_4$  at 120 °C until the products were dissolved; (2) After cooling, add 1mL  $HClO_4$  into the solution, evaporate at 160 °C until the residual liquid volume was approximately 1 mL; (3) After cooling, dilute the solution with 2%  $HNO_3$  (MOS grad) to 100 mL.

#### HA stock preparation and determination

HA stock solution was prepared by dissolving 1 g of HA solid in 500 mL of 0.1 M NaOH, followed by filtration with 0.45 µm glass fiber filters, and was stored at 4 °C for later use. The HA stock solution was diluted in gradient and the amounts of HA were measured by TOC analyzer (Multi N/C 2100, Analytik-Jena, Germany) and UV-vis spectrophotometer at the same time. The linear regressions between the values of UV254 absorbance at 254 nm and TOC (TOC-UV254) and between the TOC values and the corresponding multiplicative inverse of dilution ratios were done. And the equations of linear regression were obtained (TOC-1/dilution ratios). In the text, the target concentration solution (mg TOC/L) and the practical concentration (mg TOC/L) were acquired by the linear regression equations of TOC-1/dilution ratios and TOC-UV254, respectively. The results were shown in Figure S1.

# **Figures**



**Figure S1.** (a) Relationship between the TOC values and the corresponding multiplicative inverse of dilution ratios. (b) Relationship between the TOC values and the UV254 absorbance at 254 nm.



**Figure S2.** (a) and (b) are the TEM images of G-La-MOF (C-La-MOF before carbonization) at various magnification.



**Figure S3.** (a) HRTEM image of C-La-MOF. (b) SAED pattern of C-La-MOF. (c) XRD pattern of C-La-MOF.



**Figure S4.** (a) and (b) are the TEM images of C-La-MOF10 and C-La-MOF12, respectively. (c-e) are the thickness distribution of C-La-MOF, C-La-MOF10 and C-La-MOF12, respectively.



**Figure S5.** (a) and (b) are TEM and SEM images of C-La, respectively. (c) SEM image of C-La-MOF-500. (d) High angle annular dark field (HAADF) image of C-La-MOF-500 and the corresponding elemental mapping of C, O and La. (e) SEM image of C-La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. (f) and (g) are SEM images of C-La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> after phosphate adsorption.



**Figure S6.** (a) and (b) are the pseudo-first-order model and pseudo-second-order model, respectively, for the phosphate adsorption onto C-La-MOF (initial P concentration = 50 mg P/L).



**Fig. S7.** (a) and (b) are the SEM images of C-La-MOF after capturing phosphate at various magnification. The surface of La-MOF-500 became rough.



Fig. S8. Zeta potentials of C-La-MOF at pH 2~12.

### Tables:

**Table S1.** Equilibrium isotherm model parameters of phosphate adsorption by C-La-MOF at 25 °C.

| Langmuir              |              |       | F           | Freundlich  |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| $q_m (\text{mg P/g})$ | $K_L$ (L/mg) | $R^2$ | 1/ <i>n</i> | $K_F(mg/g)$ | <i>R</i> <sup>2</sup> |  |
| 58.97                 | 1.37         | 0.569 | 0.132       | 37.41       | 0.911                 |  |

Table S2. Kinetics parameters of phosphate adsorption over C-La-MOF at 25 °C.

| Pseudo first-order kinetics |                     |                       | Pseudo second-order kinetics |                     |                |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| k <sub>1</sub> (1/min)      | $q_e(cal) (mg P/g)$ | <b>R</b> <sup>2</sup> | $k_2(g/mg \cdot min)$        | $q_e(cal) (mg P/g)$ | R <sup>2</sup> |
| 0.0041                      | 27.12               | 0.870                 | 0.0004                       | 56.72               | 0.999          |

| рН | Turbidity after sedimentation for 20 min (NTU) | Turbidity after further filtration (NTU) |  |
|----|--|--|--|
| 2  | 8.34   | 0.092                                    |  |
| 3  | 2.98   | 0.042                                    |  |
| 4  | 2.89   | 0.003                                    |  |
| 5  | 5.98   | 0.048                                    |  |
| 6  | 5.37   | 0.048                                    |  |
| 7  | 8.04   | 0.035                                    |  |
| 8  | 13.27  | 0.405                                    |  |
| 9  | 12.87  | 0.115                                    |  |
| 10 | 95.87  | 0.035                                    |  |
| 11 | 31.67  | 0.195                                    |  |
| 12 | 9.76   | 0.748                                    |  |

**Table S3.** Turbidity of solutions with C-La-MOF at different pH.