

## Support information

### Preparation and Application of Magnetic Nanocomposite by Waste Toner for Cr(VI) Removal

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Table S1. Surface area, pore size and pore volume of WT(Air), WT(Vac) and WT (NH<sub>3</sub>)

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore size(nm)	Pore volume(cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
WT(Air)	11.93	23.30	0.069
WT(Vac)	11.75	12.75	0.037
WT(NH <sub>3</sub> )	42.53	9.19	0.098

Table S2 Pseudo-second-order kinetics for Cr(VI) removal by WT(NH<sub>3</sub>) and WT(Vac)

sample	Q <sub>e</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pseudo-second-order		
		q <sub>e</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	k <sub>2</sub> (h <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>
WT(NH <sub>3</sub> )-H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	12.483	15.38	0.0352	0.9851
WT(NH <sub>3</sub> )-HCl	8.9786	9.901	0.1186	0.9967
WT(Vac)-H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	3.5714	3.906	0.1959	0.9705
WT(Vac)-HCl	3.7299	4.202	0.1666	0.9765

Table S3 Adsorption isotherms simulation parameters

sample	Langmuir		
	q <sub>e</sub> (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	K <sub>L</sub> (h <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>
WT(NH <sub>3</sub> )-H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	25.64	0.039	0.995
WT(NH <sub>3</sub> )-HCl	35.84	0.027	0.993

Table S4 Comparison of Cr(VI) removal capacity of various adsorbents.

Adsorbents	pH	Time (min)	$S_{BET}$ ( $m^2 g^{-1}$ )	$q_{max}$ ( $mg g^{-1}$ )	ref
Magnetic Biochar	1.0	300	56.2	27.2	1
Magnetic $Fe_3O_4$ nanoparticles	2.0	30	/	12.43	2
$Fe_3O_4 @ SiO_2$ nanoparticles	2.0	100	3.78	3.8	3
N-doped carbon with magnetic particles	3.0	30	1136	16	4
Magnetic carbon particles (MCPs)	1.0	10	32.6	15.89	5
Magnetic carbon fibers (MCFs)	1.0	10	124.7	43.18	5
ZVI @ carbon @ polyaniline nanocomposite	1.0	5	18.52	508	6
Chitosan-coated-magnetite with covalently grafted polystyrene based carbon nanocomposites	3.0	40	58	8.0	7
Fluorine and nitrogen co-doped magnetic carbons	1.0	15	82.7	740.7	8
Magnetic waste toner	2.0	420	42.53	35.84	This work

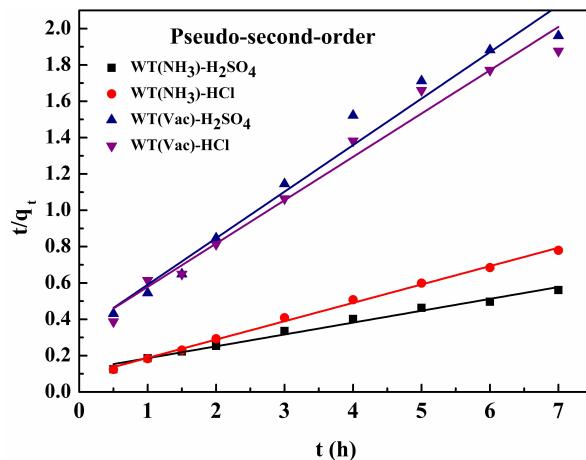


Fig. S1 Kinetics of Cr(VI) adsorption by WT(NH<sub>3</sub>) and WT(Vac) in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and HCl system.

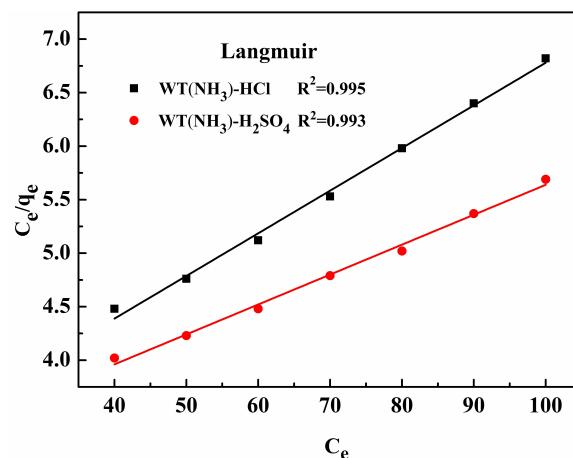


Fig. S2 Linear fitting of adsorption isotherms of WT(NH<sub>3</sub>) in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and HCl system.

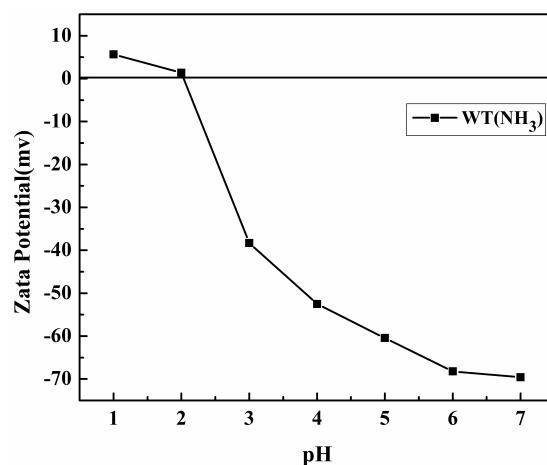


Fig. S3 Effect of pH value on Zeta Potential by WT(NH<sub>3</sub>).

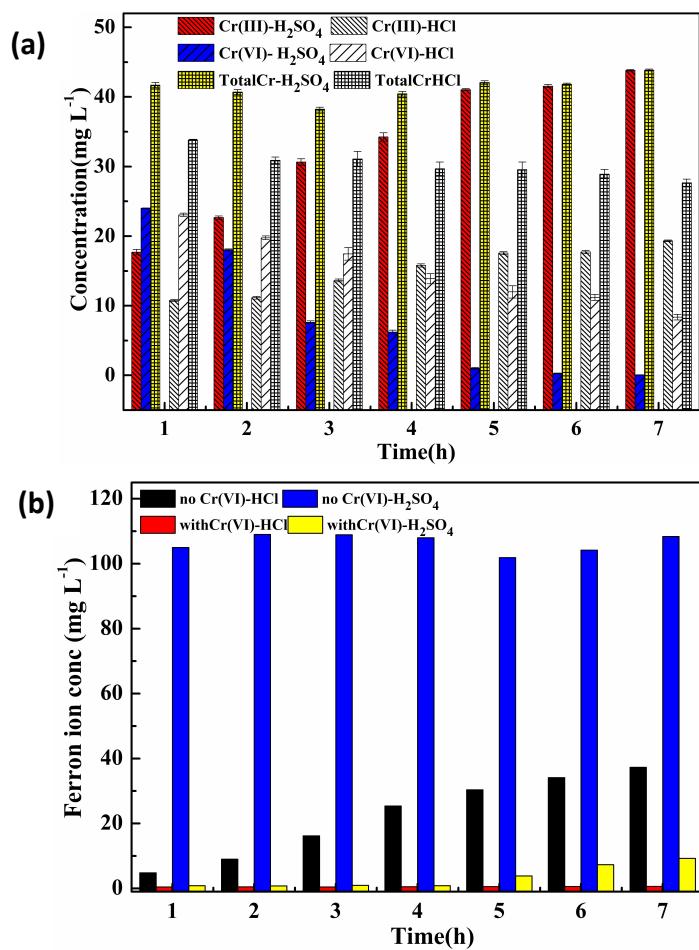


Fig. S4 (a) Concentration of Cr speciation after adsorption by WT(NH<sub>3</sub>) in the solution with different acid system. (b) Concentration of ferrous ion in different acid system with no and with Cr(VI).

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