Supporting Information

Chemically Stable Ionic Viologen-Organic Network: An Efficient Scavenger of Toxic Oxo-anions from Water

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Experimental Section:

FE-SEM analysis:

For solid-state analysis <1 mg sample was adhered on double sided carbon tape and hence used for FE-SEM imaging. FESEM was done by using FEI Quanta 3D dual beam ESEM at 30 KV.

Adsorption isotherm experiment:

Compound-1 (5 mg) was immersed in 2 mL water solution of oxo-anion having different concentration (in case of $\text{CrO}_4^{2^-}$ ion concentration was taken in the range of 29-580 ppm and for ReO_4^- ion the range of concentration is 62.5-1251 ppm). After 2 hours UV-Visible spectroscopy was carried out with the supernatant solution and further fitted with following equation,

Langmuir model,
$$Q_e = \frac{Q_m C_e}{K_d + C_e}$$

where, C_e (ppm) and Q_e (mg gm⁻¹) are the oxo-anion concentration at equilibrium and amount of oxo-anion adsorbed at equilibrium respectively. Q_m (mg gm⁻¹) is the maximum amount of oxo-anion per unit mass of adsorbent to form a complete monolayer. K_d (mg/L) is a constant related to the affinity of the binding sites.

<u>Freundlich Model</u>, $Q_e = K_F C_e^{1/n}$

where, K_F and 1/n are the Freundlich model constants, indicating capacity and intensity of adsorption, respectively.

pH-dependent capture study:

Compound-1 (2 mg) was immersed in 2 mL solution of 2.5 mM oxo-anion (in case of CrO_4^{2-} ion pH-1.7, pH-4, pH-9, pH-10 and pH-12.4 were used, whereas for ReO_4^{-} ion pH-9, pH-10 and pH-12.4 were used) and stirred for 24 hours. After 1 day UV-Vis study was carried out to check the removal efficiency of compound-1. Following equation has been used for calculation and compared with the data at pH-7 for relative performance,

$$D_t = \frac{C_0 - C_t}{C_0} \ge 100\% = \frac{A_0 - A_t}{A_0} \ge 100\%$$

Where, D_t is the exchange capacity, C_0 and A_0 are initial concentration and absorbance of the oxo-anion solution respectively, C_t and A_t , are concentration and absorbance of the oxo-anion solution at specific times respectively.



Scheme S1: Synthesis scheme of compound-1.

Figures:



Figure S1: Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of as-synthesized compound-1 (wine red) and desolvated phase of compound-1 (green).



Figure S2: Infra-red (IR) spectroscopy of starting materials [precursor 1 (blue) and precursor 2 (green)] and compound-1 (wine red).



Figure S3: Low temperature (77 K) N₂ adsorption profile of compound-1.



Figure S4: Low temperature (195 K) CO₂ adsorption profile of compound-1.



Figure S5: Solid state ¹³C-NMR of compound-1.



Figure S6: FESEM images of compound-1.

Element	Weight %
С	73.08
N	6.46
0	17.61
CI	2.85
Total	100



Figure S7: EDX analysis of compound-1.



Figure S8: Elemental mapping of compound-1.



Figure S9: Infra-red (IR) spectroscopy of compound-1 (wine red), 2 M HCl treated compound-1 (green) and 2 M KOH treated compound-1 (blue).



Figure S10: FESEM images of a) 2 M HCl treated compound-1 and b) 2 M KOH treated compound-1.

Element	Weight %
С	71.60
N	7.60
0	14.58
CI	6.22
Total	100



Figure S11: EDX analysis of 2 M HCl treated compound-1.

Element	Weight %
С	71.45
N	8.24
0	17.93
CI	2.38
Total	100



Figure S12: EDX analysis of 2 M KOH treated compound-1.



Figure S13: Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of compound-1 (blue), 2 M HCl treated compound-1 (wine red) and 2 M KOH treated compound-1 (green).



Figure S14: UV-Vis spectroscopy of CrO_4^{2-} ion solution in water in presence of compound-1 at different time intervals (Inset: images of CrO_4^{2-} ion solution and solid compound-1 before and after of capture study).



Figure S15: Decrease in the concentration of the CrO_4^{2-} ion from water after addition of compound-1.



Figure S16: UV-Vis spectra of only CrO_4^{2-} before (dark yellow) and after (blue) addition of compound-1 (time duration: 24hrs); capacity of compound-1 for CrO_4^{2-} ion has been calculated from this data.



Figure S17: Infra-red (IR) spectroscopy of compound-1 (purple) and compound- $1 \supset CrO_4^{2-}$ (dark yellow).



Figure S18: SEM images of CrO_4^{2-} encapsulated compound-1 (compound- $1 \supset CrO_4^{2-}$).

Element	Weight %
С	58.10
Ν	15.96
0	19.33
Cr	6.61
Total	100



Figure S19: EDX analysis of CrO_4^{2-} encapsulated compound-1 (compound- $1 \supset CrO_4^{2-}$).



Figure S20: Elemental mapping of CrO_4^{2-} encapsulated compound-1 (compound- $1 \supset CrO_4^{2-}$).



Figure S21: UV-Vis spectroscopy of MnO_4^- ion solution in water in presence of compound-1 at different time intervals (Inset: images of MnO_4^- ion solution and solid compound-1 before and after of capture study).



Figure S22: Infra-red (IR) spectroscopy of compound-1 (purple) and compound- $1 \supset MnO_4^-$ (green).



Figure S23: IR spectra of compound-1 (wine red) and ReO₄⁻ treated compound-1 (green).

Element	Weight %	
С	61.01	
N	13.87	
0	15.22	
Mn	9.90	
Total	100	



Figure S24: EDX analysis of MnO_4^- encapsulated compound-1 (compound-1 $\supset MnO_4^-$).



Figure S25: Elemental mapping of MnO_4^- encapsulated compound-1 (compound-1 $\supset MnO_4^-$).

Element	Weight %
С	69.23
N	3.63
0	21.82
Re	5.32
Total	100



Figure S26: EDX analysis of compound-1 after the capture of ReO_4^- .



Figure S27: Elemental mapping of compound-1 after the capture of ReO₄⁻.



Figure S28: SEM images of MnO_4^- encapsulated compound-1 (compound-1 \supset MnO_4^-).



Figure S29: SEM images of compound-1 after the treatment of ReO₄⁻ in water medium.



Figure S30: Decrease in the concentration of the MnO_4^- ion from water after addition of compound-1.



Figure S31: Decrease in the concentration of the ReO₄⁻ ion from water solution on addition of compound-1.



Figure S32: UV-Vis spectra of only MnO_4^- before (purple) and after (dark yellow) addition of compound-1 (time duration = 24hrs); capacity of compound-1 for MnO_4^- ion has been calculated from this data.



Figure S33: UV-Vis spectra of only ReO_4^- before (wine red) and after (green) the addition of compound-1 (time duration = 24hrs); capacity of compound-1 for ReO_4^- ion has been calculated from this data.



Figure S34: UV-Vis spectroscopy of ReO_4^- ion solution in water in presence of compound-1 at different time intervals (Inset: images of ReO_4^- ion solution and solid compound-1 before and after of capture study).



Figure S35: (a) Langmuir model and (b) Freundlich model of CrO_4^{2-} ion capture study with compound-1.



Figure S36: (a) Langmuir model and (b) Freundlich model of ReO_4^- ion capture study with compound-1.



Figure S37: Kinetic study of CrO_4^{2-} ion capture with compound-1.



Figure S38: Kinetic study of ReO₄⁻ ion capture with compound-1.



Figure S39: Bar diagram representing relative % removal of CrO_4^{2-} ion from water by compound-1 at different pH-medium.



Figure S40: Bar diagram representing relative % removal of ReO₄⁻ ion from water by compound-1 at different alkaline pH-medium.



Figure S41: Recyclability test of compound-1 for CrO_4^{2-} ion.



Figure S42: Recycle test of compound-1 for ReO_4^- ion.



Figure S43: Representation of the compound-1 loaded column used for column chromatographic separation of oxo-anion from water.



Figure S44: UV-Vis spectra of the 2.5 mM ReO₄⁻ solution before (wine red) and after (green) passing through the compound-1 loaded column.



Figure S45: (a) Regeneration of the column with 3 M HCl solution; (b) images of HCl solution before (top) and after (bottom) passing through the column.



Figure S46: (a) Recyclability test with the regenerated column; (b) images of CrO_4^{2-} solution (top) and after (bottom) passing through the column.



Figure S47: Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern of compound-1.

Table S1: A comparison table of CrO_4^{2-} capture $(CrO_4^{2-}$ mg/gm) with some well-studied examples in the literature (N.D.: Not done)

Compound	Capacity	Selectivity	Reference
	(mg/gm)		
Compound-1	133	Cl ⁻ , NO ₃ ⁻ , Br ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻	This work
Carbon nanocomposites	3.74	N.D.	1
Polyaniline	18.1	N.D.	2
MOR-2	263	Cl^- , NO_3^- , HCO_3^- , etc.	3
SLUG-21	60	NO_3^-, CO_3^{2-}	4
1-ClO ₄	62.9	halide anions	5
1-NO ₃	82.5	NO_3^-, CO_3^{2-}	6
Fe nanoparticles	109	N.D.	7
Zn–Co-SLUG-35	68.5	NO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻	8
TJU-1	279	Cl ⁻ , HCO ₃ ⁻ , NO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻	9
MgAl-LDHs	112	N.D.	10
ED-rGO	100	N.D.	11
ZIF-67	5.88-13.34	N.D.	12

Table S2: A comparison table of ReO_4^- and MnO_4^- capture (mg/gm) with some well-studied examples in the literature

Element	Compound	Capacity (mg/gm)	Selectivity	Reference
ReO ₄ -	Compound-1	517	$Cl^-, NO_3^-, Br^-, SO_4^{2-}$	This Work
MnO ₄ ⁻	Compound-1	297.3	$Cl^-, NO_3^-, Br^-, SO_4^{2-}$	This Work
ReO ₄ -	D318 resin	351	-	13
ReO ₄ -	PAF-1-F	420	SO ₄ ²⁻ , PO ₄ ³⁻	14
ReO ₄ -	Dowex1x8	98.1	-	14
ReO ₄ -	Purolite 530E	96	-	14
ReO ₄ -	SLUG-21	602	-	15
ReO ₄ -	UiO-66-NH ₃ ⁺	159	NO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻ , PO ₄ ³⁻	16
ReO ₄ -	SCU-100	541	$CO_3^{2-}, SO_4^{2-}, PO_4^{3-}$	17
ReO ₄ -	SCU-101	217	various anions	18
ReO ₄ -	PolyDMAEMA hydrogels	30.5	-	19
ReO ₄ -	4-ATR resin	354		20
ReO ₄ -	SBN	786	-	21
ReO ₄ -	LDHs	130	-	21
MnO ₄ -	SLUG-21	283	NO_3^-, CO_3^{2-}	15

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