## **Supporting Information**

## Magnetically retrievable Ce-doped Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles as scaffolds for removal of azo dye

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Figure S1. UV-visible spectra of synthesized samples



Figure S2. TEM analysis (a) Undoped (b) 3.5 % cerium doping, Histogram of (c) Undoped (d) 3.5 % cerium doping



Figure S3. EDX (a) Undoped (b) 1.5 % (c) 2.5 % (d) 3.5 % cerium doping

System	Specific surface area (a) [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	Total pore volume	Mean pore diameter [nm]	Amount of monolayer adsorption (V <sub>m</sub> ) [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	71.600	0.2976	14.491	16.450
1.5% Ce-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	89.672	0.3249	15.039	20.603
2.5% Ce-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	94.866	0.3567	16.625	21.796
3.5% Ce-Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	97.601	0.4611	18.898	22.424

Table S1 : Parameters calculated from BET analysis



Figure S4. Variation of zeta potential charge as function of pH



Figure S5. Role of point zero surface charge of Nanoparticles on adsorption of anionic dye RB5



Figure S6. Kinetic models (a) Pseudo First order (b) Pseudo second order



Figure S7. Adsorption isotherms of RB5 onto the Nps (a) Langmuir (b) Freundlich



Figure S8. Adsorption isotherms of RB5 onto the Nps (a) Dubinin-Radushkevich (D-R) (b) Intra-particle diffusion models



Figure S9. Recyclability of nanoabsorbent



Figure S10. FTIR of recovered Nps compared with Nps before use