## Supporting Information

# Indole-functionalized cross-linked chitosan for effective uptake of uranium(VI) from aqueous solution

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### **SEM** images

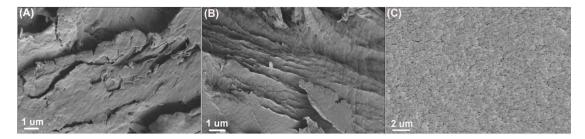


Figure S1 The SEM images of (A) CTS, (B) IAA-CTS and (C) IAA-CTSA.

#### **Kinetic models**

The equations of the pseudo-first-order, pseudo-second-order, intraparticle diffusion and Elovich models are described as [1, 2]:

$$\ln\left(q_e - q_t\right) = \ln q_t - k_1 t \tag{S1}$$

$$\frac{t}{q_e} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{t}{q_e}$$
 (S2)

$$q_{t} = k_{ip}t^{1/2} + c$$

$$q_{t} = \frac{ln^{\frac{1}{100}}(\alpha\beta)}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta}lnt$$
(S3)

where  $q_t$  mg  $g^{-1}$  is the adsorption capacity at time t (min),  $k_1$  (min<sup>-1</sup>) and  $k_2$  (g mg<sup>-1</sup> min<sup>-1</sup>) refer the pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order rate constant, respectively.  $k_{ip}$  (mg  $g^{-1}$  min<sup>-1/2</sup>) is the constant of intraparticle diffusion kinetic model. In Elovich model  $\beta$  (g mg<sup>-1</sup>) represents the Elovich constant related to the surface coverage extent and  $\alpha$  (mg  $g^{-1}$  min<sup>-1</sup>) is the initial rate of U(VI) adsorption.

#### **Isotherms models**

The forms of Langmuir model, Freundlich model and  $R_L$  are described as equation S5-S7 [3-5], respectively.

$$\frac{c_e}{q_e} = \frac{c_e}{q_m} + \frac{1}{q_m b} \tag{S5}$$

$$lnq_e = lnk_F + nlnc_e$$
 (S6) 
$$R_L = \frac{1}{1 + bC_0}$$
 (S7)

Where b (L mg<sup>-1</sup>) is the Langmuir constant.  $q_{max}$  is the maximum adsorption capacity.  $k_F$  (mg  $g^{-1}$ ) refers the multilayer adsorption capacity and n denotes an empirical parameter connected with the intensity of adsorption, respectively.

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