

Supporting information for

## **Fabrication of a novel core-shell-shell magnetic composite with excellent performance for papain adsorption**

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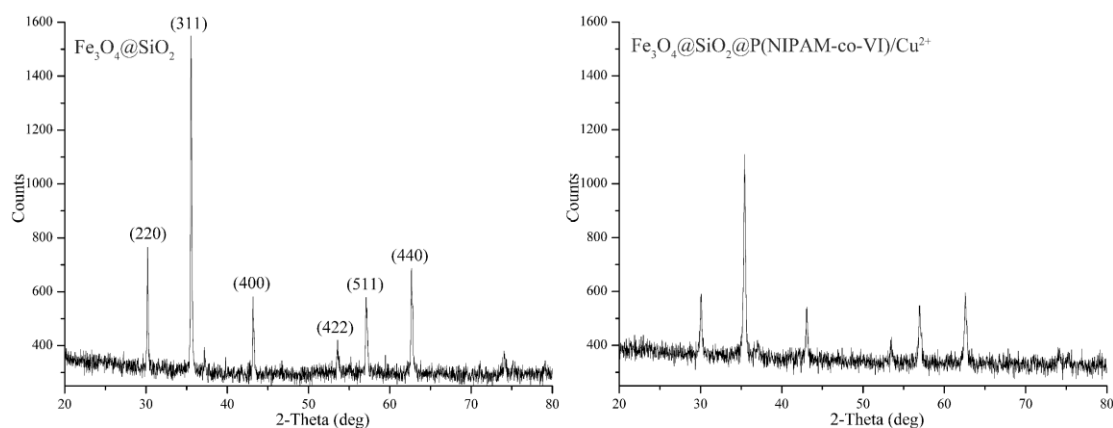


Fig. S1 PXRD spectrum of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{P(NIPAM-co-VI)}/\text{Cu}^{2+}$

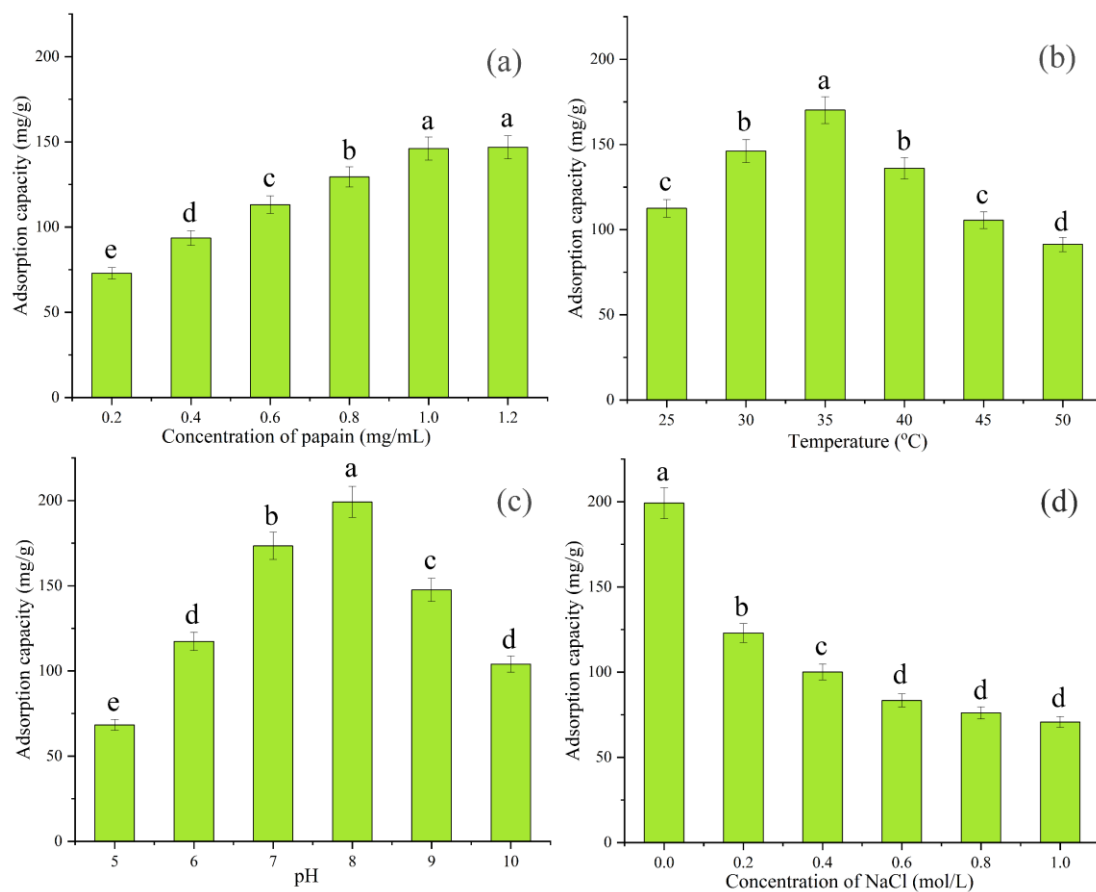


Fig. S2 Effects of the initial concentration of papain (a), temperature (b), pH (c) and concentration of NaCl (d) on the adsorption capacity of papain. Data with different letters show significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ).

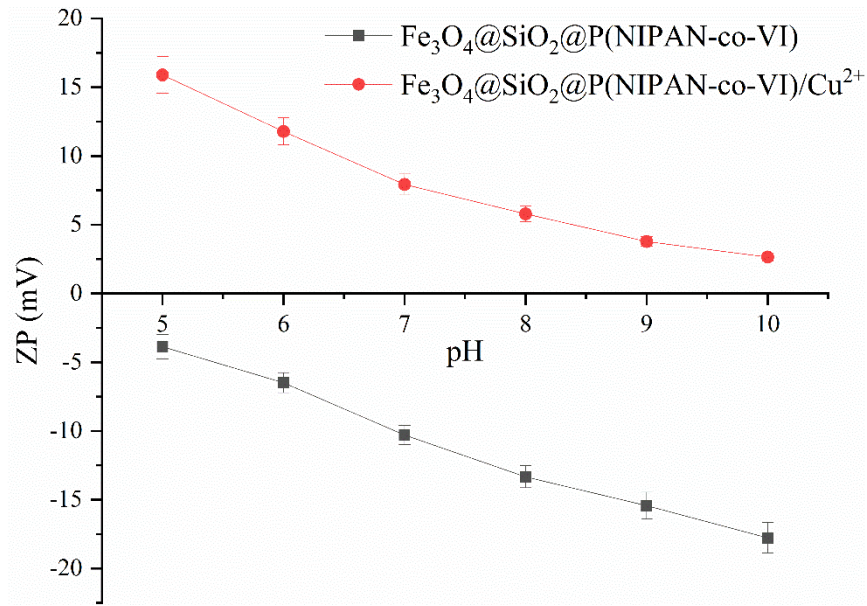


Fig. S3 Zeta-potential of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{P}(\text{NIPAM-co-VI})$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{P}(\text{NIPAM-co-VI})/\text{Cu}^{2+}$  at different pH values

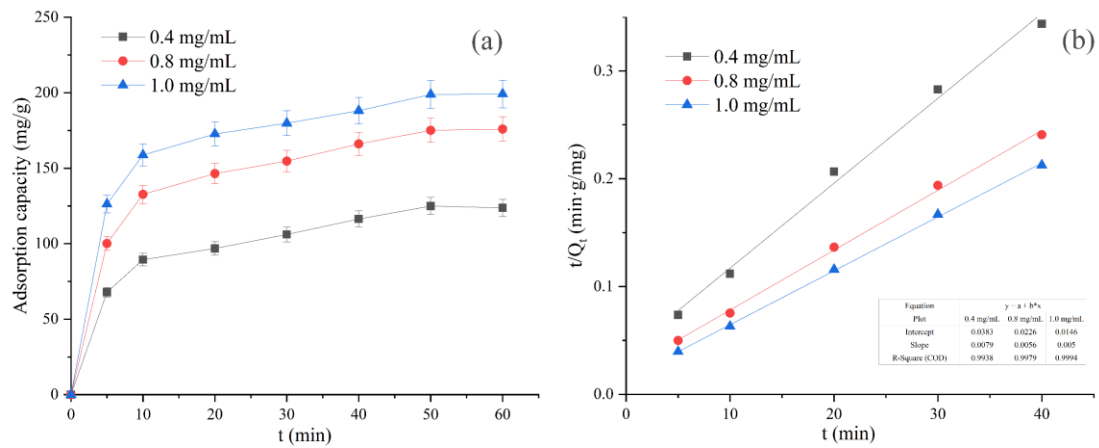


Fig. S4 The adsorption kinetics curves (a) and fitted plots of the pseudo-second order model (b) for the adsorption of papain onto the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2@\text{P}(\text{NIPAM-co-VI})/\text{Cu}^{2+}$

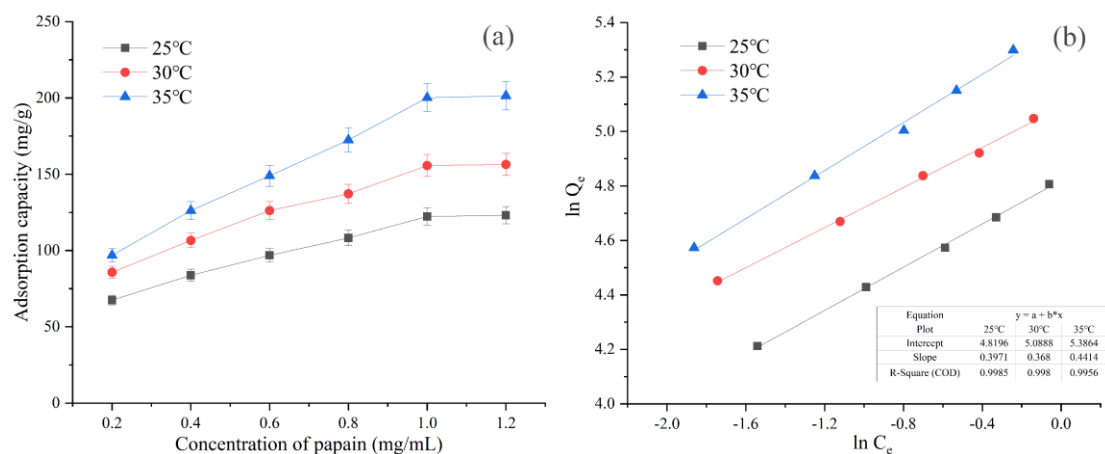


Fig. S5 The adsorption isotherms of papain at 25, 30 and 35°C (a) and the fitted plots of Freundlich equation (b)

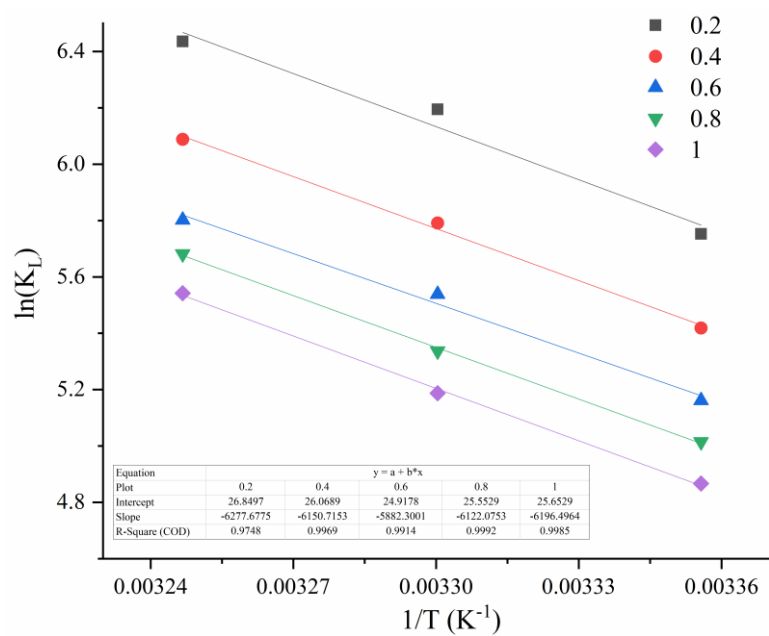


Fig. S6 The fitted plots of  $\ln(K_L)$  to  $1/T$  at different concentration of papain