

Supplementary materials

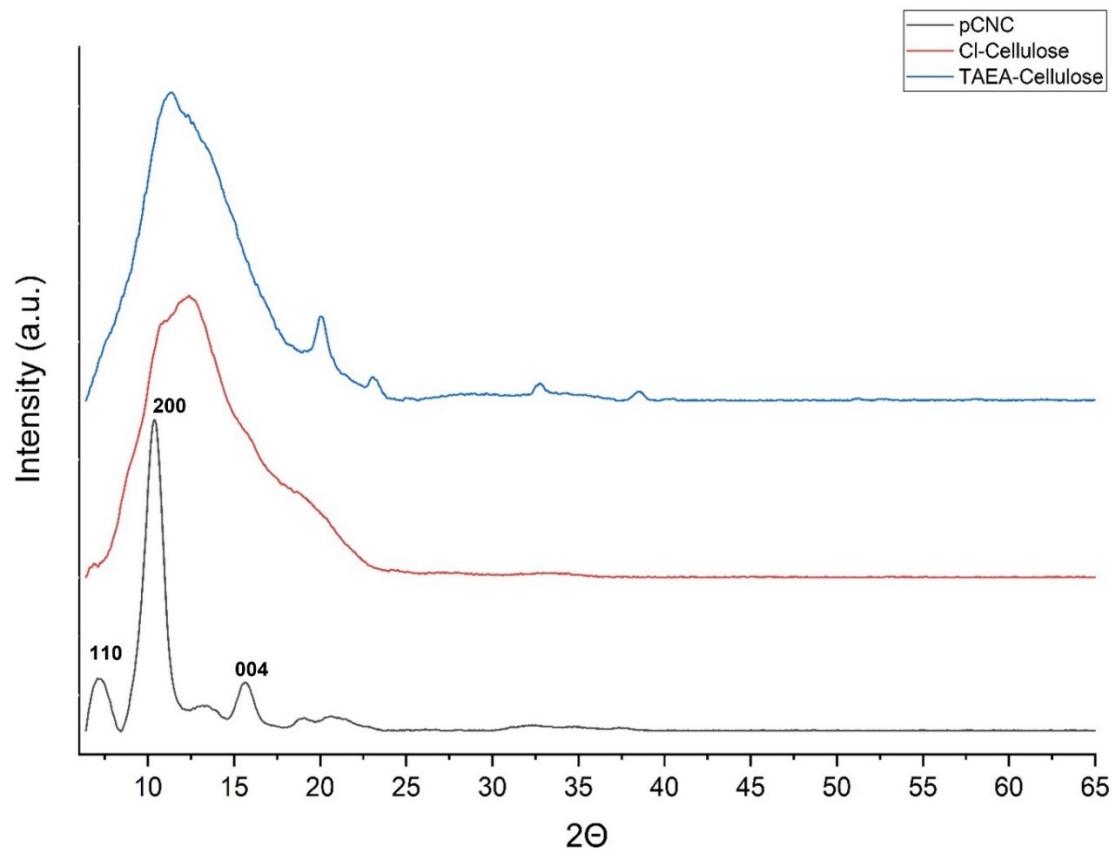
# Tailoring a bio-based adsorbent for sequestration of Late Transition and Rare Earth Elements

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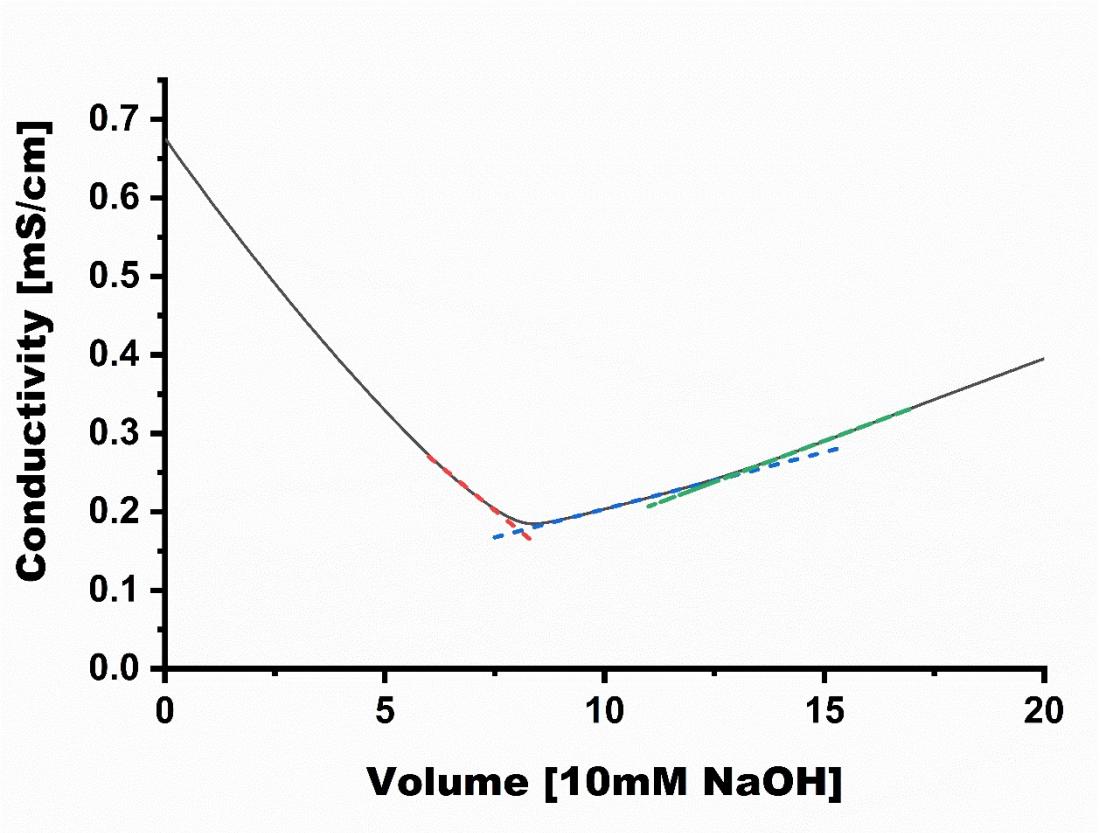
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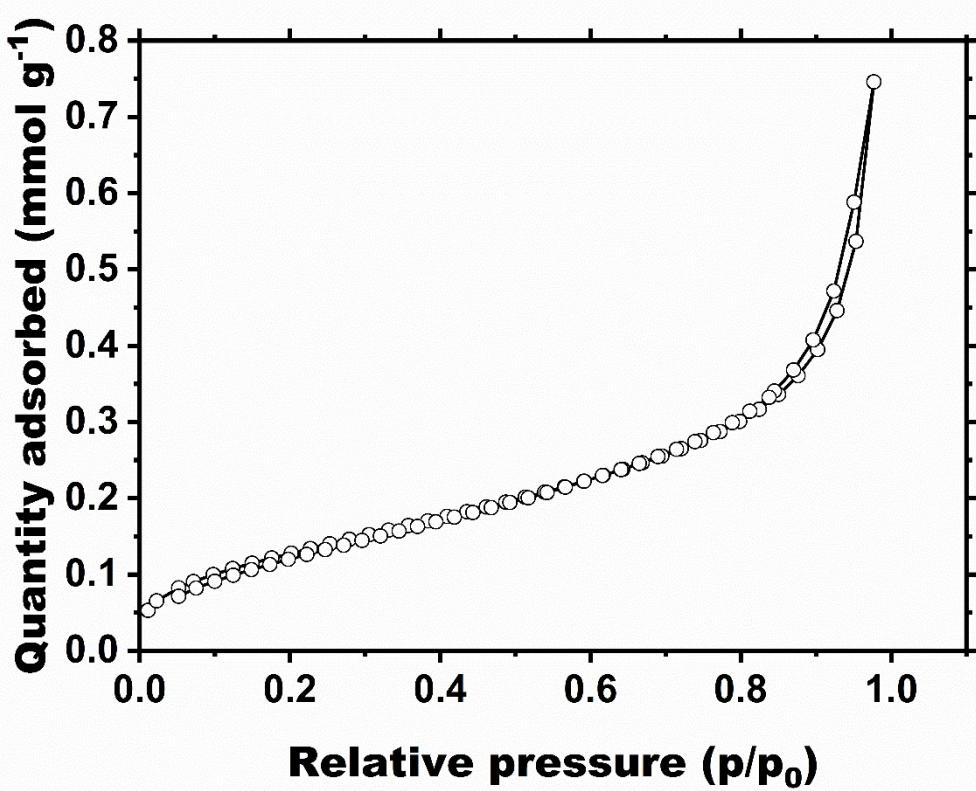
**Figure S1.** X-ray powder diffraction patterns of Pristine nanocellulose derived from cotton via sulfuric acid hydrolysis (black) – Cellulose I, Monoclinic, Space group  $P2_1$ ,  $a = 0.778$  nm,  $b = 0.820$  nm,  $c = 1.038$  nm,  $\gamma = 96.51$  deg,<sup>S1,S2</sup> Cellulose chlorinated in  $SOCl_2$  in DMF (red) and tris(2-aminoethyl)amine modified cellulose.

## References

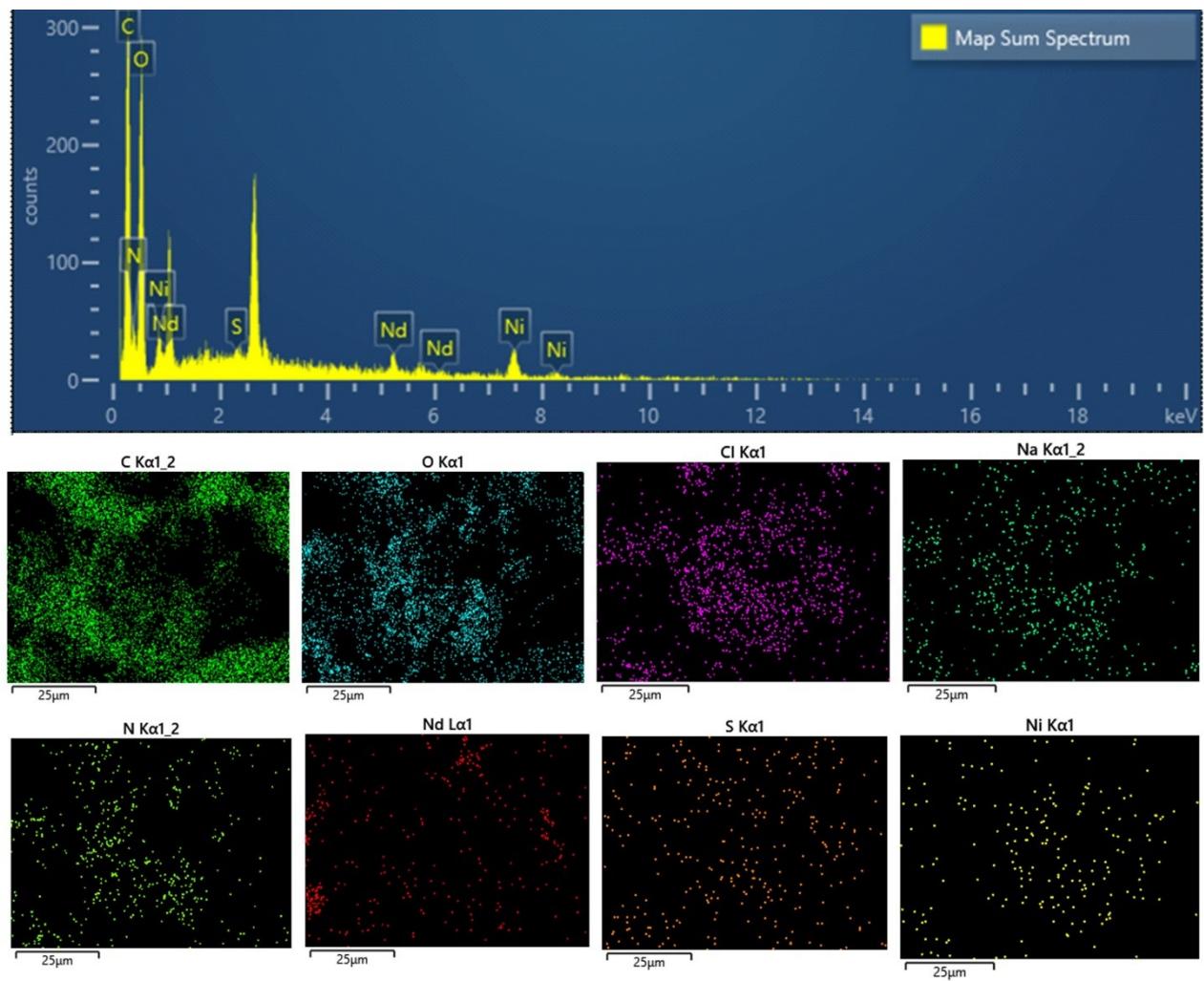
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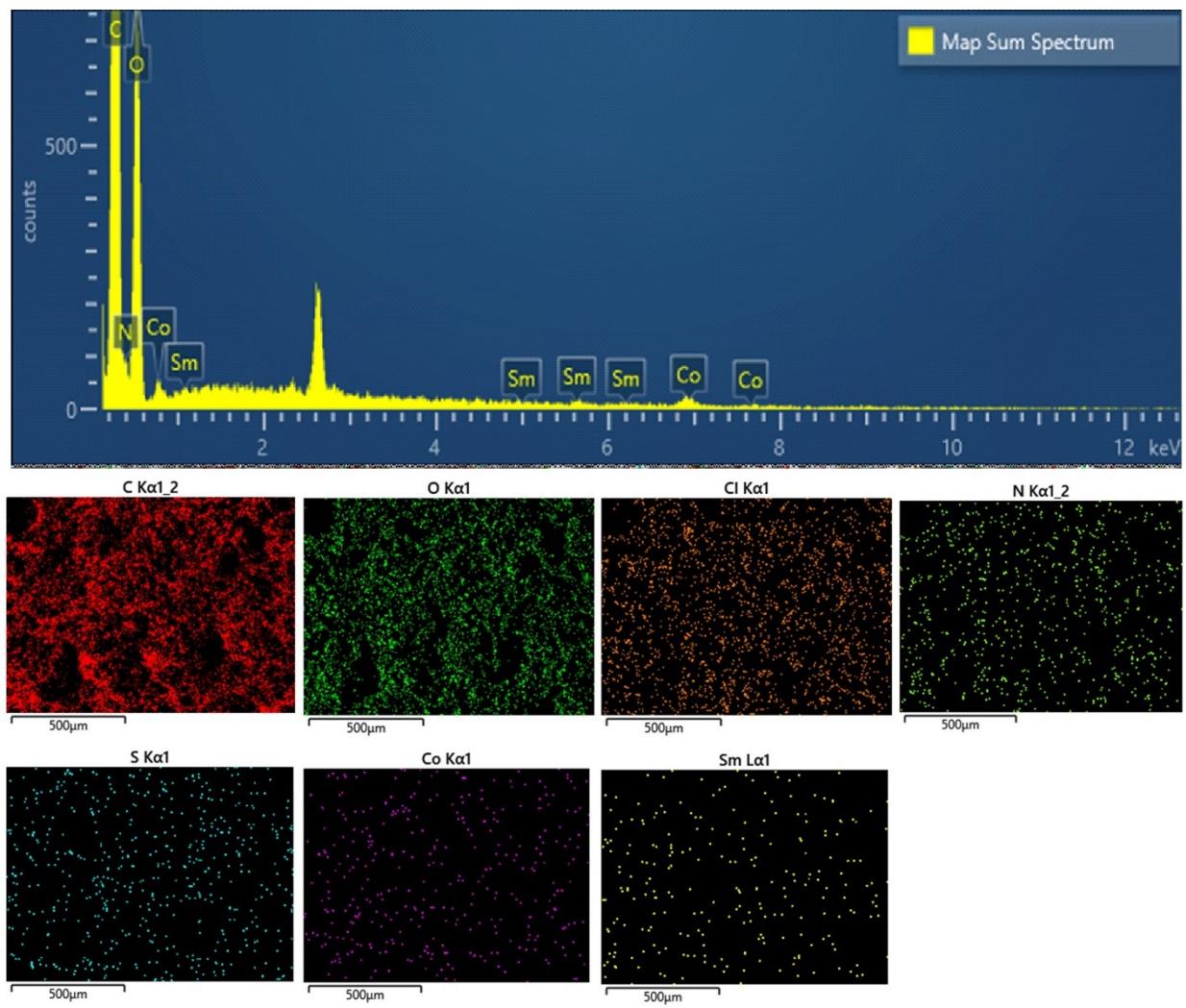
**Figure S2.** Conductometric titration of acidified tris(2-aminoethyl)amine modified cellulose



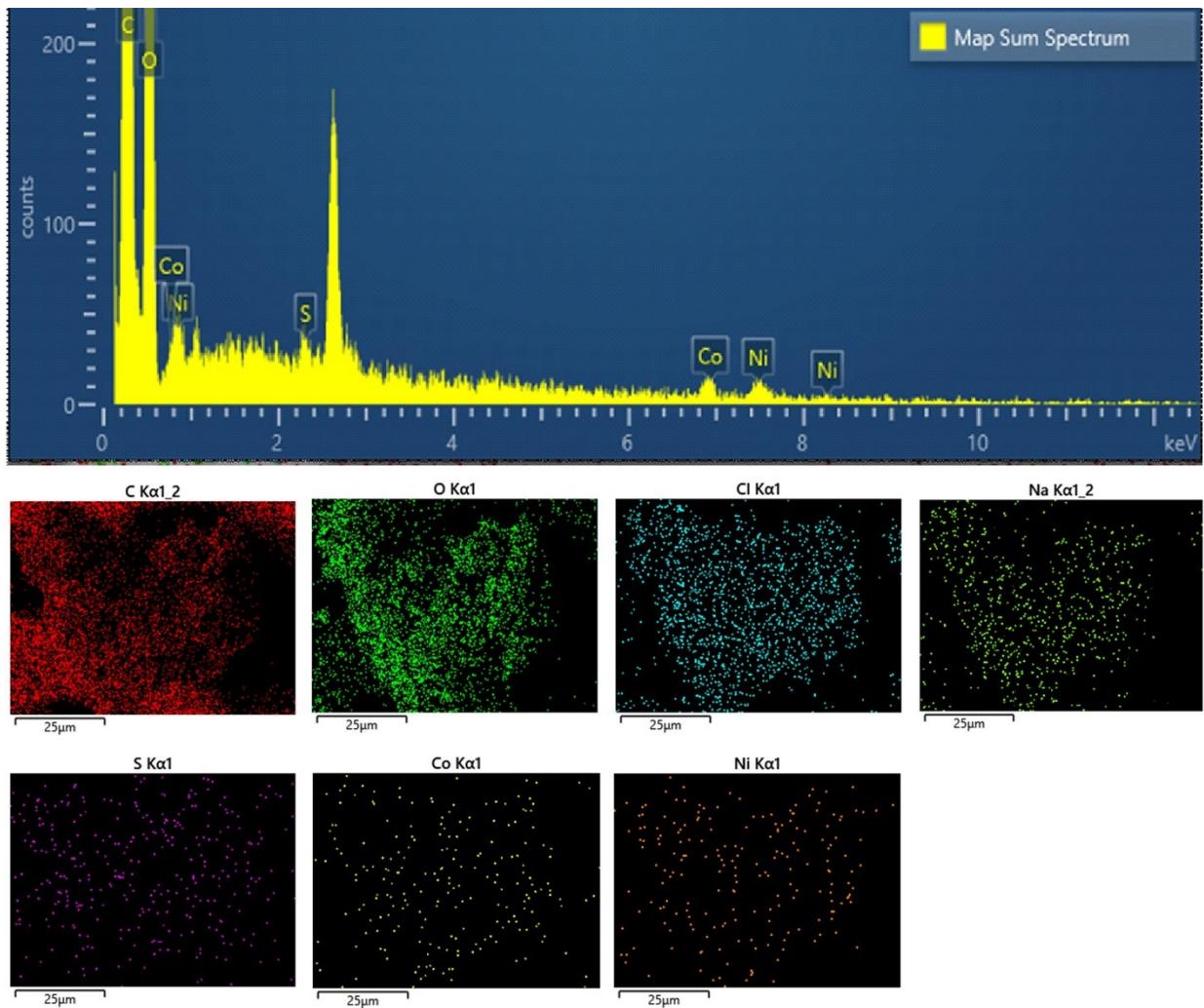
**Figure S3.** The nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherm for the Cellulose-TAEA sample



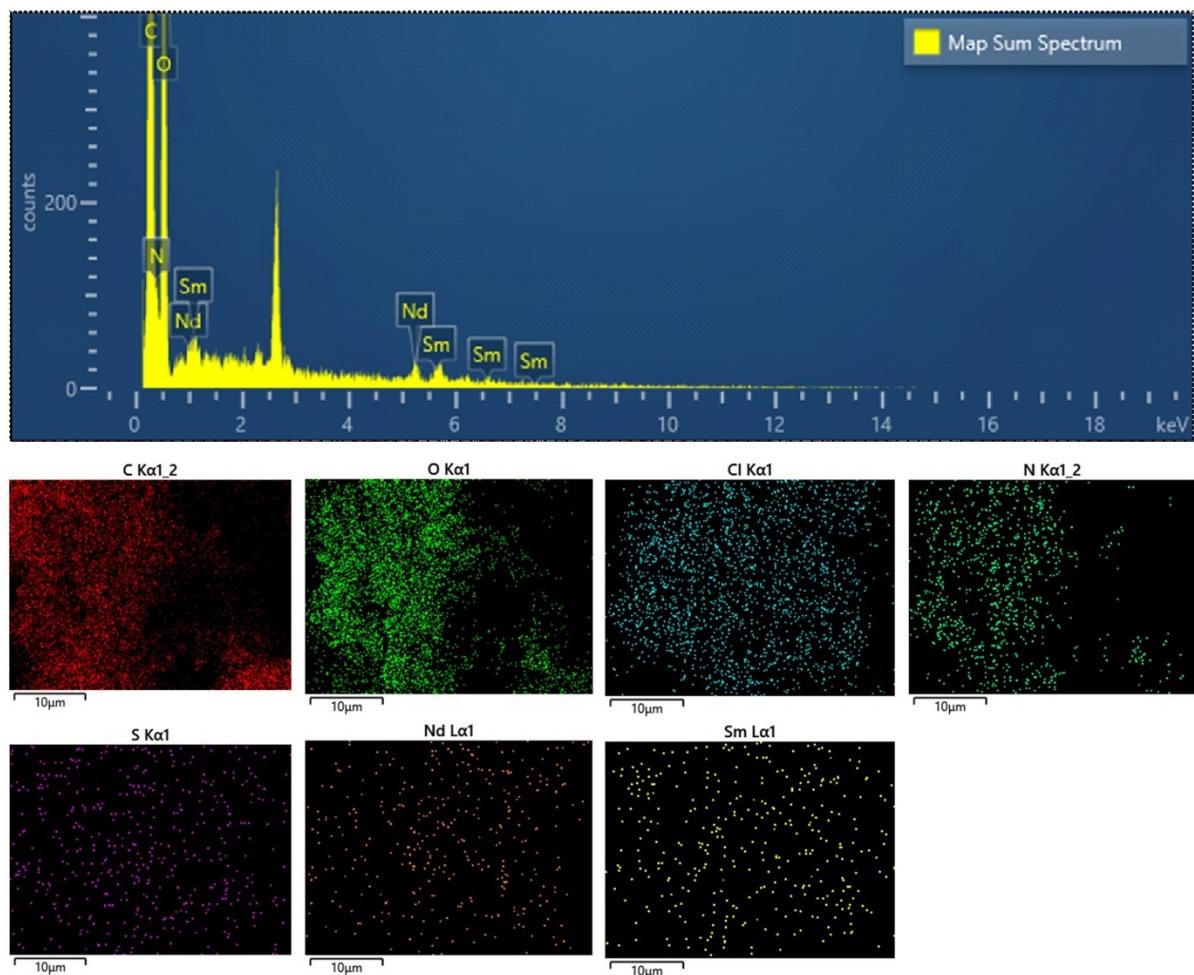
**Figure S4.** EDS map sum spectrum of cellulose-TAEA in the present of a equimolar mixture of Nickel(II) and Neodymium (III). (ca. 2at% Ni, 0.5at% Nd)



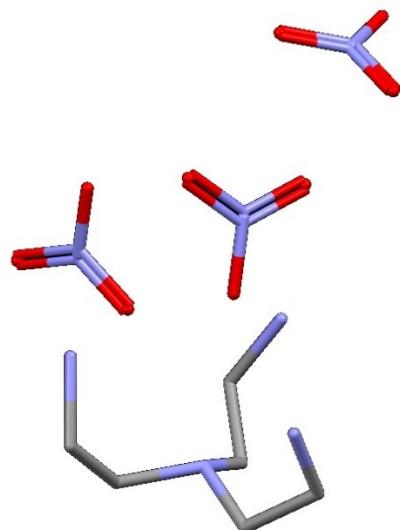
**Figure S5.** EDS map sum spectrum of cellulose-TAEA in the present of a equimolar mixture of Cobalt(II) and Samarium (III). (ca. 0.3 at% Co, 0.07at% Sm)



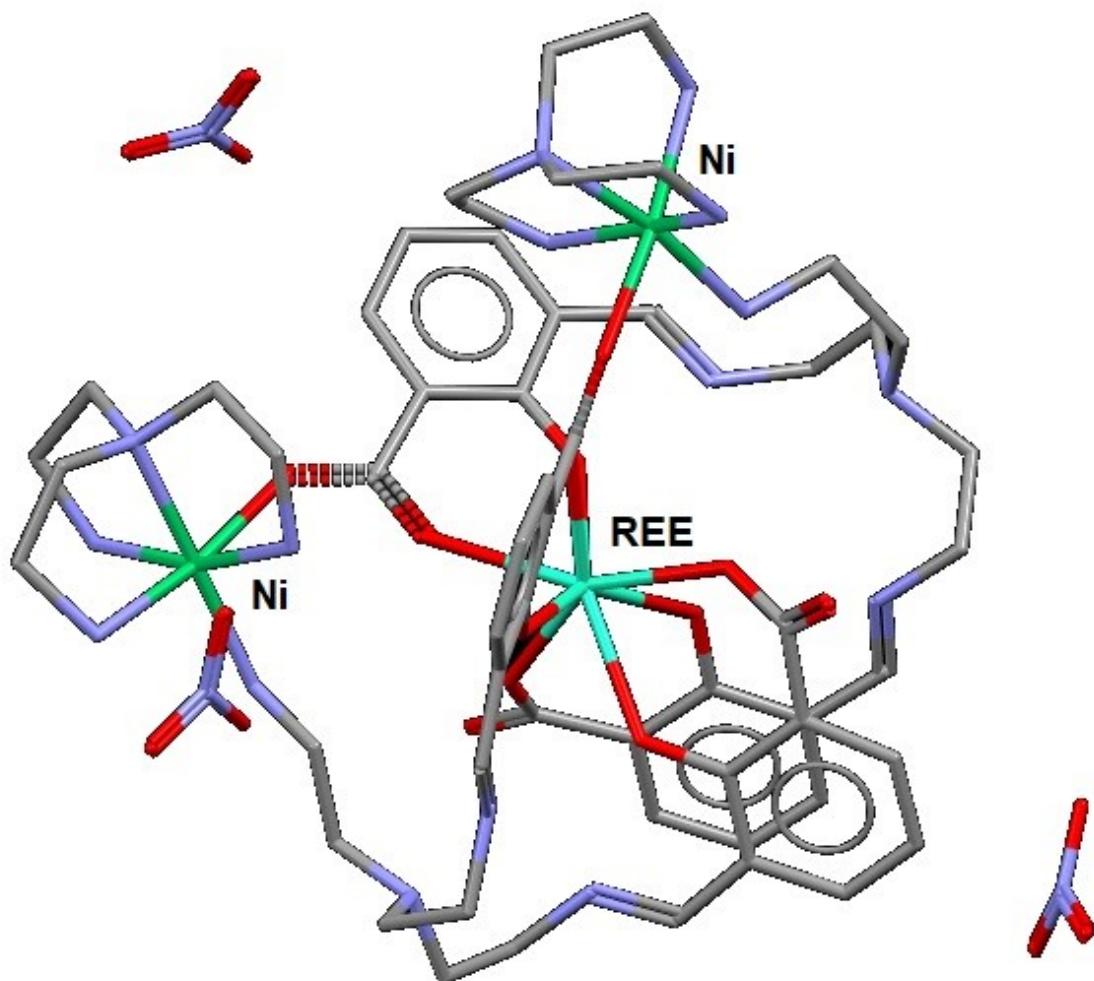
**Figure S6.** EDS map sum spectrum of cellulose-TAEA in the present of a equimolar mixture of Cobalt(II) and Nickel (II). (0.44 at% Co, 0.43 at% Ni).



**Figure S7.** EDS map sum spectrum of cellulose-TAEA in the present of a equimolar mixture of Neodynium(III) and Samarium (III). (0.23 at% Nd, 0.19at% Sm).



**Figure S8.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{NH}_3)_3](\text{NO}_3)_3$ , compound **(2)**, generated by CCDC Mercury program using the data of ref. 52.



**Figure S9.** Molecular structure of  $\text{REE}\{\text{Ni}(\text{TAEA})(\text{H}_2\text{L})\}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ , generated by CCDC Mercury program using the data of ref. 53.

Table TS1. pH-dependent desorption of Co, Ni, Sm, Nd from Tris(2-aminoethyl)amine modified-cellulose

	<b>Co</b>	<b>Ni</b>	<b>Sm</b>	<b>Nd</b>
pH 0	42%	69%	51%	52%
pH 1	34%	63%	49%	54%
pH 2	29%	59%	29%	47%
pH 3	20%	29%	14%	12%
pH 4	4%	7%	15%	4%
pH 5	0%	0%	0%	0%

Table TS2. Unit cell determination of the  $[N(C_2H_4NH_3)_3](NO_3)_3$  compound (**2**).

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