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Biomass derived cellulose nanofibers and iron oxide based

nanohybrids for thermal insulation application

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Samples	Zeta Potential (mV)	
NFC	- 30 ±3.2	

Table S2: Table of Surface area and pore volume of CNF and CNF nanohybrid by one-pot

 synthesis. Obtained from desorption isotherm by BJH method.

Sample	Surface Area S _{BET} (m ² g ⁻¹)	pore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹)
CNF	22.066	0.051
iron oxide@CNF-	5.522	0.017
2%		
iron oxide@CNF-	11.295	0.025
5%		
iron oxide@CNF -	19.850	0.038
7%		
iron oxide@CNF-	16.391	0.044
10%		



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