

## Supporting Information

### **Room-temperature synthesis of Zr-UiO-66 metal-organic frameworks via mechanochemical pretreatment for the rapid removal of EDTA-chelated copper from water**

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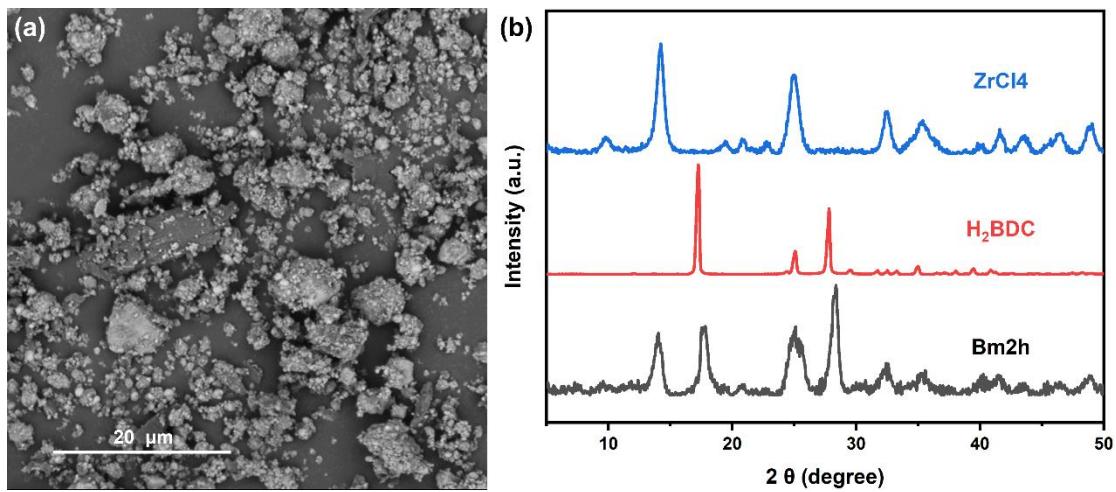
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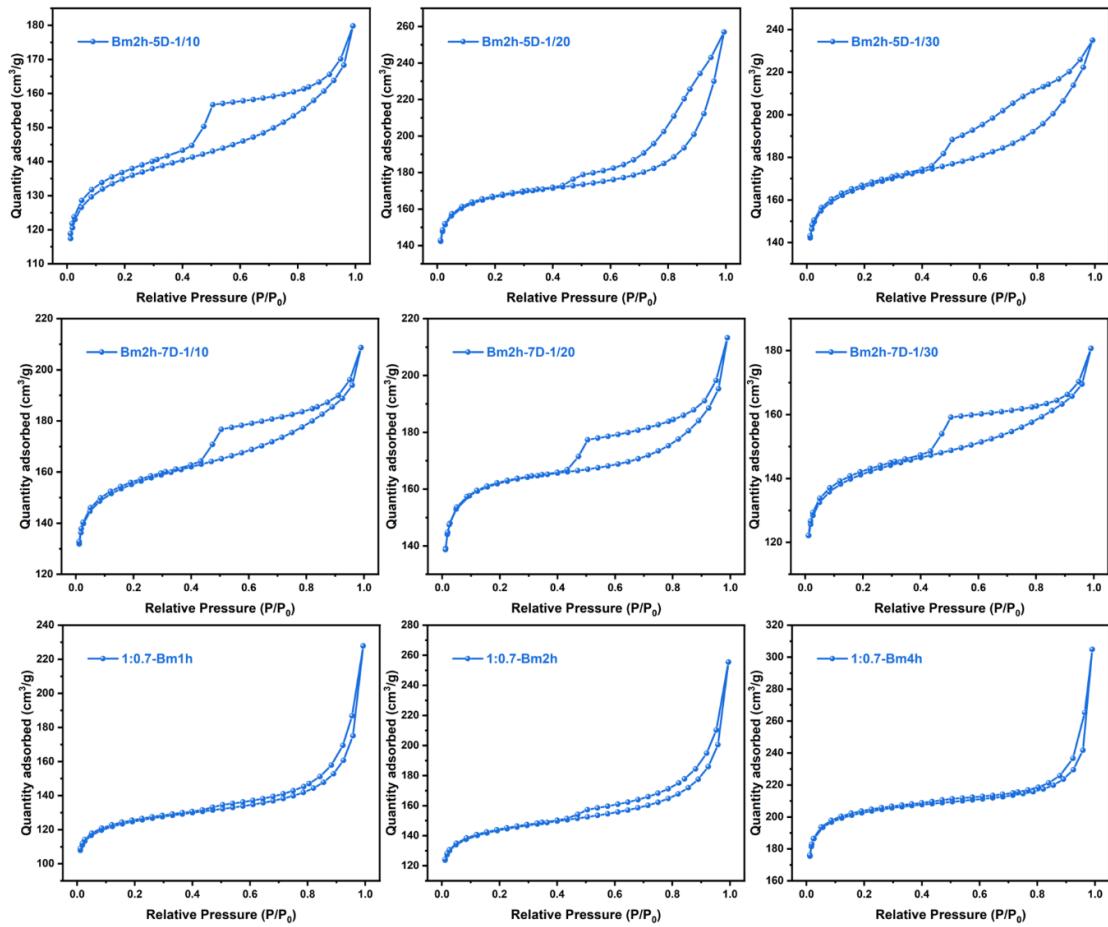
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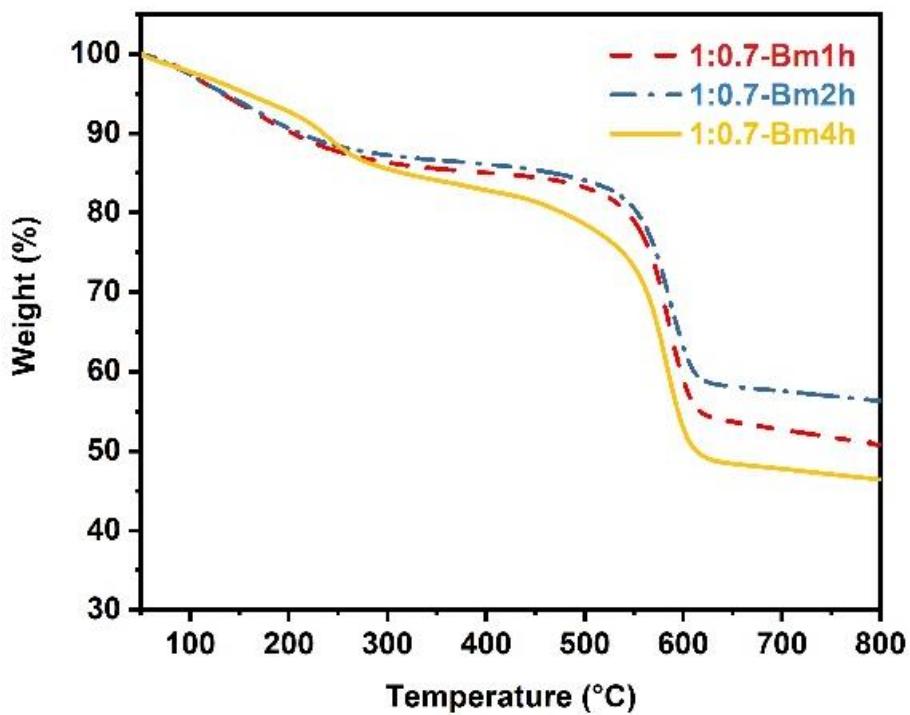
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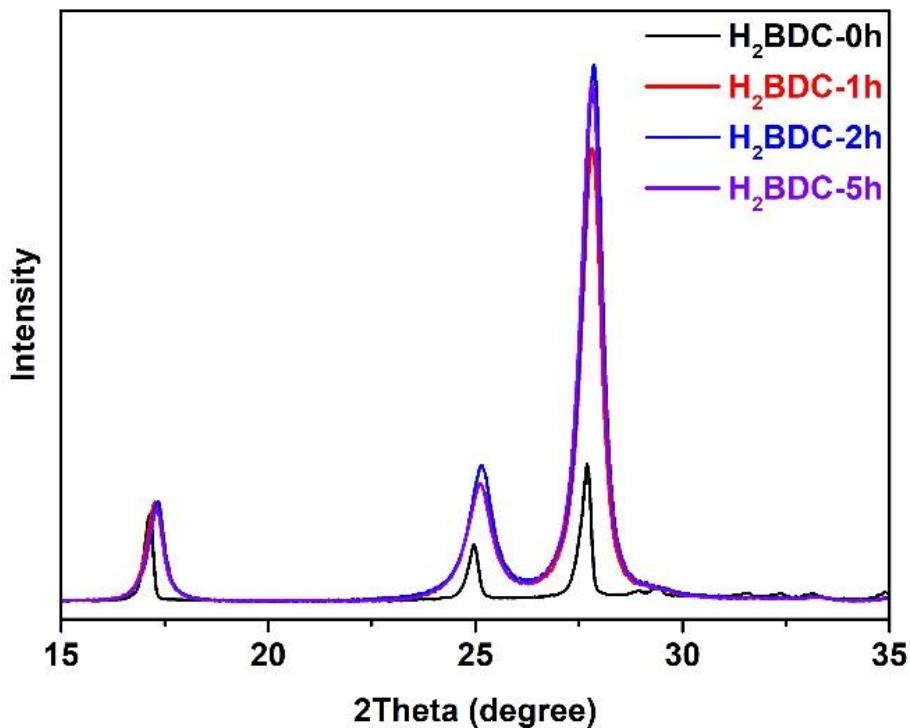
**Figure S1.** SEM image (a) and XRD patterns (b) of reactive mixture after ball milling.



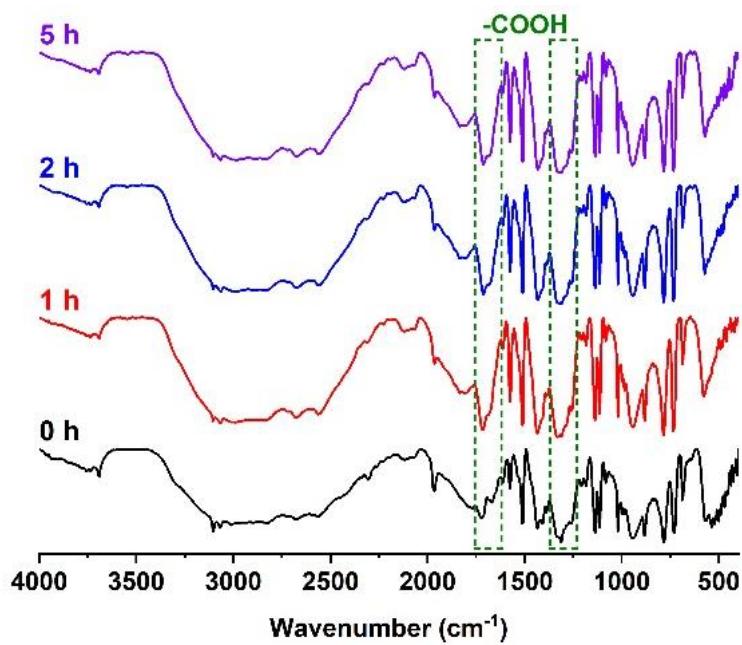
**Figure S2.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherm of UiO-66(Zr) obtained under different synthetic conditions.



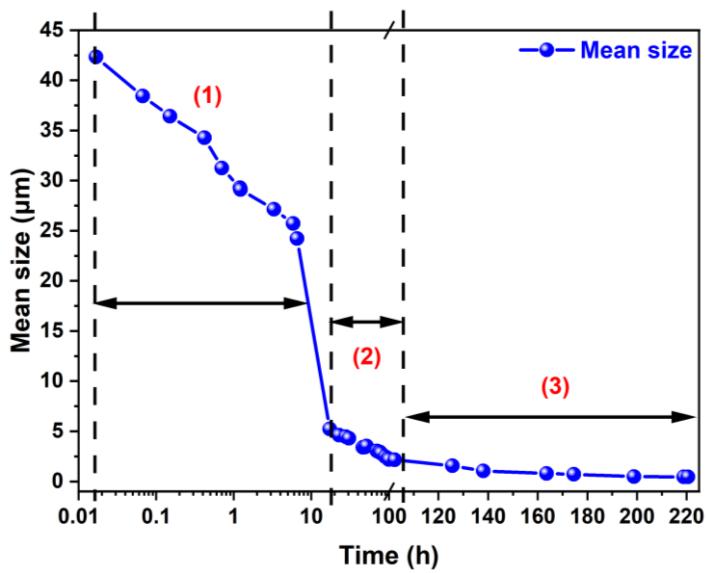
**Figure S3.** TGA curves of as-synthesized UiO-66(Zr) under optimized synthetic conditions (1:0.7) at different ball milling pretreatment durations.



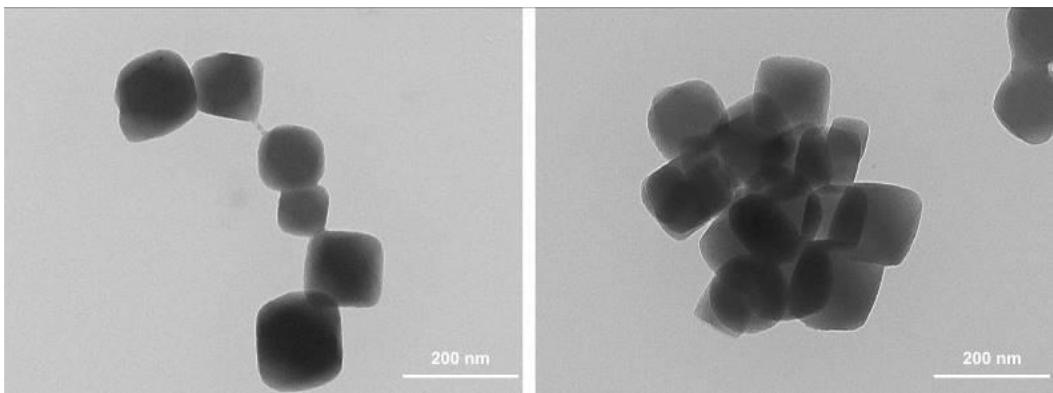
**Figure S4.** XRD patterns of terephthalic acid for different ball-milling time.



**Figure S5.** FT-IR patterns of terephthalic acid for different ball milling hours.



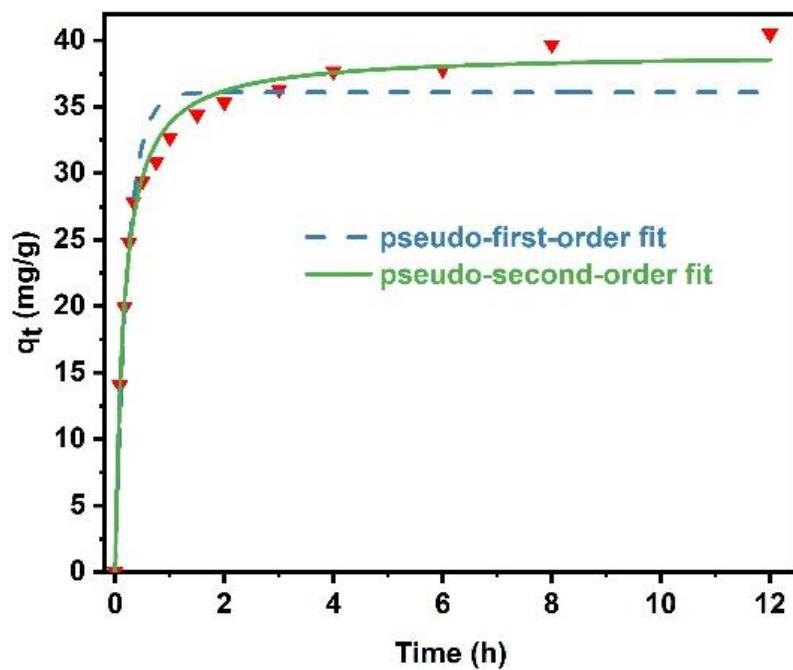
**Figure S6.** Temporal evolution of mean particle size during the synthesis. The pattern of the mean particle size change corresponds to three stages of the ethanol phase reaction: (1) initial dispersion (0–10 h), (2) mid-term release (10–100 h), and (3) late growth (100–220 h).



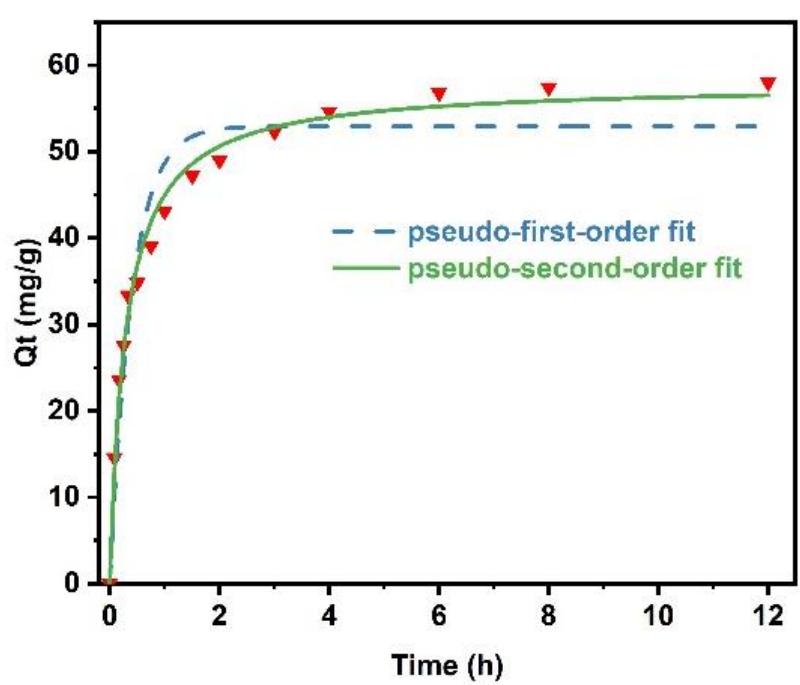
**Figure S7.** TEM images of UiO-66(Zr)-mw.

**Table S1.** Textural properties of UiO-66(Zr)-rm and UiO-66(Zr)-mw.

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	S <sub>Langmuir</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	V <sub>micro</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>meso</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	V <sub>T</sub> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)
UiO-66(Zr)-mw	1122.5	1244.5	0.378	0.228	0.487
UiO-66(Zr)-rm	709.8	898.7	0.180	0.500	0.680



**Figure S8.** Adsorption kinetics of EDTA-Cu<sup>II</sup> on UiO-66(Zr)-rm.



**Figure S9.** Adsorption kinetics of EDTA-Cu<sup>II</sup> onto UiO-66(Zr)-mw

**Table S2.** Comparison of the key parameters for the adsorptive removal of Cu-EDTA between UiO-66(Zr)-mw, UiO-66(Zr)-rm and other reported sorbents

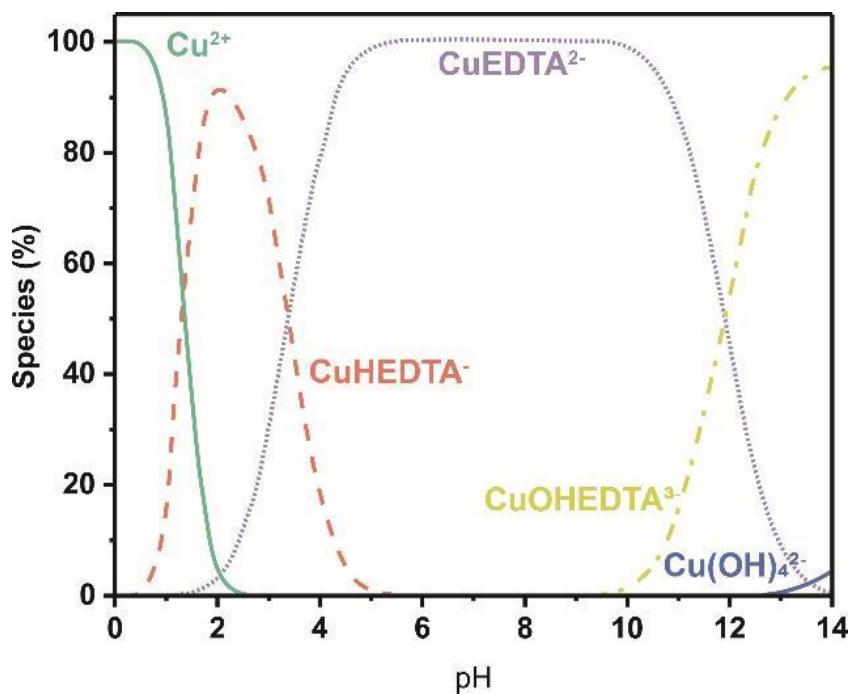
Adsorbent	BET	Initial	Pseudo Second			Reference
	Surface Area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Testing pH	Concentr (mg/L)	Langmuir Model	Order Adsorption k <sup>2</sup> (g/(mg·min)) Capacity(mg/g)	
UiO-66(Zr)-rm	710	6	10	39	0.16	This work
UiO-66(Zr)-mw	1123	6	10	58	0.06	This work
Amino-Functionalized Mesoporous Silica	295	5.5	35.2	26.3	-	<sup>1</sup>
Granular Activated Carbon	1000	5	111	8.9	-	<sup>2</sup>
Green Rust	78	8	128	126	0.008	<sup>3</sup>
Fe/Zr pillared Montmorillonite	121	6	20	15.5	0.12	<sup>4</sup>
Chitosan	94.7	5	45.9	19.7	-	<sup>5</sup>

**Table S3.** The kinetic parameters for the adsorption of EDTA-Cu<sup>II</sup> on UiO-66(Zr)-rm and UiO-66(Zr)-rm.

Adsorbent	Pseudo first order			Pseudo second order		
	k <sub>1</sub>	q <sub>e</sub>	R <sup>2</sup>	k <sub>2</sub>	q <sub>e</sub>	R <sup>2</sup>
UiO-66(Zr)-rm	4.44	36.09	0.951	0.16	39.04	0.991
UiO-66(Zr)-mw	2.52	52.94	0.941	0.06	57.87	0.990

**Table S4.** Modeling parameters obtained by fitting of Langmuir and Freundlich equation.

Adsorbent	Langmuir			Freundlich		
	q <sub>m</sub>	b	R <sup>2</sup>	K <sub>f</sub>	n	R <sup>2</sup>
UiO-66(Zr)-rm	43.13	11.90	0.931	33.02	7.83	0.893



**Figure S10.** Distribution of EDTA-Cu<sup>II</sup> species under different pH.

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