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**Title:** Assessment of halloysite clay nanotubes as adsorbents for removing tetracycline hydrochloride from contaminated aqueous systems via experimental study and SQM calculations.

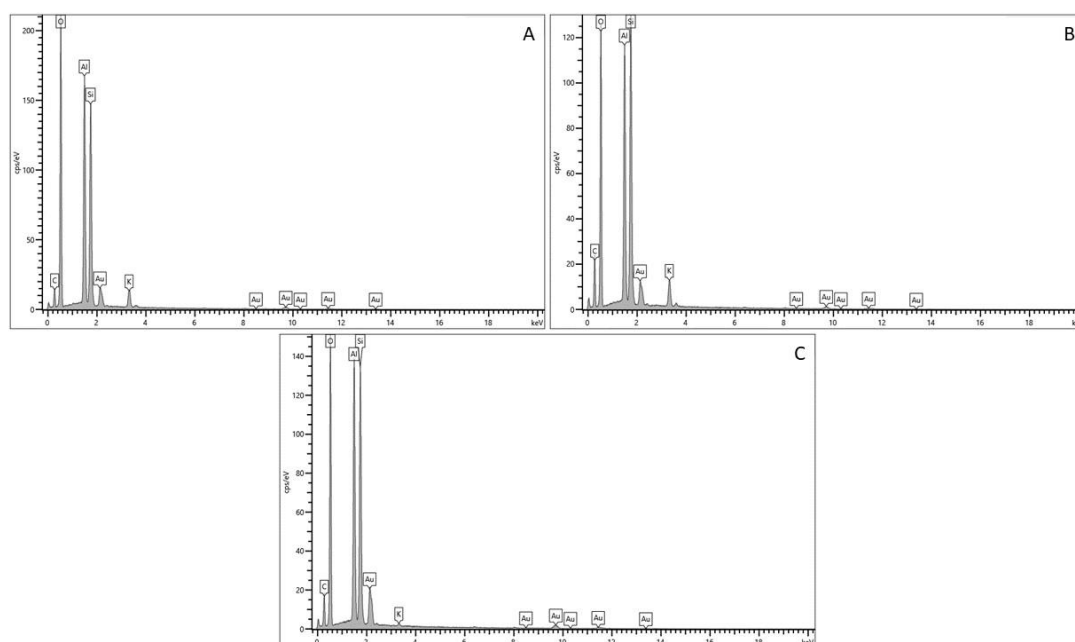
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# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL ES1

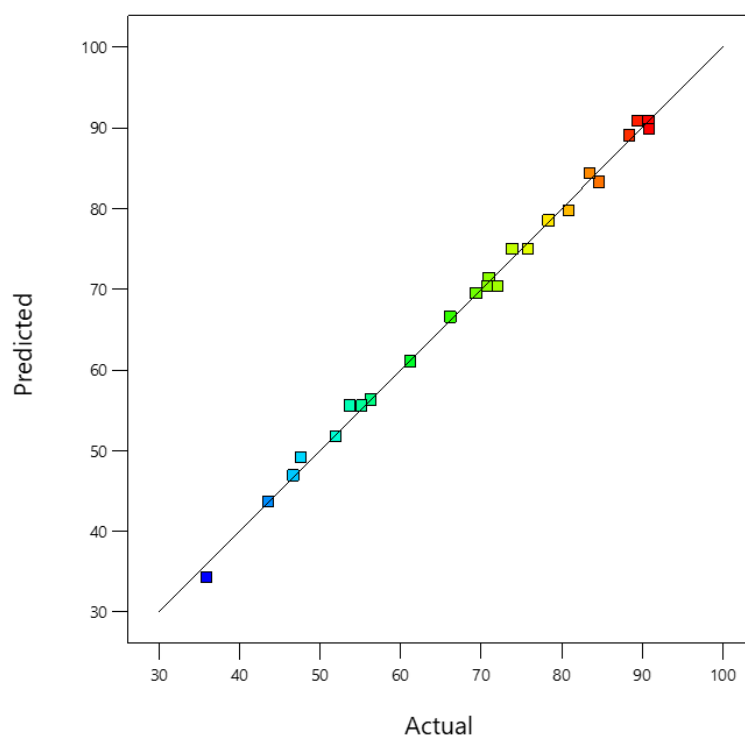
**Table S1:** Band assignments of vibrations of halloysite FTIR spectra.

| Vibrations                              | Wavelength (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Stretching of the O-H outer surface     | 3692                           |
| O-H internal stretch                    | 3621                           |
| C-H <sub>2</sub> symmetric stretch      | 2930                           |
| O-H deformation in H <sub>2</sub> O     | 1653                           |
| C-H <sub>3</sub> deformation (scissors) | 1266                           |
| Si-O-Si angular deformation             | 998                            |
| Al <sub>2</sub> -OH deformation         | 910                            |
| O-H vibrations                          | 755                            |
| Si-O-Si angular deformation             | 684                            |
| Al-O-Si out-of-plane deformation        | 529                            |
| Si-O deformation                        | 458                            |

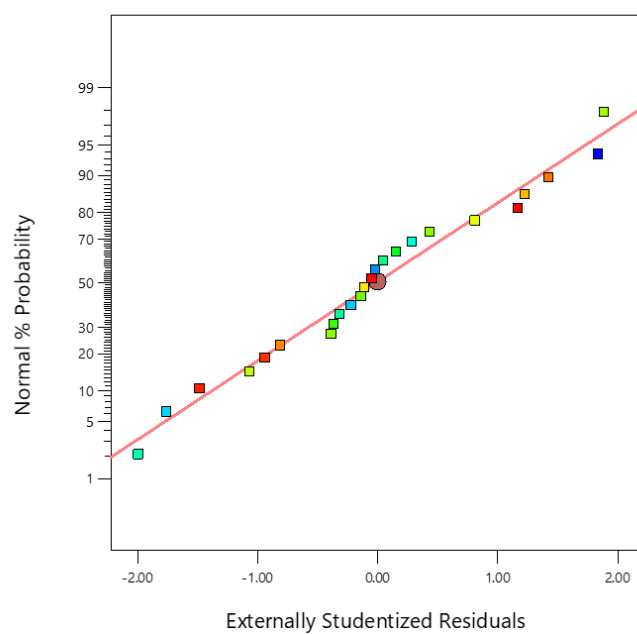
**Figure S1:** EDX mapping images for (A) Hal; (B) Hal-A1 and (C) Hal-A5.



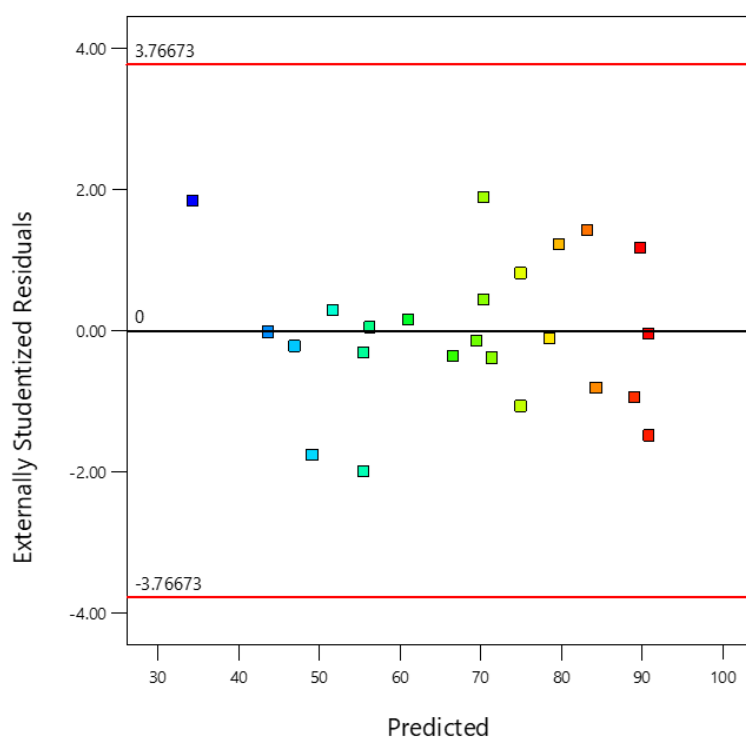
**Figure S2:** Adsorption graph (%) predicted versus real.



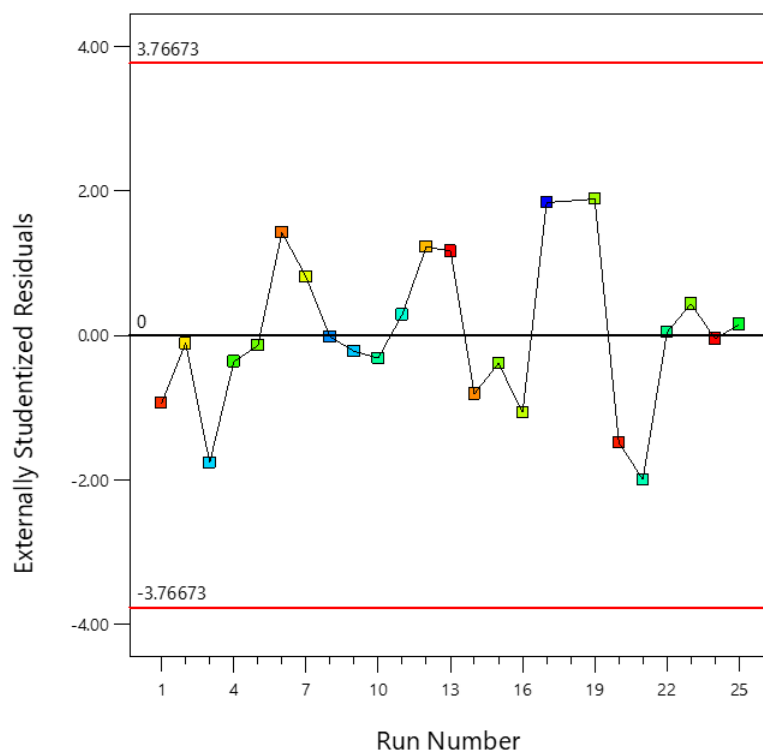
**Figure S3:** Adsorption graph normal plot of residuals.



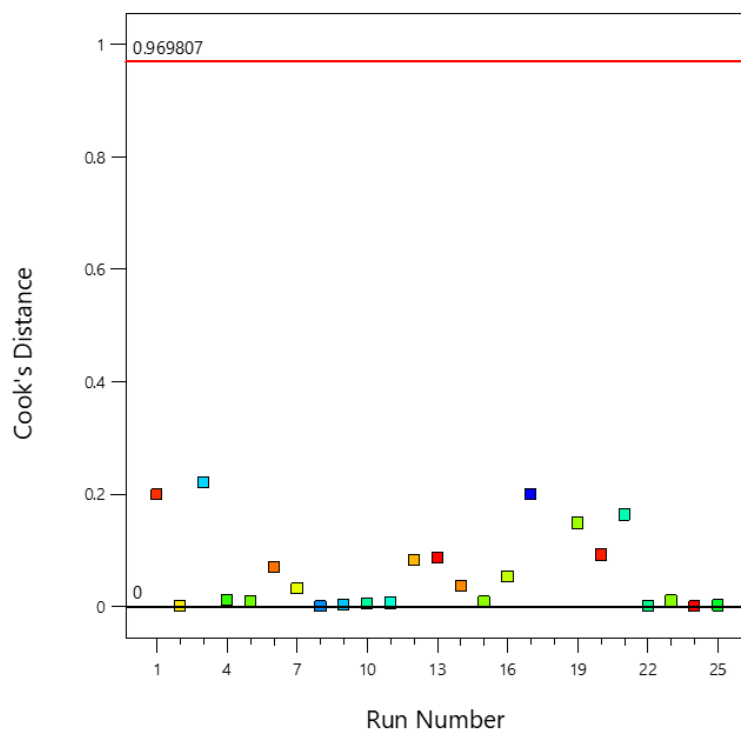
**Figure S4:** Adsorption graph residuals versus Predicted.



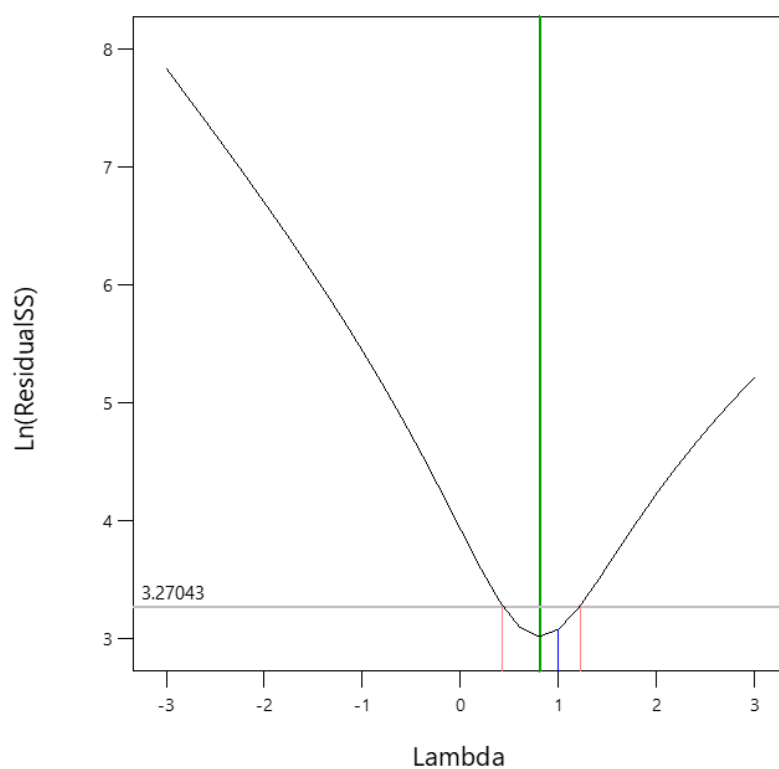
**Figure S5:** Adsorption graph residual versus run.



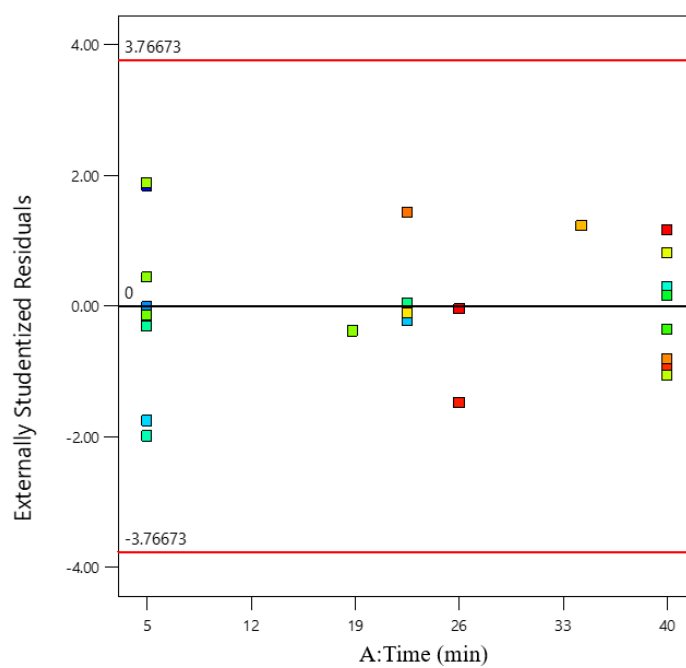
**Figure S6:** Adsorption graph cook's distance



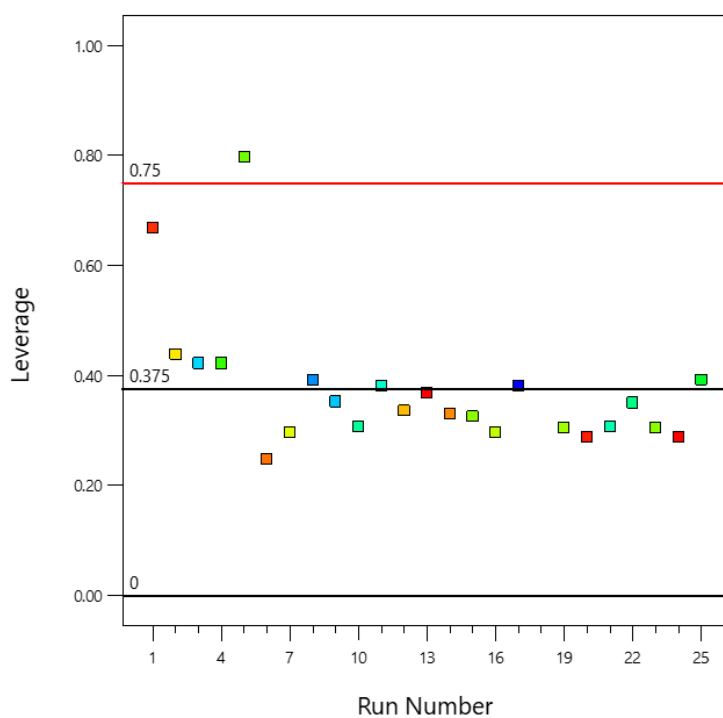
**Figure S7:** Adsorption graph Box-Cox plot for power transforms.



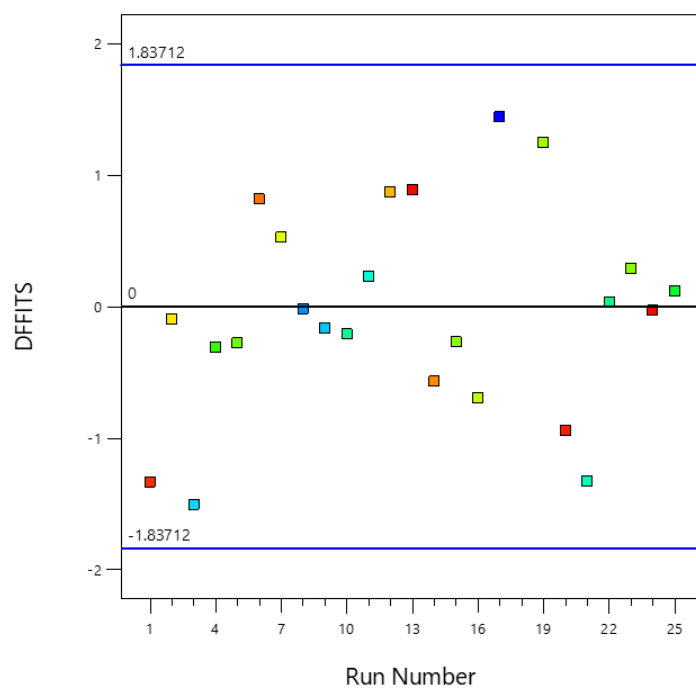
**Figure S8:** Adsorption graph residual versus A:time (min)



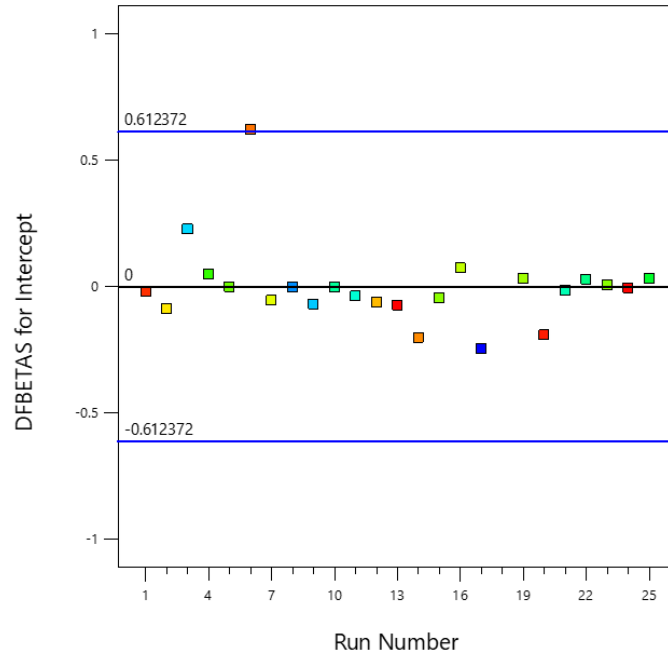
**Figure S9:** Adsorption graph Leverage versus run.



**Figure S10:** Adsorption graph DFFITS versus RUN.



**Figure S11:** Adsorption graph DFBETAS for Intercept versus run.



$$Ads(Hal - N) = -21,840 + 1,073A + 227,929B - 0,013A^2 - 192,259B^2 \quad \text{Eq. S1}$$

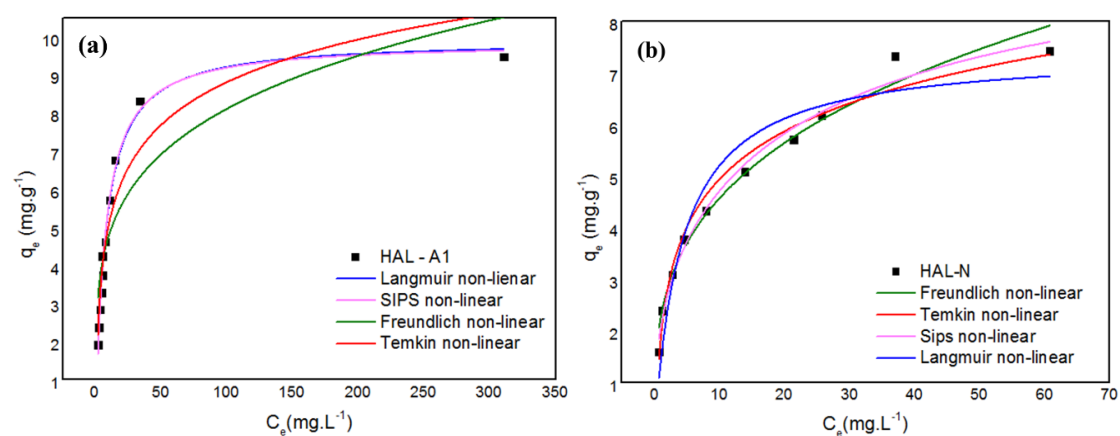
$$Ads(Hal - A1) = 1,883 + 1,219A + 227,929B - 0,013A^2 - 192,259B^2 \quad \text{Eq. S2}$$

$$Ads(Hal - A5) = -0,887 + 1,131A + 227,929B - 0,013A^2 - 192,259B^2 \quad \text{Eq. S3}$$

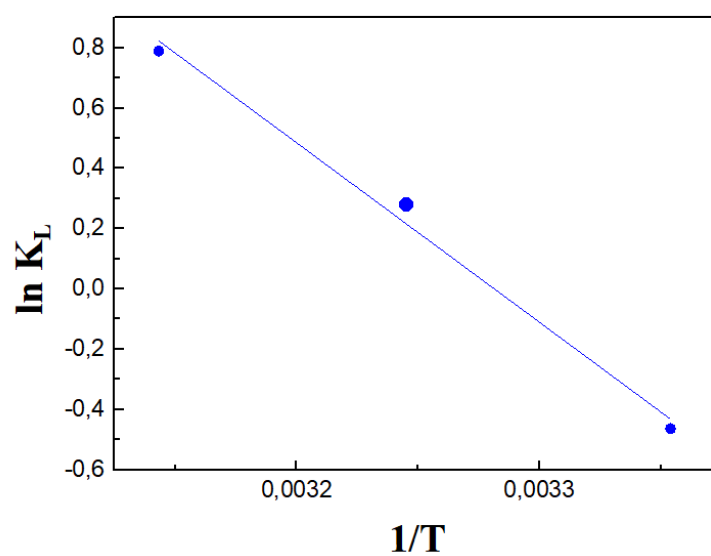
**Table S2:** Parameters of the isotherms for drug adsorption using Hal and Hal-A1 in  
298.15 K.

| Isotherms parameters                                              | Hal    | Hal-A1 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>Langmuir</b>                                                   |        |        |
| $q_m$ (mg.g <sup>-1</sup> )                                       | 7.428  | 9.929  |
| $K_L$ (L.mg <sup>-1</sup> )                                       | 0.234  | 0.130  |
| $R^2$                                                             | 0.925  | 0.990  |
| <b>Freundlich</b>                                                 |        |        |
| $K_F$ (mg.g <sup>-1</sup> (mg.L <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>-1/n</sup> ) | 2.268  | 2.836  |
| P                                                                 | 3.285  | 4.344  |
| $R^2$                                                             | 0.9758 | 0.775  |
| <b>Sips</b>                                                       |        |        |
| $Q_{\text{máx}}$ (mg.g <sup>-1</sup> )                            | 9.895  | 9.882  |
| $K_S$ ((mg.L <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>-1/n</sup> )                    | 0.016  | 0.147  |
| N                                                                 | 0.379  | 1.079  |
| $R^2$                                                             | 0.9832 | 0.9896 |
| <b>Temkin</b>                                                     |        |        |
| A                                                                 | 3.994  | 2.376  |
| B                                                                 | 1.340  | 1.613  |
| $R^2$                                                             | 0.9755 | 0.9058 |

**Figure S12:** Isotherm models for drug removal in aqueous solutions using Hal-A1 (A)  
and Hal (B).



**Figure S13:** Van't Hoff plot of tetracycline adsorption with Hal-A1.



**Figure S14:** Reuse of (a) Hal and (b) Hal-A1 after tetracycline adsorption cycles.

