Supporting information for

Two-step self-assembly of iron oxide into three-dimensional hollow magnetic porous microspheres and their toxic ion adsorption mechanism

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Fig. S1 XRD patterns of the intermediate products synthesized at the initial stage.



Fig. S2. TEM images of the nanosheets resulted from the self-assembly of the nanoparticles and the nanoneedles. The red circles present the nanoparticles.



Fig. S3. SEM images of the products prepared without using EG.



Fig. S4. SEM images of the products prepared with different volume ratios of EG and

water.



Fig. S5. SEM images of the products prepared with different concentrations. (a), (b)

0.050 mol/L; (c), (d) 0.075 mol/L; (e), (f) 0.20 mol/L.