

**Supporting Information**

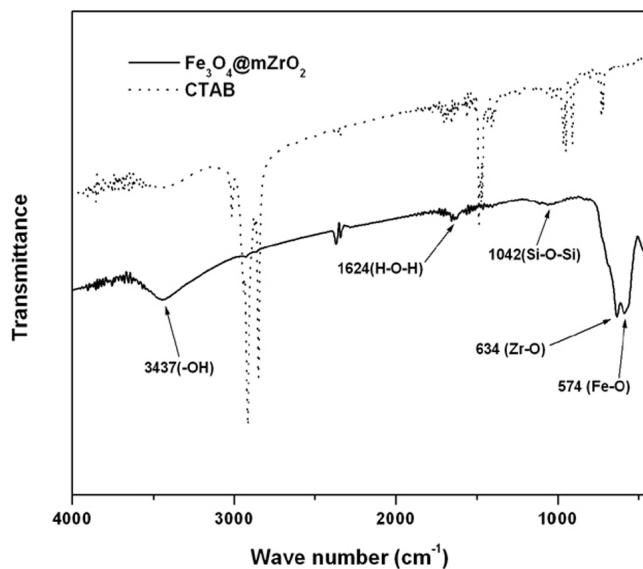
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**Design of A New Nanostructure Comprising Mesoporous ZrO<sub>2</sub> Shell and Magnetite Core (Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@mZrO<sub>2</sub>) and Study of Its Phosphate Ion Separation Efficiency**

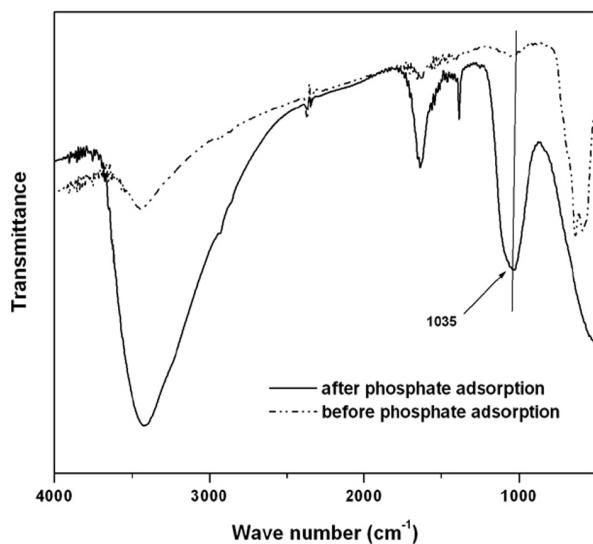
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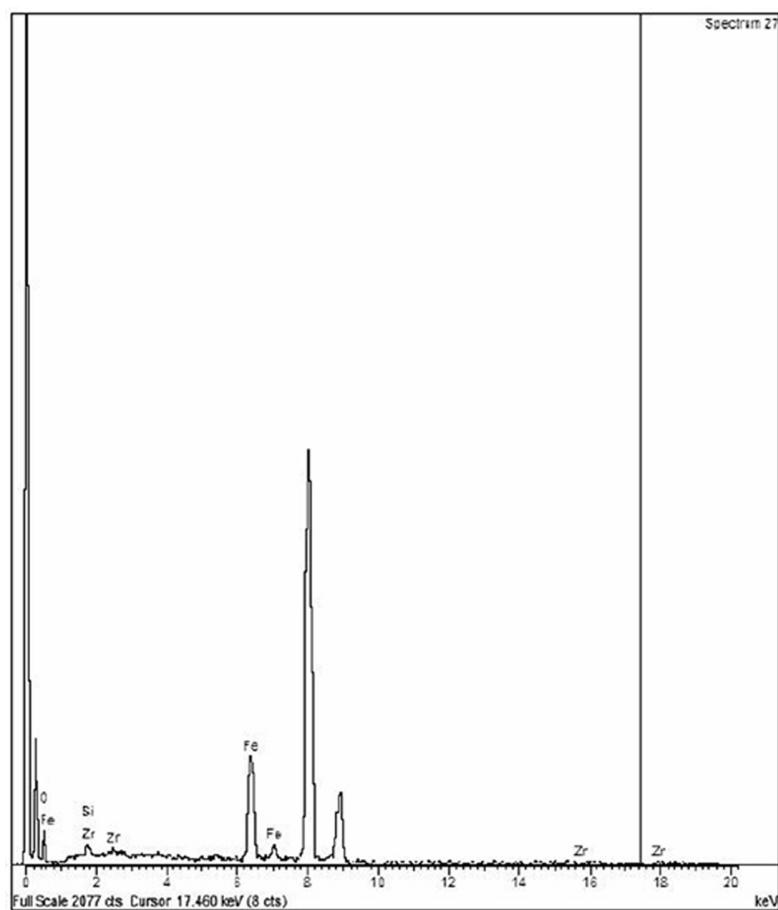
Fig. S1 shows the FTIR spectra of the surfactant (CTAB) and the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@mZrO<sub>2</sub> core/shell material. Absence of any peak corresponds to the surfactant in the FTIR spectrum of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@mZrO<sub>2</sub> exhibits that refluxing with acetone removes all the surfactant molecules from the as-synthesized material to give the desired Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@mZrO<sub>2</sub> core/shell compound.



**Fig. S1** FTIR spectra of the surfactant (CTAB) and the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@mZrO<sub>2</sub> after surfactant removal.



**Fig. S2** FTIR spectra of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{mZrO}_2$  before and after phosphate adsorption.



**Fig. S3** EDX pattern of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{mZrO}_2$ .