

Fabrication of novel magnetic chitosan/graphene-oxide/metal oxide nanocomposite beads for efficient Cr(VI) adsorption

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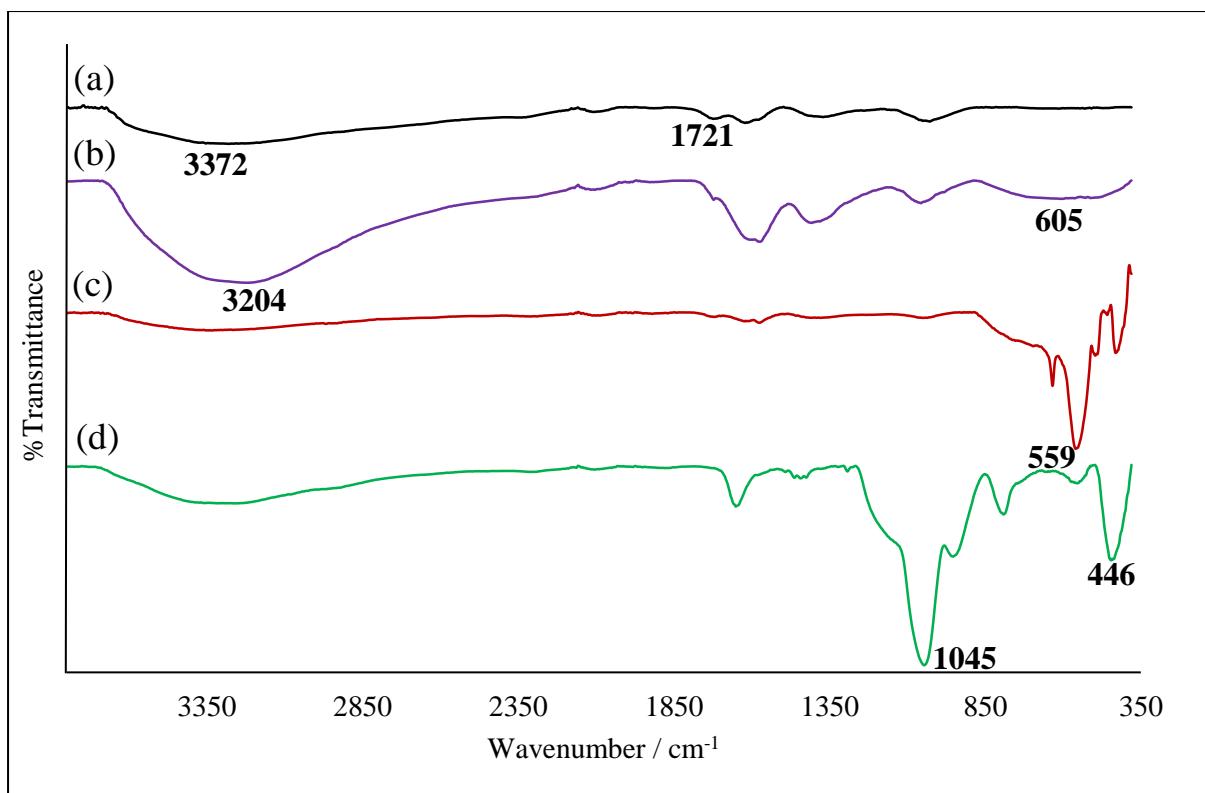


Fig S1. ATR-FTIR spectra of (a) GO, (b) GO-MnO₂, (c) GO-Al₂O₃ and (d) GO-SiO₂

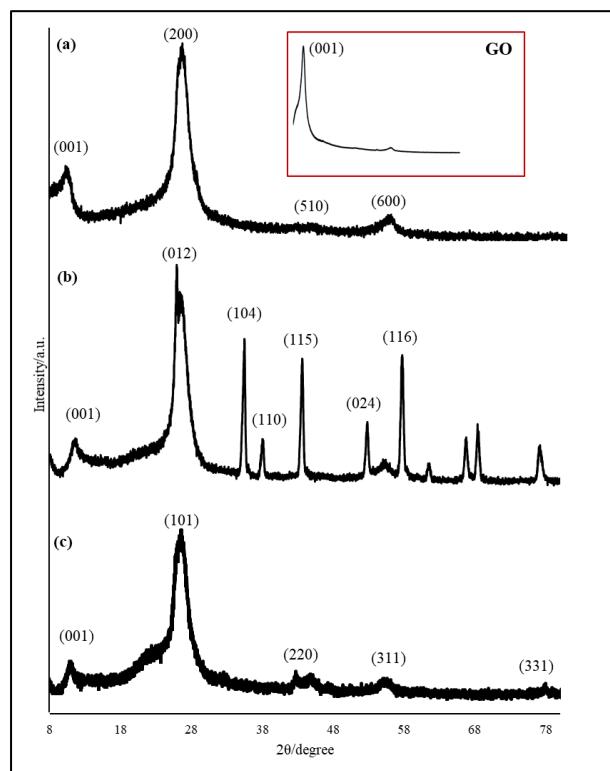


Fig. S2 XRD of (a) GO-MnO₂, (b) GO-Al₂O₃ and (c) GO-SiO₂

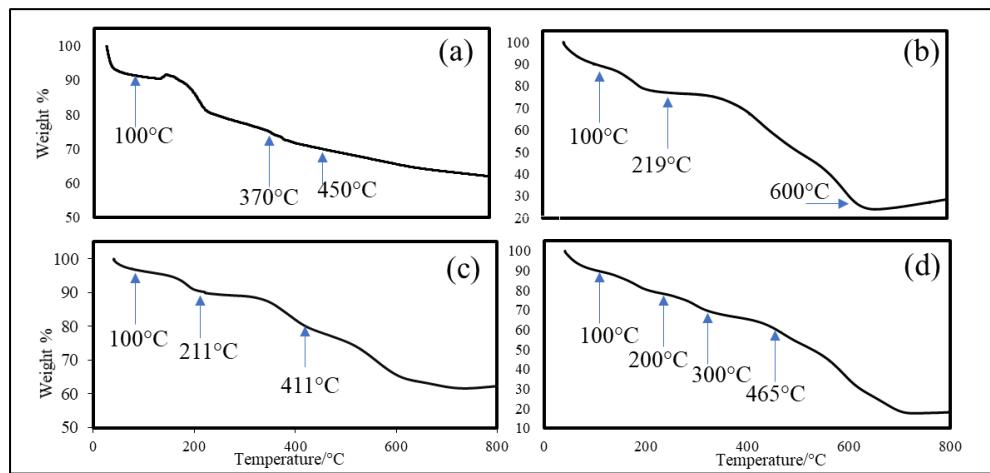


Fig. S3 TGA of (a) GO, (b) GO-MnO₂, (c) GO-Al₂O₃ and (d) GO-SiO₂

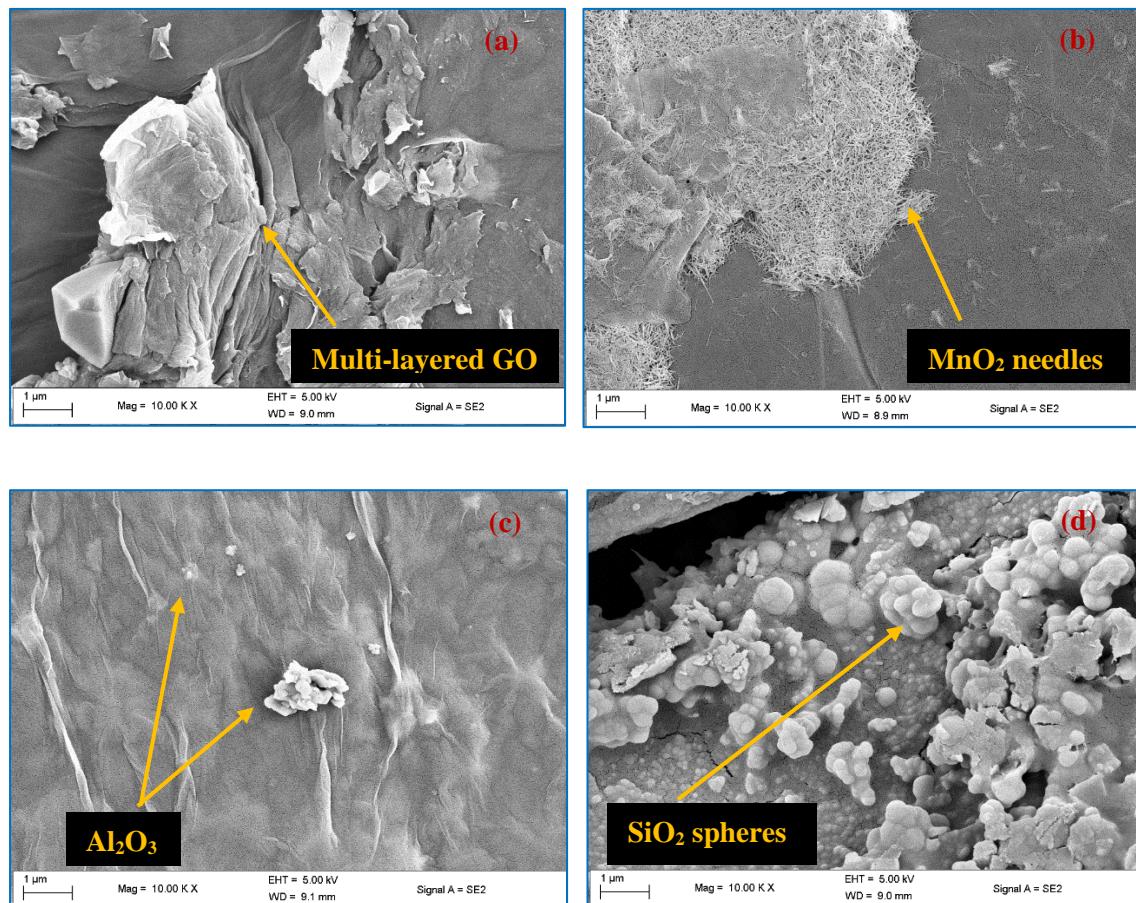


Fig. S4 SEM images of (a) GO, (b) GO-MnO₂, (c) GO-Al₂O₃ and (d) GO-SiO₂

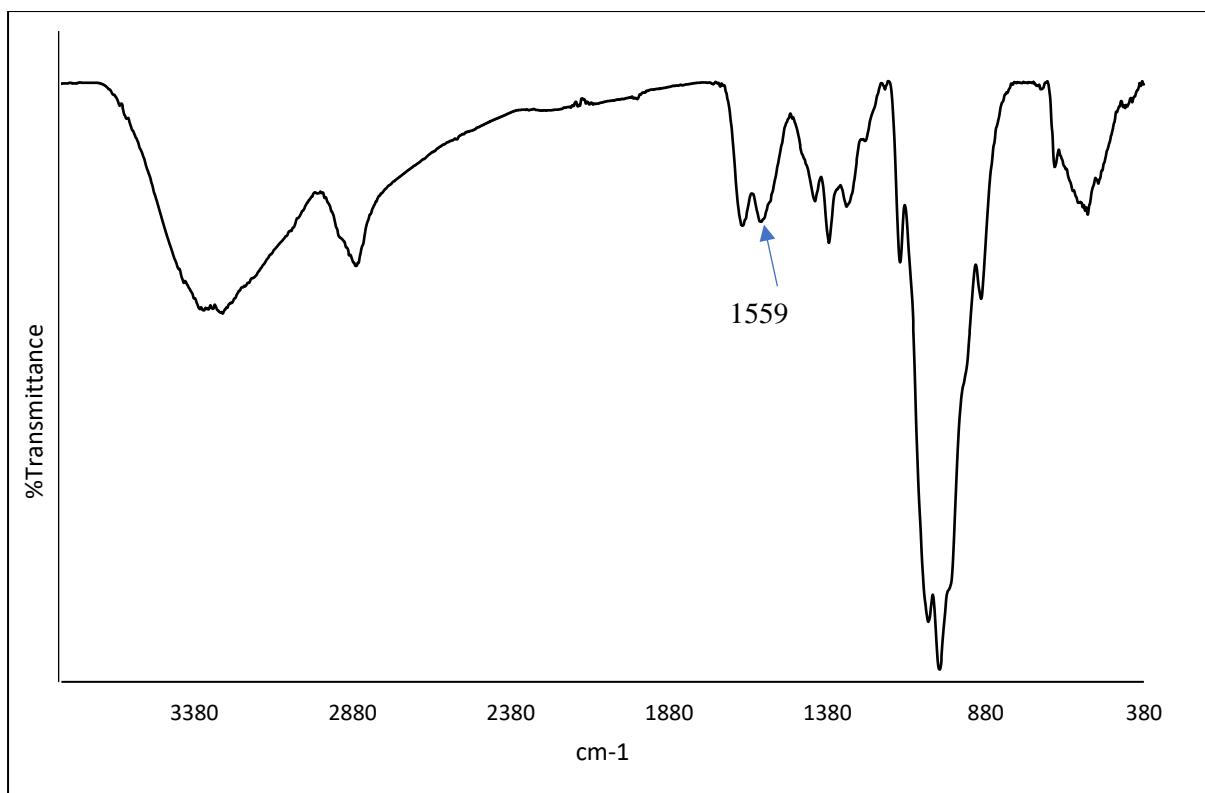


Fig. S5 FTIR-ATR spectrum of chitosan

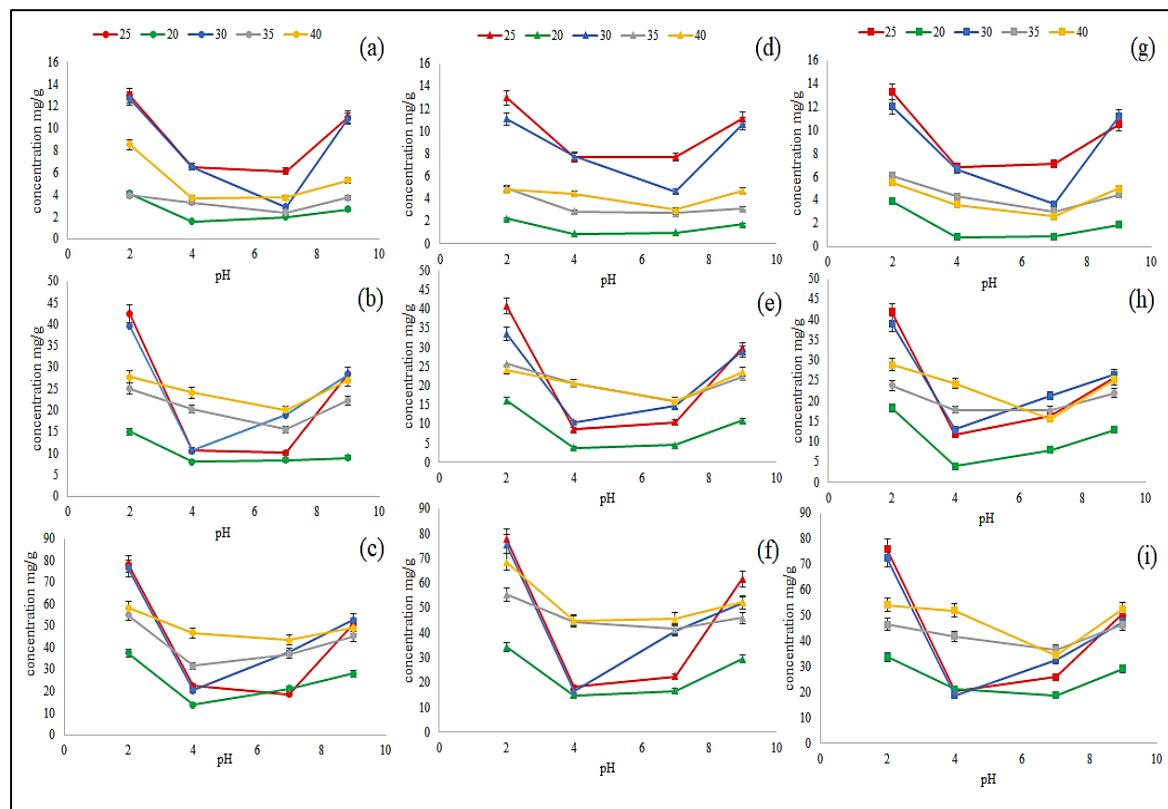


Fig. S6 Effect of pH on uptake for MCSCl-GO-MnO₂ (a-c:10-100 mg L⁻¹), MCSCl-GO-Al₂O₃ (d-f:10-100 mg L⁻¹) and MCSCl-GO-SiO₂ (g-i: 10-100mg L⁻¹) at 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40°C

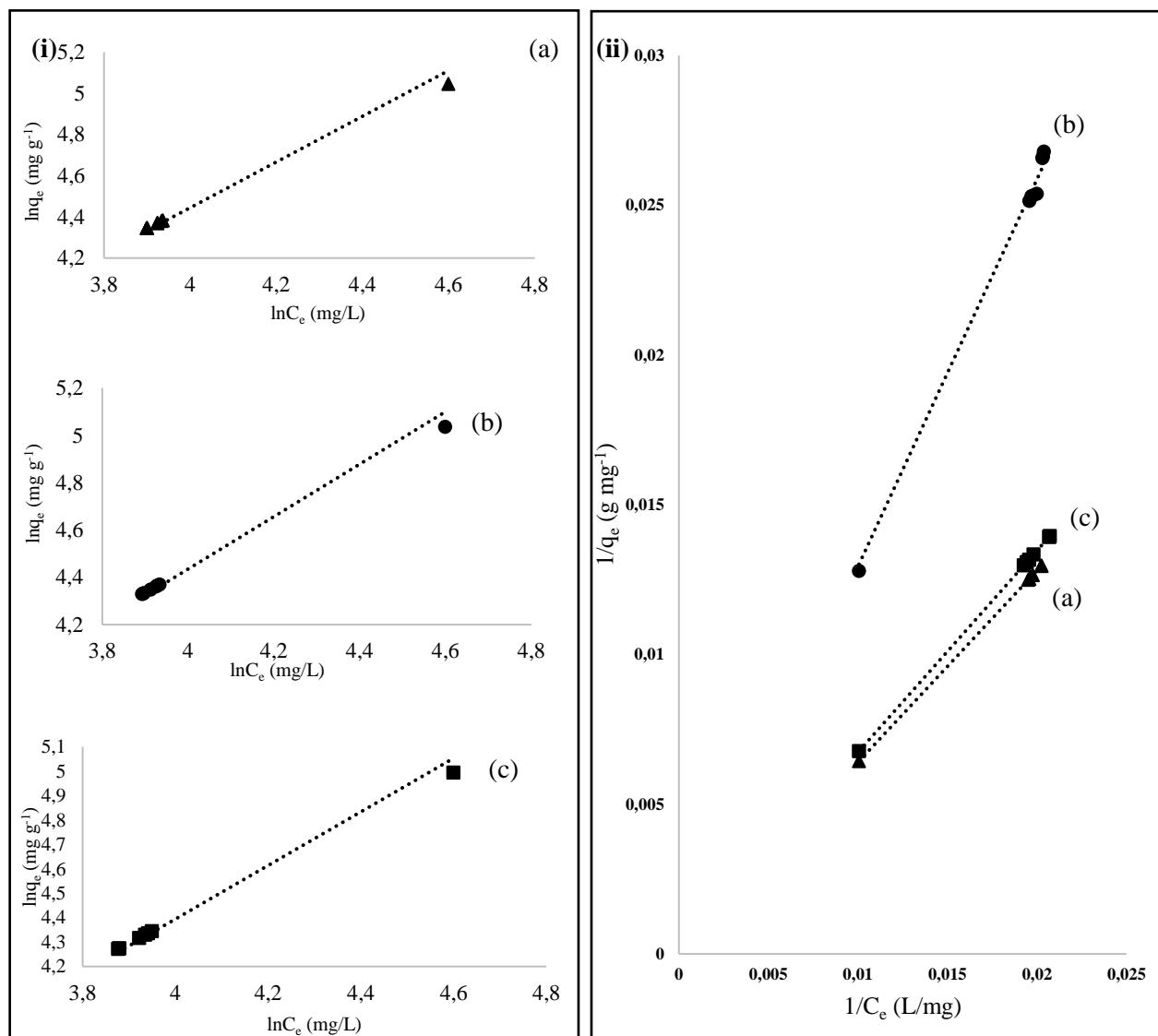


Fig. S7 (i) Freundlich isotherm and (ii) Langmuir isotherm of (a) MCSCl-GO-MnO₂, (b) MCSCl-GO-Al₂O₃ and (c) MCSCl-GO-SiO₂

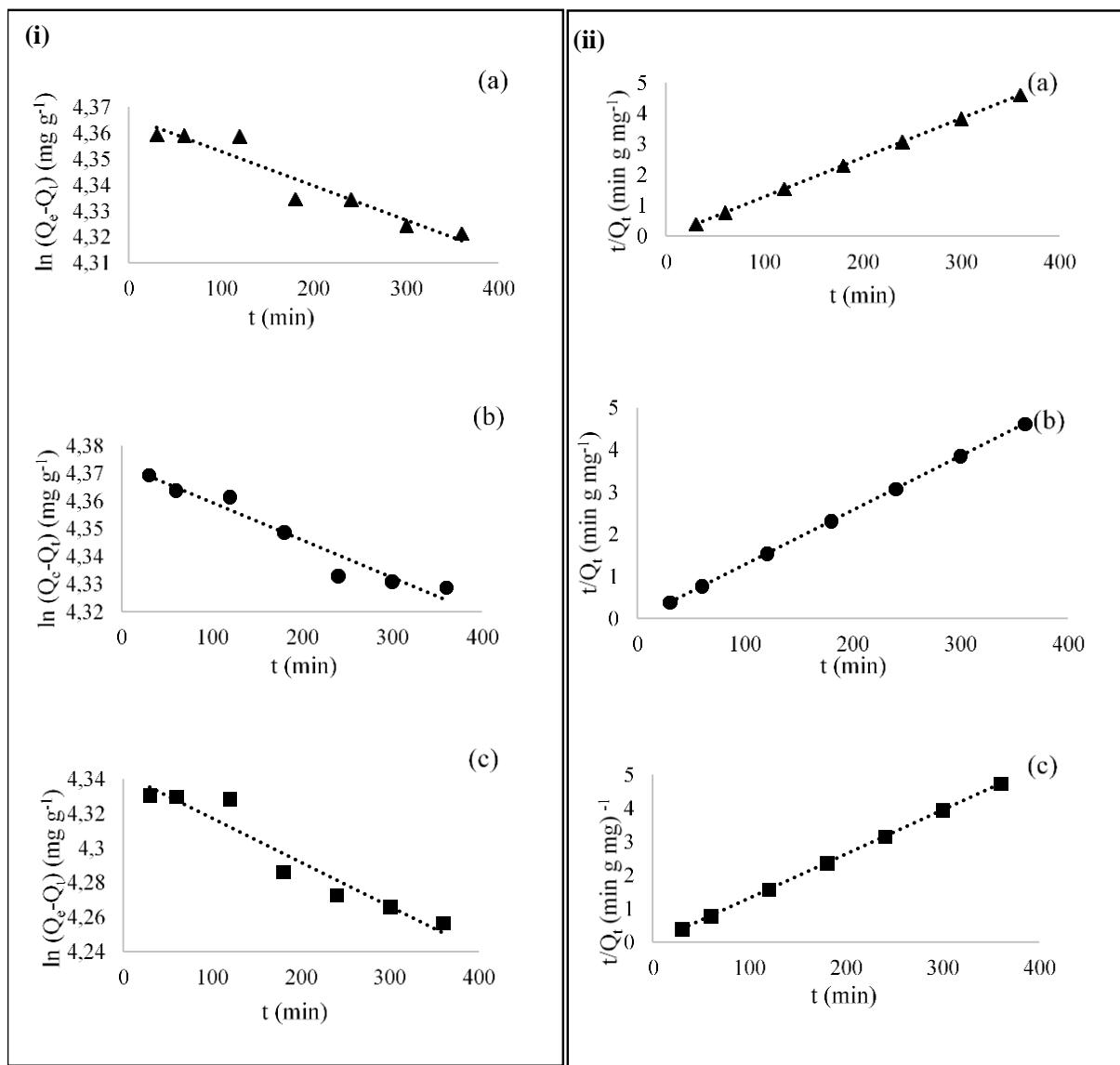


Fig. S8 (i) Pseudo first-order and (ii) pseudo second-order kinetic models for Cr(VI) adsorption onto (a) MCSCl-GO-MnO₂, (b) MCSCl-GO-Al₂O₃ and (c) MCSCl-GO-SiO₂

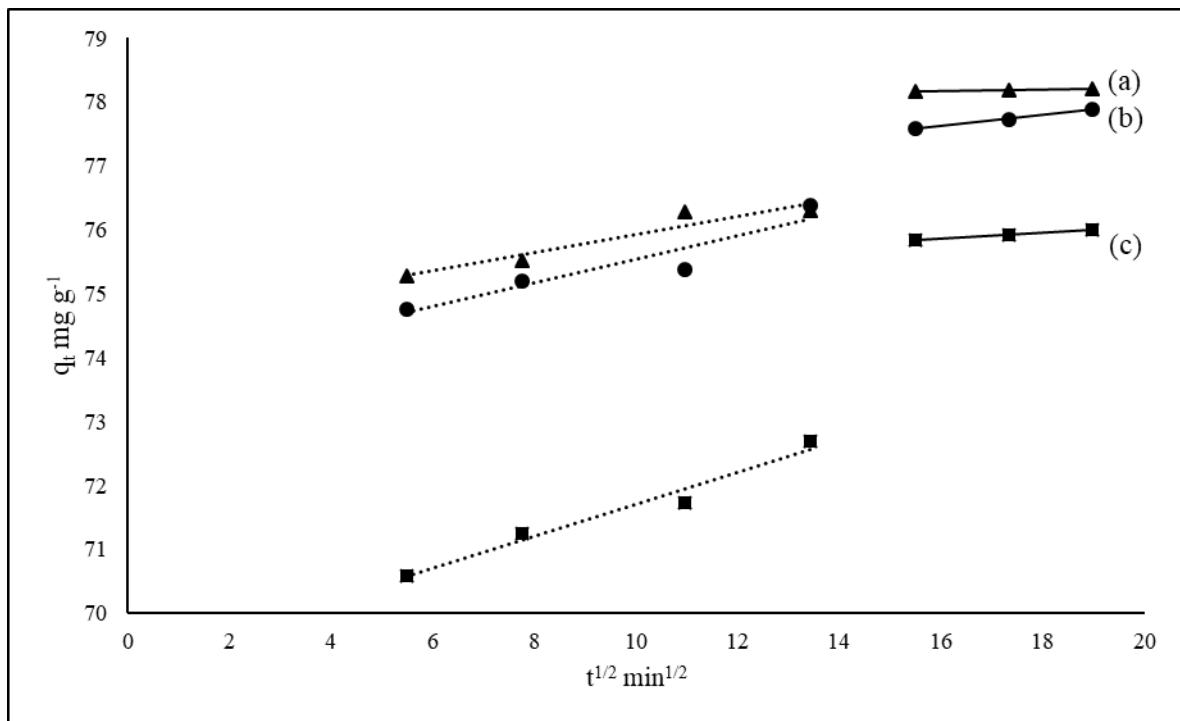


Fig. S9 Intraparticle diffusion kinetics of (a) MCSCl-GO-MnO₂, (b) MCSCl-GO-Al₂O₃ and (c) MCSCl-GO-SiO₂ for Cr(VI) adsorption at initial concentration 100 mg L⁻¹, pH 2 and 25°C.

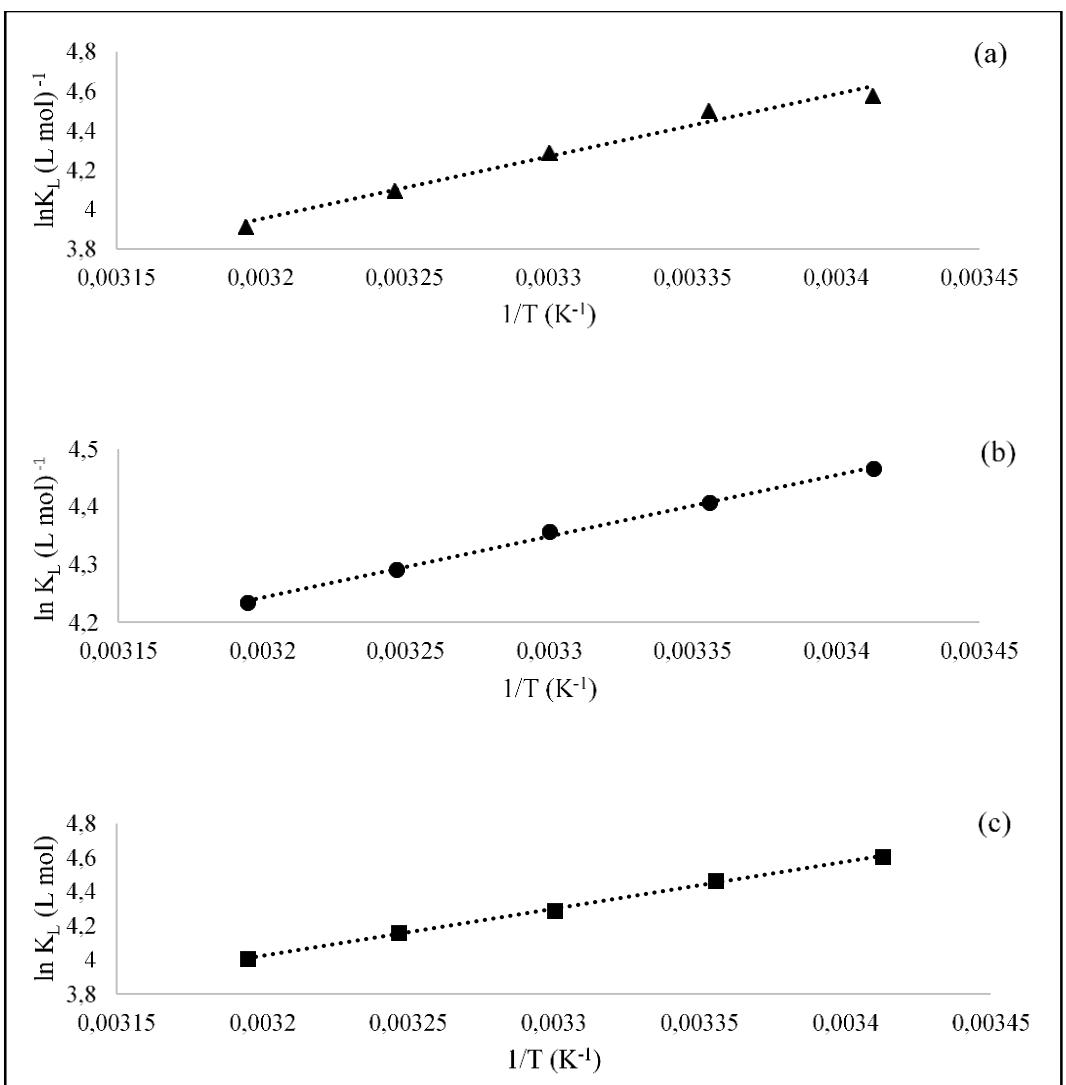
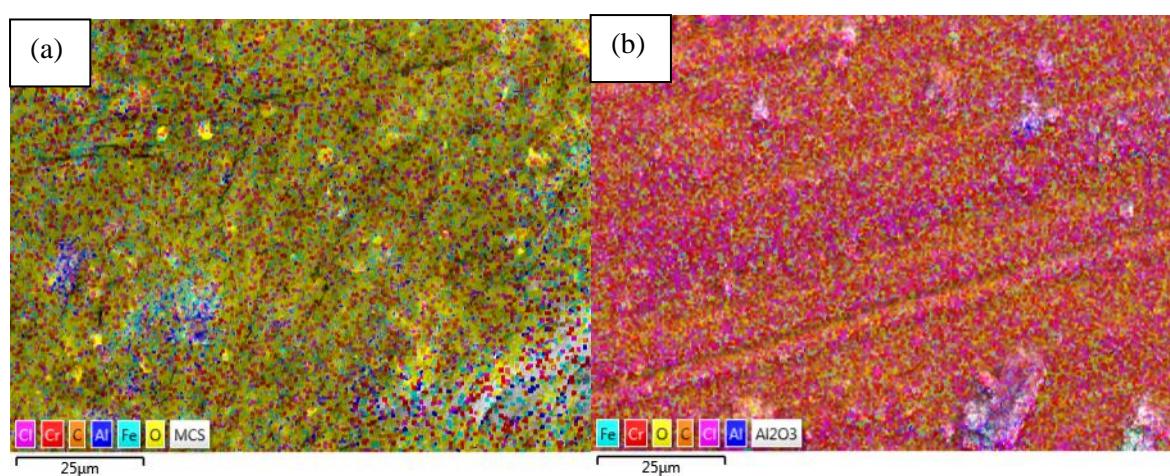


Fig. S10 van't Hoff plots for Cr(VI) adsorption onto (a) MCSiCl-GO-MnO₂, (b) MCSiCl-GO-Al₂O₃ and (c) MCSiCl-GO-SiO₂



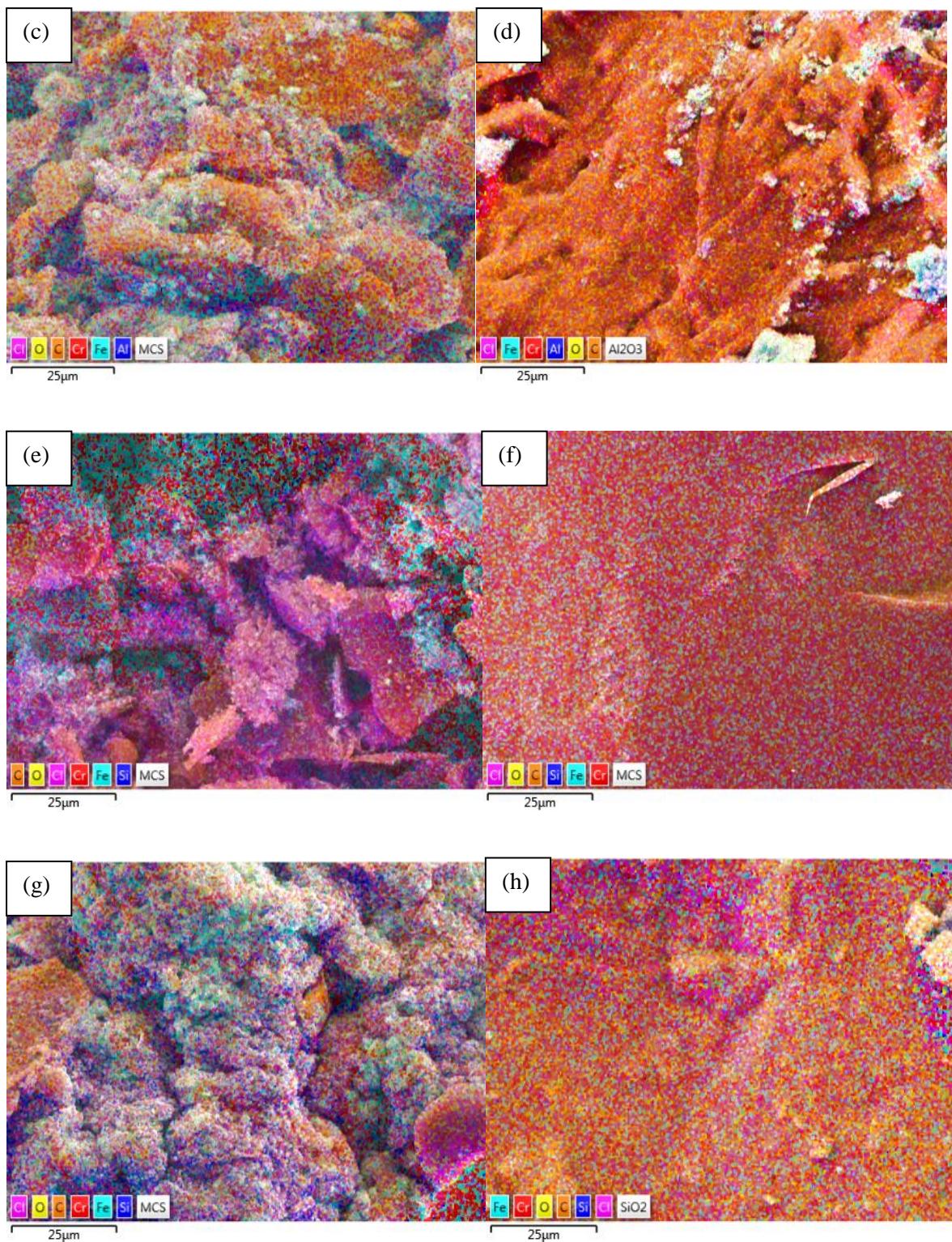


Fig. S11 Adsorbed (a-b) and desorbed (c-d) Cr(VI) surface and cross-sections of MCSCl-GO-Al₂O₃ and adsorbed (e-f) and desorbed (g-h) Cr(VI) surface and cross-sections of MCSCl-GO-SiO₂

