

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO
**Defluoridation using pinecone-based activated carbon:
Adsorption isotherm, kinetics, regeneration and co-ions
effect investigation**

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Zero-Point Charge of PAC

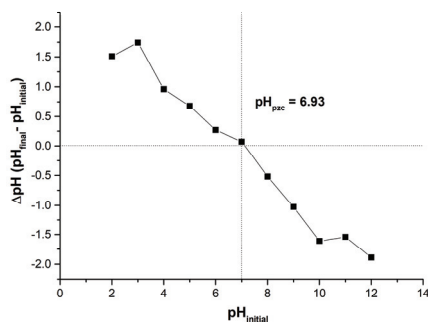


Figure S-1. Zero-point charge of Pc-AC

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Adsorption results

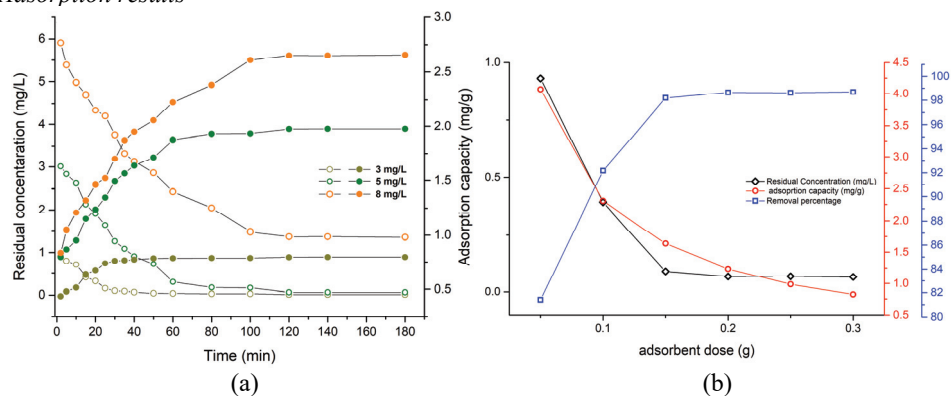


Fig S-2. (a) Contact time on adsorption capacity and residual concentration (b) adsorbent dose on adsorption capacity and residual concentration

Adsorption Isotherm

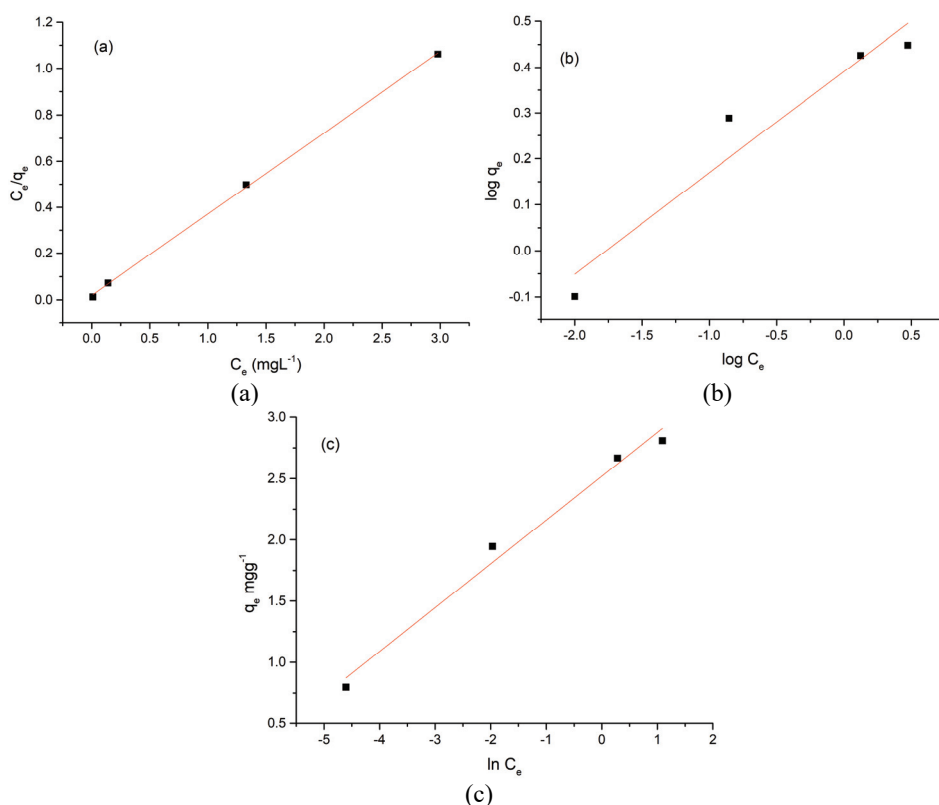


Figure S-3. (a) Langmuir (b) Freundlich (c) Temkin adsorption isotherm model for adsorption of fluoride onto Pc-AC

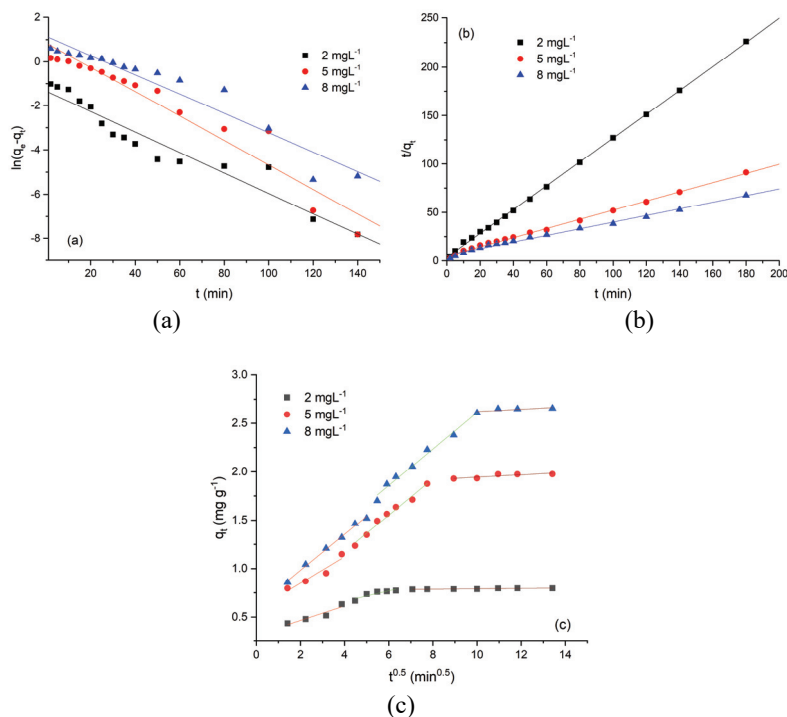
Adsorption Kinetics

Fig. S-4. Fits of (a) pseudo-first order kinetics for Pc-AC (b) pseudo-second order kinetics (c) intraparticle diffusion model for adsorption of fluoride on Pc-AC

Comparison of Pc-AC with other adsorbents

The fluoride adsorption efficiency for the prepared activated carbon was compared with other adsorbents reported in the literature and is listed in Table S-I.

To determine the efficiency of Pc-AC, the maximum adsorption capacity (Q_{\max}) was considered as the appropriate parameter for the comparison of different adsorbents with the present study. It is evident the defluoridation capacity of Pc-AC was comparable with other adsorbents and thus may be considered a suitable adsorbent for fluoride adsorption from water. Work is ongoing to study how the doping of metal ions into Pc-AC will affect the adsorption efficiency of fluoride and what would be the cost related to the incorporation of metal ions into the adsorbent.

Table S-I. Comparison of pinecone activated carbons with some other adsorbents for fluoride removal

Adsorbent	Dose (g)	pH	CT (min)	Conc. (mg L^{-1})	Isotherm	Q_{max} (mg g^{-1})	References
<i>Catha edulis</i> Activated carbon	1.5	2	60	30	Freundlich	18	1
CaCl ₂ -modified <i>Crocus sativus</i> leaves activated carbon	15	4.5	70	6.5	Langmuir	2.01	2
Bael (<i>Aegle Marmelos</i>) Shell Activated Carbon	2	6	60	8	--	2.4	3
<i>Morinda tinctorial</i> activated carbon coated with aluminium hydroxide	0.1	7	60	10	Langmuir	26.03	4
<i>Schima wallichii</i> activated carbon	1.15	4	100	5	Langmuir	2.524	5
Activated cotton nutshells carbon	1.75	7	180	3	Freundlich	2.472	6
Jamun seed activated carbon	0.4	2.5	120	10	Dubinin-Radushkevich	3.65	7
Pinecone activated carbon	1.5	4	120	5	Langmuir	2.845	Present Study

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