

### Supporting Information

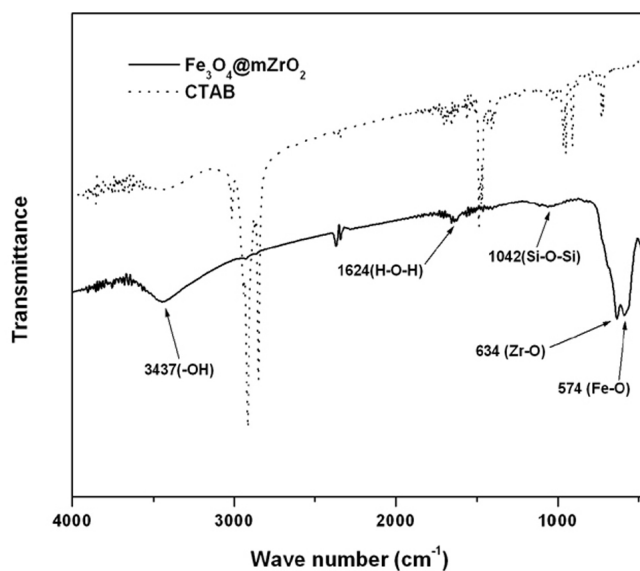
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## Design of A New Nanostructure Comprising Mesoporous $\text{ZrO}_2$ Shell and Magnetite Core ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@m\text{ZrO}_2$ ) and Study of Its Phosphate Ion Separation Efficiency

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Fig. S1 shows the FTIR spectra of the surfactant (CTAB) and the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@m\text{ZrO}_2$  core/shell material. Absence of any peak corresponds to the surfactant in the FTIR spectrum of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@m\text{ZrO}_2$  exhibits that refluxing with acetone removes all the surfactant molecules from the as-synthesized material to give the desired  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@m\text{ZrO}_2$  core/shell compound.



**Fig. S1** FTIR spectra of the surfactant (CTAB) and the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@m\text{ZrO}_2$  after surfactant removal.

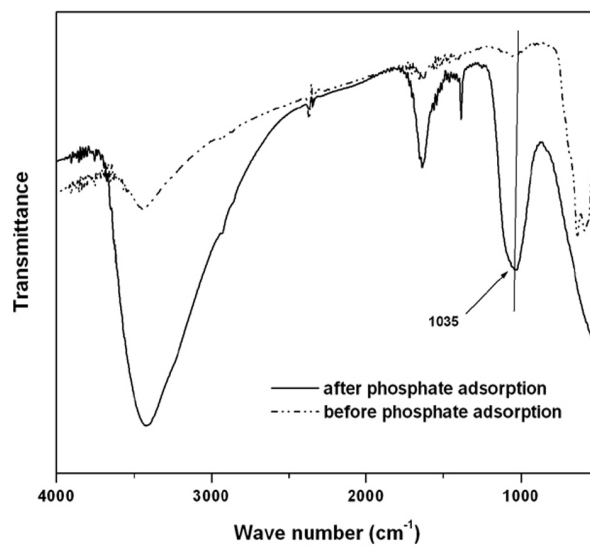


Fig. S2 FTIR spectra of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@mZrO<sub>2</sub> before and after phosphate adsorption.

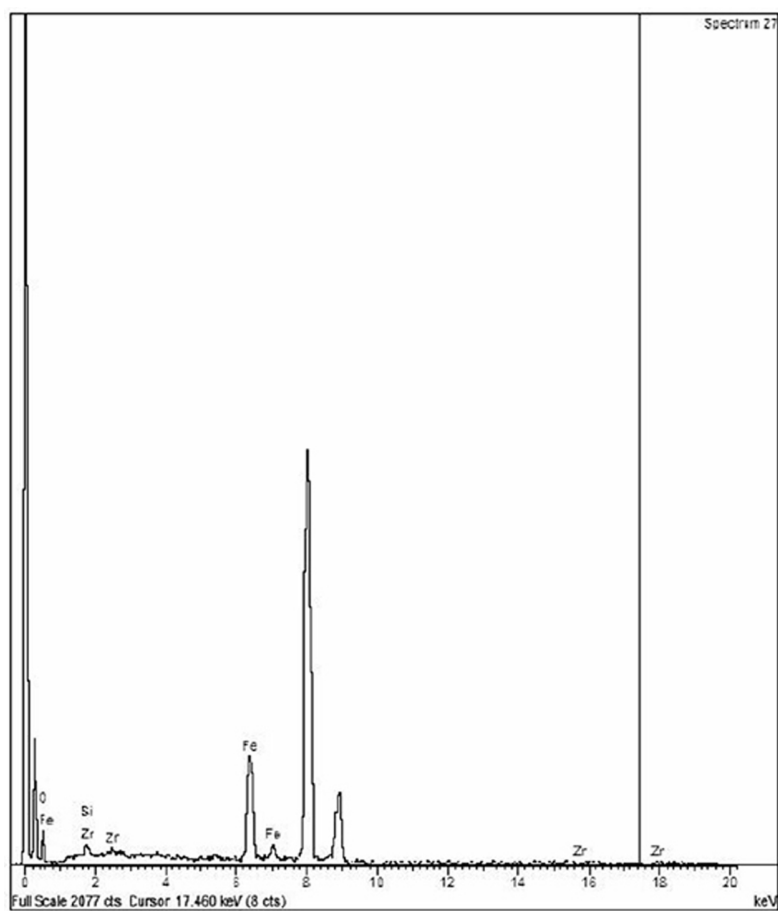


Fig. S3 EDX pattern of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@mZrO<sub>2</sub>.