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**Table 1** Composition of the co-monomers prepared nanocomposites :.

| Sample                            | AAM<br>(mol %) | IA<br>(mol %) | TiO <sub>2</sub><br>(mol %) | DAM<br>(mol %) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| C1P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> )  | 69.56          | 17.39         | 4.35                        | 8.7            |
| C2 P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 57.14          | 28.6          | 4.76                        | 9.5            |
| C3 P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 28.6           | 57.14         | 4.76                        | 9.5            |
| C4 P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 17.39          | 69.56         | 4.35                        | 8.7            |
| C5 P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 50             | 25            | 8.34                        | 16.66          |
| C6 P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 61.54          | 30.77         | 2.56                        | 5.13           |
| C7 P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 63.17          | 31.58         | 1.75                        | 3.5            |

**Table 2** Surface characteristics of C6P(AAM-co-IA/TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposite

| Total pore area<br>m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> | Average pore<br>diameter<br>nm | App.density<br>gL <sup>-1</sup> | Bulk density<br>gL <sup>-1</sup> | Porosity<br>% |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 19.73                                             | 88                             | 0.8510                          | 0.6215                           | 26.97         |

**Table 3** The sorption efficiency (%) and distribution coefficients (K<sub>d</sub>) of Ce(III) onto P(AAM-co-IA/TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposite

| Sample | Sorption efficiency<br>(%) | K <sub>d</sub><br>mLg <sup>-1</sup> |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|        |                            |                                     |

| Sample                                         | Sorption efficiency<br>(%) | K <sub>d</sub><br>mLg <sup>-1</sup> |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| C <sub>1</sub> -P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> ) | 53.2                       | 454.70                              |
| C <sub>2</sub> P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> )  | 64                         | 711.11                              |
| C <sub>3</sub> P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> )  | 60.1                       | 602.06                              |
| C <sub>4</sub> P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> )  | 29.3                       | 165.77                              |
| C <sub>5</sub> P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> )  | 61.6                       | 641.67                              |
| C <sub>6</sub> P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> )  | <b>80.11</b>               | <b>1611.1</b>                       |
| C <sub>7</sub> P(AAM-co-IA/TiO <sub>2</sub> )  | 42.3                       | 309.22                              |
| <b>Maximum values are bolded</b>               |                            |                                     |

**Table 4** Calculated parameters of the studied kinetic models for sorption of Ce(III) onto C6P(AAM-co-IA/TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposite at pH=6 , v/m =0.4 Lg<sup>-1</sup> and 298K

| Temp.<br>(°C) | Pseudo 1 <sup>st</sup> order kinetic parameters |                                       |       | $q_{e(exp)}$<br>(mg g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Pseudo 2 <sup>nd</sup> order kinetic parameters            |                                       |       | Elvoich kinetic parameters                        |                                |       |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
|               | $k_1$<br>(min <sup>-1</sup> )                   | $q_{e(cal.)}$<br>(mgg <sup>-1</sup> ) | $R^2$ |                                       | $k_2 (x10^{-3})$<br>(gmg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> ) | $q_{e(cal.)}$<br>(mgg <sup>-1</sup> ) | $R^2$ | $\alpha$<br>mmolg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> | $\beta$<br>gmmol <sup>-1</sup> | $R^2$ |
| 25            | 0.056<br>±0.08823                               | 7.684<br>±0.088                       | 0.96  | 64.89                                 | 0.0197 ±<br>0.0113                                         | 65.232<br>±2.17 x 10 <sup>-5</sup>    | 0.99  | 61.1 x10 <sup>9</sup>                             | 72.202                         | 0.96  |

**Table 5** The values of parameters of equilibrium isotherm models fitting for Ce(III) ion sorption onto C6P(AAM-co-IA/TiO<sub>2</sub>) composite at different temperatures, pH=6 , v/m =0.4 Lg<sup>-1</sup> .

| Temperature | Langmuir Isotherm model  |                           |       |       | Freundlich Isotherm model     |      |       | Temkin Isotherm model |                             |       |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
|             | $Q$<br>mgg <sup>-1</sup> | $b$<br>Lmgg <sup>-1</sup> | $R_L$ | $R^2$ | $K_F$<br>(mgg <sup>-1</sup> ) | $n$  | $R^2$ | $A_t$                 | $b_t$<br>jmol <sup>-1</sup> | $R^2$ |
| 298 K       | 76.05                    | 0.092                     | 0.052 | 0.99  | 14.11                         | 3.12 | 0.85  | 1.22                  | 184.10                      | 0.86  |
| 313 K       | 82.64                    | 0.209                     | 0.023 | 0.99  | 21.105                        | 3.71 | 0.88  | 4.12                  | 204.86                      | 0.90  |
| 333K        | 91.41                    | 0.356                     | 0.014 | 0.99  | 36.83                         | 5.68 | 0.94  | 195.6                 | 312.13                      | 0.86  |

**Table 6** Thermodynamic parameters for the sorption of Ce(III) ions onto C6P(AAM-co-IA/TiO<sub>2</sub>) at pH=6 , v/m =0.4 Lg<sup>-1</sup> and C<sub>o</sub> of Ce(III) 200mgL<sup>-1</sup>

| Temperature | $\Delta G^{\circ}$ , kJ/mol |        |         | $\Delta H^{\circ}$ | $\Delta S^{\circ}$ , |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|
|             | 298 K                       | 308 K  | 318 K   | , kJ/mol           | J/mol.K              |
|             | -4.78                       | -6.988 | -9.1915 | 60.874             | 220.332              |

**Table 7** Comparison of the maximum sorption capacity of various materials with the sorption capacity of Ce(III) at pH=6 , v/m =0.4 Lg<sup>-1</sup> and C<sub>o</sub> of Ce(III) 200mgL<sup>-1</sup> onto C6P(AAM-co-IA/TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposite.

| Sorbent materials                                   | Sorption capacity<br>(mgg <sup>-1</sup> ) |         |         | References        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
|                                                     | Temperature<br>°C                         | pH      | Ce(III) |                   |
| magnetite (MNP)                                     | 25                                        | 6       | 76.92   | [39]              |
| magnetic olive pomace (MOP)                         |                                           |         | 90.90   |                   |
| <b>HESI-SBA-15</b>                                  | 25                                        | 6       | 27.67   | [40]              |
| <b>HKUST-1</b>                                      | 25                                        | 6       | 353     | [15]              |
| <b>Nitrolite</b>                                    | 25                                        | 6.8-6.9 | 4.45    | [41]              |
| <b>MSGC</b>                                         | 27                                        | 4       | 369     | [42]              |
| <b>D151</b>                                         | 25                                        | 6.5     | 392     | [43]              |
| <b>Grapefruit peel</b>                              | 20                                        | 5       | 159.3   | [44]              |
| <b>C6P(AAM-co-IA/TiO<sub>2</sub>) nanocomposite</b> | 25                                        | 6       | 76.04   | <b>This study</b> |

**Table 8** Sorption efficiency of  $\text{LRE}^{3+}$  and  $\text{HRE}^{3+}$  onto onto C6P(AAM-co-IA/ $\text{TiO}_2$ ) nanocomposite and desorption percentage by 2M HCl eluent for 24 hours

| <b>LREE</b>     |                 |                   | <b>HREE</b> |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>REEs ion</b> | <b>Sorption</b> | <b>Desorption</b> | <b>REEs</b> | <b>Sorption</b> | <b>Desorption</b> |
|                 | <b>%</b>        | <b>%</b>          | <b>ion</b>  | <b>%</b>        | <b>%</b>          |
| <b>La</b>       | 72.25           | 86.02             | <b>Y</b>    | 75.7            | 94.87             |
| <b>Ce</b>       | 61.62           | 91.09             | <b>Tb</b>   | 65.17           | 93.86             |
| <b>Pr</b>       | 62.14           | 92.93             | <b>Dy</b>   | 67.72           | 92.26             |
| <b>Nd</b>       | 38.58           | 96.07             | <b>Ho</b>   | 71.18           | 89.82             |
| <b>Sm</b>       | 49.13           | 97.37             | <b>Er</b>   | 73.14           | 87.946            |
| <b>Eu</b>       | 32.99           | 96.045            | <b>Tm</b>   | 74.17           | 86.75             |
| <b>Gd</b>       | 61.82           | 94.85             | <b>Yb</b>   | 65.23           | 92.57             |
|                 |                 |                   | <b>Lu</b>   | 75.237          | 86.71             |
|                 | 54.08           | 93.48             |             | 70.94           | 90.59             |