## **Supporting Information**

Facile synthesis of graphene oxide for multi-cycle adsorption of aqueous Pb<sup>2+</sup> in presence of divalent cations and polyatomic anions

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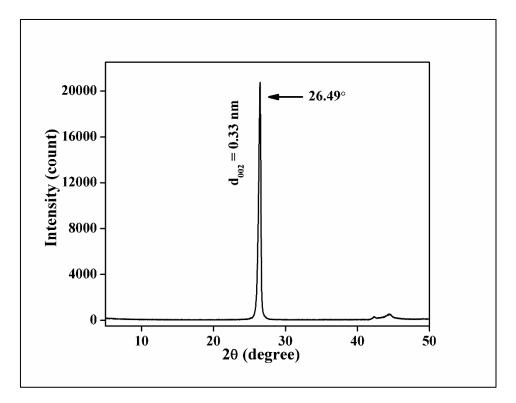
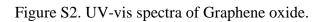


Figure S1. XRD spectra of Graphite.



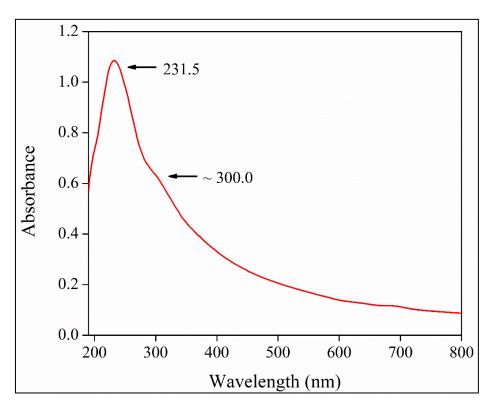


Figure S3. TEM image of Pb<sup>2+</sup> adsorbed GO.



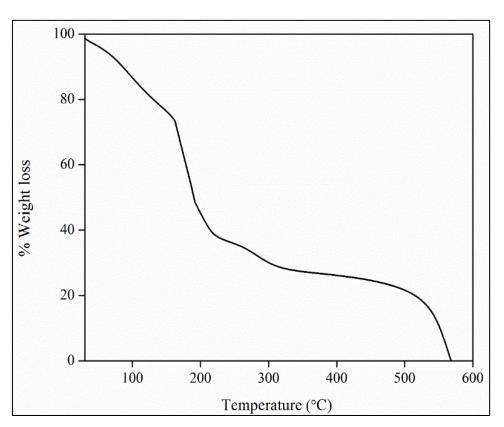


Figure S4. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of GO.

Figure S5. Effect of  $SO_4^{2-}$  and  $NO_3^{-}$  presence in binary system on the adsorption of Pb<sup>2+</sup> by GO.

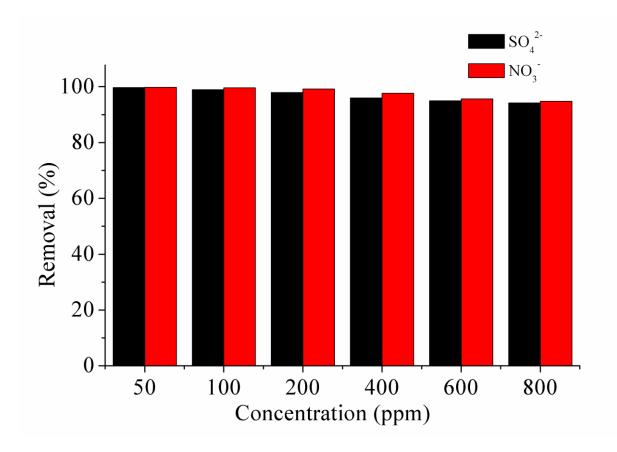
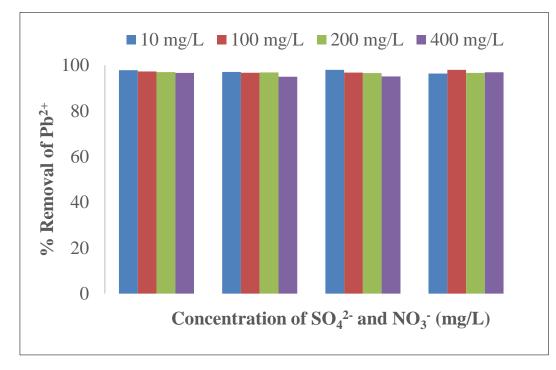


Figure S6. Effect of  $SO_4^{2-}$  and  $NO_3^{-}$  presence in ternary system on the adsorption of  $Pb^{2+}$  by GO.



	Parameter	Concertation (mg/L)		
Intraparticle diffusion		50	100	200
	C <sub>i</sub>	35.97	39.76	42.695
	K <sub>i</sub>	0.5358	0.1866	0.7748
	$\mathbb{R}^2$	0.7241	0.945	0.7628

Table S1. Intraparticle diffusion model constants for Pb<sup>2+</sup> adsorption on GO.

Table S2: The adsorption of  $Pb^{2+}$  in binary solution  $Pb^{2+}$ — $Cd^{2+}$  or  $Pb^{2+}$ — $Ni^{2+}$ . Condition: initial concentration of  $Pb^{2+} = 50 \text{ mg/L}$ , pH— 5, Temperature– 303 K, Stirring speed– 170 rpm, and dose of GO– 1.00 g/L.

Concentration Ni <sup>2+</sup> or Cd <sup>2+</sup> (mg/L)	% Removal of Pb <sup>2+</sup> in Pb <sup>2+</sup> Ni <sup>2+</sup>	% Removal of Pb <sup>2+</sup> in Pb <sup>2+</sup> Cd <sup>2+</sup>
0	99.30	99.30
10	96.37	96.92
30	94.43	89.39
50	89.78	88.42

Table S3: The adsorption of  $Pb^{2+}$  in ternary solution of  $Pb^{2+}$ — $Cd^{2+}$ — $Ni^{2+}$ . Condition: pH—5, Temperature– 303 K, Stirring speed– 170 rpm, and dose of GO– 1.00 g/L.

Concentration (mg/L)			% Removal of Pb <sup>2+</sup>
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Ni <sup>2+</sup>	
10	10	10	99.43
10	30	30	94.11

10	50	50	91.66
30	10	10	96.99
30	30	30	89.64
30	50	50	87.72
50	10	10	92.42
50	30	30	84.76
50	50	50	80.12

Table S4: The adsorption of  $Pb^{2+}$  in binary solution of  $Pb^{2+}$ — $SO_4^{2-}$  and  $Pb^{2+}$ — $NO_3^{-}$ . Condition: initial concentration of  $Pb^{2+} = 50 \text{ mg/L}$ , pH— 5, Temperature– 303 K, Stirring speed– 170 rpm, and dose of GO– 1.00 g/L.

Concentration SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> or NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	% Removal of Pb <sup>2+</sup> in Pb <sup>2+</sup> — SO4 <sup>2-</sup>	% Removal of Pb <sup>2+</sup> in Pb <sup>2+</sup> — NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	
50	99.71	99.75	
100	98.92	99.64	
200	97.96	99.18	
400	95.97	97.65	
600	94.99	95.65	
800	94.21	94.78	

Table S5: The adsorption of  $Pb^{2+}$  in ternary solution of  $Pb^{2+}$ — $SO_4^{2-}$ — $NO_3^{-}$ . Condition: initial concentration of  $Pb^{2+} = 50 \text{ mg/L}$ , pH— 5, Temperature– 303 K, Stirring speed– 170 rpm, and dose of GO– 1.00 g/L.

			Percentage rer	noval of Pb <sup>2+</sup>	
		Concentration of SO <sub>4</sub> (mg/L)			
		10	100	200	400
Concentration of NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (mg/L)	10	97.818	97.08	97.96	96.37
	100	97.243	96.72	96.80	97.96
	200	96.99	96.81	96.59	96.65
	400	96.66	94.99	95.12	96.92