

## Supporting Information

### Removal of hazardous contaminants from water by natural and zwitterionic surfactant modified clay

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Table S1. Some properties of the zwitterionic surfactant cocamidopropyl betaine and reactive yellow 160 dye.

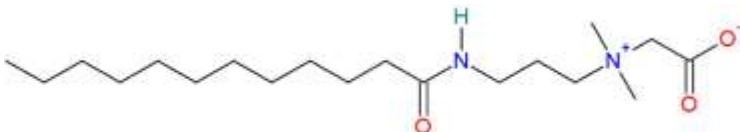
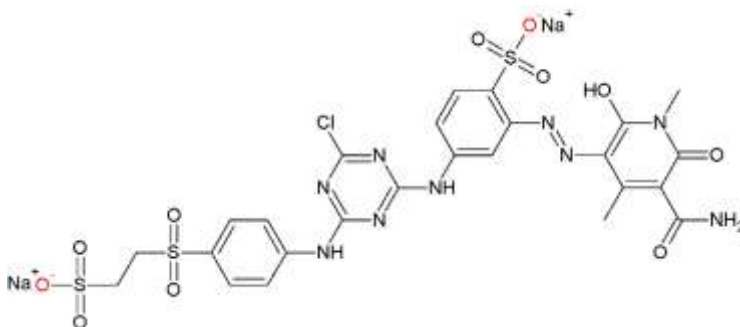
|                   | Cocamidopropyl Betaine (CAPB)  | Reactive yellow 160 dye (RY160)   |
|-------------------|--|---|
| <b>Formula</b>    | $C_{19}H_{38}N_2O_3$   | $C_{25}H_{22}ClN_9Na_2O_{12}S_3$  |
| <b>Structure</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Molar mass</b> | 342.52 g/mol   | 818.12 g/mol  |

Table S2. The non-linear form of the studied kinetics and equilibrium isotherm models.

| Kinetic models       | Equation  | Parameters   |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Pseudo-first-order   | $q_t = q_e (1 - e^{-k_1 t})$  | $q_t$ and $q_e$ (mg/g) are the amount of adsorbate per gram of adsorbent at time $t$ and equilibrium, respectively; $k_1$ (1/min) is the pseudo-first-order rate constants, and $t$ (min) is the contact time.   |
| Pseudo-second-order  | $q_t = \frac{k_2 q_e^2 t}{1 + k_2 q_e t}$   | $k_2$ (g/mg.min) is the pseudo-second-order rate constants.  |
| Isotherm models      | Equation  | Parameters   |
| Langmuir             | $q_e = \frac{Q_L k_L C_e}{1 + k_L C_e}, R_L = \frac{1}{1 + k_L C_e}$  | $C_e$ (mg/L) is the concentration of adsorptive at equilibrium, $Q_L$ (mg/g) is the Langmuir theoretical monolayer saturation capacity, $k_L$ (L/mg) is the equilibrium constant and $R_L$ (–) is the separation factor.   |
| Freundlich           | $q_e = k_F C_e^{1/n}$   | $k_F$ (mg <sup>(1-1/n)</sup> L <sup>(1/n)</sup> /g) and $n$ (–) are Freundlich constants   |
| Dubinin–Radushkevich | $q_e = Q_{DR} e^{\left[-\beta \left(RT \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{C_e}\right)\right)^2\right]}$ ,<br>$E = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-2\beta}}$ | $Q_{DR}$ (mg/g) is the D–R maximum adsorption capacity, $\beta$ (mol <sup>2</sup> /J <sup>2</sup> ) is a constant related to the mean free energy of adsorption, $R$ is the universal gas constant, $T$ (K) is the absolute temperature and $E$ (kJ/mol) is the mean free energy |
| Temkin               | $q_e = \left(\frac{RT}{b_T}\right) \ln A_T C_e$   | $b_T$ (–) is constant related to the adsorption heat, and $A_T$ is the Temkin isotherm equilibrium binding constant (L/g)  |
| Redlich–Peterson     | $q_e = \frac{k_{RP} C_e}{1 + a_{RP} C_e^g}$   | $k_{RP}$ (L/mg) is constant related to the adsorption capacity, $a_{RP}$ (L/mg) is constant related to the affinity of the binding sites and $g$ (g) is an exponent related to the adsorption intensity.   |

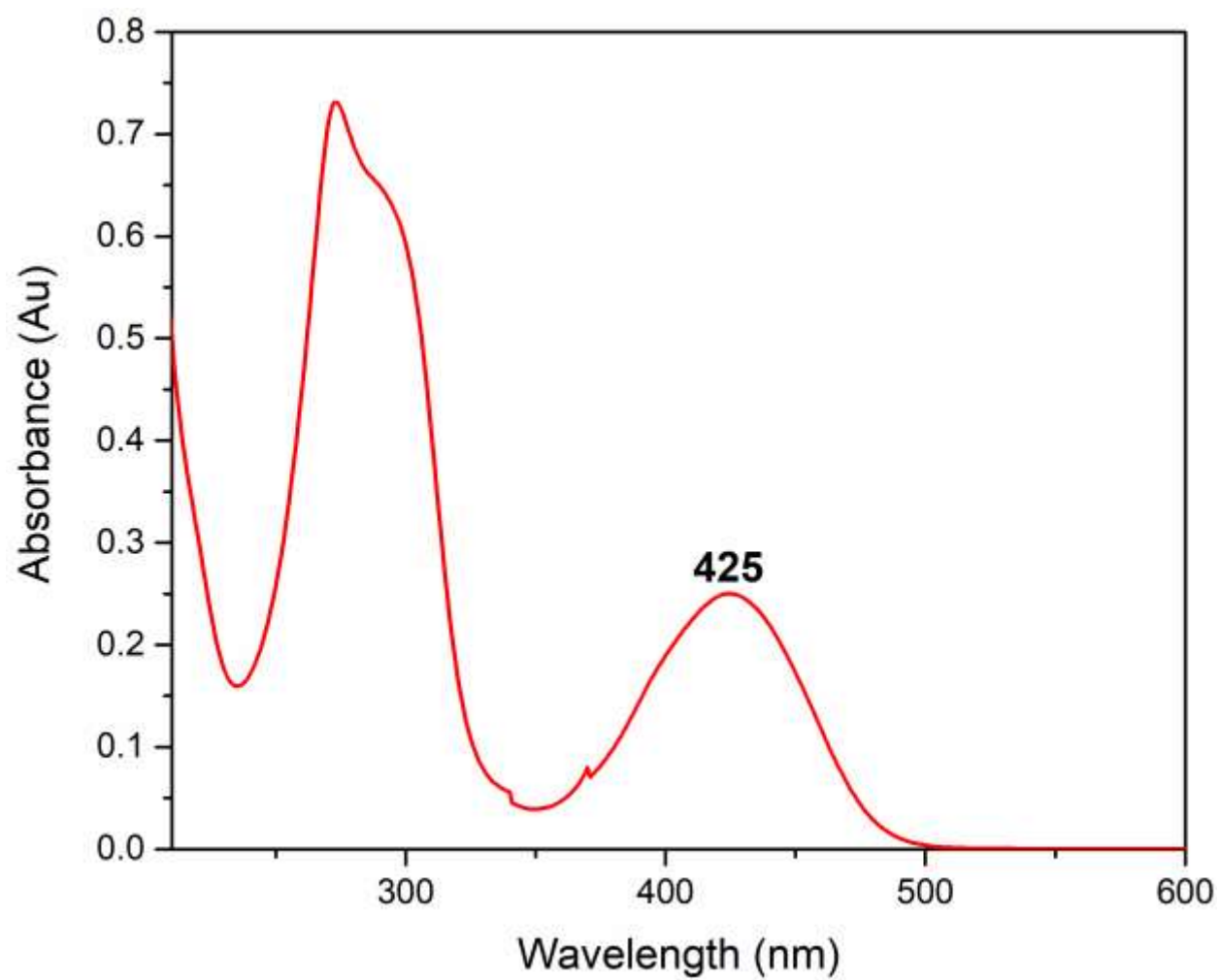


Figure S1. UV-Visible spectrum of the RY160 dye.

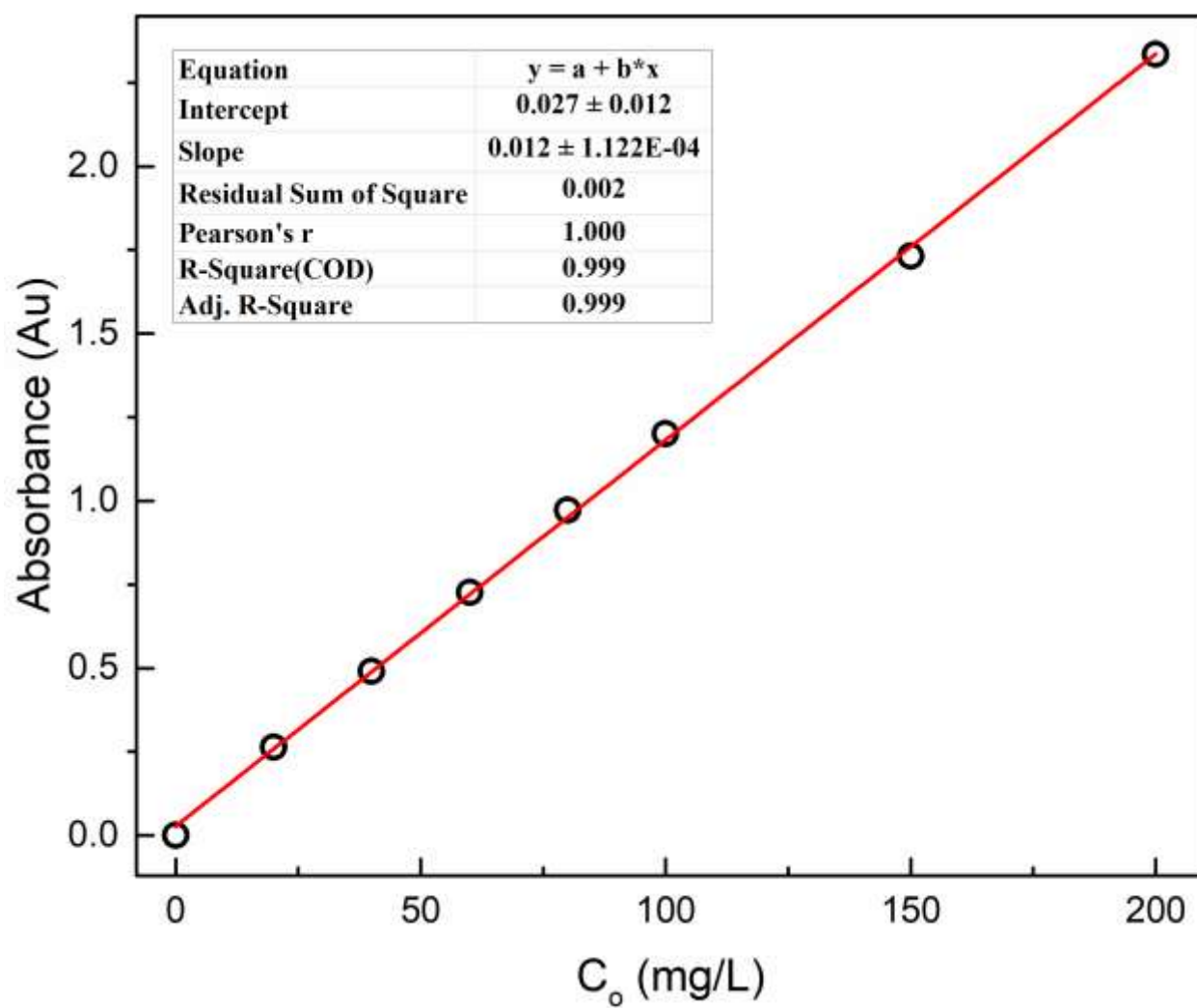


Figure S2. Standard calibration curve of RY160.