## **Supporting Information**

Manuscript title: CO<sub>2</sub> sorption enhancement of extruded-spheronized CaO-based pellets by sacrificial biomass templating technique

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## Preparation of biomass-templated pellets.

The biomass-templated pellets were prepared via an extrusion-spheronization method, as shown in Fig. S1. The detailed preparation process is as follows: first, weighted amounts of calcium hydroxide reagent and biomass template materials were vigorously blended to obtain the homogeneous mixtures; simultaneously moderate amount of deionized water was sprayed to wet the mixtures. Then, the wet mixtures were extruded to obtain columned extrudates using a mini extruder (E25, Xinyite Technology Co., Ltd., China) with a 1 mm die. During the extrusion process, the rotational speed of the mini extruder was maintained at 90 rpm. Finally, the columned extrudates were spheronized in a spheronizer (Mini S, Xinyite Technology Co., Ltd., China) at a rotational speed of 1000 rpm for 5 min. The biomass-templated pellets with particle size fraction of 0.9-1.25 mm were collected and air dried for overnight prior to being used for the CO<sub>2</sub> uptake test.

## Figure captions:

- Fig. S1. The preparation process of biomass-templated pellets.
- Fig. S2. Schematic for the identification of three carbonation stages of sorbent pellets.



Fig. S1.

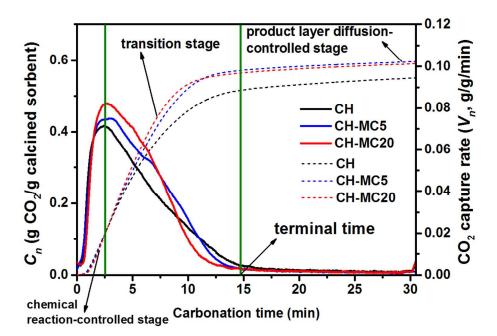


Fig. S2.