Supporting Information

for

A renewable biomass-derived honeycomb-like aerogel as robust oil

absorbent with double way reusability

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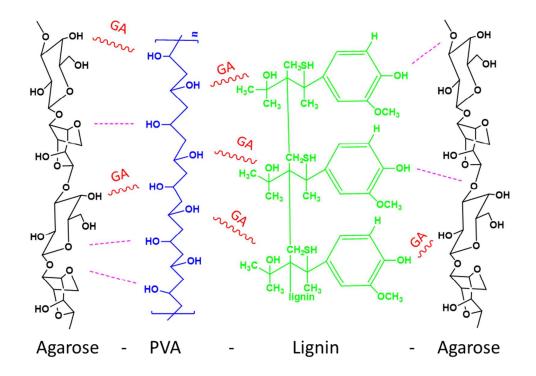
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Scheme S1. Supposed schematic of cross-linked chemical structure for the biomass-derived aerogel.¹⁻² Detailed mechanism still needs to be explored.



Figure S1. Optical image of aerogels with diverse shapes.

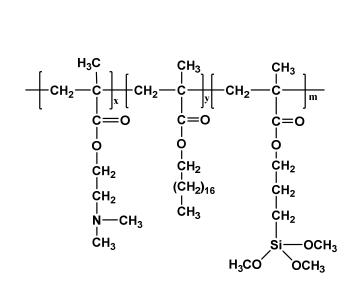


Figure S2. Chemical structure of synthesized copolymer p(SMA-DMAEMA-KH570)

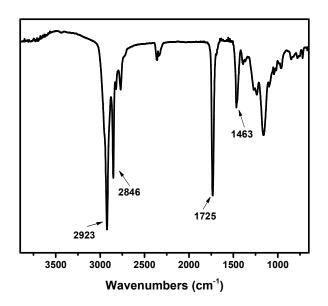


Figure S3. FTIR spectrum of synthesized copolymer p(SMA-DMAEMA-KH570)

Figure S3 showed the FTIR spectrum of the synthesized copolymer p(SMA-DMAEMA-KH570). As can be seen from Figure S3, the characteristic peak at around 1630 cm⁻¹ which was attributed to the stretching vibration of -C=C- was disappeared, indicating the completely polymerization of reactants. Peaks at 2923 and 2846 cm⁻¹ were ascribed to stretching vibrations of $-CH_3$ and $-CH_2$ groups, which were abundant in the chemical structure of the synthesized copolymer. The appearance of peak at 1725 cm⁻¹ suggested the vibration of the C=O bond. And the bands at 1463 cm⁻¹ indicated C-N stretching vibrations, which was belonging to the component of pDMAEMA.

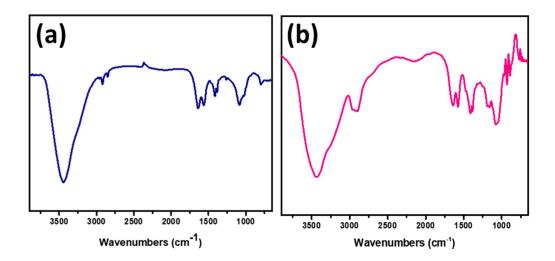


Figure S4. FTIR spectra of (a) lignin and (b) agarose

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