

## Supplementary data

Adsorption and equilibrium studies of phenol and para-nitrophenol by magnetic activated carbon synthesised from cauliflower waste

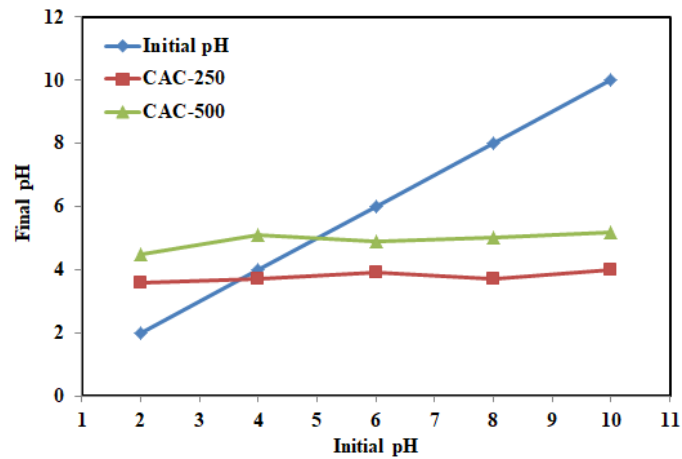


Fig. S1. Graph for  $pH_{ZPC}$  of CAC-250 and CAC-500.

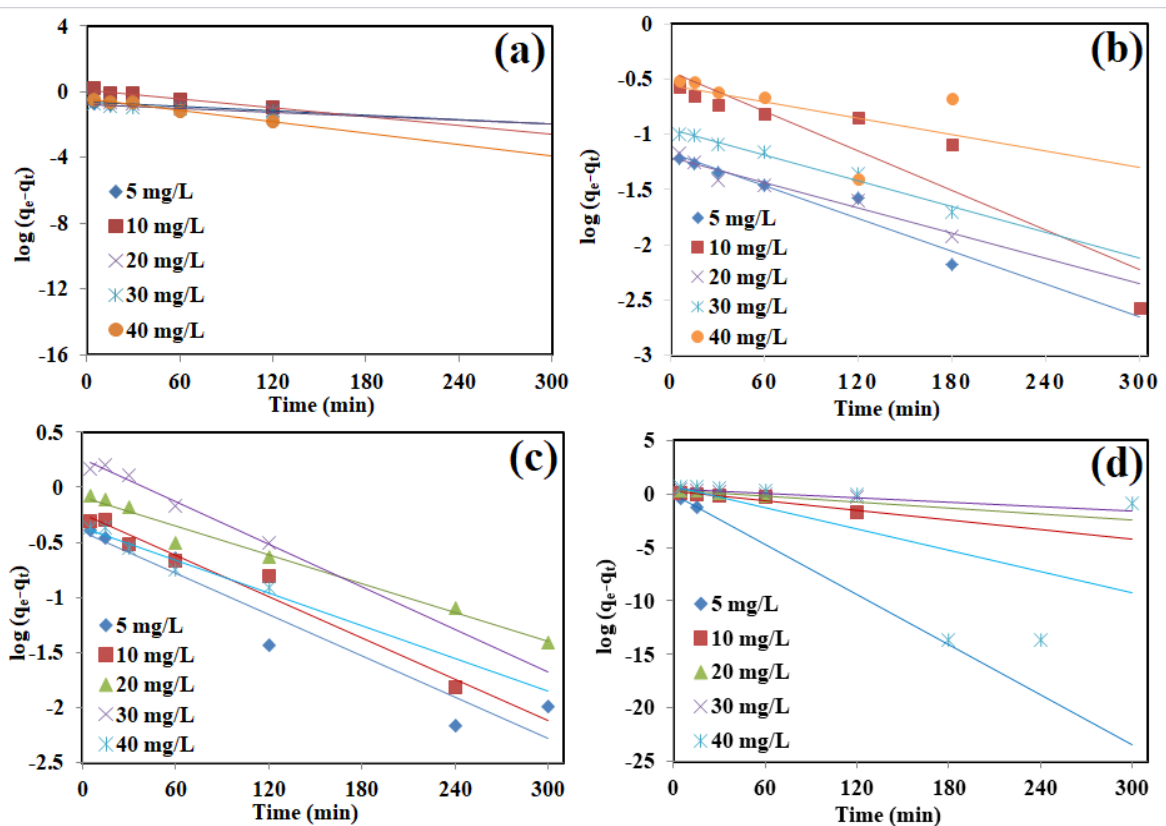
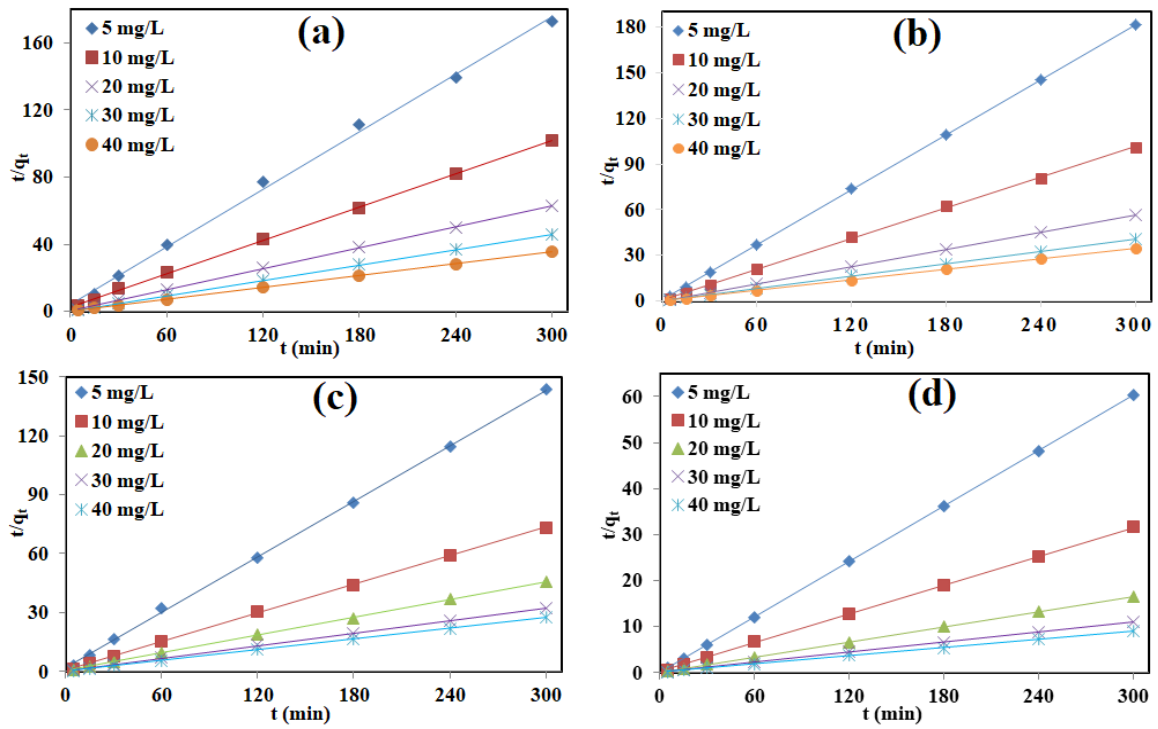
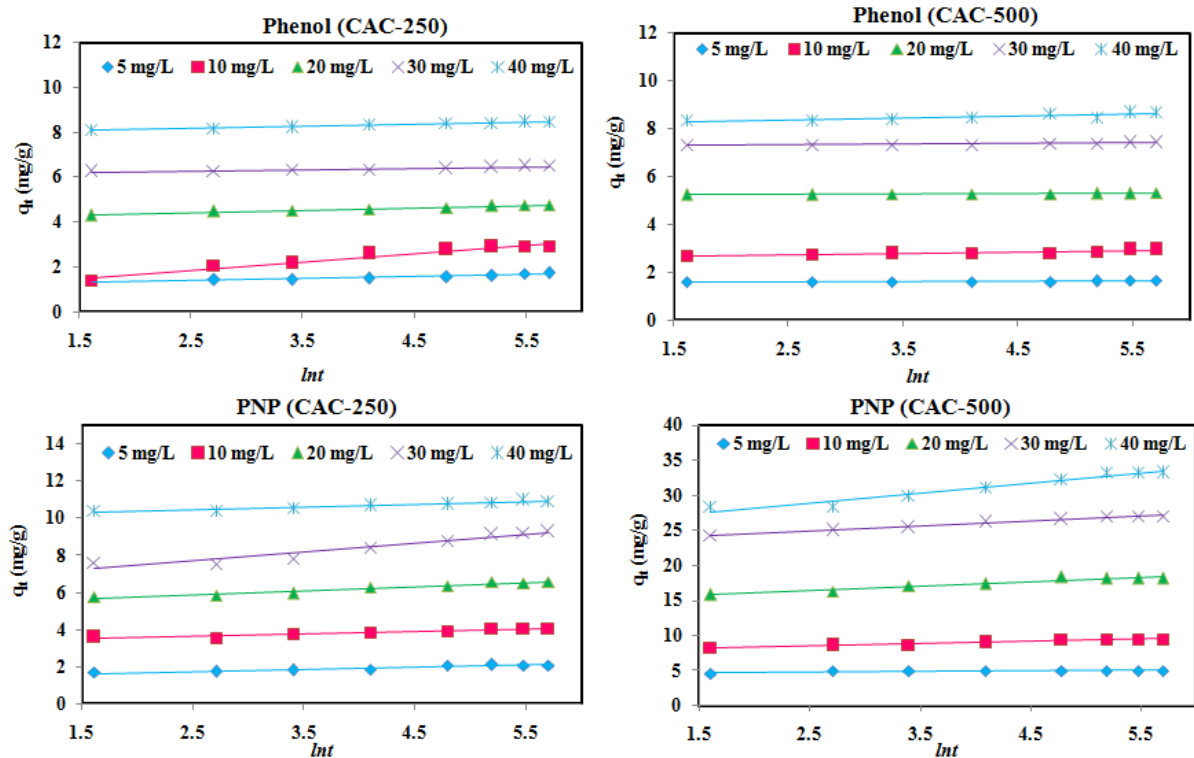


Fig. S2. Plots for pseudo first order kinetics for phenol by a) CAC-250 and b) CAC-500 and for PNP by c) CAC-250 and d) CAC-500.



**Fig. S3.** Plots for pseudo second order kinetics for phenol by a) CAC-250 and b) CAC-500 and for PNP by c) CAC-250 and d) CAC-500.



**Fig. S4.** Plots for Elovich kinetics model for phenol and PNP adsorption.

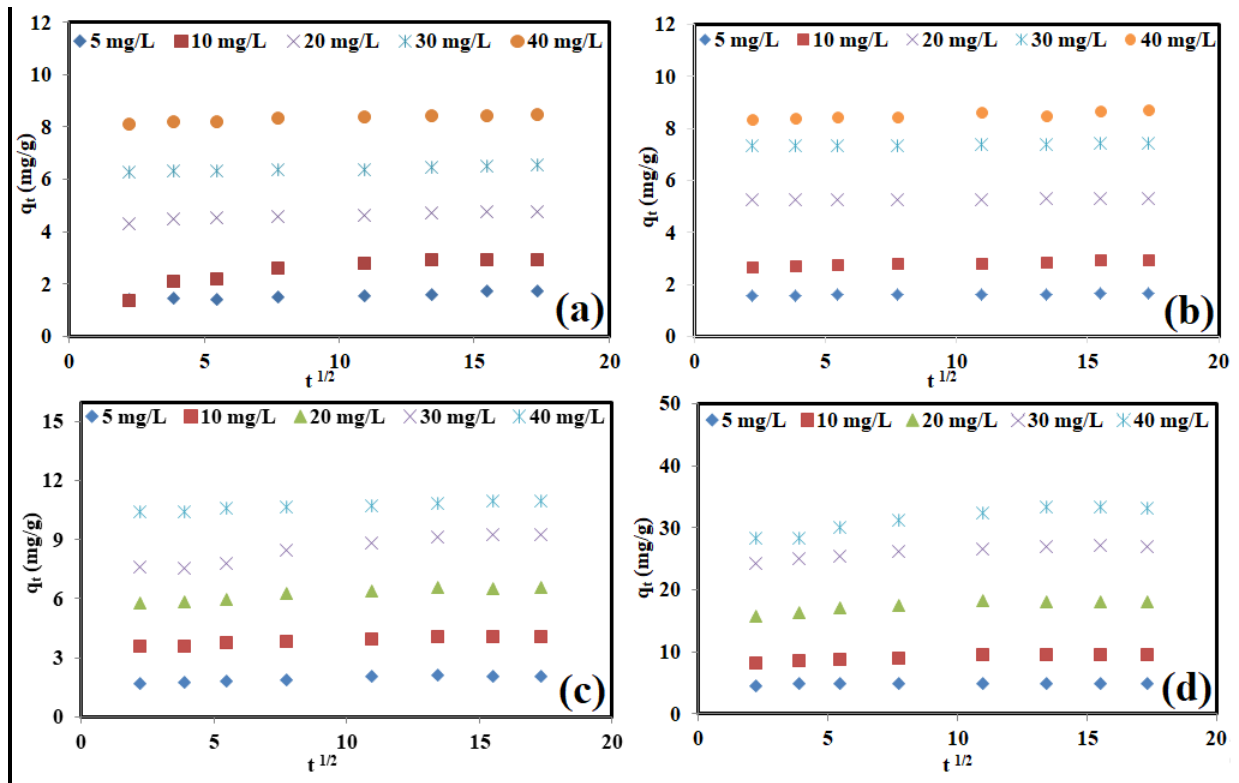


Fig. S5. Plots for intraparticle diffusion model for phenol by a) CAC-250 and b) CAC-500 and for PNP by c) CAC-250 and d) CAC-500.

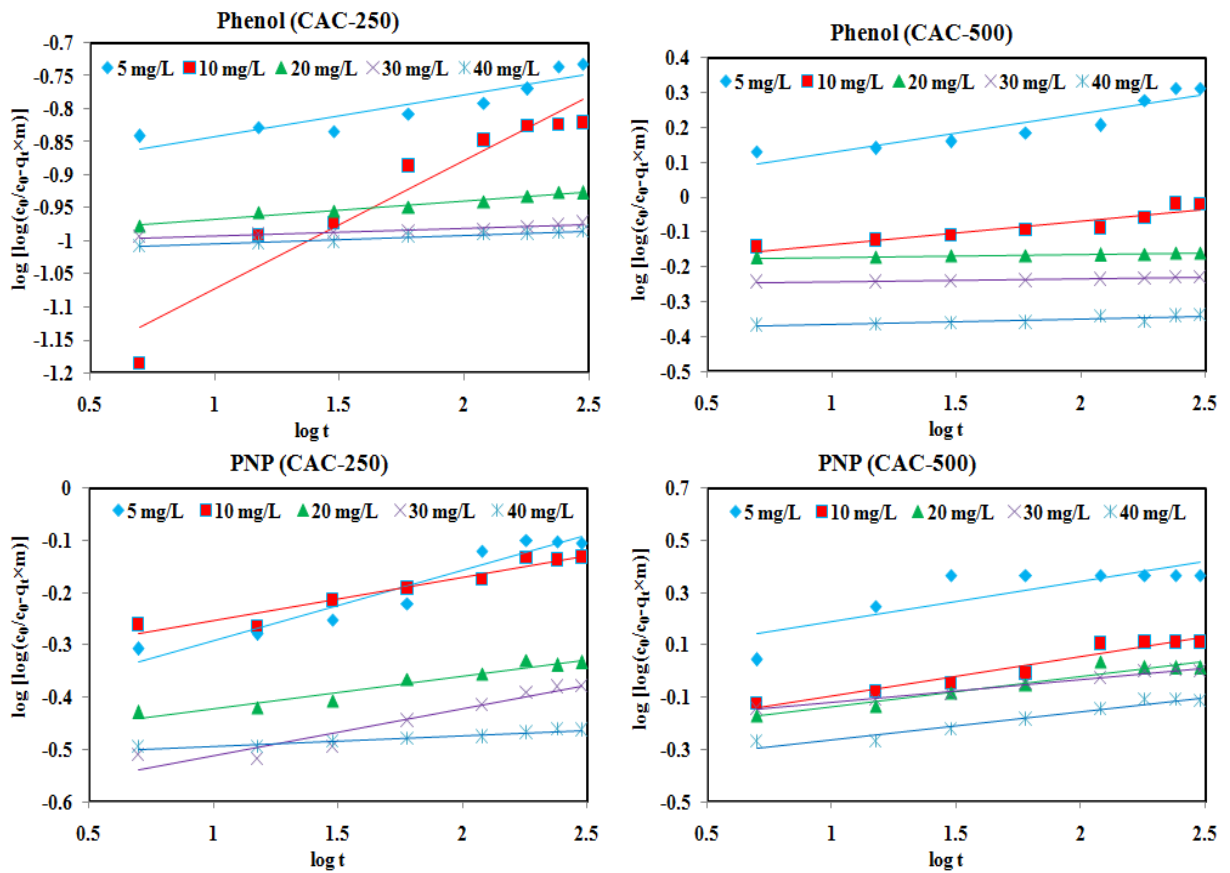


Fig. S6. Plots for pore diffusion model for phenol and PNP adsorption.

**Table S1.** Values for Adsorption Kinetics Parameters for the Adsorption of Phenol and PNP

| Kinetics    | Pseudo first order kinetics |                 |                               |       | Pseudo second order |                     |       |       |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|
|             | $C_0$<br>(mg/L)             | $q_e$<br>(mg/g) | $k_1$<br>(min <sup>-1</sup> ) | $R^2$ | $q_e$<br>(mg/g)     | $k_2$<br>(g/mg min) | $R^2$ |       |
| CAC-<br>250 | Phenol                      | 5               | 0.040                         | 1.526 | 0.978               | 1.749               | 0.083 | 0.997 |
|             |                             | 10              | 0.155                         | 0.319 | 0.868               | 3.023               | 0.038 | 0.999 |
|             |                             | 20              | 0.070                         | 0.856 | 0.927               | 4.597               | 0.010 | 0.992 |
|             |                             | 30              | 0.038                         | 1.658 | 0.968               | 4.793               | 0.111 | 0.999 |
|             |                             | 40              | 0.022                         | 1.726 | 0.896               | 6.531               | 0.126 | 0.999 |
|             | PNP                         | 5               | 0.397                         | 0.003 | 0.927               | 2.123               | 0.121 | 1     |
|             |                             | 10              | 0.570                         | 0.003 | 0.968               | 4.114               | 0.091 | 1     |
|             |                             | 20              | 0.805                         | 0.002 | 0.980               | 6.609               | 0.064 | 1     |
|             |                             | 30              | 1.800                         | 0.003 | 0.977               | 9.390               | 0.022 | 1     |
|             |                             | 40              | 2.288                         | 0.002 | 0.928               | 10.990              | 0.077 | 1     |
| CAC-<br>500 | Phenol                      | 5               | 0.067                         | 0.002 | 0.918               | 1.655               | 4.832 | 1     |
|             |                             | 10              | 0.367                         | 0.002 | 0.851               | 2.971               | 8.129 | 0.999 |
|             |                             | 20              | 0.061                         | 0.001 | 0.952               | 5.316               | 0.602 | 1     |
|             |                             | 30              | 0.111                         | 0.001 | 0.978               | 7.434               | 0.304 | 1     |
|             |                             | 40              | 0.276                         | 0.001 | 0.257               | 8.680               | 0.110 | 0.999 |
|             | PNP                         | 5               | 0.899                         | 0.034 | 1                   | 4.980               | 1.237 | 1     |
|             |                             | 10              | 1.981                         | 0.007 | 0.920               | 9.569               | 0.05  | 1     |
|             |                             | 20              | 2.450                         | 0.004 | 0.956               | 18.250              | 0.037 | 1     |
|             |                             | 30              | 2.558                         | 0.003 | 0.963               | 27.170              | 0.022 | 1     |
|             |                             | 40              | 5.103                         | 0.002 | 0.994               | 33.670              | 0.010 | 1     |

**Table S2.** Values of Elovich and Pore Diffusion Kinetics Model Parameters for the Adsorption of Phenol and PNP

|                |               | Elovich kinetic model |       |        | Bangham's pore diffusion model |               |          |       |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|-------|
|                |               | $C_0$<br>(mg/L)       | $A$   | $B$    | $R^2$                          | $K_{diff}(g)$ | $A (<I)$ | $R^2$ |
|                | <b>Phenol</b> | <b>5</b>              | 0.029 | 12.500 | 0.829                          | 3.318         | 0.062    | 0.840 |
|                |               | <b>10</b>             | 0.400 | 2.688  | 0.960                          | 3.464         | 0.194    | 0.926 |
|                |               | <b>20</b>             | 0.029 | 9.174  | 0.969                          | 3.359         | 0.027    | 0.969 |
|                |               | <b>30</b>             | 0.013 | 16.129 | 0.884                          | 3.363         | 0.011    | 0.887 |
|                |               | <b>40</b>             | 0.021 | 10.526 | 0.965                          | 3.369         | 0.013    | 0.966 |
| <b>CAC-250</b> | <b>PNP</b>    | <b>5</b>              | 0.044 | 8.849  | 0.936                          | 2.991         | 0.134    | 0.929 |
|                |               | <b>10</b>             | 0.044 | 7.142  | 0.935                          | 2.889         | 0.083    | 0.934 |
|                |               | <b>20</b>             | 0.072 | 4.385  | 0.935                          | 3.046         | 0.062    | 0.936 |
|                |               | <b>30</b>             | 0.185 | 2.074  | 0.913                          | 3.141         | 0.089    | 0.914 |
|                |               | <b>40</b>             | 0.032 | 7.142  | 0.933                          | 3.071         | 0.019    | 0.934 |
| <b>CAC-500</b> | <b>Phenol</b> | <b>5</b>              | 0.003 | 62.500 | 0.925                          | 1.592         | 0.11     | 0.850 |
|                |               | <b>10</b>             | 0.016 | 15.873 | 0.893                          | 2.667         | 0.067    | 0.870 |
|                |               | <b>20</b>             | 0.002 | 58.823 | 0.955                          | 2.615         | 0.007    | 0.954 |
|                |               | <b>30</b>             | 0.005 | 35.714 | 0.888                          | 2.761         | 0.008    | 0.887 |
|                |               | <b>40</b>             | 0.016 | 12.820 | 0.716                          | 2.944         | 0.016    | 0.716 |
|                | <b>PNP</b>    | <b>5</b>              | 0.016 | 14.705 | 0.596                          | 1.942         | 0.152    | 0.69  |
|                |               | <b>10</b>             | 0.109 | 2.941  | 0.961                          | 2.754         | 0.151    | 0.941 |
|                |               | <b>20</b>             | 0.203 | 1.562  | 0.933                          | 2.768         | 0.117    | 0.921 |
|                |               | <b>30</b>             | 0.206 | 1.392  | 0.985                          | 2.680         | 0.088    | 0.982 |
|                |               | <b>40</b>             | 0.497 | 0.699  | 0.946                          | 2.928         | 0.107    | 0.943 |