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A Novel Degradable Adsorbent of the Hyperbranched Aliphatic Polyester Grafted Cellulose for Heavy Metal Ions

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Abstract: A novel degradable adsorbent for the removal of heavy metal ions from waste water, a hyperbranched aliphatic polyester grafted cellulose (HAPE-Cell), was successfully prepared by the simple one-pot method for the first time. The hyperbranched aliphatic polyester was grafted from the surface hydroxyl groups of natural cotton fibers via the solution polycondensation of the AB₂ monomer, 2, 2-bis(hydroxymethyl)propionic acid (bis-MPA), with the catalysis of p-toluenesulfonic acid (p-TSA). The HAPE-Cell was characterized by elemental analysis, Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction (XRD), and scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The adsorption properties of the HAPE-Cell towards the heavy metal ions (Cu(II), Hg(II), Zn(II), and Cd(II)) were also preliminarily investigated.

Key Words: Hyperbranched aliphatic polyester, graft, cotton fiber, adsorbent, heavy metal ions

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