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## Molecularly Imprinted Organic-Inorganic Hybrid for Selective Adsorption of Bisphenol A

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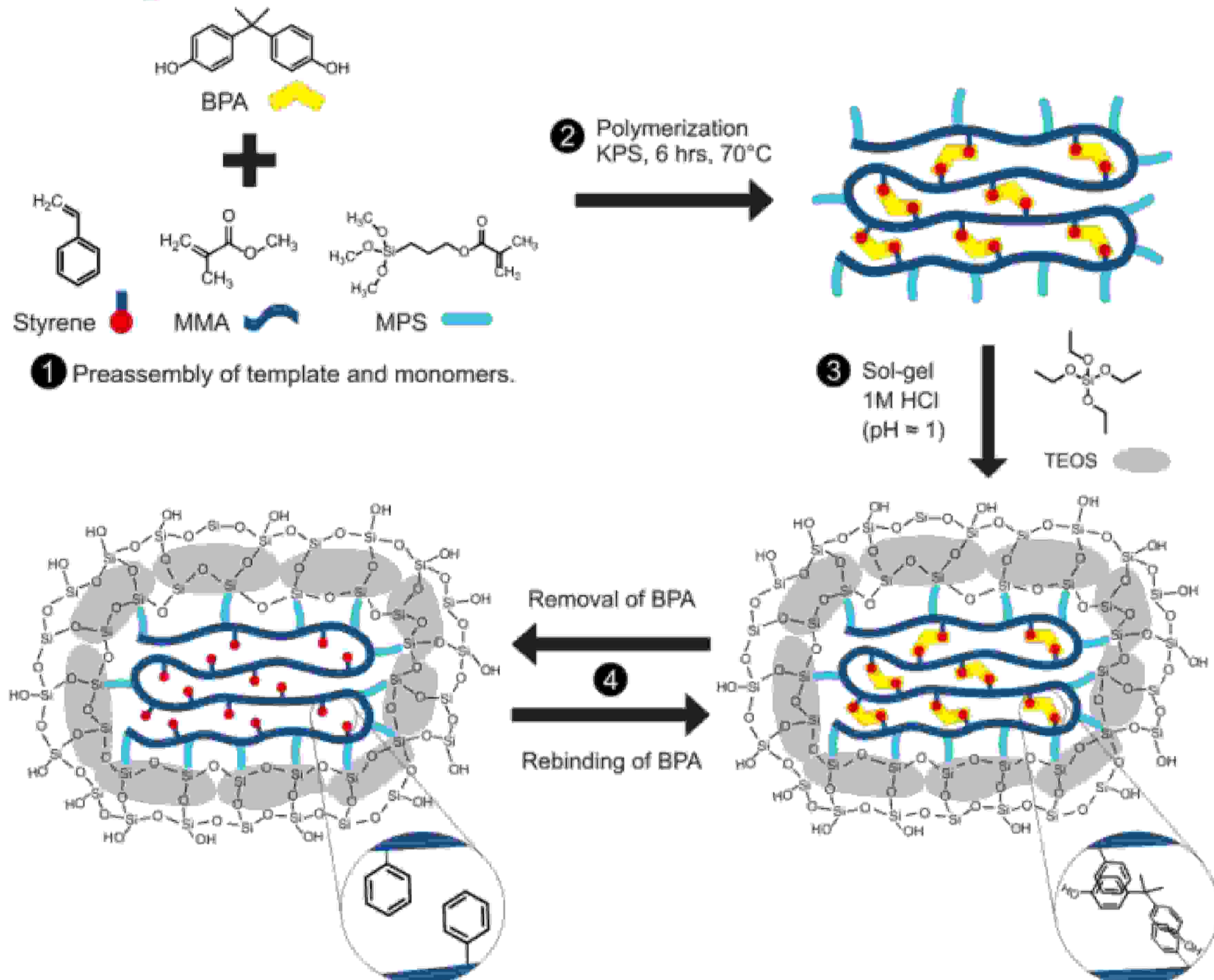
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### INTRODUCTION

Bisphenol A (BPA) is known as endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) which can produce adverse effects in humans and wildlife. High selectivity adsorbents are in great need to effectively remove/enrich BPA from our environments. Molecular imprinting is a nano-manipulating templating method which is used to synthesize recognition materials for specific target molecules. In this study, we take BPA molecules as the template molecule to prepare molecularly imprinted organic-inorganic hybrid (MIH), the BPA molecules were imprinted in copolymer and later was coated with SiO<sub>2</sub>, the designated hybrid nanostructure not only enhanced the adsorption affinity and facilitated mass transfer, but also effectively suppress the non-specific interactions.

### Preparation of MIH



### Roles of Organic and Inorganic in MIH

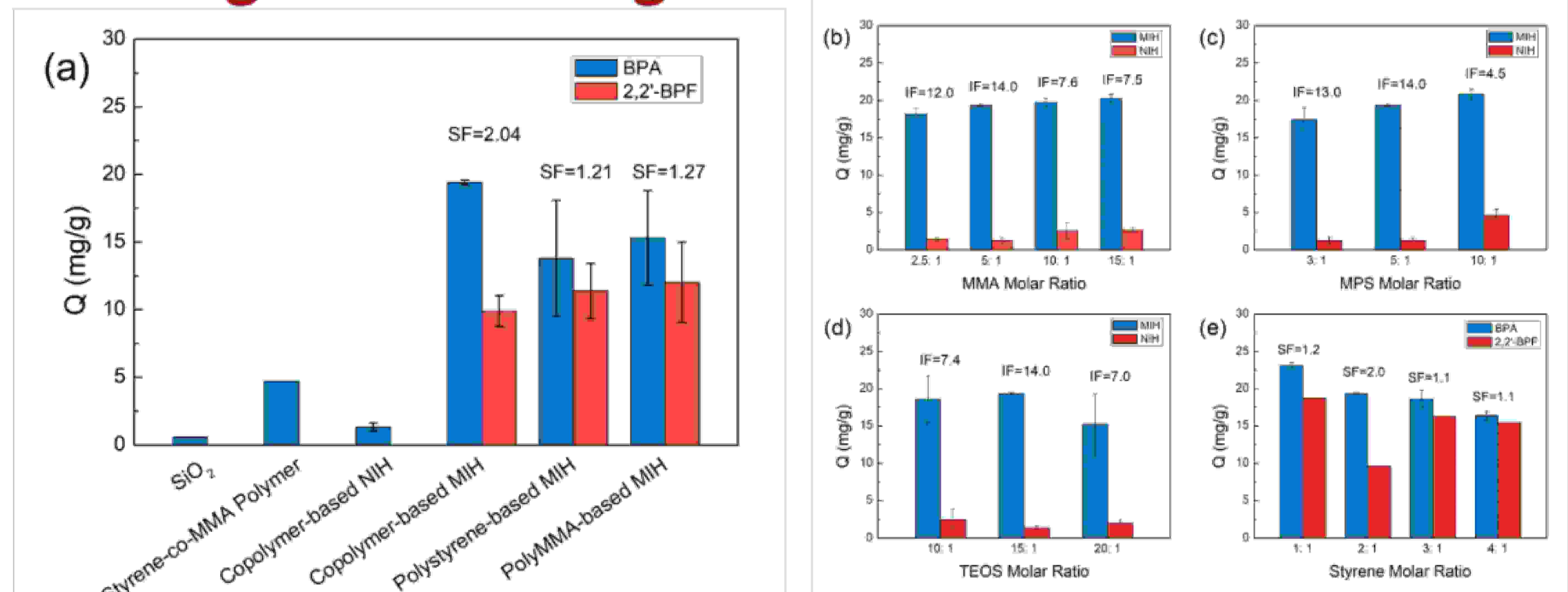


Figure 1. (a) Adsorption ability of different adsorbents on BPA. Adsorption ability of MIH and NIH on BPA prepared with different (b) MMA/BPA molar ratios, (c) MPS/BPA molar ratios, (d) TEOS/BPA molar ratios, and (e) recognition ability of MIH on BPA and 2,2'-BPF prepared by different styrene/BPA molar ratios.

### Adsorption Behaviours of MIH

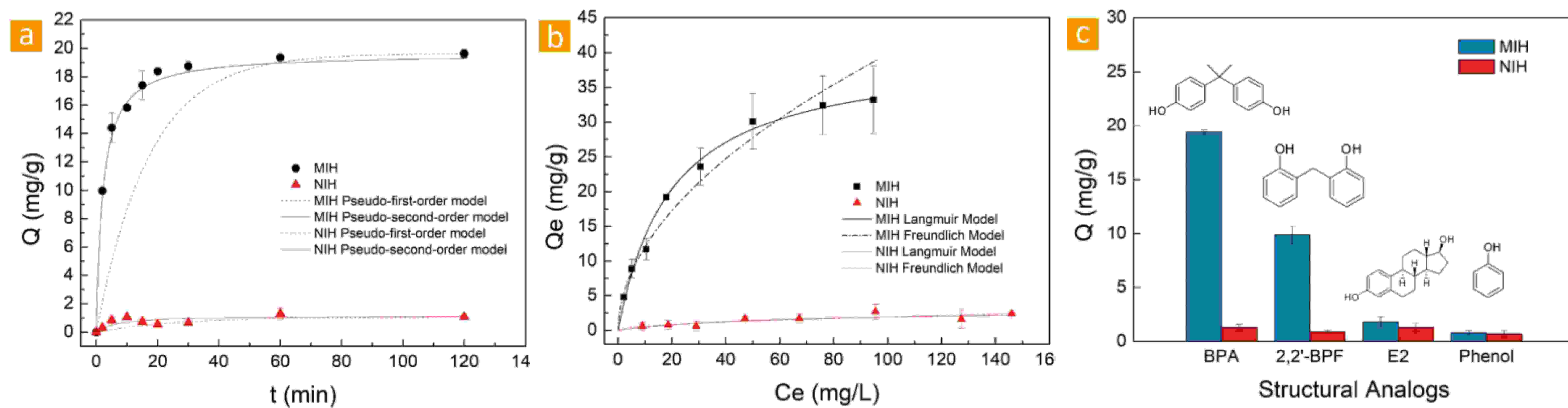


Figure 2.

- a Adsorption kinetic of MIH and NIH on BPA.
- b Adsorption isotherm of MIH and NIH on BPA.
- c Selective adsorption of MIH and NIH on BPA and its structural analogue.

### CONCLUSION

The molecularly imprinted hybrid featured with SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated copolymer nanostructured demonstrated a high adsorption capacity, fast adsorption kinetic, and excellent selectivity for BPA adsorption. The exceptional functionality of MIH is expected to a promising target-selective adsorbent for advanced water purification.



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