

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR

Diclofenac removal by alkylammonium clay minerals prepared over microwave heating

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Table S1. Basal distance values obtained from TEM images

Sample	Basal spacing (nm)
C ₁₄ -Ver-100%	1.1-1.2, 2.6-2.7
C ₁₄ -Ver-200%	1.1-1.2, 2.6-2.7
C ₁₆ -Ver-100%	1.1, 2.7-2.8 and 3.9-4.1
C ₁₆ -Ver-200%	1.0-1.1, 2.9
C ₁₈ -Ver-100%	1.0-1.2, 2.8-2.9 and 4.2-4.4
C ₁₈ -Ver-200%	1.0-1.10, 3.3-3.4

Table S2. Adsorption parameters of drug adsorption on organo-vermiculites according to the Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin models

Langmuir					
Sample	q_e (<i>exp</i>)	q_{max}	K_L	R^2	SD
	(mg g ⁻¹)	(mg g ⁻¹)	(10 ⁻² L mg ⁻¹)		(mg g ⁻¹)
C ₁₄ -Ver-100%	36.30 ± 1.08	46.70 ± 2.51	1.16 ± 0.16	0.9862	1.62
C ₁₆ -Ver-100%	52.89 ± 1.05	97.4 ± 7.39	0.30 ± 0.04	0.9913	1.84
C ₁₈ -Ver-100%	17.90 ± 0.72	21.64 ± 1.00	0.89 ± 0.12	0.9876	0.68
C ₁₄ -Ver-200%	97.75 ± 1.46	115.10 ± 4.80	1.1 ± 0.13	0.9878	3.63
C ₁₆ -Ver-200%	110.06 ± 1.65	118.19 ± 4.50	2.39 ± 0.35	0.9836	4.98
C ₁₈ -Ver-200%	107.97 ± 2.16	115.86 ± 4.50	3.23 ± 0.58	0.9805	5.58
Freundlich					
Sample	n	K_F	R^2	SD	
		(mg g ⁻¹)(mg L ⁻¹) ^{-1/n}		(mg g ⁻¹)	
C ₁₄ -Ver-100%	2.30 ± 0.29	3.06 ± 0.86	0.9383	3.43	
C ₁₆ -Ver-100%	1.61 ± 0.13	1.28 ± 0.36	0.9744	3.15	
C ₁₈ -Ver-100%	2.36 ± 0.17	1.36 ± 0.24	0.9805	0.86	
C ₁₄ -Ver-200%	2.55 ± 0.21	9.21 ± 1.61	0.9750	5.21	
C ₁₆ -Ver-200%	3.39 ± 0.30	19.42 ± 2.72	0.9750	6.15	

C ₁₈ -Ver-200%	3.85 ± 0.47	24.33 ± 4.04	0.9576	8.22
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Temkin

Sample	b_T (10 ² J mol ⁻¹)	A_T (L mg ⁻¹)	R ²	SD (mg g ⁻¹)
C ₁₄ -Ver-100%	1.34 ± 0.17	0.54 ± 0.24	0.8778	4.84
C ₁₆ -Ver-100%	1.02 ± 0.21	0.38 ± 0.29	0.7108	10.58
C ₁₈ -Ver-100%	2.91 ± 0.35	0.54 ± 0.27	0.8813	2.13
C ₁₄ -Ver-200%	238 ± 46.1	4.51 ± 5.16	0.7423	16.73
C ₁₆ -Ver-200%	0.84 ± 0.14	33.60 ± 40.8	0.8032	17.26
C ₁₈ -Ver-200%	0.68 ± 0.06	11.80 ± 6.47	0.9397	9.80

Table S3. Diclofenac adsorption capacity obtained for others organoclays according to the literature

Sample	Surfactant/proportion (% CEC)	Experimental conditions	q_e^c (mg g ⁻¹)	Reference
Mt ^a (76 cmol(+) kg ⁻¹)	C ₁₆ Br/400%	pH: 6.5 C _i : 10 - 2000 mg L ⁻¹ Organoclay mass: 100 mg	49.31	Oliveira et al. ¹
	BDTA ^c /400%	Volume of drug solution: 50 mL t: 24 h T: 25 °C	60.40	
Bent ^b (75 cmol(+) kg ⁻¹)	DDP ^d /200%	pH: 6.0 C _i : 1-500 mg L ⁻¹ Organoclay mass: 150 mg V = 20 mL t: 10 min T : 25°C	25.5	França et al. ²
	HDP ^e /200%	pH: 6.0 C _i : 1-500 mg L ⁻¹ Organoclay mass: 50 mg V = 20 mL	91.13	

t: 10 min

T : 25°C

Mt	HDBA ^f /160%	C _i : 20-150 mg L ⁻¹	125.55	Chu et al. ³
(90 cmol(+) kg ⁻¹)		Organoclay mass: 50 mg V = 50 mL T : 25 °C		
Na-Mt	C ₁₆ Br/200%	pH > 5.0 C _i ≈ 50 - 1500 mg L ⁻¹ Organoclay mass = 70 mg V _{sol} (DFNa) = 20 mL t = 24 h	318.13	Sun et al. ⁴
(120.0 cmol kg ⁻¹)				
Bent	C ₁₆ Br/260%	pH: 7.0 C _i ≈ 159 - 1590 mg L ⁻¹ Organoclay mass not given V = 40 mL t = 7 days T : 25 °C	388.0	Martinez- Costa et al. ⁵
(139 cmol(+) kg ⁻¹)				
Na-Ver	C ₁₄ Br/200%	pH 6.0 for C ₁₆ -Ver-	97.75	Present
(67 cmol(+) kg ⁻¹)	C ₁₆ Br/200%	200% and C ₁₈ -Ver-	110.06	study
	C ₁₈ Br/200%	200%; pH 8.0 for C ₁₄ - Ver-200% C _i : 1-500 mg L ⁻¹ Organoclay mass: 50 mg V = 20 mL t: 30 min	107.97	

T : 25°C

^aMontmorillonite; ^bBentonite; ^cBenzyltrimethyltetradecylammonium;

^dDodecylpyridinium; ^eHexadecylpyridinium; ^fBenzyltrimethylhexadecylammonium

Table S4. Summary of mass losses and temperature intervals for events in the DTG curves for organovermiculites after stability test

pH	Sample	Event	T (°C)	Mass loss (%)	Total mass loss (%)	Total organic content ^a (%)
6.0	C ₁₄ -Ver-100%	I	50-115	2.6	19.2	12.8
		II	115-228	3.5		
		III	228-341	7.5		
		IV	341-443	1.2		
		V	443-523	0.6		
		VI	523-762	3.8		
	C ₁₄ -Ver-200%	I	50-118	2.7	26.2	20.8
		II	118-184	2.8		
		III	184-216	11.3		
		IV	216-345	3.0		
		V	345-518	3.7		
		VI	518-770	2.7		
	C ₁₆ -Ver-100%	II	50-125	2.2	18.2	13.3
		III	125-221	3.1		
		IV	221-350	9.0		
		V	350-462	1.3		
		VI	522-774	2.6		
	C ₁₆ -Ver-200%	I	50-118	2.7	29.9	22.8
		II	118-221	7.1		
		III	221-362	13.7		

		IV	362-506	2.0		
		V	506-767	4.4		
	C ₁₈ -Ver-100%	II	50-133	2.5	20.2	14.9
		III	133-232	3.9		
		IV	232-345	9.4		
		V	345-459	1.4		
		VI	459-528	0.2		
		VII	528-776	2.7		
	C ₁₈ -Ver-200%	I	50-130	2.3	33.9	27.4
		II	130-266	15.9		
		III	266-380	9.9		
		IV	380-497	1.6		
		V	497-774	4.2		
8.0	C ₁₄ -Ver-100%	I	50-122	2.7	19.4	12.7
		II	122-221	2.9		
		III	221-340	7.9		
		IV	340-449	1.3		
		V	449-518	0.5		
		VI	518-775	4.1		
	C ₁₄ -Ver-200%	I	50-117	2.4	24.9	19.0
		II	117-187	2.9		
		III	187-217	2.0		
		IV	217-342	11.2		
		V	342-420	1.9		
		VI	420-513	1.0		

	VII	513-773	3.5		
C ₁₆ -Ver-100%	I	50-121	2.5	20.3	14.1
	II	121-222	3.3		
	III	222-348	8.9		
	IV	348-446	1.3		
	V	446-519	0.6		
	VI	519-766	3.6		
C ₁₆ -Ver-200%	I	50-120	2.1	29.4	23.1
	II	120-220	7.7		
	III	220-366	13.6		
	IV	366-506	1.9		
	V	506-770	4.2		
C ₁₈ -Ver-100%	I	50-120	2.3	21.5	15.7
	II	120-223	4.1		
	III	223-362	10.0		
	IV	362-447	1.1		
	V	447-523	0.5		
	VI	523-769	3.5		
C ₁₈ -Ver-200%	I	50-118	2.0	33.9	28.1
	II	118-261	16.1		
	III	261-366	10.1		
	IV	366-455	1.5		
	V	455-509	0.5		
	VI	509-766	3.8		

^aValues obtained from the sum of mass losses, excluding dehydration and dihydroxylation.

Table S5. Results of the CHN elemental analysis of organovermiculites before and after treatment at pH 6.0 and pH 8.0

Sample	Untreated samples				pH 6.0				pH 8.0			
	C	H	N	α^a	C	H	N	α^a	C	H	N	α^a
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
C ₁₄ -Ver-100%	11.6	3.2	0.9	15.7	11.5	3.4	0.8	15.8	11.5	3.3	0.8	15.6
C ₁₆ -Ver-100%	13.0	3.3	0.9	17.2	12.6	3.4	0.7	16.8	12.6	3.4	0.7	16.7
C ₁₈ -Ver-100%	14.1	3.6	0.8	18.5	13.9	3.6	0.8	18.3	13.9	3.6	0.7	18.2
C ₁₄ -Ver-200%	18.2	4.3	1.4	23.9	16.5	4.1	1.1	21.7	16.7	4.1	1.1	21.8
C ₁₆ -Ver-200%	21.3	4.8	1.4	27.5	20.1	4.7	1.2	26.0	20.0	4.4	1.2	25.7
C ₁₈ -Ver-200%	23.8	5.2	1.4	30.3	23.2	5.1	1.2	29.6	23.3	5.2	1.2	29.7

^aTotal organic content determined from CHN elemental analysis

Table S6. Assignments of the bands in FTIR spectra associated with diclofenac adsorbed in the samples

Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment ^a	Wavenumber (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment ^a
1606	v(ring)	1376~1380	v _s (COO ⁻)
1577	v _{as} (COO ⁻)	1305	v _{as} (C-N-C) + CH rock + CH ₂ wagging
1557	v(ring)	1287	CH rock + CH ₂ wagging
1506 and 1417	δ(C-N-H) + CH rock (ring)	762	v(C-Cl) + δ(ring) in- plane
1468 and 1453	v(C-N) + CH rock (ring)	744	CH wagging (ring)

^aIliescu et al.⁶ and Lin-Vien et al.⁷

Table S7. Experimental conditions for evaluation of the adsorption of sodium diclofenac by organophilic vermiculites

Parameter evaluated	Experimental conditions			
	pH	m (mg)	t (min)	C_i (mg L ⁻¹)
pH	6.0; 8.0 and 10.0	25	1440	10
Adsorbent dosage	Fixed ^a	25, 50, 75, 100, 125 and 150	1440	10
Time	Fixed ^a	Fixed ^a	5, 7, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 60	10
Drug concentrations	Fixed ^a	Fixed ^a	Fixed ^a	1, 10, 50, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 400, and 500.

^aOptimal experimental conditions evaluated for each adsorbent.

Table S8. Equilibrium adsorption models

Model	Equation ^a
Langmuir ⁸	$q_e = \frac{q_{max}K_L C_e}{1 + K_L C_e}$ Eq. (S1)
Freundlich ⁹	$q_e = K_F C_e^{\frac{1}{n}}$ Eq. (S2)
Temkin ¹⁰	$q_e = \frac{RT}{b_T} \ln(A_T C_e)$ Eq. (S3)

^a C_e (mg L⁻¹) is the drug equilibrium concentration; q_e (mg g⁻¹) is the equilibrium amount of diclofenac adsorbed on the organoclays; q_{max} (mg g⁻¹) is the maximum adsorption capacity of the adsorbent, assuming the uptake of the monolayer drug by the adsorbent; K_L (L mg⁻¹) is the Langmuir constant; K_F (mg g⁻¹) (mg L⁻¹)^{-1/n} and n are Freundlich constants related to the capacity and intensity of adsorption, respectively; b_T is the constant related to the adsorption heat (J mol⁻¹); A_T is the isotherm constant (L mg⁻¹); R is the gas constant (8.314 J mol⁻¹ K); T is the absolute temperature (K).

Figure S1. Interlayer arrangements of (a) C₁₄, (b) C₁₆, and (c) C₁₈ organic chains in the organophilic samples for (i) vermiculite and (ii) hydrobiotite phases.

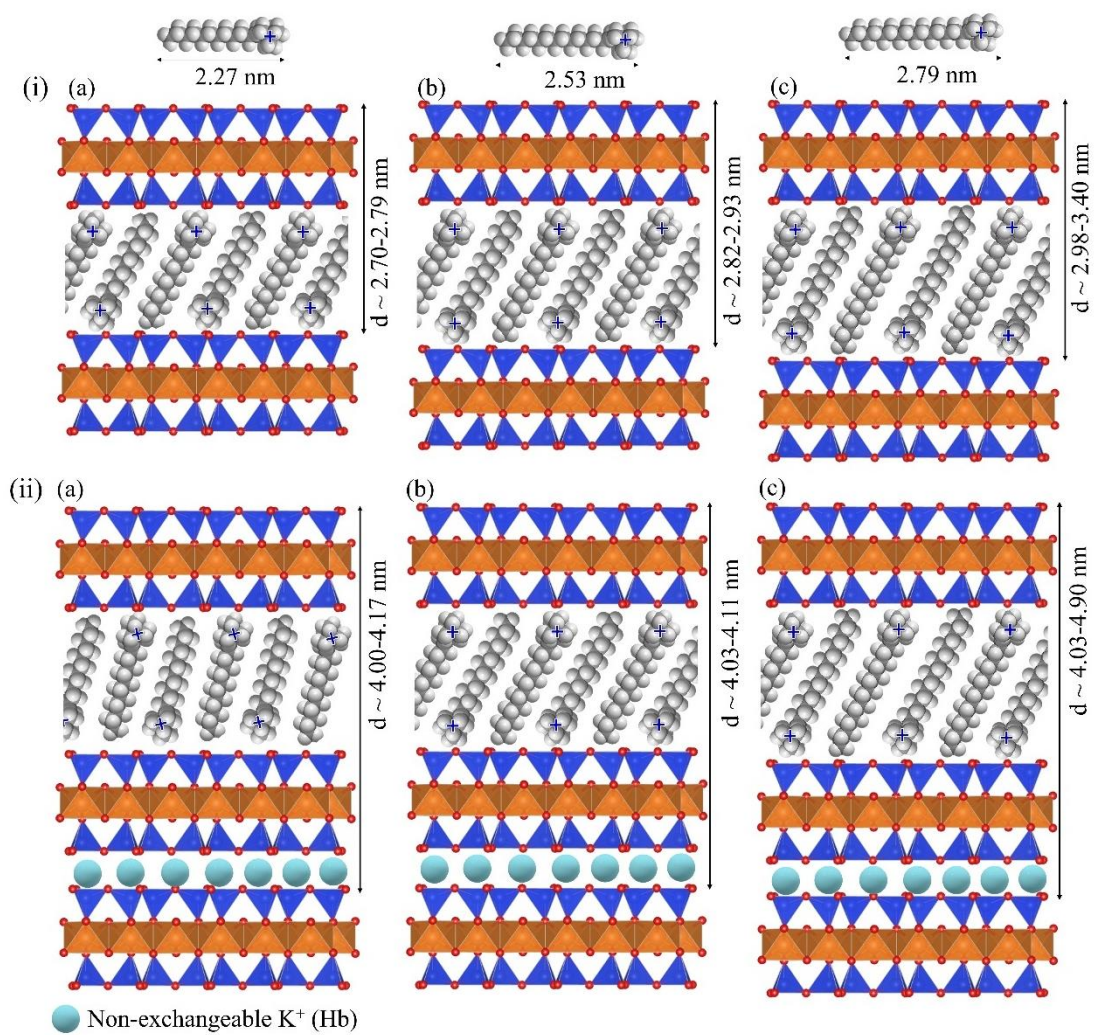


Figure S2. TEM images of (a) Na-Ver, (b) C₁₄-Ver-100%, (c) C₁₄-Ver-200%, (d) C₁₆-Ver-100%, (e) C₁₆-Ver-200%, (f) C₁₈-Ver-100%, (g) C₁₈-Ver-200%.

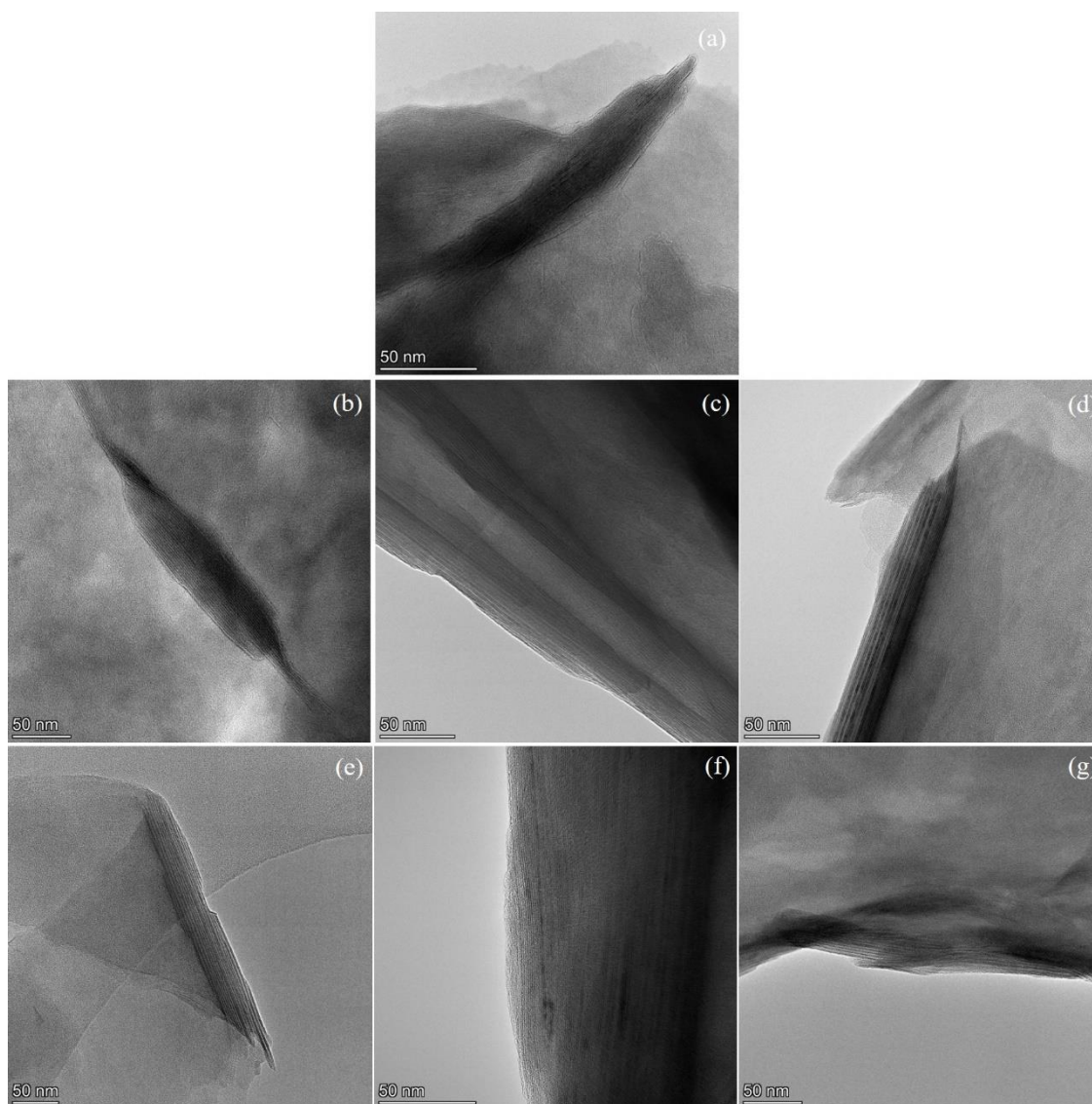


Figure S3. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms for (a) Na-Ver, (b) C₁₄-Ver-100%, and (c) C₁₆-Ver-100%, and (d) Kr adsorption isotherm for C₁₈-Ver-100%.

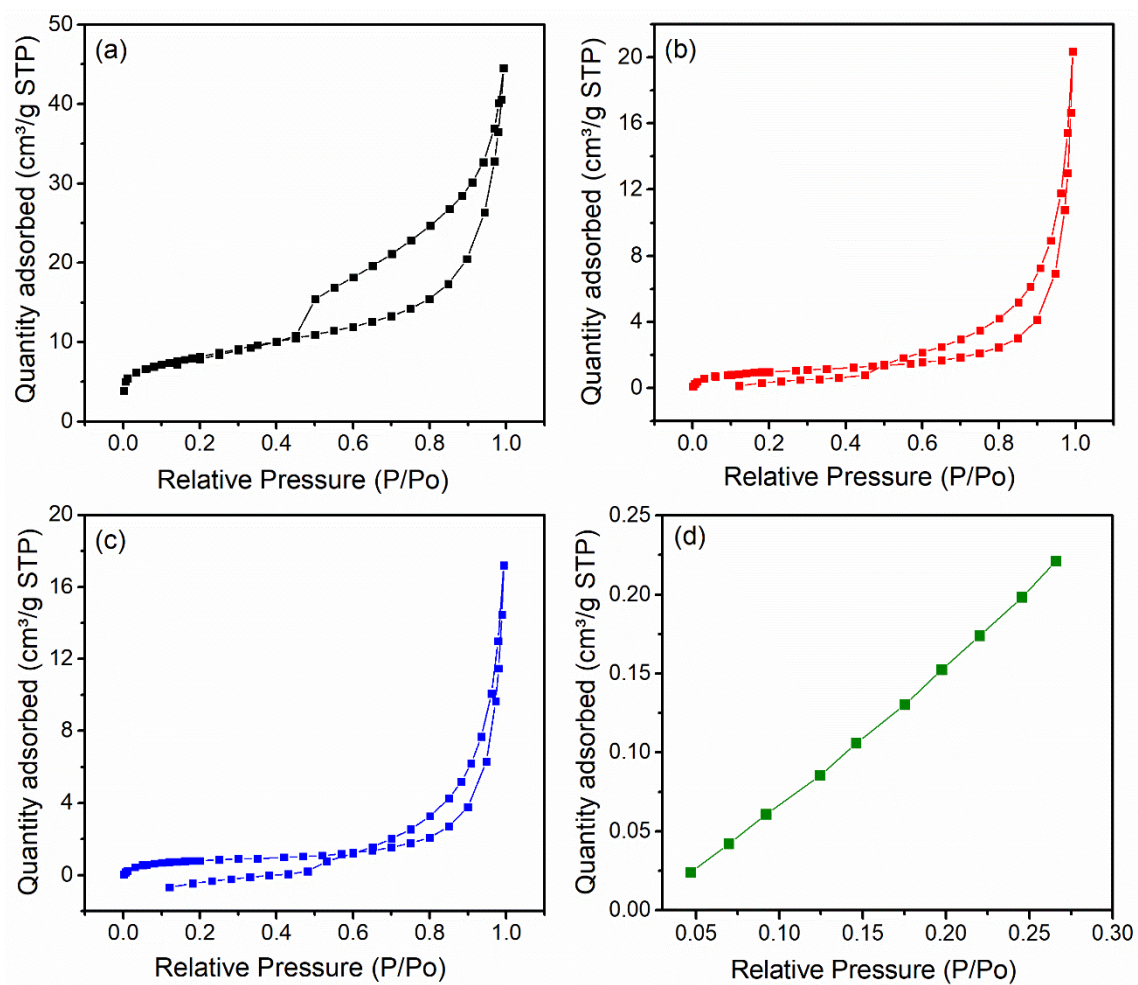


Figure S4. Graph of zeta potential versus amount of drug adsorbed by the organophilic vermiculites (25 °C, 25 mg mass adsorbent, $C_i = 10 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$, 24 h, pH 6.0 for C_{16} -Ver-200% and C_{18} -Ver-200%, and pH 8.0 for C_{14} -Ver-100%, C_{14} -Ver-200%, C_{16} -Ver-100%, and C_{18} -Ver-100%.

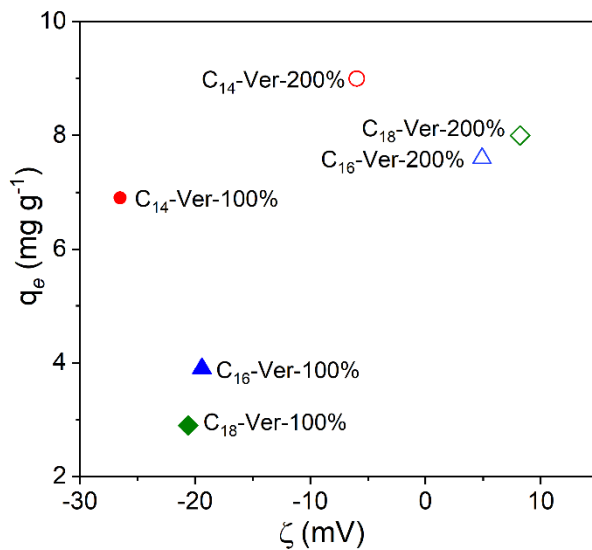


Figure S5. Relation between q_e and nitrogen content in the adsorbents (25 °C, pH 6.0 or 8.0 and $C_i = 500 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$).

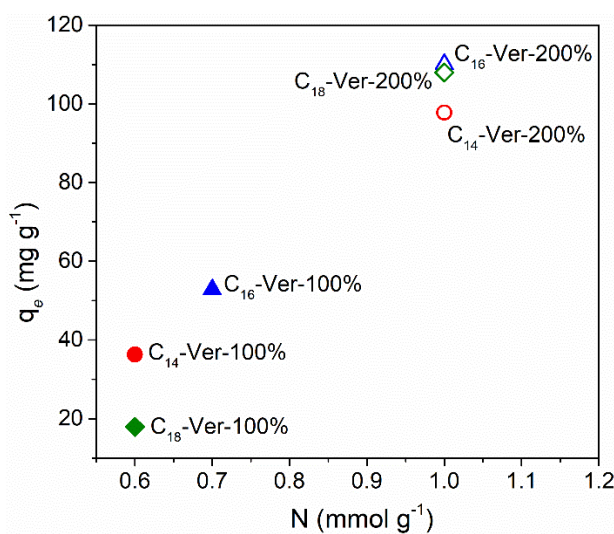
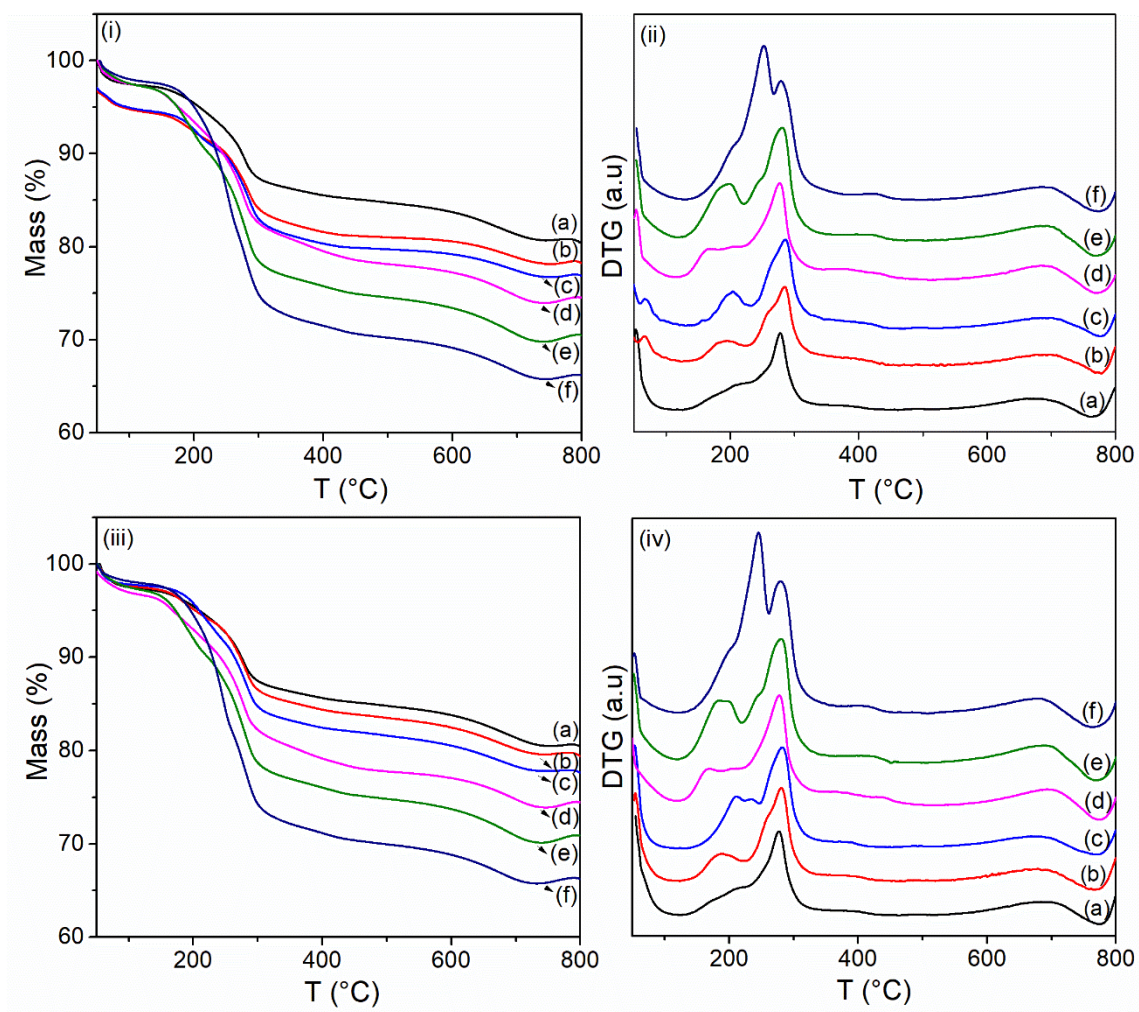


Figure S6. (i) TG and (ii) DTG curves for (a) C₁₄-Ver-100%, (b) C₁₆-Ver-100%, (c) C₁₈-Ver-100%, (d) C₁₄-Ver-200%, (e) C₁₆-Ver-200% and (f) C₁₈-Ver-200% after stability test at pH 6.0, and (iii) TG and (iv) DTG curves for (a) C₁₄-Ver-100%, (b) C₁₆-Ver-100%, (c) C₁₈-Ver-100%, (d) C₁₄-Ver-200%, (e) C₁₆-Ver-200% and (f) C₁₈-Ver-200% after stability test at pH 8.0.



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