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## Functional Chitosan Derivative and Chitin as Decolorization Materials for Methylene Blue and Methyl Orange from Aqueous Solution

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Figure S1. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of chitosan (a) and chitosan-g-polyacrylamide (CS-g-PAM) (b).



Figure S2. TGA (a) and DTG (b) spectra of chitosan and chitosan-g-polyacrylamide (CS-g-PAM).





Figure S3. DSC spectra of chitosan and chitosan-g-polyacrylamide (CS-g-PAM).



Figure S4. SEM micrographs of chitin (a) and chitosan (b); XRD of chitin and chitosan (c).



**Figure S5.** Arrhenius plot of  $LnK_c$  versus  $\frac{1}{T}$  for the decolorization of MB and MO by CS-g-PAM and CH: initial MB and MO concentration: 5.0 mg/mL; CS-g-PAM and CH concentration: 0.3 g·10mL<sup>-1</sup> (a); plot of  $\ln(1-\theta)$  versus  $\frac{1}{T}$  for the decolorization of dyes solution: initial MB, MO concentration: 10 mg/L; CS-g-PAM and CH concentration: 0.3 g·10mL<sup>-1</sup> at 25 °C (b).