

## **Supplementary data**

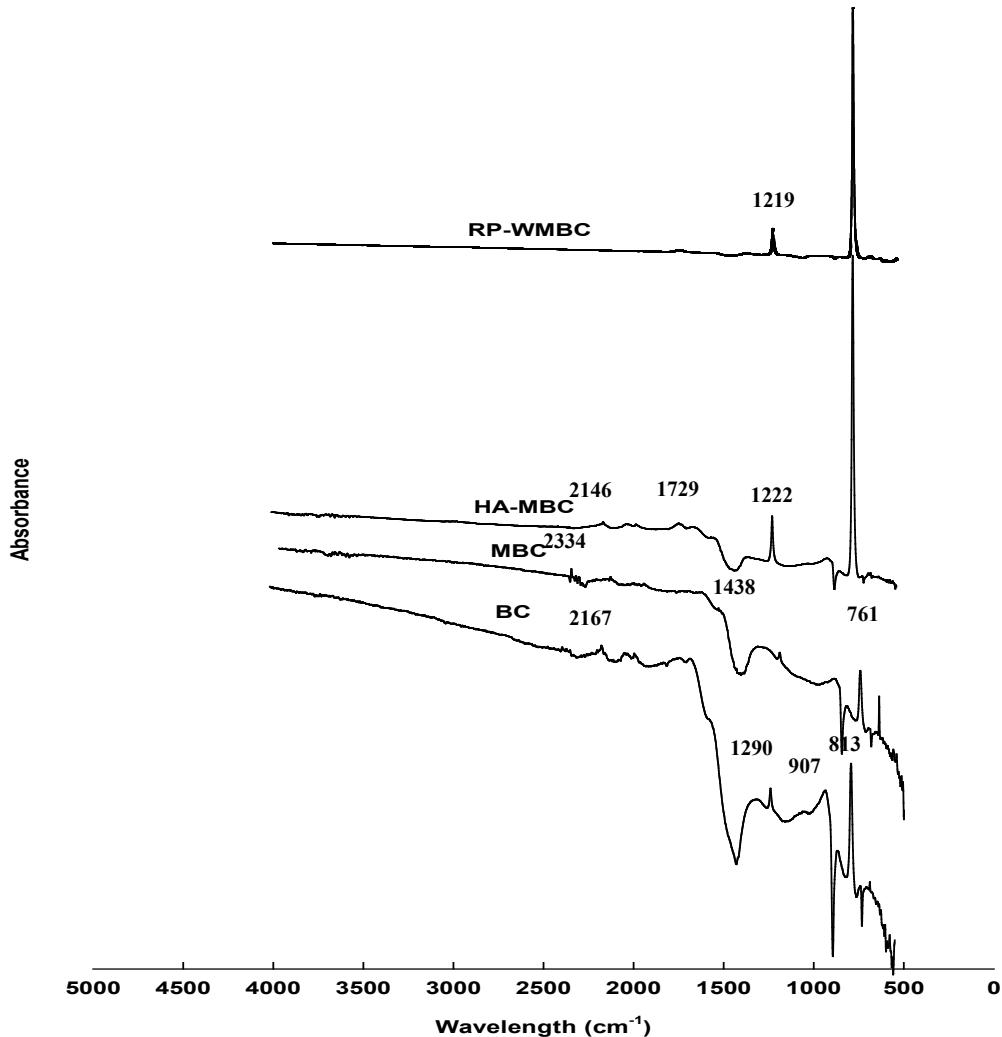
# **Ball-mill, humic acid and rock phosphate modified conocarpus biochar for efficient removal of heavy metals from contaminated water**

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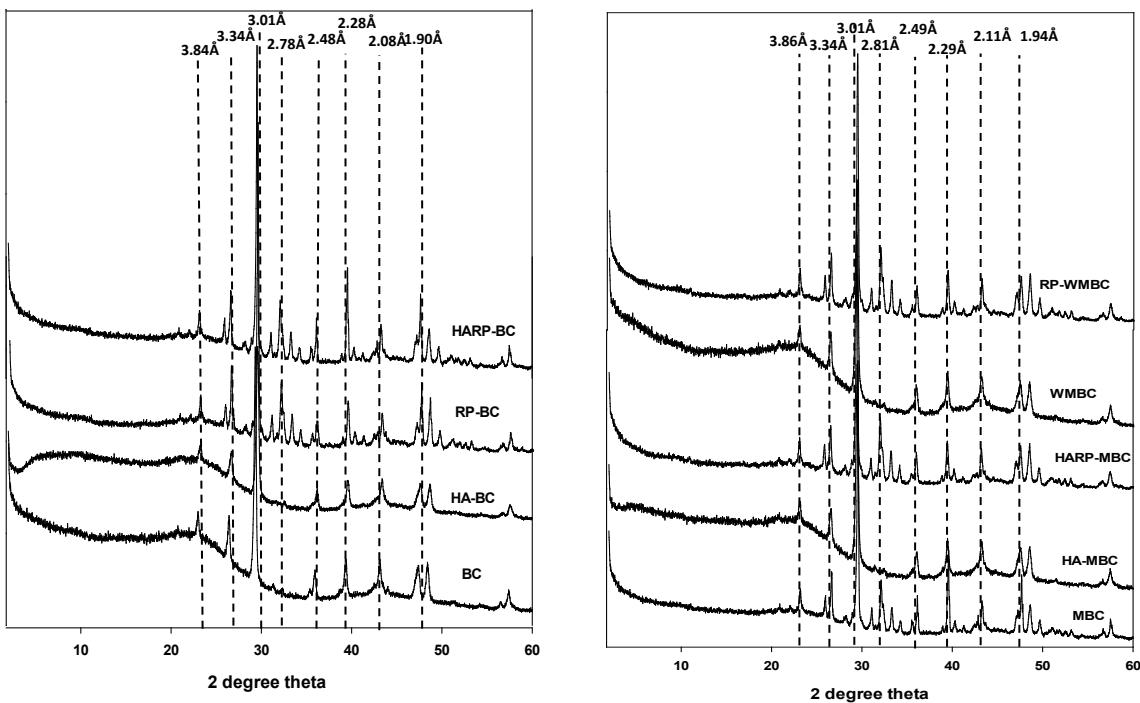
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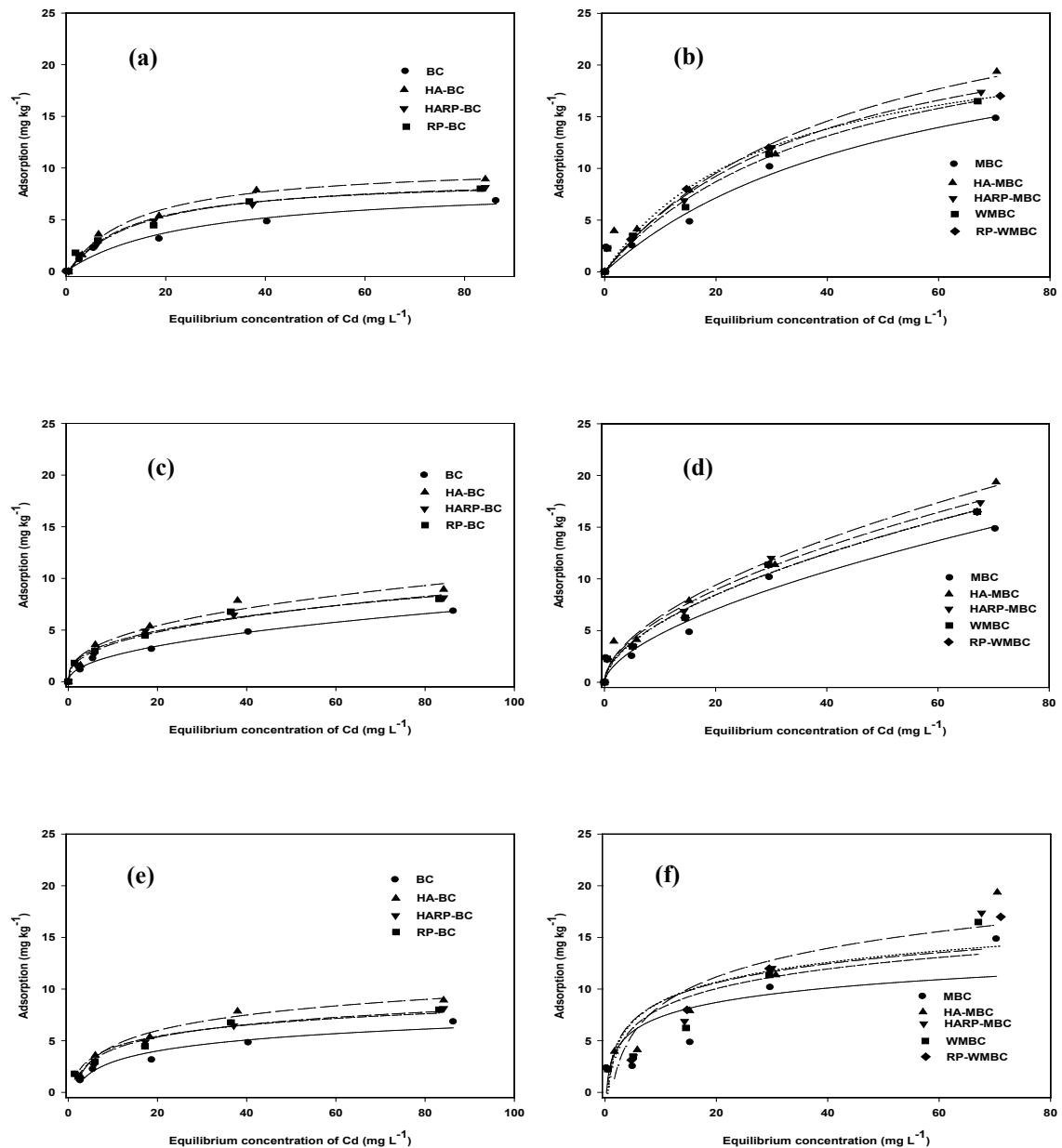


**Figure S1.** FTIR spectra of *conocarpus* biochar and its un-milled, milled and modified derivatives.

BC = Biochar, MBC = Ball milled biochar, HA-MBC = Humic acid modified ball milled biochar, RP-WMBC = Rock phosphate modified ball milled biochar with water.

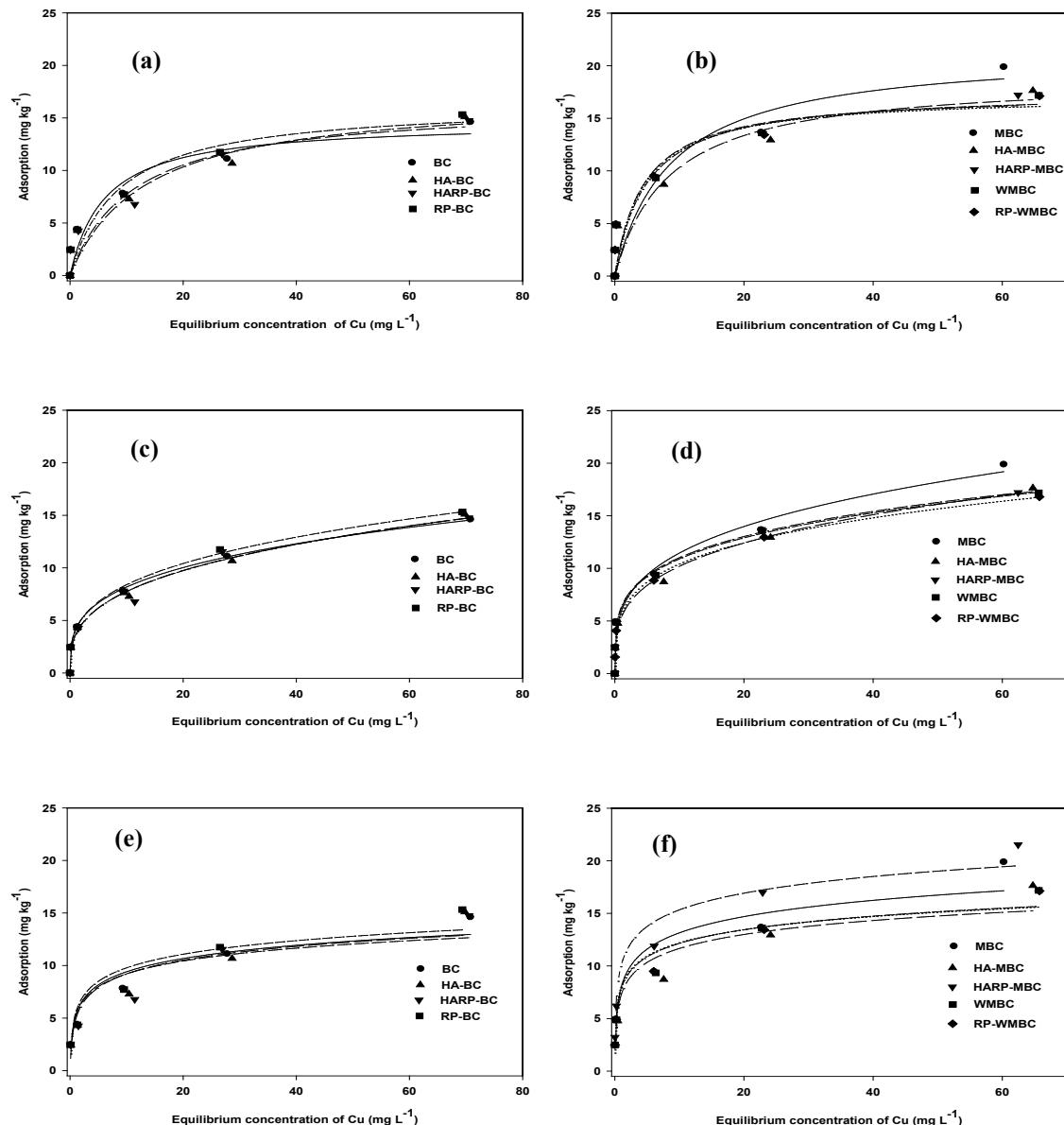


**Figure S2.** XRD spectra of conocarpus biochar and its un-milled, milled and modified derivatives.  
 BC = Biochar, HA-BC = Humic acid modified biochar, RP-BC = Rock phosphate modified biochar, HARP-BC = Humic acid and rock phosphate modified biochar, MBC = Ball milled biochar, HA-MBC = Humic acid modified ball milled biochar, HARP-MBC = Humic acid and rock phosphate modified ball milled biochar, WMBC= Ball milled biochar with water RP-WMBC = Rock phosphate modified ball milled biochar with water.



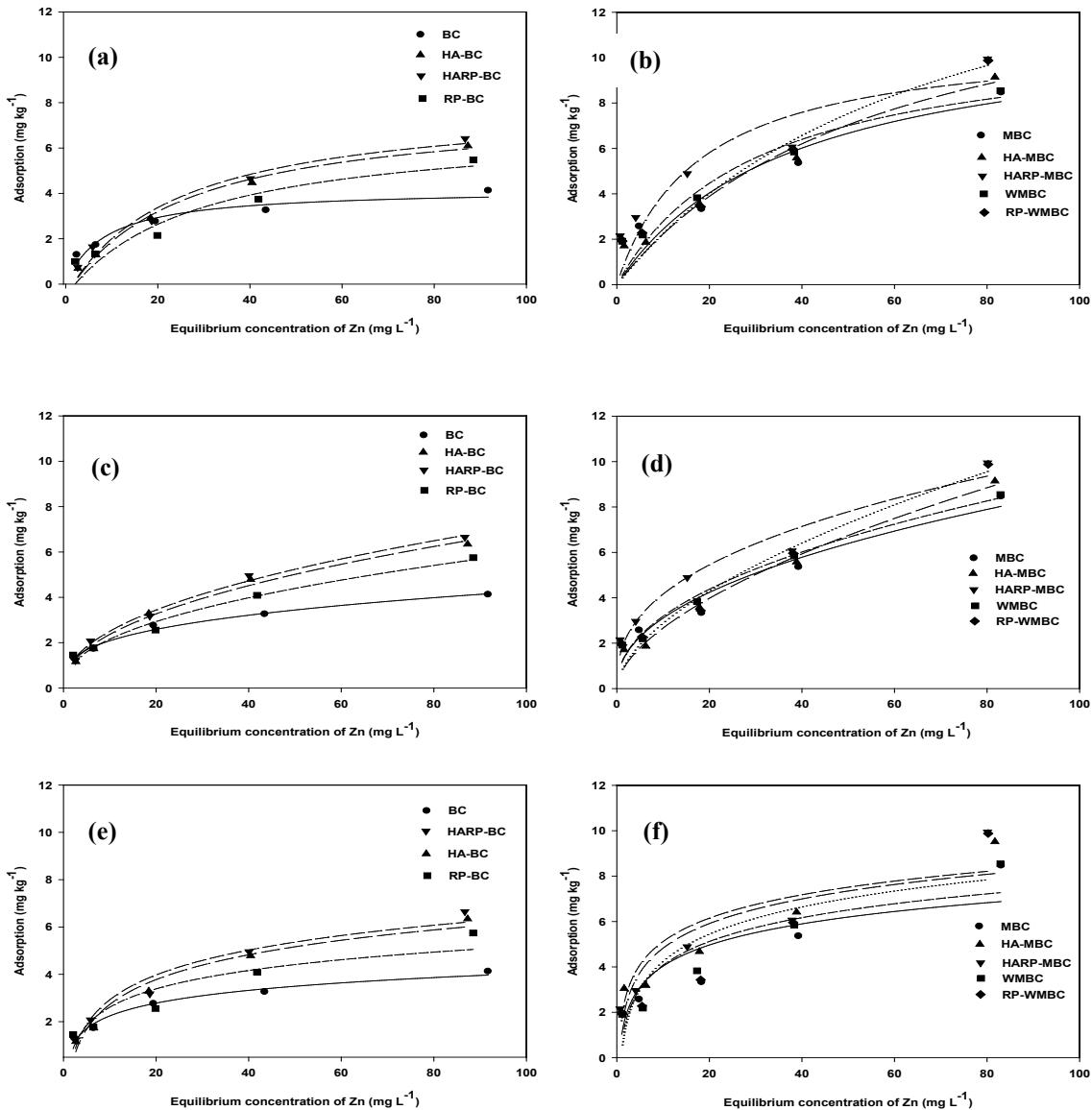
**Figure S3.** Langmuir(a-b), Freundlich (c-d) and Temkin (e-f) adsorption isotherms of Cd by (a) un-milled adsorbents and (b) milled adsorbents.

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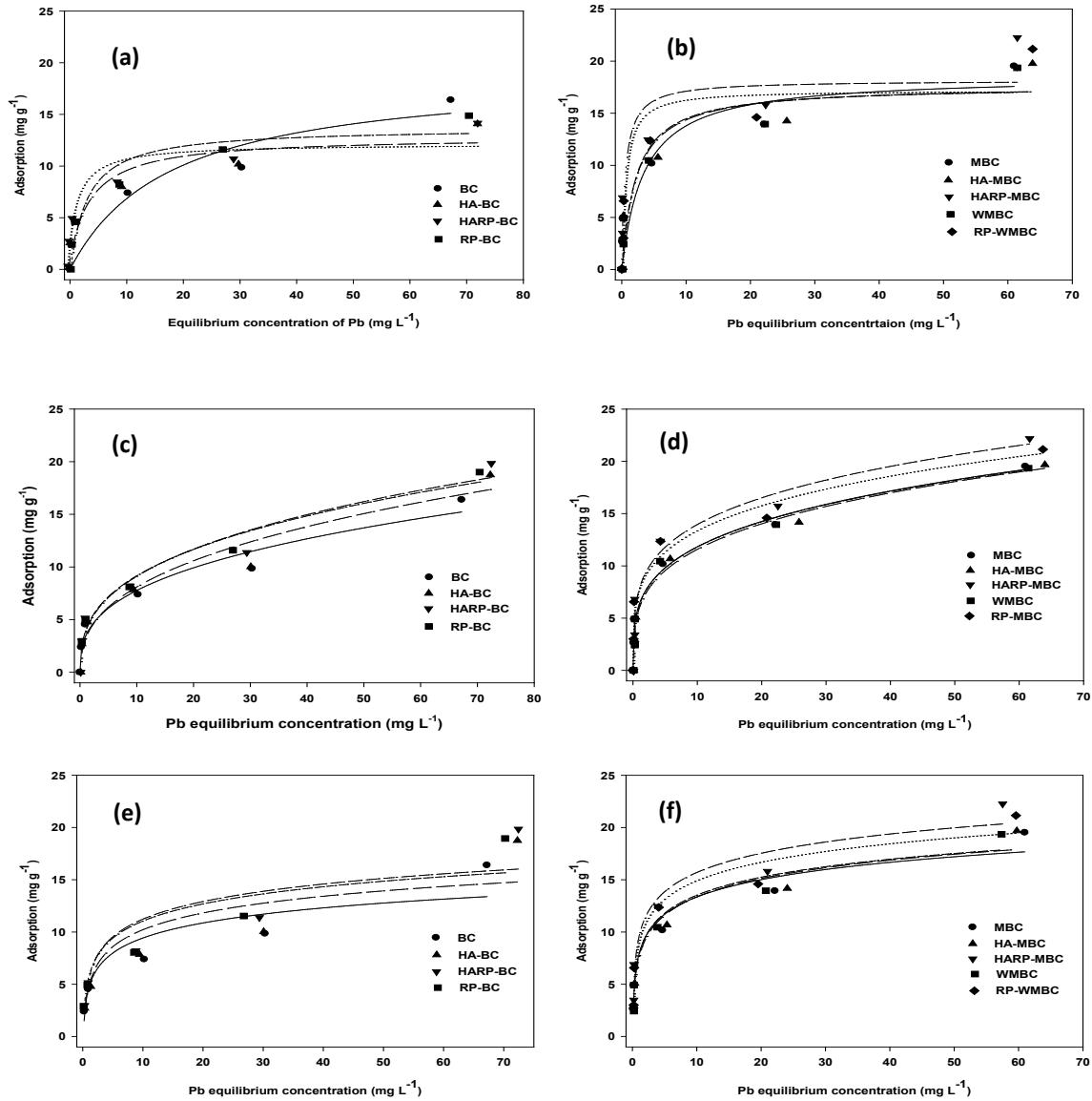
**Figure S4.** Langmuir(a-b), Freundlich (c-d) and Temkin (e-f) adsorption isotherms of Cu by (a) un-milled adsorbents and (b) milled adsorbents.

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**Figure S5.** Langmuir (a-b), Freundlich (c-d) and Temkin (e-f) adsorption isotherms of Zn by (a) un-milled adsorbents and (b) milled adsorbents.

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**Figure S6.** Adsorption isotherms of Pb by conocarpus derived biochar, its modified and milled derivatives. Fig. 2 a, b (Langmuir), c, d (Freundlich) and e, f (Temkin). BC = Biochar, HA-BC = Humic acid modified biochar, RP-BC = Rock phosphate modified biochar, HARP-BC = Humic acid and rock phosphate modified biochar, MBC = Ball milled biochar, HA-BC = Humic acid modified ball milled biochar, HARP-MBC = Humic acid and rock phosphate modified ball milled biochar, WMBC= Ball milled biochar with water RP-WMBC = Rock phosphate modified ball milled biochar with water.