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Experimental data on the adsorption of Reactive Red 198 from aqueous solution using  $Fe_3O_4$ nanoparticles: Optimization by response surface methodology with central composite design



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## ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to evaluate the efficiency of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles for Reactive Red 198 adsorption. The adsorbents were characterized by SEM and XRD. In this dataset, the influence of Reactive Red 198 dye concentration, solution pH, adsorbent dosage, and contact time on Reactive Red 198 dye adsorption by Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles was tested by central composite design (CCD) under response surface methodology (RSM). The Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles adsorbent was prepared by chemical co-precipitation. The process efficiency was achieved in optimal conditions including pH=7, adsorbent dosage equal to 0.5 g/L, initial dve concentration of 100 mg/L, contact time equal to 30 min, 88%. Overall, the data offer a facile adsorbent to remove Reactive Red 198 dye from aqueous solutions.

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Subject area More specific subject area Type of data How data was acquired	<ul> <li>Environmental Chemistry Adsorption</li> <li>Table, image and figure</li> <li>Design experiments were carried out using Central Composite Design (CCD) and adsorption tests were done in batch mode. The parameters were evaluated using RSM.</li> <li>The concentrations of Reactive Red 198 in the samples were measured using a UV-visible spectrophotometer (HACH, USA, model DR6000) set at a wavelength 518 nm.</li> <li>The characteristics of the nanoparticles were analyzed using SEM</li> </ul>
Data format	(Tuscali Mila 5 LMO) and XKD (Philips X Pert, Netherlands).
Experimental factors	The data of effects of main experimental parameters including contact time, initial dye concentration, adsorbent dosage and solution pH were acquired.
Experimental features	The objective of this research were to i) prepare Preparation of $Fe_3O_4$ nanoparticles using chemical co-precipitation and ii) to study the Reactive Red 198 adsorption onto the $Fe_3O_4$ nanoparticles. iii) Opti- mization of Reactive Red 198 adsorption onto $Fe_3O_4$ nanoparticles adsorbent using RSM
Data source location	Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran
Data accessibility	Data are available in the paper

## **Specifications Table**

## Value of the data

- The dataset will be useful for the application of the produced Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles in the removal of Reactive Red 198 dye from water and wastewater.
- This data offers a simple and environmentally friendly method for preparation of adsorbent from Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles.
- This data article presents a user central composite design (CCD) combined with response surface methodology (RSM) to optimize Reactive Red 198 removal from aqueous solution using adsorption process.

# 1. Data

This dataset contains 3 Figures and 4 Tables. The XRD analysis of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles is shown in Fig. 1. The SEM image of the prepared adsorbent is also illustrated in Fig. 2.

Structure and characteristics of a Reactive Red 198 (RR198) dye are seen in Table 1. The design matrix for the central composite designs (CCD) is listed in Tables 2 and 3.

The data for Analysis of variance (ANOVA) for second order model in the removal of RR198 show in Table 4. Central composite design 3-D surface plots which showing the effect of various parameters on RR198 removal efficiency with the adsorbent of  $Fe_3O_4$  nanoparticles are presented in Fig. 3.



Fig. 1. The XRD images Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles synthesized used adsorbent in the RR198 adsorption.



Fig. 2. The SEM images Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles synthesized used adsorbent in the RR198 adsorption.

# Table 1

Structure and characteristics of RR198.



Design matrix for the central composite designs.				
Factors	Low	Central	High	
pH	3	5	7	
Time (min)	30	50	70	
Concentration of dye (mg/L)	100	150	200	
Adsorbent dosage (g/L)	0.25	0.37	0.5	

Table 2

Design matrix for the central composite designs.

**Table 3**Design matrix for the CCD.

Run	pН	Time (min)	Concentration of dye (mg/L)	Adsorbent dosage (g/L)	ge (g/L) Efficiency (%)	
1	7	70	200	0.5	86	
2	7	70	200	0.25	76	
3	7	30	200	0.25	72	
4	7	30	100	0.25	78	
5	7	70	100	0.5	81	
6	7	70	100	0.25	81	
7	7	30	100	0.5	88	
8	7	30	200	0.5	83	
9	5	50	150	0.37	77	
10	5	50	150	0.37	77	
11	5	50	150	0.37	77	
12	9	50	150	0.37	72	
13	9	50	150	0.37	72	
14	3	70	100	0.5	76	
15	3	30	200	0.5	68	
16	3	70	200	0.5	71	
17	3	30	200	0.25	58	
18	3	70	100	0.25	66	
19	3	70	200	0.25	61	
20	3	30	100	0.25	63	
21	3	30	100	0.5	73	
22	5	50	150	0.37	77	
23	5	50	150	0.37	77	
24	5	50	150	0.37	77	
25	5	50	50	0.37	82	
26	5	50	150	0.62	77	
27	5	90	150	0.37	77	
28	5	50	250	0.37	72	
29	5	50	150	0.37	67	
30	5	10	150	0.37	70	
31	1	50	150	0.37	52	
32	1	50	150	0.37	51	
33	5	50	150	0.37	77	
34	5	50	150	0.37	77	
35	5	50	150	0.37	77	

# 2. Experimental design, materials and methods

## 2.1. Materials

Reactive Red 198 dye powder with a purity of 99.6%, sulfuric acid, sodium hydroxide, FeCl<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O, FeCl<sub>3</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O, ammonium hydroxide and ammonia were purchased from Merck and Sigma Aldridge companies.

Table 4	
Analysis of variance (ANOVA) for second order model in the removal of RR198.	

Fixed Effects					
	Term	Error	F	p-value	
Source	df	df		$\operatorname{Prob} > F$	
Whole-plot	2	6.07	71.77	< 0.0001	Significant
a-pH	1	5.83	77.06	0.0001	
a2	1	6.34	66.49	0.0001	
Subplot	12	14.42	12.73	< 0.0001	Significant
B-Dose adsorbate	1	16.58	96.20	< 0.0001	
C-Dye Con	1	16.58	30.22	< 0.0001	
D-Time	1	16.58	9.77	0.0063	
aB	1	16.58	1.41	0.2515	
aC	1	16.58	1.41	0.2515	
aD	1	16.58	1.41	0.2515	
BC	1	16.58	2.11	0.1651	
BD	1	16.58	2.11	0.1651	
CD	1	16.58	2.11	0.1651	
B2	1	8.54	2.45	0.1541	
C2	1	8.54	0.93	0.3615	
D2	1	8.54	0.65	0.4423	

### 2.2. Preparation Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles

Magnetic nanoparticles were prepared by chemical co-precipitation method. In this method, 16 mmol of  $FeCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  and mmol 8 of  $FeCl_3 \cdot 4H_2O$  with a stoichiometric ratio of 1 to 2 of  $Fe^{2+}$  and  $Fe^{3+}$  were mixed and in 200 ml of deionized water dissolved. The solution was then completely agitated at ambient temperature using a magnetic stirrer. Under these conditions, 10 ml of 25% ammonia was slowly added to the resulting solution, followed by a black colored sediment at the bottom of the container was formed. This precipitate indicates the presence of magnetic iron nanoparticles. After 10 min, stirring continuously to remove ammonia from the reaction medium, the iron nanoparticles were collected at the end of the container by placing the magnet under the reaction vessel, then the supernatant was removed and the precipitate was washed three times with ionizing water [1–5]. Finally, the characteristics of magnetic nanoparticles were determined by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and X-ray diffraction (XRD).

### 2.3. Design of experiments

The pH of the solutions was adjusted prior to the adsorption by using 0.1 M solutions of HCl and NaOH and measured using a pH meter (Sense Ion 378, Hack) [6–10]. In this study, Design Expert 7.0.1 software was used to determine the number of experiments, values, and range of variables. The effects of operational parameters including pH (3–7), contact time (30–70 min), RR198 initial concentration (100–200 mg/L) and adsorbent dosage (0.25–0.5 g/L) on the amount of RR198 adsorbed onto the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles were assessed and optimized by central composite design (CCD) combined with response surface methodology (RSM) was used to identify the optimum conditions for maximum removal of Reactive Red 198 dye [11–13]. The data were analyzed by the statistical method (ANOVA).

The removal efficiency, RE, (%) and equilibrium adsorption capacity,  $q_e$ ,  $(mg g^{-1})$  were calculated as follows [13]:

$$RE = \frac{(C_i - C_t)}{C_i} \times 100 \tag{1}$$

where  $C_i$ ,  $C_{e_i}$  and  $C_t$  are the initial, equilibrium and at time t of RR198 concentrations (mg/L), respectively.



**Fig. 3.** Central composite design 3-D surface plots showing effect of (a) pH and contact time, (b) pH and RR198 concentration, (c) pH and adsorbent dosage on Reactive Red 198 removal efficiency with the adsorbent.

After statistical analysis, the proposed model was presented as a second order equation in terms of actual parameters by software. This mathematical equation shows the adsorption rate of Reactive Red 198 dye by the adsorption process as a function of the amount of different operating parameters:

F removal (%) :  $29.86979 + (12.59375 \times pH) + (0.074833 \times Adsorbent dose) -(0.20625 \times Dye Con) + (0.22448 \times Time)$  (2)

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