

Conversions of Cement bypass waste to Nano-hydroxyapatite exploited in water purification

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Abstract

The goal of this study is to convert cement bypass dust into a usable product called hydroxyapatite. Four hydroxyapatites' samples (Kiln-HA1- Kiln-HA4) were successfully prepared in nano-scale (14.8–25.7 nm). The specific surface areas of all of the samples examined were high: Kiln-HA3 ($161.5 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$) > Kiln-HA1 ($130.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$) > Kiln-HA2 ($81.9 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$) > Kiln-HA4 ($54.1 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$). Tested nano- hydroxyapatite successfully removed Fe^{3+} and Mn^{2+} as pollutants from water with efficiencies of up to 95% for both Fe and Mn ions. The maximum adsorption capacities (q_{max}) of nano hydroxyapatite varied from 147 to 175 mg.g^{-1} for adsorbed Fe (III), while were wide ranged from 204 to 344 mg.g^{-1} for adsorbed Mn (II). Hydroxyapatite-selectivity for removing Mn and Fe ions in mixed solutions was as follows: $\text{Fe}^{3+} > \text{Cu}^{2+} > \text{Mn}^{2+}$. In multiple cycles, the investigated materials were able to remove Fe and Mn ions without regeneration. The overall cost of producing 100 grams of hydroxyapatite from cement bypass waste is less than other calcium source which was 184 EGP/100g (9.32 €/100g).

Introduction

The uses of alternative eco- friendly techniques for reducing or remedial number of industrial wastes have been gradually gaining global attention from regulatory agencies. Physical and chemical analysis of waste materials can assist to expand the range of useful applications for these wastes (Peters, 1998). Manufacturing of cement is considered one of the most strategic industries that are directly related to the construction and building works that playing an important role in the development the country's economy. Cement is mainly used as a hydraulic bond material in building materials. Portland cement consists of a mixture of limestone and clay minerals (Zeb et al., 2019). Cement dust is one of the most harmful pollutants that harm the environment and human health. During the cement manufacturing process, large varieties of different dusts are released as cement kiln dust and bypass as byproducts (Czapik et al., 2020). The proportion of overall cement kiln dust that is used as raw feed material in cement manufacturing ranges from 64–73% (Peethamparan et al., 2008). The cement bypass dust (CBPD) is not the classical cement kiln dust (CKD) and differ in their composition (Zeb et al., 2019). CKD is the mixture of dusts produced during manufacturing cement that consists of unreacted raw feed and calcinated clinker dust with contents of some alkali halides or sulfates and presence of volatiles materials. While, cement bypass dust (CBPD) is the final byproduct of cement dust that is distinguished by high content of chlorides, potassium and sulfate make it rejected to be re-used as raw feed materials like(CKD) (Czapik et al., 2020; Zeb et al., 2019). As a result, the cement bypass waste had a higher concentration of chlorine, alkalis, and sulfur than CKD waste (Roth, 2015). Huge amounts (54–200 kg) of waste were created during the production of one tons of cement clinker (Sultan et al., 2018). Egyptian cement factories emit between 200 and 300 tons of dust per day, accounting for 10–17% of dry process cement output (Peethamparan et al., 2008). To avoid deposition hazards, CKD and CBPD dust are treated with water to give it a hard shape that makes it simpler to carry and handle (Roth, 2015). The chemical composition of CBPD waste is significantly depend on various factors as raw material feed, source of fuel, kiln temperature and dust collection systems (Peethamparan et al., 2008; Roth, 2015). Only a little amount of cement bypass(

around 6%) had any sort of application (Peethamparan et al., 2008). Cement bypass waste is beneficially utilized in a variety ways, including soil stabilization, waste treatment, asphalt concrete filing, and pozzolanic base stabilization (Peethamparan et al., 2008), composite materials (Ibrahim et al., 2020), synthesizing of geopolymer (Abdulaziz et al., 2013), and microbiological application in wastewater treatment (Ahmad et al., 2019). Egypt's government is concerned about water security and may turn to groundwater as a viable supply alongside the Nile River for drinking and agricultural purposes. The "New Valley Project" and the "South Egypt Development Project" are excellent examples of deserts reclaiming land in order to meet growing food demands; however the sustainability of such agricultural activities is entirely contingent on the availability of reliable water sources (Han et al., 2017). The majority of villages in Delta governorates rely on groundwater for drinking and agriculture (Alothman, 2012). Iron and manganese (Mn^{2+} and Fe^{3+}) are typically present in dissolved form as ions in ordinary groundwater. These ions must be eliminated to avoid discoloration of treated water or mineral oxide build-up in the pipeline (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020). In situations of high $Fe(II)$ or $Mn(II)$ concentrations in groundwater, strong oxidising agents such as calcium hypochlorite salts $Ca(OCl)_2$, $NaOCl$, and $KMnO_4$ are already used to accomplish the necessary quick oxidation process (Alothman, 2012), (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020). The downside of employing $KMnO_4$ as an oxidant is that even a tiny amount turns the treated water pink. Adsorption has shown to be a successful approach for removing a wide range of contaminants from water (Abdel Maksoud et al., 2020). Nano-adsorbents are particularly successful in eliminating a wide range of contaminants because of their high specific surface area, porosity, and active surface sites (Abdel Maksoud et al., 2020). Hydroxyapatite $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2$ is an useful adsorbent material for removing pollutants due to its high sorption capacity, cheap price, and high stability under oxidizing and reducing processes (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020). Hydroxyapatite is regarded as an ecologically friendly material for a variety of reasons, including its absence of toxicity and biocompatibility. As well as a number of other professions that contributes to the reduction of pollution in the environment (Encinas-Romero et al., 2013). This research is unique in the recycling cement bypass dust to be a valuable product named as hydroxyapatite in a Nano scale.

Experimental

Chemicals and Reagents

Waste materials of cement Bypass dust were obtained from Cement factories in Qena governorate. All the reagents as H_3PO_4 acid 85% (NaH_2PO_4), NH_4OH and $NaOH$ were purchased from ALFA and ELNASR Companies. The stock solutions of $Fe(III)$ and $Mn(II)$ were prepared with concentration of 1000 mg/L. The desired pH values of solutions were adjusted by either 0.1 M HCL or 0.1 M NaOH.

Method for fabricated Hydroxyapatite samples

The following steps were employed to produce four Hydroxyapatite samples from Kiln-HA1 to Kiln-HA4, as demonstrated in Fig. 1. Cement bypass dust waste was dissolved in concentrated nitric acid solution with stirring to give clear calcium solution after filtration. Then, 2 ml of H_3PO_4 (85%) was added slowly with

continuously stirring having molar ratio Ca/P of 1.67. After that, the solution of NH_4OH (33%) was added to the above suspension solution until pH value reached 10. The final suspended solution was microwaved for 5 minutes at 170 W for growth of hydroxyapatite crystals. Finally, the Hydroxyapatite was filtered, rinsed in deionized water, and dried overnight at 40°C .

Apparatus

The utilized tools in this research were as following:

- FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared) measurements (Nicolet) Magna-FTIR – 560 (USA) with KBr technique,
- Powder X-ray Diffraction Analysis (XRD) Brucker Axs-D8- Advance Diffractometer (Belgium) at 2θ range between 10° – 70° .
- TG and DSC device model (50H Shimadzu thermal analyzer, Japan).
- Morphology and elemental analysis SEM & EDX (Model FEI INSPECT S50) operating at 20 kV.
- Surface area measurements BET, total pore volume and pore radius using Automatic ASAP 2010 Micrometrics sorptometer (USA) (Quanatachrome Instruments, version 11.04).
- Iron and manganese ions were determined by multiparameter Bench Photometer (Hanna HI 83208) instruments.

Adsorption Studies

Assessment of the sorption ability of tested hydroxyapatite samples for removal Fe and Mn ions was carried out in batch mode. This is due to its simplicity, consistency, and ease of extrapolation to a larger scale for a practical application. The adsorption parameters were investigated at initial concentration (100–500 ppm), pH (2–10), contact time (1–120 min), Adsorbent dosage (0.05–0.7 gm. /50 ml) and operating temperature (25 – 55°C).

The following equations (1,2) were used to calculate the percentage removal efficiency and amount of metal adsorbed (q_e) (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020).

$$\% \text{ Removal} = \frac{(C_o - C_e)}{C_o} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

$$q_e = \frac{(C_o - C_e)}{m} \cdot \frac{V}{1000} \quad (2)$$

Where, the C_o and C_e are the initial metal ion concentration and the final metal ion concentration at equilibrium (mg/L), m is the mass of adsorbent dose (g), V is the volume of the solution (ml).

Determination the Point of Zero Charge (PZC):

0.1 g of dry Hydroxyapatite samples were mixed with 50 ml of NaCl 0.01 M at various pH solutions (2–12), shaken, and maintained at room temperature for 48 hours until equilibrium was reached. The final pH was measured, and the equation ($\Delta pH = pH_i - pH_f$) was used to calculate the ΔpH ¹⁵.

Result And Discussion

Characterizations of the synthetic Hydroxyapatite

XR D analysis

The structure of Klin-HA materials was investigated using XRD analysis to detect distinct phases present in the starting powders as well as recognized the chemical composition (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020). Three XRD patterns were showed in Fig. 2 (a,b) for raw cement bypass dust cement and the four prepared hydroxyapatite samples (Kiln-HA), respectively. The data indicated that calcite $CaCO_3$ was the most prevalent component percentage in bypass dust (39.1%), followed by Larnite Ca_2SiO_4 (25.2%) and Al_2O_3 (14.4%), as shown in Fig. 2 (a). Other small components such as SiO_2 , Periclase MgO , Fe_2O_3 , and CaO were also present, as shown in Table 2, Others identified comparable components in Egyptian cement kiln dust (Salem, W. M. et al., 2015). Furthermore, the XRD pattern revealed that all synthesised hydroxyapatite samples had hexagonal crystal structures, which corresponded to card number COD 9011095 for the pure phase of hydroxyapatite Fig. 2(b) and Table 1. The major diffraction peaks of Kiln-HA were appeared at $2\theta = 25.8^\circ, 31.4^\circ, 49.4^\circ$ and 53.4° (Khawar et al., 2019; Maleki et al., 2019). The crystallite size of the hydroxyapatites studied ranged from 14.85 to 25.72 nm, placing them in the Nano-scale, according to previous research (Abo-El-Enein, 2017).

Table 1
Chemical structure, phases, and the Crystallite size for Hydroxyapatite samples

Sample name	major phase	Chemical structure	JCPDS card	Crystallite size nm
Kiln-HA 1	Hydroxyapatite	$Ca_5HO_{13}P_3$	COD 9011092	16.43
Kiln-HA 2	Hydroxyapatite	$Ca_5HO_{13}P_3$	COD 9011095	25.72
Kiln-HA 3	Hydroxyapatite	$Ca_5HO_{13}P_3$	COD 9011095	14.85
Kiln-HA 4	Hydroxyapatite	$Ca_5HO_{13}P_3$	COD 9011095	17.12

Table 2
Chemical composition of Cement by-pass dust

Card	Parameter	% Content
COD 9015835, 9016022	CaCO ₃ Calcite	39.1%
COD 1537314	K _{1.5} Na _{0.5} S	11.4%
COD 9006307	SiO ₂	5.9%
COD 9012790	Ca ₂ O ₄ Si Larnite	25.2%
COD 1200005	Al ₂ O ₃	14.4%
COD 1528612	Fe ₂ O ₃	1.8%
COD 1000053	MgO Periclase	1.1%
COD 1011094	CaO	1.1%

SEM and EDX analyses

The morphological features of four synthetically Kiln-HA samples are shown in Fig. 3 (a-d). In the case of Kiln-HA1, Kiln-HA2, and Kiln-HA3 samples, the (SEM) photos seemed to be in the shape of a star or coral reefs, while Kiln-HA4 was sheet-like in appearance. Other hydroxyapatite materials have been observed to have a similar morphology (Barakat et al., 2008; Maleki et al., 2019). According to the EDX analysis, the examined materials mostly include P, Ca, O, and H, with trace levels of additional elements including Mg, Fe and Ti Fig. 4 and Table 3 show the percentages of elements in the Kiln-HA compound. The obtained ratios matched the XRD patterns and were in good accord with the projected value of 1.67 (Iconaru et al., 2018) .

Table 3
EDX analysis for Hydroxyapatite samples (Kiln-HA1 to Kiln-HA4

samples	Elemental Analysis %									Ca/P
	Na	Mg	Al	Si	P	K	Ca	Ti	Fe	
Kiln-HA 1	7.40	1.00	2.47	1.04	31.63	**	52.90	**	2.85	1.67
Kiln-HA 2	8.51	0.78	2.74	**	32.99	0.21	51.37	0.15	3.24	1.70
Kiln-HA 3	4.02	1.01	2.61	0.54	34.22	0.42	54.26	0.17	2.76	1.59
Kiln-HA 4	0.42	0.90	2.39	**	36.23	0.27	56.87	**	2.93	1.57

FTIR analysis

Photospectroscopy analysis was employed to validate the functional groups of Kiln-HA. The FT-IR spectrum of the synthesized Kiln-HA nanostructure was seen in Fig. 5. The appeared peak around 3600–3400 cm⁻¹ was attributed to the stretching O–H. While, peaks displayed around 1600–1500 cm⁻¹ was recognized to the O–H bending of the surface adsorbed water. The phosphate bands (PO₄⁻³) for a specific type of apatite were located at 1061–1007 cm⁻¹, 574–533 cm⁻¹ and 634–607 cm⁻¹ (Garskaite et al., 2014; Iconaru et al., 2018). The carbonate (CO₃²⁻) functional group was appeared at wavenumbers 1405.91 cm⁻¹ which was indicated by the vibration C–O band of (CO₃²⁻) group. Hydroxyapatite may include some tiny CaO compounds that have the capacity to bind CO₂ and form calcium carbonate CaCO₃ molecules appeared in FTIR analyses (Garskaite et al., 2014; Popa Cristina Liana et al., 2016) .

Surface area measurements

S_{BET} methods were used to estimate porosity, specific surface area, pore volume, and pore size (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020). The four evaluated hydroxyapatite samples revealed high specific surface area in the order: Kiln-HA3 (161.5 m²/g) > Kiln-HA1 (130.2 m²/g) > Kiln-HA2 (81.9 m²/g) > Kiln-HA4 (54.1 m²/g) as displayed in Fig. 6 (a, b) and Table 4. The hydroxyapatite samples under investigation have a greater specific surface area than previously published materials (Abo-El-Enein, 2017). At P/P₀, the adsorbed amount reached a limiting value, indicating a type I isotherm with a concave P/P₀ axis. The classic I-type denotes the presence of microporous materials (Huang et al., 2019).

Table 4
Surface properties for fabricated hydroxyapatite samples

Sample name	BET square (m ² .g ⁻¹)	Total pore volume (cm ³ .g ⁻¹)	Aaverage pore radius (A°)
Kiln-HA1	130.18	0.06779	10.4
Kiln-HA2	81.96	0.04111	10.03
Kiln -HA3	161.49	0.08302	10.28
Kiln -HA4	54.149	0.02891	10.3

Thermo-gravimetric analysis

As demonstrated by the TG curves in the heating diagram was in Fig. 7 one stage for the Kiln-HA1 and Kiln-HA2 samples, but was in two stages for the Kiln-HA3 and Kiln-HA4 samples. The total weight losses for tested samples were in the first stage were 10–12%, indicating that all of the samples were thermally stable. The first step of sample weight loss occurred when the temperature was below 100°C, which was ascribed to the release of adsorbed water in the samples. Furthermore, at temperatures below 115°C, water in the channels evaporates, resulting in a one-step approach. The second stage of weight loss appeared solely in Kiln-HA3 and Kiln-HA4 samples around temperature 250°C. Decomposition of nitrates,

acetates, or ammonia in the starting materials may occur at temperatures between 250 and 350°C (Grigoraviciute-Puroniene et al., 2019; Mondal et al., 2016). DTG curves verified the information provided from TG curves. Kiln-HA1 and Kiln-HA2 samples displayed a single DTG peak at 75 °C and 97 °C, respectively. While, Kiln-HA3 and Kiln-HA4 samples demonstrated double DTG peaks at (84°C, 249 °C) and (95 °C, 252 °C), respectively. Higher temperatures can produce dehydroxylation in apatite samples, which has been recorded at temperatures beyond 700°C (Garskaite et al., 2014).

The DSC curves revealed that all the peaks below 100 °C in apatite samples showed endothermic nature owing to evaporated adsorbed water. All hydroxyapatite samples exhibit a substantial wide endothermic peak at 218, 285, 280, and 268°C which are attributable to coordinated water in the lattice. Sharp endothermic peaks at temperatures above 700 °C were observed due to the decomposition of hydroxyapatite and formation of tri-calcium phosphate (Sava et al., 2015). or formation of $\text{Ca}_2\text{P}_2\text{O}_7$ (Mousa et al., 2013).

Study of Point of Zero Charge (PZC)

For determination of the acidity or basicity of the adsorbent's surface, measurements of the surface pH for tested adsorbent samples were performed (El- Nahas, et al.,2017). Figure 8 depicted the pH_z of all hydroxyapatite samples, showing that the observed value was around 7.2. The surface will be a positively charged at $\text{pH} < 7.2$ and will be negatively charged with $\text{pH} > 7.2$. A similar approach was observed in other studies (Hokkanen et al., 2018). Cationic species are predicted to commence adsorption at pH values more than 7.2, whereas anionic compounds will be adsorbed at pH levels greater than 7.2 (Ananth et al., 2018; Hokkanen et al., 2018).

Effect of initial pH

One of the most essential topics in terms of practicality was determining the correct pH for optimising the elimination process (Venkatesan et al., 2019). The surface charge of an adsorbent and the degree of ionisation of metals are both affected by the pH of a solution (El Kady et al., 2016). With raising the pH solution, the elimination of Fe (III) and Mn (II) increased dramatically, as seen in Fig. 9(a, b). According to point of zero charge measurements in section (3.2), the cationic metals will be efficiently removed at pH 7.2. The concentration of hydrogen ion (H^+) is large at low pH values, resulting in competition with metal ions over adsorbent sites. The Fe (III) and Mn (II) metal ions started to precipitate at pH levels greater than 8. Because effective removals began at $\text{pH} = 7.2$, this was chosen as the optimal pH for continued adsorption research. Others followed suit (El Kady et al., 2016).

Effect Metal Initial Concentrations

The adsorption mechanism and the number of adsorbent active sites used are both affected by the initial metal ion concentration (Garskaite et al.,2014). Studying the effect of iron and manganese ions concentration on the removal process were employed in the range of 100– 500 mg.L^{-1} and the results were demonstrated in Fig. 10 (a,b) According to the findings, when the iron and manganese levels were increased, the removal performance was lowered. As the initial metal ion concentrations increases, the

sorption sites become saturated. The existence of a finite number of active sites at a particular dosage of adsorbent might explain the phenomena. Other researchers had the same conclusion (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020).

Effect of Contact Time

It's crucial to know how long water treatment systems take to reach their peak performance. The influence of duration was investigated in this study throughout time intervals ranging from 1 minute to 120 minutes. Initially, the amount of metal ion adsorbed rises quickly until reaching saturation at equilibrium. The metal ions are promptly adsorbed on these sites because there are more adsorption sites accessible at initially, resulting in a rapid spike in the sorption process (Abo-El-Enein, 2017; El Kady et al., 2016). Fe ions were eliminated at a rate of more than 98% in less than one minute, and equilibrium was reached after 20 minutes. In the case of Mn ions, 80% clearance was accomplished in 10 minutes, despite the equilibrium takes longer (120 minutes). The results were illustrated in Fig. 11(a, b). The sluggish adsorption process was related to pore diffusion, once after saturation, both surface and pore binding sites would be occupied, preventing further adsorption (Huang et al., 2019).

Effect of adsorbent dosage

The adsorbent dose is an essential property since the overall surface area has a direct impact on the removal process (Mohandes Salavati-Niasari, 2014). The sorption capacity of Fe and Mn ions were enhanced via increasing amount of adsorbent material. This might be related to the fact that the number of active sites on the surface of adsorbent materials has increased (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020; El Kady et al., 2016) (Huang et al., 2019). Only a minimal dose (0.06 g/L) of Kiln-HA samples was required for more than 96 percent clearance of Fe ions, while sorption of Mn ions required more Kiln-HA samples (at least 1 g/L) to achieve 82 percent removal as illustrated in Fig. 12 (a, b).

Effect of Temperature

The sensitivity of sorption process for changing temperature from 25 to 55°C were demonstrated in Fig. 13 (a, b). The removal of Fe^{3+} and Mn^{2+} augmented significantly with increasing of the temperature. This phenomenon indicating that the adsorption process has the endothermic nature. Various published papers for other hydroxyapatites revealed the endothermic nature of certain metal ion sorption (Gupta et al., 2011) (Qian et al., 2014).

Thermodynamic parameters

The adsorption process is affected by temperature, which causes existing bonds to break and metal cation mobility to rise, leading to the development of new binding adsorption sites (El Kady et al., 2016). The evaluation of thermodynamic parameters is required in order to determine the spontaneity of the adsorption process as well as the feasibility of operation at a certain temperature. The thermodynamic parameters calculated at temperatures of 25, 35, 45, and 55°C were the change in Gibbs free energy (ΔG° in kJ/mol), enthalpy (ΔH° in kJ/mol), and entropy (ΔS° in kJ/mol K). shows the equations that were used to assess these parameters, while the results shown in Table 5 while the results were demonstrated in

Tables 6 and 7 and Fig. 14. At all working temperatures, the hydroxyapatite samples exhibited negative ΔG° values, showing that the adsorption process is feasible and spontaneous. The positive values of ΔH° indicate that the removal of metal ions by apatite materials is an endothermic process. It really revealed a complex interaction between the adsorbate and adsorbents involving numerous processes (as: adsorption & ion exchange) (El Kady et al., 2016; Kim et al., 2020). More negative ΔG° values were obtained as the temperature goes up, indicating that the adsorption process is more favorable at higher temperatures (El-Nahas, Safaa et al., 2020). A positive entropy value suggests an increase in disorder. The entropy change for the system is always positive in a spontaneous process (Abo-El-Enein, 2017).

Table 5 Thermodynamic parameters

Thermodynamic parameters	Equation	Reference
Free energy ΔG° (kJ/mol)	$\Delta G^\circ = RT \ln K_c$	(El-Nahas, S. et al., 2020; 2017; 2021)
	$K_c = C_{ad}/C_e$	
Van't Hoff equation	$\ln K_c = \frac{\Delta S^\circ}{R} - \frac{\Delta H^\circ}{RT}$	
Enthalpy ΔH° (kJ/mol)	$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T\Delta S^\circ$	
Entropy ΔS° (kJ/mol K)		

Table 6
Thermodynamic parameters for adsorption system of Fe ions onto Hydroxyapatite

Sample	ΔH°	ΔS°	ΔG° (kJ/mol)			
	(kJ/mol)	J/mol. K	25°C	35°C	45°C	55°C
Kiln-HA 1	88.06	337.27	-12.45	-15.82	-19.20	-22.57
Kiln-HA 2	55.81	237.52	-14.98	-17.35	-19.73	-22.10
Kiln-HA 3	34.75	143.82	-8.11	-9.54	-10.98	-12.42
Kiln-HA 4	99.77	362.18	-8.16	-11.87	-15.41	-19.03

Table 7
Thermodynamic parameters for adsorption system of Mn ions onto Hydroxyapatite

Sample	ΔH° (kJ/mol)	ΔS° J/mol. K	ΔG° (kJ/mol)			
			25°C	35°C	45°C	55°C
Kiln-HA1	28.70	115.51	-5.72	-6.88	-8.03	-9.19
Kiln-HA2	30.82	120.78	-5.17	-6.38	-7.59	-8.80
Kiln-HA3	5.52	36.15	-5.25	-5.61	-5.97	-6.34
Kiln-HA4	12.89	67.93	-7.35	-8.03	-8.71	-9.39

Equilibrium Studies

Adsorption isotherms are mathematical models that may be used to determine which design is optimal for a certain application. Adsorption isotherms give physicochemical details on how adsorption takes place and how the interaction between the adsorbent surface and the adsorbent happens (El Kady et al., 2016). The three well-known isotherm models parameters used in this research were Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin illustrated in Table 8 (Ayawei et al., 2017). The maximal adsorption capacity (q_{\max}), which describes monolayer coverage of adsorbate per (g) of adsorbent, is calculated using the Langmuir model.

The plots and values of experimental equilibrium data of Fe (III) and Mn (II) adsorbed on Kiln-HA samples showed higher linearity for all three models (Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin), as displayed in Fig. 15 and Tables 9 and 10. That is, all three models are capable of adequately describing the sorption process. The R^2 values of all three models were also relatively comparable to one another, suggesting that Fe(III) and Mn(II) uptake by Kiln-HA samples is intricate and may be explained by several mechanisms (Moreno, et al., 2010). The maximum adsorption capabilities (q_{\max}) were found to be between 147 and 175 mg.g^{-1} for Fe (III) whereas varied from 204 to 344 mg.g^{-1} to Mn(II). The values of (q_{\max}) were greater than those of other hydroxyapatite-adsorbent materials previously published (Ahmed et al., 2021). The R_L value in Langmuir model ranges between 0 and 1 reflected the favorable adsorption process of Fe (III) and Mn (II) ions onto Kiln-HA (Qian et al., 2014). Furthermore, the n value for the Freundlich isotherm is larger than unity that indicates the removal of iron and manganese ions is favorable (Darweesh, 2020). Also, high values of K_f indicate high adsorption efficiency for iron and manganese ions by Kiln-HA (El Kady et al., 2016). The binding constants obtained from Temkin isotherm parameters were in range of 67–79 and 21.4–52.4 (J.mol^{-1}) for Fe^{3+} and Mn^{2+} , respectively that showing adsorbents have the higher affinity for binding with the Kiln-HA (Darweesh, 2020). Figures 16 and 17 illustrate the nonlinear patterns of three adsorption models (Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin) on hydroxyapatite, which support the linear models' verified findings.

Table 8 Linear and non-linear isotherms equations used in this work

Isotherm models	Linear form	Nonlinear form	Parameter	Reference
Freundlich	$\log q_e = \frac{1}{n} \log C_e + \log K_f$	$q_e = K_f C_e^{\frac{1}{n}}$	q_e adsorption capacity at equilibrium (mg/g) C_e final concentration at equilibrium (mg/l) K_f (l/g) & n Freundlich constants	(El-Nahas, S. et al., 2017, 2020, 2021)
Langmuir	$\frac{1}{q_e} = \frac{1}{K_L q_{max}} \cdot \frac{1}{C_e} + \frac{1}{q_{max}}$	$q_e = \frac{q_{max} K_L C_e}{1 + K_L C_e}$	q_{max} (mg/g) Langmuir maximum adsorption capacity K_L Langmuir constant (mg/mg)	
Temkin	$q_e = B \ln A + B \ln C_e$	$q_e = B (\ln A C_e)$ $B = R_T/b$	A (l/mg), b (J/mol) Temkin binding constant at equilibrium B is heat of sorption (J/mol.)	

Table 9
Langmuir, Freundlich and Temkin Isotherm constant Fe ions onto Hydroxyapatite

Sample	Langmuir constants			Freundlich constant				Temkin constant			
	q_{max} (mg. g ⁻¹)	K_L (mg /L)	R^2	R_L	n	K_f (mg/g)	R^2	b J/mol	B	A	R^2
Kiln-HA 1	159	6.30	0.99	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.78	117.9	0.98	70	35.4	58.9	0.93
Kiln-HA 2	175	6.33	0.99	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.90	140.9	0.96	69	36.1	64.7	0.96
Kiln-HA 3	147	8.50	0.98	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.94	121.3	0.91	79	31.3	69.6	0.99
Kiln-HA 4	172	5.27	0.98	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2.61	107.9	0.97	67	36.9	33.7	0.84

Table 10
Langmuir, Freundlich and Temkin Isotherm constant Mn ions onto Hydroxyapatite

Sample	Langmuir constants			Freundlich constant				Temkin constant			
	q_{\max} (mg. g ⁻¹)	KL (L/mg)	R ²	RL	n	K _f (mg/g)	R ²	b J/mol	B	A	R ²
Kiln-HA 1	204	0.042	0.99	0.19	1.94	18.01	0.98	52.36	47.32	0.37	0.99
Kiln-HA 2	344	0.039	0.99	0.20	0.88	3.01	0.94	21.43	115.6	0.16	0.94
Kiln-HA 3	243	0.036	0.99	0.22	1.57	11.59	0.92	38.50	64.34	0.23	0.99
Kiln-HA 4	232	0.069	0.99	0.15	1.63	21.16	0.99	44.71	55.42	0.62	0.96

Kinetic Studies

Kinetic analysis is commonly used to estimate the rate of adsorption and offers valuable insight into the mechanism and rate controlling step of adsorption process (Sultan et al., 2018). Many kinetic models, including pseudo-first-order, pseudo-second order, and intraparticle diffusion, have been employed to study the adsorption process. The linear forms of kinetic models were reported in Table 11 and their plots were shown in Figs. 18 and 19. The sorption process matched the pseudo-second-order kinetic better than the pseudo-first-order kinetic, according to R² values as presented in Tables 12 and 13. It's worth noting that the q_e experimental results are virtually identical to those predicted using pseudo-second-order kinetics. Despite the fact that pseudo-second-order kinetics does not fully reflect merely chemical adsorption (El-Nahas, et al., 2020; El Kady et al., 2016). The ion-exchange mechanism at the charged surface can also be articulated by the pseudo-second order model (Plazinski et al., 2009). According to published study, the sorption process suited the pseudo-second-order kinetics model well at lower initial concentrations, whereas the pseudo-first-order kinetics model fit better at greater initial concentrations (Azizian, 2004). Since the plots produced from the intraparticle model (Weber–Morris equation) did not pass through the origin point as illustrated in Fig. 20, the rate-adsorption-controlling step is not solely through the diffusion process (El-Nahas, et al., 2020).

Table 11 Kinetic models used in this work

Kinetic models	Equation	Parameter	Reference
Pseudo-first order	$\text{Log}(q_e - q_t) = \text{Log} q_e - \frac{K_1}{2.303} t$	q_e and q_t (mg/g) are the adsorbate at equilibrium and at any time t K_1 (min ⁻¹) is the pseudo-first order constant.	(El-Nahas, S. et al., 2020;, 2017; 2021)
Pseudo-second order	$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{k_2 q_e^2} + \frac{1}{q_e} \cdot t$	K_2 (g/mg. min.) is the pseudo-second order constant	
Intraparticle diffusion	$q_t = k_{ad} t^{0.5} + C$	K_{ad} is the intraparticle diffusion rate constant (mg.g ⁻¹ .min ^{0.5}) C is the thickness of boundary layer.	

Table 12

Kinetic Studies, pseudo-first, pseudo second and intraparticle diffusion Constant of Fe ions onto Hydroxyapatite

Sample	Pseudo-first order			Pseudo-second order			Intraparticle diffusion			qe (Exp)
	K ₁	q _e	R ²	K ₂	q _e	R ²	K _{ad}	R ²	C	
Kiln-HA 1	0.013	0.023	0.992	0.762	45.0	0.999	0.002	0.977	44.96	44.99
Kiln-HA 2	0.008	0.12	0.992	1.57	43.59	0.999	0.015	0.974	43.47	43.59
Kiln-HA 3	0.072	0.09	0.899	0.797	43.90	0.999	0.088	0.750	42.92	43.89
Kiln-HA 4	0.062	0.34	0.881	0.614	43.07	0.999	0.032	0.884	42.73	43.06

Table 13

Kinetic Studies, pseudo-first, pseudo second and intraparticle diffusion Constant of Mn ions onto Hydroxyapatite

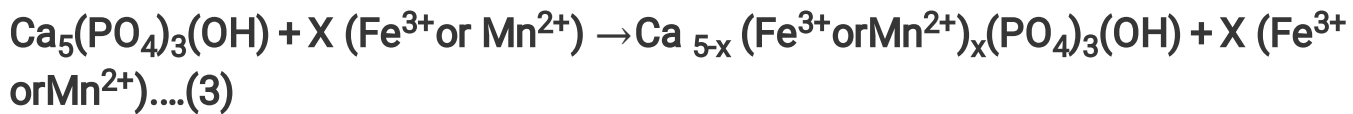
Sample	Pseudo-first order			Pseudo-second order			Intraparticle diffusion			q _e (Exp)
	K ₁	q _e	R ²	K ₂	q _e	R ²	K _{ad}	R ²	C	
Kiln-HA 1	0.014	15.81	0.927	0.003	47.62	0.999	0.363	0.810	34.47	47.25
Kiln-HA 2	0.001	4.80	0.753	0.069	44.84	0.999	0.162	0.876	42.58	48.50
Kiln-HA 3	0.002	5.18	0.990	0.022	44.19	0.999	0.367	0.982	39.97	45.75
Kiln-HA 4	0.009	5.27	0.943	0.019	46.34	0.999	0.312	0.90	42.38	48.0

Mechanism for removing of Fe and Mn ions on Kiln-HA surface

According to the findings of this study, The removal of Fe and Mn ions via Klin-HA samples was explained by two pathways; an ion exchange mechanism and an adsorption process.XRD analysis indicated the

formation of substituted metal-hydroxyapatite $\text{Ca}_{5-x}\text{Mx}(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH})$ as seen in Fig. 20 (a,b). The major diffraction peaks for Fe-HA detected at 2-theta were 25.7, 31.6, and 28.5 for loaded Fe^{2+} ions, and peak strength dropped as other diffraction peaks faded away (Huang, et al., 2019). The substituted Mn-hydroxyapatite $\text{Ca}_2\text{Mn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH})$ were identified by XRD analysis (COD 2236693) after adsorption process. As a result, the ion exchange mechanism appears to have played a role in the elimination process. Adsorption on HA surfaces is the first mechanism, followed by an ion exchange interaction between metal ions adsorbed and Ca^{2+} ions on HA surfaces, according to previous researchers (Moreno et al., 2010).

The electronegativity of Fe and Mn ions in aqueous solution is greater than that of the Ca ion in apatite, which might explain how hydroxyapatite samples can remove metal ions from water via the replacement process (Abdulaziz and Faid, 2013). Furthermore, Ca^{2+} sites have a larger ionic radius (0.99 Å), but Fe^{3+} (0.64 Å) and Mn^{2+} (0.80 Å) have a smaller ionic radius which appears to have an appreciable influence (bin Jusoh, A., et al. 2005; Horta, M., et al, 2019; Sirait, M., et al, 2020). It has been demonstrated that calcium phosphate acts not only as a source of adsorption centers but also enables ion-exchange process (Moreno et al., 2010). The replacement process or ion exchange appeared according to the following. (3):



Where (x) refer to the substituted calcium ions by iron or manganese ions. The hydroxyapatite lattice is very flexible, allowing for effects and vacancies in either cationic or anionic locations (Encinas-Romero et al., 2013).

Metals removal in binary and tertiary system

In most water sources, iron and manganese ions coexist with other cations. We tested mixture of varied proportions of (Fe^{3+} : Mn^{2+}) solutions as (1:1), (2:1), and (1:2) with a total concentration of 100 mg/L. That explore the completion process of eliminating both iron and manganese ions from aqueous solutions via the active site of Kiln-HA samples. As illustrated in Fig. 21(a,b,c), the findings demonstrated that removing Fe (III) from aqueous solutions took priority over removing Mn (II) in all three cases studied. That can be explained as the Fe^{3+} ions have a stronger electronegativity and a smaller ionic radius than Mn^{2+} which explains its selectivity (Samuelsson et al., 2007). Moreover, variations in hydration energy and hydrated ionic radii across metal ions also contributed to this selectivity (Pan et al., 2016). The competitive elimination of Fe^{3+} in the mixed metal ions combination (Fe/Mn/ Cu) showed a similar trend to the binary ($\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{2+}$) solution. Metal ions were eliminated in the following order: $\text{Fe}^{3+} > \text{Cu}^{2+} > \text{Mn}^{2+}$ as demonstrated in Table 14. For other cations, additional researcher revealed a similar tendency (Pan et al., 2016). In this research, the manufactured Kiln-HA had a greater adsorption capability to different metal ions, indicating that hydroxyapatite is a promising adsorbent to remediate real wastewater

Table 14
mixture of metal ions (Fe^{3+} , Mn^{2+} and Cu^{2+}) affect the removal efficiency

Sample name	Fe^{3+} Removal%	Mn^{2+} Removal%	Cu^{2+} Removal%
KilnHA1	99.9%	87.4%	99.5%
KilnHA2	99.8%	89.5%	99.4%
KilnHA3	99.9%	77.0%	95.4%
KilnHA4	99.8%	79.0%	97.8%

Continuous Reusability of Nano-hydroxyapatite

When an adsorbent can be reused numerous times with acceptable efficiency, the cost to set up an adsorption process is minimized (Khawar et al., 2019). Continuous sorbent reusability enhances system performance and lowering operational costs over time. The adsorption experiment was carried out three cycles continuously without regeneration and their results represented in Fig. 22 (a, b). Ability of Kiln-HA samples to remove Fe and Mn ions were up to 90% for both cations in the first cycle. However, after 3 cycles the adsorption ability had dropped to 20% without regeneration. It can be concluded that the synthetic adsorbents of Kiln-HA are effective and may be utilized several times with good adsorption capacity.

Comparative Study with previous studies

A comparison of different adsorbents' adsorption capabilities against synthesized hydroxyapatite were displayed in Table 15. Kiln-HA' samples had a greater maximum adsorption capacity, ranging from 147 to 175 mg/g for Fe^{3+} and from 204 to 344 mg/g for Mn^{2+} . The recycling of cement bypass to useable hydroxyapatite materials exhibited superior iron and manganese ion elimination efficiency from aqueous solution than other published papers. The hydroxyapatite materials employed in this work are efficient adsorbents with a lot of potential for extracting iron and manganese ions from water at extremely high concentrations (100–1000 ppm).

Table 15

Comparative Study of tested Hydroxyapatite with published materials for removal of Fe^{+3} and Mn^{+2} ions

Materials	Max adsorption capacity (mg/g)	Initial conditions (ppm)	%Removal efficiency	References
Natural Apatite	0.174 mmol/g for Fe^{3+}	Conc. Fe 200 ppm	90% for Fe + 3	(Qian et al., 2014)
Magnetotactic bacteria	47.86 mg/g for Fe^{2+} 15.26 mg/g for Mn^{2+}	Conc. Fe 3ppm Mn 8 ppm	48% Fe 15% Mn	(Diaz-Alarcon et al., 2019)
AC from Local Argo-Residues	10.64 mg/g for Fe^{3+} 6.66 mg/g for Mn^{2+}	Conc. Fe & Mn 5ppm	12% Fe 13% Mn	(A. Akl, 2013)
Cow Bone Charcoal	31.43 mg/g for Fe^{2+} 29.56 mg/g for Mn^{2+}	Conc. Fe & Mn 20 ppm	30% Fe & Mn	(Moreno et al., 2010)
Modified Nano-Hydroxyapatite -MgO	0.603 for Fe^{2+} mg/g	Conc. Fe 2 ppm	60% for Fe + 3	(Ayash et al., 2019)
Granular activated carbon	3.60 mg/g for Fe^{2+} 2.54 mg/g for Mn^{2+}	Not included	Not included	(Bin Jusoh et al., 2005)
Nano-hydroxyapatite	55.2 mmol/g for Fe^{2+}	Conc. Fe 100 ppm	95% for Fe	(Abo-El-Enein S., 2017)
white rice husk ash	15.2 mg/g for Mn^{2+}	Conc. Mn 20 ppm	15% for Mn	(Tavlieva et al., 2015)
Iron and manganese-coated pumice	Not included	Conc. Fe 15 ppm Mn 5 ppm	84% Fe 72% Mn	(Indah et al., 2017)
Zeolite Y	31.45 mg/g for Fe^{2+} 18.02 mg/g for Mn^{2+}	Conc. Fe 1.15 ppm Mn 1.61 ppm	96% Fe 83% Mn	(Kwaky-Awuah et al., 2019)

Materials	Max adsorption capacity (mg/g)	Initial conditions (ppm)	%Removal efficiency	References
microporous chitosan/polyethylene glycol	71.4 for Fe ²⁺ 18.5 mg/g for Mn ²⁺	Conc. Fe & Mn 2 ppm	Not included	(Reiad et al., 2012)
superparamagnetic Nano-hydroxyapatite	0.54 mg/g for Fe ²⁺ 0.61 mg/g for Mn ²⁺	Conc. Fe & Mn 50 ppm	85% Fe & Mn	(El Kady et al., 2016)
Removal of Iron and Manganese by precipitation	Not included	Conc. Fe 0.1 ppm Mn 0.05 ppm	92% Fe 96% Mn	(Salem, M. et al., 2012)
Apatite IITM	126 mg/g for Fe ²⁺ 124 mg/g for Mn ²⁺	Conc. Fe & Mn 75 ppm	98% Fe 96% Mn	(Oliva et al., 2010)
Modified Hydroxyapatite	0.389 mg/g for Fe ³⁺	Conc. Fe 2 ppm	50% for Fe ³⁺	(El nsar et al., 2017)
Nano hydroxyapatite Kiln-HA1 Kiln-HA2 Kiln-HA3 Kiln-HA4	159 mg/g for Fe ³⁺ 175 mg/g for Fe ³⁺ 147 mg/g for Fe ³⁺ 172 mg/g for Fe ³⁺	204 mg/g for Mn ²⁺ 344 mg/g for Mn ²⁺ 243 mg/g for Mn ²⁺ 232 mg/g for Mn ²⁺	99% Fe 96% Mn	This study

Cost assessment of synthesized Nano- hydroxyapatite

If the source of Ca ions was affordable and free, the cost of manufacturing hydroxyapatite would be reduced. Waste cement bypass dust is a rich source of both CaCO₃ and CaO which can be utilized in the hydroxyapatite production process. As a result, the initial components are cheap, enabling the implementation of a low-cost method. Costs connected with the processing of Kiln-HA samples were largely driven by energy consumed. Making 100 g of hydroxyapatite from recycled cement bypass dust

cost were around 184 EGP/100g (9.32 € /100g). Table 16 displayed the price for manufacturing 100 g of hydroxyapatite from different calcium sources. The hydroxyapatite powders from cement bypass were lower than those published by Sigma Company. The manufacturing of powder nano- HA price (surface area > 80 m²/g) published by Sigma-Aldrich company were 462 € which equal 9162 (EGP) (Aldrich, 2022).

Table 16
The total cost of the materials that were tested

hydroxyapatite Samples	Cost/100g by (EGP) chemicals - electricity	Price of HA (€/100 g)	References
HA-Cl	258 £	13.02 €	(Safaa El-Nahas, 2022)
HA-NO ₃	386 £	19.47 €	
HA-OH	263 £	13.27 €	
HA-AC	278 £	14.02 €	
Kiln-HA	184 £	9.32 €	This study
HA [®] Sigma-Aldrich	9162 £	462 €	(Aldrich, 2022)

Field Study in Real Water Samples

Two groundwater well samples were taken that had already been polluted with iron and manganese ions at quantities of 2.46 and 0.11 mg/L, respectively. For polluted water with Fe and Mn ions, all of the examined hydroxyapatite samples had a clearance efficiency of 99.9%. The results reveal that hydroxyapatite materials may remove Fe and Mn ions from groundwater wells even when other cations (such as Ca, Mg, and Al) or anions (e.g.: NO₃, NO₂, SO₄, Cl, SiO₄) are present. A variety of goals, such as the accessibility of clean drinking water via cheap adsorbent materials as well as the sustainable management of our waste resources, were achieved in this study.

Conclusion

This research is the first of its type in terms of recycling cement bypass dust via turning it into a usable product called hydroxyapatite in Nano scale. The nano powder hydroxyapatite exhibited good physical properties, including crystallite sizes less than 50 nm. Moreover, the surface area of these synthetic materials was large, with a BET ranging from 65 to 161.m²g⁻¹.

- The prepared Kiln-HA from cement bypass dust exhibited 99% removal for iron and manganese ions from various water sources.
- The removal efficiency was in a short period of time (15 minutes) with minimal dosage (2 g.L⁻¹).

- The hydroxyapatite samples can be used for three continuous cycles, exhibiting a strong capacity for Fe^{3+} and Mn^{2+} removal over a wide pH range.
- The removal of Fe and Mn ions fit well the isotherm models of Langmuir, Freundlich, and Temkin fit well.
- Pseudo-second-order model and intraparticle diffusion model fit the removal process.
- All the hydroxyapatite samples used had a positive ΔH° value indication the endothermic nature.
- The hydroxyapatite sample can be utilized in a single, binary, or multi metal ions system, with up to 85% metal removal effectiveness.
- According to employing cement bypass waste as a source of calcium, the total cost of synthesizing 100 g of hydroxyapatite is only around 184 EGP/100g (9.3 € /100g).
- Findings of this study aimed to fulfill a number of SDGs, including availability of safe drinking water (goal 6), as well as sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources (goal 12).

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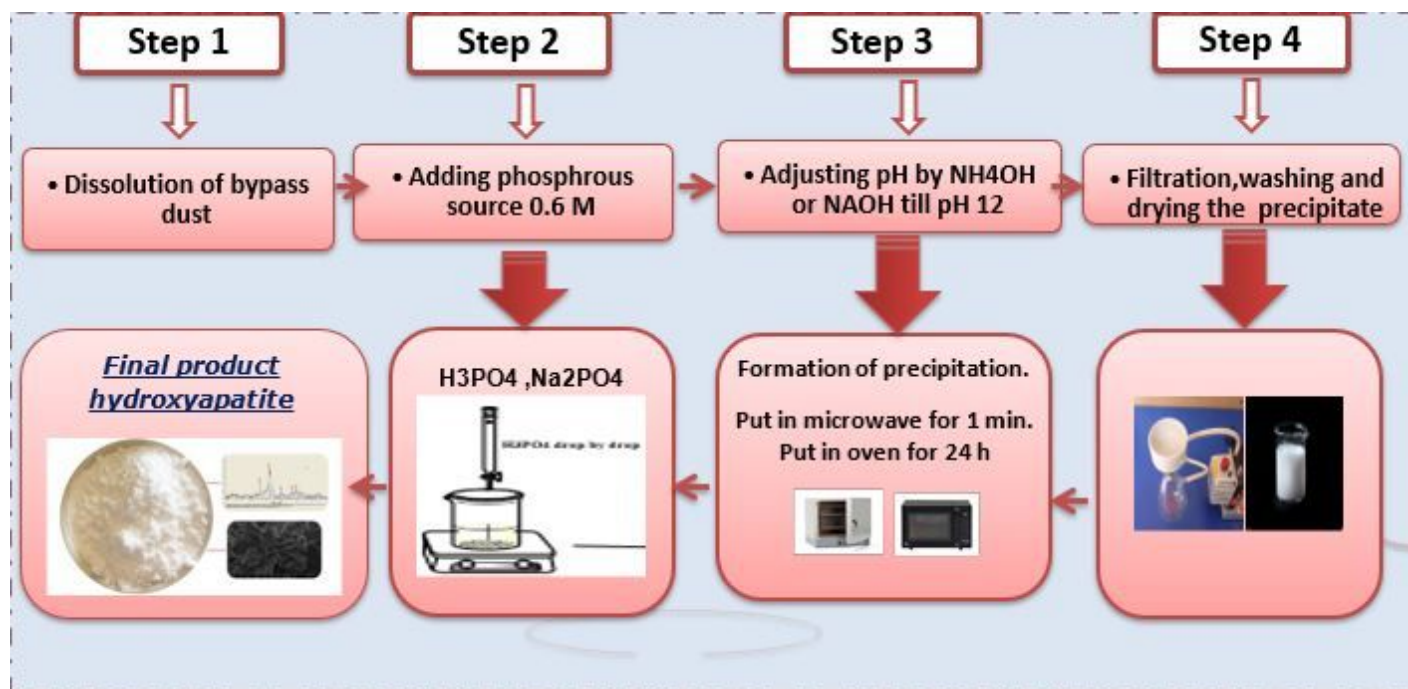


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Method for preparation of hydroxyapatite samples (Kiln-HA1-KilnHA4)

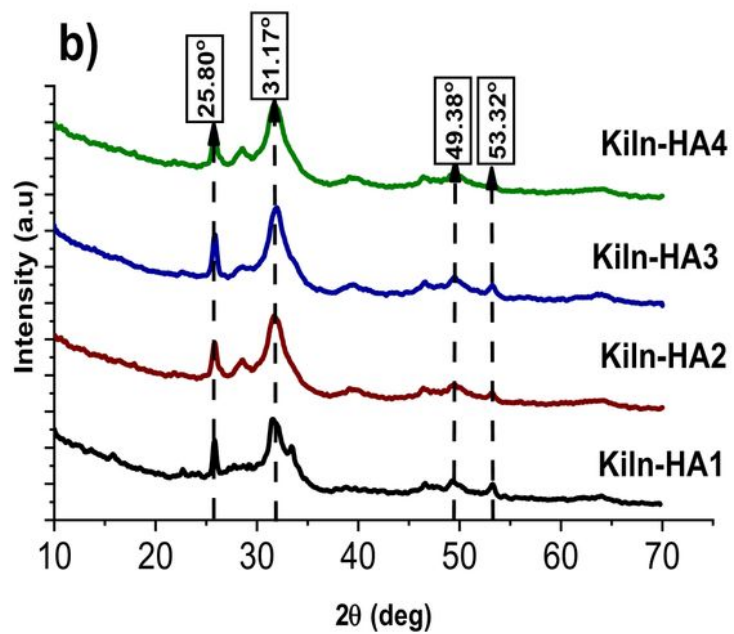
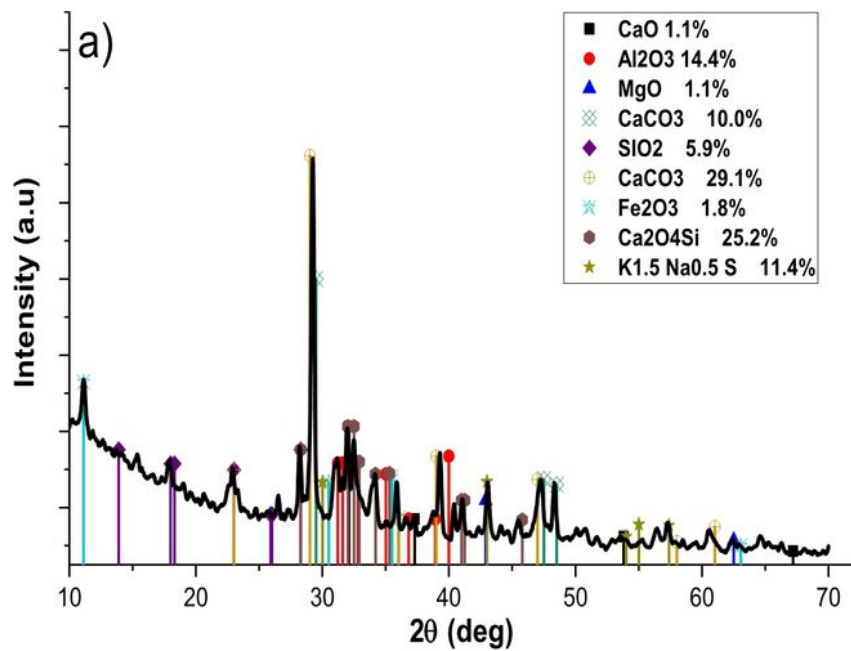


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XRD pattern for: a) Cement bypass dust waste b) fabricated hydroxyapatite samples (Kiln-HA1 to Kiln-HA4)

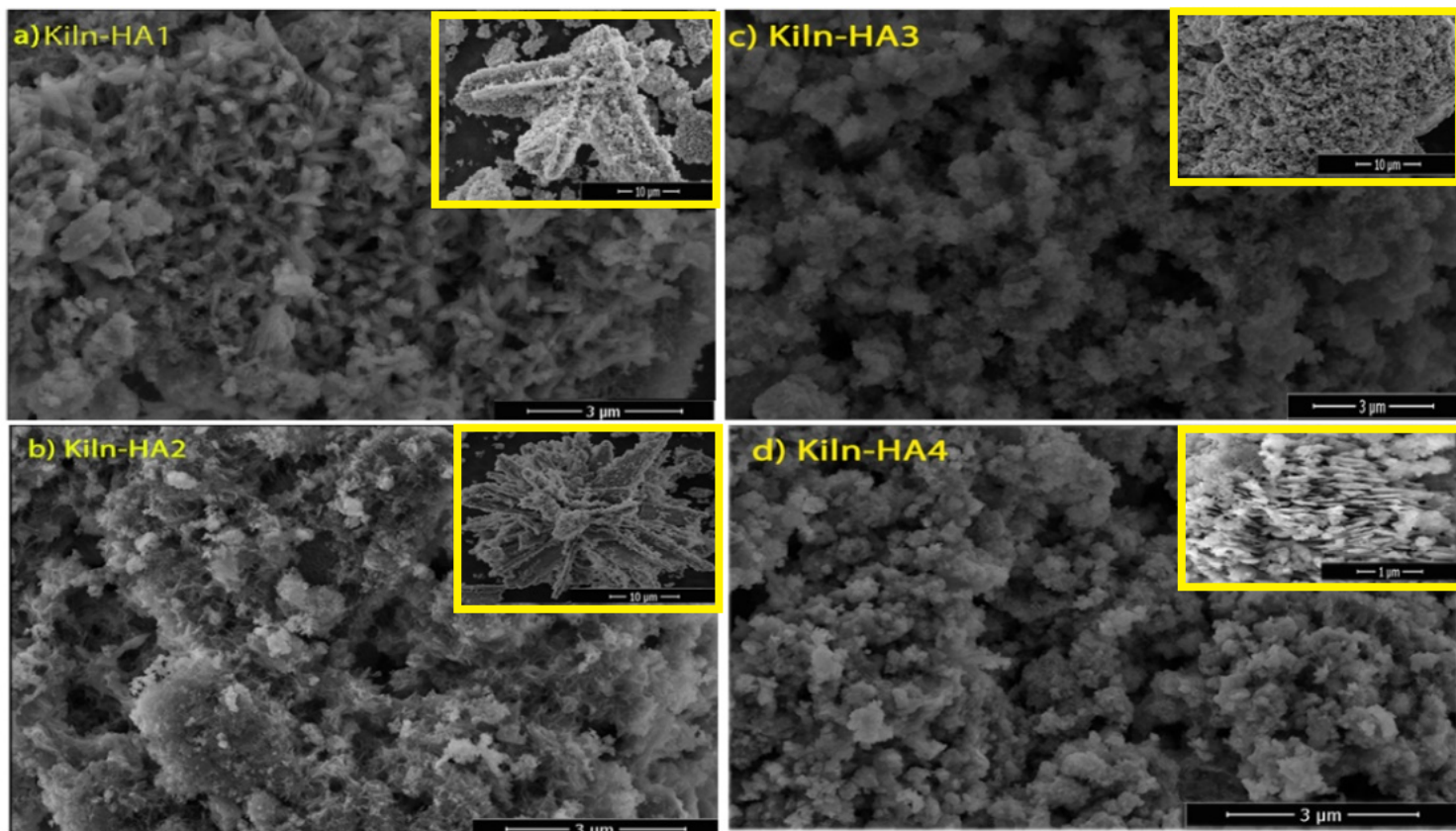


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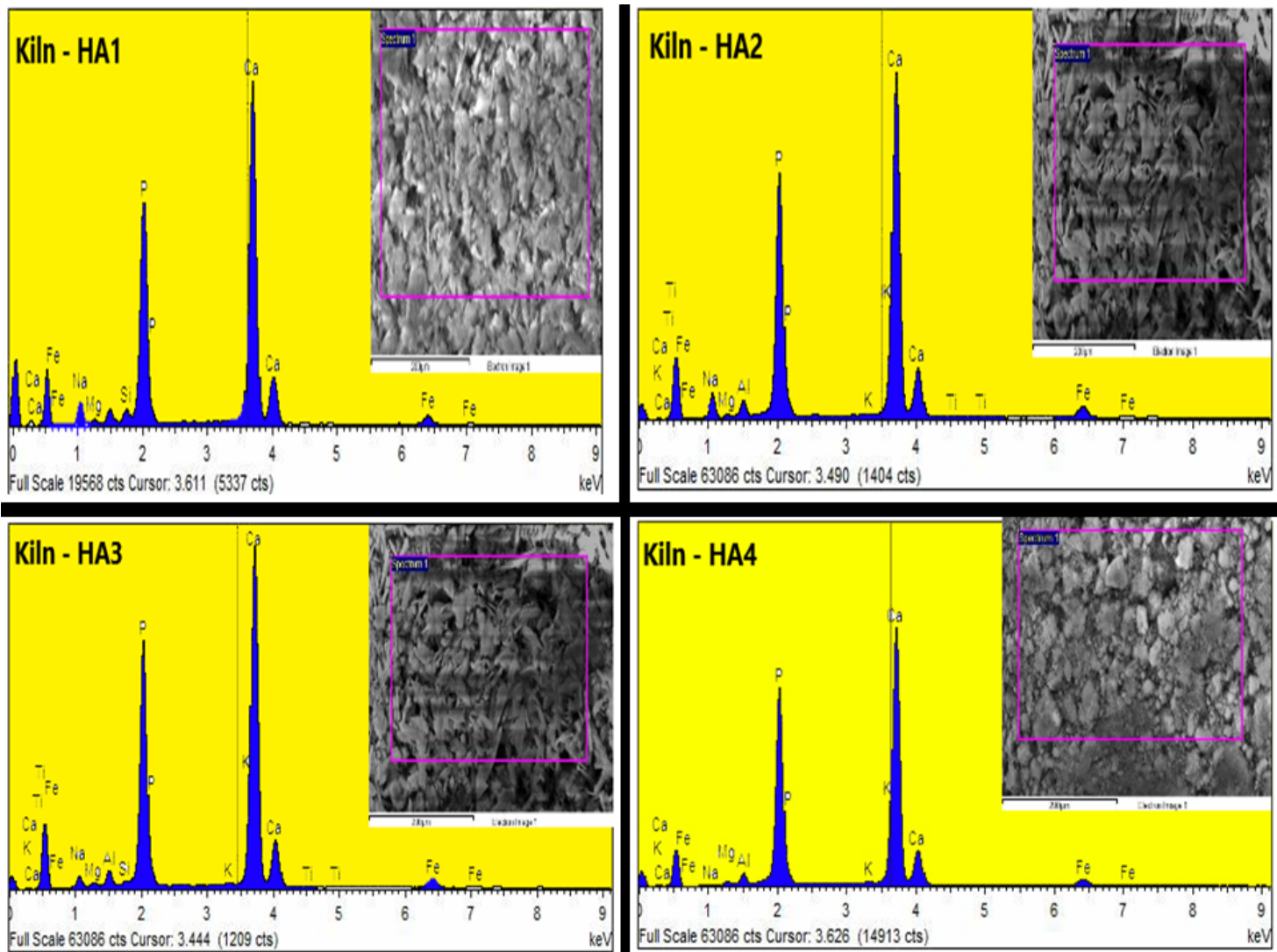


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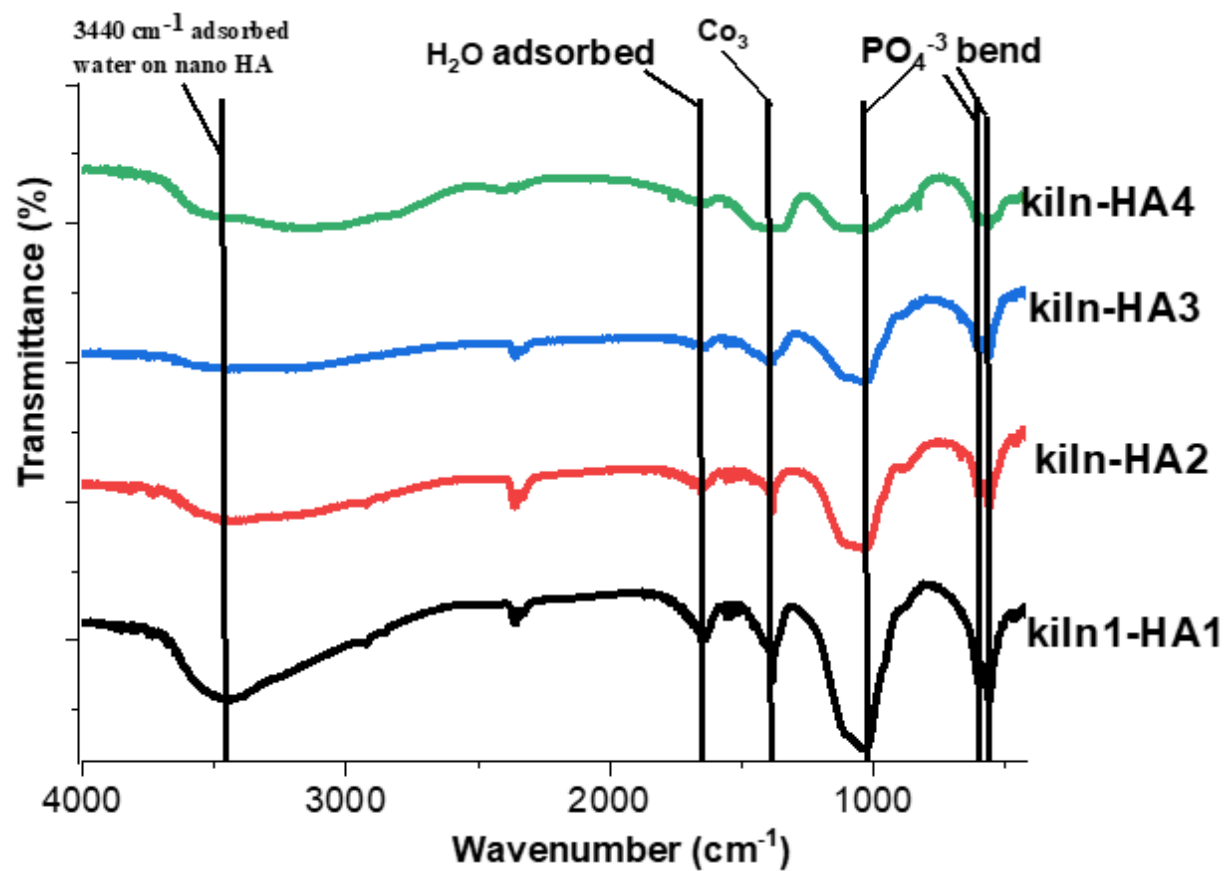


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FTIR spectra for fabricated hydroxyapatite samples (Kiln-HA1 to Kiln-HA4)

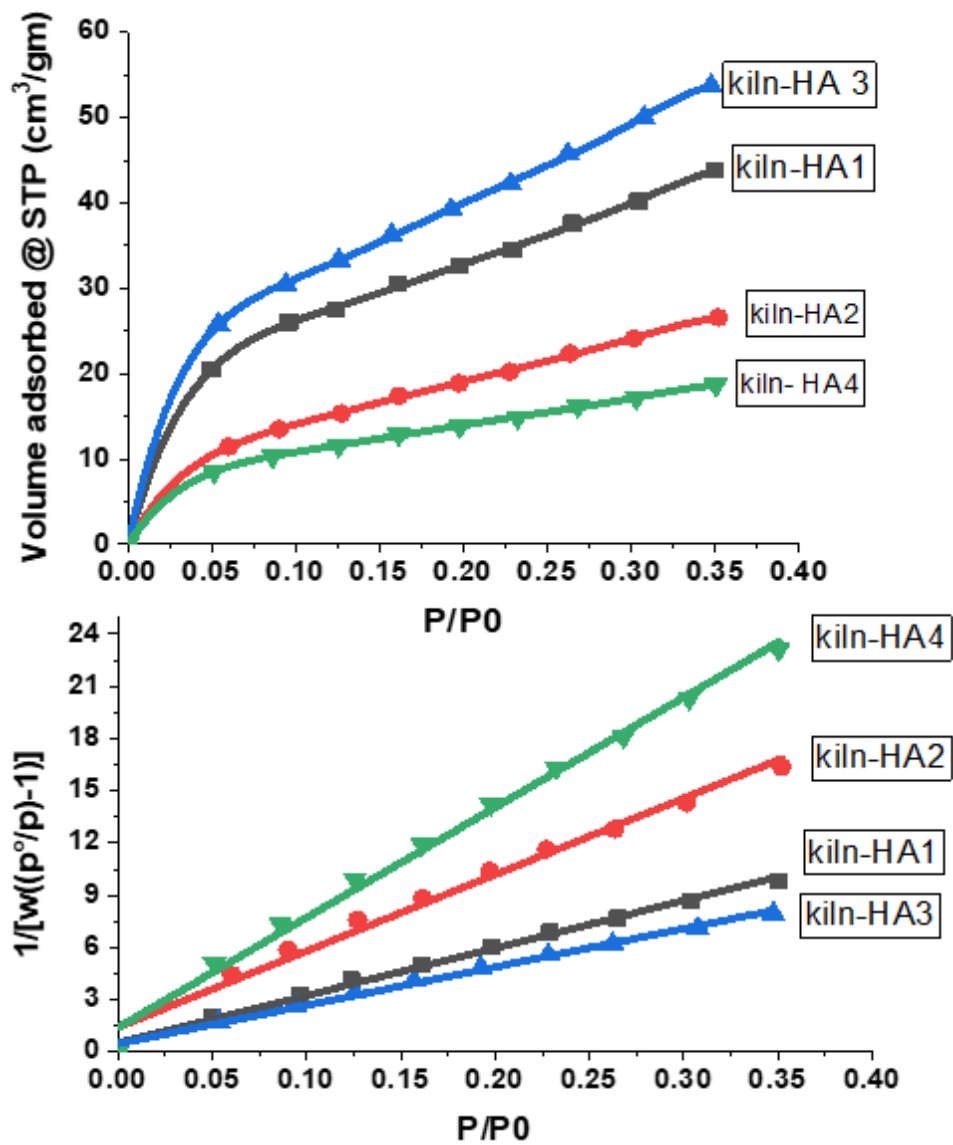


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Texture properties for hydroxyapatite samples a) surface areas by BET theory b) N₂ adsorption isotherm

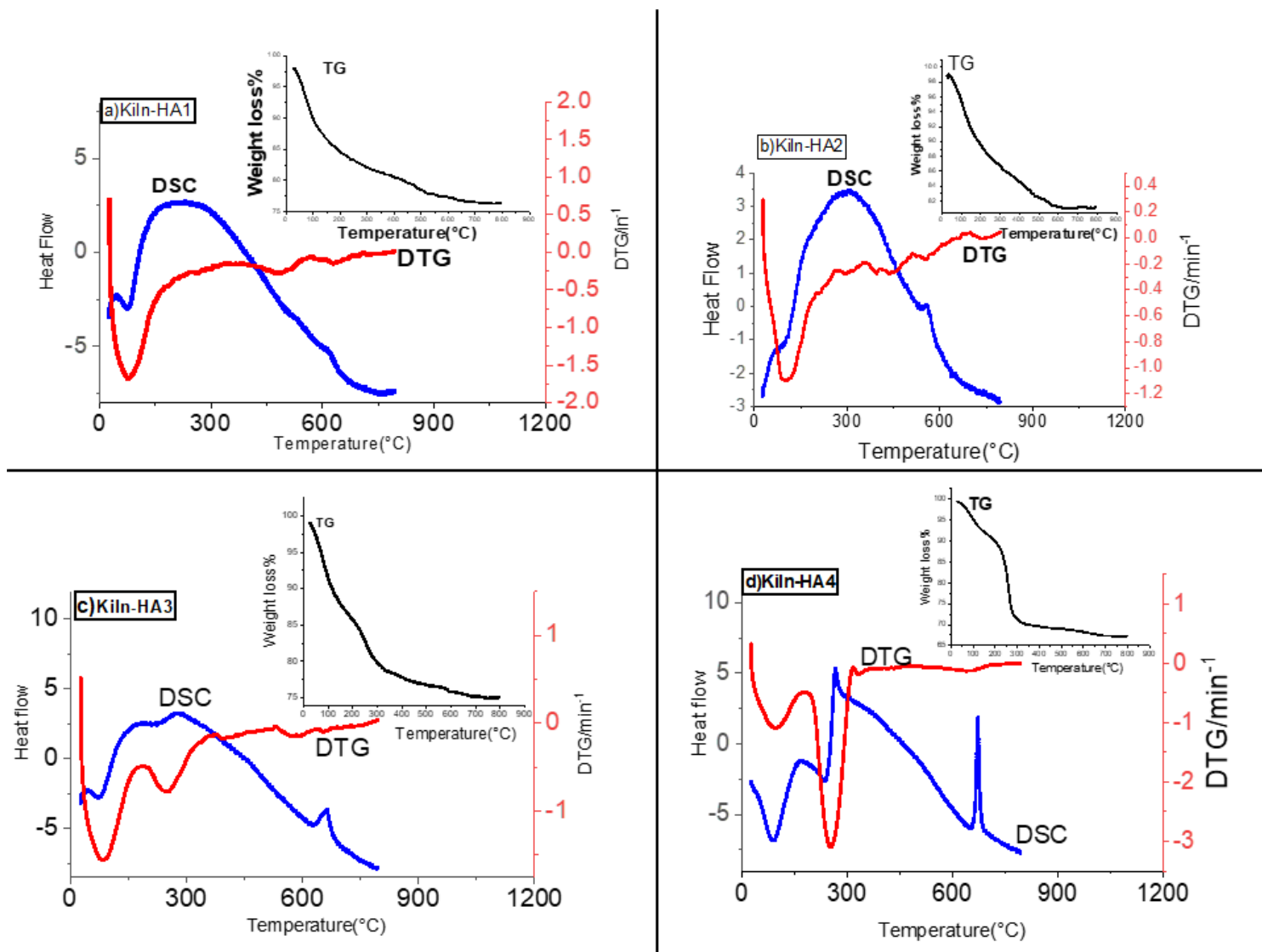


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TG, DTG and DSC curves for hydroxyapatite samples (Kiln-HA1 to Kiln-HA4)

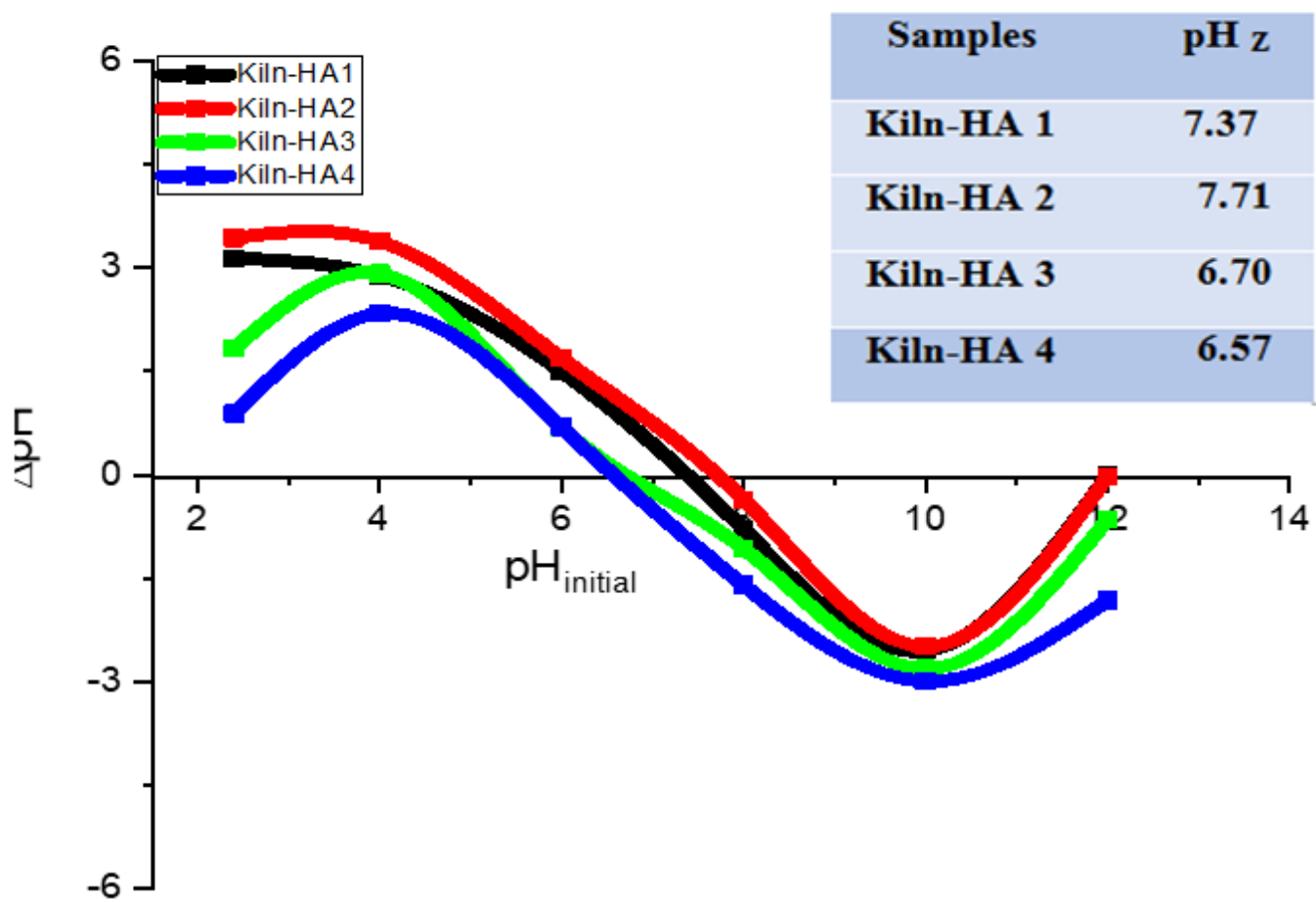


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The point of zero charge (pHpzc) for samples (Kiln-HA1 to Kiln-HA4)

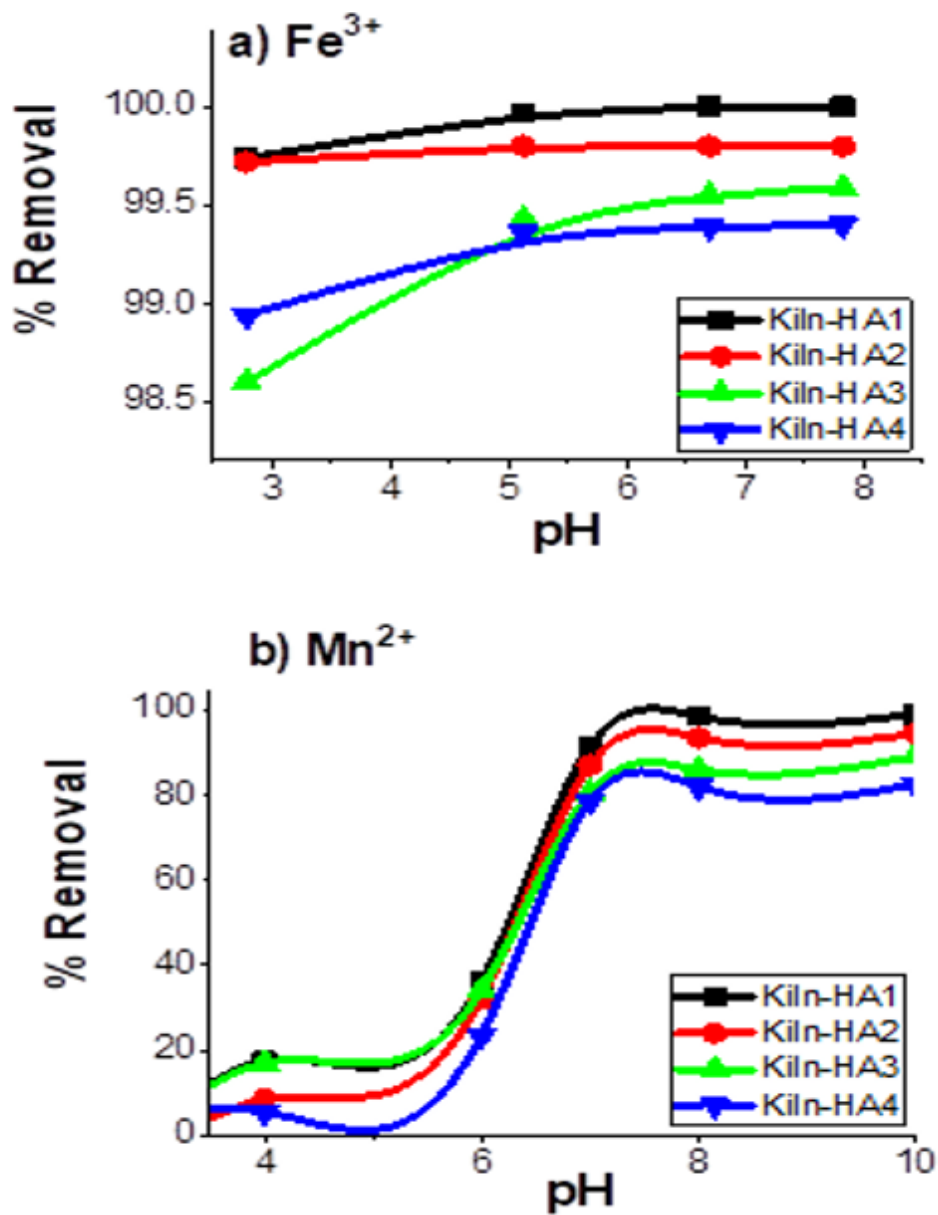


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Effect of pH on iron and manganese ions removal using Kiln-HA

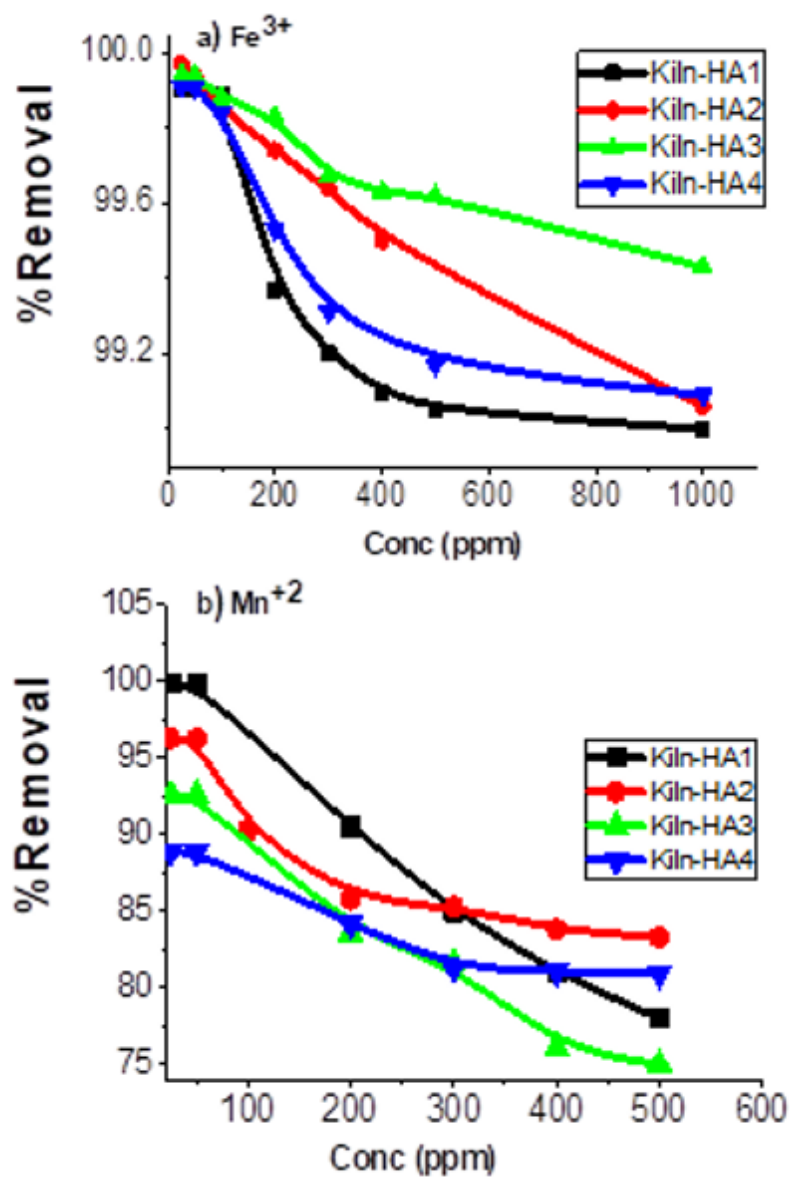


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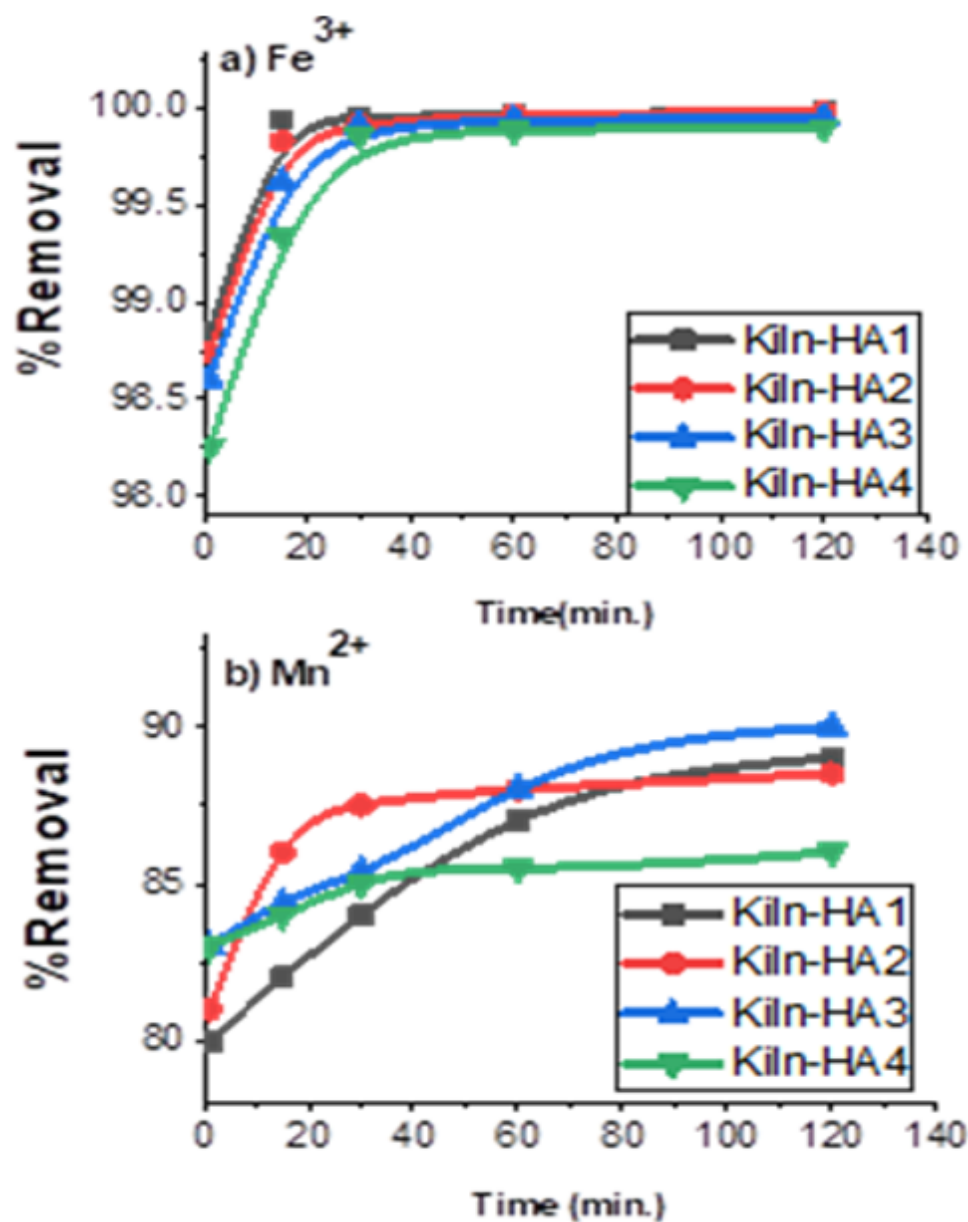


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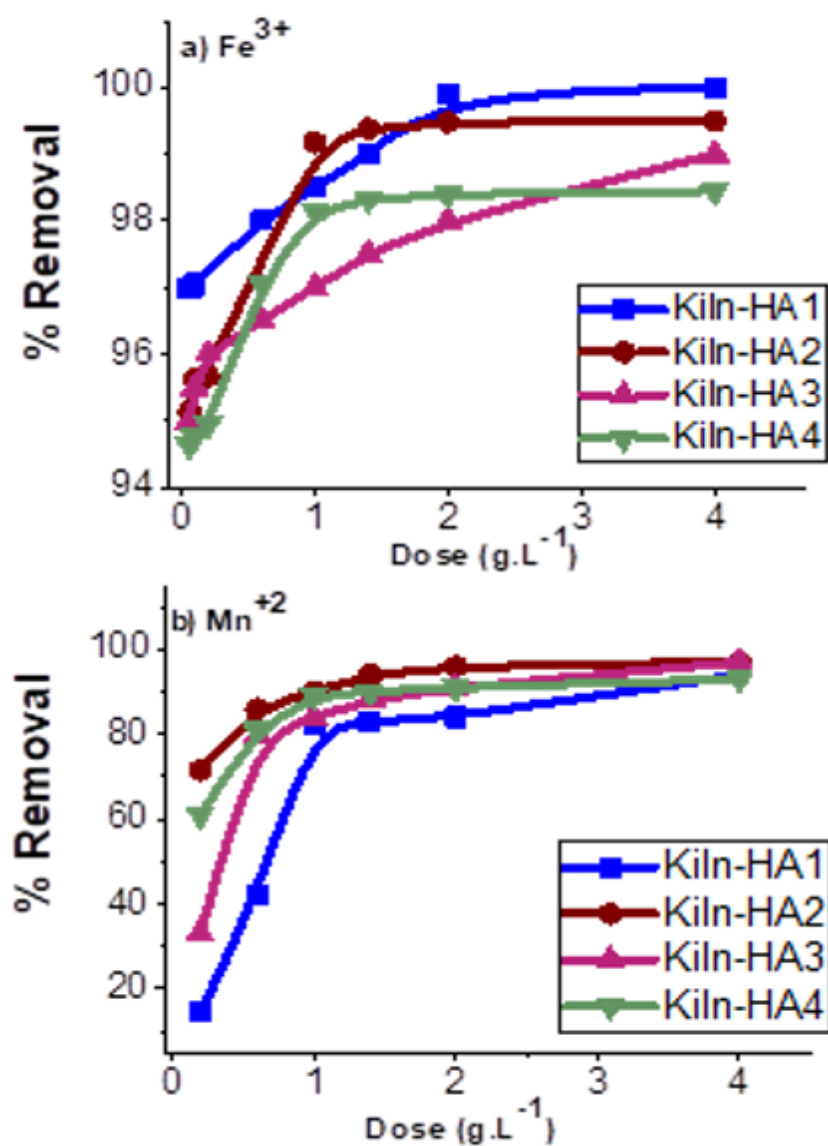


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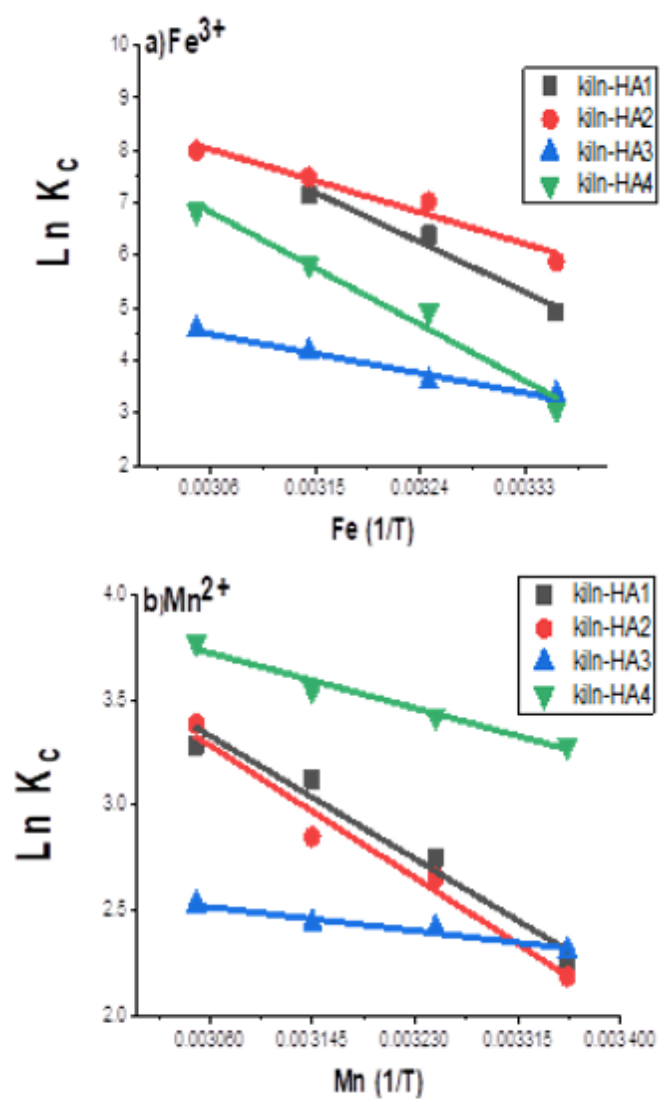


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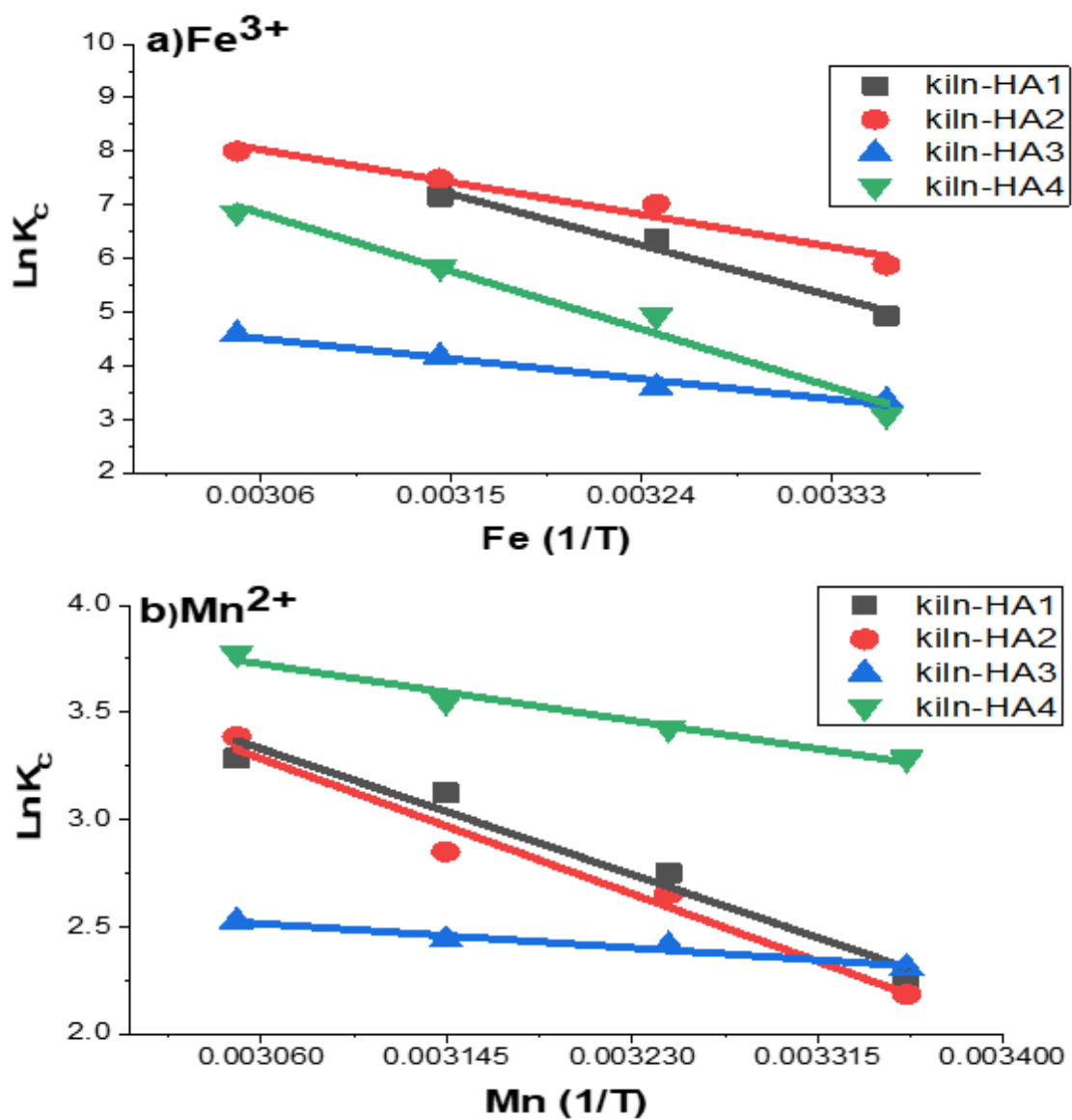


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Plot of $\ln(K_c)$ versus $1/T$ for hydroxyapatite samples (Kiln-HA1 to Kiln-HA4).

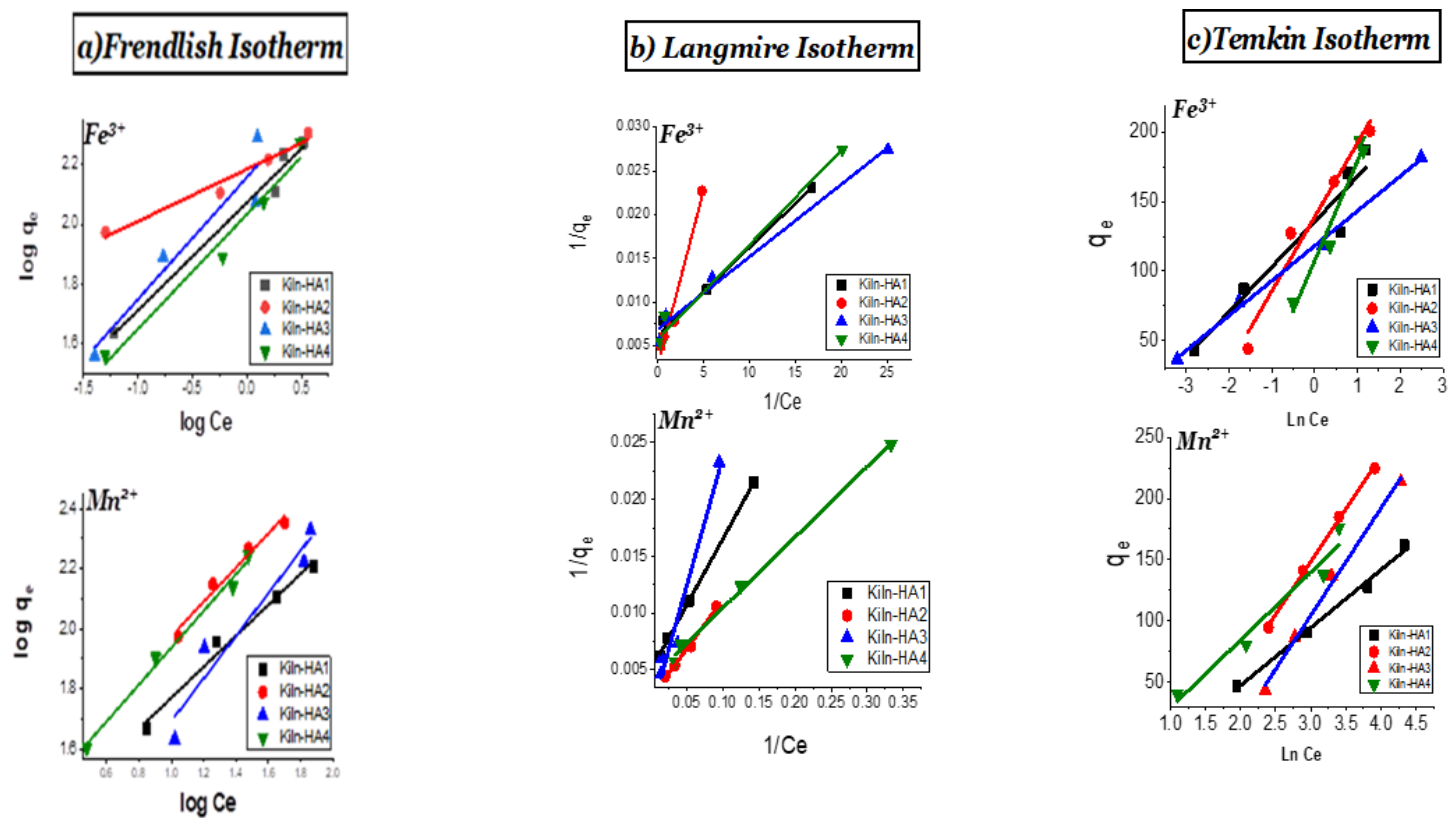


Figure 15

Linear form of a) Freundlich, b) Langmuir and c) Temkin Isotherm of Fe and Mn ions onto Hydroxyapatite

Non-Linear model for Fe³⁺

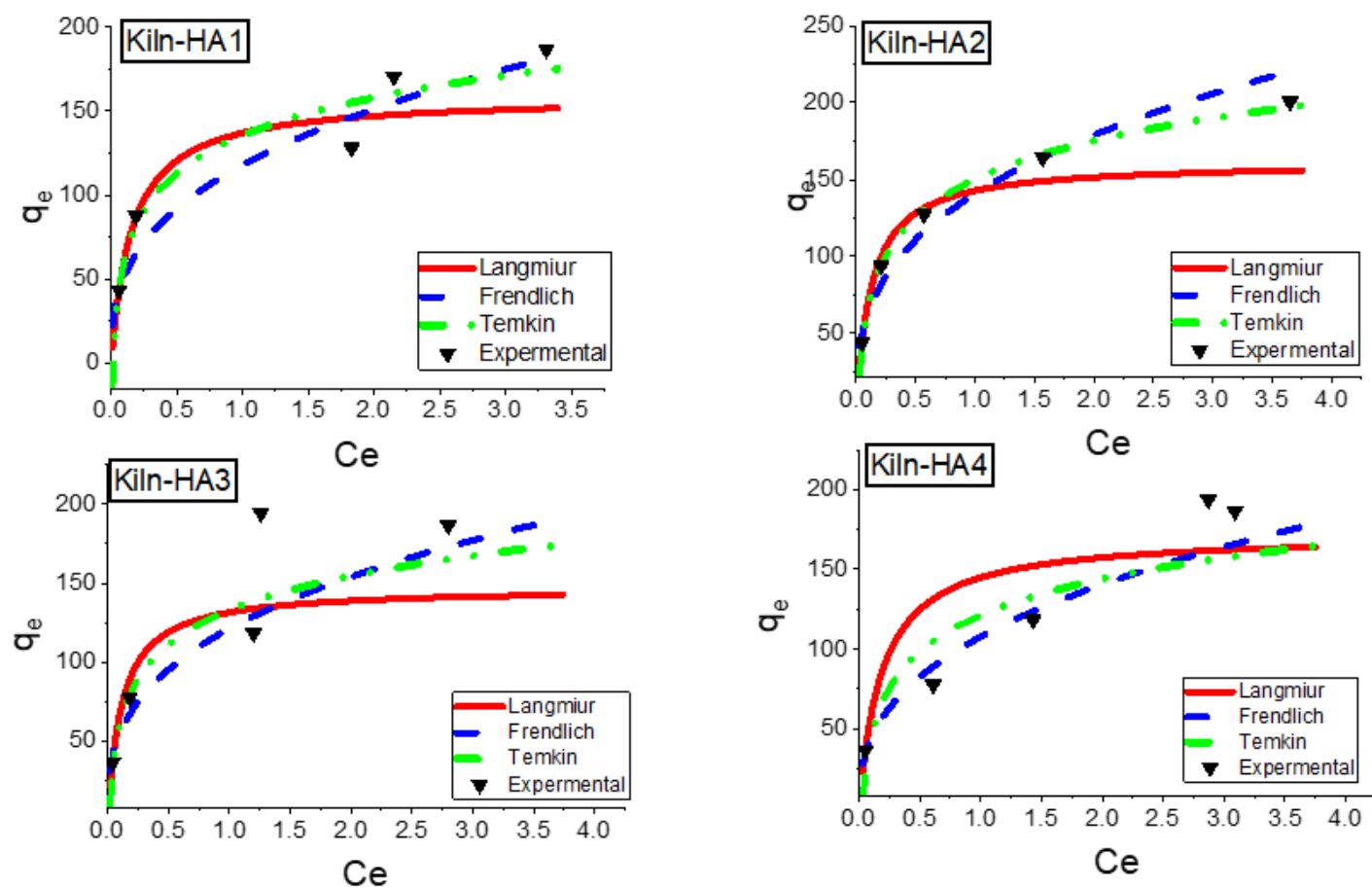


Figure 16

Non-linear form of Freundlich, Langmuir and Temkin Isotherm on adsorption of Fe (III) on sample (Kiln-HA1), B) sample (Kiln-HA2), C) sample (Kiln-HA3), D) sample (Kiln-HA4).

Non-Linear model for Mn^{2+}

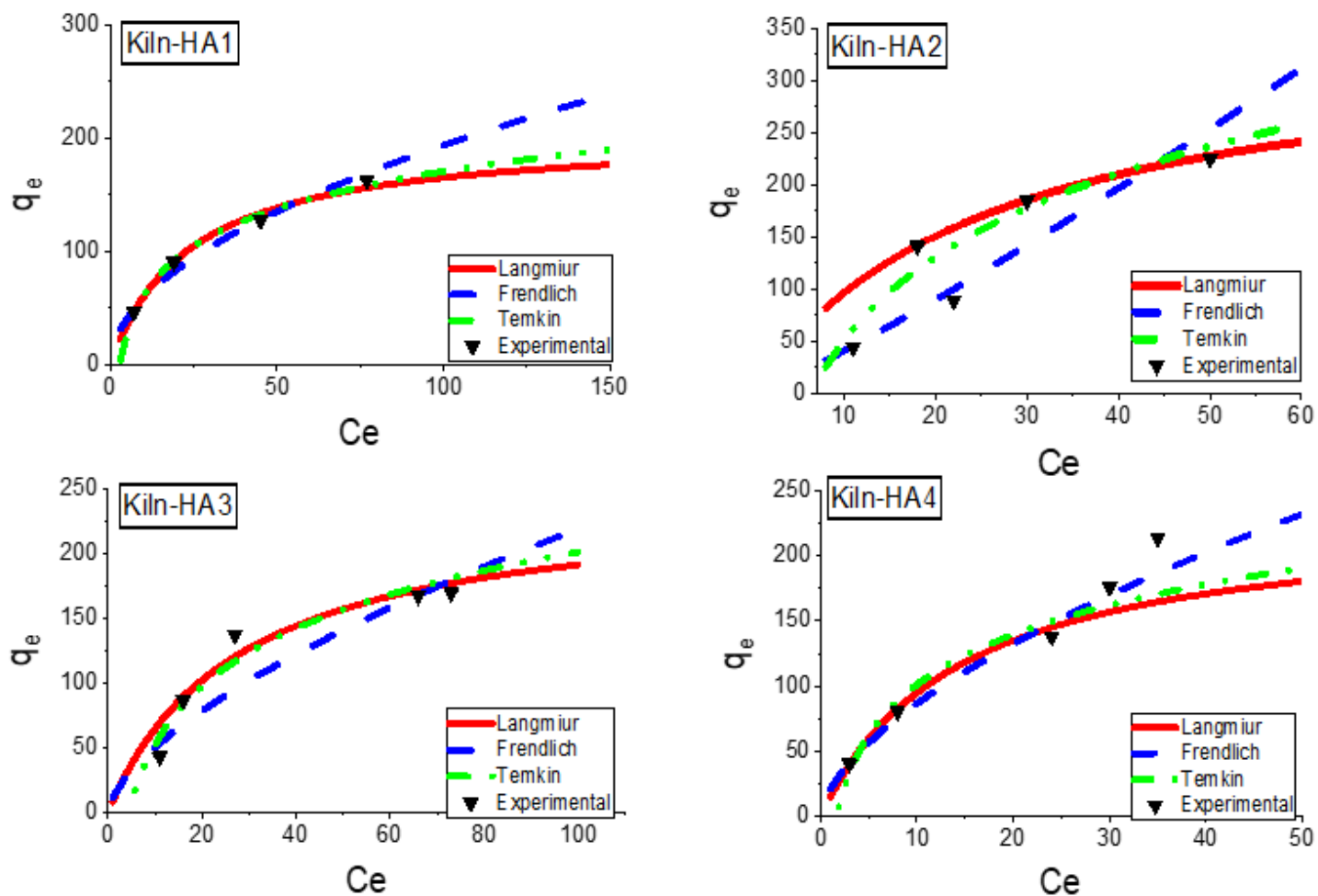


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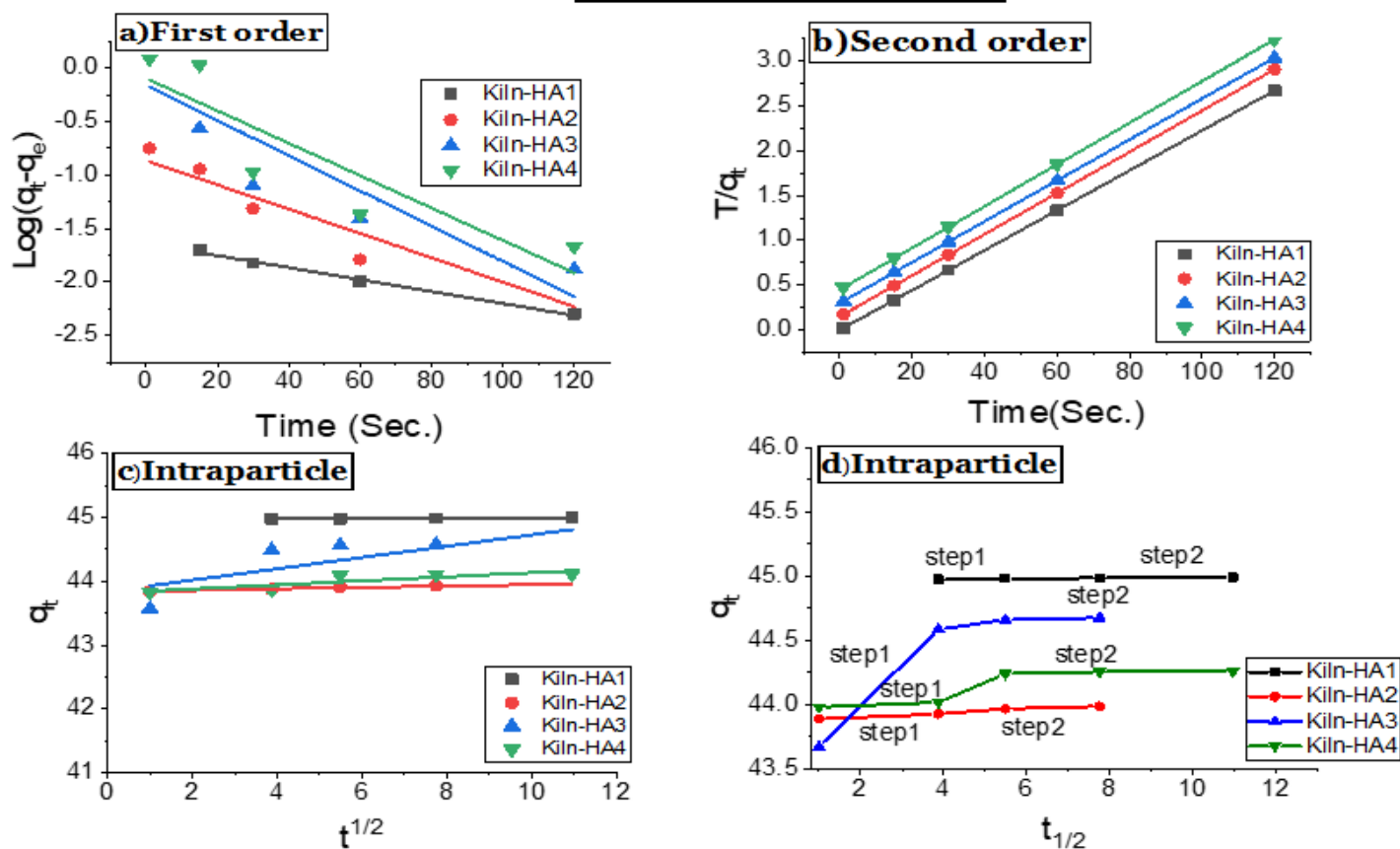


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Kinetic Studies: I) pseudo-first, II) pseudo second and intra diffusion of Fe ions onto Hydroxyapatite

Kinetic studies of Mn^{2+}

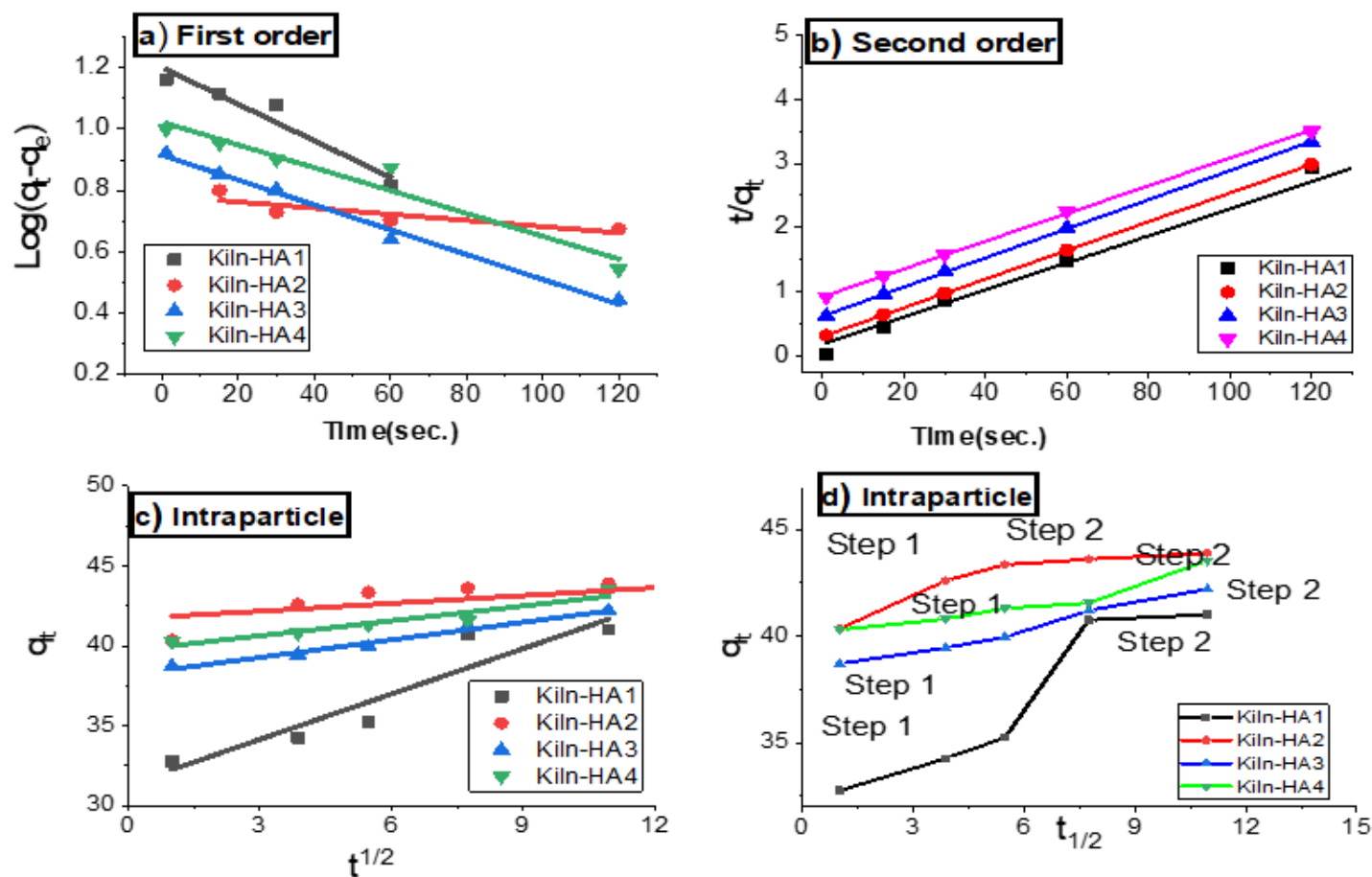


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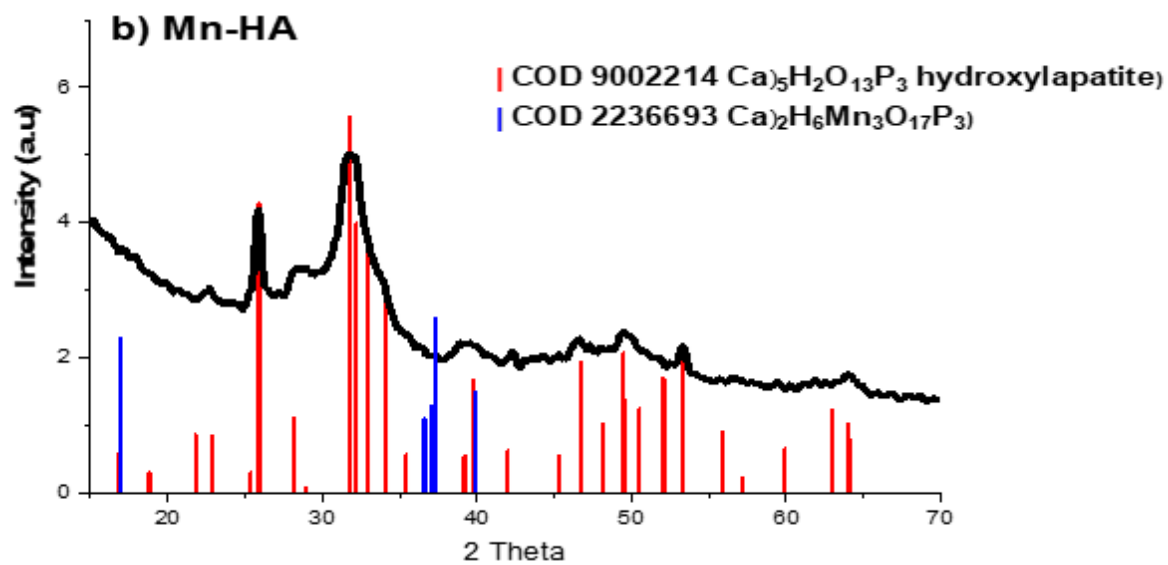
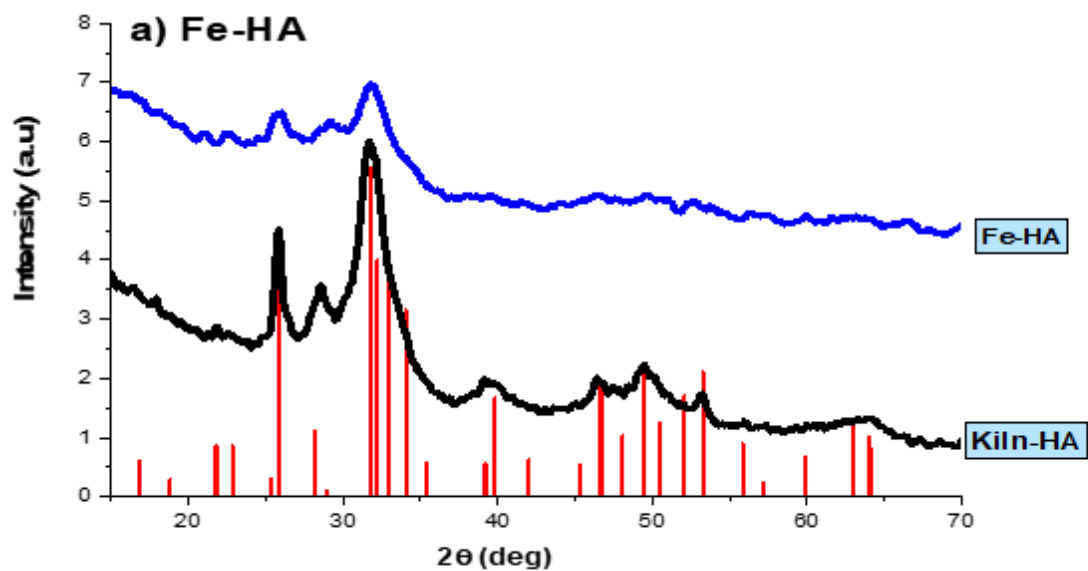


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XRD of a) Fe^{3+} -loaded on Kiln-HA b) Mn^{2+} -loaded on Kiln-HA

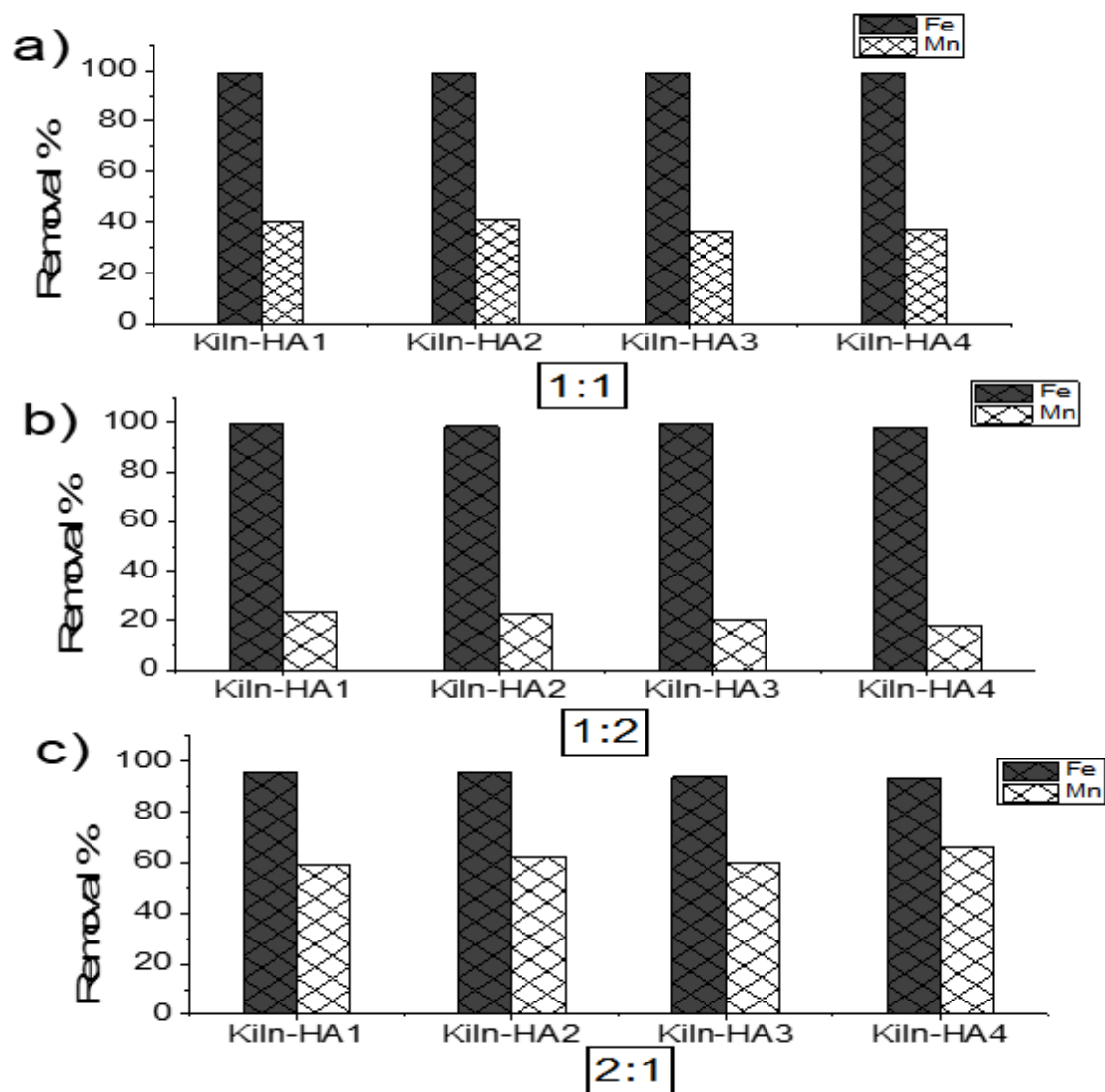


Figure 21

Competitive adsorption in Mixture $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{2+}$ a) 1:1 b) 1:2 c) 2:1

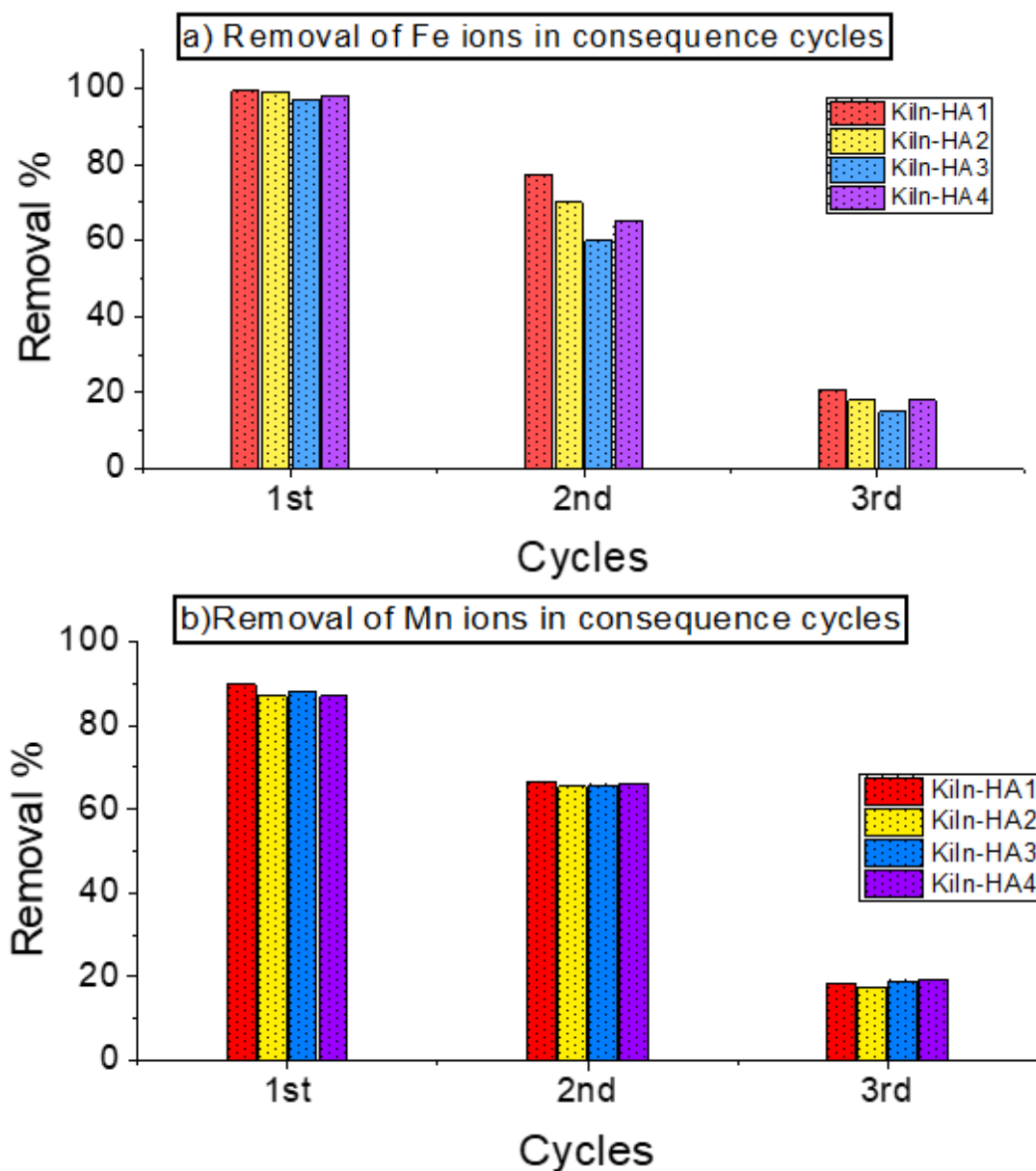


Figure 22

Removal of Fe^{3+} and Mn^{2+} ions in consequence cycles

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