Supplementary materials

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Part S1 Characterization of NPs: SEM image and EDS spectrum of nanoparticles

- (a) SEM image of Al₂O₃ nanoparticles (NPs)
- (b) EDS spectrum of Al₂O₃ nanoparticles (NPs)
- (c) SEM image of Fe₃O₄ NPs
- (d) EDS spectrum of Fe₃O₄ NPs
- (e) SEM image of ZnO NPs
- (f) EDS spectrum of ZnO NPs
- (g) SEM image of TiO₂ NPs
- (h) EDS spectrum of TiO₂ NPs





(a)







(c)





Fig. S1. The SEM image (a) and EDS spectrum (b) of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles (NPs), The SEM image (c) and EDS spectrum (d) of Fe_3O_4 NPs , The SEM image (e) and EDS spectrum (f) of

ZnO NPs, The SEM image (g) and EDS spectrum (h) of TiO₂ NPs.

Part S2 Characterization of NPs: XRD patterns and average size of nanoparticles

XRD patterns was analyzed by jade 9.0 software, after calculation, the particle size of Fe₃O₄

NPs is larger given 30nm, and the sizes of other nanoparticles are almost 30nm.

- (a) XRD pattern of Al₂O₃ nanoparticles (NPs), the average size of Al₂O₃ NPs is 34nm.
- (b) XRD pattern of Fe_3O_4 NPs, the average size of Fe_3O_4 NPs is 92 nm.
- (c) XRD pattern of ZnO NPs, the average size of ZnO NPs is 25 nm.
- (d) XRD pattern of TiO_2 NPs, the average size of TiO_2 NPs is 23 nm.





Fig. S2. XRD pattern of Al₂O₃ nanoparticles (NPs) (a), XRD pattern of Fe₃O₄ NPs (b), XRD

pattern of ZnO NPs (c), XRD pattern of TiO₂ NPs (d).

Part S3 Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for TB-EPS and LB-EPS

0-LB Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for LB-EPS.

0-TB Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for TB-EPS.

a-LB When sludge is treated with 0.04g/g TSS Al₂O₃ NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for LB-EPS.

a-TB When sludge is treated with 0.05g/g TSS Al₂O₃ NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for TB-EPS.

b-LB When sludge is treated with 0.05g/g TSS Fe₃O₄ NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for LB-EPS.

b-TB When sludge is treated with 0.05g/g TSS Fe₃O₄ NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for TB-EPS.

c-LB When sludge is treated with 0.05g/g TSS ZnO NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for LB-EPS.

c-TB When sludge is treated with 0.05g/g TSS ZnO NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for TB-EPS.

d-LB When sludge is treated with 0.03g/g TSS TiO₂ NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for LB-EPS.

d-TB When sludge is treated with 0.03g/g TSS TiO₂ NPs, the Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for TB-EPS.















Fig. S3. Curve-fitting of second derivative spectra for extracellular polymeric substances (EPS). Blank samples (0), Al_2O_3 nanoparticles (NPs) treated sludge (0.04 g/g TSS) (a), Fe_3O_4 NPs treated sludge (0.05 g/g TSS) (b), ZnO NPs treated sludge (0.05 g/g TSS) (c), TiO₂ NPs

treated sludge (0.03 g/g TSS) (d). TSS = total suspended solid.