

Supplementary Material

Effects of interaction between montmorillonite and *Sphingomonas* sp. GY2B on the physical and chemical properties of montmorillonite in the clay-modulated biodegradation of phenanthrene

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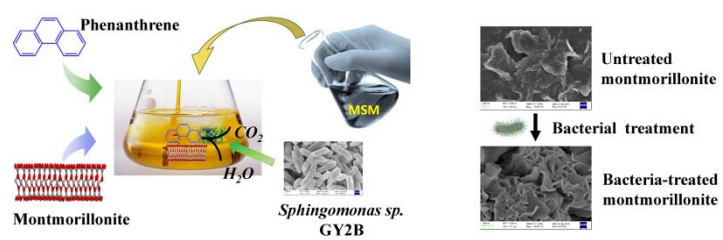


Fig. S1. Schematic diagram of interaction between montmorillonite and *Spingomonas sp.* GY2B in the biodegradation of phenanthrene.

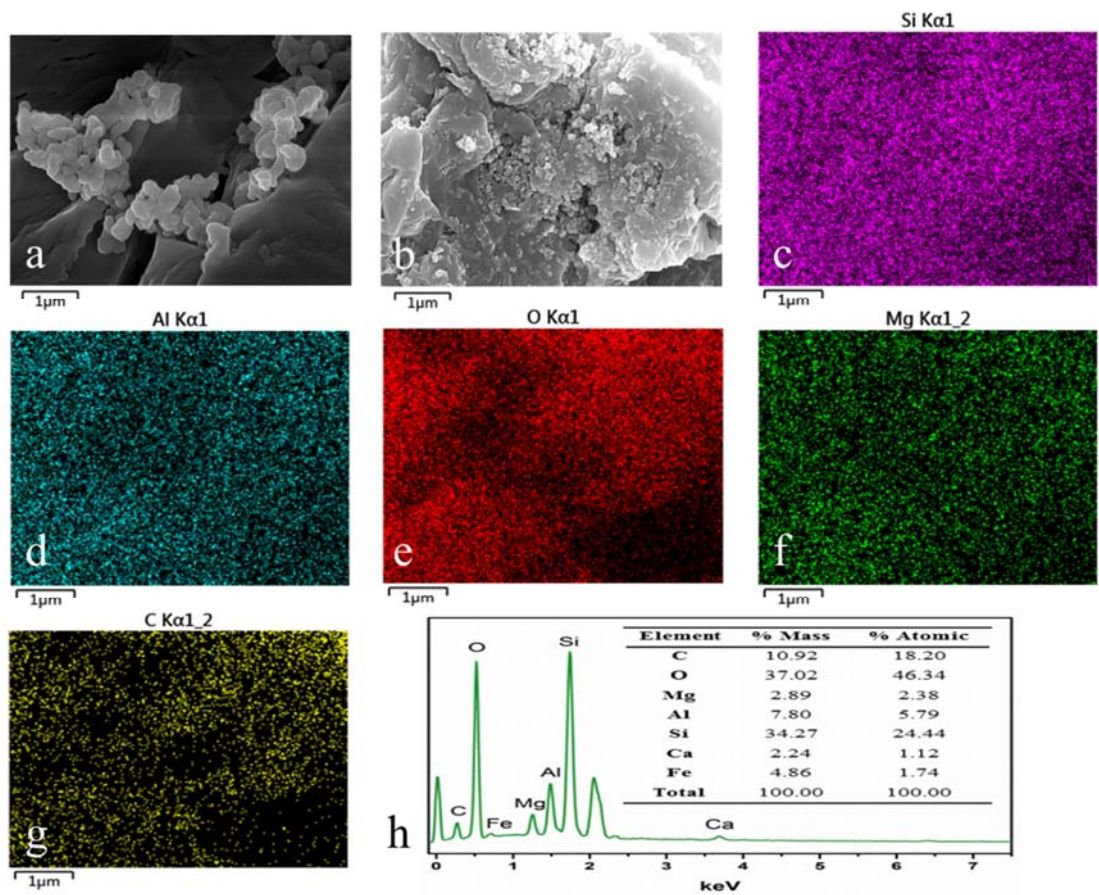


Fig. S2. SEM images of phenanthrene (a), Mt after adsorption of phenanthrene (b); EDS mapping patterns of element distribution in Mt-Phe: Si (c), Al (d), O (e), Mg (f) and C(g); Total EDS pattern of Mt-Phe and Table of element ratios (h). The carbon mapping and EDS patterns indicate that phenanthrene particles adsorbed on the surface of Mt (pointed out by white arrows in the SEM image b).